



Dear Parents and Carers,



World Class Schools Quality Mark



We are delighted to announce that Hollingworth Academy has been awarded the prestigious World Class Schools quality mark. The World Class Schools Quality Mark is a pupil focused award for non-selective state schools that demonstrate the best education provision for young people in the UK. A World Class School is one where parents know their children will reach their full potential, are prepared to excel in higher education or become the brightest employees. The Headteacher of Hollingworth Academy, Robert McGinty, said:

"We are hugely proud of this achievement and what it says about our amazing pupils, their aspirations, their creativity, work ethic, sense of community and pride in their academy. We are delighted that we have been officially recognised as World Class. With this award, parents can be confident that they are sending their children to one of the best schools in the country, where their children will develop skills and experiences beyond the classroom to set them up for a successful life. Having World Class status is not only an incredible achievement for the school, but a fantastic achievement for the whole community".

As an accredited World Class School, Hollingworth Academy will, amongst other things:

- Be joining an elite closed group of the best non-selective state schools in the country.
- Be able to give all its pupils, past and present, the right to identify themselves as World Class, and promote this status professionally, once they are 16+.
- Have Hollingworth Academy featured on the list of World Class accredited schools, and have a page dedicated to promoting the school on the World Class Schools website.
- Be able to promote its World Class status publicly across the school and local community.

The Chair of Governors, Jacqui Mellor said:

"The governors will be so pleased to learn that the success of Hollingworth Academy has been recognised in this way. Everyone works so hard to continually improve the experience and outcomes for all pupils. I'd like to offer my congratulations and thanks to the pupils, staff and everyone involved in the process".

Hollingworth Academy is the only mainstream secondary school in the Lancashire and Greater Manchester areas to be awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark and now joins a coveted network of just over 120 schools in the UK.

Best wishes

Mr Robert McGinty

HEADTEACHER



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We would like to wish our pupils and families "Ramadan Mubarak".

May we also wish all our pupils and families a "Happy Easter".



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Friday 31st March 2023	School closes.
Monday 17th April 2023	School re-opens to pupils.
Tuesday 25th April 2023	BTEC Performing Arts Event
Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday — School closed.
Thursday 4th May 2023	Year 9 Parents' Evening.
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday — School closed.
Thursday 11th May 2023	The Evening of Dance
Monday 15th May 2023	Year 11 GCSE Exams commence.
Friday 26th May 2023	School closes.
Monday 5th June 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

Standards and Expectations Letter — February 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/yckhfum6>

Uniform, Dress & Appearance Letter—March 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/ydtvevt8>

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



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THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT HOLLINGWORTH ACADEMY

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

The best way to keep up with all we are doing is to follow our socials on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We would love to boost our followers even further. We currently have over 2200 followers on Facebook, over 1000 followers on Twitter, and nearly 500 on Instagram,

YEAR 11:

- Our Year 11s are working very hard, and we are proud of how they are progressing.
- As you know, our revision sessions after school are underway. These take place every afternoon from Monday to Thursday between 2.55pm and 4pm. There are two sessions per afternoon in a wide range of subjects and Year 11 are required to attend. We have over 130 sessions per week and our pupils are engaging brilliantly. They earn lottery tickets for a chance to win the end of the week £50 Amazon voucher.
- They have completed recent mocks in English, Maths and Science and are building their confidence ahead of their summer exams.
- They are looking forward to their end of Year 11 Prom at the Saddleworth Hotel on Thursday 29th June, and we can't wait to celebrate with them.

