



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new school year, I have a feeling that this will be the best yet for Holly Lodge, we have so many exciting plans and I can't wait to see our students making the most of all the opportunities available to them.

We are now gearing up for our open days which are taking place on Tuesday 26th September for the sixth form, and Thursday 28th September for Y6 students. Take a look at our website for more information.

Before the summer we had end of year rewards trips to Drayton Manor and Alton Towers available for students. I know that these trips were really appreciated and I'm so pleased that our students were able to take part.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break, we had so many activities happening over the summer, with lots of students joining us! I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who gave their time to arrange these trips and on-site camps. See the next page for photos!

Just before the end of term, we were lucky to receive food donations from the Abrahamic foundation in Smethwick. They supported well over 60 Holly Lodge families; one parent said, "we greatly appreciate your foundation for helping the community in this time of hardship".

We are so lucky that we have been chosen to be part of the Tesco Community grant scheme where customers can support our essential project, to help improve students' mental health, by popping your blue token into our charity box in the following stores. West Bromwich Extra, Stone Cross Express, Great Barr Express. This is from October to January, so please support us and spread the

word with friends and family.

You will find on the school website a copy of our Pupil Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement. This agreement outlines to students the importance of using IT devices and social media appropriately and safely. There is also useful information to support parents. Please read the agreement and discuss with your son/daughter. If you would like further information or support about on-line safety, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or a member of the Safeguarding Team – Mrs Southall or Mrs Mann.

As we start the new school year, can I remind you of the importance of children attending school every day. If you are unsure if your child is well enough to be at school, please look at the guidance on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Can I also remind parents that all students should be in school by 8.40am. Our school site is open from 8.15am every day and breakfast is served in the canteen. Registration starts at 8.45am.

A reminder that we have a staff training day on Friday 6th October and students will not be in school on this date.

Have a great weekend.



Best Regards

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We had our Y6 summer camp with loads of fun activities including **French** lessons, **sport**, **cookery**, and **science experiments!** It was great to be able to welcome our new students in over the holidays.



There were also loads of sporting opportunities for primary students with loads of **cricket**, **basketball** and **netball** session happening. We had EAL and SEND trip to **Barmouth** and **Conkers** – an amazing adventure playground!



Some of our More Able students visited the London Art and Law Courts where pupils had a guided tour of the **Royal Law Courts** and a visit to **Somerset House** which contains fantastic pieces of art. Another More Able trip was to the **National Space Centre** in Leicester!

Some students also visited the **University of Gloucester**. We also had reward trips taking place over the summer holidays including trips to **Lazer Tag**, **Start City** and **Drayton Manor!**



Finally, our lads who were part of the **Cyrille Regis Strike a Change** program with West Brom took part in the last session where they got to meet the one and only John Barnes! I know the lads enjoyed the program and were able to learn a great deal too.

