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Wellbeing Focus this Term: **Body: be active. Take up The Steps Challenge!**

Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

- ◇ It's been a sporty week. Our Athletics teams participated in the Athletics Kent Schools Final at Medway Park. Meanwhile, Inter-house Football Competitions were held for Years 9 and 10.
- ◇ Year 13 attended an Apprenticeships Fair at Mote Park.

Next Week (Week A)

- ◇ Year 11 Prelims continue.
- ◇ Monday 11th February: Year 7 Inter-house Football Competition
Holcombe Association AGM meeting at 7:30pm.
- ◇ Tuesday 12th February: Year 8 Inter-house Football Competition.
- ◇ Wednesday 13th February: Year 9 Trip to see 'Chelsey's Story' at The Brook Theatre in Chatham.
- ◇ Friday 15th February: Tate Galleries Trip for Year 10 students
Reward Tag Day for students with 10+ house points.

Golden and Platinum Ticket Awards

Years 7 and 8 have launched their Golden and Platinum Ticket Awards system this week for the top students in Key Stage Three. Nominated both by their class mates and Form Tutors, Golden Ticket winners were recognised for their positive attitude and impact on learning around the school. Platinum winners were identified by Heads of Year as top achievers who make outstanding contributions to school life and are gaining the most house points on a daily basis.

Mr Curry and Miss Martin served breakfast to the winning students on Wednesday morning. The students were also invited to enjoy lunch together on Friday. Each week awards will be given for students who deserve appreciation for their hard work. Thank you to these Holcombe Heroes for being great role models and fantastic representatives of our School!



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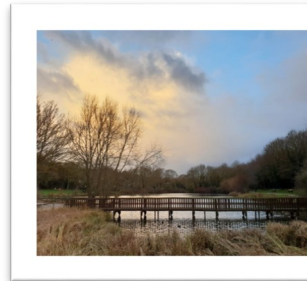
Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Second instalment of £295 due 16th February.

Norfolk Lakes Year 8: Third instalment of £100 is due. This is the final instalment.

Normandy: Fourth instalment of £120 due. This is the final instalment.

Capstone Volunteers



Two of our students did Holcombe proud when they braced the cold and gave up their Sunday in order to join other volunteers at Capstone Farm Country Park, Gillingham, for a Volunteer Day. Henry Pridmore and Lenny Gorham, as part of

their participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, helped prepare for a new bee garden by clearing an area of the Park, with other volunteers and the Capstone Team. The bee garden is being raised as part of a project organised by The Bee Conservation Trust.

One of the rangers said the volunteers were 'a fantastic group.' Lenny said the day was 'good fun' and that he loved 'helping the environment,' while Henry said he 'enjoyed the day a lot.' We are proud of these boys for dedicating their time to the environment and our local community. Holcombe Heroes.

Steps Challenge

As part of a wellbeing initiative implemented by our Staff Wellbeing Committee, staff and students are participating in the Steps Challenge. This is being run across the School to see who completes the most steps. Students able to measure their steps should report their step count daily to their Form Tutors. We will announce winners after half term.

Notices Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening will be held on the 28th February at 4:30pm until 7:30pm.

Year 9 Parents: Please ensure you have signed and returned your vaccination consent forms to the Office.

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Athletics Kent Schools Final

Up against the best schools in Kent, both the Year 7 and Year 8 teams competed admirably in the Kent School Games Indoor Athletics Final on Tuesday 5th February. After a gruelling afternoon of events, the Year 7 squad, many of whom were representing the school for the first time, finished in a very respectable 5th place overall. Particular mentions must be given to Jeevan Benning for his efforts in the Six Lap Race. Meanwhile, the Year 8 squad, whose success in the qualifying rounds enabled the teams to reach the finals, finished in 8th place against the most successful athletics teams in the county. Standout performances included Donald Ogburogho in the triple jump and Gideon Aidoo in the two lap sprint. The boys were outstanding ambassadors for the school and we look forward to the outdoor athletics season with excitement and optimism.

Dates

W/C 4th & 11th February	Year 11 Prelims
Wednesday 13th February	Year 9 Trip to see 'Chelsey's Story' at The Brook Theatre in Chatham.
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 25th February & 4th March	Year 13 Prelims
Thursday 28th February	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 April	Spring Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts



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Sea Cadets Presentation Evening

A total of ten Year 7 and 8 Holcombe students were proudly involved in their first Sea Cadet 'Area Officer' visit and inspection on Monday the 4th February.

The most well represented House from our school was Shannon, with Lucas in Year 8, Harry, Nimi, Jonathan, Joe, Luca, Andrea and Jack in Year 7, who all enrolled as New Entries to this unit.

Jaiden and Feranmi, Year 7, were also presented their Enrolment Certificates and Beret, and Lucas was given his 3rd Class Basic First Aid award. It was excellent to see the Ceremony being attended by so many friends, family and members of staff, showing support to these students. We are proud of our Holcombe Grammar School and The Victory Academy students working together to build character and resilience.

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, or contact Mrs Villalta within school.

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