



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second edition of our parents and carers bulletin. As I have said previously, communicating and sharing information with you is one of our key priorities and so I hope you find the enclosed information useful.

This term has again been a very busy but great half term too. As you know we had our Ofsted inspection in December 2022 and were judged to be a good school. Overall, we are very pleased with the outcome and report from Ofsted. In fairness, Ofsted did not tell us anything we were not already aware of; however, I would like to highlight to you some of the points within the report.

Ofsted said:

“Hollingworth is a school where leaders have high expectations for pupils’ behaviour and achievement. They have established a culture of respect, responsibility, and resilience. Pupils strive to demonstrate these qualities through their positive behaviour and attitudes.

Pupils at this school have strong relationships with each other and with their teachers. This helps pupils to feel happy and safe. Pupils are proud to attend this school. They value the support that they get from their teachers. Pupils are confident that they can talk to staff about any problems or concerns that they face.

Leaders and teachers expect pupils to achieve highly. Pupils try to live up to those expectations by working hard in lessons.”

I would like to thank all the parents and carers who were able to attend our Ofsted inspection report meeting on Tuesday 31st January, where we were able to share more widely the feedback we received from Ofsted and discuss our plans on how we build on this and continue to improve.

In addition, I am pleased to report on another of our key priorities this academic year, attendance. There has been strong progress this term and our attendance has improved, but it remains important for us to stay focused on getting into school and continue to do even better.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful half term and I look forward to welcoming both pupils and parents and carers back after the half term holiday.

Best wishes

Mr Robert McGinty

Robert McGinty
HEADTEACHER



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Monday 27th February 2023** | School re-opens to Pupils.
- Thursday 2nd March 2023** | World Book Day.
- Monday 6th March 2023** | National Careers Week.
- Monday 6th March 2023** | Year 11 Mock Exams commence for 2 weeks.
- Monday 20th March 2023** | Year 11 Opt C GCSE Art & Photography Exam.
- Tuesday 21st March 2023** | Year 11 Opt C GCSE Art & Photography Exam.
- Wednesday 22nd March 2023** | Year 11 Opt A GCSE Graphics & Art Exam.
- Thursday 23rd March 2023** | Year 11 Opt A GCSE Graphics & Art Exam.
- Monday 27th March 2023** | Year 11 Mock Results this week.
- Monday 27th March 2023** | Year 11 Opt C GCSE Graphics Exam.
- Tuesday 28th March 2023** | Year 11 Opt C GCSE Graphics Exam.
- Thursday 30th March 2023** | Year 7 Parents' Evening.
- Friday 31st March 2023** | School closes.
- Monday 17th April 2023** | School re-opens to Pupils.



Monday 8th May 2023 is now a Bank Holiday for the celebration of King Charles III's coronation. School will be closed.

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

Maths Homework Letter — January 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/hnz28m49>

Industrial Action Letter—January 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/562j2vyr>

Ofsted Inspection Report for parents.

<https://tinyurl.com/28vcpauh>



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

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PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

PUPIL SAFETY

Parking/pick-ups outside Hollingworth Academy:

Recently, we have had a number of incidents where the safety of our pupils has been seriously jeopardised by parents/carers in vehicles waiting to pick up their own children outside school. This frequently involves parking on double yellow lines which blocks the ability to see oncoming traffic. Even when the weather is wet and windy, parents/carers are asked not to park/pick up on the surrounding streets – Cornfield Street / Moorland Avenue / Pennine Drive to avoid the gridlock situations we have witnessed, which endangers lots of our pupils. Please do park away from the school and arrange to meet your child/ren in a safe place.

We want to ensure that there will never be an accident resulting in serious injury, or worse, to one or more of our children and I am sure you will agree that their safety must be a priority for us all.

AFTER-SCHOOL EVENTS

Attending after-school events:

Whenever possible, we will ensure that our car park is made available for parents/carers to use when attending after-school events. Obviously, there is limited space available. Again, please can we ask that parents/carers are considerate and mindful when parking and leaving your vehicle in the surrounding streets to attend an after-school event.

PUPIL ABSENCE

Reporting your child's absence:

Our reception line is exceptionally busy at the start of the school day between 8.00am – 9.30am. To help ease and reduce the number of calls, parents waiting time, we would like to remind parents/carers of the following.

If you are reporting your child's absence, please select option 1, this will take you to our absence line. To leave a voicemail message – select option 1. If you need to speak to someone regarding your child's absence, select option 2. If no one is available after selecting option 2, please leave a voicemail message, including your contact details, and a member of the Attendance Team will contact you as soon as possible.

Alternatively, you can contact the Attendance Team to report your child's absence by emailing attendance@hollingworthacademy.co.uk

If possible, we ask that you report your child's absence before 8.30am.

