

Wellbeing Focus this Term: **Body: be active. Take up The Steps Challenge!**



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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ Year 7 and Year 8 Inter-house Football Competitions took place.
- ◇ Friday the 15th February is the last day of Term. Term 4 begins on Monday the 25th February, which is Week B.
- ◇ Year 9 watched 'Chelsey's Story' at The Brook Theatre in Chatham.
- ◇ Friday was a busy day: Year 10 Art and Design students visited the Tate Galleries. We hope this experience has provided them with inspiration and direction for their own works. Meanwhile, students with 10+ house points were rewarded with a Tag Day.

After Half Term (Week B)

- ◇ Thursday 28th February: Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening between 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Please book via the school website.
- ◇ Wednesday 27th February: DT Year 11 Coursework Day.

Boxing Success

Well done to Archie Barritt, Year 7, for winning his Boxing bout last Sunday 20th February. He has been training hard these last few weeks in preparation to represent his club 'Kent Gloves' and we are very proud of him for his out of school achievements. Keep up the good work, Archie!



Golden Ticket Award Winners

Congratulations to the Key Stage 3 Golden and Platinum Ticket award winners this week! We are proud to recognise members of our school community who meet our high expectations and continue to make positive contributions to their learning environment. Year 7 and 8 are reminded to keep voting for their peers, which alongside the Form Tutor and Head of Year nominations will be awarded again after half term.

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Second instalment of £295 due 16th February.

Norfolk Lakes Year 8: Third instalment of £100 is due. This is the final instalment.

Normandy: Fourth instalment of £120 due. This is the final instalment.

Inter-house Football Competitions

Term 3 Inter-House Football Competitions were held over the past two weeks for Years 7 to 10. The games were carried out in a five team league and we were proud to see that every squad had put forward a full team. Mr Nanson praised the 'competitive spirit' of the players, and their outstanding sportsmanship. A huge thank you to the PE department for all of their efforts in organising the competitions, which have been embraced and enjoyed by our students. Throughout these competitions, students have worked interdependently, developed skills and pushed themselves. The Form Tutors and Heads of Year also deserve a thank you for their support in making this happen. Please see the results overleaf.

Half Term

Have a restful Half Term break! School starts again Monday 25th February, normal time. This will be Week B.

Notices All students Please encourage students to take up the Steps Challenge over Half Term. Students able to measure their steps should record their step count over the break and report to their Form Tutors upon their return. Winners will be announced after half term.

All students please could students use the break to ensure books, stationary and school uniform are named, to aid us in returning lost property.

Year 11 MFL Speaking Prelim Exams for Year 11 will be conducted week commencing 25th February.

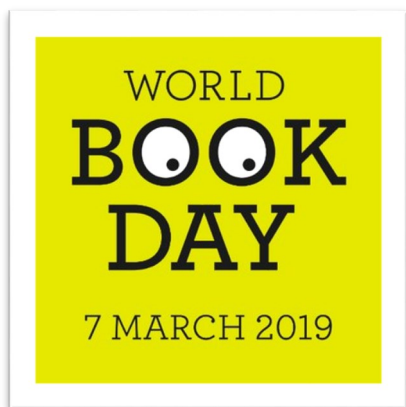
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World Book Day

World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, is fast approaching. At Holcombe it is a requirement that each student has a reading book (of their choice) with them each day. We offer a number of strategies to encourage reading for pleasure. This includes a relationship with Medway Libraries through which all Holcombe students can become members and access books regardless of where they live. Not only can students access the latest titles through school but we also have the advantage of regular contact with the children's and teen librarian from Medway. In addition, forms have been provided with book boxes so that students have an appropriate choice and can invest in engaging reading

In the run up to World Book Day, students will be given access to a wide range of recommended reading appropriate to each year group. Extracts from suitable books will be shared in form time, lessons and through clubs. There will also be an opportunity to listen to extracts from novels read by teachers and sixth form students at lunchtime. The reading culture here at Holcombe continues to grow.

Please contact Mr Still if you would like to discuss any strategies to help support wider reading for your child or would like help on choosing appropriate titles.



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Operation Christmas Child

We have received confirmation from Operation Christmas Child that donations across the United Kingdom and other countries for the Shoebox Appeal this year meant that 11 million shoebox gifts were sent to children in need in 2018! We are very proud as a school to be involved in such a worthwhile project. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.



Dates

18th-22nd February	February Break
Monday 25th February	Term 4 starts
W/C 4th March & 11th March	Year 13 Prelims
Thursday 28th February	Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Thursday 7th March	Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening 4:30-7:30pm
Thursday 21st March	Year 11 Exam Support Evening 5pm-7pm
Thursday 28th March	Year 8 Parent Consultation and Options Evening 4:30pm-7:30pm
8th-22nd April	Spring Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts

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Inter-house Competitions Results

Year 7

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Points	Position
Conquest	4	1	0	3	5	5	5th
Guardian	4	4	0	0	14	12	1st
Shannon1	4	1	0	3	1	6	4th
Shannon2	4	1	1	2	10	7	3rd
Barfleur	4	2	1	1	14	9	2nd

Year 8



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Points	Position
Conquest	4	3	0	1	8	10	2nd
Conquest	4	3	0	1	15	10	1st
Guardian	4	3	0	1	6	10	3rd
Shannon	4	0	1	3	1	10	5th
Barfleur	4	0	1	3	2	10	4th

Year 9



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Points	Position
Conquest	3	2	0	1	6	7	2nd
Guardian	3	1	0	2	2	5	3rd
Shannon	3	0	0	3	0	3	4th
Barfleur	3	3	0	0	5	9	1st

Year 10



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals scored	Points	Position
Conquest	3	1	2	0	1	5	2nd
Guardian	3	2	1	0	6	7	1st
Shannon	3	1	1	2	3	4	3rd
Barfleur	3	0	0	3	5	0	4th