



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today is Holocaust Memorial Day and we have had assemblies in school all week, along with discussions in tutor group so that all students can learn about this important topic.

Last week some Y13 business students were thrilled to welcome school governor, Raj Singh who works at KPMG, into our new Sixth Form Centre to speak about potential routes into work. He spoke about his own experience with apprenticeships, work/life balance and the importance of giving back. One of our students said their main takeaway from Raj's talk was realising that 'you don't need to know everything at first. Having resilience and always wanting to improve yourself is just as important.'

Please do get in touch if any parent or carer would like to share their knowledge or experience with our students.

Last week was our Y11 Leavers' Awards event, the students and staff had a great evening. I was also pleased to receive a note from Kiran Sahota from the Believe in Me project who also attended.

Once again, I am inviting any parent or carer to meet with me in school, the new dates for 'Meet the Head' are: 2nd March, 3rd May, 6th June and 12th July. Please email me to book your place [head@holly-lodge.org](mailto:head@holly-lodge.org)

Our Y9 boys who are taking part in the Cyrille Regis football programme, Strike a Change, were off to Coventry last week. The programme aims to show young people that they can dream big, aim high and mostly, overcome obstacles if they put their mind to it.

This week for More Able students we have had lots going on; Y7 had a letter about our after school Lego Mindstorm Club. Y9 are taking part in a Scholars Programme, designed to support students learning in core curriculum

subjects, and Y10 tuition for English continues weekly on Thursdays as well as Debate Mate which supports pupils to learn how to articulate fluently and effectively.

Our More Able students attend assembly together on Fridays and last week I was delighted to present my vision for Holly Lodge; Ambition, Opportunity and Community. We are very much looking forward to other speakers joining us in the future.

We are really excited to start our transition work for new students joining us in September, and I am pleased to let you know that we will be running our chocolate hunt again, for any students in years 4, 5 or 6. The free event takes place on 1st April from 10am and last year was such a success, we can't wait to meet the students again! Check our Twitter feed for more information and to register.

We have a great new section on our website, have a look at our health page. <https://holly-lodge.org/health/>. I would also like to remind parents and carers that we have a cost of living support page <https://holly-lodge.org/home-support/> and lots of mental health resources <https://holly-lodge.org/mental-health-awareness/?perPage=25> both on the Holly Lodge website.

You may have heard about the teacher strikes in the coming weeks, please look out for further communication when we can confirm how these strikes will affect Holly Lodge.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



Best Regards

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## STAR OF THE WEEK - PRIZE DRAW

Well done to all students that have been nominated by their PE staff so far this Half Term. Remember that all nominations are entered into a prize draw at the end of the Half Term.

Our winners from last Half Term are pictured!

#ambition



Tonight we hosted the South @sandwell\_games Yr 7/8 Boys Handball competition.

Well done to all schools and students who participated. Results were:

@BHallAcademy  
@SandwellAcademy  
@HollyLodge\_B67

#ambition #opportunity #community



16 cadets at RAF Cosford today for @HollyLodgeCCF's first AEF. Unfortunately it was cancelled once there due to aircraft issues! No more vacancies on AEF until Sept, meaning another cohort will leave having not flown. Enjoyed the museum though.



An away day at #Coventry with @cyrilleregis programme for these boys at the weekend.  
#Community #Opportunity #Ambition  
@HollyLodge\_PE @WBA



## BOYS HANDBALL

20 boys at Handball trials tonight. Fantastic to see! Only one more Monday left to get involved!

Year 7/8 event is on Tuesday 24th January & Year 9/10 event is on Tuesday 31st January.

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29/01	Basketball trip
31/01	Handball Tournament
02/02	Y8 Parent Consultation Eve
02/02	Y12 trip to London
02/02	Debate Mate trip
07/02	Handball Tournament
15/02	Y12 trip to Wolves Uni
20/02	Half Term - 1 week