



NEWSLETTER

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11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy couple of weeks we have had.

Last week, we welcomed the Knife Angel to Sandwell, and we were so proud to be a part of the opening celebration. The sculpture is made from over 100,000 seized blades and was specifically created to highlight the negative effects of violent behaviour whilst solidifying our critical need for social change. We will have further trips in the coming weeks until the angel leaves on 29th October. We encourage you to visit the sculpture at Council House in Oldbury if you can.

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day and we had lots of activities and fundraising happening, a special theatre performance for Y7 students, and some training for mental health first aiders which was generously funded by a Sandwell Health grant.

Also, this week DECCA (The Sandwell Drugs advisory service) visited to talk to Y7 and Y8. We also had a visit from the school nurses to deliver flu vaccines to all years.

We held parent information evenings for Y7 and Y11, it was great to see so many visitors coming into school.

Congratulations to our Y10/11 Girls' netball team who were undefeated in 6 games at a tournament on Monday, with a clean sheet until the semi-finals where we faced the tournament overall winners, who beat us 5-3. Still a great achievement.

Well done to all staff who raised just over £300 for MacMillian Cancer support by holding a coffee morning last Friday on the staff training day.

We are so proud to have had some international visitors this week, a German teacher exchange group visited to learn how we value diversity and inclusion at Holly Lodge.

Over the course of two sessions several Y9 students experienced a STEM afternoon based on the HS2

project. Students engaged fantastically well in the project, working in teams to examine the different career pathways available them and taking on some practical challenges, utilising their creative skills to succeed and demonstrate their potential.

We have a couple of More Able updates: A group of Y10 students took part in an NHS workshop where they explored nursing, midwifery, pharmacy and allied health care professions, such as paramedic medicine. During the workshops students were able to get hands-on with practical activities such as learning CPR.

A group of Y8 students took part in an Enterprise challenge where they used maths-based skills to act as large-scale event organisers in charge of arranging a music concert for 10,000 young people. The session covered areas of profit and loss, budgets, wages, 2D and 3D shapes, averages, data and more. Students were also supported to develop their softer skills such as communication, resilience and teamwork.

We have had a successful Birmingham Literature Festival in the Sixth Form after securing highly discounted tickets and an author visit by Heba Hayek, a Gaza-born author. Yr13 students Jean W and Anjum R hosted a Q&A with Heba and students had the chance to get their books signed afterwards. We also went to see both 0121 Legacy at The Rep and the Urban Sermon Tribute to Benjamin Zephaniah at Birmingham Cathedral. Students spent time speaking to the poets, authors and other creatives who were there at the events.

Don't forget that we have Halloween discos coming up in a couple of weeks, see the posters to book on.

Have a great weekend.



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Best Regards

Imran Iqbal - Headteacher



Attendance figures for this week can be seen below but all year groups have shown an improvement and the attendance figure per year group and for the whole school continues to improve week by week. Thank you for your support with this but please do ensure that pupils are attending school. The whole school attendance figure is 93.76% and we still have work to do to be above the 95% benchmark. Special mention to Y7 who are above the 95% threshold as are Y13 with an impressive 96%. As we move into the winter months I'm aware pupils will become ill but please ensure pupils are attending school, the link below from the NHS sets out the guidance about when pupils should be off school: Is my child too ill for school? - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Our position is for pupils being off school is:

***A temperature of over 38 degrees * Sickness and Diarrhoea * Advised by a doctor or hospital for a medical reason**

Please also ensure all medical appointments are done around the school day and not done during the day which means pupils miss time out of school and also key lesson information.

Holly Lodge attendance Website <https://holly-lodge.org/attendance-2/>

Updates on Fines, so far this year we have submitted 14 fines into the LA for pupils being on Holiday and missing 5+ consecutive days from school. This is a fine for £80 and if not paid within 21 days will rise to £160, we are also looking at potential fines for pupils that miss 10 sessions (AM or PM register which counts as 1 each so one day missed is 2 sessions) this could result in an £80 fine as well. Please see the website for information on attendance above this paragraph.

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

Attendance Matters every minute matters

Report your child's absence
0121 558 0691
Option 1



Well done to these 100% lucky students

- Maria S – Year 7
- Amina B – Year 8
- Nina R – Year 8
- Chad L – Year 10
- Donovan H – Year 11

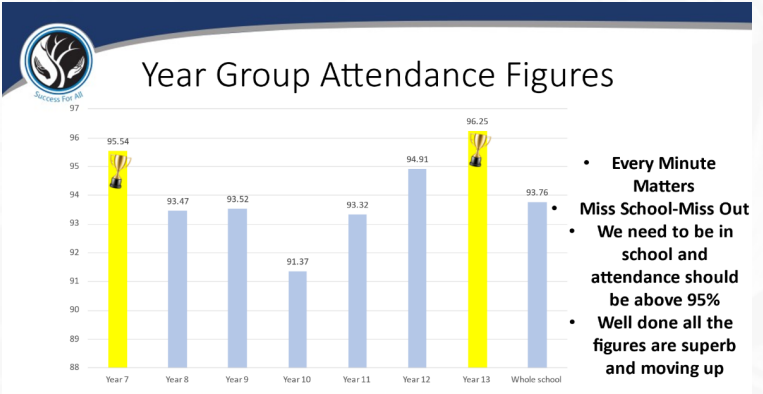
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Well done and thank you to all our staff who raised over £300 for @macmillancancer at their coffee morning on Friday 4th October #Community



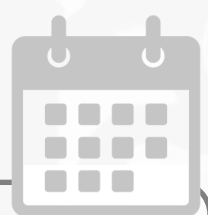
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Wow and well done to one @6thFormHL student who made these well being packs to go in the pastoral offices for #WorldMentalHealthDay2024 #Community They contain activity cards, breathing beads and mindfulness colouring. @YoungMindsUK



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Last week some students joined in the opening ceremony of the #KnifeAngel at Sandwell Council House. #Community #KnifeCrime #KnifeSafety #Opportunity



BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMPETITION

Design a poster celebrating the life of a famous Black person from History.

It must include information about what they have done and why they are important to commemorate.

You can be as creative as you want – model, drawings, posters, presentations etc.

HAND IN: History corridor (D8)
DEADLINE: Friday 25th October 2024
MAKE SURE: Include name and tutor group



Well done! | **بہت اچھے | ساواش | سبوت دھرت**

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- 15/10 Y12 Cambridge University trip
- 16-18/10 Y11 Geography trips
- 16/10 Y7 School Nurse assembly
- 16/10 Y12 University of Law trip
- 22/10 Y9 School Nurse assembly
- 23/10 Oxford University trip
- 23/10 Y7 Halloween Disco
- 24/10 Y8 Halloween Disco