

LGBT History Month (starts 1st February) Charles Dickens' Birthday (7th February) Theme for the week: Helping Others
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Quickfire Week	The week in bullet points
This Week	
◇ Year 11 Prelims	
Letters sent home last week:	
◇ Year 9 Parents' Evening	
All letters can be found on the school website: https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/09/letters-home-2019-2020/	
Next Week (Week B)	
◇ Year 10 work experience week	
◇ Thursday 6th February: Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-6:30pm	
◇ Thursday 6th February: Kent Badminton Final	
◇ Friday 7th February: Apprenticeship Fair for Year 12 and select Year 13s at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park. Students will be leaving School at 9:30am to arrive at 10am, and leaving the venue at 12pm.	
◇ Friday 7th February: School Disco for Years 7, 8 and 9, 7pm-9:30pm	
◇ Friday 7th February: Positively Mad Year 9	

Notification of Major Gas Works

Holcombe has received notification that from Monday 17th February engineers will be conducting work on Pattens Lane. For safety purposes, Pattens Lane will be closed at this junction for approximately one week. Pedestrian access will be maintained, and a signed diversion will be in place for motorists via A229/City Way and A230. Temporary lights will remain in place around the work area, to maintain access to Huntsman Close. The works should be finished by the end of half term.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Year 9 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 6th February 2020 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. The event will take place in the school Main Hall. Parking is not available on the school site and we request that you are mindful that Letchworth Avenue is a residential road.

Students should have booked appointments for the evening this week, using the templates they were issued at the start of the week. Please note that meetings with teachers are by appointment only and that there will be no flexibility to meet with teachers that you do not have bookings with. We are aware that the evening is likely to be very popular and potentially oversubscribed. For this reason the number of appointments available for each student has been set to a maximum of seven.

Year 11 GCSE PE

On Wednesday 22nd January, Holcombe's Year 11 GCSE PE team participated in the School's first ever competitive handball fixture. Through a combination of individual skill, teamwork and tactical acumen, they outclassed their much more experienced opponents to win approximately 21-7. The students had been training tirelessly for this and their attitude whilst playing in front of a hostile crowd was a credit to themselves and the School.

Notices Please could parents be reminded to call the School before 8:30am to report student absence.

Chartwells News



Holcombe now has a new food offer at the kiosk. There will be a different offer each day. There is also a new Sixth Form offer - a lunch meal deal, as requested by the students.

Finally, a new artisan style pizza is coming soon to Holcombe Sixth Form. Chartwells will be launching Pizza Tugo in the Sixth Form Block on Monday 3rd February.



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	Key Dates
W/C 27.01.20 and 03.02.20	Year 11 Prelims
03.02.20	Year 10 Work Experience Week
06.02.20	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-6:30pm
07.02.20	Year 12 Apprenticeships Fair
07.02.20	Year 7, 8 and 9 Disco 7pm-9:30pm
07.02.20	Positively Mad - Year 9
10.02.20	Year 11 Art Prelim; Year 11 DT Drop Down Day; Year 11 History Revision Periods 1 and 2
12.02.20	Selected Year 11 students going to Drill Hall University Library
13.02.20	Year 12 Parents' Evening 4:30pm-6:30pm
14.02.20	Selected Year 11 students going to Hysteria Escape Rooms
14.02.20	Term 3 Ends
17.02.20-21.02.20	February Break
24.02.20	Term 4 Commences
W/C 02.03.20	Year 13 Prelims
W/C 09.03.20	Year 13 Prelims
18.03.20	Geography Revision Booster Session selected Year 12 at Emmanuel Centre
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 3

	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 1845-2115pm Victory Academy</p>
TUESDAY	<p>GYM</p> <p>BASKETBALL</p> <p>BADMINTON</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: SPANISH AND FRENCH FILM CLUB S16</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: YEAR 7 BAND IN MUSIC</p> <p>LUNCHTIME: RIDDLE CLUB IN M10 (YEAR 7 and 8)</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>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 1845-2115pm 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.