



PARENT BULLETIN

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Monday 2nd - 13th Friday March

Welcome Back!

Welcome back, we hope you all had a relaxing break.

Mindful March

The calendar below provided by Action for Happiness is full of daily actions to help us pause, breathe and notice, so we can be more mindful of what's going on around us. We hope you find it useful.

Mindful March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day
8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do
15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today	21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life				

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. This also includes our bake sales, please make sure it is nut free.



Mobile Phone Policy



You may be aware that the Department for Education recently issued new guidance for schools, stating that all schools in England should be mobile phone-free environments by default.

We already have a clear policy for this in place, which states that mobile phones should not be seen at any time anywhere on the school site, and should be switched off and in bags at all times (not in pockets).

We appreciate some students need to use their phones to access a bus pass or to pay their bus fare at the end of the school day. As such, students are permitted to switch their phones on for this purpose when stood at the bus stop and the bus is approaching. Their phones should not be used for any other purpose without express permission from a member of staff.

For further information, our mobile phone policy is available to view on our website.

Thank you for your support with this.

Holmfirth Bursary Plan

Our Holmfirth Bursary plan is designed to allow stakeholders who would like to contribute to supporting pupils from all economic backgrounds going on trips and residential the opportunity to do so.

We would like you to consider whether you would be willing to contribute £5 per month to the Holmfirth Bursary fund (roughly the cost of a posh coffee!). You may be wondering the difference this would make.

Given the large number of families in our school community, if 500 families were willing to donate the cost of one posh coffee per calendar month, we would raise a staggering £30,000 to put towards these transformative experiences.

Alternatively, there is also the option to make a one-off donation in support of the Bursary Fund.

How do I sign up?

If you would like to support the Holmfirth Bursary Fund, you can either use the details below to submit a one-off donation or set up a standing order as per the instructions detailed.

You can set up a Standing Order on your online banking using the following details:

School Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Holmfirth High School Fund Account

Sort code: 30-94-43

Account number: 04243785

Payment amount: £5 (or a different amount at your discretion)

Frequency: Monthly

First payment date: Preferred date in February 2026

Quote reference: Please provide your full name followed by HBP

NOTICES

BUSINESS STUDIES—DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP

Last week we took 35 pupils to Disneyland Paris for the Business Live conference. As part of the conference, the students heard from a number of guest speakers and were able to ask them questions about their experience of business:

Sean Spooner, an entrepreneur and leader in the marketing industry who gave an inspiring talk about why failure isn't real.

David Mercier, Head of Global Operations at Disneyland Paris who is responsible for recruiting, training and motivating the 20,000 cast members at the park.

Jess Mally, podcast host and consultant who spoke on the importance of equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

The students also found time to go on some rides, watch the shows, marvel at the fireworks and embrace the magic of Disney! A fantastic few days for everyone involved. A huge thank you to the students for their excellent behaviour and the staff on the trip for their support!

Mrs Lees



SKI TRIP—ANDORRA

A huge thank you to all the students and staff who were part of the ski trip to Andorra over February half-term.

The pupils represented the school fantastically and all had a great time. Pupils enjoyed learning to ski or perfecting their technique, après ski activities and socialising with new friends. A great time was had by all. Look out for the launch of the 2027 trip in the coming weeks!



SEND





**SEND
Information
Coffee
Morning**

Chiomah Akanwa, our fabulous Art Therapist, will lead this half term's session which is focused on 'Understanding how creative activities can support emotional regulation.'

9am - 10am Tuesday 24th March 2026

YEAR 11

We now have a few packs of revision cards for sale in the library. Proceeds go to the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.



YOU CAN HELP!

You can make a difference by purchasing a pack or two of high quality revision cards. They are priced reasonably at **50p for approximately 50 cards**. They are blank so you can add lines if you wish and are perfect for drawing diagrams or charts.

The cards can be used for any purpose like crafting too.



The Welcome Centre
food bank and more...