Your co-operation in all the above matters is much appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

We presently have a lot of unclaimed property, including coats and trainers. If your child has lost an item, kindly ask them to check at pupil reception. Please can you check that your child's name is clearly noted in any items of clothing/uniform, this will enable us to return any misplaced items to the correct pupil.



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AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & INTERVENTIONS—SPRING TERM 2023

Please use the link below to see all the after school activities and interventions we have on offer this Spring Term for our pupils:

<https://tinyurl.com/3d7w8rah>



HOLLINGWORTH BOOKWORMS

We are looking for KS3 pupils who share a genuine love of reading to form a reading club – **The Hollingworth Bookworms.**

WHAT (is a Bookworm)?

As a Bookworm, you would be one of a select group of pupils who share a mutual passion for books and reading. As a means of encouraging and further developing our existing strong reading ethos in school, we are looking to engage pupils to help promote literacy. Are you passionate about reading, would you like to take part in this new initiative?

WHEN (will this take place)?

Once we have appointed our team of Bookworms we will meet each half term at a time mutually convenient for all members. During the first of the meetings we would discuss the aim of the initiative, and as group members you will be given open access to our new titles.

WHERE (will the meetings be held)?

The meetings will be held in the LRC. You will be notified in advance of the date and time of the meetings.

WHY (is the Bookworms reading group being formed)?

The purpose of the Bookworms is to promote and encourage literacy in school. As a Bookworm you will be expected not only to read your chosen book but also to discuss and share your thoughts on the book with the rest of the group. You will then prepare a book review which will hopefully persuade fellow pupils to pick up the book and read. The review will be displayed on the front cover of the book, along with either a Recommended or Highly Recommended sticker, depending on how highly you rate the book.

Interested? Then call into the LRC to discuss this further with Mrs Travis.



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.

Attendance:

Attendance is a priority at Hollingworth; we have seen strong progress this term and our attendance has improved, but it remains important for us to stay focused on getting into school and continue to do even better. Remember: "Most of life is showing up and doing the best you can, every day."

We are passionate about providing pupils with the best possible life chances and as such, know they must 'be here to get there'. All pupils are set an attendance target of 96% or above. Parents, carers, and families are therefore asked to ensure that their child is in school every day of term.

Research proves that there is a very clear relationship between excellent school attendance and academic achievement - every lesson really does count and maintaining 100% attendance will ensure pupils achieve their potential. Pupils are expected to arrive on time, every day. Pupils should only be absent in 'exceptional' and unavoidable circumstances. Please ensure that any absences are reported via the absence line on 01706 292800 before 8.30am.

A reminder that holidays during term-time will not be authorised and will be recorded as unauthorised absence. This is the same as truancy and you may be at risk of a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

If you require any help or support with any attendance related queries, please contact

Mrs Davies who will be happy to help.

Curriculum:

- We are proud of the way our Year 9 pupils have gone about choosing their options. It was great to see so many families come into school for our options evening on Thursday 2nd February. Over 90% of our year 9 pupils and their families attended.
- Thanks to all the families who came to the recent Year 8 and Year 11 parents evenings. Over 80% of families attended and we are looking to increase this figure further.

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Year 11 Exams:

- We are ready for the “Big Push” for our Year 11s.
- We had our “Be the Best” Conference on Thursday 16th February. We were able to hear the incredible story of Richard McCann. We also considered what is effective revision and how to look after our own wellbeing as pressure increases.
 - ◊ Our pupils followed a bespoke timetable of workshops aimed at:
 - launching the start of the revision period.
 - helping pupils prioritise the after-school revision sessions.
 - sharing effective revision strategies from a range of subjects.
 - inspiring and motivate pupils to ‘be the best’.
 - helping pupils manage their time and wellbeing.

From Monday 27th February all Year 11s will be required to attend compulsory after school revision sessions from Monday to Thursday.

- **Session 1 will run from 2.55pm to 3.25pm**
- **Session 2 will run from 3.30pm to 4.00pm**

This is something we have organised for Year 11s for several years and the feedback from pupils has been overwhelmingly positive. This year we have more than 130 sessions running across the week.

A timetable outlining all the sessions available was given out during the Be the Best Conference and we would appreciate your help in supporting your child in planning out where they will go each day.

It is vital that our pupils not only turn up to these sessions but also engage with them. Therefore, every pupil who fully engages in a session will be entered into a weekly prize draw, with the winner receiving a **£50 prize**.

Between the 6th- 17th March, Year 11 pupils will sit additional mock exams in Maths, English and Science. Pupils have received their timetables to allow time for effective revision. This set of exams provides an important opportunity for pupils to work on their areas for improvement identified in the Autumn mocks and continue to refine their revision and exam technique.

