

J/Staff/SLT/Ry/Ltrs/2024

10th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope my letter finds you and your family well and that you had a good summer.

As we have now had our first full week back at the academy, I wanted to write to keep you updated with some of the news from over the summer and plans for this term too.

Firstly, it was wonderful to see so many students again last week, and I have enjoyed delivering an assembly to each year group. In the assembly I shared with the students my hopes for them this year and, together with the Head of Year teams, we reiterated our high expectations and why it is important that we all work together to ensure we maintain the highest standards possible. Hollingworth is a world class academy, and this is something we should all be very proud of. With this in mind, I would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring your child/ren returned to the academy in the correct uniform and with all the necessary equipment. They all look amazing.

As part of the assemblies, we also mentioned the importance of having exceptional attendance. Every child should aim for 100% attendance, and only in exceptional circumstances should time in the academy be missed. I am urging all parents and carers to support us more than ever this year in ensuring your child/ren's attendance is as high as it can be. I will be sending out a separate letter regarding attendance and the significance of having exceptional attendance on wellbeing and academic potential. Please read this letter carefully and contact us should you have any concerns.

With this in mind, I wanted to update you on Hollingworth's exam performance this summer. I will cover more details regarding this in the parent bulletin towards the end of this term; however, we are very pleased with this year's GCSE results. Once again, Hollingworth has performed strongly and, as such, is ranked number one in Rochdale in a number of key performance indicators and subjects. I would like to thank all the hardworking students, staff and, of course, the support of the parents/carers in ensuring Hollingworth continues to be a high performing academy.

Hopefully by now you should have had some communication from your child's form tutor. As you are aware, we introduced a new management information system, Arbor last academic year, which has proven to be really positive. If you haven't already done so, Arbor, has a parent app which can be downloaded by clicking on this link <https://tinyurl.com/yhy56s8j>. In order to receive important updates from the academy about your child we strongly advise you to download the Arbor app.

This year we are hoping to offer students more opportunities to participate in a variety of trips, visits and activities which will enrich their learning, both in school and by providing extra-curricular experiences. Obviously, these will be dependent on students displaying high standards of attitude and behaviour, but I am sure they will rise to the challenge. Details of all extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities will be communicated to you very soon.

I would just like to mention the importance of positive communication between the academy and home. Please can I ask that if any parents/carers have any genuine problem or issue, to contact the academy directly for us to satisfactorily resolve it with you. We are here to help and want to ensure that all issues are resolved amicably as this is in the best interests of every child.

I look forward to working with you throughout the forthcoming academic year to ensure success for all our students.

Yours faithfully



Mr R McGinty
Headteacher

"EVERYONE EXCELS EVERYDAY"

T | 01706 292800 **E** | info@hollingworthacademy.co.uk **W** | www.hollingworthacademy.co.uk

A | Cornfield Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancashire, OL16 3DR

Hollingworth Learning Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 8314692
The registered office is at Suite 1, Floor 3, Hafley Court, Buckley Road, Rochdale, OL12 9DJ