

Weekly News – 10th July 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE: What a great week. So much going on. The Sixth Form have either been on work experience placements or completing their Duke of Edinburgh Gold awards, in fabulous weather! We have been privileged to see our new Year 7 cohort for September in on their two transition days having a great introduction to secondary school. It was amazing to hear one of our current Year 7's remarking on how quickly it had gone and they were almost in Year 8. Our Personal Development days have also been full on. There have been trips to Hampton Court, Whipsnade Zoo and then onsite a raft of experiences, including: Napkin Art; Recording studio; Urban Dance; Astrophysics; Banksy art; Sports; Vibrant India; Architecture; Debating; Singing; West End performances; Viral Dances; and the list goes on. Before the end of term on 22 July there is still a lot more to squeeze in. Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Uniform: with the weather predicted to be hot next week and with sports day as well, the students have the option of wearing PE kit or uniform. Students should still bring their phone lockers in, whether they have a phone or not.

Summer production: A reminder that tickets are available on School Gateway for our Summer Production *Our Day Out* which is on at 7pm on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. It will be a fantastic night, so please do come and support!

Student Council RSPCA Fundraiser on Sports Day:

On Thursday 16th July, our Student Council will be hosting a fundraising stall as part of our Sports Day activities in support of the RSPCA. Students will be able to purchase refreshments and snacks for £1 per item, with all proceeds going directly to this worthwhile charity.

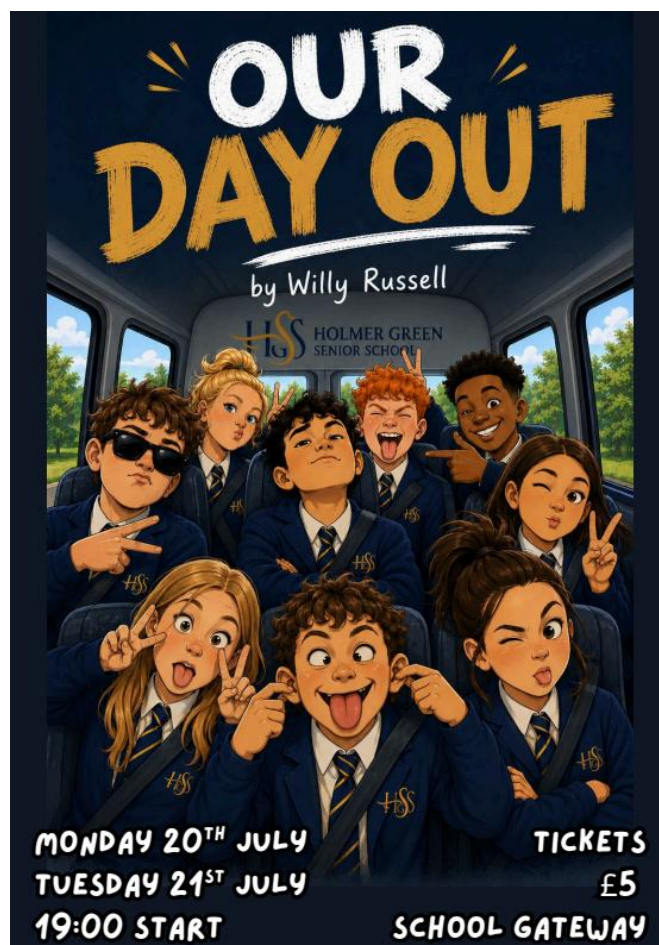
To help make this event a success, we would be very grateful for donations of:

- Bottled water
- Small bottles or cartons of juice/lemonade
- Individual packets of crisps
- Ice pops/freezer pops

Please bring donations into school by Wednesday 15th July and remember to bring cash with you on the day so you can purchase refreshments. Thank you in advance for your support with this! The Student Council has worked hard to organise this fundraiser and is excited to raise money for a charity that helps animals in need.

Sports Day: will be on Thursday 16th July (weather permitting) and students are to wear PE kit all day. Years 9 and 10 will take part from 9.10-11.10am, Years 7 and 8 from 11.30am-1.30pm and Sixth form from 2.25-3.25pm. Please ensure that all students have a hat, water bottle and have applied sunscreen. The weather will be monitored, and we will let you know if there are any changes. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate parents at this event.

Classroom to Careers: The latest Classroom to Careers newsletter from Bucks Skills Hub can be seen [here](#).



Safeguarding: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a part of everyday life. Whilst it has many benefits, it can also be misused – including by those who use it to make, manipulate and share nude, semi-nude or sexual images and videos of children. This is child sexual abuse material (or 'CSAM') and, under UK law, is illegal.

Hearing about this as a parent or carer can feel alarming, but you are not alone. It's important to know that there are steps you can take, many of which you may already be doing, to help better protect your child. [This guide](#) from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) is here to support you. It will help you to understand more about how AI can be misused, why it matters and what steps you can take to feel confident and help keep your child safer online.

Please also see flyer [here](#) from Brook, advertising online parent/carers session for keeping children safe online, particularly over the summer when they may have more online time.

Diary for week commencing 13th July:

Date	Time	Event
Monday 13th July	9am	Year 7 assembly (main hall)
Tuesday 14th July	9am 11.30am-12.30pm 3.30-5pm	Year 10 assembly (main hall) Barlow's Careers Talk (Year 10 construction only) Intra school debate (main hall, L3 and L4)
Wednesday 15th July	All day 9am 2pm 7-9pm	Year 12 Futures Day Year 9 assembly (main hall) Year 12 assembly (main hall) Year 9 Language Ambassadors dinner
Thursday 16th July	All day 11.30am-1.30pm 9.10-11.10am 11.30-1.30pm 2.25-3.25pm 9am 6-7pm	Sports Day Sixth Form Finance (main hall) Year 9 and 10 – sports day Years 7 and 8 – sports day 6 th form – sports day Year 8 assembly (main hall) Year 12 Parents' Evening for Student Finance
Friday 17th July		

Letter from Ms Christiansen, our new Careers Lead:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Careers Lead here at Holmer Green Senior School. Prior to my work in Careers, I was an English teacher and Further Education lecturer, as well as a Head of Year 11 and Head of a thriving Media and Film department. I have extensive experience in the classroom environment, as well as outreach work with the local community. I have worked with young people at risk of unemployment, assisting SEN students with work placements and devote my free time to supporting a local Music Charity.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with such a fantastic student and teaching community. I look forward to further developing our Careers Programme over 2026/7 for all year groups, offering all students many valuable opportunities to identify, explore and experience exciting education and career pathways! We aim to broaden their horizons and facilitate the development of crucial employability skills while nurturing their talents, in preparation for entering the labour market! Examples of opportunities include Day to Work for Year 7s where students attend their parent/carers' workplace on Inset day and work experience in July for Year 12s.

I am keen to connect with you and request your support with our Careers Programme. Please email me directly on christiansenk@holmer.org.uk if you are interested in volunteering your time.

Events usually take place on the school premises. Here are some examples of how you can get involved and additional activities will be shared throughout the year.

Careers Events:

- School assembly presentation on your career/career path – throughout the year - time commitment 30 minutes at approximately 9am
- Careers small group sessions, presentations on your chosen career path followed by Q&A with students – throughout the year - time commitment approximately 1 hour
- National Apprenticeship Week – February– assembly presentation – time commitment 30 minutes at around 9am
- National Careers Week – March- as above assembly presentation or small group sessions
- Year 12 Futures Day Mock Interviews – July – time commitment 3 hours or full day

If you think that you can support us with our 2026/27 Careers Programme in any way, I would love to hear from you. Many thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Kerrie Christiansen

Careers Lead