In order for our pupils to access their mocks fully we would appreciate your support in ensuring they have all of their equipment. Pupils should have all the equipment listed below all of which can be bought from pupil reception before school:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Compass
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator (can be purchased on WisePay)



Memorable Events:

- Food Preparation and Nutrition and Hospitality and Catering pupils went to the Midland Hotel in Manchester for a tour of one of Manchester most prestigious hotels.
- Academic Enrichment – Year 8 Spanish pupils working with the Stephen Spender Trust and Oxford and Cambridge universities to develop their modern foreign language skills.
- Year 8 Primary Engineers event to develop understanding of Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM).
- National Theatre Production of “Shut Up I’m Dreaming” for all our Year 9 pupils and Year 10 Performing Arts pupils on Friday 27th January.

Careers:

- Year 10 and 11 have been involved in Mock Interviews.
- Year 10 Young Enterprise group sold all their products at the Trafford Centre.
- Visit of KPMG and other employers for an employers’ event.

Assemblies:

- Holocaust Memorial Day – we discussed how ordinary people can be drawn into doing horrible things when motivated by hatred. We offered a vision that kindness can change the world around us for the better.
- Increasing understanding of the challenges that face the LGBTQ community. We offered a vision that our school and the world around us will be better if we respect diversity and support everyone.



Green Slips:

Our pupils have continued to produce 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. Since September we have given over **100,000 green slips**, which is just phenomenal and testament to the great work our pupils do. The ratio of green slips to red has been over 20 to 1 this term.

Get involved! “Your academy needs you”.

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. Furthermore, I am looking to create a “Curriculum Forum” where I am keen to learn how you think we can all help our children learn more effectively. If you wish to join this group, please get in touch. My email address is cwilliamson@hollingworthacademy.co.uk.

Kindest regards,
Colin Williamson
Deputy Headteacher – Quality of Education.



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BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES AT HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY

New year – same us:

Happy new year everyone, we are more than halfway through the academic year now and our aim remains the same: We envision a “World Class Curriculum with high-quality teaching that enables our pupils to be World Class” – as always this is underpinned by our world class expectations for behaviour and attitudes. Our 3 pillars of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND RESILIENCE** are embedded into our daily routines. We continue to ask pupils to make positive choices and we continue to 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 our January return staff at Hollingworth have awarded over **40,000** green slips, this means that on average over **1100** are awarded everyday. This is indicative of the high expectations we hold our pupils to and their efforts to demonstrate positive choices each day.

7CK, 8NE, 9RD AND 10JT have stolen the top spots for most green slips per tutor group so far this term. Year 11 have been moved to bespoke tutor groups and are making leaps and bounds in terms of bespoke progress there. Comparatively, 7AB, 8RR, 9KA and 10CT are the tutor groups with the fewest red slips, which means they have made a sustained effort to make fewer negative choices than any other tutor group in their year. All our staff are extremely proud of these achievements, and we are excited to see further improvements as we move into the latter end of the academic year.

The ‘Small Stuff’:

I have previously spoken to pupils and parents alike about our tenacity for sweating the small stuff. Our standards will remain high and in turn we are seeing a real thirst for excellence amongst our pupil body. Our standards will continue to evolve along with the contemporary issues and trends we face in society and we will always work towards providing the very best care for all of our pupils. I measure success on the contribution our pupils make to our community and my vision for our Hollingworth pupils is that when they leave us they are upstanding citizens who make a meaningful positive impact on Milnrow and the wider area, this starts with the small stuff. Being equipped, looking professional and making healthy choices.

Communication:

All letters regarding expectations around behaviour and attitudes can be found on the school website and our form tutors always welcome contact from families, so please get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you:

Finally, I would again like to thank all of you for your ongoing support in working with us to provide your children with the richest opportunities at our disposal. Your hard work and rigour does not go unnoticed and like I said in previous communication I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the near future.

B Robinson

Assistant Headteacher - Behaviour & Attitudes

Viva Languages Trip

On Wednesday 11th January Mrs Anderson and Mr Green took eighteen MFL pupils on a day of languages to the University of Manchester.

Pupils behaved impeccably throughout the day and were very sensible travelling by tram and walking through Manchester to arrive at the university.

During the day pupils worked in small

groups to prepare French role plays and act them out with the help of university student ambassadors.

Throughout the day, students and lecturers commented on the fantastic ability of our Hollingworth pupils and the event organiser emailed the next day to once again praise our pupils for making the best videos she had seen all week. She was extremely impressed with our pupils, as were we.



On Wednesday 25th January Mrs Anderson and Mrs Whittle took seven Year 11 French pupils to Rochdale 6th form to take part in an A-level French taster session.

Pupils were a credit to the school and the college lecturer was amazed by their fantastic ability in French and continuously commented that she hoped they would be considering French A-level since their ability was similar to some of her current year 12 students.



The Midland Hotel Trip



Year 11 pupils from the Hospitality and Catering Course had the pleasure of visiting The Midland Hotel last week, as part of an industry experience. Pupils had the opportunity to speak to numerous managers with various roles, a tour of the Midland Hotel and a buffet lunch.

