

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



Acting Headteacher: Nicola Mayhew
Acting Deputy Head: Philip Hart

17th July 2020

Dear Parents / Careers,

Firstly, thank you for taking time to read the many documents sent to you over recent months. I hope you have felt well informed and secure in the knowledge that your children remain central to all that we do at Holbrook Academy.

Today brings the academic year to a close. It is difficult not to feel disappointed by so many important cancelled events. None more important than the examinations for Year 11. However, I truly believe that there is a great deal to be celebrated. Students and staff have shown a great strength and resilience - thank you to staff for showing this so creatively in the end of term 'I'm Still Standing' video for students. We have all gained new skills and adapted to new ways of working. I thank all my colleagues for their tremendous work. I would particularly like to thank the full leadership team and especially Mr Hart in his role as Deputy Headteacher this year.

Sadly, this term we say farewell to Mrs Percival our Examinations Officer who is moving away from the area. We wish her all the best with the move and new start. Mrs Anderson takes on the Examinations Officer role from 1st September and we look forward to working with her.

We also say goodbye to Ms Welsh who has been teaching this year after coming out of retirement. We hope it's not the last time that Ms Welsh works with us at Holbrook.

Mr Taylor, our technical expert, retires at the end of term. He has been supporting students and staff with everything technical for some time - always with a smile and good nature. We will be joined by Mr Watson who will take up the role of ICT technician in the new term.

We look forward to working with new colleagues in September. We will be joined by Mrs Bell and also to Miss Vatin, who officially started with us this term, but will join us in person having been teaching our students from France.

Well done to all students for what you have achieved this year. The celebration assemblies have been shared today and highlight just some of the many excellent student achievements.

I thank the student council for feeding back the many excellent questions and ideas from their form groups.

In recent weeks, we have been joined by Mr Maltby who is looking forward to the new term when he joins us formally as Headteacher. I thank him for the time he has taken to get to know me and my colleagues at Holbrook Academy and we look forward to working together under his leadership and vision in the new academic year. He and all staff will offer your children a warm welcome in September when we return. With today's letter is a question and answer document to help you plan your child's return to school in September.

In a year that really has been quite remarkable, I thank you all for supporting Holbrook Academy in the way you have and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,

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Information:-

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline – change to opening hours

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling 0800 046 8687.

From Monday 27 July, the helpline will be closed on weekends. We will continue to be available to answer your calls Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Anglian Water Update

'Holbrook Water Mains Replacement :- We've been keeping you updated on our project to install new sections of water pipe; strengthening our network and improving your water pressure. We are getting back in touch to share changes that you can expect in the coming weeks. We now expect this work to finish late August 2020.

Things you need to know

Since we last wrote to you in May, we have been working on Ipswich Road under a road closure. We have now completed laying this section of pipe. The closure will remain in place until the 24 July 2020 while we carry out connections between the old pipe and the new; bringing it into use. Once the connection is complete, we will reinstate the road back to its original condition.

Soon, we plan to install a section of pipe on Primrose Hill (please see illustration below). To do this safely, the following road closure will be in place:

- Primrose Hill (B1080) - Road Closure- 27 July 2020 until 14 August 2020.

When this work takes place, the junction of Back Hill will remain open. However, through access south will not be possible and the diversion in place will always have to be followed.

For residents living within our closure; access to and from your properties will be maintained. If you have any questions whilst we carry out this section of work, please speak to the team on site who will be happy to help you.'