CURRICULUM:

- Our Year 7 parents' evening is on 30th March and almost 90% of families have signed up to attend. Thank you for your support and we are proud of how our Year 7 children have settled in. We hope they are happy with the progress they are making.
- Our subject areas continue to develop their curriculums and are always looking to increase the relevance of what our pupils are learning. Please go to our curriculum section of the website to see what your child is currently learning. The link is here:

<https://hollingworthacademy.co.uk/subjects>

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT:

- We had the third session of our Think Like a Linguist Day programme, working with the Stephen Spender Trust and the University of Oxford, involving Year 8 pupils from Hollingworth and several other local schools.
- We have seen some high-octane maths thinking! As part of our OxNet Youth Scholars programme, in collaboration with St John's College, Cambridge, we saw the return of Dr Matthias Dorzapf - Senior Lecturer in Maths at St John's College, University of Cambridge. Students in Year 10 from Hollingworth Academy and 5 other schools across Rochdale and Huddersfield were challenged to think like a Mathematician.



Stephen Spender Trust



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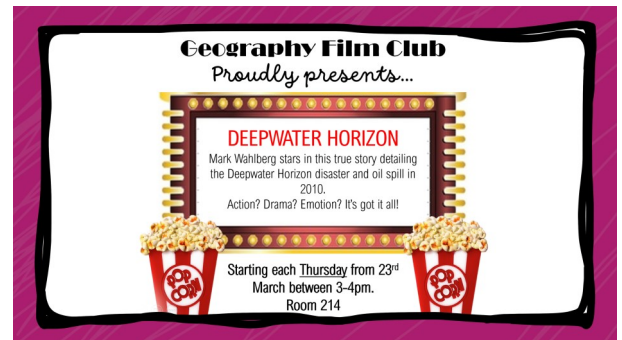
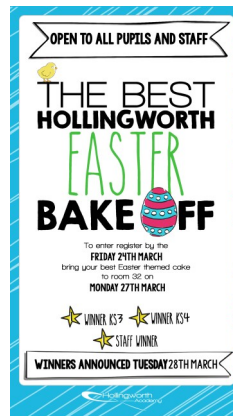
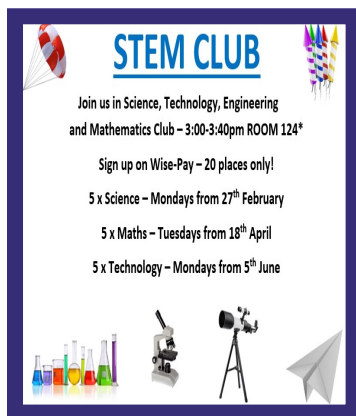
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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:

- We are having a big push on enabling our pupils to develop their talents and interests. Besides the STEM and Mowtivators Club, we have also launched our Philosophy Club. Please see Miss Chadwick and Miss Burke about this.
- The Best Hollingworth Easter Bake Off and we had some great entries. We have some amazing bakers!
- The Geography Film Club have been watching Deepwater Horizon and enjoying their popcorn!



ASSEMBLIES:

Mr Powell talked to pupils about World Water Day on Wednesday 22nd March, and how we can all take responsibility for preserving water and playing our part in protecting our environment.



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. In this half term from Easter to May, I am looking to hold the first meeting of our "Curriculum Forum". This will be a chance to tell us how you think we can all help our children learn more effectively. I will write to you separately but 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

Spring brings new beginnings:

Hello everyone, I am delighted to be able to share with you some more achievements from this latest term. When reflecting on behaviour and attitudes at Hollingworth Academy it became very apparent that the majority of pupils in all year groups make excellent choices every day. I am proud of our pupils and often share stories with colleagues who work in other schools, and it fills me with pride when colleagues are in disbelief at some of the routines we have managed to instil. So, what are our next steps? I have a message for those pupils who may not have had a positive journey up until this point, and it is simple: spring brings new beginnings. Take advantage of this next term and really put your efforts into making choices that benefit you. Create relationships that make you a better person. Consider who is a good influence on you.

