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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ On Thursday, Years 9 and 10 viewed Holocaust Education Trust live webcast featuring the testimony of Holocaust survivor Harry Spiro BEM, to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2019.
- ◇ Reward Bowling Trip took place on Friday.

Next Week (Week A)

- ◇ Monday 28th January: Croatia Trip Meeting for Year 11 and 12 scientists and students interested in ecology and biodiversity, 6pm in B12.
- ◇ Thursday 31st January: Handball Tournament.
- ◇ Friday 1st February: Kent Fire and Safety Presentation for Year 11.

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Second instalment of £295 due 16th February.
Norfolk Lakes Year 8: Third instalment of £100 due 30th January. This is the final instalment.



Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Year 11 Preliminary Exams will be taking place between the 4th and the 15th of February. Exam Timetables are now available. Students were issued with their timetables this week; they were also sent via Parentpay, and are on the website: <https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/01/year-11-prelim-timetable/> If you have any queries, please contact the Exams Officer: e.fox@tsatrust.org.uk.

Croatia Trip

Come along to the Croatia Trip Meeting, 6pm in B12 Monday 28th. For Year 12 and 12 scientists, and students interested in ecology and biodiversity.

Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 8 Athletics team, who have qualified for the Kent Schools Final, taking place on the 5th February. We are rooting for you!

Swimming Success

Huge congratulations to Jack Pass, Year 7, who competed at the Kent Swimming Championships over the weekend. His front crawl swim time placed him sixth in the country! This achievement is simply spectacular. Here is what Jack says about it: 'This weekend I participated in the Kent Swimming Championships 2019. This is where all of the top swimmers in Kent come together to compete against each other. I made the final for every race — this means that I am in the top eight in Kent for every race I swam at the weekend. In the final of the 50m front crawl I swam a personal best time of 29.94 seconds. This placed me third in Kent. That time puts me sixth in England.' Jack is one of our Holcombe heroes. He is an inspiration to us all. Well done, Jack!

Notices

Yu-Gi-Oh Club is now running Thursday lunchtimes in H11, for Years 8, 9 and 10.

Year 10 Art and Design Students: payment for the London Galleries trip is due. Any questions, please contact R.Mourino@tsatrust.org.uk

Request from the Art and Design department. We are looking for donations of old slide machines or projectors. Also, if anyone has a darkroom enlarger that needs a good home, please contact

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Dates

Monday 28th January	Croatia Trip presentation for Year 11 and 12 scientists, and students interested in biodiversity, ecology and conservation, 6pm in B12
Thursday 21st January	Handball Tournament
W/C 4th & 11th	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
Wednesday 6th February	Year 12 versus Year 13 rugby match
Wednesday 13th February	Brooke Theatre Trip to see 'Chelsey's Story' at The Brook Theatre in Chatham. Please return your slips by Wednesday 30th January.
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	Year 13 Prelims
Thursday 28th	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	Spring Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts

Football Academy



The Victory Academy and Holcombe Grammar School, in partnership with Maidstone United, offer a Football Academy for students joining our Sixth Forms. Football Academy students will attend Sixth Form, studying their choice from a range of two-year Level 3 qualifications (A Level or equivalent), including BTEC Sport. The rest of the week will be spent developing their footballing skills whilst training and playing under the guidance of Professional F.A. and UEFA Qualified Coaches. For more information, please see here: <https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/about/football-academy>

Bowling Trip

Over thirty students were awarded a Bronze Award Certificate and badge in the celebration assemblies last week. This is for achieving more than one hundred net house points in Terms 1 and 2. This Friday 25th January, our award winners enjoyed an afternoon bowling together as a prize at the Chatham MFA Bowling Centre. Thank you to the students for all of their hard work, and we hope they had a great afternoon.