



## NEWSLETTER

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17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and happy new year!

We have had a great start to the year, with staff and students returning to school with enthusiasm. Early next week we will be having a lockdown drill in school. These are like a fire drill although rather than evacuate school (go out), we invacuate (stay in). Invacuation is the process of getting everybody inside and safe, and securing the building, lockdown goes a step further, in that everyone on the premises is moved away from the potential danger to a place where they can't be seen from outside the building. In most cases, students will be able to stay in their classroom during an invacuation, and the school day can continue as normal, just with everyone staying indoors. There is a statutory responsibility on schools to practice and have these procedures in place. See more on the right.

The following week we will have a staff training day on Monday 27th January.

Just before Christmas, Y12 T Level Education and Early Years students enjoyed a visit to the Sea Life Centre to learn about how to organise visits for children. See the photo below.

This week, Y9 took part in a Loudmouth education production and workshop called 'Working for Marcus', which covers the important topics of Child exploitation (CE), knife crime, sexual exploitation (CSE), county lines, grooming and substance misuse.

Our debate team is back and readying for their first tournament of the year – good luck all, see the photos on the next page.

A huge congratulations to the U16 netball team who officially won the Sandwell Schools League. They beat all 6 other schools and are therefore the undefeated champions of 2024/25!

The same to our basketball team who beat Shireland 84-44! The boys absolutely smashed it with 3 players; Anderson W, Harley D and Jarred J, scoring 3 consecutive 3's. Well done to Remius M being TOP scorer with 30 points

This week some students in Y10 and 11 went to the "It All Adds Up" event at the Mathematical Institute of Oxford University. The day was filled with captivating lectures, interactive workshops, and plenty of mathematical inspiration. We were warmly welcomed by the staff and student ambassadors at the Mathematical Institute. The students were excited to be in such a prestigious academic environment, setting the tone for an engaging day ahead. We attended a series of thought-provoking lectures delivered by renowned mathematicians. Overall, the "It All Adds Up" event was an outstanding success. See the photos below.

Invacuation might be required if:

- There is local air pollution due to a nearby fire or chemical release.
- There is a dangerous animal (usually a dog) in the grounds.
- There is an incident or civil disturbance in the area that might affect the school.

Lockdown might be implemented if:

- There is a perceived threat to students, this maybe an intruder attempting to gain access to the site.



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Best Regards

*Imran Iqbal*

Imran Iqbal - Headteacher

Attendance for the first term finished at 93.83% for the whole school, we had been above 94% for the majority of the term but I think the cold weather impacted significantly as we headed into the Christmas break. We now want to ensure that pupils are attending school and we again drive up attendance. Please remember some key points for attendance and punctuality:

- Pupils need to arrive at 8.45am in preparation for form time, anyone arriving after 8.47am will be marked as late and have a lunch time detention of 20 minutes on the same day. Pupils arriving late 3 times in one week or not attending the lunch time detention will have a 30 minute detention on a Friday from 3.10pm till 3.40pm .
- Pupils not in school should call school before 8.30am and press button 1, please ensure you leave pupils name, form and the reason for not being in school. Please use the NHS guidance for attending school. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS
- Pupils should have an attendance of above 95% as this is no more than 8 days off over the school year. Pupils that have an attendance figure of 90% on average have 16 days off over an academic year.
- Please see the year group and whole school attendance figures for the first term below (September to December).

Well done to some of the Attendance winners (right) who had 100% for their attendance last term and received a voucher in the rewards assembly on the final Friday! Keep it up everyone!!!

If you have any questions please get in touch with Mr Burke ([burke@holly-lodge.org](mailto:burke@holly-lodge.org)) or Mr Robinson ([Arobinson@holly-lodge.org](mailto:Arobinson@holly-lodge.org)).

**Attendance Matters** every minute matters

Report your child's absence  
0121 558 0691  
Option 1



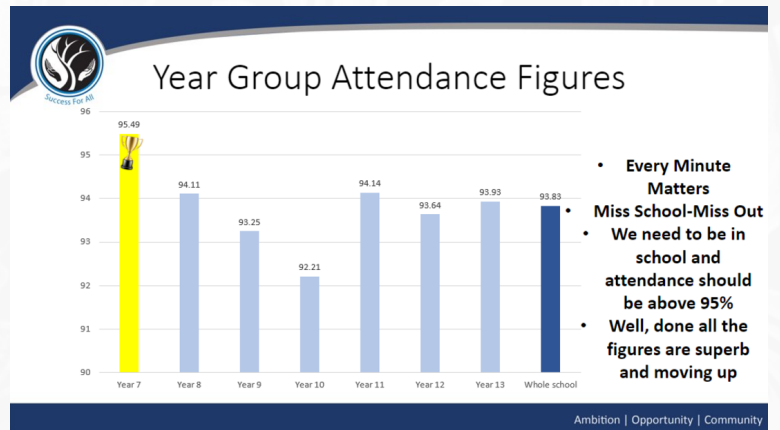
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Amir Z	Amelia A	Logan B
Sheemra K	Yad A	Abeeb L
Safiya A	Raiyan H	Simra K
Reem M	Ramnik K	Harpreet C
Amani R	Mansirat J	Aia B
Kevin Q	Meemu H	Helan H

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At the end of last term, Y11 BTEC Animal Care pupils spent the day at Forge Mill Farm completing their practical assessments for Unit One. They had to demonstrate that could safely handle and restrain two different types of animals. #Ambition #Opportunity



Well done!



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Last term, our #DebateMate students were assess on their debating skills. #Ambition #Opportunity



- 20/01 Lockdown Practice
- 21/01 SEN Aston Villa trip
- 23/01 Y11 Parent Consultation Eve
- 23/01 Y7 talk with Cambridge Uni
- 24/01 T Level Speaker in
- 27/01 Staff Training Day
- 30/01 Sixth Form Study event

Well done! | **ਬਹੁਤ ਖੁਸ਼ | ਸਾਬਾਸ਼ | بت اچھے**

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