

Hollies Herald

Summer 2016



"Determined to Succeed"

This term's theme: 'Think, Learn, Believe, Achieve'

Hollies Herald Summer 2016 Deputy Head Update

This year seems to have gone faster than any other. We are proud of the pupils progress and work at all of our Key Stages, including Primary.

Next year we will focus on developing our Teaching, Learning and Assessment to obtain the very best outcomes for our pupils as learners.

Thank you to all the staff at the PRU, the staff that are moving on to pastures new, and the new staff that will be joining us in September.

We all work hard to support the very best outcomes for all of our pupils.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support and wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday.

Sonia Lockett
Deputy Head

Diary Dates:
2016-2017

Summer Holiday:

Mon 25 Jul- Fri 2 Sept

Staff training Day :

Mon 5 Sep

Half- term:

Mon 24 Oct- Fri 28 Oct 16

Christmas Holiday:

Mon 19 Dec - Mon 2 Jan 17

GCSE RESULTS DAY— Thursday 25 August

School will be open between
10.00am and 12.00pm
for pupils to collect their
results

Our Review Day



On 14 July the Hollies held a Review Day for all pupils, parents and carers to discuss written reports and pupils progress. This was a great success. We want the best outcomes for all our pupils, and our partnership with those with parental responsibility plays a vital part in achieving this.

There was also opportunity for pupils, parents and carers to meet with a range of other key professionals who are also working hard to ensure every child's success. Those included representatives from The Careers Service, Educational Welfare and Staffordshire Police.

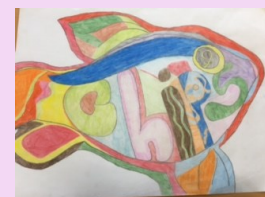
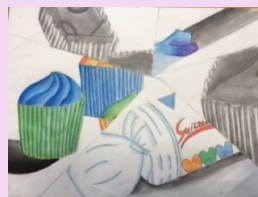
We hope that you too think that this was a useful and successful venture. We would love to hear your comments which may be passed on via email, letter, phone or in person.

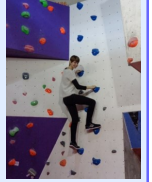
Art and Design

Year 11 pupils have now completed their GCSE exam. All pupils excelled themselves this year with some amazing examples of skills that have been learnt over their time at The Hollies.

Below are some examples of the work produced during that exam.

Mrs Roberts (Art Teacher)





Summer is here and I am extremely happy to announce that the students have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award! So what have they been up to?



May 2016 saw the pupils complete their Bronze AND Silver Indoor Climbing Awards with Wolf Mountain to finally complete their 6 month Physical section. The pupils were put through their final assessments which included an independent climb, a group climb and rope work. However the toughest section of the award was still to come... the EXPEDITION!

During June 2016, the group took to the hills and valleys of the Derbyshire Peak District and completed two weekends of walking, navigating themselves around 28km of open countryside. The assessment expedition was a massive success, seeing the group not only complete their planned route, but deal with torrential rain, boggy marshland and a cold night in a tent. The group's aim was 'teamwork', and their assessor was extremely proud to say the least. It was especially impressive to see how the pupils stuck together and made decisions as a group in tough conditions. This was the first time the Duke of Edinburgh Award has come to The Hollies, and this group of pupils have set a bench mark for future pupils. Their determination to succeed was clear from day one, and over the last 7 months I have watched them grow: developing new skills, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones, but most importantly, become ambassadors of the school and role models for future candidates.

I look forward to continuing this great Award next year with future pupils at the Hollies, and would like to take this opportunity to again thank the group. I wish huge congratulations to Callum, Caolan and Dana for completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am sure they have made many memories which will stay with them for the next stage in their journey.



Thanks too to Mrs Morgan and Mr Booth who were also put through their paces on the Expedition. Alfie the dog too!

Well done from a very proud DofE Manager.



Mr Nation
DofE Manager at The Hollies



The Hollies Horse Project



At The Hollies we are always aware that many of our pupils will benefit from curriculum enrichment and a popular choice is working with animals.

Jade in particular has had an enthusiasm for horses and Dana is planning to be off to Rodbaston next year on an Equine Course.