



17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### Term 1 Information for Parents/Carers

We have now been back in the rhythm of school and routine for two weeks and the summer break now seems a distant memory. Our students have returned with an incredibly positive mindset and have engaged very quickly into their work. The atmosphere in school has been fantastic with students representing our **ECCO** values brilliantly. The levels of **engagement** in lessons have been superb with visitors to the school commenting on the high levels of motivation from our students. The **character** and resilience of students is clear to see across the school.

### Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm-9pm and your child may be asked or might like to volunteer to be a School Ambassador or Tour Guide for this event. As we will be issuing letters to all students over the next few days, please discuss this opportunity with your child and return the permission slip to the office. Please be reminded that **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October is a Staff Development Day**.

### Book of Commendation and Successes

Our Book of Commendation has been a very successful way of celebrating the success of our student's skills, abilities and achievements. We would like to hear the views of parents and hope that many of you will share any successes that your child may have had within the community. If you have any positive stories, please e-mail [office@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk) with the title 'Success' in the subject box and include the following in the body of the email.

Child's name:

Year group:

Their success:

### Learning Leaders

We have introduced a new role from the start of the academic year to support the new key stage and year group organisation. The Learning Leader role is focussed upon progress, achievement and consistent attendance. Your year groups learning leader and contact details are shown below.

Year Group	Learning Leader	Contact
Year 7 and 8	Mr Naylor	<a href="mailto:sam.naylor@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk">sam.naylor@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk</a>
Year 9 and 10	Mr Sullivan	<a href="mailto:peter.sullivan@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk">peter.sullivan@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk</a>
Year 11	Mrs Mulock	<a href="mailto:sarah.mulock@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk">sarah.mulock@holmesdale.kent.sch.uk</a>

Please look out for a letter over the next two weeks from your child's Learning Leader outlining the curriculum, assessment opportunities and Parents' Evening reminders.

### Year 9 Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening event for Year 9 will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please be aware that this will be a live, face to face event in the school.



### **Covid Testing Kits**

We will be regularly handing Covid testing kits to students. This is likely to be every Friday or Monday afternoon. If your child is displaying symptoms, please ensure that you have completed this test prior to them attending school.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

#### **Tuesday**

Fitness Club	8.15am-8.45am – All years, boys and girls
Boxing Club	After school – All years, boys and girls (sign-up required)
Dance Club	After school – All years, boys and girls

#### **Wednesday**

Netball Club	After school – All years, boys and girls
Football Club	After school – All years, boys

#### **Thursday**

Fitness Club	8.15am-8.45am – All years, boys and girls
Football Club	After school – All years, boys

### **And finally: A message from our catering team**

*This is just to let you know that we will be providing a cooked breakfast every Friday @ 40p per item.*

*We are aware that there have been long queues at break and lunchtime. Hopefully we are in the process of sorting this out, as there have been a few teething problems, one being the cash machines not working, which are now up and running.*

*I would also like to let you know that there is a position available in our kitchen. If you or anyone you know is interested then please get in contact the kitchen on 01634 249617 for more information.*

*Kind Regards*

*Sue Moore (Catering Manager)*

Yours faithfully

Mr G Prebble  
Head of School