



PARENT BULLETIN

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Monday 15th – Friday 26th September

It has been lovely to see our new Year 7 students make such a great start and settling in so well over the last two weeks. We hope everyone had a great summer and we're so excited to start this new term so positively. We will send our Parent Bulletin every two weeks to keep you updated with the latest Holmfirth High news.

Self-Care September

The calendar below provided by Action for Happiness contains daily actions to help us all be a little bit kinder to ourselves and to others. We hope you find it useful.

Self-Care September 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Reporting an absence

We want to remind all parents and carers that it is essential to inform school before 8.15am if your child is going to be absent due to illness or exceptional circumstances, or if they are going to be late to school. This should be reported every day with full details of the reason. This is a safeguarding priority and we appreciate your continued support. Please report via the study bugs app. You can find the link on our website.



Holiday Requests

Please take a look at the website [Penalty notices for school absence | Kirklees Council](#) and take this into consideration when booking holidays in term time.

Is Your Child Ready to Learn?

Please ensure that your child has the necessary equipment for learning. All pupils should arrive prepared and ready to learn with the required books, pens, pencils and any other equipment and kit necessary for lessons during the day. Thank you for your support.

Parking at Wooldale Community Centre

It has come to our attention that Parents/Carers are using the Wooldale Community Centre carpark to pick up their children after school. Please do not park here or use as a waiting bay this is privately used for clients of the centre and this is causing stress to the community and may cause a hazard.

Nursery Parking

Please do not park in the Nursery drop off area - this is causing parents delays getting to work in the morning.

Disabled Parking

Please be advised that the two disabled parking spaces in front of the school are only to be used by blue badge holders. Parking unnecessarily in these spaces results in those pupils that need to be dropped off as close as possible due to genuine disability having to struggle to get safely into school. Please also note that the turning area in front of the school is only to be used for visitors and should not be used by parents as a drop off area. Thank you for your support.

Safety on Heys Road

Please can we ask all parents to observe the road markings on Heys Road in front of the school gates. Vehicles should not be dropping pupils off or parking on the yellow lines as this creates an obstruction and makes it difficult for pupils to cross the road safely. Please be considerate to our neighbours by not parking across driveways when dropping off and picking

Reminder—School is a No Phone Zone!

Use of mobile phones is not permitted in school. Please ensure that your child switches their phone off before entering the school grounds and doesn't switch it back on again until leaving the site at the end of the school day. Your support is very much appreciated.

Nut Allergy Awareness

Please can we request that the snacks and packed lunches which students bring into school are, wherever possible, nut free. We currently have pupils in school who have severe nut allergies and we would be grateful if you could take this into consideration when planning lunches and snacks for your child.



Design and Technology Homework Club

This will run Tuesday-Thursday in DT (Please see the posters for more information). There will be access to computers for both homework and coursework needs.

Science Film Club Starting on Monday

We will be watching Avatar 1 first. Please sign up. In Sc6. Bring your lunch. Interested in journalism, editing or designing? The Holmfirth Herald is looking for new contributors. Get involved in reporting the latest from around school and showcasing your incredible creativity. Speak to Miss Knowles to get involved!

Computing Clubs Are Back

Tuesday Lunch Time

Programming Club.

If you fancy yourself as the next programmer or just want to tinker with some code, solving puzzles or creating an animation, then come to T5a on Tuesday lunch time and get tinkering. Thursday Lunch Time.

Girls Programming.

A programming club for girls who like to code. Push yourself out of your comfort zone and get to grips with the Cyber First learning tools and solve puzzles, cyber codes and much more.

Chicago Rehearsals

Rehearsals start back this week for all cast and any new members who wish to join. Please ensure you attend as the show is in 7 weeks Tuesdays 3:30 - 5pm Acting Scenes All involved Wednesdays 1:30 - 2pm Singing All involved 3:30 - 5pm Musical Numbers All involved 3:30 - 5pm

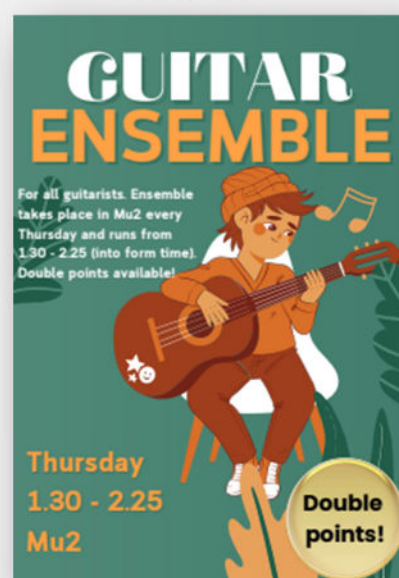
BAND BAND

Thursday 3:30 - 5pm Scenes/Musical. Please see any member of the Performing Arts Department for more information. Mrs Brear

Christian Union

We have a Christian Union at Holmfirth High school so we wanted to let parents know if your child goes to church or is wanting to know more about Christianity they are welcome to come along. We run on Friday lunchtimes at 1.10-1.40pm starting from 12th September in H1.