Achievements this term:

At the time of writing this we have awarded 16000 green slips since our return after February half term. Since September we have awarded over 180000 green slips. This a phenomenal amount and reflects the good-natured characters of our pupils. We have high expectations, and we will never lower them to accommodate for poor choices. The huge number of commendations from staff show that our pupils are on board with our vision and prioritise getting the best out of each day. I have included below, just a small snippet of the shoutouts that staff have contributed recently. We are so proud of every single one of our pupils and it is fantastic to see our staff taking time out to write meaningful comments to commend their excellent conduct.

Round 1

Pupil

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

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» Shoutouts

	Pupil	Reason
Year 7	Max M (7ET)	Lovelylad and always looking out for others as well as being super positive and like a little ray of sunshine. <i>(Ms Hoines)</i>
Year 8	Erin M (8EW)	Always hard working and particularly keen to contribute verbally with wonderfully insightful ideas and answers. A pleasure to teach <i>(Ms Cannon)</i>
Year 9	Ellie C (9GH)	Always turns up with a smile on her face, keen to learn and engage in lessons. She is very supportive and encourages the girls in her group to workhard. <i>(Ms Warriner)</i>
Year 10	Gabriella L (10WH)	Always upbeat and smiling. Someone that other students admire. <i>(Mr Whelan)</i>
Year 11	Joseph B (11NE)	Always so well behaved and hardworking, even in the midst of distractions. An absolute pleasure to have in the class! <i>(Ms Cannon)</i>

Green Slip Focus : Professional Presentation

RESPECT

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How many green slips can you earn this week by demonstrating professional presentation?

Wearing correct uniform	Keeping your appearance neat and tidy	Taking pride in every aspect of your presentation
Making a lasting impression	Speaking with deliberate care	Using standard spoken english



Uniform, Dress and Appearance:

At Hollingworth we pride ourselves on being professional and a lot of that is dictated by our presentation to outsiders. I would like all families and pupils alike to review the uniform, dress and appearance policy, that can be found on the website, and ensure you are meeting our standards. We want to make the best impression on our community and promote our world class ethos. Therefore, it is important that we present ourselves appropriately.

Thank you:

As always, I will end with a thank you. The support you provide us in ensuring the best outcomes for your children is immeasurable. We are working harder than ever in a challenging climate to provide our pupils with the richest opportunities at our disposal and we couldn't do it without your input. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Bobbie Robinson

Assistant Headteacher - Behaviour & Attitudes

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Attendance is a priority at Hollingworth Academy, research shows that there is a clear relationship between excellent school attendance and academic achievement. Year after year, the pupils with the best attendance achieve the best results. We therefore kindly ask that parents, carers, and families ensure that pupils attend school for every day of term.

We are pleased to see improvements with attendance this term; we have provided a range of incentives and rewards to pupils for both outstanding and improved attendance, including breakfast hampers in form time, individual 'mystery prizes' and a whole school raffle draw.

Reminder, holidays during term time will not be authorised and will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is absent from Hollingworth Academy, you must telephone the absence line on 01706 292800 before 8:40am and provide a valid reason, the school will then determine if this absence is authorised based on a number of factors including overall attendance.

If you require any help or support or have any attendance related queries, please contact Mrs Davies ldavies1@hollingworthacademy.co.uk who will be happy to help.

Laura Davies
Attendance Lead

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = POSSIBILITIES

365 days a year

190 days for school

175 days for holidays, appointments etc...

Don't sacrifice your school time for things that can be done in those 175 days!



