

PARENT BULLETIN



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

November 2020

Upcoming Events

Fri 4 December

Academy Closed -
Staff Training Day

Monday 14 Dec

Year 11 Reports
Home

Year 10 Reports
Home

Friday 18 Dec

Academy Closes at
2pm - End of Term

Tuesday 5 Jan

Academy Reopens

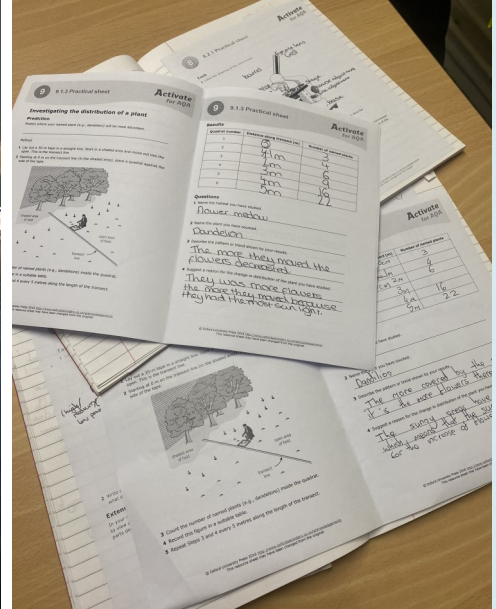
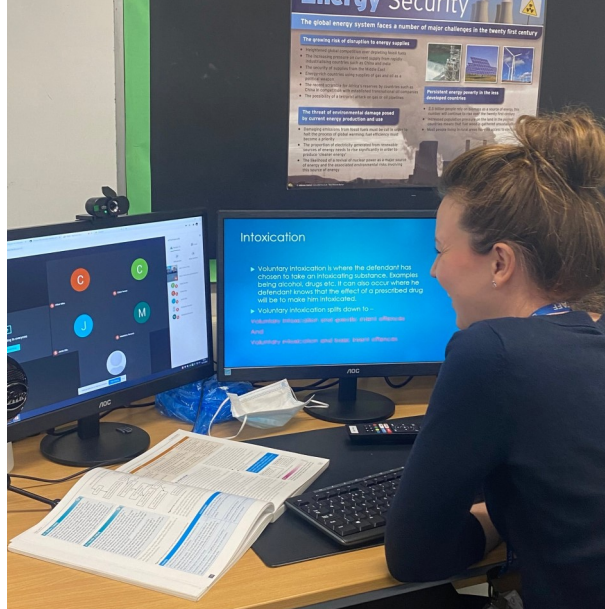
Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. It has been a difficult time for the whole community and any decisions we have made as a result of positive cases have been on the advice and guidance of Public Health. The students have been incredibly mature in following the safety measures and procedures we have in place in school.

However, it is vital that they continue with the same level of maturity and responsibility away from the Academy whether that be wearing their face covering on the school bus or while waiting at the bus stop or keeping their distance as they walk home from school.

Thank you to all of you who gave up your time to fill in our Remote Learning questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable. We are responding to this already; look out for more on this in the December bulletin.

As we look to Christmas the Academy is making plans to ensure that we can continue the tradition of joining with St Augustine's to provide a traditional Christmas Service. We will be asking for your support to help make this Covid safe alternative happen. Look out for our appeal for photographs of our local community.



Blended Learning

The levels of engagement in home learning after recent periods of self isolation have been high and it has been a real pleasure to see some of the fantastic learning taking place across the age range.

Holderness Communicator

As part of your child's journey at Holderness Academy we expect them to be able to access and use academic language. In order to do this we explicitly teach Tier 2 vocabulary (high frequency academic words) across the curriculum.

The importance of a student's understanding of a range of Tier 2 words is evident within GCSEs. For example, 169 Tier 2 words can be found in a Science exam and 145 within a PE exam. Without knowledge of Tier 2 words it will create a barrier to your child's understanding of the exam content.

Please ask your child which new word they have covered this week and discuss how the word could be used in different situations.

A useful APP and website game is <http://freerice.com/>

This encourages students to engage with a wide range of vocabulary whilst donating rice to families in need. For every question answered correctly, 5 grains of rice are donated via the United Nations World Food Programme.

On the Horizon and Revised Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 6 January	Year 7 Reports Home
Monday 11 January	Year 12/13 Centre Assessed Exams
Thursday 14 January	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Thursday 14 January	Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Afternoon
Thursday 14 January	Year 8 Reports Home
Thursday 21 January	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 January	Year 9 Reports Home
Thursday 28 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 11 February	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

