

World Autism Awareness Day (2nd April)

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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ Our Year 12s and 13s took advantage of an Apprenticeship Fair at Strood Academy organised by MP Kelly Tolhurst, to help them identify apprenticeship opportunities after A Levels.

Next Week (Week B)

- ◇ Every Wednesday until week commencing 22nd April: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training 3pm-5pm
- ◇ Thursday 28th March: Year 8 Parent Consultation and Options Evening.
- ◇ Friday 29th March: Holcombe Association Disco for Years 7 and 8. Please return your signed envelopes to the School Office by Tuesday 26th March. Only students listed will be admitted; please do not send your child along without prior booking.

Duke of Edinburgh



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

There will be a meeting for students undertaking the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award every Wednesday, 3pm-5pm, until the week commencing 22nd April. Our students have been hard at work during these meetings, preparing for their upcoming expeditions. The practice expedition will be held on the 27th-28th April in Sittingbourne, with the assessed expedition following close behind on the 12th-14th July, also in Sittingbourne. Any questions, please contact Miss Pothitos via her email: m.pothitos@tsatrust.org.uk. Good luck to all students involved, and keep on training!

Year 8 Parent Consultation and Options Evening

Parent Consultation and Options Evening for Year 8 will be held on Thursday 28th March. Students were given packs to take home on Friday with more information.

The Executive Principal's speech is at 5:30pm.

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Third instalment of £295 due 30th March.

Norfolk and Normandy: Final instalments are due.

Croatia: Deposit of £150 is due.

Iceland: First payment of £500 is due 5th April.

Iceland Trip

The Geography Department is arranging a trip to Iceland in April 2020 for Year 9—12 students. This visit offers the opportunity to see many of Iceland's volcanic features as well as other interesting sites such as waterfalls, black sand beaches and plenty more (much of which forms part of our exam level studies). The dates for this trip are 4th–8th April 2020.

The full itinerary for the trip has yet to be finalised but will include visits to the Golden Circle, Þórsmörk, Jökulsárlón and Reykjavik; all of which provide a wonderful educational and cultural experience. The cost of this visit will be approximately £1700. All application forms will be collated and names will be chosen at random. In order to be included in the selection process, please return a copy of your daughter's /son's valid passport and reply slip to Mrs Wood at the School Office by Wednesday 3rd April 2019. The selection will be made on the afternoon of 3rd April. The first payment must be made by ParentPay system by Friday 5th April. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me: c.obee@tsatrust.org.uk.

Notices All students: At the end of Term 4, lost property will be cleared and contents either donated to Charity or used in a 'tuckshop.' This is a quick notice that students will have until the 29th March 2019 to collect any clothes, PE kits or belongings they may have lost. After this date, all contents will have been removed.

Many thanks,

Daniel Marks

Head Boy

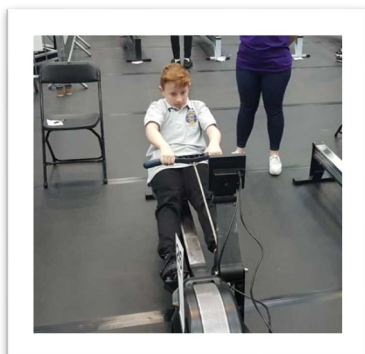
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Rowing Competition

On Friday 15th March, two Holcombe students, Joe Mckenzie-Cook and Andrea Recchia, took part in the Sea Cadets Rowing Competition. They participated in the Year 7 race, where they had to row as far as they could for two minutes.

The boys were fantastic representatives of their School, and both placed very commendably, despite only having a few months' training. Joe came 115th out of 180 participants, rowing 441 metres, and Andrea came 145th, rowing 420 metres. Joe also took part in the boys' team sprint relay, where they had to be the fastest team to row 2000 metres.