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Y10 & 11 Science: Seneca Learning



To support your child's learning in Science, we are using Seneca Learning; an online learning platform that can be thought of as an effective & engaging interactive learning and revision guide that can be used for free forever!

Seneca Learning will be used to set homework and to support your child as they revise for their tests and GCSE exams.

Seneca's smart learning algorithms are academically proven to help your child remember topics 2x faster than traditional methods. If your child gets a question wrong, Seneca will show them the content again in a different format and at the perfect moment. You can monitor your child's progress and study time through the free parent platform. For GCSE students, Seneca recommends 20 - 30 minutes a day, building up to 1 - 2 hours in the run up to exams.

You can find more information by scanning the QR code below:





Computer Science: KPMG Programming Course



Eighteen Year 10 pupils have started a ten-week programming course with KPMG, the world-renowned accountancy firm. Each week 4 KPMG programmers' train Hollingworth pupils to program using Python. The KPMG lead on the course said that our pupil's behaviour is exemplary. Each pupil will receive a KPMG certificate. Two of the pupils will be selected to be KPMG Programming Ambassadors which is a wonderful accolade and can be referenced in college applications and put on their CV.

When this course finishes, we are planning to run it again with Year 9 pupils. If your son or daughter is wanting to take GCSE Computer Science, this would provide a good foundation. Even if they do not intend on taking Computer Science, they can still take part. If your son or daughter is interested please ask them to speak to Mrs Howard.

The following is an example of programming code in Python:

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Interest= input("are you untested in attending the KPMG course")
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If interest ==("Yes"):
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    print("See Mrs Howard")
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else:
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    print( " You could always attend next time")
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Please see below the link to our weekly blog:

<https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/curriculum/careers/careers-blog>

Tuesday 31st January

KPMG – Global Accounting Firm delivered 5, one-hour interview preparation workshops to all our Year 10 pupils.

Thursday 2nd February

All Year 10 pupils had a one to one interview with a business person. We had visitors from RRG, RMBC, DWP, Engie, Rolls Royce, OSFC & RSFC who held individual interviews and have provided all pupils with written feedback.

Friday 3rd February

Year 10 pupils participating in the Young Enterprise Company Programme ran a stand selling their wares at The Trafford Centre.

Industry Experience:

Our Year 7 and 8 Scholars visited Manchester Civil Justice Centre to participate in a contemporary courtroom workshop with a focus on cyberbullying. Pupils were all assigned various roles; Judge, Clerk, Usher, Prosecution Barristers, Defence Barrister, Witnesses and Jury. Each pupil was provided with a case file, a job role instruction sheet and a script. Their case was heard in the court in front of a presiding judge!



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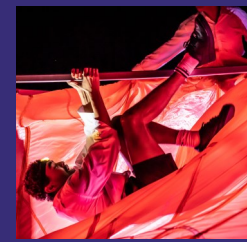


On Friday 27th February we welcomed the National Theatre and The PappyShow Theatre Company into Hollingworth and were treated to a spectacular performance of a brand-new play called "Shut up! I'm Dreaming".

The play was created for secondary school age audiences as part of a tour of schools across the country, after an extended period of research with young people to explore what matters to them. See the link for more details:

<https://www.voice-online.co.uk/entertainment/2022/12/07/shut-up-im-dreaming-national-theatre-embarks-on-largest-ever-schools-tour/>

The response of the Year 9 and 10 pupils was overwhelmingly positive, with many of our young people expressing a real connection with the content of the play during the question and answer session afterwards. We also had a number of young people work with the technical crew helping to construct the set which was in a design of a huge climbing frame. All in all, it was a special day.



Art, Graphics & Photography Exam Dates 2023

Opt C -	Monday 20th March Tuesday 21st March	Art & Design Photography	Miss Dawson Mrs Williams
Opt A -	Wednesday 22nd March Thursday 23rd March	Art & Design Graphics	Mrs Williams Mr Lamb
Opt C -	Monday 27th March Tuesday 28th March	Graphics	Mrs Eaton



GO GIRLS...

Rochdale Champions - KS3 Girls Badminton.



Congratulations to H. Hayes, L. Nield, A. Buckley, L. Dawson, N. Prince ,
M. Yarnall, E. Rigg and L. Feeney.

This team have trained every Friday night since September and participated in two tournament nights to become undefeated Rochdale's Badminton Champions.



Rochdale Champions - Girls 5 aside Football.

Well done to A. Hayfield, J. Beckett, H. Kamran, D. Whittaker, L. Meredith and C. Lumbala. They have trained on Tuesday nights since October and taken part in two tournament nights. Their hard work has paid off as they are now undefeated Rochdale Champions, scoring 6 and conceded no goals in the finals.



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