Care And Support

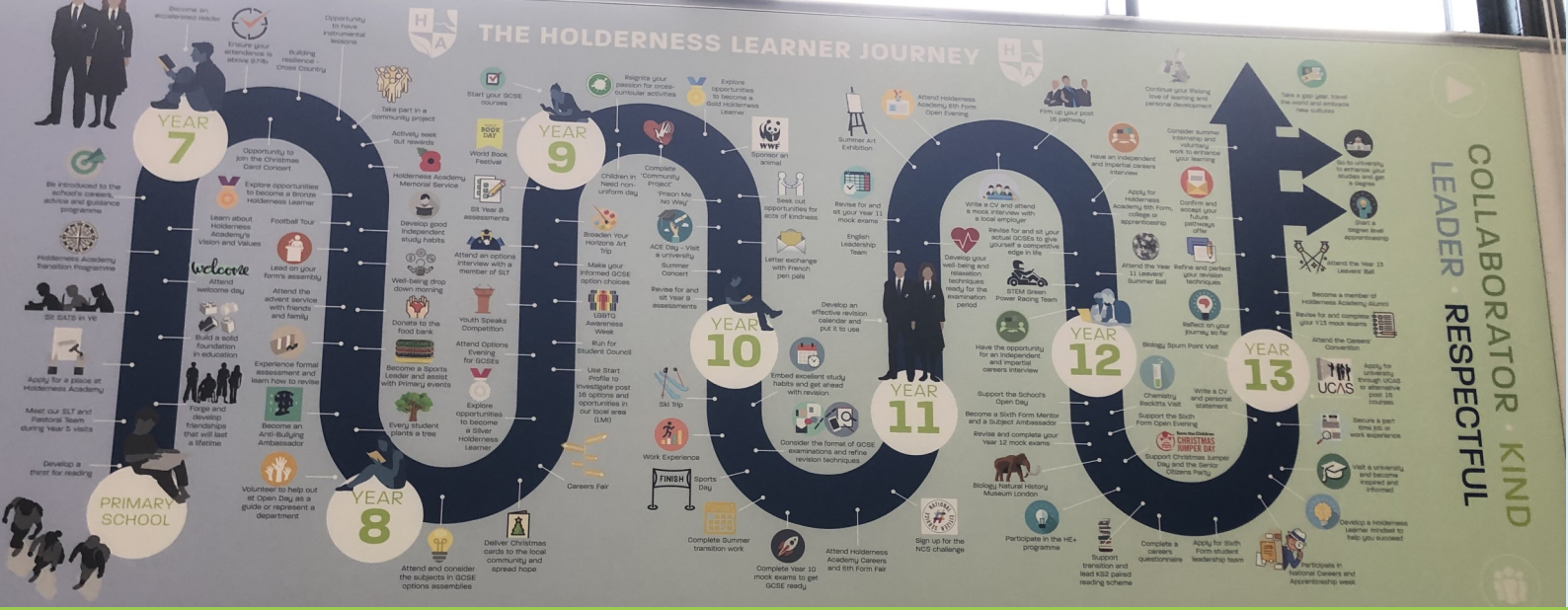
The safety and wellbeing of our young people is of paramount importance. Our Well Being STEPS programme involves highly trained staff in the school and across the Trust as well as close links with external agencies who regularly visit our school. Please click [here](#) to visit our Care and Support section on our website to find out how we can support you and your child. We also have a dedicated email address welfare@holderness.academy should you have any concerns and cannot reach your child's Pastoral Manager.

School Gateway App

If you have not yet registered for a School Gateway account, please do so at

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

Further information and guidance can be by visiting the Information tab on our [website](#)



The Holderness Learner



Aspirational - Respectful - Resilient - Kind (ARRK Values)



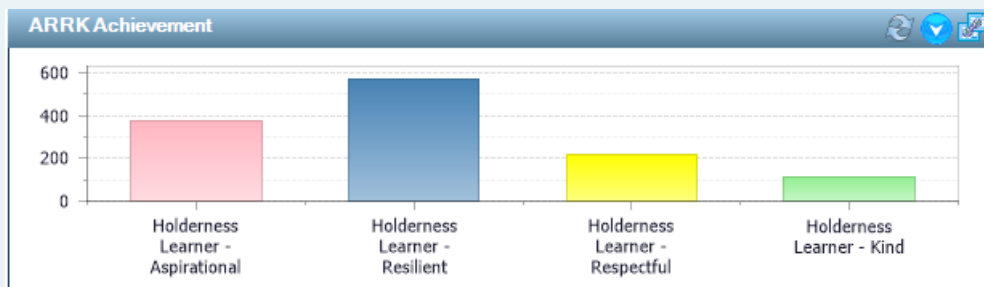
100,000 reward stamps have been awarded to our students for their positive behaviour, attitude and attendance so far this academic year. How fantastic!



In addition there have been thousands of Holderness Learner stamps awarded to our learners for behaviours that are extraordinary, behaviours that staff members talk about when they get home or share in staff rooms around the Academy. Behaviours that WOW!



Our rewards reflect the values that all stakeholders of Holderness Academy have agreed are important and want our young people to believe in and live by. Our young people are now doing this; the culture and ethos is growing and strengthening.



Community

The Trussell Trust

This year the Academy is leading a community project to donate in date non-perishable food items to local food banks via the Trussell Trust. The collection date is Monday 14 December, if you wish to donate please send items with your child on or before Friday 11 December. We hope to help those in need at a time when being kind to one another is of utmost importance.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the foodbank expects to distribute Christmas food parcels to feed over 750 adults and children in crisis.

Thank you for your support

DONATE FOOD
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.

DONATE MONEY
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fruit
- Custard/rice pudding
- Long-life juice
- Tea/coffee
- Biscuits sweet or savoury
- Jam/marmalade
- Tinned meat pies
- Christmas pudding
- Christmas cake (small)

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

EastYorkshire.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales (1167071)

Collections

This year our Year 11 students have worked together to raise awareness about the homeless by collecting empty crisp packets which will be created into blankets and sleeping bags. Please click [here](#) to view a short video to see how it works! Additionally, our students are collecting cleaned empty mascara wands which can be used to groom, clean and comfort injured wildlife. For more information please click [here](#).



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting the Academy's efforts to raise money for Children in Need this year despite the school not being open on Friday 13 November. Despite the challenges we have faced the Holderness Academy community raised £261, a fantastic sum for another worthwhile cause.