Joe said 'I enjoyed the experience visiting the Copper Box Arena in the Olympic Park in London to participate in the National Junior Rowing Championships this year, and hopefully I can take part again next year as a Year 8. Year 8

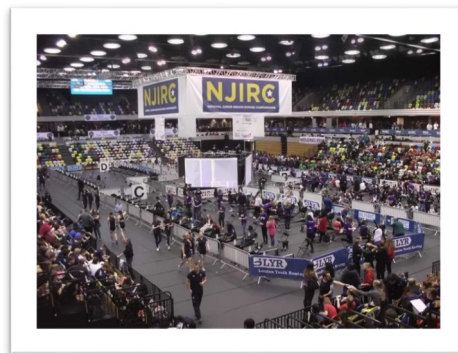
competitors have to row for three minutes. To place 115th with only five months training was a big achievement and I hope that with more training I can place better next year.'

Andrea said 'I had the time of my life! I thought the most amazing part was going to the stadium and back to Victory because of all of the amazing things we saw on the journey. I also liked the part where we got to the stadium and got to go around it to look for stamps for a prize. When it was my turn to do the rowing, it was a bit nerve-wracking, but I placed 24th out of my section. I am proud of my place because I have been training for three or four months now. This was definitely one of the best things I have done.'



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Well done to our Holcombe Heroes, Joe and Andrea!



Tag Day 5th April

As part of our charity work at the school, students are allowed to wear non-uniform clothes to school on 5th April. This will apply to all year groups, including Sixth Form. In order to participate, students will be asked to bring in a voluntary donation of £1 which will be donated to a range of charitable organisations, including the Royal British Legion.

Students taking part in any TAG Day should not be wearing earrings or baseball caps/hats within school. If wearing a hooded top, they will not be allowed to have the hood up on the school grounds. They should also not wear any clothes with potentially rude or offensive images or logos.

Should you wish further information on the work of The Royal British Legion, or to make a further donation to support their invaluable work, it is available at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>. We are looking forward to seeing lots of non-uniformed students on the 5th April and to raising money for a great cause.

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Dates

Thursday 28th March	Year 8 Parent Consultation and Options Evening 4:30pm-7:30pm
Friday 29th March	Holcombe Association Disco for Year 7 and Year 8
Friday 5th April	Tag Day for Royal British Legion
8th-22nd April	Spring Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
W/C Monday 6th May	Year 7, 8, 9 Prelims (core subjects only)
7th-10th May	Norfolk Trip
10th May	Year 10 Finance Exam
Monday 27th -Friday 31st May	May Break
Monday 3rd June	Term 6 starts
Thursday 13th June	Year 5 Taster Session
Monday 17th June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
W/C Monday 24th June	Year 12 Prelims
24th-27th June	Normandy Trip
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening for parents
W/C Monday 1st July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
2nd-3rd July	Sixth Form Induction
Thursday 4th July	Senior Prizegiving
Tuesday 16th July	Founders' Day
Friday 19th July	End of Term

Year 7 and 8 MET

Our Year 7 and Year 8 MET groups meet weekly to discuss their views and interpretations of current events, as well as present an area of interest to the group to widen their understanding of the global community we live in.

Recently, students Jack Pass and Isaac Sesay both delivered an engaging and informative presentation exploring the question 'What are the attributes of a coachable athlete?' Both boys collaborated, drawing upon their experiences and wider research, resulting in a highly enthusiastic group discussion of the skills of habit-forming, resilience and perseverance. Similarly, Demilade Owalabi and Oliver Morris presented their ideas on the topic 'School Reform', drawing upon schooling practices from the UK and the Netherlands. They compared and contrasted the hours of teaching, styles of learning and the relevance of Curriculum. By the end of the presentation and subsequent discussions, the MET group were rooting for Oliver to be the future Minister of Education! Keep up the great work, MET!

Year 9 Progress

We would like to say a huge congratulations and thank you to the following boys for the progress they have made on their recent grade cards. These boys are in the top ten in their year group for progress, which is a fantastic achievement: Tariq Rahman, Faizaan Ahmed, Edward Ferguson, Kavi Naidoo, William Gamet, Jon Treeby, Frank Leonard, Faiz Uddin, Joe Roots and Allen Tumbapo. Thank you to the boys from Mrs Manning, and all of us at Holcombe!