

BIWEEKLY BULLETIN

The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy



DEAR PARENT/CARER,

Here we are at the end of another busy but productive half term!

It has been great to see so many of you in the school over this half term in attendance of events such as Subject Evenings and uniform consultation sessions. We always appreciate having the chance to speak with you about how the school is serving your child and your family and how we can work even better together. Please remember that you can contact us at any time via email (<https://holyrood.bep.ac/staff>) and we will get back to you as soon as we can to resolve any issues you might be having.

This half term has been an exciting run-up to some really exciting performances taking place after half term. All three performances of Shrek are sold out and I am certain that they will be wonderful shows. I know that the children have been working extremely hard to make sure that the shows are of high-quality and having had a sneaky peak (Headteacher privileges!!), I can confirm that the shows are going to be epic!

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HOLYROOD
ACADEMY

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- **Careers at Holyrood**
- **PTFA and AGM Meetings**
- **Half Term Events**
- **AnyDay**
- **Kiss/Mary/Push off Cliff**



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Following this, a group of our talented Drama students are also performing a version of 'Kiss, Marry, Push off a Cliff' in conjunction with the Bristol Old Vic Theatre. There are some performances of this at Holyrood and then the students will perform at the Old Vic too - what an amazing experience for them. Mr Massey, one of our talented Drama Teachers, has led this project and we are all very grateful to him for it! More here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/somerset/holyrood-academy-upper-site-hall/kiss-marry-push-off-cliff/e-kdeqkp>

As always, there will be a uniform check at the start of the next half term, which will take place each day throughout the first week back, during tutor time. We all have the responsibility, as parents and carers, to ensure that our child(ren) is/are appropriately dressed for school, in line with the school's uniform policy. Please take this responsibility seriously and ensure that your child is:

- Wearing shoes that are all black - plain black trainers are fine
- Not wearing more than one nose stud, or a nose ring - one stud is fine
- Wearing a skirt (if they wear one) that is no more than 3" above the knee and is not made of T-Shirt or stretchy material - it just isn't appropriate for children to wear at school, no matter how grown up they feel
- Not wearing white socks - black socks are fine

Many people question why uniform is important and the answer is this: it levels the playing field and removes the need for expensive home clothes. It teaches students to adhere to a dress code, which most workplaces have. It also ensures that students know that they have to follow the school rules, which is essential for maintaining a safe and happy school.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break and I look forward to working with you again next half term.

