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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ Croatia Trip meeting was held on Monday.
- ◇ Handball Tournament took place on Thursday.
- ◇ Year 11 viewed a Kent Fire and Safety presentation on Friday.

Next Week (Week B)

- ◇ Year 11 Prelims begin.
- ◇ Tuesday 5th February: Athletics Kent Schools Final.
- ◇ Thursday 7th February: Duke of Edinburgh assembly.
- ◇ Thursday 7th February (Year 10) and Friday 8th February (Year 9) Inter-house Football Competitions.
- ◇ Friday 8th February: Apprenticeships Fair for Y13 at Maidstone Leisure Centre.

Term 3 Inter-House Football Competitions

Please see below details of the Term 3 Inter-House Football Competitions. All games will take place on the 3G pitch and students will require their outdoor PE kit, shin pads, and boots/ trainers. Good luck to the students!

Thursday 7th Feb	Periods 1 & 2	Year 10
Friday 8th Feb	Periods 1 & 2	Year 9
Monday 11th Feb	Periods 1 & 2	Year 7
Wednesday 13th Feb	Periods 1 & 2	Year 8

Apprenticeships Fair for Year 13

On Friday 8th February, an Apprenticeship Fair event is being held at Maidstone Leisure Centre. There will be companies across a variety of sectors which will allow students to identify apprenticeship opportunities. Students will come into school at normal time, 8:40am, and will attend registration, leaving school at 9am and will return to school for afternoon lessons. The cost of this trip is £10 and all payments must be made via Parentpay. Students should bring a packed lunch. Permission slips need to be completed and returned to Miss Crawley by Tuesday 5th February. If you require further information, please contact Miss Crawley on l.crawley@tsatrust.org.uk

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.

Handball Tournament



After a previously impressive victory in the Medway Schools Handball competition, Holcombe Grammar School's Year 8 team topped that at the Kent Schools Handball Tournament.

This competition was the next step up for Holcombe from their previous win and saw them take on the best schools in Kent to see who would represent Kent in the South East Regional Finals. Holcombe Grammar soared through their group without defeat, the only team to do so at the tournament, seeing off two of the three teams in their group before a draw in their final game, thanks to impressive goal scoring and defensive displays. Then came the knock out rounds, first a semi-final against Canterbury High, where the movement and energy from Kieran Morgan and Lucas Monks proved frustrating for the group B runners up. After some great saves from goalkeeper Braydon Turner, Holcombe progressed through to the final with a 2-1 victory. Then came the final, and in a tough game against The Harvey Grammar the boys fought hard and won 5-3 against the group B winners.

Holcombe will now advance to the Southern Regional Finals in Surrey in May. The boys displayed great maturity throughout the day and used skills they have learned in lessons and clubs to defeat tough opposition. A great showing from the boys who are a massive credit to the school with both their attitude and skill. Roll on May!

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Dates

W/C 4th & 11th February	Year 11 Prelims
6th-9th February	Rochester Grammar School hosts movie-themed charity dance show Flair. Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start. For tickets, please contact 01634843049
Tuesday 5th February	Athletics Kent Schools Finals
Friday 8th February	Year 13 Apprenticeship Fair
Wednesday 13th February	Year 9 Trip to see 'Chelsey's Story' at The Brook Theatre in Chatham.
Friday 15th February	Tate Galleries Trip for Year 10 Art and Design Students
18th-22nd February	February Break
Monday 25th February	Term 4 starts
W/C Monday 25th February and Monday 4th 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

Holcombe Association



The Holcombe Association is the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) of Holcombe Grammar School. The Association has been going for many years and is one of only a few secondary PTAs in the Country. It is a registered charity and although was set up to support the school, the association has its own governing document and must follow the rules of the Charity Commission.

It is the aim of the Holcombe Association to raise funds to provide equipment, services and materials for the school not covered by the school's budget, but would be used to support and enrich the learning of the students at HGS. The Holcombe Association is made up of a number of committee members; Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer who are responsible for the running of the Association. These are all volunteer parents of students. A Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the running of the association. There is a group of parents who also volunteer to help run and support the School at events.

Every parent, carer and staff member is automatically a member of the Holcombe Association and as such are welcome to our monthly meetings. All committee members will stand down and new members will be voted in. We are looking for nominations for the committee positions and would love to have nominations from parents, carers and staff members who can keep the Association going. Even if you can only offer an hour or two a year to help at events, we would love to hear from you! Nominations can be sent to secretary@holcombe.org.uk by 4pm, Wednesday 6th February.