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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

This Week

- ◇ Prelims all week for Year 13
- ◇ Inter-house football competitions were held all week
- ◇ Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening took place on Thursday.
- ◇ Selected students visited the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse to drop off Holcombe's shoebox donations.

Letters that went home last week:

- ◇ Adverse Weather Letter for all students. Please return to School Office as soon as possible.
- ◇ Library Opening - Year 7

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

Next Week (Week B)

- ◇ Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 26th November 6pm-9pm
- ◇ Poetry Live Trip Year 11: Friday 29th November

All participants were treated to a small celebration and staff members were invited to see the intricate work created. The altars had been placed on display around the classroom. All students received certificates but



special prizes went to certain winners. Well done to Zachary Watson won first place and Jaden Edusei and Isaac Turner who came second and third place respectively.

Day of the Dead Competition

Mrs Ortega-Izquierdo handed out prizes for her Day of the Dead Competition at lunchtime on Thursday 14th November. Students were challenged to create an altar for a famous deceased Hispanic person for El Día de los Muertos, held on 1st and 2nd



November. Students got creative, using a variety of materials. They also had to research and learn as the altars needed to include the traditional items of El Día de los Muertos altar



and any others they felt appropriate. We were proud to see so many entries to the competition, all of them well-researched, colourful and unique.



Message from Student Services

We ask for your support to ensure your child comes to school every day with a full drinking bottle of water to keep themselves hydrated. Drinking plenty of water reduces the risk of students getting headaches and ensures mental alertness. We have drinking fountains available for students to reuse their bottles at break and lunch. Thank you for your support.

Music Clubs

Please note we have the following music clubs available, which have been added to our Extra-Curricular Timetable.

Monday lunchtimes: HOL-TONES Vocal Group

Tuesday lunchtimes: Year 7 Band

Wednesday after school: Live Sound Club

Thursday lunchtimes: Year 8 Band

Friday lunchtimes: Brass Band

Friday after school: Rhythm and Blues Band. For further information, please contact the School Office.

Children in Need Update

We estimate the total money raised by Holcombe last week for Children in Need during our Krispy Kreme doughnut sales currently stands at around £550, with an incredible £224.04 raised by Year 7 alone! We will let you know the total amount raised once known.

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	Key Dates
26.11.19	Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm - 9pm
29.11.19	Poetry Live Year 11 Trip
02.12.19	Tom Palmer opening the Library
10.12.19	Christmas Carol Concert St Stephen's Church 6pm-7pm
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-6:30pm
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 May)
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	<p>GYM</p> <p>BASKETBALL</p> <p>BADMINTON</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: SUPPORT GROUP H14</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: MET M13</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB B12</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: FRENCH CLUB WEEK A IN S16 / WEEK B IN S14</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: HOL-TONES VOCAL GROUP</p>	<p>TABLE TENNIS (ALL YEARS)</p> <p>SEA CADETS 18:00-20:00pm Victory Academy</p>
TUESDAY	<p>GYM</p> <p>BASKETBALL</p> <p>BADMINTON</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: SPANISH AND FRENCH FILMCLUB S16</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: YEAR 7 BAND IN MUSIC</p>	<p>RUGBY (YEAR 7 AND 8)</p> <p>BASKETBALL (YEAR 9 AND 10)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB H20</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>GYM</p> <p>BASKETBALL</p> <p>BADMINTON</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: MFL HOMEWORK CLUB S16</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: CHESS CLUB M10</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: RIDDLE CLUB IN M10</p>	<p>LIVE SOUND CLUB IN MUSIC</p> <p>1ST XI FOOTBALL FIXTURES</p> <p>HANDBALL (YEAR 7 AND 8)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB H20</p>
THURSDAY	<p>GYM</p> <p>BASKETBALL</p> <p>BADMINTON</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: YUGIOH CLUB H11</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: CREATIVE WRITING CLUB IN THE LIBRARY</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: YEAR 8 BAND IN MUSIC</p>	<p>BADMINTON (YEAR 7-10)</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB H20</p>
FRIDAY	<p>LUNCHTIME: BRASS BAND IN MUSIC</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB B12</p>	<p>GYM (ALL YEARS)</p> <p>FOOTBALL TRAINING</p> <p>GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT</p> <p>RHYTHM AND BLUES BAND IN MUSIC</p>



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.