

Welcome

Welcome back – we all hope that you had an enjoyable and restful Easter. School was very busy during the holidays, with over 30 revision sessions taking place for Year 11 and 13 students. We were delighted to see so many students at the sessions, showing their commitment to their studies and the support they are offered by our staff. These sessions capped off a very busy Spring Term for us. I have listed some of the many highlights from last term overleaf and more details are available in the News section of our website.

As final examinations for Years 11 and 13 approach we are acutely aware of the pressure they are under and we will continue to support them as they move towards doing their best and achieving their aims. Good luck everyone!



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

If you work hard and stay focused with positive energy, stress will be reduced. Believe in yourself and have the confidence to succeed.



MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY

Without getting the proper rest it will be even harder to retain information. A good sleep of between 7-9 hours every night helps you have a relaxed and well-rested mind and body.



GET ORGANISED

You'll feel more confident and in control if you make a list of everything you need to study and create a schedule.



OVERCOME PROBLEMS

If you find you don't understand some of your material, getting stressed out won't help. Instead, take action to address the problem directly by seeing your teacher

Top Tips for Dealing with Exam Stress



FIT EXERCISE IN EVERYDAY

It's easy to put off exercise but remember a healthy body = a healthy mind. Doing at least 20 minutes of physical activity a day can help to improve focus and keep you relaxed.

UP FOR DEBATE



Second Place in the PiXL Up for Debate Regional Championships

At Holly Lodge Girls' College we want to help our students to become articulate, reflective, engaged citizens that can confidently communicate their thoughts and ideas. We started a weekly Debate Club at the beginning of the school year and began working on a range of oracy skills that aimed to help students to become effective debaters. We were invited to compete with 22 other schools at the PiXL Up for Debate Regional Championships in St Peter's School in York. Our students showed immense dedication in preparing for the competition and it showed in their performance; after winning the first two rounds they were announced as finalists and were given awards for being three of the top 14 speakers of the day. The girls just missed out to some very tough competition, but thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the tense and exciting debate. The students were a real credit to both themselves and our school, and we were extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the day.

"I learnt a lot from the experience and really enjoyed it. It also gave me more confidence with being able to express my opinions"
Grace Heaney

"The day was amazing. I learnt so much, not only about debating but also about the topics being discussed." Lucy Phillips

"I think I'll be able to do much better in debating now that I've seen how it works thanks to the competition" Nuhaa Arif

"It was a great experience, I've become more confident and gained knowledge of how to structure my responses based on judge's feedback." Maluk Elbuluk

Learning Resource Centre Re-Opens

We are delighted to announce that after Easter, the Learning Resource Centre in Emmeline will be available to students at the following times;

Before School (8am to 8.20), Break, Lunch and After School (3pm to 3.45)

Students can use this space for;

- Quiet work
- Revision
- Homework

Books will be available for reference only whilst the PCs will be available for homework, the completion of coursework and revision. The Centre is open to all students in all years who have work to do.

Our team of Teaching Assistants will be on hand to supervise and offer support when required, so please make use of this lovely space.



Year 8 Options

Year 8 will be choosing their options during May so that they can begin their GCSEs in Year 9. This means that they will have more time to get through the extra content in the new GCSEs and allows us to give students more choices and more qualifications by the end of Year 11. 2017 was the first year we offered options in Year 8 and the current year 9 gave an average of 7 out of 10 when asked how happy they were with this new arrangement. More details will be available at the Year 8 Parents' Evening and the Year 8 Options Evening. (See dates below)

Highlights from last Term

Another prize in the Liverpool Now! Festival
A successful Ofsted visit
A Level Maths tasters at Liverpool University
Our first Cambridge University offer for years
The first ever Girls' Network Careers Round Table
Year 11 Employability Interviews
A packed Careers Fair
Free breakfast available for all students
Ball girls at Liverpool U23s at Anfield
World Book Day
International Pi Day
Anti knife assembly from Merseyside Police
Law and Anatomy Taster Sessions
Two staff Bushtucker Trials for charity
Four Students winning bursaries to exclusive public schools
The talent, commitment and hard work of our students and Staff

Trips Update

Since January our students have been involved in 40 visits involving over 500 students. Visits have included students from all year groups and include residentials, day visits and overseas visits. Activities have included sports tournaments, debating competitions, workplace visits, fieldwork, theatre visits and many more. We believe that such trips bring learning to life and are grateful for your support as well as the hard work of staff organising and running such trips. Details can be found on our Twitter feed or on our website.

Upcoming Events

25 April Year 8 Parents Evening 4pm to 6pm Emmeline
29 April Year 11 Wellbeing Week
1 May Women in Mathematics Day
7 May Year 8 Options Evening
10 May Year 9 University Campus Visit
13 May GCSE & A Level Summer Exams begin/Year 9 Revision Week
14 May Year 10 University Campus Visit
20 May Year 9 End of Year Examination Week
27 May to 31 May Half Term Holiday
3 June Year 7 and 8 Revision Week
10 June Year 7 and 8 End of Year Exam Week



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