

Holly Lodge High School

College of Science

## NEWSLETTER ਨਿਊਜ਼ਲੈਟਰ নিউজলেটার نيوز ليتر

## 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all those parents and carers who joined us for our school (Y6) Open evening this week. We had great attendance, and it was lovely to see so many new faces.

We are very much looking forward to our sixth form (Y11) open evening next week on 3rd October. Y11s, make sure the date is in your diary.

Also coming up is our staff training day next Friday, 4th October. Please remember that no students should come into school on that date. The following week, we have whole school flu immunisations – please see the link here for more information https://holly-lodge.org/ health/.

We are excited that we will be celebrating Mental Health Day again in school on Thursday 10th October. Students and staff are invited to wear a yellow item on that day and to donate some money for Young Minds. We have lots of activities planned and I will let you know all about the day in the next newsletter.

Last week we had a musician, Joel Foster, come and perform to our Y7 students on the theme of Relationships, Bullying & Mental Health. The performance was amazing, and the students were all up on their feet singing!

Also last week, Y12 HSC and Education students enjoyed a session delivered by Dr C Monk form Newman University, about the Children, Young People and Families degree programme. It was fascinating for them to learn about the wide range of roles in this field and how well it ties into HSC and T Level education.

There is news from Sandwell Council authority for parents and carers who are in receipt of free school meals, regarding the change to food vouchers coming up for October half term. Please ensure that you read this link as it has some important updates. https://holly -lodge.org/changes-to-holiday-food-voucher-scheme-2024-25-academic-year-and-beyond/

As we are well into our new school year, please make sure that you have checked our latest enrichment schedule here, what will you be getting involved with? https://holly-lodge.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ Enrichment-programme-Autumn-2024-2025.pdf

In sixth form news, our students have been enjoying some recent visits as part of the fantastic Birmingham Literary Festival: Some Y13 students recently visited the Killer Books talk at Birmingham Town Hall and we have author, Heba Havek visiting school next week. They have also attended a tribute to poet, Benjamin Zephaniah.

Our Y11 students had their work experience placements over the first week of the term. the students had some excellent opportunities to learn about the world of work. We had wonderful feedback for Banisha who went to the BBC. See the photo on the left.

Have a great weekend.





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Best Regards

Attendance is slowly moving up, we are aiming to get all year groups and pupils above 95% for their attendance to school and we are supporting pupils and families by sharing key information. Please ensure that pupils are attending school daily and even if feeling unwell then pupils should try to attend school. Being in school will support a pupil's well being as well as working towards positive outcomes at the end of Y11 or Y13. Pupils that have above 95%/96% are more likely to achieve a grade 4 or 5 in Maths and English. Please continue to support attendance and be vigilant that we will be checking up on pupils with attendance below 90% and having conversations with families. Please see key information below:

- School day starts at 8.40am pupils should be on site by 8.35am and prepared for the start of form at 8.45am pupils arriving after 8.47am will be given a 20 minute lunchtime detention on the same day
- When a pupil is off ill families are expected to call the school to provide information, we do encourage pupils to be back in school either later that day or certainly the next day
- School number 0121 558 0691 press 1 for student absence
- School website link for attendance https://holly-lodge.org/attendance-2/

Well done to Y11 and Y13 who had the highest attendance this week of 93% and 96%, a strong start to pupils that have exams at the end of this academic year.

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If you have any questions please get in touch with Mr Burke (lburke@holly-lodge.org) or Mr Robinson (Arobinson@holly-lodge.org).

