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Quickfire Week *The week in bullet points*

This Week

- ◇ Year 7s visited Dover Castle on Monday.

Next Week (Week A)

- ◇ Tuesday 16th July: Founders' Day
- ◇ Wednesday 17th July: Sports Day
- ◇ Friday 19th July: End of Term. School will finish at 12:30pm. First day back will be Tuesday 3rd September.

All students celebrated with a wizarding feast and showed superb accuracy and flexibility in their thinking throughout these challenges.

I look forward to starting the club with the new Year 7 intake next academic year. Well done!

Miss Lee

A Spellbinding End of Term

'Over the past fourteen weeks students in Year 7 have joined forces with a selection of Year 9 Computer Scientists to attempt to beat



the dark forces from the World of Harry Potter. Thanks to the innovative technology of Kano and the coding blocks associated with this, students at Holcombe completed sixteen Harry Potter inspired coding tasks.

In this weekly lunchtime club, students learnt to levitate feathers, duplicate magic beans, fly owls and swim with the merfolk all through the power of block based coding. This took place under my watchful eye with students being rewarded house points for their work in the club.

This term students were rewarded for their dedication and proficiency in block based coding whilst also nominating one student to be awarded the house cup for their diligence and support of each other whilst working hard to perfect their own spells along the way.

Fil Kamps Visit

On Friday 5th July we were extremely lucky to be visited by Team GB athlete Fil Kamps who ran a series of



'physical activity' and 'growth mindset' workshops with our Year 7 and Year 8 students. This included participating in fitness sessions with him and undertaking football training. The day finished with a



talk from Fil about resistance and mental health, ending with a question and answer session. Mr Nanson says the day was

'inspirational' and evidence of what our students can achieve with dedication and hard work. We hope seeing and listening to Fil was inspiring and empowering for our students, and we hope they took valuable lessons and skills away with them. Many thanks to the PE Department for coordinating this.

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Futsal Competition

As part of the Founders' Day celebrations on Tuesday 16th July, the PE Department will be running two indoor football competitions during Periods 1-4. Please see the details below.

Year 7 & 8 = Periods 3 & 4

Year 9 & 10 = Periods 1 & 2

Maximum 8 players per team—first come first served.

£1 entry per player

Get your completed team sheet and entrance fee to the PE department as soon as possible. Speak to a member of PE staff if you are interested. You may wear any kit you like but must have shin pads and trainers to play.

Dover Castle Trip

On Monday 8th July Year 7 visited Dover Castle. The visit encouraged students to engage with people, places and experiences outside the classroom in new ways alongside their peers and teachers. The visit furthered the learning of our students about castles and developed a place identity of our location in the South East of England. It also assisted them in preparing for their Year 8 studies in understanding some local context of WWII.

All students took part in the interactive tunnel tours. Shannon 1 were top in house points this year, so they were rewarded with seeing the underground hospital, which they found insightful. Each of the other classes experienced the Operation Dynamo exhibition. Our students enjoyed touring the Castle's battlements and tower and being a part of this piece of local history. Our students also perused the museum, which taught them about the history of the castle through films and other interactivity. They finished the day absorbing the sites of the lighthouse and church.

Miss Martin would like to thank all the staff who were involved in making this trip a success.



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Team Wayfield

A team of twenty Year 10 students did a fantastic job working with pupils from the local community in supporting their end of year sports events.



On Thursday 27th June a group of our Year 10 students supported the school with their sports day, running the event and supporting the teachers. Staff members at Wayfield reported to Ms Tanti how patient and kind our students were. The day was so successful and the students were such a credit to their school that they were invited back the following day to assist the PE Department run the event on a wider scale for several primary schools at Erith Sports Stadium.



Our students were true ambassadors. The staff and pupils from Wayfield Primary School are very grateful for the leadership, encouragement and great role models they provided throughout the two different sports events at school and Trust level. Team Wayfield would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved and look forward to developing further collaborative partnerships in the new academic year.

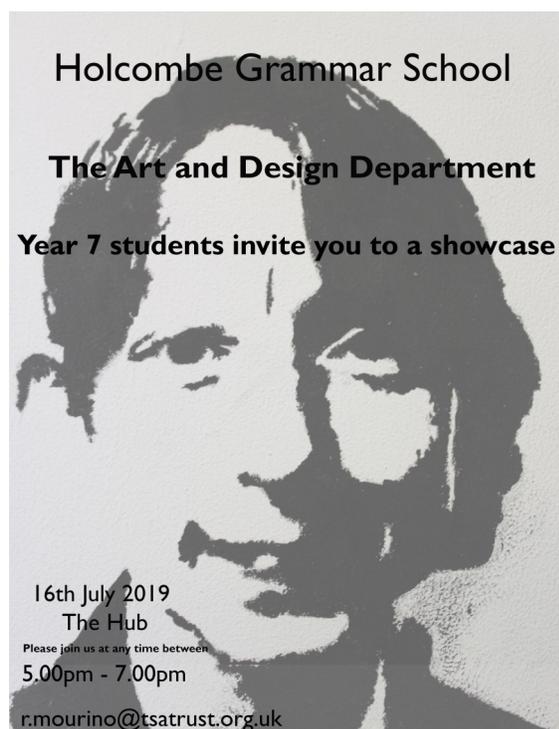
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Year 6 Ambassadors

