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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## Thinking Accreditation

Exeter University have now confirmed Holcombe Grammar has achieved 'Thinking Accreditation.' This means our school has met the criteria to be a Thinking School, a status we will hold until September 2022. A fantastic achievement.

## SEN Bulletin

Schools have a statutory responsibility to support all students within the school. This includes those students with special educational needs and is set out in the SEND Code of Practice (2015). At Holcombe, we are very proud of the work of our SEND Department ('The Haven') and of our dedicated staff who strive to identify students with SEND, support their needs and review provision for them on a regular basis. The initial, and most effective, form of support for students with SEND is always to ensure the provision of quality first teaching within the classroom setting. Should you believe your child has a special educational need (ie where a pupil has a learning difficulty or disability requiring provision different from or additional to that normally available to people of the same age), you should contact the SEND Department: [sen@holcombegrammar.org.uk](mailto:sen@holcombegrammar.org.uk).

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## Globe Theatre



Year 11 will be going to the Globe Theatre on Monday 28th October to attend a Macbeth revision workshop and study. The day will include workshop sessions to help students' understanding of Shakespeare's language for their

GCSE studies and will also include a tour of the theatre. Students are required to arrive at school at the normal time and arrival back to school is expected at approximately 4:30pm. They should bring a packed lunch.

### Quickfire Week *The week in bullet points*

#### This Week

Letters that went home last week:

- ◆ Duke of Edinburgh - Year 9
- ◆ Positively Mad Workshop

All letters can be found on the school website:

<https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/09/letters-home-2019-2020/>

#### After Half Term (Week B)

- ◆ Term 2 commences Monday 28th October.
- ◆ Monday 28th October: Macbeth Globe Theatre Trip - Year 11
- ◆ 1st November: Invites for School Captains' team

## Duke of Edinburgh

Holcombe Grammar School is providing the opportunity for Year 9 students to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. As well as being a fun opportunity for students to build on skills, work as a team and help within the community, it is also highly regarded by higher education establishments and employers. If your child would like to take part, please complete and return the reply slip sent home by Friday 1st November. As part of the enrolment process, you will be required to pay a £30 enrolment fee through Parentpay, under 'DofE Bronze Enrolment Fee.' The training evening, practice and assessed expeditions will cost a further £70 to be paid by the 29th November under 'DofE Bronze Assessed Expedition' on ParentPay. Please contact Mr Bridges, DofE coordinator, if you require any further information.

## Holcombe versus Victory

The Year 7 football match between Holcombe Grammar and the Victory Academy took place at Holcombe on the 15th October. The game finished with a 5 -1 victory for Holcombe. Goals were scored by Mo Sanusi, Keane Cheeseman and Joshua Carter - Joshua scored three of these goals. The league fixtures now take a break until Term 4 but at the halfway stage of the league the Year 7 team are top of the league, having won all of their games. Among the players to have played the most games are Alistair Turner, Harley Diaper, Keane Cheeseman and Max Lynch. Well done Year 7.

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	Key Dates
17.10.19	Term 1 ends
18.10.19	Staff Development Day
21.10.19-25.10.19	Half term week; Japan Trip 19 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>
28.10.19	Term 2 Commences
28.10.19	Macbeth Trip - Year 11
18.11.19	Deadline for School Captains' Team Applications; Year 13 Prelims all week
21.11.19	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4:30pm - 6:30pm
26.11.19	Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm - 9pm
10.12.19	Christmas Carol Concert
12.12.19	Year 13 Parents' Evening 4:30 - 6:30pm
18.12.19	Term 2 Ends
19.12.19	School closed in lieu of Open Morning
20.12.19-03.1.20	Christmas Break
06.01.20	Staff Development Day
W/C 06.01.20	Year 12 Prelims
07.01.20	Term 3 Commences
W/C 27.01.20 and 03.02.20	Year 11 Prelims
06.02.20	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-7:30pm
10.02.20	Year 13 Prelims
13.02.20	Year 12 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-6:30pm
14.02.20	Term 3 Ends
17.02.20-21.02.20	February Break
24.02.20	Term 4 Commences; Year 13 Prelims all week
19.03.20	Year 8 Parents' and Options' Evening; 4:30pm—7:30pm
03.04.20	Term 4 Ends
10.04.20	Good Friday
13.04.20	Easter Monday
06.04.20-17.04.20	Spring Break
20.04.20	Term 5 Commences
23.04.20	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-6:30pm
08.05.20	Early May Bank Holiday (instead of Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> )
22.05.20	Term 5 Ends
25.05.20-29.05.20	May Break
01.06.20	Term 6 Commences
W/C 15.06.20	Year 10 Prelims
W/C 22.06.20	Year 12 Prelims
25.06.20	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4:30pm - 7:30pm
17.07.20	Term 6 Ends
20.07.20	Staff Development Day
21.07.20	Staff Development Day

Clubs Term 2

	BEFORE SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
<b>MONDAY</b>	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON LUNCHTIME: SUPPORT GROUP H14 LUNCHTIME: MET M13 LUNCHTIME: GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB B12 LUNCHTIME: FRENCH CLUB WEEK A IN S16 / WEEK B IN S14	TABLE TENNIS (ALL YEARS) SEA CADETS 18:00-20:00pm Victory Academy
<b>TUESDAY</b>	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12 LUNCHTIME: SPANISH AND FRENCH FILM CLUB S16	RUGBY (YEAR 7 AND 8) BASKETBALL (YEAR 9 AND 10) HOMEWORK CLUB H20
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON LUNCHTIME: MFL HOMEWORK CLUB S16 LUNCHTIME: CHESS CLUB M10	1ST XI FOOTBALL FIXTURES HANDBALL (YEAR 7 AND 8) HOMEWORK CLUB H20
<b>THURSDAY</b>	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	BADMINTON (YEAR 7-10) HOMEWORK CLUB H20
<b>FRIDAY</b>	LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB B12	GYM (ALL YEARS) FOOTBALL TRAINING GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT



We also have the Medway Victory Sea Cadets Unit. Cadets are expected to regularly attend the unit on Mondays 6pm-8pm The Victory Academy in smart, tidy uniform. If you would like to find out more about the Sea Cadet Corps, search 'Medway Victory Sea Cadet Unit' on Facebook or contact [trevor.eaton@cadetmail.mod.uk](mailto:trevor.eaton@cadetmail.mod.uk), or contact Mrs Villalta within school.