



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

*The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy*



## DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The last two weeks have been very busy and productive here at Holyrood, which I hope you will see from what is a bumper entry from me, this week!

I would like to begin by congratulating some fantastic young people who have received offers to do amazing things once they complete Year 13 with us. Last week, we found out that Isla Vincent has received an offer to study Biochemistry at Oxford University from September, subject to her achieving her grades. We wish Isla the very best of luck and I am sure that she will do us all proud (like she does every day!).

I would also like to congratulate Lily Farmer and Nathan Searle, who have both achieved such wonderful Higher-Level Apprenticeships with Albert Goodman Accountancy. There were only 14 places available and our students have 2 of them!

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### FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- PTFA Quiz Night
- Message from Head of Sixth Form
- Spring Clubs
- Tree Planting Festival
- RWKUS

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Some highlights from our feedback:

- The teaching seen was very strong across departments
- Tutor times seen were consistently excellent - our visitors were impressed by the structure and commitment to reading, and the students involved spoke highly of this
- Our students did us proud! They spoke of our work to improve students' experience bullying, PDP, rewards, clubs and trips and the positive impact that has had on them and the school. They were incredibly proud of themselves and their school, our visitors commented on this regularly and were taken aback by it!
- The structures around Restart and Internal Exclusion were praised as having an impact upon behaviour in the school and keeping students learning in line with the curriculum when they are not in lessons.
- Behaviour observed around the site, as well as through interrogation of the school's data, was recognised as having improved significantly and continuing to improve.

Some things we need to work on to be even better:

- We would like to improve our KS4 Religious Studies provision, so that students who do not choose to take RPE at GCSE are still prepared for life in modern Britain.
- We would like to refine and improve our Careers Education programme, and add capacity to the team of people who are delivering this so that it has a positive impact upon all students.
- We would like to encourage more students to attend our clubs offer, so that everybody gets to attend an amazing club each week!

Finally, I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed a really high-quality Head of English, who comes very highly recommended, having improved results and provision at Preston School in Yeovil, as Head of English. Claire Lawson will join us after May Half Term, once her Year 11s have left.

### Best Wishes

**MR. DAVE MACCORMICK**

Headteacher

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fabulous events coming up soon for Holyrood Academy**

More information on all of these events online soon:

20th January	The Big Quiz Tables bookable through the PTFA facebook page. Booking essential
24th March	Easter Bingo Tables bookable through the PTFA facebook page. Booking essential
Saturday 13th May	Car Boot and Dog Show
Saturday 10th June	Car Boot
Saturday 8th July	Car Boot

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

What a fantastic first week and a half back we have had in the Sixth Form. We have had several guest speakers in, and our enrichment sessions have been incredibly popular, with a special thanks to Mr Migliari and Miss Brynley-Jones for enthusing our students so much with their own passions on International Relations and Animal Behaviour respectively. Our debating team went to the MACE regionals and whilst they didn't win this time, they did us proud by unpicking the merits of proportional representation. The Year 11 interviews for next September's Year 12 entrants have started and we are now pleased to inform you that we are offering A Level Music next year. A brilliant opportunity we can offer due to the refurbished Music block, the brand new Mac suite and crucially our specialist teachers.

We also have developed our links further with Exeter University. Whilst I will continue to support the university bridging the gap between Year 13 and undergraduate study habits and support, we are now pleased to announce that Hannah Grant, one of Exeter University's Engagement Officers, will be working in the Sixth Form a minimum of one day a month to start with, to offer further careers advice and showcase the opportunities available to all our students. The wonderful thing is that this will benefit all career paths by enriching the students' experiences with supra curricular activities, helping them to make fully informed decisions about their futures. An excellent development of the seven year journey we offer here at Holyrood.