Best Wishes

MR. DAVE MACCORMICK
Headteacher

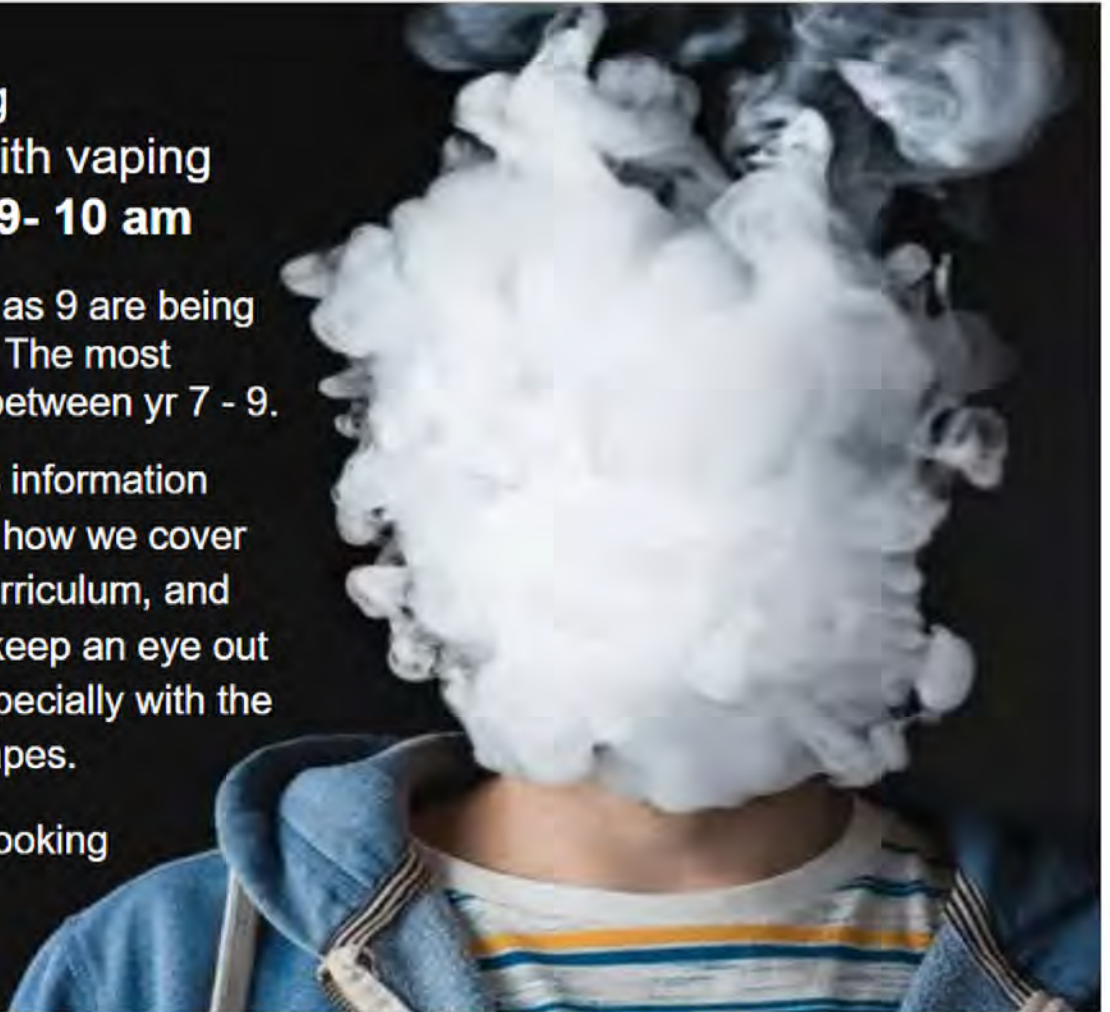


Coffee Morning The problem with vaping February 26th 9- 10 am

Children as young as 9 are being drawn into vaping. The most vulnerable age is between yr 7 - 9.

All welcome at this information session to find out how we cover this topic in the curriculum, and what you need to keep an eye out for as a parent, especially with the creation of THC vapes.

Just turn up - no booking required



Holiday Breakfast Scheme



Holiday Breakfast Bags are arriving this Half Term Holiday.

Do you think it may help you and your family to start the day with a good solid breakfast?



We will give you a free, no questions asked bag/s, to last a week, which will contain everything that is needed, regardless of your family size.



Just turn up at the St Mary's Centre on
Monday 12th Feb between 8.00 and 10.00

Anyone from the family can come to pick them up.



Spring Clubs 2024



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



Young Enterprise	MHA/MLY	Monday	lunch	A3	Yr 9 and 10
Craft and Chat	SDALT/SHE	Monday	lunch	LRC	All
Christian Union	LBL	Monday	lunch	L4	All
Poetry By Heart	PWE	Monday	lunch	A11	All
Colouring Club	RAU	Monday	lunch	A2	All
Year 11 Book Club	WKL/EVE	Monday	lunch	G2	Yr 11
Year 10 Book Club	CLA/CSM	Monday	lunch	A7	Yr 10
Basketball	KDR	Monday	lunch	Sports hall	Yr 7 and 8
Swing band	ADA/KSE	Monday	lunch	E10	All
Year 7 Music Practice rm	NSP/KSE/ADA	Monday	lunch		Yr 7
Girls all year football	KDR	Monday	After school	ATP	All
Homework club	JED/LCU	Monday	After school	LRC	All years
Rehearsal Space	JLO/LMA	Monday	After school	DM1	GCSE and Btec

