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Quickfire Week

The week in bullet points

This Week

Letters that went home last week:

- ◇ Open Morning - Year 9, 10 and 11
- ◇ Work Experience - Year 12
- ◇ National Citizen Service - Year 12

All letters can be found on the school website: <https://www.holcombegrammar.org.uk/2019/09/letters-home-2019-2020/>

Next Week (Week A)

- ◇ Year 11 Prelims
- ◇ Thursday 17th October: Positively Mad Workshop
- ◇ Friday 18th October: Inset Day. No students in school.
- ◇ Half term week 21st October - 25th October. Term 2 commences 28th October.

Year 7 Settling in Evening

Holcombe held its annual Year 7 Settling in Evening on Thursday 3rd October. Parents and Guardians of Year 7 students were able to socialise and meet teachers, form tutors and members of staff from SEND and Student Services and see how their children have settled into the Holcombe community. This was a great opportunity for parents and guardians to gain a better understanding of their child's life at Holcombe in a relaxed environment over tea and coffee. Parents were invited to complete questionnaires on the day, answering questions about how their child has settled, whether they feel safe and happy at school, whether they feel the school is supporting their child's wider personal development and whether they would recommend the school to other parents. The initial feedback received from the questionnaires is very positive, with comments made including that students have 'settled in well', are 'happy here' and one parent commenting that Holcombe has helped their child 'embrace new independence and responsibilities.'

Year 12 Work Experience

Every student in Year 12 will have the opportunity to complete a one-week work experience placement. Students will be completing the placement from 29th June – 3rd July 2020. This is essential for developing and preparing students for life in the workplace, but also a great opportunity for them to experience life in a career or industry that interests them. It is important to note at this stage that it is the responsibility of the student to source their own work experience placement. Students, parents and carers should be aware that it is a condition of the scheme that the pupils shall not receive payment. We will be hosting a drop-in session for parents and carers on Thursday 14th November, where we will talk you through the work experience programme, and be available for further questions. The time of the drop-in session is from 15.30 - 17.00. Please email Mr Fielding to confirm attendance for the drop-in session: m.fielding@tsatrust.org.uk. The deadline for students to have confirmed their work experience placement and informed the KS5 team is Friday 30th November 2019. Any students who have not secured their own placement by this time will be put through the school's work experience provider to ensure they do have a placement to attend. The cost of this service is approximately £50. For any additional information, please contact Mr Fielding.

Medway Schools Cross Country



Some of our students were involved in the annual Medway Schools Cross Country Competition on the 10th October. Oliver Webb placed first in the Year 7 race, Oliver Curd placed first in the Year 11 race and Isaac Thomas came first in the Year 12 / 13 race, while Alex Donnelly came fifth. Isaac (pictured) has been participating since he was in Year 8 and is delighted to have come first this year.

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	Key Dates
07.10.19	Deadline for Prefect Applications
W/C 07.10.19 and 14.10.19	Year 11 Prelims
12.10.19	Open Morning
17.10.19	Term 1 ends
18.10.19	Staff Development Day
21.10.19-25.10.19	Half term week; Japan Trip 19 th -27 th
28.10.19	Term 2 Commences
28.10.19	Macbeth Trip - Year 11
21.11.19	Deadline for School Captains' Team Applications; Year 11 Parents' Evening; Year 13 Prelims all week
26.11.19	Sixth Form Open Evening
10.12.19	Christmas Carol Concert
18.12.19	Term 2 Ends
19.12.19	School closed in lieu of Open Morning
20.12.19-03.1.20	Christmas Break
06.01.20	Staff Development Day
W/C 06.01.20	Year 12 Prelims
07.01.20	Term 3 Commences
W/C 27.01.20 and 03.02.20	Year 11 Prelims
06.02.20	Year 9 Parents' Evening
10.02.20	Year 13 Prelims
13.02.20	Year 12 Parents' Evening
14.02.20	Term 3 Ends
17.02.20-21.02.20	February Break
24.02.20	Term 4 Commences; Year 13 Prelims all week
19.03.20	Year 8 Parents' and Options' Evening
03.04.20	Term 4 Ends
10.04.20	Good Friday
13.04.20	Easter Monday
06.04.20-17.04.20	Spring Break
20.04.20	Term 5 Commences
23.04.20	Year 10 Parents' Evening
08.05.20	Early May Bank Holiday (instead of Monday 4 th)
22.05.20	Term 5 Ends
25.05.20-29.05.20	May Break
01.06.20	Term 6 Commences
W/C 15.06.20	Year 10 Prelims
W/C 22.06.20	Year 12 Prelims
25.06.20	Year 7 Parents' Evening
17.07.20	Term 6 Ends
20.07.20	Staff Development Day
21.07.20	Staff Development Day

Clubs Term 1

	<i>BEFORE SCHOOL</i> <i>(7.30-8.30AM)</i>	<i>AFTER SCHOOL</i> <i>(3.05-4.15PM)</i>
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB B12</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: FRENCH CLUB WEEK</i> <i>A IN S16 / WEEK B IN S14</i>	<i>TABLE TENNIS</i> <i>SEA CADETS 6-8PM AT VICTORY ACADEMY</i>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: BOOK THIEVES B12</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: SPANISH AND FRENCH</i> <i>FILM CLUB S16</i>	<i>FOOTBALL FIXTURES</i> <i>HOMEWORK CLUB</i>
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: MFL HOMEWORK CLUB</i> <i>S16</i>	<i>1ST XI FOOTBALL FIXTURES</i> <i>FOOTBALL FIXTURES</i> <i>HOMEWORK CLUB</i>
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>BASKETBALL</i> <i>BADMINTON</i> <i>LUNCHTIME: YUGIOH CLUB H11</i>	<i>BADMINTON</i> <i>HOMEWORK CLUB</i> <i>SEA CADETS 6-8PM AT VICTORY ACADEMY</i>
<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>LUNCHTIME: DEBATE CLUB</i> <i>B12</i>	<i>GYM</i> <i>GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT</i> <i>YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TRAINING</i>

We also have the Medway Victory Sea Cadets Unit. Cadets are expected to regularly attend the unit on Mondays 6pm-8pm The Victory Academy in smart, tidy uniform. 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 with-in school.

