



WEEKLY BULLETIN

The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy



DEAR PARENT/CARER,

Here we are at the end of another term! I hope that your child has had a great spring term and is looking forward to a break over the holidays. I know that the Easter holiday will be very busy for our Year 11s and Year 13s who are preparing for their examinations, but all of the hard work of the coming weeks will be worth it for them, of that I am sure.

The past few weeks have really reminded me of what fantastic opportunities our students have to 'Join In' with the wider life of the school, develop their confidence and try new things. In just the past fortnight, our students have had the chance to go to Iceland, visit the Globe Theatre, play Rugby at Rosslyn Park 7s (a national rugby competition), go bowling, watch the staff do karaoke (!!) and play football against a staff team, just to name but a few. I am so proud of our students for throwing themselves into these opportunities that exist above and beyond the normal array of clubs available at lunch time and after school. If your child isn't yet getting involved, please do encourage them to be brave and try something different!

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HOLYROOD
ACADEMY

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- Chard Together
- Holyrood's Happy Hour
- Year 11 & 13 Exam Mental Health Support
- PTFA Easter Bingo



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We still have not received our Ofsted report but should do so soon after Easter. As soon as it is available, I will share it with you.

I wish you all a fantastic Easter break and hope you are able to enjoy some family time. I look forward to working with you again in the Summer Term.

Best Wishes

MR. DAVE MACCORMICK

Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fabulous events coming up soon for Holyrood Academy

More information on all of these events online soon:

Saturday 13th May	Car Boot and Dog Show
Saturday 10th June	Car Boot
Saturday 8th July	Car Boot

SOMERSET FOOD CHAMPION TRAINING

This practical 2 day course is free to anyone working in the community of Somerset who is interested in making an impact to their local area through food.

This course will help you to expand your cooking knowledge, skills and confidence to share with others in group settings.



Training Dates for 2023:

30th & 31st March - Highbridge
20th & 21st April - Shepton Mallet
4th & 5th May Watchet
13th & 14th July - Yeovil
20th & 21st July Wincanton
7th & 8th September - Wellington
21st & 22nd September - Somerton

Application Information

To apply please head [here](#) or email if you have any queries: healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk

We are looking forward to partnering with you – Better Together!



healthierlifestyle@somerset.gov.uk

SHOWCASING LOCAL TALENT

Celebration of Dance

**SPRING
FESTIVAL**

**CULTURALLY
CHARD**

Saturday 29th April 2023

Doors open from 11am

Bollywood • Morris dancing • Street • Salsa
Belly dancing • Samba drumming workshops
Line dancing • Performances from local schools*

*performance subject to change



The Guildhall, Chard, Fore Street, TA20 1PP

FREE entry

Refreshments available

Email: events@chard.gov.uk Tel: 01460 260058

IN COLLABORATION WITH GENIUS PR & EVENTS

COMEDY 

Chard 
GUILDHALL
Conference & Events Venue

Fantastic lineup with full bar available.
Come join what is set to be a highly entertaining evening!



Lineup may be subject to change, a top night guaranteed

Tickets price £10.00 in advance from
Eventbrite.co.uk* or Guildhall reception

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023
DOORS OPEN AT 7.00, SHOW STARTS AT 8.00.

The Guildhall, Chard TA20 1PP

01460 239567

www.chard.gov.uk

*Booking fee applies



FUNDED BY CULTURALLY CHARD

Live Music Night

Thursday 27th
April 2023

Doors open at 7.00.
The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, TA20 1PP



Performances from
Holyrood Academy



Jorden Lindsay



The Leggomen

Tickets: £6 in advance. £7 on the door.
Advance tickets are from Eventbrite* or the Guildhall.

More info at Culturallychard.org

Lineup may be subject to change. *Booking fee applies



SPRING
FESTIVAL
CULTURALLY
CHARD



Chard Together

ORGANISED BY CHARD'S ETHNIC DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

This is an annual event, with additional cultural days for key community groups throughout the year

PERFORMANCES
ON STAGE

WORK
SHOPS

ALL
WELCOME

BHANGRA DANCING



GUILDHALL
CHARD

STALLS

LOCAL
SCHOOL
CHOIR

SATURDAY
11th MARCH
2023

FREE
ENTRY



11 am
- 3pm

Do you want to
join in on the day?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EVENT:



SERENA 07793 074 039



@CHARD TOGETHER





**FOOTBALL MATCH
WATCH LIVE**

GAME DAY

**HOLYROOD
ACADEMY**

V/S

**HOLYROOD
SIXTH FORM**

Teachers

Students

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023
KICK OFF 16.00PM
HOLYROOD BOTTOM FIELD



Holyrood Happy Hour!!

