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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy few weeks we have had at Holly lodge! Last week was National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) and we had lots going on in school. Firstly, was the SEND Celebration Day; a virtual events for year 11 students with Special Education Needs (SEN). All pupil's parents were invited into school, to understand the process their children have to go through when applying for an apprenticeship.

Our second event was 'A Day in The Life of an Apprentice' which took place at Sandwell College. A group of Year 10 students visited Sandwell College to find out about life as an apprentice. The students had to write a letter of application to join the day and were chosen after a shortlisting process. Regarding the second event, I received a lovely email from the college to congratulate our students on their wonderful manners and attitude. Messages like this make me extremely proud.

I would like to welcome all our new Twitter followers, and to also thank you for the many positive comments in response to our first newsletter.

Thank you to the parent and carers that joined us online for the Year 9 evening, it was great to see so many of you join us to discuss the progress students are making and additional steps we can all take together to support our young people further.

I have shared with you previously our vision around ambition, opportunity and community. I have been so proud to see students focused and working in lessons towards that ambition and am pleased we are now in a position to start to roll-out our 'Ambition Academy', this is the umbrella term we are using for all pre and post school sessions, including plans we have to start

Saturdays, Easter and Summer school to support our students. We will be kicking off our Ambition Academy with our preschool sessions in Maths for Year 8 students after half term. We have recruited a large team of Academic Mentors and plan on targeting 100's of students over the coming months, so watch this space!

It has also been my absolute pleasure to re-

start off-site visits, especially as national restrictions around Covid are lifted; this is just the start of our work with providing students the wealth of opportunities that they deserve and is so vital to their education and development.

We have also had lots of sporting events going on this month, including some handball tournaments. Congratulations to all students who took part, particularly the Y10 boys who won their competition (Keano S, Godfred Y, Ryan S, Ibraheem J, Rijan G, Jabed A, Bahram S, Antons P, Musa C)!

Can I please remind all parents and carers that we do need to have your updated contact information in case of emergencies in school. If you have changed address, email or mobile phone number please contact school to let us know the new information or send a note for your child's tutor or Student Services. We also need to have up to date medical information, again, if you have anything to add to your child's record please contact school or send a note.

To celebrate World Book Day at Holly Lodge on the 3rd March 2022, staff and students will be taking part in key events! All Year 7 students and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite literary characters! There are also prizes and book tokens available. Form time for all students will be devoted to book loving, fun activities too.

I am so excited to share with you the news that one of our students has been nominated to take part in the Queens Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games, taking place in the summer. Fardin H in Year 11 was chosen as he has overcome the challenge of moving to UK with very limited English, like many of our students. Fardin has always been interested in sports and excels in this field. He has really embodied the Holly Lodge values of opportunity and ambition and he has been rewarded with this brilliant chance.

Have a fantastic holiday and I will see all students back on Monday 28th February!



Best Regards

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Exciting times at Holly Lodge High School in Smethwick!

Our new Headteacher, Imran Iqbal, took up the reigns in January. The school has a new newsletter and is now on Twitter @HollyLodge_B67 - please give the school a follow 🙌



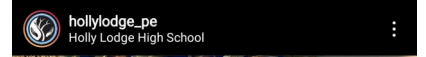
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We ❤️ this news! We have been chosen to be part of #LitInColour with @pearson, our sixth form will receive more than 300 books by authors of colour! #DiversityinLit



GIRLS NETBALL



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Tonight we hosted the Sandwell Schools U15 Boys Handball competition. Well done to all the lads who participated to such a high standard 🙌 Phoenix / West Brom Collegiate / @georgesalterpe @gospel_oak_school



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



Reminder!
Please remember that all students must wear full PE kit on PE days, with blazer.
Please ensure that uniform is of a high standard, including blazer, tie and shoes.
After Feb HT we will also be strictly enforcing the 'no unnatural hair' colour part of the policy.
Thank you for your continued support in setting and maintain high standards.

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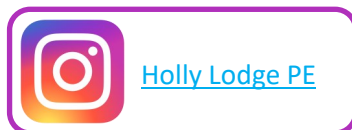
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- 21/02/22 Half Term
- 28/02/22 Back to School
- 03/03/22 Y12/13 Parents' Evening
- 03/03/22 World Book Day Y7
- 03/03/22 Girls' U15 Handball
- 07/03/22 Y11 Internal Exam
- 10/03/22 Y9 Options Evening