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28th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had such an exciting couple of weeks, thank you for your support with the weather issues last week.

Please remember that tomorrow is a staff training day, so students are not in school.

Today we host the 'A Christmas Carol' quiz for students in Y9, 10 and 11. It promises to be such a great event, and I can't wait to pop in and see how they get on.

Join us for fireworks and loads of fun activities at our Festival of Light on Thursday 5th December. See the poster on the next page. On the same date we have our Christmas jumper day, please send some money for Save the Children or a donation for the food bank.

We will also have a talent show take place during the school day on 5th December. I'm looking forward to seeing the entertainment!

Our student elections are underway for Y12 Head Student Ambassador, all students are invited to vote for their preferred candidate. This is such a great opportunity for our students to be involved in their own democracy in school, please discuss this with your child.

We are also hosting a democracy lunch next month, where some students will have the opportunity to meet with a business leader and discuss some key political questions, whilst sharing lunch together.

We have had a lucky few students chosen to take part in a Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition at school this half term. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to see justice in motion.

This week we had a visit from the Saltmine theatre company, who performed to Y7 and 8. They watched Red Riding Hood, an off the beaten track modern-day twist on this classic tale, where students came face to face with the big bad wolf and found out what it really means to belong. We had great feedback, as usual, for this amazing theatre company.

Also this week, some SEND students visited a careers fair at the Hawthorns where they had the opportunity to talk to staff from a variety of colleges and training providers regarding their next steps post 16.

Last month, some Y9 students were treated to a special cinema rewards afternoon in B Block Hall as an acknowledgment for their hard work, positive behaviour and achievements throughout the term. The event was filled with laughter, excitement, popcorn and well-deserved entertainment. We look forward to celebrating more achievements in the future – starting with the Y9 bowling and Y8 cinema rewards next month.

In addition to our school remembrance service, we also had a few of our CCF students visit the Staffordshire Memorial Arboretum. Our students were given the opportunity to explore the huge variety of memorials highlighting the sacrifice made by so many from WWI to the present day. I would also like to thank staff member, Mr Rose who took some fantastic aerial footage of our service which you can see on our social media.

Last week a group of Y9 students visited the KPMG offices in Birmingham. They were given a tour of the building and learnt about the different roles within the company. They also took part in a problem-solving activity and had to present their ideas to a group of students and employees of KPMG.

Well done to all our Y11 students who have now completed their mock exams. Well done and congratulations to the attendance winners mentioned here:

Have a great weekend.

Luciana Brown (7F)
Daniella Adedokun (8B)
Amelia Arshad (9I)
Harley Dore (10B)
Priscilla Quansah (10B)



Best Regards

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This table shows the current attendance for each year group in relation to what we finished at last year. All year groups are up and in some cases over by 1.5%. Year 11 have shown a huge upturn in their attendance up by 5.35% which is really positive as they approach their examinations in May. In relation to the national data the current average attendance figure for the whole of the UK is 93% but currently Holly Lodge is above as we sit at 94.13% so up by 1.13%! This is testament to the hard work and support of both the pupils and our families for which we are truly thankful. We still want to push on though and shift the whole school attendance to above 95% which I believe we can achieve. I have been doing assemblies to each year group over the past week and I have spoken about why attendance is important both in school and beyond Holly Lodge and in employment, I have made the link between attendance and being successful so they can enjoy successful careers which allows for an above average salary which in turn will enable them to enjoy the nice cars, holidays and houses which I raised in the last newsletter. The improvement in attendance has been superb and we will continue to track each pupil and support them whether this be their form tutor, a member of the support staff or one of the pastoral team. The daily conversations and weekly calls with family only support their attendance and the new systems and tracking has allowed this to drive up attendance.

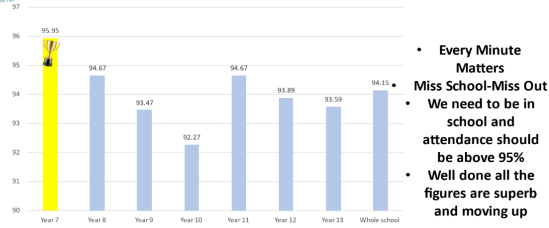
| Year Group | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 | Year 12 | Year 13 | 7 to 11 | 7 to 13 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| End of 2023-24 | N/A | 93.08% | 91.91% | 91.47% | 89.45% | 90.64% | 95.35% | 90.86% | 91.40% |
| Current Position | 96.14% | 94.72% | 93.69% | 92.39% | 94.80% | 92.24% | 94.32% | 94.34% | 94.13% |
| Difference | N/A | +1.64% | +1.78% | +0.92% | +5.35% | +1.6% | -1.03% | +3.48% | +2.73% |

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

Year Group Attendance Figures



Well done!

- Every Minute Matters
- Miss School-Miss Out
- We need to be in school and attendance should be above 95%
- Well done all the figures are superb and moving up

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Huge congratulations to the winner of the #BlackHistoryMonth art competition, Mikail Krycack (8J). It was great to see so many students engaging with black history, with many staying after school to complete their entries. #Community



Well done! | **ਬਹੁਤ ਖੁਸ਼ | ਸਾਥਸ਼ | بہت اچھے**

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Holly Lodge High School

Festival of Light

The Festival of Light is a celebration of positivity, faith, community and diversity

Thursday 5th December 5 – 7pm

All welcome and free entry

5.00PM — STUDENT PERFORMANCES
5.45PM — REFRESHMENTS AND CRAFTS
6.15PM — SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE
6.45PM — FIREWORKS

Chance to bring food bank and/or winter clothing donations for shelter

- 04/12 Y11 Farm Trip
- 05/12 Festival of Light/Jumper Day
- 06/12 Y12 T-Level Sealife trip
- 10/12 Democracy Lunch
- 10/12 Y7/8 Panto trip
- 12/12 Y8 Parent Consultation Eve
- 18/12 Y8 Cinema Reward