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8th April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of my first term at Holly Lodge High School I would like to thank the parents, carers, staff, students and community partners for making me feel so welcome. We have achieved so much in these few months: Defining our vision and values; Ambition, Opportunity Community, setting up our 'Ambition Academy' session for students in all years, creating a Twitter account and regular newsletters to enable parents and carers to feel closer to the school, we have joined in many trips, fixtures, performances, and events, had an OFSTED visit, raised hundreds of pounds for charity, we have dressed up and held our fantastic rewards day today!

Last week we were lucky enough to be able to donate food to the local food bank, thank you to any families who were able to send items in. Well done to Mr Makaya's form for collecting the most! As family budgets become even tighter, we will continue our collection after Easter, please give what you can. If you are in need of support, please use this [link](#).

Well done to our Y7 boys' football team who recently celebrated their first win. Great work: Bartek, Lord, Marco, Kaden, Justice, Ibraheem, Collins, Abubakar, Hansen, Abee, Manjot and Sukhjeevan. Our Y9 boys' football team also won their first match last week, well done to Jasjit, Harbalwinderjit, Dario, Abbas, Neekel, Zak, Merkliah, Bakary, Yahya, Reginald, Zamin, Gurwinder, Rhyal and Muhammad.

A huge well done also, to our U15 boys' cricket team who won the Staffordshire Community Cricket competition. Whilst talking about sporting achievements, I would also like to congratulate Mrs Jordan, our EAL Coordinator who ran the Manchester marathon at the weekend, what an achievement!

We recently had some visitors as part of 'Careers in Sport' day, last week. The sessions were aimed at KS4 and 5 and we had visits from Gloucester University and an inspirational talk from Paralympic Judo silver medallist, Elliot Stewart. Also last week, we continued to build our relationship with Staffordshire Community Cricket by hosting their Foundation course as part of their education programme.

I am sure that most of the students have been looking forward to today for some weeks, I was so pleased to see our students rewarded for their hard work and great attendance. Look out for photos on our school social media accounts (see next page for links). I am so pleased that we now have more than 85 followers on Twitter! Don't forget that you don't need a Twitter account to view the school's posts, just click this link [HollyLodge_B67!](#)

Over the Easter holidays we are very much looking forward to our free Chocolate Hunt for primary students, and we will also be hosting some additional classes in our Easter Camps. Students from KS5 and Y11 will be coming into school to take part in revision sessions in preparation for their final exams. Some students from Y7 and 8 will take part in learning, arts, wellbeing and exercise activities, they will receive a hot meal too!

I wanted to remind you that students are not expected back to school until Tuesday 26th April. This date will also mark the start of Y8 internal exam week. Please ensure that all students have appropriate hair colour and uniform, including ties, shoes and blazers. Remember that students must come to school in their kit on PE days, however as we move into the summer term the blazer will be optional **for PE Kit days**; but please note no other hoodies or tops can be worn.

I am so proud and thankful to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic school, with such dedicated staff and admirable students. I am looking forward to our next term and would like to send my very best of luck to all those students taking their exams and leaving our school family in the coming term.

Have a great break.



Best Regards

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Yr12 Speech students had an amazing time getting vocal and creative with the inspiring Steven Camden @homeofpolar
An absolute pleasure to have him with us today & wonderful for our students to see an individual from our local #community Go for the Gap. Thank you, Steven 🙌



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WOW WOW WOW, last night our Y11 btec Music students gave a performance as part of their course. They also arranged the show as well as performing! Just brilliant. 🎸🎤🎶 #music #performing #opportunity



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@HollyLodgeCCF Award Parade today. Most Improved @aircadets LCpl Sharp, @ArmyCadetsUK CSM Singh. Cadet of Year @NursingCadets Cdt Siddika, @aircadets Cpl Islam, @ArmyCadetsUK Cpl Clewer. Congratulations to all our prize winners.



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With thanks to our Y12 Food Bank reps pictured here with just some of the donations collected from Y7 students. These items were taken to Salma Food Bank. Our collections will continue after Easter. Thank you for your donations. #Community #Smethwick #FoodBank



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Our EPQ Class of 2022 gave their presentations today. Amazing job by all involved with some very interesting topics. A special thanks as well to all the staff who managed to pass through in support. #Ambition



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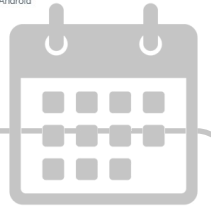
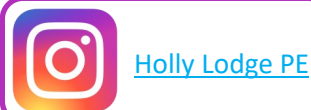
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- 09/04 Chocolate Hunt
- 25/04 Staff Training Day - day off
- 26/04 Y8 internal exam week
- 16/05 Y7 internal exam week
- 20/05 Y8 Adventure trip weekend
- 29/05 Careers Event