

Getting ready to join Holcombe Grammar School

TO SHAPE OUR THINKING AND HABITS READY FOR NEXT YEAR

These activities are designed to help you prepare for becoming part of our school. The tasks will not be collected or marked by teachers, but we will expect to see the evidence of your preparation as you use all the skills outlined below in your lessons.



Love Reading Think Creatively

1. Visit the library websites and read books, and watch out for the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge.
2. Plan a story in first person, write in third person.

Fine Skills Accuracy, Clarity and Precision

3. Draw a 3D pattern using a ruler, cut out with scissors and make a shape.
4. Write a speech and deliver it to a group of others in your household.

Decisions Problem Solving

5. Choose objects to put in a time capsule with reasons for your decisions.
6. Search for *problems solving puzzles* online and solve them.
For example mathgametime, brain-games, or sharpbrains.



WORKING INTERDEPENDENTLY

7. Interview someone and discuss at least ten things you don't agree on.
8. Work with your parents to plan a trip for when the government guidance to stay at home changes.

METACOGNITION

9. Produce invitations for your household and organise an event for everyone to enjoy.
10. Design a product or business idea and pitch it to 'investors'.
11. Learn to do something new such as cooking, car maintenance, budgeting, ironing or gardening.
12. Search for *computational thinking games* online and practice coding. For example Hopscotch, Scratch or Tynker.



WIDER WORLD KNOWLEDGE

EVALUATE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

13. Learn how to access the news and follow events that happen in the UK over the next few months. You will find some interesting things to discuss!
14. Research a local organisation such as a charity, hospital or care home and find out how you can support them.
For example, Medway Volunteers at <https://do-it.org/> or The Medway Hospital Charity at <https://www.medway.nhs.uk/the-medway-hospital-charity.htm>

Aspire and
Achieve
Together

RESPECT FOR YOURSELF, FOR OTHERS AND YOUR SURROUNDINGS

KINDNESS AND SELF CARE

15. Pack your bag by yourself the night before school
16. Check your uniform is neat and tidy before you leave the house
17. Set an alarm and get yourself ready on time
18. Say please, thank you, excuse me and sorry when appropriate
19. Take turns to speak one at a time and listen to others carefully
20. Practice your journey to Holcombe independently.

In Year 7 you must be able to get the bus/train without any help, and allowing for after school activities that mean you might be alone sometimes. Practice the journey numerous times until you are able, but only when the government guidance to stay at home changes.

HOLCOMBE HABITS

We have very high expectations of Holcombe Grammar School students. As part of our school, you will work hard, behave well and master the Holcombe Habits. These activities are provided to introduce you to the Holcombe Habits and help you practice this type of behaviour to successfully approach problems and manage challenges intelligently.

Persisting	Listening with Empathy and Understanding	Thinking About your Thinking (Metacognition)	Questioning and Problem posing	Creative Thinking	Taking Responsible Risks
					
Thinking Interdependently	Accuracy, Clarity and Precision	Applying Past Knowledge	Gathering Data through all Senses	Wonder and awe	Continuous learning
					

Task 1

Find the definitions of the words below:

- Interdependent
- Clarity
- Precision
- Impulsivity
- Striving
- Accuracy
- Persistence

Task 2

Keep a journal of your behaviour for one week.

- Describe any challenges or problems you faced today.
- Which Holcombe Habits did you use to address these?
- What impact did your behaviour have on the day?

Task 3

Write a short story or poem about your time in primary school.

You can reflect on your achievements in schools so far and reflect on how you have developed the habits for success by your past experiences.

Task 4

Describe yourself and your habits.

Copy this template and fill in the boxes with pictures, words and symbols that you feel represent who you are. Include your interests, skills, goals, personality, spiritual beliefs, health, responsibilities and motivations.

