



Date: 28th March 2024



Happy Easter Lower School Community!

As our days have been getting lighter and longer and we head into our summer term (and the final term of the year), we have used some assembly time this half term to reflect upon:

- our targets
- our achievements and our reasons to be proud
- how we may have overcome any barriers that have got in the way of our targets or achievements

Some of our joint reasons to feel proud this half term have included:

- Year 8 experiencing workshops with the charity Show Racism the Red Card in our new building
- some of our girls taking part in #letsgirlsplay football tournament which we ran on International Women's Day
- taking part in our Literature Festival including dressing up for World Book Day
- acting upon feedback from our mid year assessments in English, maths and science



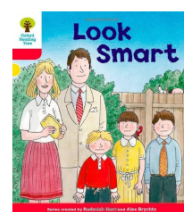
We have reminded our Lower School students of our expected standards in school with a focus on the following which we appreciate your support with:

- Following our uniform policy
 - Some students are losing, removing or hiding their ties. It would be helpful if students could be sent to school with a spare in their bag.
 - For students who wear skirts and, therefore, tights, it would be helpful if they could be sent to school with a spare pair of tights in their bag for any snags, ladders or holes.
- Treating others with kindness

The slides for the assemblies that discussed these reflections and reminders are shared [here](#) should you wish to discuss any of the above in more detail with your children.

We look forward to reviewing some of your children's proudest achievements through their Spring Term Learning Passports early next term.

How to show our values through your appearance:



- Shirts tucked in
- Skirts no shorter than a post it note above the knee
- Shoes must be **ALL black**, sensible and appropriate for school
- School tie
- One pair of small stud earrings
- No other additional jewellery
- No make up

Learning - We learn together
Belonging - We belong to this community
Pride - We are proud of ourselves and each other
Ambition - We have consistently high expectations



Dates for your diary next half term include:

Monday 15th April - Return to school

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- Accelerated Reader STAR Reading Tests (in LRC lessons)
- Learning Passport 2 set for students on Tutor Google classroom. Students complete Part 1.

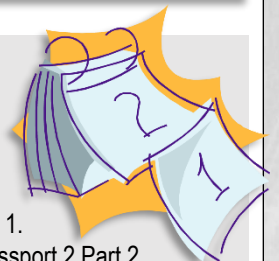
Friday 26th April - Interim 2 published. Students and families start to complete Learning Passport 2 Part 2.

Friday 10th May - Learning Passport 2 deadline.

Monday 6th May - May Day

Wednesday 22nd May - Spring Festival

Friday 24th May - End of half term



Have a wonderful Easter break! We will see you in the summer term!



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Outlines for Half Term 5 Studies for Year 7 & 8

Here at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School we are very proud of our curriculum; our subject experts have designed a well sequenced, interesting and knowledge-rich curriculum for our students.

More details are available on our school website under the 'Curriculum and Learning' tab. You will also find links to your child's learning manager page where we are building up a bank of additional resources and information relevant to your child's stage of learning.

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Drop offs and pick ups at the start and end of the school day



The approach roads to our school and around the estates are narrow and a number of residents have mentioned that traffic has increased and parking is blocking roads. Some have expressed concerns about road safety. Please be mindful of the amount of traffic at the beginning and end of the day around the school and how you might contribute to this. Encouraging our children to walk to school is a healthy way to start the day and arranging a safe drop off and pick up location a little further away will greatly help ease congestion.

Note that in the interest of keeping our children as safe as possible, the existing policy which has been in place for some time is that no vehicles except for the busses can drive onto the school site between 08:25 and 08:40 and 15:10 and 15:25. Thank You in advance

SingFest 2024

Young Voices attended Singfest 2024, Heroes and Villains on Wednesday 20th March. This involved performing with two other schools to an audience of parents at Congleton Town Hall.

The students, Scarlet-Rose Challiner, Sakina Cheema, Mia Earlam, Cerys Fagan, Steffany Gamanya, Brianna Hamilton, Emily Lavin, Mia Lindley, Jessica Matchett, Lottie Maydew, Susie Middleton, Evie Morrison, Caitlin Sellers, Imogen Sykes and Katie Walker were absolutely amazing.



