



BIWEEKLY BULLETIN

The official news bulletin of Holyrood Academy



DEAR PARENT/CARER,

Spring has sprung at Holyrood! It has been so lovely to see some slightly drier weather over the past couple of weeks. Hopefully this is a sign of things to come.

After feedback from some parents and carers regarding the frequency and length of our bulletin, we are now going to send these half termly from now on. There will be another one before Easter and then they will be sent to you half termly after that. I hope that they will be more meaningful and readable in that format. As always, reminders and upcoming events will be communicated via our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

<https://www.facebook.com/holyroodacademyfb>

<https://twitter.com/HolyroodAcademy>

<https://www.instagram.com/holyroodacademy/>

HOLYROOD
ACADEMY

FEATURED THIS WEEK:

- **Careers at Holyrood**
- **PTFA and AGM Meetings**
- **Half Term Events**
- **AnyDay**
- **Kiss/Mary/Push off Cliff**

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I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents, carers, staff, students and volunteers who made our recent performances of Shrek The Musical so successful. I was so proud of the 120 students who were involved in such a high-quality production. I thought that Grease! was the best school production I had ever seen, until I saw The Addams Family, last year. I didn't think it was possible for Shrek to be better, but it was! I was most pleased that the cast was bigger and so many children were involved in singing, acting, tech crew and lighting as well as in costume and stage design. If your child is considering getting involved in Performing Arts but doesn't quite have the confidence yet, please ask them to have a chat with someone who was in Shrek this year, or to go and see their Art, Music or Drama teacher who will be happy to support them to join a club. It would be amazing to see even more children involved next year.

On a different note and as you are already aware, our uniform consultation has closed and we have made the following decisions:

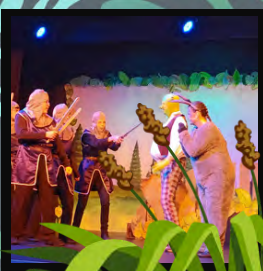
1. That we will move to a new school skirt of tartan style from 1st September 2024. This will be for Year 7-10 inclusive but next year's Year 11 students (this year's Year 10) will not be made to buy a new skirt. They may if they wish to. We are currently consulting with students on the different cuts of skirts available as well as the pattern itself. More to come on this over the next few weeks.
2. That the blazer will remain a compulsory part of the uniform. The majority of parents and carers as well as staff felt that it would be a step backwards to remove the blazer from the uniform. A valid point raised by the students was that blazers are useful for storage (pockets!) and for wearing their reward badges.
3. That the choice to have a branded school jumper or a plain black woolen jumper will also remain and that both of these items are optional. Most people felt that the increased cost of a branded jumper was not wanted, particularly in light of the increased cost of a skirt. Therefore, we will not take this aspect of the consultation forward.

Thank you, as always, for all of your support of the school. I understand that we do not always get everything right and that sometimes, young people can be unkind to each other (particularly online). If you have a concern, please contact us directly. It is rather difficult to deal with issues that are raised via Facebook, particularly if that is the first we know of them. Similarly, if you would like to come and visit us during the day to see what Holyrood is really like, please email me directly at dmaccormick@holyrood.bep.ac. I would be delighted to show you around personally on a day that suits you. This is a great school and we are very proud of our students and staff.

Best Wishes
MR. DAVE MACCORMICK
 Headteacher



CREATIVE ARTS PRESENTS





FEBRUARY 2024

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CREATIVE Arts

Student Reception

Just a reminder that all students are to use the student Reception even if coming in late. They will not be let into the Lower Site Reception or into the Main Reception.

Overdue Books

Message from The Learning Centre



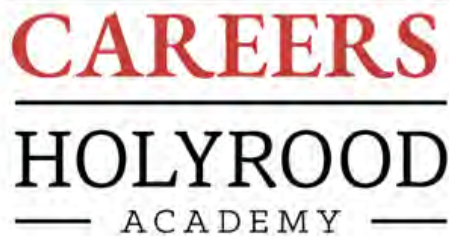
The Learning Centre is popular and busy again this year. However, we have a large number of overdue books that other students would appreciate the opportunity to borrow.

Some books have been on loan for ages, so students may have become used to seeing them on their shelves. The Learning Centre copies have a plastic cover so students should be able to quickly identify these and return them.

If a book has been lost or damaged, please don't worry as we are happy to accept a good quality second-hand copy as a replacement.

Mrs Edge and Miss Curley



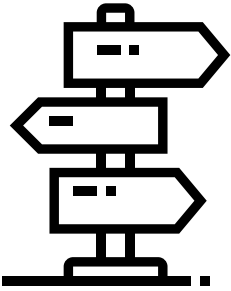


Calling all Holyrood Alumni!
We are looking for previous Holyrood Alumni to share their stories
with our students.