The real success I want to share with you, is that of our students. Since the start of January we have had wonderful news about where some of our Year 13 students will be moving on to at the end of this summer. Lily Farmer and Nathan Searle both secured highly competitive traineeships at Albert Goodman accountancy firm. Both are absolutely elated and rightly so, after three different rounds of interviews over the course of the last few weeks and beating other young adults from across the country. I am also incredibly proud to share the superb success of Isla Vincent being offered a conditional place to read Biochemistry at Oxford University. Isla achieved a fantastic set of GCSE results while studying at Holyrood Academy and is set to achieve an impressive series of A Level results this summer, requiring her to achieve A\*AA to enter Oxford University. Isla's work ethic is extraordinary but what makes her stand out in such a special way is how she embraces every opportunity provided to her, she has participated in every sphere of school life since Year 7 and always with a smile on her face. The kindness she shows to everyone can be seen in everything she does. She has truly put into practice the 'Holyrood Way' of 'Work Hard, Be Kind, Join In'. We are proud of all our students and I am honoured to be able to support them all in achieving whatever it is that they desire, nothing is unachievable.

I wanted to share the joy and success with you all, our Sixth Form is going from strength to strength and we have so much more to share with you soon.

**Mrs Felicity Challis**  
**Head of Sixth Form**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



# Spring Clubs 2023



## MONDAY



## TUESDAY



## WEDNESDAY



## THURSDAY



## FRIDAY



D of E Bronze	KSE/ DT	Mondays	lunchtime	E10 and M2	yr 9,10
Bronze IDEAAward	CP	Mondays	lunchtime	A3	KS3 yrs 7,8 and 9
Gym Access	RBA	Mondays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and staff
BasketBall	KDR	Mondays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	yr 7
Girls Football	KDR	Mondays	afterschool	ATP	all girls

D of E Silver	KSE	Tuesdays	lunchtime	E 10	yr 11
D of E Gold	IHA	Tuesdays	lunchtime	6th form	yr 12 &13
Yr 10 book club	KWI	Tuesdays	lunchtime	A6	yr10 only
Creative Writing Club	SVA/ EEV	Tuesday B	lunchtime	B6	yr 7 and 8
Crochet Club	LGI/JBO	Tuesdays	lunchtime	A5	all students and staff
Badminton	EBO	Tuesdays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	all students and staff
Hero Realms	CSL	Tuesday A	lunchtime	M4	all students and staff
Younique	SDA	Tuesdays A	lunchtime	A4	all students and staff
Adams Family rehearsal	Production team	Tuesdays	afterschool	Main hall	all students and staff
Yr 8 boys Football	SJE	Tuesdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 8 boys
Netball	KAR/SPR/KDR	Tuesdays	afterschool	Courts	Yr 7,8,10 11 girls
Design Club	LHU	Tuesday A	afterschool	Repro	all students
Art Studio	Art Team	Tuesdays	afterschool	All art rooms	KS4 and 5
Addams Family Makeup & Props	JWI	Tuesdays	afterschool	F1	All students and staff

Yoga	MTH	Wednesdays	morning 8 am	J8	6th form
Art Club	SMU	Wednesdays	lunchtime	E8	yr 7
Workout in French	JMI	Wednesdays	lunchtime	G4 at 1.45	all students and staff
Pop Choir	NWI	Wednesdays	lunchtime	F3	all students and staff
Gym access	KAR	Wednesdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and staff
Dance	KDR	Wednesdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle studio	all students and staff
Poetry Club	PDW	Wednesday	lunchtime	A5	all students and staff
Rugby Skills	AEA	Wednesdays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	all students and staff
Eco Club	BHA & VBU	Wednesdays	afterschool	E1	KS3 and KS4
Boys Drama club	LMA	Wednesday	afterschool	DM1	KS3 and 4
Girls Indoor Cricket	SPR	Wednesdays	afterschool	Sports Hall	All girls
Yr 7 Girls Rugby	KDR	Wednesdays	afterschool	Field	Yr 7 girls
Yr 7 Boys Football	PRE/ KDR	Wednesdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 7 boys
Art Studio	Art Team	Wednesdays	afterschool	all art rooms	KS 4 and KS5

