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Quickfire Week *The week in bullet points*

This Week

- Year 11s visited the Globe Theatre to participate in Macbeth workshops on Monday 28th October

Letters that went home last week:

- Operation Christmas Child
- PE consent forms - Years 7-11
- Opera Trip - Sixth Form (selected students)
- Student Finance Talk - Sixth Form

All letters can be found on the school website: <https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/09/letters-home-2019-2020/>

Next Week (Week A)

- Thursday 7th November: Year 11 Results; Sixth Form Senior Maths Challenge Periods 3 and 4; Sixth Form Student Finance Talk 5:30pm-6:30pm



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Japan Trip

Students from Holcombe and Rochester Grammar School had an unforgettable trip to Japan between the 19th-26th October. The group spent Sunday at the Samukawa Shinto Shrine. On Monday they headed to Yokosuka, where they visited the Will Adams memorial, the harbour to see the Mikasa Memorial Ship and



Kamakura for

some shopping and a visit to the shinto shrine the Tsurugaoka Hachiman-gū. Tuesday they explored Enoshima and the Sea Candle Lighthouse, then the Kamakura Buddhist Shrine and the Kamakura Hasedera temple.

Wednesday saw our students visit

Tokyo, taking in sights such as the Tokyo Tower before they headed back to Kobe. Thursday they headed to Himeji Castle then travelled to Kobe to take in views in a cable car. Friday was spent experiencing school life in Japan at the Hyōgo Prefectural Kobe High School. Students arrived back in London safely.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Holcombe Grammar is once again joining thousands of other schools throughout the country in supporting Operation Christmas Child run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. For the fifth year, Holcombe will be wrapping,

packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts for impoverished communities around the world. Donations should be suitable for children between 2 and 14 years and should be given to the Holcombe Office or the School Captains' Team in S Block before Friday 18th November. Please note toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in shoeboxes. Since Holcombe has been involved with this project, we have donated more than 600 Christmas shoeboxes, meaning the school has been able to collect enough money to cover the shipping costs of each present. This year Holcombe is hoping to collect even more toys, books and toiletries for children as well as the boxes and wrapping paper needed. If parents and carers would like to give a cash donation, they may use ParentPay. The suggested donation is £5 per shoebox.

PE Consent Forms

It has become necessary to request a consent form from parents and carers of students involved in away sports matches. Please complete and return forms to the Office as soon as possible.

Opera Trip

Holcombe Sixth Form and selected music students had the opportunity on Tuesday 29th October to attend a matinee performance of an opera held at The Historic Dockyard Chatham. Students watched 'The Powder Monkey', a powerful opera telling the story of Olaudah Equiano, a key figure in the movement to abolish slavery and our local history, who started out as a Powder Monkey on board the Namur - the ship that was found hidden beneath the floor at the Dockyard.

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	Key Dates
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
29.11.19	Poetry Live
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 th)
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 - 6:30pm
30.06.20	Year 12 Induction
01.07.20	Year 12 Induction
02.07.20	Year 12 Work Experience Week
14.07.20	Founders' Day
15.07.20	Sports Day
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
MONDAY	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
TUESDAY	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12 LUNCHTIME: SPANISH AND FRENCH FILM	RUGBY (YEAR 7 AND 8) BASKETBALL (YEAR 9 AND 10) HOMEWORK CLUB H20
WEDNESDAY	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON LUNCHTIME: MFL HOMEWORK CLUB S16 LUNCHTIME: CHESS CLUB M10	1ST XI FOOTBALL FIXTURES HANDBALL (YEAR 7 AND 8) HOMEWORK CLUB H20
THURSDAY	GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON LUNCHTIME: YUGIOH CLUB H11	BADMINTON (YEAR 7-10) HOMEWORK CLUB H20
FRIDAY	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, or contact Mrs Villalta within school.