

HOLLINGWORTH

Business and Enterprise College

NEWSLETTER



TRAINING DAY : Monday 8 October 2007


Please note that **Monday 8 October is a Staff Training Day**. As well as training sessions being organised for staff, over 600 primary school pupils visit Hollingworth to spend this day 'sampling' secondary education. As a result, our pupils will not be attending Hollingworth on Monday.

HOLIDAY DATES REMINDER


Half Term	:	Monday 29 October 2007 – Friday 2 November 2007
College Re-opens	:	Monday 5 November 2007
Term Ends	:	Friday 21 December 2007
Xmas Holiday	:	Monday 24 December 2007 – Friday 4 January 2008
College Re-opens	:	Monday 7 January 2008
Half Term	:	Monday 11 February – Friday 15 February 2008
Term Ends	:	Thursday 20 March 2008
Easter Holiday	:	Friday 21 March 2008 to Friday 4 April 2008
College Re-opens	:	Monday 7 April 2008
May Bank Holiday	:	Monday 5 May 2008
Half Term	:	Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May 2008
College Closes	:	Friday 18 July 2008



STANDARDS EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the 2006/07 Year Eleven pupils. They achieved unprecedented levels of success with over 100 of them achieving at least 10 A*/C GCSE grades. In addition, 70% of the year group achieved the headline "5 A*/C GCSE Grades", whilst 60% reached that standard when English and Maths are included. Overall, this was an extremely successful year. 

MORE STANDARDS EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations are also extended to the 2006/07 Year Nine pupils. The KS3 results also hit record levels with many pupils achieving Level Sevens. These results put Hollingworth in the top 25% of all schools across England – an achievement well worth recording. 

CASHLESS SYSTEM

In November, we will be introducing a cashless system in Diners. This operates by using the latest technology to 'read' a pupil's thumb print. When a pupil buys items from Diners they identify themselves by their thumb print which then automatically debits that pupil's personal account. A much more detailed letter about this will be sent to all parents/carers before half-term. However, this new technology has many advantages which include:-



- ◆ Parents/Carers will be able to pay for meals via their home computers.
- ◆ Parents/Carers will be able to check exactly which items their sons/daughters have purchased. They will also be able to check which meals have been bought.
- ◆ Pupils may not need to bring as much actual money into the building.

There are two points which need to be emphasised. First, this system

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is 'secure' in that the only people able to access information will be either parents/carers or authorised staff at Hollingworth.

This data cannot be viewed by unauthorised people. Secondly, pupils will be able to 'top-up' their accounts by using cash-machines which have been already installed in Diners allowing parents/ carers to continue giving daily amounts of money to their sons/daughters should they wish to do so.

We will send more details about this new system to everyone before half-term. In addition, pupils will be given instructions about this new process during assemblies in the run-up to the launch in November.

Hopefully, when full details are released all questions will be answered but if any queries still remain after this information has been shared, then we will organise a system to reply to parents/carers.