Please complete the form below and tell us about yourself and your time
at Holyrood and inspire the next generation.

[Click Here](#)

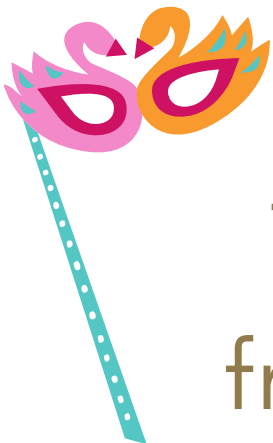
If you have any questions email: careers@holyrood.bep.ac



Staff Panto

Cinderella and the 7 Hoodies

Come and watch our staff retelling this story of rags to riches with a modern twist. Don't expect Shakespeare or Oscar winning performances. Do expect to laugh a lot.



Tickets £2
from the LRC



Margaret Bonfield's Birthday Party

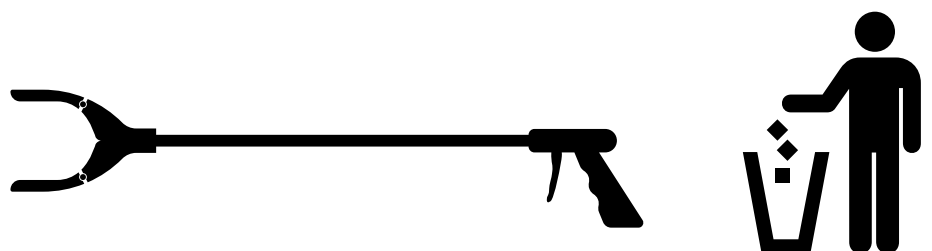
There will be free cake provided by the museum outside of Chard Guildhall on the **16th March** from **9 am until 2pm** to celebrate this extraordinary woman who was born in Chard. Help the cake be eaten, and our local heroine celebrated.



Community Litter Pick



Chard is running a community litter pick on the **17th March**. All are welcome to join this event which will meet outside the **Fore Street Hub building at 10 am**.



Spring Clubs 2024



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY



Young Enterprise	MHA/MLY	Monday	lunch	A3	Yr 9 and 10
Craft and Chat	SDALT/SHE	Monday	lunch	LRC	All
Christian Union	LBL	Monday	lunch	L4	All
Poetry By Heart	PWE	Monday	lunch	A11	All
Colouring Club	RAU	Monday	lunch	A2	All
Year 11 Book Club	WKL/EVE	Monday	lunch	G2	Yr 11
Year 10 Book Club	CLA/CSM	Monday	lunch	A7	Yr 10
Basketball	KDR	Monday	lunch	Sports hall	Yr 7 and 8
Swing band	ADA/KSE	Monday	lunch	E10	All
Year 7 Music Practice rm	NSP/KSE/ADA	Monday	lunch		Yr 7
Girls all year football	KDR	Monday	After school	ATP	All
Homework club	JED/LCU	Monday	After school	LRC	All years
Rehearsal Space	JLO/LMA	Monday	After school	DM1	GCSE and Btec

Music Tech Club	NSP	Tues	lunch	F5	All
D of E drop in Silver/ Gold	KSE/IHA	Tues	lunch	E10	Yr 10,11,12
Creative Corner	ECU	Tues	lunch	LRC	All
Younique	SHO	Tues	lunch	M2	All
Yr 8 Music Practice rooms	ADA/NSP/KSE	Tues	lunch		Year 8
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Tues	lunch	E8	All
National Theatre Connexs	LMA	Tues	After school	DM1/2	By invitation
Shrek	Production team	Tues	After school	DM1/USH	All
Boys Footbal yr 10 & 11	RBA	Tues	After school	ATP	All boys
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Tues	After school	E8	Alevel Art & Photo
Homework club	JED/LCU	Tues	After school	LRC	All
Girls Netball	KAR/SPR/EBO/KDR	Tues	After school	courts	Yr 7,8,9 and 10

All years Badminton	DHAR	Wed	lunch	Sports hall	All
All years gym	KAR	Wed	lunch	Gym	All
All years Dance	KDR	Wed	lunch	Studio	All
Rock Choir	NSP	Wed	lunch	E10	All
Yr 11 Music practice room	NSP/ADA/KSE	Wed	lunch		Year 11
Cook Club	RCH	Wed	After school	C2	All (must sign up in C2)
Year 7 Science club	BBU	Wed	After school	G5	Year 7
Football yr 9 boys	SJE	Wed	After school	ATP	Yr 9 boys
All years indoor cricket	SPR	Wed	After school	Sports Hall	Yr 9,10,11 girls
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Wed	After school	E8	A level art and photog
Homework club	JED/LCU	Wed	After school	LRC	All
3D printing club	LHU	Wed	After school	D2	
Rehearsal Space	JLO/LMA	Wed	After school	DM1	GCSE and Btec

