



Term 6 has started well here at Holcombe.

Most importantly, Year 11 and Year 13 have been continuing with their GCSE and A Level examinations. They now have (in the vast majority of cases) only two weeks to go and we continue to wish them every success. Their conduct in the exam hall has been exceptional up to now and we look forward to two more successful weeks.

In two weeks time, once Year 11 and 13 have completed their last examinations, our attention will immediately turn to Years 10 and Year 12, both of whom have their end of year examinations later this month. This is a great opportunity for students in these year groups to see how they are currently doing and which elements of their courses they will need to focus on when they return in September.

Assemblies this week for Years 7-10 have also been focussing on the fact that those year groups only have approximately 6 weeks remaining of this academic year and have been challenged to consider if they are ready for next year. If the answer is no, they have 6 weeks to work on any weaker areas. I also discussed behaviour in these assemblies; most students are behaving well and being respectful but sadly a minority in each year group are not and they need to demonstrate significant improvement in these last few weeks.

However there is always more to school than just examinations and I hope you enjoy reading the update in our blog about our Jubilee celebrations that we held just before half term. It was great to be able to involve our students in these celebrations and we hope they enjoyed their parties. For a significant amount of students, this was their first experience of eating scones with jam and cream and it was amazing to see the range of ways that our students thought these should be eaten!

Finally, I hope all parents have seen the information about our early closure on Wednesday 22nd June to facilitate our staff training, in collaboration with colleagues in other TSAT schools at this time. School will close to students at 1:20pm on this date. Buses and coaches have been notified.

Mr L.Preston

Principal

Key Dates 2022 -

- Thursday 16th June - Year 8 Parents Evening
- Week Commencing 20th June - Year 10 Prelims
- Wednesday 22nd June - Early Closure at 1:20pm
- Week Commencing 27th June - Year 12 Prelims
- Week Commencing 27th June - Year 11/13 Exams Finish
- Thursday 30th June - Year 7 Parents Evening
- Week Commencing 11th July - Year 12 Work Experience
- Thursday 21st July - Last Day of Term 6, School will Finish at 12:30pm
- Tuesday 6th September - First Day Back

Year 7 Super 8s Athletics Event



- 33 - Jacob Walters
- 34 - Henry Milner
- 35 - Charlie Murdoch
- 36 - Charlie Duncan-Woolard
- 37 - Micah Ogunfemi
- 38 - Aaron Jenkins
- 39 - Prince Charles
- 40 - Samuel Adegbile

On Wednesday 25th May a group of year 7 students represented Holcombe in the Medway schools super 8s athletics event. For most of the students this was their first experience competing at an inter-school event but the boys represented themselves and the school superbly. Some great performances were demonstrated in each discipline from hurdles to high jump and the boys should be extremely proud of their efforts – well done to all of the athletes!

Jubilee Tea Party



On Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May, our students took part in a Jubilee Tea Party. Each house took part at a designated time where they enjoyed scones, hot and cold beverages.



Jubilee Tree Planting



Pictured above are Jhuliana De Leon (our oldest student in the school), Michael Bailey (Chair of Governors) Mandy Gage (Director of Education for Chatham), Lee Preston (Principal) and Samuel Adegbile (our youngest student in the school)



On Thursday 26th May, a tree was planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our youngest student in the school, Samuel Adegbile, and our oldest student, Jhuliana De Leon, planted the tree.