



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to launch our new parents/carers bulletin to you today and I hope you find the enclosed information useful.

As I have said in previous communications with you, an important priority for us is to improve the communication between school and home. The main purpose of the new bulletin is to share with you more frequently some of the excellent work that is going on, and information in relation to key dates and events coming up in the next term.

This term has again been a very busy, but great half term too. I hope you enjoy reading our first edition and I look forward to you receiving further editions in the future.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

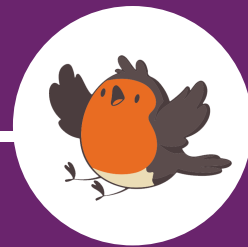
Best wishes

Mr Robert McGinty

HEADTEACHER



Merry Christmas



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 | Staff INSET Day.

Wednesday 4th January 2023 | School re-opens to pupils.

Thursday 5th January 2023 | Launch of Year 9 Choices Programme (during the school day).

Thursday 12th January 2023 | Year 9 Options Evening.

Thursday 19th January 2023 | Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Friday 20th January 2023 | Year 8 AW2 Reports to parents.

Thursday 26th January 2023 | Year 8 Parents' Evening.

Thursday 2nd February 2023 | Year 9 Mock Interviews (during the school day).

Wednesday 15th February | Year 11 Be the Best Conference (during the school day).

Friday 17th February 2023 | School Closes .

Monday 27th February 2023 | School re-opens to Pupils.

We offer a variety of enrichment/careers events for pupils during the school day, and staff send out more information nearer the time. In the meantime, please keep checking our website for updates.

RECENT LETTERS

Positive Choices at Hollingworth — November 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/mpvb66hm>

Standards & Expectations Letter — December 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/3zvxmty8>

Autumn 2 Letter— December 2022

<https://tinyurl.com/2nv9dwsr>



Kindly click on the link to view the letters or please view them via the school website.

THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY

At Hollingworth, we are aiming to develop a “World Class Curriculum with high-quality teaching that enables our pupils to be World Class”. We have made some great progress this term.

What our children learn:

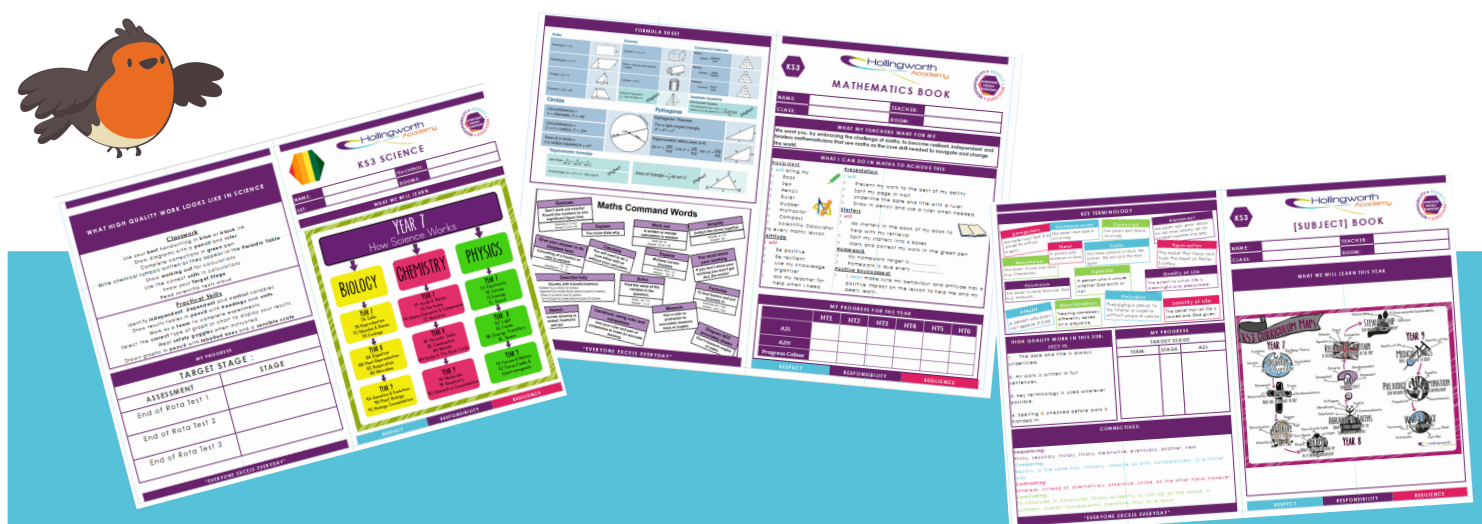
All subject areas have produced Curriculum Maps that are on our school website. You can find them here: <https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/subjects>

Our Curriculum Maps will help you support your children at home. They show the current topics being studied and enable you to ask what your child has been studying at school.

How we help them to learn:

You may have noticed our new “Book Wraps” for all exercise books. These are pupil-friendly guides that wrap around the cover of exercise books and show key vocabulary, curriculum sequencing and subject specific guidance. Please use them at home to ask questions about core knowledge and what your children have been learning. We hope our “Book Wraps” provide the necessary spark for our pupils to ensure their books look neater and their work is high quality. Please keep checking at home.

