

HOLBROOK ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As the Spring term draws to a close, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. It has been a very busy and productive term, filled with a variety of enriching experiences for our students.

Among the many highlights of this term has been the range of educational trips we have been able to offer. These included theatre trips for various year groups, a History trip to London, and a Geography trip, to name just a few. Year 10 have successfully completed their work experience and we have received many messages praising the students for their hard work and attitude over the week. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities for students to learn outside the classroom and broaden their horizons.

In addition to these trips, our extracurricular activities have also thrived. The Criminal Law Club had the privilege of welcoming a serving Judge to the school, who provided fascinating insights into the legal profession and answered students' questions. Our Community Action Group has been actively involved in several initiatives, including visiting residents at a local care home, working with younger students at our local primary school, and dedicating their time to tidying up our LRC garden.

As we look ahead to the next term, we face new challenges: Year 11 formal GCSE examinations begin very soon after our return and their focus is now on final revision – they will soon receive an exam timetable with details about preparation sessions for each of their subjects and the dates of their exams (this will also be made available to you.) Year 10 will also be preparing for mock examinations, which will take place immediately after the Easter break. Year 7, 8 and 9 students continue to work towards their Holbrook Way Award (bronze, silver and gold) through their commitment to community activities and effort in lessons; these will be awarded towards the end of the term.

To celebrate the end of the term and to continue to foster a sense of community, we will be hosting a fun quiz during the final lesson on the last day of term. We will also be holding Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 assemblies, where we will recognize and reward the achievements of many of our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that some of our staff members will be leaving us at the end of this term: Ms Jackie Cooke will be taking the step into retirement; Mr Tawanda Chiwira has secured a position much closer to his home; Mr Richard Hatton is relocating to Wales and Ms Claire Cooper has secured a position to teach A Level science. We will also be saying goodbye to Ms Nicola Marshall, our Attendance Officer, who is moving on to a new role. We thank them for their contributions to the school and wish them well in their future endeavors.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new staff members to our team after the Easter break: Miss Beth Marsh, who will be joining the English team; Mr James De'Ath, who will be taking on the role of Subject Lead for Music; Miss Athena Hanson-Aherne and Ms Kelly Lench, who will be joining the science team later in the term. We are confident that they will bring fresh perspectives and continue to provide our students with a high-quality education.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on **Tuesday, 22nd April**.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Elliott'.

Mrs Claire Elliott
Headteacher