Last year, we gave out **23,398** crisis packs



...of which **14,254** were food packs

REVISION CARDS FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Last year, we gave out enough food to provide **394,466** meals

SCIENCE

STEM Week 2nd March - 6th March

STEM Week Takes Off!

We're thrilled to announce that STEM Week has officially landed at school, and our students are diving head-first into a whirlwind of creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, and scientific fun! Each year group will face a unique real-world engineering or science challenge as they battle for House points in our week-long STEM Competition. The atmosphere is already buzzing — and we're only just getting started!

On Monday, Year 7 engineers put their imaginations to the test as they attempted the ultimate mission: Protect the Egg! From three increasingly dramatic drops, only the most ingenious designs will survive intact.

On Tuesday brings Year 8's challenge — the legendary Bridge Build. Will they go for the longest, the strongest, or the impossible...both? Structural engineering has never looked so tense (literally!).

On Wednesday, Year 9 will roll up their sleeves to tackle some truly disgusting water. Using unconventional materials, they'll attempt to filter murky sludge into crystal-clear liquid. Our light probe will reveal whose water shines the brightest!

On Thursday, Year 10 step into the spotlight as they present their hard-earned entries for a Civil Service STEM competition. Their professionalism, innovation, and teamwork have impressed us already — now it's time for the judges to see what they can do.

And then... the grand finale.

Friday brings the chaos, creativity, and comedy of our STEM Taskmaster Showdown! Students from all Houses will compete in larger-than-life challenges to determine who will walk away with the coveted STEM Week House Trophy.

It's shaping up to be a week full of spectacle, science, and sensational talent — and we can't wait to celebrate every moment!

MATHS

Maths Outstanding Student Prize Draw

Every Half-Term the maths department celebrate the students across school who have been exceptional in all aspects in their Maths lessons. Last half-term, we had almost 250 students nominated, which is incredible! We would like to say well done to all students who have been recognised as outstanding, your hard work has not got unnoticed. Our latest prize draw for this was pulled just before half-term, so congratulations to all the winners.

KS3 - Olly K, Teddy E, Michael S, Izzy G, Richard H, Ella S.

KS4 - Darcie G, Emily C, Ruby A-O'N, Tabitha H, William P, Daisy L

The next prize draw will be pulled at the end of this half-term, so there is plenty of time to show yourself being outstanding in maths before then to be within a chance of winning a prize. Keep up the good work! The Maths Department.

PE

Year 7 & 8 boys indoor athletics teams took part in the Kirklees finals at Leeds Rd Sports Barn

Y7 finished 2nd and will now take part in the West Yorkshire Finals

Y8 finished 3rd narrowly missing out on the finals

Well done to all who took part!



ParentPay – 98% of parents are now using ParentPay. If you require your activation codes for ParentPay, then please contact Mrs Bale j.bale@holmfirthhigh.co.uk.

EQUIPMENT CHECKS- At equipment checks, your child will be given any stationery item(s) if they are missing them. These will then need paying for via ParentPay if you would like your child to keep the item. If not, please return it to Mrs Beatson as soon as possible. All charged items will have a balance in RED and will need to be paid for.

We appreciate your cooperation with the Be Ready to Learn Scheme.

Whole School Items/Information:

- Stationery Packs @ £8.00
- Stationery Items – Pens/Markers/Highlighter/Rubber/Pencil/Sharpener/Glue stick
- Scientific Calculator @ £11.00
- School Ties – House colours @ £5.00

YR7: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 7 KS3 Science Revision Guide 2025-26 @ £3.00

YR8: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 8 KS3 Science Revision Guide 2025-26 @ £3.00
- NJM 09/03/2026 – A single payment of £31.00 is due TODAY!
- NEW YORK OCT 2026 – Next instalment of £360.00 is due 03/04/2026

YR9: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 9 KS3 Science Revision Guide 2025-26 @ £3.00
- NEW YORK OCT 2026 – Next instalment of £360.00 is due 03/04/2026
- MADRID 2026 – Next instalment of £150.00 is due TODAY!