Anyone can come along for a chat
and old fashioned board games
Starting at 3.30pm ends at 4.30pm



Light refreshments
tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits

HOLYROOD HAPPY HOUR

Open to all!

Free tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat for all
in the community.

When:

30th March 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Where:

Holyrood Main Hall

Funded by the Prefects and
staffed by D of E Volunteers.



CREWKERNE SUPPORTING CANCER RESEARCH UK

Ilminster Easter Hunt

Saturday 8th April 2023

Fun family Easter egg hunt around the town of Ilminster

£5 per child

Easter prize for each paying participant

Limited spaces so be sure to secure your place now!

Call or message Louise on 07939 346422 for an entry sheet

This activity takes place in Ilminster town centre and involves crossing busy roads.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take care when completing the trail and use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Cancer Research UK public liability does not cover participants in this open event.



**CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

YEAR 9 RESEARCH STUDY

Research Study



STUDY TITLE: Exploring the role of contact with nature in the context of brief psychological interventions for young people experiencing depressive symptoms



Are you in year 9?

Do you experience low mood?

Would you like to get support?

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Choose between a nature or indoor group
- Join three sessions to learn about low mood and ways of coping
- Complete activities / questionnaires about your mood and feelings about nature



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- ✓ we hope the groups may help to improve your mood & wellbeing
- ✓ you could have a chance to win one of two £75 vouchers
- ✓ you will meet other young people going through similar experiences
- ✓ you will help to develop services supporting young people



WHERE CAN YOU FIND OUT MORE?

If you want to find out more, please speak with either:

Mrs Roberts or contact Heather (Lead Researcher) directly at hs705@exeter.ac.uk

**FFION & SOPHIE'S
CAMBODIA
FUNDRAISER**

SILENT DISCO



WHEN: SATURDAY 1st APRIL

TIME: 8-11pm

WHERE: CHARD RUGBY CLUB

TICKETS: ADULTS £10, U18s £7.50

FROM: silentdiscocambodia@gmail.com

CHARD RC | HOLYROOD RECEPTION

BAR OPEN | WRISTBANDS ON ENTRY

TURNING IN TO TEENS | PARENTING PROGRAMME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are invited to take part in a free programme that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. Tuning in to Teens is a six-week parenting programme. The programme will teach you how to manage your own and your adolescents' emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

What is Emotional intelligence?

The programme is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

Why is Emotional Intelligence important?

Research has shown that teens with greater emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success. Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.



When parents focus on helping their teen learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting programme we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop, and in doing so we expect teens to manage adolescence better.

To confirm your participation in this parenting programme, please send an email or the attached booking form via email, to Caroline Markham at cmarkham@holyrood.uat.ac.

The dates for this course are as follows:

Tuesday 9th May 2023
Tuesday 16th May 2023
Tuesday 23rd May 2023
Tuesday 6th June 2023
Tuesday 13th June 2023
Tuesday 20th June 2023

The time for this will be **5.30pm - 7.30pm** and will be at Holyrood Academy - please report to the main reception a few minutes before the start time; refreshments provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

Caroline Markham (Parent & Family Support Advisor)



ACUTE HOSPITAL-BASED STROKE SERVICES - PUBLIC CONSULTATION 18-25 YEAR OLDS

Background:

Stroke is a sudden and life-changing event and is a leading cause of death and disability in the UK. Over recent years, there have been significant advances in proven, highly effective methods of stroke treatment and care.

NHS Somerset is running a public consultation to gather feedback about the future of acute hospital-based stroke services in Somerset, from people living in Somerset and people who use Somerset hospitals. Acute hospital-based stroke services is the specialist hospital care people receive in the first few days and weeks when they first have a stroke.

We're committed to understanding the needs of our local population to make sure we can continue to deliver the best possible health and care services in Somerset.

The public consultation runs from Monday 30 January 2023 for 12 weeks until midnight on Monday 24 April 2023.

We need to ensure that we are hearing a diverse range of voices and this includes the views of young people in Somerset.

For more information:

- Main website for useful information: Acute hospital-based stroke services - Somerset Integrated Care System (somersetics.org.uk)
- Consultation Documentation: Stroke-Consultation-Document-FINAL.pdf (somersetics.org.uk)
- Frequently Asked Questions: Stroke consultation FAQs - Somerset Integrated Care System (somersetics.org.uk)
- Upcoming events: Stroke events - Somerset Integrated Care System (somersetics.org.uk)

Congratulations Team Addams!



