

World Book Day (7th March) "You live several lives whilst reading."

Wellbeing Focus this Term: 'Take Notice.'



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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ School reopened after February Half-Term.
- ◇ Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening was held Thursday 28th February.
- ◇ Year 7s handed in their flood projects to Miss Martin.

After Half Term (Week A)

- ◇ Year 13 Prelims begin.
- ◇ Monday 4th March: Year 11 DT Coursework Day.
- ◇ Wednesday 6th March: Silver DofE Meeting in B21, 4pm-6pm.
- ◇ Thursday 7th February: Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening
Trip to Medway Library (11-1:20pm)
Medway Games Basketball Tournament.

Trip Payment Schedules

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

Norfolk and Normandy: Final instalments are due.

Croatia: Deposit of £150 due 5th March.

Welcome

Welcome back after half-term break. We hope a restful break was had by all and we are excited for the new Term ahead. The Wellbeing Focus this Term is 'Take Notice' which is all about pressing the pause button on our busy lives and savouring our surroundings to give us some well needed breathing space.

Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening

Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening will be held on Thursday 7th March between 4pm and 6pm. To access the booking system please log on to the school website and use 'Quicklinks' at the top of the Homepage, and then 'Parent Evening Bookings.' Bookings will close at 10am on 7th March. If you have any difficulties, please contact Miss Sutton via d.sutton@tsatrust.org.uk.

Year 7 Flood-proof Projects

Geography students in Year 7 this week submitted their own designs for a flood proof building, based on last Term's learning about rivers. The best models were well-built and used a range of materials, which included building bricks, lolly sticks, plastic syringes, cake and sweets. Thomas' project, pictured right, is a house on stilts with a lifting mechanism made with syringes. Ben's project, pictured left, is a very tasty-looking cake, which



has a range of flood defence strategies made from sweets! All students showed in-depth geographical understanding when they presented their models and in the labels explaining their design. Some even contributed unique and inventive flood protection strategies showing their creative thinking skills.

Holcombe Association Disco

The Holcombe Association would like to invite Year 7 and Year 8 of Holcombe Grammar School and Fort Pitt Grammar School. This will be held at Holcombe on Friday 29th March, 7pm until 9:30pm. If your son would like to attend, he will need to collect a designated envelope from the School Office and return it to the Office by Tuesday 26th March, enclosing a payment of £3.50 by cash or a cheque made payable to The Holcombe Association.



We do not issue tickets but the name of your child will be on a list at the door entry points. Only those listed will be admitted. Please do not send your child along without prior booking as they will not be admitted to the disco and you will be asked to collect them.

If you have any queries or concerns, or would like to volunteer on the evening, please contact the Association on chair@holcombe.org.uk or secretary@holcombe.org.uk, quoting 'DISCO' in the subject line.

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Wellbeing Focus this Term:

Dates

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

Friday 29th March Holcombe Association Disco for Year 7 and Year 8

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

Thursday 20th June Year 5 Taster Session

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



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Thursday 11th July End of Year Music Recital and Junior Prizegiving

Tuesday 16th July Founders' Day

Friday 19th July **End of Term**

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

There will be a meeting between 4pm and 6pm next Wednesday 6th March in B21 for all Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants, to start training for the practice expedition. The expedition is on the 6th April.

Computer Science High Achievers

Year 7 students attempted some complex problem-solving questions this week that were taken from an A Level exam paper, intended for 18 year olds. The following individuals gained extraordinarily high results and exceeded the marks that some Sixth Formers achieved on this paper. Harvey Linney achieved a staggering 100% on the paper, Jack Pass achieved 97%, and Papa Amoako-Atta, Jason Gardner and Christopher Labeodan all achieved 94%. We are extremely proud of these young computer scientists!

Teacher Recruitment Fair 2019

At The Thinking Schools Academy Trust we are at the forefront of providing an excellent teaching environment whether you are an experienced teacher or NQT. The Victory Academy are holding a Teacher Recruitment Fair on Tuesday 5th March, 5pm-8pm. The Fair will be the perfect opportunity to find out more about our highly successful Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), ranked in the top ten MATs in the country for GCSE performance of its secondary schools — and the best in Medway and the South East. You'll have an opportunity to meet our school leaders and teachers, and find out more about your teaching prospects in our Trust, including the extensive benefits and CPD that we can offer you. To register your interest to attend our fair, please email recruitment@tsatrust.org.uk.