Dance	KDR	Thursdays	lunchtime	Lifestyle studio	All students and staff
Handball	SPR	Thursdays	lunchtime	Sports Hall	All students and staff
Board Games	DMO	Thursdays	lunchtime	M3	Yr 8 and 9
Attenborough Club for yr 7	DCO	Thursdays	lunchtime	E4	yr 7
School Band	NWI	Thursdays	lunchtime	F3	all students and staff
Design Club	KGO	Thursdays	lunchtime	Repro	all students and staff
Art Studio	Art Team	Thursdays	afterschool	all art rooms	KS4 and KS5
Adams Family rehearsal	Production team	Thursdays	afterschool	DM1	all students and staff
Year 9 Girls Netball	EBO	Thursdays	afterschool	Courts	yr 9 girls
Girls Rugby	SJE/KAR	Thursdays	afterschool	ATP	all girls
Boys Football yrs 9 & 10	AEA/RBA	Thursdays	afterschool	ATP	yr 9 & 10 boys

Colouring Club	RBA	Fridays	lunchtime	A2	yr 7,8 and 9
Board Games	CBR	Fridays	lunchtime	H2	y 7
Basketball	KDR	Fridays	lunchtime	Sports hall	yr 8, 9, 10 and 11
Gym access	SJE	Fridays	lunchtime	Lifestyle gym	all students and sta
Fantasy Football	OLO	Fridays	lunchtime	L1	all students and sta
Dungeons and Dragons	HM	Fridays	lunchtime	F8	yr 8 students
Rock School	NWI	Fridays	afterschool	F3	all students and sta

## DINNER MONEY TOP UPS

Please can you ensure you have topped up your child's account in a timely manner, as there are sometimes delays in money reaching your child's account. These delays are beyond our control, as they due to online payments processing queues. If your child is having a problem please remind them to speak to a member of the catering staff or school staff .

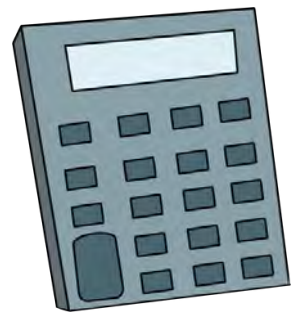
## ABSENCE

To ensure that your child's absence is actioned quickly and added to the register please report your child's absence to the school via the school's

Absence Line - **01460 260100** - Option 1, for years 7 to 11

or

for Sixth Form students at [sixthform@holyrood.uat.ac](mailto:sixthform@holyrood.uat.ac)



# Stationery

Make sure you are equipped!

Parents/carers can buy items online including:

pencil case with equipment (£2), set of 5 pens or pencils (£1), assessment prep book (£2.50), calculator (£11.50), document wallets (£1.75), socks (£1) and ties (£7.00).

Also available **with cash** from The Learning Centre before school from 8am, at break/lunch times and until 3.30pm

Pens 10p	Display wallets £1
Pencils 5p	Pencil cases with equipment £2
Fineliners 40p	Ties £7
Rulers 10p/15p	Calculators £11.50
Erasers 10p	Other items for sale too!

Remember!  
You can't buy  
stationery with  
your thumb  
print!



## PTFA FAMILY FUN QUIZ NIGHT

The PTFA are excited to announce their annual Holyrood PTFA Family Fun Quiz Night!

When: Friday 20th January

Time: Doors Open 6:00PM

Quiz Starts 6:30PM

Where: Holyrood Upper Site Hall



Tables of 6  
£2.50 per Adult  
£1.50 per Child



Email:

[holyroodptfa@gmail.com](mailto:holyroodptfa@gmail.com)



## RWKUS

A 'chance to dance' event with Bristol based band **RWKUS** playing nu-Jazz, Hip Hop and Latin.



This Festival favourite group is top notch music for all of the family.

Tickets available from

- the **LRC**
- By phone: **01460 260130**
- Online: **HERE**



Friday February 24th

### TICKETS

£4 Child  
£10 Adult

Family tickets are available.

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## VIRTUAL ROUTES INTO STEM

For Year 9 and 10 and 11 students

Virtual Routes into STEM is happening in February half term 2023!

Take your chance to:

- Explore different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, Apprenticeships
- Engage in projects and activities such as a Biopharm challenge from GSK, a Design challenge from Balfour Beatty, a RSC Chemistry challenge and many more exciting challenges in all aspects of STEM
- Enhance your problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and innovation skills as well as inspiring you to find careers motivation
- Create your own personalised action plan to see your own Route into STEM and learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV or Personal Statement

Gain an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award showing all that you have achieved on the course

Places are limited so do not delay and apply [here](#) today!



