



14th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

2022 GCSE Results

We have recently been informed of our unvalidated performance data from the summer exams, and I wanted to share the incredible success of our students. The school achieved a **positive Progress 8 score of +0.02**, which is a remarkable achievement for any secondary academy school in Kent. I would like to publicly state how proud I am of staff and students alike for the hard work that has led to this success.

New Amphitheatre Build Project

I am pleased to share with you all an update from our planned Amphitheatre build project. The groundworks will begin during the half-term holiday with a view to the construction of the amphitheatre to be completed by the end of November (weather permitting). The pictures attached are the designer's representation as to what our new amphitheatre will look like.

Although we will have an opening event for this new area of the school, I would like to thank The William and Edith Oldham charitable Trust for their kind donation to make this new teaching and performance area a reality for the students of The Holmesdale School.

Our Library is Open

We are also pleased to share with you that the school library will be open on Monday to Thursday from 8:15am until 4pm for your child to access computers, books and learning space should they wish to do so. If you give your child permission to stay after school to use the library, please could your son/daughter collect a slip from the library for you to sign and return to Mrs Butler who is currently running this provision. Please note the library is open during break and lunchtime every Friday.

Open Evening and Open Morning Tours

Our annual Open Evening that took place last week was a real success. A record number of families and prospective Year 6 students and their parents attended this event. However, it was definitely our students that were the most impressive part of the evening. They represented the school with confidence and positivity. I have had so many lovely comments from visitors about how happy and knowledgeable our students were in escorting them around the school.



Our Open Morning tours continue next week for prospective Year 6 students. However, due to the popularity of the school, we will need to add additional tours for parents for the first week back after the break.

Year 7 Open Afternoon

We are hosting an open afternoon event for our current Year 7 parents. Please save the date of **Thursday 17th November from 2pm**. Further information will be sent to our Year 7 parents and carers after half-term.

Awards Evening

On Thursday 24th November, we will be hosting an Awards Evening to celebrate the students success and achievements over the past year. This evening will be an invite only evening for all parents of students that have won an award.

Military Uniform Day

We will be allowing all students that take part in cadets to wear their military or police uniform to school on Friday 11th November for Remembrance Day. Those students that wish to take part will need to seek permission to wear their uniform to school from their commanding officer.

Over 55s Fair hosted by Tracey Crouch at The Holmesdale School

On Friday 28th October from 10am-1pm, Tracey Crouch will be hosting her annual Over 55s Fair at The Holmesdale School. This is a really popular event with over 50 stalls confirmed. Admission and tea/coffee biscuits are free.

See The Holmesdale School's Facebook page for more information.

www.facebook.com/theholmesdaleschool

Complaints Procedures

As part of the Swale Academies Trust, we have a new policy for the management of complaints. As always, we endeavour to resolve any issues with our parents by communicating with you directly when a concern is raised. However, if you feel your complaint has not been resolved please refer to the new complaints policy and procedure using the link below.

<https://www.swale.at/attachments/download.asp?file=161&type=pdf>



Yours faithfully

Mr G Prebble
Headteacher