We have done a great deal of work to identify the ‘core knowledge’ that our pupils need to learn and remember. This is identified in “Knowledge Organisers” that are provided for all our pupils at the start of topics. All pupils are expected to carry their Knowledge Organiser folder with them at all times, and homework is often based on consolidating their core knowledge by using their Knowledge Organisers and then completing low stakes quizzes and regular assessments in lessons. If you are wanting to support your child at home, ask them to show you their Knowledge Organiser and ask them some questions to see what they can remember.



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Memorable experiences and rich opportunities for learning:

It is a key priority for the academy to increase the number of memorable experiences and rich opportunities for all our pupils. This term has seen many memorable experiences and rich opportunities for learning. These have included: Y8 Geography visit to Blackpool to examine coastal defences; Y10 Geography visit to Daisy Nook to look at rivers and the Etihad Campus in Manchester to look at urban re-generation; Y11 historians have walked in Mary, Queen of Scots' footsteps at Sheffield Manor Lodge; Y10 artists have been to the Northern Quarter, Manchester; Performing Arts have successfully staged Peter Pan over three nights; Y10 and Y11 PE pupils have enjoyed rock climbing. There has been music in many assemblies, and we have also ensured there has been whole school focus on mourning the death of the Queen and Remembrance Day commemorations. There have been numerous Careers Education Information and Guidance (CEIAG) visits and visitors coming into school. This has included college visits from RSFC, OSFC, Hopwood Hall College and Oldham College, as well as external visits to promote apprenticeships. KPMG have been into school, and we have had industry encounters with the digital and advertising industries. We are making strong and sustained progress towards the Gatsby Benchmarks, under the leadership of Ms Calveley, our Careers Leader. There have also been fantastic experiences for our high ability pupils in terms of enrichment activities in school provided by the Oxnet programme, the Stephen Spender Trust (MFL), and professors from Oxford and Cambridge Universities have led events in our new Futures Hub. These have all been co-ordinated by Mr Dobbs, and there are ambitious plans to develop our enrichment programme and Futures Hub space.

Geography

Etihad & Blackpool



History



Art

Digital Event

Hollingworth Academy

The Northern Quarter

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Our amazing pupils' fantastic achievements:

We are really proud of our Year 11s for completing their mock exams and we are getting ready for our Year 9 to choose their options in January. We will give more information on this after Christmas.

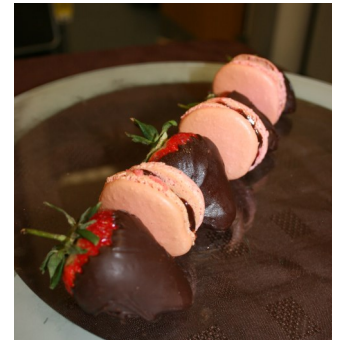
Our pupils have been doing some fantastic work in their lessons. As you know we give green slips for high achievement in lessons, but also red slips if their behaviour is not meeting our high expectations. We have given over 100,000 green slips this term, which is just phenomenal and testament to the great work our pupils do. The ratio of green slips to red has been over 12 to 1 this term.

It is our mission to become a world class school with world class pupils, and we are very grateful for the support parents and families give the school. Please feel free to contact me if you if you have any feedback on how we can improve further as an academy. My email address is cwilliamson@hollingworthacademy.co.uk.

Kindest regards,

Colin Williamson

Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education.



**Food Technology
Y11 Mock Exams**



On Friday 11th November, Hollingworth pupils paid their respects to men and women who had lost their lives in conflict. Further to the 2 minutes silence at 11am, pupils were asked to "plant their poppies" next to our soldier silhouette as they left school at the end of the day.



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BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES AT HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY

At Hollingworth, we are aiming to develop a “World Class Curriculum with high-quality teaching that enables our pupils to be World Class” – therefore world class behaviour and attitudes are integral in our ambition to achieve this goal. We have made some great progress this term.

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & RESILIENCE.
THESE VALUES ARE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.



RESPECT

Respect at Hollingworth is the care and value we have for ourselves, other people and our community.

RESPECT YOURSELF – Respect starts with the individual. We all strive to ‘be the best that we can be’.

RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE – We show respect to others by being polite and courteous. We value diversity and promote equality and equity.

RESPECT OUR COMMUNITY – We all follow the rules which help make Hollingworth a safe school in which teachers can teach and pupils can learn.



RESPONSIBILITY

We act responsibly and accept the consequences of our actions. We will support our pupils’ development to become responsible citizens on a local, national and global level who respect and protect the rights of everyone in society.

We work with a range of local and national partners to ensure that the children at Hollingworth get a great education.

We will protect the environment and educate our pupils to actively contribute to a sustainable future.



RESILIENCE

We accept that learning is challenging, takes time and involves making mistakes. We improve by remaining positive, working hard, being determined and never giving up.

Resilience is also necessary in developing the grit and determination to persevere both at an individual level but also in the pursuit of personal values and beliefs.

These are three pillars that inform everything we do at Hollingworth Academy. We ask pupils to make positive choices and provide opportunities for self-regulation and excellence. We truly believe that with a strong parent partnership all our pupils can excel everyday.