They are welcome to bring a packed lunch or they will need to buy their lunch after the club finishes at 1.40pm. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Janine Goggins (j.goggins@holmfirthhigh.co.uk), Mark Doggett (m.doggett@holmfirthhigh.co.uk) or Ethan Spittle (e.spittle@holmfirthhigh.co.uk)





Sparx Science Homework

ALL YEARS! Please look out for Sparx Science popping up on Frog Assignments. We will be using this with all year groups now, after a fantastic trial with KS3 last term. The login is the same as with Sparx Maths. We will be setting the homework every Tuesday and the deadline is 6pm Monday.

Sparx Science is a fantastic homework platform which allows for bespoke tasks that fit the needs of all students. The first few weeks may seem a little too easy for some students, but once the algorithm catches up, the questions should challenge and support students in their science knowledge and understanding.

Thank you for your support with this.

What's On in Science?

Please look out for notices about clubs and events happening in Science. We have an exciting year ahead planned, including our STEM, ECO and ROBOTICS clubs that run after school. Film Club will also start again on a Monday lunchtime...but we also have a new lunchtime club for Yr7 & 8 called Curiosity Catalyst, all about weird science and new developments in the scientific community. Year 11 should also look out for our MasterClasses which take a deep-dive into tricky parts of the AQA Science Specification in preparation for GCSE mocks and end of year examination.

Check the Science Noticeboard and the Student Bulletin for details.

Science Revision Guides - ParentPay

Science revision guides for KS3 and GCSE are available to purchase on ParentPay. We have also added some additional revision resources that are ideal for year 10 and 11 to use in preparation for their Science GCSE examinations. Please take a look at what is available and encourage your student to use them once you have purchased them.



PE What's On



DAY	Lunch time clubs 1.10.130	AFTER SCHOOL 3.30 – 4.30
MONDAY	Year 10 boys Football SH (JB) Year 8 Dance DS (FHU)	Rugby Year 10 and Year 11
TUESDAY	Year 8 boys Football SH (SW)	Rugby Year 8 and Year 9 Netball Year 7-8 SH (RBO) Year 9 boys Football Astro (GSE)
WEDNESDAY	Year 7 Dance DS (FHU)	Rugby Year 7 Girls Football training and Girl's football league. 3G astro. VW
THURSDAY	Year 7 boys Football SH (JB)	Netball Year 9-10 SH (RBO)
FRIDAY	Year 9 Dance DS (FHU) Girls Cricket SH (RBO)	Badminton Year 7, 8 and GCSE PE pupils

ENGLISH

GET A CLASSICAL EDUCATION AT HHS...
JOIN A SOCIETY!

GREEK SOCIETY 

Is it ethical to eat your own children?

Was Medusa really a monster?

GREEK SOCIETY - WHERE LEGENDS BATTLE AND HEROES RISE!

Join the Y8 Greek society, where Greek mythology comes alive with all its thrilling violence and drama! Share your opinions, challenge your friends, and debate the jaw-dropping actions of mortals, gods and monsters!

As well as bloodshed and glory, Greek society offers you the opportunity to participate in competitions, school trips and more!

YEAR 7 AND 8 Monday 1.10 C1

CLASSICS SOCIETY 

BRUTAL, BLOODY AND BRILLIANT

Unleash your creativity and dive into a world of gods, monsters, and heroes! Uncover the mighty myths of Ovid - from epic love stories to brutal and bloody adventures.

Create your own masterpiece
Write a story, draw a comic, create a podcast - the choice is yours! Students in year 10 will also have the opportunity to complete the Olympus challenge. All students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from Classics for All, endorsed by a number of university and further education partners.

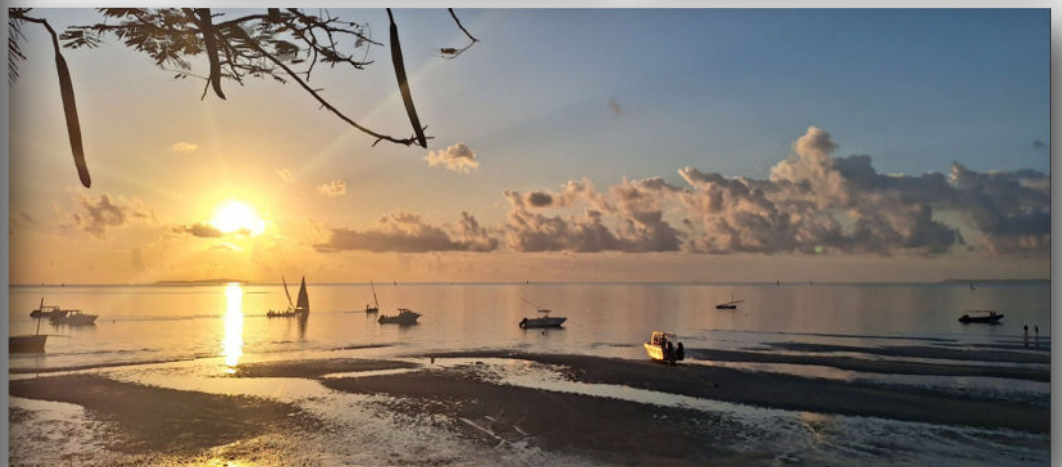
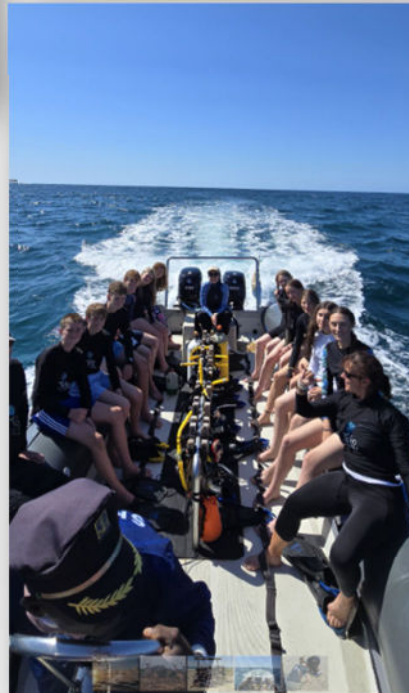
JOIN MISS DJ IN C1!

