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Wellbeing Focus this Term: 'Keep Learning.'

Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ It has been a sporty week here at Holcombe. Year 7s participated in an Athletics competition on Wednesday 22nd, while inter-house handball tournaments were held for Years 7-10 throughout the week.

After Half Term (Week A)

- ◇ Term 6 will commence Monday 3rd June. This will be Week A. Please check Show My Homework for exam information / revision / homework during the holiday.
- ◇ A Levels and GCSEs continue.

Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 22nd May, selected Year 7 students participated in the Medway School Games Athletics Competition at Medway Park. Students competed against other schools to complete the hurdles, the shot putt and the javelin, among other events. The boys shone throughout the day, worked as a team and fought off difficult opposition. Their efforts were rewarded, as after a tough afternoon, Holcombe won the overall competition. This means our students will represent Medway at the Kent School Games Final on Friday 21st June. An enormous achievement. Well done to our students, and many thanks to staff involved. Good luck to our students. Bring on June!



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Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: The fifth instalment of £295 due 26th May.

Normandy: Final instalment due.

Croatia: Second instalment of £475 is due 1st June.

U15 Hockey

We love hearing about the successes of our students outside of school. We would like to congratulate Ben May,



Year 9, who has successfully made it through to the East England Mercian Hockey play offs with his team, U14.

Ben has played hockey for Holcombe Hockey Club for six years. He started in the Under 10s team and now plays for the hugely successful U14. Ben has successfully gained a place this season in the Kent U15 hockey squad via the England Hockey Player Pathway. The Player Pathway provides an environment that helps all junior players realise their potential, whether that means they are the best club player that they can be, seek a lifelong commitment to the game through coaching, or volunteering, or perhaps go on to represent England or Great Britain at junior or senior level.

Ben has thoroughly enjoyed playing for the county, his team have enjoyed success, coming second in the south league. Well done Ben – your school and club are proud of you!

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Inter-house Handball

A huge thank you to our PE department this week, who coordinated another exciting inter-house competition for our students. This term the tournament was handball. Each form group put forward squads of eight players. Congratulations to our winning houses, Conquest and Guardian. We were proud to see great teamwork and good performances and sportsmanship across the year groups.

Year 7



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals scored	Points	Position
Conquest	4	3	1	0	12	11	1st
Guardian	4	3	0	1	9	10	2nd
Shannon 1	4	0	0	4	4	4	5th
Shannon 2	4	2	1	1	8	9	3rd
Barfleur	4	1	0	3	3	6	4th

Year 8

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals scored	Points	Position
Conquest 1	4	3	0	1	7	10	2nd
Conquest 2	4	4	0	0	16	12	1st
Guardian	4	0	2	2	3	6	Joint 3rd
Shannon	4	0	2	2	0	6	5th
Barfleur	4	0	2	2	3	6	Joint 3rd

Year 9



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals Scored	Points	Position
Conquest	6	2	1	3	8	11	4th
Guardian	6	3	2	1	11	14	1st
Shannon	6	2	2	2	8	12	2nd
Barfleur	6	2	1	3	11	11	3rd

Year 10



	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals scored	Points	Position
Conquest	6	4	0	2	20	14	1st
Guardian	6	3	0	3	12	12	3rd
Shannon	6	3	0	3	15	12	2nd
Barfleur	6	2	0	4	13	10	4th

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Year 11 Revision Sessions

Please see the GCSE revision sessions available during half term. Sessions are only being held in the morning so that students can get home and revise for other subjects should they wish. For these sessions students should aim to be in the classroom and ready to start work for 9am with the session ending at 12.30. Students do not need to wear school uniform and should bring some food and drink with them. Please tick the subjects your son/ daughter wishes on the form that was sent home via ParentPay and email Mr Pay so that we have an indication of how many students are going to show up. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Pay: B.Pay@tsatrust.org.uk.

Date	Morning 9.00-12.30	Room
Wednesday 29 th May	Music	C Block
Thursday 30 th May	Paper 2 Language	A Block
Friday 31 st May	Paper 1 Language	A Block

Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to this week's Golden Ticket Winners. As always, Year 7 students were recognised by their peers and nominated as Golden Ticket Winners for their hard work or exemplary behaviour. Thank you to our students for being positive role models, and to Miss Martin for continuing to coordinate this weekly celebration of success.



Dates

- Monday 27th** May Break
-Friday 31st May
- Monday 3rd** June Term 6 starts
- Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th** June Geography Field Trip for Year 10 Geography students
- Thursday 13th** June Year 5 Taster Session (PM, after school)
- 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