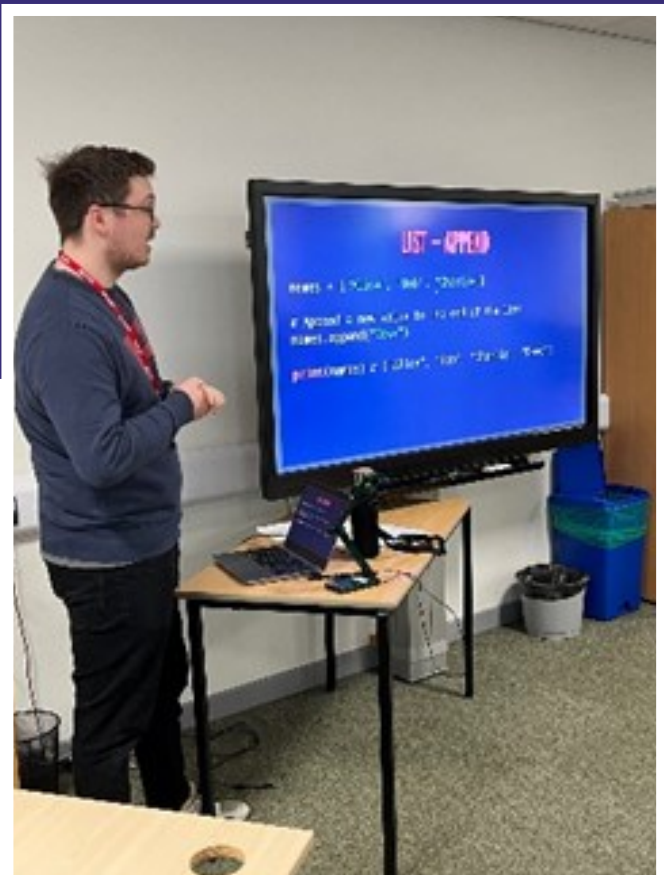
Computer Science: KPMG Programming Course

IT & Computing department – KPMG Programming course

Over the past 7 weeks a select number of pupils in Year 10 have been working with the company KPMG after school to develop their programming skills. Each week they have learnt a new skill in Python and practiced it using a variety of scenario based questions. Each pupil that completed the course will get a certificate and the “KPMG Learn to Code Digital Badge”. Not only that, they have also been given a further opportunity to apply to be a KPMG code Ambassador.

This initiative is designed to pair the pupils up with an appropriate mentor who will help them develop their skills, have insight into future tech careers, grow their Python knowledge, teach them how to deliver the course to other students and if applicable support them with degree apprenticeship or university pathways. The 3 best applications will be chosen and hopefully we will be able to announce who was successful in the next addition of this bulletin.

Well done to all the pupils that took part and are going on to apply to be a Code Ambassador.



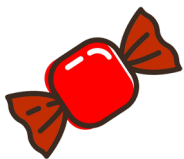
HOW MANY CHOCOLATES ARE IN THE JAR?



DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

After hearing about the earthquake in Turkey and Syria the pupils in 7EE wanted to help. They achieved this by planning and organising a



“GUESS HOW MANY CHOCOLATES ARE IN THE JAR”

And raised a fantastic £51.24 for the DEC Turkey—Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Well done
Irfan A in 7NM who correctly
guessed there were 136
chocolates in the jar.

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BRITISH NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK:

British National Science week took place in the week commencing 13th March. There were a variety of events to promote the theme of connections and how Science allows life in Britain to connect and develop. Our STEM club and Mowtivators (Gardening) Club are both well underway and well supported. The highlight was the Invention Challenge, and the winners are shown below:



Our students showing off their
“Chemis-tree”
 experiment at STEM club.



Science Week Invention Challenge WINNERS!

Thank you to all students who entered the Science week invention challenge

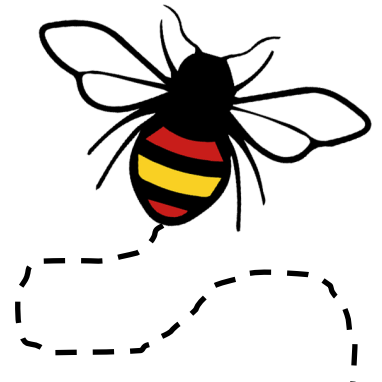
1st Prize goes to
 Kimberley W 9CO



Other prizes go to Millie R 9RD, Astrid A-K 9CO, Zainab B 9LS, Sophie G 9CO, Sumaiyah A 7FA, Adam H 9GH, Kian P 9CO, Muhammad J 7FA, Eman A 7NM, Fahmida A 7NM & Eva H 7FA

Please collect your prizes from Science workroom at 2:45pm Friday 24th March!