Politics and Debating	CPAY	Thurs	lunch	A11	All
School band	ADA/KSE	Thurs	lunch	E10	All
Creative Corner	ECU	Thurs	lunch	LRC	All
Crafty Thursday	LHU	Thurs	lunch	D4	All
All years gym	AEA	Thurs	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
Short film club	NWE	Thurs	lunch	B4	All
Year 9 Music Practice rooms	NSP/KSE/	Thurs	lunch		Year 9
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Thurs	lunch	E8	All
Excellence in H and S	MTH/DCO	Thurs	After school	F4	Yr 10,11,12 &13
Shrek	Production team	Thurs	After school	DM1/ US hall	All
Year 8 boys football	AEA	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 8 boys
Year 7 boys football	SJE	Thurs	After school	Field	Year 7 boys
All girls rugby	KAR	Thurs	After school	Field	All girls
A Level Art & Photography	SMU	Thurs	After school	E8	All
Homework club	JED/LCU	Thurs	After school	LRC	All
Shrek Prop club	SMU	Thurs	After school	E8	All

Board games	CBR	Fri	lunch	H2	Yr 7 & 8
Fantasy football	OLO	Fri	lunch	L3	All
Ukulele club	ADA	Fri	lunch	F3	Yr 7
Shrek soloists	KSE	Fri	lunch	E10	Cast members
Illustrations club	KGO	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
Chess club	JBL	Fri	lunch	LRC	All
All years basketball	KDR	Fri	lunch	Sports hall	All
All years gym	SJE	Fri	lunch	Lifestyle Fitness	All
Year 10 Music Practice room	ADA/NSP/ KSE	Fri	lunch		Year 10



National
Theatre

CONNECTIONS
2024

Please note this performance contains
some strong language and themes of
drugs, alcohol and sex.

We recommend audiences of 13 years +

KISS / MARRY / PUSH OFF CLIFF

Written by Josh Azouz

A Holyrood Academy production

Thursday 14th March

@ 19:00

Friday 15th March

@ 19:00

Upper Site Hall, Holyrood.

Tickets:

£3 Student

£5 Adult

Available at:

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holyrood-academy>



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CAREERS

We have launched a Careers Instagram account to provide parents and carers with more information and support regarding next steps and careers options for their children. Our Instagram is Careersatholyrood and there is a helpful LinkTree on the profile that includes links to apply for Post 16 & 18 options as well as the Work Experience database and apprenticeship search tools.

LinkTree: <https://linktr.ee/careersatholyrood>

Instagram: Careersatholyrood



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We would like to remind all Year 11 parents and carers that applications for Sixth Form are now open. Application forms can be found on the website under the Sixth Form section.

#WHY
STUDY
ANYWHERE
ELSE



MUMS & MUNCHKINS



CHARD COMMUNITY HUB

THURSDAYS

10AM - 11.30AM

Toys & Activities | Peer Support | Refreshments

All Welcome | Free to Attend

Kindness | Collaboration | Positivity

ANYDAY

Comic, absurd and surreal.
Anyday is the charming tale of
Max and the world he shares with
his bird on a trampoline.

26th March

7:00 PM



HOLYROOD ACADEMY
ZEMBAR D LANE
CHARD, SOMERSET
TA20 1JL

take
art 

UNIFORM

Wanted: any good condition uniform. We are delighted to take any good condition uniform to be recycled at our visitors reception on Zembard Lane. This is sold for £1 an item and £5 a blazer at the community hub. All monies raised are shared between the Hub and the PTFA.

Harrison's Fundraiser for Camp Ecuador



DOG
SHOW



SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024



CHARD
EQUESTRIAN,
CHARD,
TA20 4BP



Bring your furry friends and
join the fun at Harrison's Dog Show!

More details to follow.

YOUTH COUNCIL EVENT

INFLATABLE

Session



ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

BOUNCY CASTLE • INFLATABLE
STAIRS • BUNGY CORD ROPE RUN •
INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE •
FUN FOR ALL • REFRESHMENTS

WED 3RD
APRIL

10AM – 12PM

GUILDHALL CHARD

Fore St, Chard | TA20 1PP

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Conference & Events Venue



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Women's Work Lab



Mums! Ready to join our hive?

Our powerful programme is created by mothers, for mothers. Join the community of women at our hive where we give you the tools, techniques and work experience to rediscover employability skills and explore your path so you can find work that works for you and your family.