Achievements this term

Since September, staff at Hollingworth have awarded over 100,000 green slips, this means that there have been at least 100,000 occasions where staff have felt passionately about highlighting positive behaviour choices in the academy – that is roughly 7000 a week!

We have had various weekly green slip foci such as: integrity, kindness and co-operation. Our foci provide pupils with a concrete example of how to earn a green slip and it is usually focused on interpersonal skills that underpin academic achievement.

7JS, 8VS, 9LH, 10WR and 11SA have swept the tutor group leader board for most green slips in each year group. Congratulations to those pupils and their tutors – we are very proud of your achievement.

Comparatively, 7AB, 8RB, 9ES, 10CT and 11JA are the tutor groups with the fewest red slips, which means they have made fewer negative choices than any other tutor group in their year and once again we are extremely proud of all of you.

We have seen improvements in all areas following the implementation of the revised behaviour system. Our approach is clear, consistent and allows pupils maximum opportunity to regulate their choices.

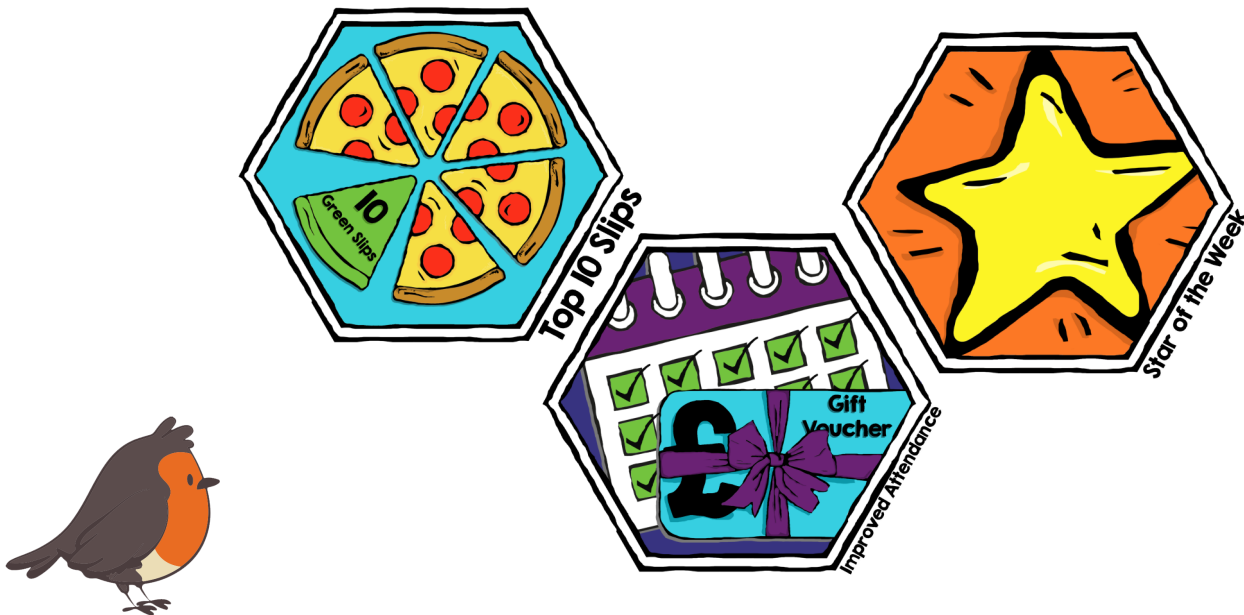
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Looking forward

I am particularly excited to welcome all pupils back in January with a renewed enthusiasm for the 'small stuff'. Our standards are high, and this promotes excellence so I would like to take this opportunity to refer to my most recent communication that was sent out to all parents/carers this half term. I am asking parents and carers to support us in enabling every pupil to uphold the highest standards around uniform, equipment and healthy choices. If anyone would like to discuss any details contained in the letter, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to take this moment to reflect on what has been a hugely successful first term and congratulate all pupils and families on their achievement. It is hard work having and meeting high standards but we truly believe that our values will promote excellence and in turn will provide pupils with opportunities for success in their future. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting more of you in the new year.

B Robinson

Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Attitudes

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Employer Encounter Event: Careers in Uniformed Services 110 of our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils met with a range of personnel across a number of Uniformed Services for a special one day event. Pupils met with The Army, The RAF, St. Johns Ambulance, NHS Paramedic, NHS Student Nurse, The Highways Agency, The Fire Service and GMP and, working in small groups, learnt about "a day in the life of a" and the career journey into that role.



ART news



Thank you to everyone that came to see our production of Peter Pan. The pupils and staff worked very hard to put this together. The performances were a great success.

A donation was made to Great Ormond Street Hospital in recognition of permission to perform Peter Pan and also from the proceeds made from the refreshment sales during the intervals.



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SPORT news



Well done to all the pupils who have participated in Netball, Football and Cross Country this half term. They have shown great dedication to the extra-curricular clubs/competitions and had some fantastic sporting moments. Let's keep this up next term!
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