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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and happy new year to all our parents and carers. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and the challenges and rewards to be realised. All our students have made a strong start to the new term, and our Y12 and 13 Students have been sitting their mocks in preparation for the summer term.

Students are looking extremely smart and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support with this. Here is a reminder of our uniform and standards <https://holly-lodge.org/uniform/>

Our breakfast club is still going strong for Y11 students, if you have a child in Y11 please encourage them to come along and enjoy a free breakfast bagel whilst getting some mentoring, revision support and tips. The intervention programme is back up and running for Y11 and students must be attending their sessions to support the summer exams.

Last year, I told you about a great experience for our Y9 EAL students who had the chance to create their own radio broadcast with Black Country Radio. The show was a wonderful opportunity for those students to share stories and the music of their homelands. You can listen to the show here <https://www.blackcountryradio.co.uk/player/black-country-xtra/on-demand/same-but-different/>

Our extra-curricular clubs are back, see the schedule on the next page or speak to your tutor. It's great to see so many students getting involved.

Just before Christmas, our KS3 students participated in an inter-form competition in bench ball, dodgeball and football during PE lessons. Well done to the winners in each year: 7A, 8J and 9A!

This week in 'More Able' we have welcomed our Y7 students into the group, (any Y7 students involved will have had a letter sent home). Our Y8 students have been told about a competition v's Joseph Leckie High School taking place on 6th February - we know our students will do us proud!

Every week our 'More Able' students are given a maths problem, reading or some sort of challenge – please encourage your child to take part in this so that they make the most of every opportunity.

We had Elevate Education in on Tuesday 10th January working with a group of Y11 students and some of our 'More Able' Y10 students. They delivered a session on time management in preparation for the exam season and will return in March to deliver a session called 'Ace your exams'.

For the next two Mondays boys in Y7 – 10 are invited to handball trials after school. This is a great opportunity to represent the school and get involved!

We are very much looking forward to the Y11 presentation evening next week, for those students who left us as Y11 in the summer.

This term we are very happy to welcome new staff, including our new deputy headteacher, Mr Pierce. Mr Pierce brings with him a wealth of expertise which will be invaluable as we continue to develop the very best educational experiences for our students. We are very much looking forward to working with you Sir!



Best Regards

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Extra-Curricular Timetable - January 2023			
	Club	Venue	Staff
Monday	Girls Multi-Sports - All years Boys Handball	NSH OSH	HCO/CRO LSM/JMO
Tuesday	Basketball Morning Club (From 7am) KS4/5 Boys Fitness Cricket	NSH Fitness Room OSH	WGA AHA JMO/LSM
Wednesday	No clubs due to Staff Meetings		
Thursday	Basketball Morning Club (From 7am) Badminton Club - All Years SEND Sports Club KS4 Girls Fitness Year 11 Sport Studies Intervention	NSH NSH OSH / Field Dance / Fitness E5	WGA KBU PPH ECH JMO/CRO

Sandwell Schools Handball Competitions @ Holly Lodge
Yr7/8 Girls - Tuesday 17th Jan Yr9/10 Girls - Tuesday 7th Feb
Yr7/8 Boys - Tuesday 24th Jan Yr9/10 Boys - Tuesday 31st Jan

Clubs will run from 3:25pm – 4:25pm Use changing rooms closest to your venue



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