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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

This Week

Letters that went home last week:

- ◇ Open Morning All year groups
- ◇ Macbeth Workshop - Year 11

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

Next Week (Week A)

- ◇ Prefect applications invited on the 30th September
- ◇ MFL Speaking Exams Monday - Thursday
- ◇ Thursday 3rd October: Year 7 Settling in Evening 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Sailing Trip

Holcombe and Victory students are back safely from their sailing trip. Our students sailed the vessel "Faramir" last week. They travelled from Chatham to Portsmouth in a trip organised by the charity



Cirdan Sailing Trust, which helps young people experience life at sea and build skills. Students enjoyed being given new opportunities, which included learning to navigate and to cook for themselves. They were responsible for the



running, cleanliness and order of the vessel. The Faramir docked at Yarmouth and Grain on its way to Portsmouth, allowing the boys some time on land for sight-seeing.



Year 7 Thinking Skills

On Thursday 19th September Year 7 tutors spent a day with their form groups being introduced to the Thinking Skills that form the basis of Holcombe's approach to teaching and learning. Students and teachers investigated the value of using the Q-matrix to ask high level questions and De Bono's Thinking Hats to be more productive, focused and mindfully involved. Students explored the eight Thinking Maps which are visual tools that help organise knowledge for problem solving, decision making and processing of information. They then spent time studying the Thinker's Keys, which develop critical and creative thinking and most importantly analysed the Holcombe Habits to be applied daily. More information about the tools can be found on the school website here: <https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/about/what-is-a-thinking-school/> More information will also be available to Year 7 parents at the Year 7 Settling in Evening on Thursday 3rd October, 4:30pm.

Open Morning

Open Morning is being held on Saturday 12th October. We request that students attend school to support the event. Students should arrive by 8:30am and will be released from 1:15pm onwards. Please see the letter that went home for more information.

Macbeth Workshop

To support the undertaking of their GCSE English Literature course, the English Department have arranged for Year 11 students to enjoy the opportunity of a Macbeth revision workshop and study day at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on Monday 28th October. The cost of this workshop is £35. Please see the letter that went home for more information and for the consent form, which needs to be signed and returned.

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	Key Dates
30.09.19	Prefect Applications Invited
03.10.19	Year 7 Settling in Evening
07.10.19	Deadline for Prefect Applications
W/C 07.10.19 and 14.10.19	Year 11 Prelims
12.10.19	Open Morning
17.10.19	Term 1 ends
18.10.19	Staff Development Day
21.10.19-25.10.19	Half term week; Japan Trip 19 th -27 th
28.10.19	Term 2 Commences
21.11.19	Deadline for School Captains' Team Applications; Year 11 Parents' Evening; Year 13 Prelims all week
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
10.02.20	Year 13 Prelims
13.02.20	Year 12 Parents' Evening
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
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
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
17.07.20	Term 6 Ends
20.07.20	Staff Development Day
21.07.20	Staff Development Day

Clubs Term 1

	<i>BEFORE SCHOOL</i> <i>(7.30-8.30AM)</i>	<i>AFTER SCHOOL</i> <i>(3.05-4.15PM)</i>
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB B12</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: FRENCH CLUB WEEK</i> <i>A IN S16 / WEEK B IN S14</i>	<i>TABLE TENNIS</i> <i>SEA CADETS 6-8PM AT VICTORY ACADEMY</i>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: SPANISH AND FRENCH</i> <i>FILM CLUB S16</i>	<i>FOOTBALL FIXTURES</i> <i>HOMEWORK CLUB</i>
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: MFL HOMEWORK CLUB</i> <i>S16</i>	<i>1ST XI FOOTBALL FIXTURES</i> <i>FOOTBALL FIXTURES</i> <i>HOMEWORK CLUB</i>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: YUGIOH CLUB H11</i>	<i>BADMINTON</i> <i>HOMEWORK CLUB</i> <i>SEA CADETS 6-8PM AT VICTORY ACADEMY</i>
<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB</i> <i>B12</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT</i> <i>YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TRAINING</i>

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 with-in school.