What an incredible Spring Term we have had! The Creative Arts Faculty have most definitely packed this term with a whole menu of opportunities for our students at Holyrood, from Musicals to Mixed Media, Concerts to Careers, and Trips to Theatre! It has certainly been busy. What has been an absolute joy to see is the increasing amount of students who are getting so creatively involved in both their lessons and the extra curricular clubs and trips that we have on offer. We know that school is much more than just examinations, and by 'joining in' so many students are enriching their learning, making memories and most importantly having fun –all of which was clearly evident in our production of 'The Addams Family'. Wow! What a show and one that involved nearly 100 students, on stage and off, from Years 7 –13. The word 'family' was very appropriate for this production as it was lovely to see many new friendships formed throughout and a real sense of support, respect and comradery from our young people. We were so proud of the final performance and it really was wonderful to see students of all ages and abilities working together –a real testament to our school vision of promoting social justice and mobility. Congratulations to all involved! And a HUGE THANK YOU to our wonderful Creative Arts Staff who put in so much of their own time to helping make shows like this such a success.

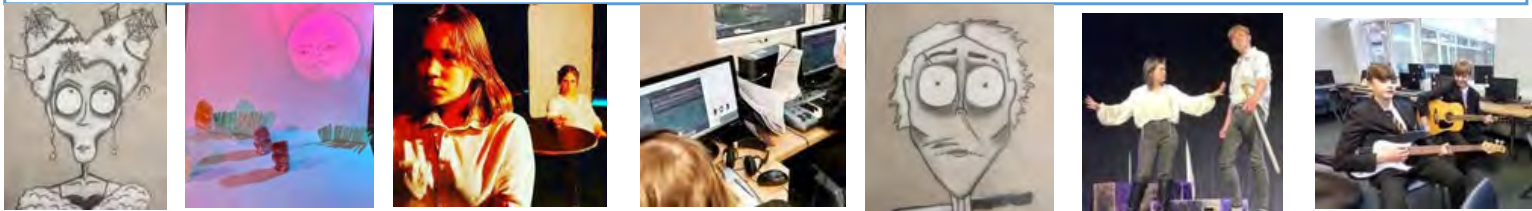
As we head towards May I would also like to personally wish all of our GCSE, A Level and BTEC students taking Creative examinations the very best of luck –remember we are here for you so please do utilise any revision sessions and support that is available. We have absolute faith in you all!

Mrs J Lowe (Head of Creative Arts)



In lessons this term with Art, Music & Drama...

Exploring colour and perspective has led to some impressive watercolour landscapes by Year 7 this term and we could not be prouder of our Tim Burton inspired Year 8 work which became the backdrop to The Adams Family Musical. Mixed Media has been the medium for Year 9 artists as they explore the theme of the microscopic world. KS3 drama students have been developing their skills in creating drama work with Year 7's fantastic slap stick pieces in 'Silent Movies', Year 8's devising from stimulus and Year 9 students learning how to 'hook' an audience through dramatic techniques and conventions. Theatre creation has also followed through into drama lessons with exploring the roles and responsibilities of those working in professional theatre (Year 8) and the screening of live theatre performance with Year 9 watching The National Theatres 'Small Island'. Music has had a 'show' theme this term with Year 7 creating ostinatos from Harry Potter, Year 8 delving into Musical Theatre and Year 9 composing their own film soundtracks using our new mac suite to learn more about music technology –the results have been epic! All of our KS4 & 5 students studying qualifications in the arts are now heavily into exam preparation, but a huge congratulations on the performances, compositions and art work that has been submitted so far as part of the course –Holyrood has talent!



Creative trips and workshops this term...

There has certainly been plenty of opportunities outside of the classroom for creativity this term! Our fabulous Art team has ventured into the city with trips to Exeter RAMM and London's Tate Gallery where students have been exposed to artists and artifacts to inspire their own work at GCSE & A Level. Drama have also explored the capital with Year 11 for our annual trip to watch 'The Woman in Black', a very special occasion as this show now ends its run on the west end after 30 years! Selected Year 8 students had full run of The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil where they had a private backstage tour and a workshop with the acclaimed Somerset Youth Dance Company. We were also proud to visit Restart Primary School this term with our drama enrichment class who performed their own versions of 'The Highway Rat' to KS1 students which was wonderful to see. Our creative work in the community continued this term through working with Richard Tomlinson on a green screen and dance project that was exhibited in March with silhouettes of year 8 students projected on the Guildhall. We also welcomed back the Jackdaw music project for schools and students from Years 7 –13 have been rehearsing for the Klezmer music project; a series of Jewish pieces for an ensemble on the 28th March.



