

Hollingworth High School



NEWSLETTER

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Many of you will have seen the reports in the local newspaper about our successful Ofsted Report. The Report was completed by the end of December and we are now able to share this with you. If any parent would like to read the full report it can be found on our school website (www.hhonline.co.uk). Ofsted reported that Hollingworth was a 'Good' school which has made strong progress since the last report in 2000. In the 30 categories that are reported, Hollingworth was given a 'Good' score in 27 and a 'Satisfactory' in the remaining 3 sections. Everyone is very excited about the report and its positive outcome. It is a powerful recognition of the success that Hollingworth has enjoyed in recent years.

- **Half Term** 20 to 24 February 2006
- **Year 9 Mock SATs** 6 to 10 March 2006
- **Year 11 English Literature Mock GCSE examination** 6 to 10 March
- **Year 11 Statistics Mock GCSE examination** 6 to 10 March
- **Year 10 Modular Science GCSE examinations** 8 March 2006
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening** 15 March 2006

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There is at least one vacancy on the school's governing body for a parent governor. If you are interested in some involvement in your child's school, please contact

Mrs C Henderson
in school.



As many of you will know we hope to become a Business and Enterprise College by September. If we achieve this status we will be able to provide some **FREE** courses for people. Before we can organise these courses we need to find out what sort of courses people would like to attend. The completion of the questionnaire overleaf would be of great help in this process.

PANDA = Performance and Assessment Every school's GCSE examination results are judged each year by the DfES. These judgements are sent to school in their PANDA report. Hollingworth has had consistently excellent reports and the latest which arrived in December is no different. In 5 of the 10 of the most important categories results at Hollingworth are recognised as '**significantly above average**'. All others are at least satisfactory. This report is another ringing endorsement of good progress. It would not be possible without the support of our parents and carers and we are very grateful for all the assistance we continue to enjoy.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

HOLIDAY 2006/2007 Several people have commented about the very early return to school that is scheduled for January 2007. The published dates meant that we return to school on Tuesday 2 January 2007. This has been a worry for many people. Consequently, we would like parental opinions about a suggestion that has

been put forward. If changed, the Christmas holiday would begin on Friday 22 December 2006 (and not as first published Friday 15 December). The school would then re-open on Monday 8 January 2007. In effect, this would mean we would finish the autumn term one week later and return in January one week later.

If anyone has any opinions about this suggested change, could they please complete the slip below. If this proposal does go ahead, then the summer term would finish on Thursday 19 July 2007. If any changes to our original dates are made we will inform all parents in another newsletter.

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR TUTOR

Pupil Name: _____ Tutor: _____

Please tick appropriate box to indicate your preference:

I prefer the new Christmas holiday period: Monday 25 December 06 to Friday 6 January 07

I prefer to keep the original Christmas holiday period: Monday 18th December 06 to Monday 1 January 07

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Date: _____

Comments: _____

BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE BID

To support our application to become a Business and Enterprise College, please complete this questionnaire and return to your child's form tutor by Wednesday 15th February.

All entries will go in a prize draw for a family meal voucher worth £20 at the John Milne in Milnrow.

- Do you think there are enough out-of-school hour opportunities in Rochdale?
Yes No
- Do you think there are enough out-of-school hour opportunities for children in the Milnrow / Newhey locality?
Yes No
- Please indicate whether you think there should be opportunities for:
IT/Computer skills clubs Hobby clubs Homework clubs
English speaking skills Reading groups Basic literacy
Basic Numeracy Help with money management
Other - please specify
- If you have younger children would you consider coming along to family learning events?
Yes No
- If you have older children (16-25) do you think they could benefit from courses in:-
IT MATHS LITERACY BUSINESS SKILLS
- Would they attend sessions at Hollingworth High School?
Yes No
- Would **YOU** be interested in any of the above classes?
Yes – In the daytime Yes – In the evening
Yes – At weekends No – Not at all
- If Hollingworth High School were to set up more out of hours provision would you be prepared to give feedback?
Yes No
- Would you be prepared to take part in a steering group to improve local learning facilities?
Yes No
- If you have any other suggestions which we can consider, please state below.
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Pupil Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____ Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)