



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are so proud to share with you another brilliant win for our school; we recently heard that Holly Lodge had taken first place in a competition run by Oxford University! Four of our Year 7 More Able students: Rihana M, Jenna Amelia R, Maira M and Kirandeep K won the 'People's Choice Award' at the Oxplore Hackathon for their project and presentation on how to solve knife crime and the team went up against students from schools around the country, so an amazing achievement!

Last month, three of our Year 12 music students were accompanied by Mrs Dixon and Mr Hutchinson to attend a live music performance at Birmingham Symphony Hall. The performance featured "Two Man Ting", a two piece live music band consisting of Sierra Leonean percussionist Jah-man Aggrey, and guitarist Jon Lewis. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Well done to Y7 student Anderson who, along with Coach Lofters and Coach Cameron, represented Holly Lodge in the West Midlands basketball regional team in a tournament where the boys were undefeated. In other basketball news, our Y7/8 boys' team recently beat Bishop Challenor. Well done all.

Our exams are well underway, and I would like to congratulate those students, who have behaved so responsibly and are clearly dedicated to their revision activities.

Plans for our Culture Day on Friday 21st June are in motion. We still have a few spots for cultural performances – please see Mr Hutchinson for more information!

Last week, our Y9 students recently had the opportunity to meet with a variety of employers and hear about career pathways, at our Aspiration event. See the photo here. The event was a great success and feedback so far from the students has been good. If your child is in Y9 please remind them to give their feedback.

This week we have been celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week in school, with lots of fundraising and activities. Also today, staff and students wore 1 item of green clothing in support of the week.

Have a great weekend.



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Best Regards

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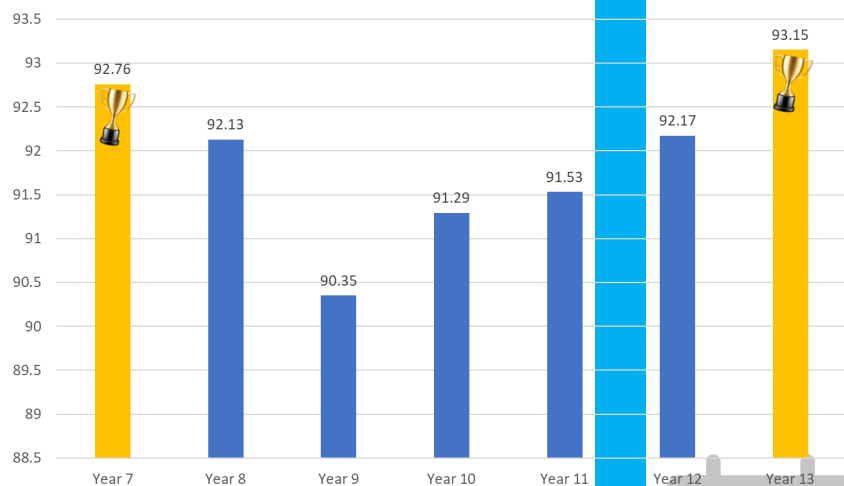
# Well done! | ਬਹੁਤ ਖੁਸ਼ | ਸਾਵਾਸ਼ | بت اچھے

Attendance and punctuality continues to be a focus for the school, we want to drive up standards for both. The punctuality late detentions have started so if your child arrives after 8.45am then they will receive a 20 minute detention on the same day, pupils who do not attend will be collected the next day to complete the detention. 3 lates in a week will result in a 1 hour detention. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.40am each day. Attendance is improving and we expect all pupils to have an attendance of 96% or above. Pupils that are around the 90% mark and below are classed as persistent absence and we will be making calls, sending letters and doing home visits to pupils we have concerns over. Please ensure if your child is off from school that you let the school know but where possible get the pupils into school as every minute does matter for their learning.

Pupils that have a run of 5 consecutive days of run the risk of a £60 fine for both parents and from September this will double to £120, we will also not authorise holidays in school term time. For any medical appointments please ensure holidays and appointments are booked around the school day. Pupils off for 21 consecutive days run the risk of losing their place at Holly Lodge and we will submit to the LA a request to have a pupil taken off roll. Information from the government can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance> If you have any questions please get in touch with Mr Burke ([lburke@holly-lodge.org](mailto:lburke@holly-lodge.org)) or Mr Robinson ([Arobinson@holly-lodge.org](mailto:Arobinson@holly-lodge.org)).

EVERY MINUTE MATTERS

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Ambition  
Opportunity  
Community

After months of rehearsals the Drama students were finally able to share their hard work with audiences that attended four shows here at Holly Lodge High School.

The students worked relentlessly towards contributing to the school production of "Moana".

"Moana" is the second school production since the reintroduction of Drama to the school curriculum and marked a huge step forward in relation to our students engaging with the concepts of characterisation, interpretation and stage craft in performance.

Lead performances from Tejanay L and Harsharan K (Moana), Karl B and Remius M (Maui), Tiara L (Sina/Chief Ancestor), Regina A (Gramma Tala), Gavenpreet S (Chief Tui), Kiya A (Tamatoa) and Mariam and Madiha I (Right & Left Claw) were bolstered by the supporting cast of students from Year 7 to Year 10.

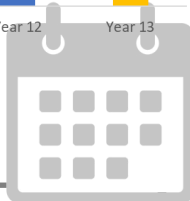
I would like to extend huge congratulations to the Holly Lodge cast of students, the supporting chorus of pupils and staff from Annie Lennard, Crocketts Community and Galton Valley primary schools, as well as all those who came to watch. Last but by no means least I would also like to thank the Performing Arts Team that I have the pleasure of leading for allowing our students to shine.

Mr D. Hutchinson

Leader of Learning for Performing Arts



## MOANA



- 20/05 Y9 Assessment Week
- 24/05 End of half term
- 03/06 Start of half term
- 05/06 More Able Tech Conference
- 06/06 Y10 London trip
- 07/06 Y7 PGL Trip
- 14/06 Y8/9 Talk the Talk workshop
- 17/06 Y10 Assessment Week