



# NEWSLETTER

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & 6<sup>th</sup> Form College

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023



*Dear all,*

This is the first of our half termly newsletters from each school (Lower School, Upper School and Sixth Form College). This is thanks to a discussion at a parent forum earlier in the year where it was suggested that having a more personalised newsletter with the specifics of the half term ahead would be really helpful. Therefore, this Upper School newsletter will include:

- Some focus on what we've been doing (and loving) this half term until today
- Key dates for next half term
- An outline of the curriculum content for next half

We hope you find the new format helpful and we thank you for your suggestion to make this improvement. As Nigel Bielby, Executive Headteacher, often says in his whole school newsletters: we are better together.



Our last few weeks have been incredibly busy with the start of the GCSE written examinations. So far, we have delivered 34 hours of examination time and a total of 2023 examination papers. It is a huge achievement for our Year 11 students. I really appreciate the discipline and dedication your children have shown to help them secure their best outcomes. I hope that the half term holiday provides a much needed break from revision but also additional time for independent study to support the final stages of examinations.

On Monday, I spoke to all students to inform them of the tragic loss of one of our valued colleagues Kath Lamb. Kath made a huge contribution to our school, our children and our maths department. I know that this is strongly felt by our team and students particularly across the Upper School community where she taught many of our students. Kath has also been a prominent part of our community as a caring and supportive tutor to 10CC. I appreciate all the support your children have shown towards staff and students at this very difficult time.

Next half term, I would like to invite parents in Years 9 and 10 to attend our parent forum. These forums are an opportunity for parents and carers to engage in discussions on key areas of school development, and most importantly to offer valuable feedback on your child's experience so far this year. The forthcoming forum will also give parents and carers a relaxed and informal place to meet with our Upper School team to share their views on how things are going at the school and how we can improve.

Our Year 10 & 9 Parent Forum which will take place at the following time: Thursday 8th June from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in our Learning Resource Centre.



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## Key Dates for the next half term

8 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Year 11 Assembly
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9 & 10 Parent Forum
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Optional home study begins for Year 11
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Intervention Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Trial Examinations begin
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Final GCSE written examination paper
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 visit to Wildshore
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 9 visit to Wildshore
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 Sixth Form Transition events
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 Celebratory Dinner
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Provisional Date for Sports Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Battle of the Bands
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Interim 3 published for Year 9 & 10
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert



Year 9 Curriculum Overview Letter



Year 10 Curriculum Overview Letter

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### Remembering Nell Creative Writing Competition 2023

The standard of the entries was incredibly high. Congratulations to our three winners.

- 1st - Lottie
- 2nd - Esme
- 3rd - Claire

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Students with Food Allergies/Intolerances  
If you haven't already done so, and your child has an allergy to food or intolerance to food, please complete the attached form no later than the 9<sup>th</sup> June and return to

[Helen.cliff@hccs.info](mailto:Helen.cliff@hccs.info)

This information is required, even if your child only has packed lunches.

You do not need to return the form if your child doesn't have allergies or intolerances.

[Information about my child's special diet – Click here](#)



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## Key stage 3 drama evening of performance!

Since January students in years 7-9 have been preparing for an evening of performance on the 13th of June. During this time, students have been working really hard to write their own scripts and choreograph their own scenes based on the theme of 'Summer'. Parents, friends and family are welcome to join us from 5.45 on the 13th of June in the Theatre, where refreshments will be provided. Letters to purchase wishing to purchase a ticket.



We look forward to seeing you there,

Miss Plant and Mr Head

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*Karaoke/ Cabaret 12th July 2023*

[Click here to read more](#)

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

11<sup>th</sup> July

[Click here to read more](#)

## School Production November 2023



### Are you ready to take the stage?



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## Kathryn Lamb

At the end of last week, we received the devastating news that we had lost one of our own, Kathryn Lamb. After the news was shared with the school community, we have spent time this week reflecting on the impact that Kath made on our school community, and the lasting impression she has made on so many. The outpouring of emails, letters, cards and messages of condolences from staff, students and parents that we have received have been appreciated so much and have been a huge source of comfort to us all. They are a heart-warming reminder of what a fantastic woman Kath was to know and work with.



Over the coming weeks, we will be putting together a book of memories for Kath's family. Anyone who wishes to, will be invited to share their favourite memories and stories of their time with Miss Lamb and these will then be collated and shared with those closest to her. Students and staff will be given the opportunity to partake in this activity during tutor time in the first week back. We would like to invite you to send any contributions you'd like to offer via email to [news@hccs.info](mailto:news@hccs.info).

Kath is without a doubt an immeasurable loss to our school community. Her passion and dedication to her students, for whom she cared so greatly, shone above all else. She was renowned for her wicked sense of humour and her immense talent for acting and play-writing.

Kath was, above all, a dear friend to many in our school community, and a cherished member of our maths department; she will be so greatly missed by us all.

**Team HCCS Maths**



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## South Cheshire Athletics Championships

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May we took a group of Athletes to compete in the South Cheshire Athletics Championships. These students had the potential to be selected and represent South Cheshire , what a fantastic opportunity.

All of the students were outstanding, performing to the best of their ability. It was great to see such team spirit from all, as they cheered each other on in their events.

We also had some fantastic results from both our Junior and Inter team. Well done to all. A Huge thank you from the PE department, as it was such a pleasure to take an amazing group of students, you all did the school and yourselves proud showing fantastic character, determination and resilience. Congratulations to all the winners and good luck representing Cheshire. Go Team HCCS!!!!

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HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS

  **22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2023**  

**4pm – 6.30pm**

SELKIRK DRIVE, HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE  
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