A Year 6 Ambassadors group was set up at the beginning of term to assist in planning transition events and helping with the incoming Year 6 students. The Ambassadors, made up of select Year 7 students, were absolutely fantastic. They assisted with our Year 5 Taster Session on the 13th June, speaking to prospective new students, showing them to their different sessions and answering all of their questions. They also assisted with the Year 6 Induction Evening on the 27th June, where they talked to students and their parents, the Induction Day on the 4th July, where they guided our new students throughout the day and put them at ease, and in addition these students have helped with drop-in sessions we have been running for various families. The Ambassadors were professional, helpful and we are extremely proud of them for helping with what can be a difficult transition. Plans have also been made to begin an Anti-Bullying support group in September run by volunteers: Matthew Pearson, Billy Walker, Jack Pass, Jaden Edusei and Chisom Obidimalor. We look forward to welcoming our new students, who will be in safe hands with these Ambassadors watching over them.



Year 10 Revision Packs

As Year 10 draws to a close, we turn our attention towards the challenges and exciting times ahead in year 11. Whilst we wish our students a happy and relaxing summer, there is no doubt that this break will need to be punctuated with 'little and often' work and revision. This will help to ensure students return to Holcombe in September, ready and able to continue on their current trajectory to achieving their full potential. With this in mind, we have provided every student with a pack to help them plan their time over the summer and create revision resources, alongside completing homework tasks set by departments.

Subject homework has been designed to support this revision process, and provide students with appropriate activities to do in their revision sessions. As always, tasks have been set on Show My Homework, and copies of the revision pack resources will be available there if needed. We have also added the incentive of a competition and ask that students bring back their used packs in September. Form tutors will have a discussion with the students at the start of term, with emphasis on how the packs were utilised, such as the creative use of the resources, along with completion of homework set by departments. The top twenty (five from each form) will be rewarded, with the overall top three winning Amazon vouchers. Other students will be placed into the celebration draws completed each term, as well as being awarded house points and invited to a pizza night to recognise their efforts.

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End of Term Arrangements

Founders' Day, Tuesday 16th July

Holcombe's annual Founders' Day is taking place on Tuesday 16th July. This celebration event allows students to participate in a range of activities out on the school field, such as stalls and a climbing wall. Students should come into school in their PE kits, wear trainers and make sure they have plenty of water and sun cream with them.

Students will be able to purchase food and drinks from a barbecue the Holcombe Association will be running. A group of our students will be running a tuck shop to raise funds for their sailing trip where students will be able to purchase cakes, sweets, ice creams, etc. Students should bring with them a maximum of £15 in change (no notes).

TAG Day, Thursday 18th July

As part of our charity work at the school, students are encouraged to wear non-uniform clothes to school on Thursday 18th July. This will apply to all year groups, including Sixth Form. In order to participate, students will be asked to bring in a voluntary donation of £1 which will be donated to the Cirdan Sailing Trust. A group of our students will be going on a sailing trip with the Trust in September. The Cirdan Sailing Trust is a registered charity aiming to improve the self-development, integration and learning opportunities for young people through providing them with the challenge of sailing a large vessel at sea. Our students will be involved in all aspects of running the vessel, including planning, navigating, learning to cook and keeping a tidy ship. Your kind donations will allow their adventure at sea to happen.

Students taking part in any TAG Day should not be wearing earrings or baseball caps/hats within school. If wearing a hooded top, they will not be allowed to have the hood up on the school grounds. They should also not wear any clothes with potentially rude or offensive images/logo.



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Should you wish further information on the work of the Cirdan Sailing Trust, please visit <https://cirdantrust.org/> or to make a further donation to support their invaluable work, we have set up an online payment on our ParentPay titled 'Cirdan Sailing Trust Donation.' We are looking forward to seeing lots of non-uniformed students on Thursday 18th July and to raising money for a very worthwhile cause.

Last Day Arrangements, Friday 19th July

The last day of term is Friday 19th July. School will begin at normal time finish at 12:30pm on this date. Buses will depart at 12:45pm and all pupils must be off site by 1:00pm.