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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the latest newsletter from Holly Lodge, this week we have decorated the school ready for Christmas and the place is looking very festive.

Next week, all students will have chance to see our amazing talent show, Holly Lodge Has Got Talent!, and I am very much looking forward to seeing it, too. Well done to the students who are performing; Traivon M, Bikram D, Minerva L, Mahnaz J, Ethan LB, Angela L, Harsharan K, Ibrahim S, Adam W and Alisha R. I know that they have been busy with their rehearsals, and I would also like to thank the Performing Arts staff for their support of the event.

I would like to let parents know that our PE kit supplier has advised us that they offer free store pick up using the code "INSTOREPICKUP" on their website, <https://speedonesports.com/holly-lodge/>.

I was delighted to find out who the winners of our recent BHM awards were. The students had to read the BHM magazine then write an article about a black history role model who inspires them and I know that the competition was strong! Well done to our overall winner Wisdom M 9H. Congratulations also to KS4 winner Aminata K 11F and KS3 winner Granth J 7H.

Well done to our sporting stars over the last few weeks: Y11 3v3 basketballers won 3 out of 5 games in the Sandwell Schools event recently and our u14 & u16 girl's dodgeball teams both came 3rd in the Sandwell Schools event at Oldbury Academy. Well done to our boys' dodgeball teams who came 4th and 5th in the Sandwell Games event last week.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting our top merit winners (see names above) in each year who joined me for hot chocolate and treats in my office. I would like to congratulate those students and thank them for their hard work and excellent role modelling.

Manveer S 7	Shubham K 8	Gurshan S 10
Sohayla E 7	Stephanie W 8	Mohammed M 10
Gursimar K 7	Affan A 9	Shaistah A 10
Sahl E 7	Ubaidullah N 9	Jasjit C 10
Balveer K 7	Ritika R 9	Samanta P 11
Chizzy N 7	Sodaba A 9	Suhani P 11
Abdul S H 8	Kulnoor K 9	Paramueer S 11
Razaellahi N 8	Sitarah P 9	Simranjit K 11
Gerrard KA 8	Daljith S 10	Dylan B 11
Helan H 8	Anshdeep S 10	Kabeerat B 11

There are still some slots available for my 'Meet the Head' session on the afternoon of 6th December, please email head@holly-lodge.org to book on.

We have a few trips going out before Christmas and I know that the students are very much looking forward to these opportunities. I feel proud that we are able to offer these, and I thank parents and carers for your support, too.

As we are all aware, things can be very bleak at this time of year for many families and the cost-of-living crisis isn't helping. If you are in the position to be able to donate any items, then please do send something in before Christmas for our food bank collection to support local families.

Just a reminder that school will end on Friday 16th December, we will have a staggered finish between 12 and 1pm (more information to follow) and students will return from Christmas break on Wednesday 4th January at 08:40am.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Best Regards

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Brian Cape
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It was a pleasure to be part of @HollyLodge_B67 @6thFormHL the Holly Lodge 'Enterprise Challenge' where the students learned about business @SIPS_Education style, and then developed a proposition and a pitch. Very impressive young-entrepreneurs and ambassadors for their school 🏆



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With huge thanks to #CommonwealthGames legacy and @TransportForWM we hosted #LearnToRide cycling session for some Y8 students.

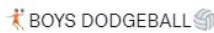


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Hi @WestMidsFire a lovely message from Lee, Watch Commander at Smethwick Green Watch. "As a Watch, we always look forward to attending the Remembrance event at Holly Lodge. The silence was observed impeccably by the Students, and they are a credit to you all at the school."



Holly Lodge PE Department
@HollyLodge_PE



A big well done to the 12 students who represented us at the @sandwell_games Dodgeball event tonight.

The u13 team came 4th & u15 team, which was made up of Yr9's, came 5th. Students were fantastic 🍷

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For #BHM 🍷 celebrations, students had the opportunity to write an article to win prizes. The standard of entries was superb. The articles from these students stood out: Overall winner – Wisdom M. 9H, KS4 winner – Aminata K. 11F, KS3 winner – Granth J. 7H #BlackHistoryMonth 🍷



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We are proud of to see Year 10 student & @WBAFoundation Strike A Change participant Neekel winning a Citizen Award at @BensonCommunity

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As part of the Commonwealth Games Legacy, Transport for West Midlands are funding extra cycle related activities and recently, a group of Y8 students took part in a **Learn to Ride Cycling** class as part of their PE lessons. (see photo above)

There will be **Adult Education Taster Sessions** offered in the New Year, focusing on English, maths and IT. We are hoping to start running **FREE** adult education classes at Holly Lodge, in conjunction with the organisation **Sandwell Adult and Family Learning**. *Watch this space for further details!*

Our Y12 BTEC Diploma Health and Social Care students will be at St Albans in December helping to run their community Christmas party.

To support the work of local food pantries, to support families in need this Christmas, students are being encouraged to bring in donations such as:

cereals, biscuits, squash, tinned meat/fish and selection boxes



COMMUNITY CORNER

- 08/12 Y11 Parent Consultation
- 08/12 SEND trip Wolverhampton
- 09/11 Y11 Childcare taster session
- 12/12 Sixth from climbing trip
- 12/12 Sixth from London trip
- 12/12 Sixth Form Presentation Eve
- 13/12 CCF Presentation Evening
- 15/12 Y12 HSC St Albans trip