



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy couple of weeks we have had at Holly Lodge. The Paris trip returned, and I was delighted to hear about what a great time students and staff had in France. We have now had 2 reward trips to Drayton Manor, with 2 more to come next week. Also, the Y10 geography students have all visited Dovedale as part of their course this week.

We recently welcomed the new Y7s in for a settling in day and they had so much fun trying out loads of different activities and making new friends.

In More Able news, 5 girls visited Aston University to take part in workshops for 'Girls in Electronics' arranged by UKESF (UK Electronic Skills Foundation), they also had lectures and talks from UKSEF and Aston Uni staff, designed to encourage girls to look at careers in electronics.

Last week we held a celebration evening organised by Mrs Richardson, to acknowledge and reward students for achievements and participation in lots of school events, including sports, performing arts, EAL, community and More Able. Well done to all who took part.

Our recent Friends of Holly Lodge evening was extremely popular, it was great to hear about the wonderful ideas popping up, if you would like to get involved or find out more please email hlmemories@holly-lodge.org. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in our school.

We had some great feedback from the Y10 and Y12 student that recently completed their work experience. I would like to share a few with you (on the next page) from our Y12 RCN nursing cadets who had their placements at City and Sandwell NHS hospitals.

We are so proud to share with you the news that our very own Ms Stanley has won the fantastic Wellbeing Award, at the Education Awards Midlands 2023. The award recognises the outstanding work being done to promote mental health and wellbeing. Congratulations Ms Stanley!

We are very much looking forward to Sports day today, let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Our Special Educational Needs Department recently took a trip to the beach at Barmouth, I know that the students had a wonderful time and they enjoyed playing on the beach and having a look around Barmouth. We are so lucky to have many wonderful beaches just a few hours away (by train or car!)

Last night was the Y11 prom, the students made such an effort and I know that they had a wonderful time. Look out for the photos on our social media soon.

Don't forget to sign up for our summer camps there is something for all students from Y1 to Y9! See the flyers on our website.

Students will finish before lunch on Friday, we will confirm the time with you shortly. I will also be communicating with you very soon about September start dates and times. Please remember to check our school website for uniform and behaviour expectations. As this is our last newsletter of the school year, I would like to wish you all a very sunny summer with lots of family time and fun!



Best Regards

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Holly Lodge Sixth Form

thank you

"I really enjoyed my placement learning about the pharmacist's role around the hospital and how it combines the scientific and social aspect. I learnt how pharmacists interact with patients as well as with the receptionists for clinical screening."



"I really enjoyed my placement; I did not expect it to be this fun. I had a chance to observe patients during eye tests and I even watched eye injections take place"



"This experience within the speech and language therapy department was extremely insightful and gave me a real appreciation of the NHS and the strong duty of care that they uphold"



"my work experience was an amazing opportunity for me to really explore the behind the scenes of what goes on between the nurses for the care of young children. I feel honoured to have been able to see their roles"



"it was amazing, I absolutely loved it and would do it again in a heartbeat!"



"I wanted to learn quickly and challenge myself, the AMU department gave me more"

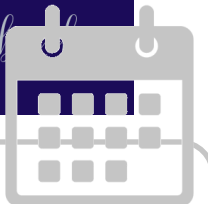


"I really enjoyed the placement as it was a great experience seeing the nurses look after preterm babies"



Work Experience feedback

NHS
Sandwell and West
Birmingham Hospitals
NHS Trust



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FREE

HOLLY LODGE Y6 SUMMER camp

7 - 10 AUGUST
9.30 A.M. TILL 2.30 P.M.

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR Y6 STUDENTS TO GET OUT, PLAY AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IS PROVIDED

REGISTER HERE:

ACTIVITIES:
SPORT. COOKING. SCIENCE. FRENCH. and more!

WEDNESDAY 9TH
ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
HEALTH & SAFETY SESSION - 1.30 PM
PE KIT TRY AND BUY - 2.30 PM

- 18/07 Y7 Drayton Manor trip
- 20/07 Y8 Drayton Manor trip
- 21/07 Last day of school
- 24/07 Y7,8,9, Cricket Camp
- 24/07 Y7,8,9 Sports Camp
- 31/07 Y4,5,6 Cricket Camp
- 31/07 Y4,5 Sports Camp
- 07/08 Y1,2 Cricket Camp