YR10: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 10 Revision Guides/Workbooks & Flashcards are available to purchase on ParentPay
- Exam Stationery Packs @ £4.50
- NEW YORK OCT 2026 – Next instalment of £360.00 is due 03/04/2026
- MADRID 2026 – Next instalment of £150.00 is due TODAY!
- DofE EXPEDITION 2026 – THIS SHOULD NOW BE PAID IN FULL

YR11: Items/Trips Available to purchase

- Year 11 Revision Guides/Workbooks & Flashcards are available to purchase on ParentPay
- Exam Stationery Packs @ £4.50
- PROM 2026 24/06/2026 – Next instalment of £15.00 is due TODAY!

Donations & Contributions:

- D&T CONTRIBUTIONS 2025-26
- ART CONTRIBUTIONS 2025-2





JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP

FITNESS SUITE

ONLY £14 PER MONTH

01484 222448
communitysc@holmfrithhigh.co.uk



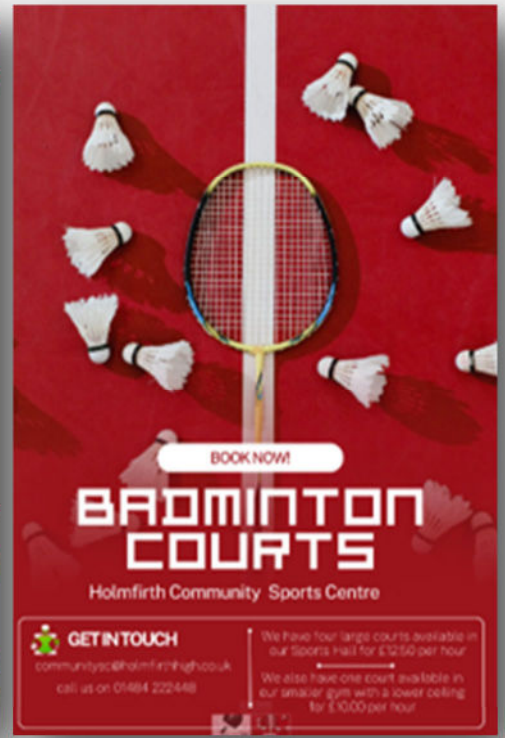
HIRE OUR HALL

For your child's

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Make your child's party unforgettable by hosting it in our versatile hall! Perfect for all kinds of celebrations, it's the ideal spot for exciting activities like Nerf Gun battles, football fun, and more.

BOOK NOW!
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communitysc@holmfrithhigh.co.uk



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BADMINTON COURTS

Holmfirth Community Sports Centre

GETINTOUCH
communitysc@holmfrithhigh.co.uk
call us on 01484 222448

We have four large courts available in our Sports Hall for £32.50 per hour
We also have one court available in our smaller gym with a lower ceiling for £10.00 per hour

