



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is an enormous privilege to have the opportunity to take up the position of Headteacher from January; as a lifelong Sandwell resident, joining the team at Holly Lodge feels like a homecoming and a chance to really contribute to the local community that I value so deeply.

As the first person in my family history to go to university, education literally transformed my life. As I have gone through my educational and subsequent professional career, there are some values that I hold dear, and these are ones I believe align with those of the Holly Lodge students, staff, parents and community. Firstly, I believe in **AMBITION** in every aspect of our work: we teach the best that has been thought and said to our students and we place no limitations on what we expect from our students or what they can achieve. Secondly, I believe in **OPPORTUNITY**: I want to work with the staff at Holly Lodge to ensure that our students have a wealth of opportunities enabling them to be well rounded citizens that can take their 'seat at the table' in any forum of their choosing. Finally, I believe in **COMMUNITY**: Holly Lodge is and should be a school at the heart of its community, serving local families and working in partnership with them in everything we do. This is the start of a new era for Holly Lodge; it is the beginning of the next chapter of the school's journey. I am determined that there will be no limits on the possibilities for everyone associated with the school.

One of the first changes that I have implemented, as requested by the students, is that they can come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Thank you for supporting with this, can I please remind you that student must wear their full PE kit on PE days, and they must wear their ties on non-PE days.

I am so proud of Year 11 student, Harman G, who is part of the Diana Award board and recently attended a national online conference to discuss cyber bullying. The conference was attended by some social media representatives, as well as members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Well done Harman!

A Huge well done to these 5 Year 11 students (Erin C, Adam Y, Jay S, Teori-Ann W, Zahra I) who recently achieved their Duke of Edinburgh Award, which was disrupted by Covid. The students were finally able to complete the Bronze award and are all set to move onto the Silver award in the future. What a great achievement!

This month we have welcomed 3 new word millionaires into the prestigious reading club! (Sukhpreet S, Fatima B and Basrah M) have each read over 1 million words and you can see me awarding their certificates on the next page.

Last month Years 8 and 9 attended some workshops present by The DECCA (Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice) Team, Sandwell's young people's drug, alcohol and tobacco service. The students were interested to take part in the workshops which are designed to educate students on the misuse of recreational drugs such as tobacco, vaping, alcohol and cannabis.

Thank you so much for the very warm welcome and I look forward to working closely with you in the future.



Best Regards

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# Well done! | ਬਹੁਤ ਖੁਸ਼ | ਸਾਵਾਸ਼ | بت اچھے

**Holly Lodge PE Department** @HollyLodge\_PE · Jan 13  
BADMINTON CLUB

Tonight was the return of Badminton Club. Open to all year groups every Thursday after school in the New Sports Hall!



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**Holly Lodge CCF** @HollyLodgeCCF

@HollyLodgeCCF ran its 1st Scorpion range of the year. Some fantastic shooting. Range each week 0730hrs Wednesday, by invite from Capt Garrison.



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**Holly Lodge PE Department** @HollyLodge\_PE

📌 Calling all Ex Students of Holly Lodge High School

**HollyLodge\_B67** @HollyLodge\_B67

3 new Millionaires at Holly Lodge!

3 new word millionaires join the prestigious reading club! Each have read over 1 million words and here is Mr Iqbal awarding their certificates. #Reading #WordMillionaires #WordMillionaire #Proud



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**Holly Lodge Sixth Form** @6thFormHL

⚠️ A fantastic work experience opportunity within the #NHS  
Jump on this ASAP folks!

SWB NHS Trust @SWBnhs · Feb 1  
Our #WorkExperience offer is open once again.  
If you are interested in getting some work experience at our Trust, please click the link below and fill out the application form.  
Applications are dealt with on a first come, first served basis.  
swbh.nhs.uk/work-for-us/wo... #NHS



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**HollyLodge\_B67** @HollyLodge\_B67

Y8/9 DECCA Drugs and Alcohol Assembly

Y8/9 attended workshops held by Sandwell's Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice team #DECCA. Students enjoyed the workshops, aimed at educating on the misuse of drugs such as #Smoking, #Vaping, #Alcohol and #Cannabis. #Drugs



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**Holly Lodge Sixth Form** @6thFormHL

The Sixth Form are looking forward to getting stuck into these! A whole box full of Empireland by @Sathnam free from @PenguinUKBooks  
Thank you so much!!



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17/02/22

Y9 Parents' Evening

21/02/22

Half Term

28/02/22

Back to School

03/03/22

Y12/13 Parents' Evening

07/03/22

Y11 Internal Exam

10/03/22

Y9 Options Evening

