

WEEKLY NEWS- 17th October '25

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD:

Dear Parent or Carer,

As a result of parental feedback, we have moved to a weekly newsletter from with information arranged by year group. The half-term has been a real success with over 50,000 achievement points issued; a huge well done to all our students. We hope all of those on the trip to Paris this half term have an amazing time.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this half term, from supporting our new year 7s getting used to the routines, through to our year 11's and 13's who have already begun their revision for their mocks this winter. Have a great half term and I leave you with the following quote from Winston Churchill as next half term ushers in Remembrance Day:

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Have a great half-term.

Work Hard, Be Kind, Have Passion.

Ed Hillyard

GENERAL NOTICES:

- Monday 3rd November is an INSET day, so all students will return to school on Tuesday 4th November.
- Please click [here](#) for the diary for week commencing 3rd November.
- After school and lunchtime clubs for next half term can now be booked on SchoolCloud – click [here](#). If your child is unable to attend a session you have booked, please cancel that session to allow others to attend. If your child does not attend for 2 consecutive sessions without explanation, we will need to remove them from the club to make space for others.
- The latest Classroom to Careers newsletter from Bucks, suitable for all year groups, can be found [here](#).
- An email was sent earlier this week to remind you that all students in Years 7 – 11 can receive a free flu vaccination on Friday 19th November. To consent or decline this, please go to this link <https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> The school code is EE138058
- We're inviting Year 10 and 12 students to apply for the role of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) Prefect, a student leadership opportunity focused on promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion across the school. This is a great way for students to grow their leadership skills and contribute to school culture. Information about how to apply has been shared with your child in form time and via their school email.

YEAR 7

- Next half term we will work on homework routines, which will be set on Teams, Bedrock, Educake, etc. Students will have a week to do their homework, and support from home will ensure they avoid behaviour points for non-completion. If you have subject specific homework questions, please consult the classroom teacher.

- In September, all the year 7 students sat a Maths baseline assessment to assess their knowledge. As you may know, Maths classes are set by attainment, therefore there will be some movement of sets after half term break based on Key Stage 2 Maths data and this baseline test. Students will have the opportunity to move sets after our AP1 in January and after the AP2 at the end of the year. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Key Stage 3 leader and Deputy Head of Maths, Mr Richards at richardsb@holmer.org.uk

YEAR 11

Year 11 mock exams begin the week after we return from the half term break – 10th November. Please click [here](#) to view the full timetable.

Tickets are now available for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 2nd December. Please click [here](#) for more details.

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 and 13 mock exams also begin on the 10th November. Please click [here](#) for the full timetable.

HALF TERM REMINDERS:

Uniform

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our uniform standards. Our uniform helps to promote equity across the school and ensures all students are ready for learning. A few reminders for the new term: socks must be plain black with no sports logos, only one earring in each ear and a clear nose stud are permitted, no shaved lines in hair or eyebrows, and no fake nails - nails must be kept short. With Winter approaching, coats should be plain black or navy. Full details of our uniform policy can be found: [here](#)

Equipment

As we begin the new half term, please check that your child's equipment is complete and ready for lessons. Full details of our equipment list can be found [here](#). Please note that a glue stick, scissor and a 180 degrees protractor have now also been added to this list. Mini whiteboards are an important part of how we check understanding in class, so every student must also have a working whiteboard pen with them each day.