Our Taunton programme is held at:

**The Brewhouse,
Coal Orchard,
Taunton TA1 1JL**

Starts: Tues 23rd April

Ends: Wed 10th July

Every Tues & Wed 10.15am - 1.15pm except half term

Travel expenses may be covered.
Open to mums ages 19+ (no upper age limit) who are not working and in receipt of benefits.

Apply today at

www.womensworklab.co.uk

Find out more by getting in touch with Sophia, our Marketing Coordinator:

✉ sophia@womensworklab.co.uk

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Chard History Group

THE HISTORY OF ART WHAT IS ART?

LOUISE ALLEN

Seeing the world differently through the history of our shared visual language, with local author and artist Louise Allen



The Town Hall, The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard

Thursday 14 March 2024

Doors open 7.20pm, Talk starts 7.45pm

Members £2.50

Visitors welcome £3.50



Thinking about teaching?

Primary & Secondary one year courses,
leading to QTS & PGCE

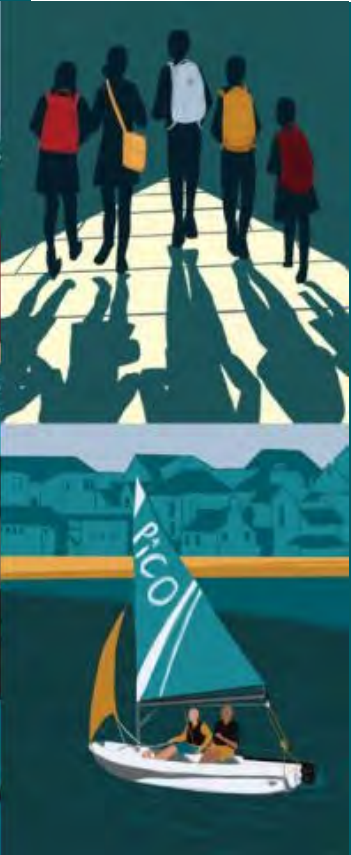
Our courses are designed by expert teachers so you can train to become a teacher with confidence.

Working with the University of Nottingham to provide the PGCE element (taught in Devon).

School placements, through our network of schools, provide you with excellent training and practice close to home.

Seminars and workshops are delivered through a mix of face to face and online sessions, so you can achieve the best work life balance.

Our training communities celebrate the successes and qualities of trainees from diverse backgrounds and career stages.



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FREE ENTRY

ALL
WELCOME



Saturday
9
March

10.30am-
3pm
Guildhall
Chard



Dragon Parade from 10am
starting at the Guildhall Chard



- Performances
- Workshops
- Stalls
- Foods from around the world



Family Friendly
Dragon Egg hunt



For more information about the event contact: Serena 07793 074 039

@chardtogether



SCHOOL CALENDAR

For a direct link to our school calendar and all that is happening please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

STUDENT BULLETIN

For a direct link to our student bulletin please click here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

UP AND COMING TRIPS

Please note these are subject to change and cancellation. Some trips are in the process of having details confirmed. Specific details will come from trip leaders when they are ready.

March 6th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium
March 7th	Year 8	Geography Trip - Plymouth Aquarium

Enviro Prefects need your help!

We are looking for donations for Ferne Animal Sanctuary! We are looking for many items including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kitten food● Cat food● Dog food● Cat toys● Dog toys | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Blankets● Old towels● Food/water bowls● Leads● Collars |
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Bring donations
to
Mrs Davison's
Office anytime



FERNE
ANIMAL SANCTUARY

*Poetry Club
with
Mr. Webber
Monday lunchtimes in A11*

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RHYTHMICAL
CREATION OF
BEAUTY IN
WORDS

*Discover the 'spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings recollected
in tranquility'.*

Tap into your inner Romantic poet.

Write original poems, then read them to others.

Become a performance poet!



Wanted !

Youth Worker / Youth Support Worker

Motivated, creative & flexible team member
for evening work in Chard, at one or more of our services:

'Youth Zone' for 11-19's - 7 - 9 pm (Mon & Thurs)

'Fun Time' for 6-11's - 6.30 - 8.30 pm (Fri)

NB Above are service opening times - please add 1/2 hour before & after for work times

Most services term-time only - with options for
some school holiday activities &/or cover in other sites as well.
Working with a great staff team & excellent young volunteers.

Starting rates of pay from £8.60/£11.49 - £13.45
(pending age, level/role appointed to & experience / qualifications)

Find out more about what we do on www.alsyouth.org.uk or:



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@YouthZone.als

@FunTime.als

**More details for this vacancy & an Application Form
available on Indeed or from jobs@alsyouth.org.uk**

**Closing date for applications:
10am - Mon 18th March**