YEAR 10 AND 11 Wednesday: 1.10 C1

WORLD CHALLENGE EXPEDITION 2025

Mr Woodhouse and Mrs Green accompanied 10 of our wonderful pupils on this year's World Challenge Expedition.

This year they went for 3 weeks camping in eSwatini, Kruger National Park and Mozambique. They helped build a vegetable patch and supported in a local school in a community in eSwatini and saw all the Big 5 at Kruger Park. They ended their time in South Africa with an extremely challenging 3 day trek before moving up to Mozambique where they learnt about the effects of microplastics on Marine life. They were also lucky enough to see many humpback whales, including a mother and calf.



FANCY A MATCH?

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EVERY WEEK

TABLE TENNIS

WEEKDAYS 18:00 PM - 10:00 PM  ASK ABOUT OUR WEEKEND AVAILABILITY

GET IN TOUCH TO MAKE A ONE OFF OR REGULAR BOOKING WITH US. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE GET IN TOUCH OR MAKE AN ENQUIRY AT RECEPTION. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP.

CALL US ON 01484 222448

COMMUNITYSC@HOLMFIRTHHIGH.CO.UK



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BADMINTON COURTS

Holmfirth Community Sports Centre

 **GET IN TOUCH**
communitysc@holmfirthhigh.co.uk
call us on 01484 222448

We have four large courts available in our Sports Hall for £12.50 per hour

We also have one court available in our smaller gym with a lower ceiling for £10.00 per hour

Northern School of Contemporary Dance

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V LINCOLN UNITED
TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
7.45PM KO / GATES 6.30PM

V CONSETT AFC
SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
3PM KO / GATES 1PM

Our home game against Grimsby Borough, scheduled for Friday 12 September, has been postponed due to their progression in the FA Cup.

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CHECK OUT OUR VISITORS' GUIDE
ON OUR WEBSITE
EMLEYAFC.CO.UK

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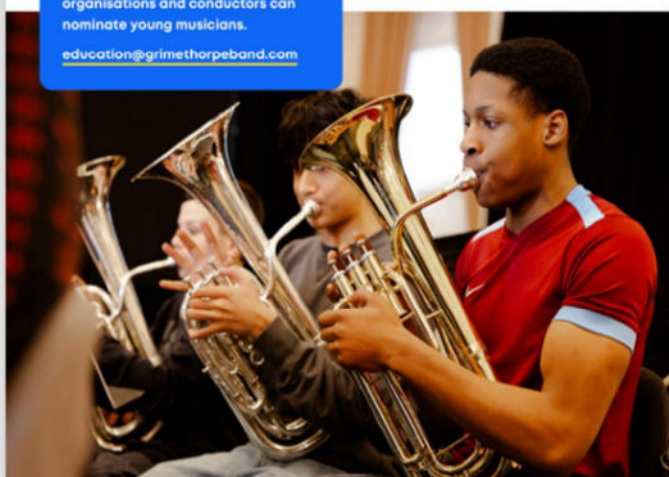


GRIMETHORPE NORTH OF ENGLAND YOUTH BAND

Grimethorpe North of England Youth Band brings together some of the most talented young Brass and Percussion players from across the North of England, the Midlands and further afield.

Open to players aged 18 and under working at Grade 6+ level, the band offers monthly rehearsals, plus concerts, workshops, trips and opportunities to work and play with the world's most famous brass band.

HOW TO APPLY
Parents, teachers, music organisations and conductors can nominate young musicians.
education@grimethorpeband.com


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THE GREAT BIG GREEN GET-TOGETHER

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You Are Invited!

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

10AM-1PM AT HOLMFIRTH TECH

local green organisations
book swap
sustainability activities
refreshments
Fairtrade cafe

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