



22nd July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Term 6 July 2025

Message from Mr Prebble, Headteacher

Another year has passed and it has been a significant one in the journey of The Holmesdale School. Our staff and students, supported by their families, have worked tirelessly to ensure that our school is now graded as 'Good' in all Ofsted categories. This is such an incredible achievement for all involved.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have now left us after a long exam season and we look forward to celebrating their results during August. Details regarding the results days will be shared directly with these parents.

Our new Communities, Lord's, Twickenham, Wimbledon and Wembley have well and truly launched and we now have the honours boards with the names of our inaugural student community leaders to be installed over the summer holidays ready for September. It has been a very competitive start to the Communities and I am pleased to share that the Twickenham Community has won the Community Cup for this year.

ParentPay - Message for Year 7 on Tuesday 2nd September.

All new Year 7 students should be provided with a packed lunch on their first day of term (Tuesday 3rd September). On this day all students will be set up on our cashless catering system, and will come home with a set-up letter which will enable parents to activate ParentPay and add funds to their child's account. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch until the account is activated and funds are added to the account.

Start of Term 1 September 2025

Monday 1st September	Staff INSET Day – No students in school
Tuesday 2nd September	Year 7, 11 and 12 back in school
Wednesday 3rd September	All year groups in school
Thursday 4th September	Individual school photos

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming all students back in September for what will be another exciting year at The Holmesdale School.

Safeguarding Reminders

There is a 'Worry Button' on the school website that directs students to the safeguarding team for any support they may need over the summer holidays.

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Need help? For non-emergencies which you'd usually report to a teacher, call 101, or report incidents using their online form at www.kent.police.uk

Prefer to stay anonymous? Report crime, concerns or issues online at www.fearless.org If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for help.

School Police Officers will be patrolling popular hotspots frequented by young people to offer their help and support, and to tackle anti-social behaviour during the break. Feel free to approach them and chat if they don't look too busy!

Going swimming? Make sure to educate yourself before you hit the beach or are planning to go open water swimming by visiting the RNLI website www.rnli.org/safety

Need support for your mental health? Check out our wellbeing booklet on our website – link below: <http://www.holmesdale.kent.sch.uk/download/get/wellbeing-booklet-255377098/42>

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

We believe that an excellent uniform is part of setting high academic standards and encourages students' self-confidence. Upon return to school in September students' uniform should be worn correctly both in and out of school. **Under no circumstances should false nails, false eyelashes or jewellery be worn.** Students will remain in the Inclusion room until the offending item is removed (exceptions are items which are worn for a medical need).

Below is a reminder of uniform expectations:

Girls

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Pleated plaid skirt (note skirts must not be rolled up) or plain black trousers (must not be boot-cut, skinny legged, tight-fitting, jeans etc.)
- Plain black socks (to be worn under the knee and with no embellishments such as bows) or black tights
- Plain white shirt with collar (long or short sleeved)
- School tie (that conceals top button)
- Plain black leather shoes (not plimsolls, canvas shoes, trainers, sandals, or boots etc.)
- Sensible dark coloured coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or jumpers allowed)

Boys

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Plain black trousers - straight legged (must not be boot-cut, skinny legged, tight-fitting, jeans etc. Belt buckles must be moderate, plain and without logos)
- Plain white shirt with collar (long or short sleeved) that must be kept tucked in
- School tie (that conceals top button)
- Plain dark socks
- Plain, black, leather shoes (not plimsolls, canvas shoes, trainers, sandals or boots etc.)
- Sensible dark coloured coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or jumpers allowed)

Students are also expected to be equipped for school with the appropriate stationery. This includes a minimum of two black pens, a green pen, pencil and a ruler.



Nut Free School

I would like to remind you that The Holmesdale School is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have students and staff who have a severe nut allergy. We respectfully ask that you do not send your child into school with any products which contain nuts.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Prebble
Headteacher