Their hard work on Monday lunchtimes with Mr Ellum, and the superb support from Victoria Palethorpe from the Love Music Trust certainly paid off. Young Voices takes place every Monday lunchtime at 12.30 in Music 1. No auditions, just turn up if you want to be involved.

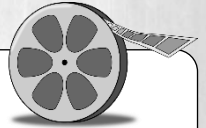
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Languages Film Night

The year 10 and 13 Languages Students organised a fantastic film night for our younger students on Wednesday evening. It was a brilliant turn out with snacks and face painting whilst enjoying watching Coco together in Spanish! Hopefully the first of many. Thanks to Lottie and Amelie in particular!



International Student Ambassadors Host Lunar New Year Celebrations

Our amazing International Ambassadors are a team of students ranging from years 7 to 11 whose aim it is to welcome and support any of our new international students. This involves meeting students on their first day, giving tours, answering questions, and offering a line of communication and support for those who are new to the school, and often to the country.



As well as welcoming new starters, our ambassadors are keen to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school community, recognising important dates and traditions. In February, one of our Year 10 students from Hong Kong organised and ran a games workshop to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. It was very well attended and students had the opportunity to learn about, and celebrate, this important cultural event, whilst having fun and winning prizes!

One of the ambassadors said: "We all think it's really important to welcome new students to the school, helping them to feel positive and safe. That's why we are part of this group." The International Student ambassador group is going from strength to strength with more members at every monthly meeting. All ambassadors wear globe badges on their ties (picture below), so if you are an international student in need of support, you can find the right students to help you.

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Mathematics Faculty - HCCS End of Half Term Update

Year Group: Year 7

Class Details:

CLASS	7X1	7X2	7X3	7X4	7X5
Teachers	Mr Edwards	Miss Whittaker	Mr Barrett	Ms Laskowska	Miss Sneddon
CLASS	7Y1	7Y2	7Y3	7Y4	7Y5
Teachers	Mr Edwards	Mrs Buehling	Mrs Watmough	Ms Laskowska	Miss Sneddon

WHAT HAVE WE COVERED:

[Addition & Subtraction](#) (14)

[Multiplication & Division](#) (18)

- Formal and mental methods of addition and subtraction of integers
- Formal and mental methods of addition and subtraction of decimals
- Applying addition and subtraction to a range of contexts including perimeter and financial maths
- Understand factors and multiples
- Formal methods for multiplication and division of integers
- Formal methods for multiplication and division of decimals
- Order of operations
- Area of quadrilaterals and triangles



ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

Students have been regularly assessed using **green** end of topic tests (EOTT's) and have been receiving feedback from their teachers on **purple** sheets. This feedback focuses on key misconceptions, correcting their errors and improving their exam technique.

STARS OF THE HALF TERM:



7X1	7X2	7X3	7X4	7X5
Paige Mullen	Sam Kettlewell	Lucas Hull	Beth Fewtrell	Noah Cort
7Y1	7Y2	7Y3	7Y4	7Y5
Katy Walker	Ethan Tinarwo	Hazel Cromar	Bea Dawson	Omed Hamed



KEY DATES COMING UP:

- 26th April - Interim 2 Published
- 22nd May - Spring Festival

WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY CHILD?