Spanish Spelling Bee



Winners

On Thursday 9th March, 10 Year 7 pupils took part in the final round of the Hollingworth Spelling Bee competition.

The pupils involved were:

7FA: Eva H and Mohammed A

7JS: Seth W and Caleb P

7NM: Alanna G and Tahlia N

7AL: Lily C and Rayhan T

7CK: Zara A and Monica A-I

Prior to the event, these pupils had been learning how to spell (using the Spanish alphabet) up to 100 different Spanish words. For the competition, they had a minute to spell as many words as possible. It is incredibly difficult and they all did exceptionally well! After all pupils had competed, Mr McGinty presented prizes to the runners-up and to our two joint winners, who were Zara A and Tahlia N, who achieved an extremely impressive score of 25.



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Careers Encounter



YEAR 7

100 of our Year 7 pupils had a meaningful Careers Encounter with GAMMA looking at a range of careers in the Telecommunications Industry.



YEAR 9

Mock Interviews took place this week. 16 delegates from a range of Businesses and FE Colleges visited school for the day and took time to meet one-to-one with our pupils. Each pupil will receive personalised feedback providing them with an opportunity to reflect & improve.



YEAR 10

120 of our Year 10 pupils had a meaningful Careers Encounter with Hewlett Packard Enterprises in an Employability Workshop designed and delivered by, amongst others, Hollingworth Alumni Emily Williamson. In the session pupils developed interview skills, drafted CV's, learnt how to maximise networking opportunities and how to perform well in a team.



What's On

Upcoming Performing Arts events to look out for!

BTEC Performing Arts showcase – 25th April
The Evening of Dance – 11th May

Tickets for both events will be available on
WisePay – details to follow!!

Macbeth

This half-term our Year 10 cohort had the pleasure of watching a live performance of Macbeth and to participate in a workshop. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to consolidate their knowledge of Macbeth, particularly as this is a KS4 GCSE text.



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Dance Workshop

On the 2nd March GCSE Dance pupils had the opportunity to work with a professional dancer from Boy Blue Entertainment. Kelsey Miller has worked alongside numerous artists including Stormzy, KSI, Kendrick Lamar and Little Mix. Kelsey trained in East London under Boy Blue as well as other training companies and was fortunate enough to train internationally too. He has his very own collective called Hydrogen where he projects his training back into the community. He spent the day providing a workshop for GCSE pupils which started with a repertoire from professional dance works, then a choreographic task to support pupils with coursework. All pupils who participated left inspired and thoroughly enjoyed the event.





U:12 Girls Football Rochdale Cup Champions 2023

These girls were crowned Rochdale Champions of the U:12 Rochdale Football Competition held at Cardinal Langley. They competed over two nights and won 10 matches and drew 2 matches. The girls worked hard for each other and maintained their team shape to allow them to pass the ball well and create so many scoring opportunities. **They were clear winners.** The remarkable aspect is the fact they have kept a clean sheet in every game.

J Beckett, D Whittaker, L Meredith, A Hayfield, C Lumbala
H Kamran, M Sousa, E Davies

U:14 Girls Football Rochdale Cup Champions 2023

These girls were winners of the U:14 Rochdale Football Plate Competition held at Cardinal Langley, they won 3 matches and drew 1 match. They won on goal difference having scored 6 and conceded 0. Their passing and support play was fantastic, a great display of teamwork from the Year 7,8 and 9 pupils.

A Buckley, H Kamran, C Biddle-Mogg
F Begum, E McVeigh, L Meredith





Indoor Athletics

Well Done to our Indoor Athletics Teams this term. Our Year 7 and our Year 8 Girl's teams came 2nd in the Rochdale Championships and the Year 7 Boys finished in the bronze medal position.