Our application for Arts Mark...

We are excited to inform you of our application to become an Artsmarkcertified Academy! The Artsmarkaward is the only creative quality standard for schools and is designed to embed arts, creativity and culture into all aspects of education. Our journey so far has given us a real insight into the quality of arts provision here at Holyrood and ways in which we can develop these. This includes student engagement, our curriculum, our range of offer, partnerships and our own values and ethos. To be awarded we need you to give us feedback on how our Creative Arts provision has positively impacted your child. Please follow this link to complete this survey:

[Arts Mark: Student/Parent/Carer Feedback -Google Forms](#)

Spring Term Award Winners

Drama Oscar Winners



Emma Thatcher (Year 13)
Leadership in Drama



Lauren Miller (Year 11)
Drama Progress



Sonny Larcombe (Year 7)
Best Newcomer

Art Turner Prize Winners



Elizabeth Smith-Layzell
(Year 13)



Music Grammy Winners



Oliver Smith-Layzell (Year 11)
Achievement at GCSE



Harry Stokes (Year 7)
Effort and dedication



Caitlin Rogers (Year 10)
Superb effort at GCSE

Year 7 Choir 'Rise up' Link below

https://www.instagram.com/reel/CqTKk9llw_VGQpIJZg36SNRwvy6v-Q2uOjzzO80/?igshid=MjljNjAzYmU=



Creative Careers!

We are also super proud to announce that this year we have a record number of students who have been accepted into prestigious schools of Art and Drama as well as universities! This term we have been informing students of the many careers available in the Creative Arts industry. From assemblies, university visits and our social media 'career of the week' posts we are here to promote professions in this sector. Look out next term for opportunities to join in with a Q&A with past students who are now working successfully in the arts.

Want to keep up to date on what's happening in Creative Arts at Holyrood?
Follow us on social media!



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Holyrood Drama @ Holyrood
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creativearts_holyrood
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holyroodmusic

We are always looking for the next creative opportunity so if you have any comments, feedback or suggestions regarding the arts at Holyrood please do contact Mrs Lowe via jlowe@holyrood.uat.ac

The Creative Arts Team

Mrs J Lowe –Head of Creative Arts & Drama
Leader Ms Jolliffe –Drama Teacher
Mrs Shaun –Drama Teacher
Mr Massey –Drama Teacher
Mrs Munro –Head of Art
Mrs Wilson –Art Teacher
Mrs Taylor –Art Teacher
Mrs Ward –Art Teacher
Mrs Spiller –Head of Music
Mrs Seib –Music Teacher
Mr Tozer –Music Teacher
Mr Shortland –Music Teacher
Mrs Cunningham –Creative Arts Technician
Mr Hayden & Mr Lees –Creative Arts Governors
Honorary Team –Mrs Wilsher, Mr Barge
& Mrs Brownsey

MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)

Please remember through the MCAS app you can see lots of instant information for example, your child's attendance, timetable and exam information. In addition, you can top up your child's food account and also pay for resources and trips .

If you don't have a MCAS account, please email finance@holyrood.uat.ac providing your name and your child's name, so we can send you your log in details and instructions.

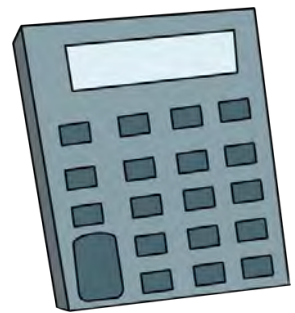
ABSENCE

To ensure that your child's absence is actioned quickly and added to the register please report your child's absence to the school via the school's

Absence Line - **01460 260100** - Option 1, for years 7 to 11

or

for Sixth Form students at sixthform@holyrood.uat.ac



Stationery

Make sure you are equipped!

Parents/carers can buy items online including:

pencil case with equipment (£2), set of 5 pens or pencils (£1), assessment prep book (£2.50), calculator (£11.50), document wallets (£1.75), socks (£1) and ties (£7.00).

Also available **with cash** from The Learning Centre before school from 8am, at break/lunch times and until 3.30pm

Pens 10p	Display wallets £1
Pencils 5p	Pencil cases with equipment £2
Fineliners 40p	Ties £7
Rulers 10p/15p	Calculators £11.50
Erasers 10p	Other items for sale too!

Remember!
You can't buy
stationery with
your thumb
print!



