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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

Last Week

- ◇ Geography trip for Year 10 Geography students Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th June.
- ◇ Thursday 13th June: Year 5 taster session 3:45pm-6pm.

This Week (Week B)

- ◇ Year 10 Internal Examinations.

Nucleus Arts Fest

Congratulations to our Year 13 Art and Design students, who will be showcasing their film projects at the Nucleus Arts Fest 2019 on the 22nd June. This will be held at the Nucleus Arts Centre in Chatham High Street at 1:30pm. Our students will present the projects they have been working on this year for their A Levels to an audience. We are thrilled their hard work has been rewarded with this exciting opportunity. Our students have consistently produced original, highly creative work throughout their course and this will be a brilliant way to celebrate everything they have achieved. Mrs Mourino and the rest of us here at Holcombe are extremely proud of them and wish them the best of luck with their future pursuits.

Meet the Marines

Four Year 10 students recently had the opportunity to 'Meet the Marines.' This was an event held at Brompton Barracks for those who may be considering a career with the Royal Marines. Our students came away from the trip with an extensive insight into the roles and working lives of the Marines.

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: The sixth instalment of £295 due 29th June.

Normandy: Final instalment due.

Croatia: Second instalment of £475 is due.

Lanré Salami, Josh Sandys, Ben Peters and Cameron Jarvis spent a day at the Upnor site, Brompton Barracks, to



complete a series of practical tasks. Tasks included team games, climbing, abseiling, boat acquaint, physical training and leadership training. They were also given a brief on life in the Royal Marines and what the process and requirements are to join the Service.

Here are some of the things our students had to say about the experience:

- ◇ 'Physical training was the best as they showed no mercy and pushed us to our limits.'
- ◇ 'It has added another potential route to my future army career.'
- ◇ 'Great experience' and 'great fun.'
- ◇ 'I loved the physical training.'
- ◇ 'The boats were amazing even though we got soaked, however, the abseiling was painful!'

We hope our students took away valuable information from this event and enjoyed the day. Many thanks to our staff members involved in the event.

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Sea Cadets Circular Walk

Congratulations to the Medway Sea Cadets, who successfully completed a Circular Day Walk from Bluebell Hill Crematorium to Boxley and back on



Monday 27th May. The walk involved the students walking a distance of 16km and climbing a height of 420m. The participating cadets included our students Joe McKenzie-Cook and Jaiden Kyle (Year 7). To complete

the walk, our students needed to display stamina, strength, spirit and determination. They kept their spirits up throughout the day, and it was excellent to see them motivating each other and

working together to map-read and orientate themselves. The views were spectacular and the cadets also learned about local history, as well as developed new useful skills.

Here is what Joe says about it: ‘I enjoyed climbing the steep hill in Westfield Wood, I renamed it “Death Mountain”! I enjoyed being outside exploring the environment, looking at the different plants and trees.’

Congratulations to the Sea Cadets, who should be very proud of themselves for this impressive feat.



Message to Parents

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you on behalf of our school. We are asking if there are any members of our community who would be willing to fund a prize for one of our students to be presented at an annual prizegiving. In exchange you would be able to nominate which year group you would like the prize to go to and/or if you would like the prize for a particular subject; you will also be invited to any prizegiving in the future.

Prizes could be in the form of a cup, trophy or book vouchers.

If you need any more information and would like to hear more please contact Mrs Mourino via her email: r.mourino@tsatrust.org.uk.

Normandy Trip

Final arrangements for the Normandy trip have been released with reply slips that must be signed and returned to the Office. Mrs Senges would like to thank the great majority of parents who have paid in the full amount and who have sent in a copy of their child’s passport/visa and EHIC card. If you have not done so, you must do this as soon as possible please. You must bring both passports and EHIC cards on the day of travel, otherwise, unfortunately, your son will not be allowed on the trip. For the full itinerary and a recommended clothing list, please see the letter that went out via ParentPay. If you require another copy, please contact the School Office.

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Dates

Monday 17th June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
W/C Monday 24th June	Year 12 Prelims. All students are on study leave.
24th-27th June	Normandy Trip
Thursday 27th June	Parent Induction for Year 6 students
W/C Monday 1st July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
2nd-3rd July	Sixth Form Induction
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Monday 8th July	Year 7 trip to Dover Castle
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8th, 9th and 10th July	Post-18 application days. Students will be off timetable to prepare for post-school life. The programme covers University and Apprenticeship talks, Personal Statement/ CV writing and workshops. More information to follow.
Tuesday 16th July	Founders' Day
Friday 19th July	End of Term

Year 7 Dover Castle

Reply slips and payment are due for the Dover Castle trip by 29th July. The trip is being held on Monday 8th July. Please could we remind students to arrive at normal time and in uniform (trainers are allowed). Students should bring packed lunches, bottles of water, writing equipment and their reward cards. We will be returning to school around 4pm.

Year 11 Afternoon Exams

Please note that Year 11 students sitting afternoon examinations will be let out of school once these have finished. This means the students will be leaving school earlier, before the usual time of school closure (3:05pm). If you would like your child to remain in school until 3:05pm after an afternoon exam, please email the School Office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Japan Trip

Apologies but the meeting for the Japan in October 2019 has been moved from 7pm to 6pm on 20th June 2019.

We will be joined by Yuki Kushida, a former teacher at Holcombe Grammar School, who is organising the trip and she will give us an overview of the agenda she has planned. There will also be ample time to ask any questions about the trip. This is the only time you will have to meet Mrs Kushida before the trip and so I hope that you will be able to attend with your son/daughter.

Dr Vickery and Mrs Obee will also be travelling with the students to Japan and as Dr Vickery went on the trip last year, he will be able to answer some of the questions you have. He has created an Edmodo group so that he can communicate with the group and asks that you ensure your son/daughter join the group. We look forward to meeting you all next month.