

European Day of Languages (23rd September) Rosh Hashanah (Begins 29th September) Theme for the week: Thinking Flexibly Thought for the week: 'Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.' Flora Lewis



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## Year 7 Settling in Evening

Holcombe Grammar School is pleased to invite our Year 7 parents and guardians to a Settling in Evening on Thursday 3rd October. This event will take place between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. The main aim for the evening is to support the integration of our youngest year group into our school through networking, sharing ideas and socialising in a relaxed environment. Students will be able to introduce their parents and guardians to the new friends they have made and their peers. We hope parents and guardians will make the most of this opportunity to meet other parents and share stories and experiences on how the boys have settled into our Holcombe community. Teaching staff, form tutors and staff from SEND and Student Services will also be on hand to speak to parents, put worries at ease and answer any questions they may have. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the event.

We hope this will give parents a feel of how the first term has been and prove helpful and insightful. We look forward to seeing you.

## Cake Sale

We are holding a MacMillan cake sale on Friday 4th October, during break time and lunchtime in the Atrium, in memory of our former student Zugo. If you feel able, we would appreciate any contributions of shop bought cakes to sell for a donation to the MacMillan charity. We would be grateful if you could please ensure that any cakes supplied do not contain any form of nuts.

We ask that students please bring cake donations to the SEN department (H22) on the morning of the event. Students must ensure that they bring money to school on this day only, in order to purchase cakes (starting at 50p a cake).

We hope our students will rise to the challenge and aim to beat the £105 total raised last year.

### Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

#### Last Week

- ◇ The sailing trip took place. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.
- ◇ The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition took place this weekend.
- ◇ Letters that went home last week: A letter about our upcoming MacMillan cake sale, a letter to schools from Kent Police and a safety letter. All letters can be found on the school website here:  
<https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/09/letters-home-2019-2020/>

#### This Week (Week B)

## Work Experience Success

Year 13 student Daniel Belsey recently completed a week's work experience in Councillor Vince Maple's office at Gun Wharf, Chatham. Mr Maple is the Councillor for Chatham Central, Medway Labour Spokesperson for Business Support and Leader of the Labour and Co-operative Group. After Daniel's successful week of work experience, Mr Maple wrote a letter to our Director of Education Ms Gage, informing her how impressed he had been with Daniel's work. Mr Maple spoke highly of how Daniel was 'enthusiastic, polite and hardworking and really engaged with the variety of tasks he undertook.' He said Daniel had 'performed brilliantly' when participating in local community radio alongside him. Ms Gage thanked Mr Maple for taking the time to write to us and passing on this positive feedback. Ms Gage was delighted to hear about Daniel and has since met with Daniel to personally thank and congratulate him.

## Football Results

Well done to all students who participated and thank you to staff and parents for their support with these matches. The results are as follows:

Year 7: Holcombe 8 - Strood 1

Year 8: Holcombe 2 - Rainham Mark 6

Year 9: Holcombe 0 - Hoo 4

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	Key Dates
30.09.19	Prefect Applications Invited
03.10.19	Year 7 Settling in Evening
07.10.19	Deadline for Prefect Applications
W/C 07.10.19 and 14.10.19	Year 11 Prelims
12.10.19	Open Morning
17.10.19	Term 1 ends
18.10.19	Staff Development Day
21.10.19-25.10.19	Half term week; Japan Trip 19 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>
28.10.19	Term 2 Commences
18.11.19	Deadline for School Captains' Team Applications; Year 11 Parents' Evening; Year 13 Prelims all week
16.12.19	Year 13 Parents' Evening
18.12.19	Term 2 Ends
19.12.19	School closed in lieu of Open Morning
20.12.19-03.1.20	Christmas Break
06.01.20	Staff Development Day
W/C 06.01.20	Year 12 Prelims
07.01.20	Term 3 Commences
W/C 27.01.20 and 03.02.20	Year 11 Prelims
06.02.20	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10.02.20	Year 13 Prelims
13.02.20	Year 12 Parents' Evening
14.02.20	Term 3 Ends
17.02.20-21.02.20	February Break
24.02.20	Term 4 Commences; Year 13 Prelims all week
19.03.20	Year 8 Parents' and Options' Evening
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
08.05.20	Early May Bank Holiday (instead of Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> )
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
17.07.20	Term 6 Ends
20.07.20	Staff Development Day
21.07.20	Staff Development Day

# Clubs Term 1

	<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> (7.30-8.30AM)	<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (3.05-4.15PM)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>GYM</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>BADMINTON</b> <b>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB B12</b> <b>LUNCHTIME: FRENCH CLUB</b> <b>WEEK A IN S16 / WEEK B IN S14</b>	<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>GYM</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>BADMINTON</b> <b>LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12</b> <b>LUNCHTIME: SPANISH S16 AND FRENCH FILM CLUB</b>	<b>FOOTBALL FIXTURES</b> <b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>GYM</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>BADMINTON</b> <b>LUNCHTIME: MFL HOMEWORK CLUB</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> XI FOOTBALL FIXTURES</b> <b>FOOTBALL FIXTURES</b> <b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>GYM</b> <b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>BADMINTON</b> <b>LUNCHTIME: YUGIOH CLUB H11</b>	<b>BADMINTON</b> <b>HOMEWORK CLUB</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB B12</b>	<b>GYM</b> <b>GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT</b> <b>YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TRAINING</b>

We also have the Medway Victory Sea Cadets Unit. Cadets are expected to regularly attend the unit on Mondays 6pm-8pm 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](mailto:trevor.eaton@cadetmail.mod.uk), or contact Mrs Villalta within school.

