



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

*The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy*



## DEAR PARENT/CARER,

I hope you and your family had a lovely weekend.

I would like to begin by paying tribute to Year 11 who have now completed their mock exams and did so with great maturity as well as excellent behaviour. One thing to work on ahead of the real thing is the efficiency of their personal organisation, which may or may not be a surprise for you at home! Students who remember to bring their exam timetable, check where they are sat and come with all relevant equipment for each exam (including their clear pencil case) are most calm and successful. We wish Year 13 the very best of luck as they approach their mock exams this week.

Unfortunately, we are set to be affected by more industrial action this week, as the dispute between the NEU and the Government continues. Please rest assured that although strike action is deemed necessary by the NEU, our staff remain 100% committed to our community, whether they choose to take strike action or not.

**CONTINUED.....**

**HOLYROOD**  
— ACADEMY —

### FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- **Chard Together**
- **Holyrood's Happy Hour**
- **Year 11 & 13 Exam Mental Health Support**
- **PTFA Easter Bingo**





## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

Please remember through the MCAS app you can see lots of instant information for example, your child's attendance, timetable and exam information. In addition, you can top up your child's food account and also pay for resources and trips .

If you don't have a MCAS account, please email [finance@holyrood.uat.ac](mailto:finance@holyrood.uat.ac) providing your name and your child's name, so we can send you your log in details and instructions.

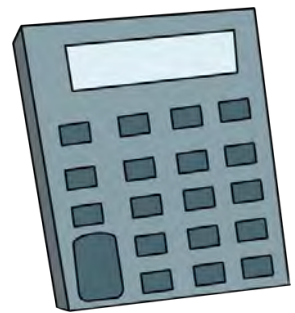
## ABSENCE

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!





## SOMERSET FOOD CHAMPION TRAINING

This practical 2 day course is free to anyone working in the community of Somerset who is interested in making an impact to their local area through food.

This course will help you to expand your cooking knowledge, skills and confidence to share with others in group settings.



### Training Dates for 2023:

23rd & 24th March - Bridgewater  
30th & 31st March - Highbridge  
20th & 21st April - Shepton Mallet  
4th & 5th May Watchet  
13th & 14th July - Yeovil  
20th & 21st July Wincanton  
7th & 8th September - Wellington  
21st & 22nd September - Somerton

### Application Information

To apply please head [here](#) or email if you have any queries: [healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk)

We are looking forward to partnering with you – Better Together!



[healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk)

## **YEAR 11 & 13 EXAM MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT DROP IN**

**With the Student Mental Health Team;  
Mrs Herfet & Mrs Dalton**



- **Get help with/offload any worries**
- **Find out more about boosting mental health**
- **Learn some effective support strategies**
- **Have a chat**
- **Ask any questions**
- **We're here to listen.**

**Where:**

**The Loft - Week A**

**LRC - Week B**

**When: Every Friday Tutor Time starting after half term**





# YR 10 TENNER CHALLENGE SNACK SALE



**MENU:**

Waffles: £1

Popcorn: £1.50

Pancakes: £1

50p for each topping that is available (Topping variety may change)

Available to buy from C - Block Courtyard every Tuesday and Thursday from the 7th of March to the 23rd of March.



Come see us. Karamell - Snacks near you

## IT SKILLS AND GAMING CLUB

### IT Skills and Gaming Year 7 + 8



C4

Mr Easton

Where

Who with

Monday at lunch

When

You can be as creative as you like. Design, code and test a game. Learn essential IT skills using Microsoft

What will we learn?





# Chard Together

**ORGANISED BY CHARD'S ETHNIC DIVERSE COMMUNITIES**

This is an annual event, with additional cultural days for key community groups throughout the year

PERFORMANCES  
ON STAGE

WORK  
SHOPS

ALL  
WELCOME

BHANGRA DANCING



DRUMMING WORKSHOPS



ENIGMA BORDER MORRIS



GUILDHALL  
CHARD

STALLS

LOCAL  
SCHOOL  
CHOIR

SATURDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
2023

FREE  
ENTRY



ChardCast  
multipoint of an amazing town



FOOD FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES



11 am  
- 3pm

Do you want to  
join in on the day?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EVENT:  SERENA 07793 074 039  @CHARD TOGETHER





## Holyrood Happy Hour!!

Anyone can come along for a chat  
and old fashioned board games  
Starting at 3.30pm ends at 4.30pm



Light refreshments  
tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits

## HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR

Open to all!

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat for all  
in the community.