Free or low cost activities for high school age Young People

HOLME VALLEY & MELTHAM SPRING TERM 2026 YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Worker - Tyler Senior 07934111795 tyler@kirkleesyouthalliance.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Enabling Youth Lunchtime Session @ Holmfirth High School Youth Drop in Meltham Old Sure Start Centre, Birmingham Lane Ages 11-17 4-6pm Detached Youth Work Meltham @ Broadlands and the Skatepark Meltham 6:30-9pm Contact: 07940732039 info@enablingyouth.co.uk Cadets 1466 Holmfirth Squadron Air Training Corps @ Cadet Centre, Thongbridge Ages 13-18 7-9:30pm Contact: 07747 825306	Enabling Youth The Phoenix Centre Youth Clubs, Holmfirth Dunford Road Ages 10-12 5-6:30pm, Ages 13-17 6:30-8pm £1 entry (free for FSM) Contact: 07934111795 tyler@kirkleesyouthalliance.org Scouts New Mill Scouts @ Scout HQ Cool Pit Lane Ages 10.5-14, 7-9pm Holmfirth Scouts @ Dunford Road Ages 10.5-14 7-9pm Contact: gsl@melthamscouts.org.uk Cadets Thongbridge Army Cadets @ Thongbridge Cadet Quarters Ages 13-18, 7-9pm Contact: yh-ytw-aa2@fca.org.uk	Cafe 100 Cafe 100 Youth Club Holmfirth Tech Ages 11-17 4:30-6:30pm Contact: hello@cafe100.holmfirth.org.uk Guides Meltham Guide Unit @ Meltham Scout and Guide HQ Ages 10-14 7:45-9:15pm Contact: sarahglower2@gmail.com The Children's Art School Youth Club @ MakerWorld Gallery, The Piazza Ages 12-17 7-9pm Contact: chloe@thechildrenartschool.co.uk	Scouts Holmfirth Scouts Dunford Road Ages 10.5-14, 7-9pm Contact: gsl@melthamscouts.org.uk Cadets Thongbridge Army Cadets @ Thongbridge Cadet Quarters Ages 13-18 7-9pm Contact: yh-ytw-aa2@fca.org.uk Scouts Holmfirth Scouts @ Moorbottom, Holmfirth Ages 10.5-14 5-7pm Contact: gsl@melthamscouts.org.uk	Cadets 1466 Holmfirth Squadron Air Training Corps @ Cadet Centre, Thongbridge Ages 13-18 7-9:30pm Contact: gsl@melthamscouts.org.uk

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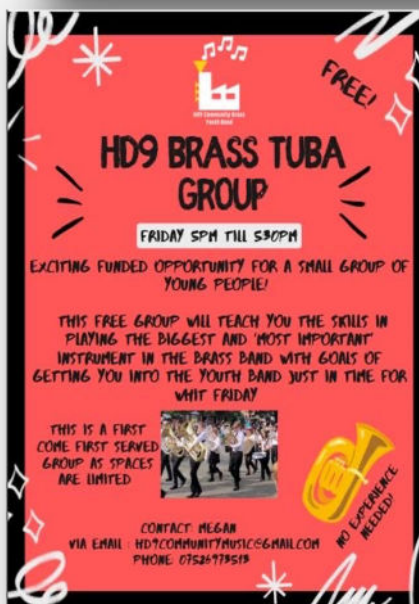
COOPERS YARD
FOOD HALL & SOCIAL
ENTRIES OPEN 1ST - 18TH MARCH

Children's Poetry Competition

At Coopers Yard

SUBMIT EITHER AT THE BAR OR EMAIL ABI@COOPERSYARD.CO.UK
Winners can come down to perform their poems on 22nd & collect their prizes. Followed by poetry open mic - open to all- 3pm onwards- top of O'Brien's.
Free to watch & participate

www.coopersyardholmfirth.co.uk



HD9 BRASS TUBA GROUP

FRIDAY 5PM TILL 8:00PM

EXCITING FUNDED OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE!

THIS FREE GROUP WILL TEACH YOU THE SKILLS IN PLAYING THE BIGGEST AND 'MOST IMPORTANT' INSTRUMENT IN THE BRASS BAND WITH GOALS OF GETTING YOU INTO THE YOUTH BAND JUST IN TIME FOR WHIT FRIDAY

THIS IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED GROUP AS SPACES ARE LIMITED

CONTACT: MEGAN
VIA EMAIL HD9COMMUNITYMUSIC@gmail.com
PHONE: 07526779519



HD9 BRASS TROMBONE GROUP

TUESDAYS 7:00PM TILL 8:00PM

EXCITING FUNDED OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE!

THIS FREE GROUP WILL TEACH YOU THE SKILLS IN PLAYING THE LOUDEST AND 'MOST EXCITING' INSTRUMENT IN THE BRASS BAND WITH GOALS OF GETTING YOU INTO THE YOUTH BAND JUST IN TIME FOR WHIT FRIDAY

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30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL

FOOD & ART SESSIONS

9.30-1.30PM

Globe 1, Holme Mills, Marsden

FUNDED & PAID PLACES

Fun art activities plus hot food made in our kitchen

Department for Education

www.globearts.org.uk/schools-out-art-sessions