- Look through your child's interim assessment **review sheet** with them; encourage them to work on their action tasks in order to keep improving
- Encourage completion of Sparx homeworks
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Mathematics Faculty - HCCS End of Half Term Update

Year Group: Year 8

Class Details:

CLASS	8X1	8X2	8X3	8X4	8X5
Teachers	Mrs Stevens	Mr Edwards	Ms Watmough	Mr Barrett	Miss Sneddon
CLASS	8Y1	8Y2	8Y3	8Y4	8Y5
Teachers	Ms Laskowska	Mrs Buehling	Ms Watmough	Miss Kelman	Mrs Hall

WHAT HAVE WE COVERED:

Sequences (4)
Indices (6)
Standard Index Form (11)

- Calculating common differences in sequences
- Generating sequences when given a rule in words
- Generating sequences when given an algebraic rule
- Finding the nth term of a sequence
- Using the addition and subtraction laws for indices
- Using the power law for indices
- Converting ordinary form to standard form for numbers greater than 1
- Converting ordinary form to standard form for numbers less than 1
- Comparing and ordering numbers in standard form
- Calculating in standard form



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Rex Wong	Thomas Garland	Eva Guest	Callum Walczak	Micah Rogerson
8Y1	8Y2	8Y3	8Y4	8Y5
Jennifer Newton	Brianna Hamilton	Noah Donigan	Tyger Bown	Lewis Meadowcroft



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LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



Millionaire Readers

Congratulations to our second set of Millionaire Readers this year!

Year 7

Willow P, Caitlin, Isabella S, Edward K, Samuel N, Immy S, Cian DL, Evie R

A special mention to Sophie Brownhill who has become a multimillionaire reader!

Year 8

Scarlet-RC, Jennifer N, Mia L, Emma W, Isabelle K, Georgie P, Ellen T, Brianna H, Matthew K, Tania N

HCCS Ghost Story Creative Writing Competition 2024

During our annual Literature Festival, our year 7 and 8 students took part in a virtual writing workshop with author Cliff McNish. They explored how to write a successful ghost story and their common conventions before being invited to write their own ghost stories which could be entered into our Creative Writing Competition.

With over 100 entries, it is clear that we have an array of budding writers amongst our students. As a team we really enjoyed each and every one of the entries submitted, thank you to you all for sharing your work with us.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Year 7

- 1st Place - Ethan T
- 2nd Place - Edward K
- 3rd Place - Emily L

Year 8

- 1st Place - Brianna H
- 2nd Place - Oli M
- 3rd Place - Summer B



Neurodiversity Celebration Week Monday 18th March - Sunday 24th March

"Approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population."

The following books celebrate neurodiversity, providing students with the opportunity to learn about lives from a neurodiverse character's point of view, how their experiences differ and the various challenges they face in day to day life.





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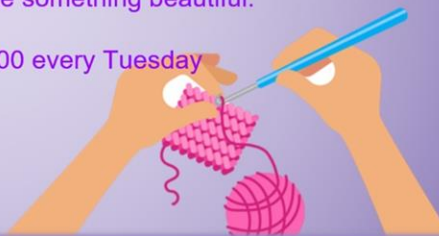


Fibre Arts Club

Open to knitters, crochet artists and anyone that wants to learn.

Bring your own projects, learn a new technique and make something beautiful.

LRC - 3:15- 4:00 every Tuesday



Year 7 and Year 10/11 Football game vs Brine Leas in the South Cheshire Cup.

Please congratulate the year 7 , 10/11 team who fought hard to compete against Brine Leas on Wednesday 27th March in horrendous weather. They were fantastic, showing great determination, spirit and commitment to play through these conditions, but unfortunately they did not progress to the next stage of the cup with the year 10/11 team losing 1 - 0 and the year 7's losing on penalties after a 2-2 draw. Well done to all the girls on their efforts. You should be very proud of yourselves. Well done, **Mrs Mee**



South Cheshire End of Season Tournament - Years 7 and 8

On Thursday 21st March we concluded the netball season with our annual South Cheshire Tournament. We had two year 7 teams and a year 8 team competing against Alsager, Sandbach and Congleton. It was a fantastic way to end the year and all the girls did themselves and their school proud. It was an enjoyable evening and lovely to see so many girls enjoying playing netball. Everyone worked tirelessly and never gave up. The year 7's only lost games by narrow margins and the Year 8's played amazing as a team only losing to Sandbach by 3. What a fantastic game that was.

Well done to all the girls, I look forward to next season and working on the next steps. Congratulations on a great season. Mrs Mee and Mrs Thomas.