When:

16th March 3:30PM - 4:30PM

30th March 3:30PM - 4:30PM

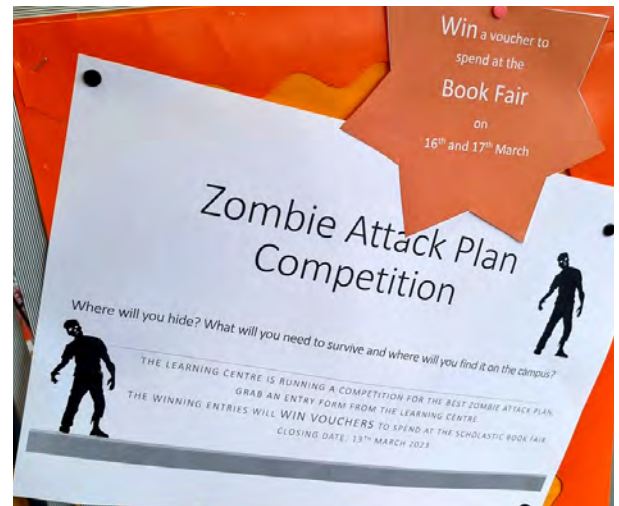
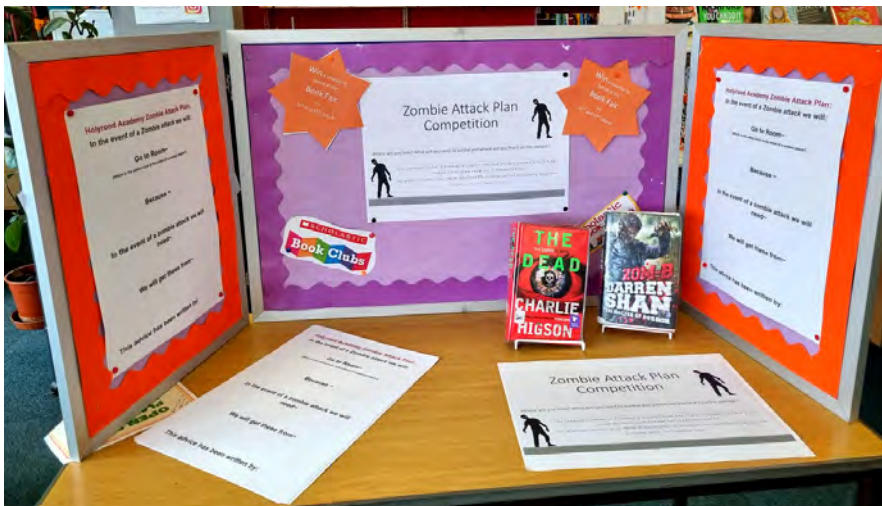
Where:

Holyrood Main Hall

Funded by the Prefects and  
staffed by D of E Volunteers.



## ZOMBIE ATTACK PLAN COMPETITION





82

67

52

31

# Holyrood PTFA's Easter Bingo



## Friday 24th March

Doors open 6pm - Eyes Down 6.30pm  
Holyrood Upper Site Hall

## 7 Prize Hampers plus Raffle

Chocolate Hampers \* Breakfast Hampers \* Roast Dinner Hamper

First and Second line prizes \* Plus a Flyer - "Star Prize" \*

£1 per Book

£3 for the Flyer

£10 + 6 games + the flyer + a strip of raffle tickets

## REFRESHMENTS

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Snacks - Alcoholic & Non Alcoholic Drinks -  
available to purchase on the night

Please note - Only drinks and snacks purchased  
from the premises can be consumed onsite.

to book message us on

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/  
PTFAHOLYROOD](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PTFAHOLYROOD)

EMAIL

[HolyroodPTFA@gmail.com](mailto:HolyroodPTFA@gmail.com)  
CALL Sarah 07821 448902

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**CREWKERNE SUPPORTING CANCER RESEARCH UK**

# **Ilminster Easter Hunt**

## **Saturday 8th April 2023**

**Fun family Easter egg hunt around the town of Ilminster**

**£5 per child**

**Easter prize for each paying participant**

**Limited spaces so be sure to secure your place now!**

**Call or message Louise on 07939 346422 for an entry sheet**

**This activity takes place in Ilminster town centre and involves crossing busy roads.**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Please take care when completing the trail and use pedestrian crossings where possible.**

**Cancer Research UK public liability does not cover participants in this open event.**



**CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK**



## YEAR 9 RESEARCH STUDY

Research Study



**STUDY TITLE:** Exploring the role of contact with nature in the context of brief psychological interventions for young people experiencing depressive symptoms



**Are you in year 9?**

**Do you experience low mood?**

**Would you like to get support?**

### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Choose between a nature or indoor group
- Join three sessions to learn about low mood and ways of coping
- Complete activities / questionnaires about your mood and feelings about nature



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- ✓ we hope the groups may help to improve your mood & wellbeing
- ✓ you could have a chance to win one of two £75 vouchers
- ✓ you will meet other young people going through similar experiences
- ✓ you will help to develop services supporting young people



### WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

If you want to find out more, please speak with either:

Mrs Roberts or contact Heather (Lead Researcher) directly at [hs705@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:hs705@exeter.ac.uk)



**FFION & SOPHIE'S  
CAMBODIA  
FUNDRAISER**

# SILENT DISCO



**WHEN: SATURDAY 1st APRIL**

**TIME: 8-11pm**

**WHERE: CHARD RUGBY CLUB**

**TICKETS: ADULTS £10, U18s £7.50**

**FROM: [silentdiscocambodia@gmail.com](mailto:silentdiscocambodia@gmail.com)**

**CHARD RC | HOLYROOD RECEPTION**

**BAR OPEN | WRISTBANDS ON ENTRY**



# CAR WASH

*Cambodia Expedition Fundraiser*

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**Charity Car Wash raising money in  
support of Cambodia Expedition  
And Chard Fire Station**

**Saturday 22nd  
April From 9am**

**At Tesco's in Chard**



**A great place to  
wash your car!**



# OPEN DAY PLANT SALE & CHARITY RAFFLE

Saturday 18th March



**FROM 10AM - 2PM**  
**At Incredible Edible Flowers**  
New Road, Chard, TA20 4HT



**Refreshments  
and cakes available!**



[www.incredible-edibleflowers.co.uk](http://www.incredible-edibleflowers.co.uk)

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## OPEN DAY PLANT SALE & CHARITY RAFFLE

OPEN DAY / PLANT SALE / CAKE  
SALE / CHARITY RAFFLE

Saturday 18th March at  
[Incredible Edible Flowers](#).

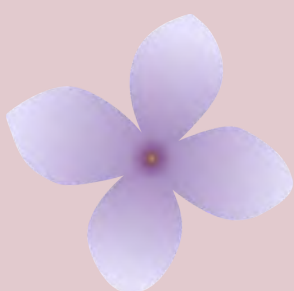
Come along and see the flower  
farm this Spring.

We'll have LOTS of young plants  
available to fill your garden.

Pick up a gift for Mother's Day or  
just enjoy some tea and cake  
with a view.

Charity raffle to support a local  
student on his volunteering  
journey to Cambodia this  
summer.

All welcome plus some fun games  
for the kids!







**The Five Dials Inn**  
are hosting a...

# Pub Quiz

SUNDAY 26th of March 2023

Begins at 7PM

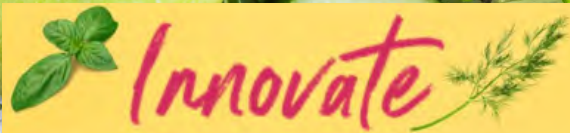


*£2.50 per person ~ 4-6 people per team*

**In support of...**

**'Meg and Milly's  
Cambodia  
expedition'**





Our aim as a school food provider is to deliver great food at affordable prices for our students and parents. The cost-of-living crisis continues which we are all experiencing in our own lives, with prices in supermarkets and other daily costs rising almost weekly. This has in turn impacted the prices we pay for food and the wages we pay our teams. I wanted to write to you to let you know what we are doing to try to limit the impact on students and parents.

There are two issues which the food industry is needing to deal with:

- Food inflation at 16%
- Staff wage increases 9.7%

### **Food inflation**

This is predominantly driven by the war in Ukraine, which is not only a terrible humanitarian crisis, but has also significantly damaged economies across the globe and has had a real impact on food availability. The food supply volumes have dropped and driven prices up. The latest food inflation figures reported, show a 16% increase in the cost of the food we buy.

### **Staff wage increases**

The Government has increased the minimum wage by 9.7%. This is a positive move that will mean our teams are better able to address the cost pressures they are under. This is more than 3% higher than last year's record rise, so great progress but clearly creates its own challenge from a funding perspective.

To address these cost increases we must raise the prices we charge in our school canteens. We have looked at all options to minimize the increases such as changes to suppliers and adding some new product lines. But we must not allow these pressures to impact the quality of the food, nor the portion sizes we provide. We have also absorbed some of the cost increases, however we will be implementing a tariff increase of 5% from April 2023. Whilst this is never going to be good news, we hope you will agree that it is a significantly lower than the headline figures above. As always, we will continue to encourage open and honest dialogue with clients, students and parental groups to ensure we have a joined-up approach during this challenging period. We have a difficult twelve to eighteen months to navigate through, but I personally give you my commitment to continue to serve food of the highest quality, that represents good value for our students, parents, and schools.



# 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
Adams 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 staff
Fantasy Football	OLO	Fridays	lunchtime	L1	all students and staff
Dungeons and Dragons	HM	Fridays	lunchtime	F8	yr 8 students
Rock School	NWI	Fridays	afterschool	F3	all students and staff