Music Tech Club	NSP	Tues	lunch	F5	All
D of E drop in Silver/ Gold	KSE/IHA	Tues	lunch	E10	Yr 10,11,12
Creative Corner	ECU	Tues	lunch	LRC	All
Younique	SHO	Tues	lunch	M2	All
Yr 8 Music Practice rooms	ADA/NSP/KSE	Tues	lunch		Year 8
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Tues	lunch	E8	All
National Theatre Connexs	LMA	Tues	After school	DM1/2	By invitation
Shrek	Production team	Tues	After school	DM1/USH	All
Boys Footbal yr 10 & 11	RBA	Tues	After school	ATP	All boys
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Tues	After school	E8	Alevel Art & Photo
Homework club	JED/LCU	Tues	After school	LRC	All
Girls Netball	KAR/SPR/EBO/KDR	Tues	After school	courts	Yr 7,8,9 and 10

All years Badminton	DHAR	Wed	lunch	Sports hall	All
All years gym	KAR	Wed	lunch	Gym	All
All years Dance	KDR	Wed	lunch	Studio	All
Rock Choir	NSP	Wed	lunch	E10	All
Yr 11 Music practice room	NSP/ADA/KSE	Wed	lunch		Year 11
Cook Club	RCH	Wed	After school	C2	All (must sign up in C2)
Year 7 Science club	BBU	Wed	After school	G5	Year 7
Football yr 9 boys	SJE	Wed	After school	ATP	Yr 9 boys
All years indoor cricket	SPR	Wed	After school	Sports Hall	Yr 9,10,11 girls
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Wed	After school	E8	A level art and photog
Homework club	JED/LCU	Wed	After school	LRC	All
3D printing club	LHU	Wed	After school	D2	
Rehearsal Space	JLO/LMA	Wed	After school	DM1	GCSE and Btec

Politics and Debating	CPAY	Thurs	lunch	A11	All
School band	ADA/KSE	Thurs	lunch	E10	All
Creative Corner	ECU	Thurs	lunch	LRC	All
Crafty Thursday	LHU	Thurs	lunch	D4	All
All years gym	AEA	Thurs	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
Short film club	NWE	Thurs	lunch	B4	All
Year 9 Music Practice rooms	NSP/KSE/	Thurs	lunch		Year 9
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Thurs	lunch	E8	All
Excellence in H and S	MTH/DCO	Thurs	After school	F4	Yr 10,11,12 & 13
Shrek	Production team	Thurs	After school	DM1/ US hall	All
Year 8 boys football	AEA	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 8 boys
Year 7 boys football	SJE	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 7 boys
All girls rugby	KAR	Thurs	After school	Field	All girls
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Homework club	JED/LCU	Thurs	After school	LRC	All
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Board games	CBR	Fri	lunch	H2	Yr 7 & 8
Fantasy football	OLO	Fri	lunch	L3	All
Ukulele club	ADA	Fri	lunch	F3	Yr 7
Shrek soloists	KSE	Fri	lunch	E10	Cast members
Illustrations club	KGO	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
Chess club	JBL	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
All years basketball	KDR	Fri	lunch	Sports hall	All
All years gym	SJE	Fri	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
Year 10 Music Practice room	ADA/NSP/ KSE	Fri	lunch		Year 10



HALF TERM EVENT



CHARD COMMUNITY HUB
TUES 13TH FEB
1PM - 3PM

Love Bug Arts & Crafts | Refreshments | All Welcome | Free Event

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity



FREE FAMILY COOKING



Registered Charity 1173120

Holyrood Academy, Zembard Lane, Chard

Wednesday 14th February

10.30am - 1pm



In association with
Abri Homes for their tenants
and families on low incomes

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RECIPE BAG
TO
TAKE HOME

Booking is essential and spaces are limited, contact Project Food

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National
Theatre

CONNECTIONS 2024

Please note this performance contains
some strong language and themes of
drugs, alcohol and sex.

We recommend audiences of 13 years +

KISS / MARRY / PUSH OFF CLIFF

Written by Josh Azouz

A Holyrood Academy production

Thursday 14th March

@ 19:00

Friday 15th March

@ 19:00

Upper Site Hall, Holyrood.

Tickets:

£3 Student

£5 Adult

Available at:

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holyrood-academy>



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CAREERS

We have launched a Careers Instagram account to provide parents and carers with more information and support regarding next steps and careers options for their children. Our Instagram is Careersatholyrood and there is a helpful LinkTree on the profile that includes links to apply for Post 16 & 18 options as well as the Work Experience database and apprenticeship search tools.

LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/careersatholyrood>

Instagram: Careersatholyrood



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We would like to remind all Year 11 parents and carers that applications for Sixth Form are now open. Application forms can be found on the website under the Sixth Form section, interviews will start in January.





MUMS & MUNCHKINS



CHARD COMMUNITY HUB

THURSDAYS

10AM - 11.30AM

Toys & Activities | Peer Support | Refreshments

All Welcome | Free to Attend

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ANYDAY

Comic, absurd and surreal.
Anyday is the charming tale of
Max and the world he shares with
his bird on a trampoline.

26th March

7:00 PM



HOLYROOD ACADEMY
ZEMBAR D LANE
CHARD, SOMERSET
TA20 1JL

take
art *HA*

UNIFORM

Wanted: any good condition uniform. We are delighted to take any good condition uniform to be recycled at our visitors reception on Zembard Lane. This is sold for £1 an item and £5 a blazer at the community hub. All monies raised are shared between the Hub and the PTFA.



HM Government

SAY Hi! TO HISTORY IN CHARD

FREE workshop
to learn about listed buildings

Thursday 15 February 2024
10:00-15:00
Chard Guidhall



**Did you know that there are 133 listed buildings in Chard?
Do you have a memory about one of them?**

**Join Chard Museum and Historic England for a free workshop and share
your stories as part of the Missing Pieces Project.**

Please bring an internet enabled laptop or tablet (not a mobile phone).
Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Suitable for all ages, booking is essential.
**Email Paul at chardregen@somerset.gov.uk
or call 07458 074848**



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PTFA AND AGM MEETINGS 2024

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association



PTFA Meeting - 8th February
AGM Meeting - 5th March

All parents and teachers are most welcome to attend our **PTFA AGM**. Please arrive for **7 pm** on the **5th March**. Refreshments provided. The PTFA is always looking for new members to help raise money for the school, and this is a good way to find out how they do this.

In addition this term, the PTFA will be funding some additional careers resources for PDP. They will also be making a legacy contribution to all year 11 students of £5 for either their hoodie or year book, to help them remember their time at Holyrood. More news to come soon.



CAREERS

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Calling all Holyrood Alumni!
We are looking for previous Holyrood Alumni to share their stories with our students.

Please complete the form below and tell us about yourself and your time at Holyrood and inspire the next generation.

[Click Here](#)

If you have any questions email:
careers@holyrood.bep.ac

SPRING SPORTS CLUBS 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCH TIME 1:30 - 2:10				
Year 7 & 8 Basketball Mrs Druce - Sports Hall 		All Years Gym Miss, Armstrong - Lifestyle Fitness All Years Dance Club Mrs. Druce - Lifestyle Fitness All Years Badminton Mr Harding - Sports Hall	All Years Gym Mr Easton - Lifestyle Fitness All Years Handball Mrs Preston - Sports Hall 	All Years Basketball Mrs Druce - Sports Hall All Years Gym Mr Jenkins - Lifestyle Fitness 
AFTER SCHOOL 3:15 - 4:15				
All Years Girls Football Mrs Druce - ATP 	Years 7,8,9,10 Girls Netball Mrs Druce, Mrs Preston, Miss Armstrong & Mrs Bowker - Courts Year 10 & 11 Boys Football Mr Barker - ATP 	All Years Girls Indoor Cricket Mrs Preston - Sports Hall Year 9 Boys Football Mr Jenkins - ATP 	All Years Girls Rugby Miss Armstrong - Field Year 7 Boys Football Mr Jenkins - Astro Year 8 Boys Football Mr Easton - Field 	

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

For a direct link to our school calendar and all that is happening please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

STUDENT BULLETIN

For a direct link to our student bulletin please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

UP AND COMING TRIPS

Please note these are subject to change and cancellation. Some trips are in the process of having details confirmed. Specific details will come from trip leaders when they are ready.

March 6th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium
March 7th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium

Enviro Prefects need your help!

We are looking for donations for Ferne Animal Sanctuary! We are looking for many items including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kitten food● Cat food● Dog food● Cat toys● Dog toys | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Blankets● Old towels● Food/water bowls● Leads● Collars |
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Bring donations
to
Mrs Davison's
Office anytime



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Poetry Club
with
Mr. Webber
Monday lunchtimes in A11

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