

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the first half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the brilliant things that have happened since September. It has been a busy and productive few weeks, with so much to be proud of across our school community.

Our students have shown tremendous energy and enthusiasm in a number of sporting fixtures, displaying not only their athletic abilities but also their competitive spirit and teamwork. Of significant note is our Year 7 girls' netball team who attended their first tournament at Ipswich High School and came first, winning on goal difference.

Last week, we had the privilege of hosting Destiny Africa, the incredibly talented children's choir from the Kampala Children's Centre. The week culminated in inspiring and fun assemblies and an evening performance that showcased their talents and moving stories. It was heart-warming to see many of our own students volunteer their time and support to make the evening a success.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we are excited to introduce a full schedule of lunchtime and after school clubs. We encourage students to sign up and get involved, whether it be through sports, the arts, or other activities, as it is a great way to build new friendships and explore new interests.

We will also be commemorating Armistice Day as a whole school community on the morning of 11th November and we are looking forward to our school production, 'A'Lad'In - The Panto', at the end of November.

On a sad note, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Pauline Mulvihill (Head of Food Studies), who is moving on to different ventures in the catering industry. We thank her for her service and commitment to the school and wish her every success in the future. In January, we will be welcoming Mrs Julie Frost-Read as the new Head of Food Studies. In the interim period, we have ensured that students are being taught the lessons in the curriculum sequence and practical lessons will continue as planned.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you and your families enjoy a restful break and I look forward to welcoming the students back for what promises to be another busy and exciting half term.

Yours sincerely

Claire Elliott
Headteacher