# HOT CHOCOLATE FOR SALE

£1 for each cup of hot chocolate  
50p for individual toppings  
(whipped cream and marshmallows)

Come to C Courtyard at lunch  
times for your warm hot drinks!



**From Monday the 16th -  
Monday the 30th January**



All proceeds go towards the Year  
11 Prefects raising money for  
Chard Community!



Please bring any tubs which you have collected over the break  
to Mrs Marlow in Food & Nutrition (Rooms C2 & C3)



# Innovate

## AWESOME THEME DAYS COMING UP THIS SPRING

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<b>ASIA</b> JAN 5 <sup>TH</sup> - FEB 2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b> 18 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH
<b>VEGANUARY</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> - 10 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	<b>Valentine's!</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> - 10 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	<b>AFRICA</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> - 9 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH
	<b>Pancake Day</b> 21 <sup>ST</sup> FEB	<b>EASTER Specials</b> 20 <sup>TH</sup> - 31 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH

**ASIA**

CONSISTS OF:  
China, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Japan, Vietnam, The Philippines, Bangladesh, Thailand, Nepal



**AFRICA**

CONSISTS OF:  
Nigeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Algeria, Morocco, Angola




## GERMAN SPEAKING CLUB





Wo und wann?  
**Tuesday lunchtimes in G3**  
*Dienstagnachmittags in G3*



You are allowed food to bring  
*Man darf Essen mitbringen*

*Ab 01 November 2022...*


**German speaking club for Y8 9 and 10**  
*Deutschsprechstunde für J8 9 und 10*




**Englisch ist verboten**



## PROGRAMMING DEN




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Mission Brief:  
Stretch your programming and media abilities  
with a range of exciting challenges to test your  
skills.

**ACCEPT**

Location = "C5"  
Time = "Wednesday Lunch"  
With = "Mrs Welsh"





## YOUNIQUE CLUB

Join and be yourself!

Wednesdays | Week A  
Lunchtimes in A4

Diversity, equity and inclusion  
rules.

Year 8 and above.

you  
love  
ENOUGH

Shine  
Bright

INSPIRE

Believe  
in  
yourself



YOUNIQUE

## TREE PLANTING FESTIVAL



All year 7 students will be taking part in the WOODLAND TRUST tree planting festival to help improve our environment.

They could be planting up to 450 trees on the school site!!!!



WOODLAND  
TRUST

## SOMERSET'S YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Holyrood Academy's Art has been invited to take part in Somerset's Young Artist's Exhibition at the Octogan in Yeovil as part of their Christmas event.

The exhibition will run from  
**8th December 2022 to 22nd January 2023.**

This is a great opportunity to visit celebrate our young talent in Somerset.

<https://www.octagon-theatre.co.uk/participation/visual-arts/>



### **HOMework CLUB** Everyone Welcome

Mon-Thurs  
3:10PM - 4:20PM

**The Learning Centre**  
(Upper Site)

Come along and complete your homework in a calm and supportive environment.

### **HOLYROOD PTFA PRELOVED UNIFORM**

Available from the Community Hub; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Blazers £5  
All other items £1

Proceeds to Holyrood PTFA and to the Community Hub

Find the Community Hub in the old DOVETAILS shop - opposite Superdrug.



IN COLLABORATION WITH GENIUS PR &  
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Chard  
GUILDHALL  
Conference & Events Venue



Fantastic lineup with full bar available.  
Come join what is set to be a highly entertaining evening!



MC - TOM GLOVER



EL BALDINIHO



IAN MURPHY



TOM DEACON

Lineup may be subject to change, a top night guaranteed

Tickets price £10.00 in advance from  
[Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)\* or Guildhall reception

**Saturday 18th February 2023**

**Doors open at 7.00 and show starts at 8.00**

The Guildhall, Chard TA20 1PP 01460 239567 [www.chard.gov.uk](http://www.chard.gov.uk)



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\*Booking fee  
applies