

Autumn Term Governor's newsletter

As another Calendar year draws to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all who have contributed to our Holgate Academy community throughout 2022. Even the smallest of gestures, such as encouraging our students with attendance, good behaviour and a positive learning attitude, has an impact!

I would like to thank all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, for their effort and determination to give the best possible opportunities for every student. Many staff have stepped into new roles and the teamwork that is being seen will I am sure result in positive experiences for the students throughout their journey at Holgate.

This year I have had the chance to talk to many students and have been particularly impressed by their manners, ambition, and willingness to engage. I have also experienced lessons where I have seen excellent day-to-day books and focus throughout the academy.

Recently I had the opportunity to see the school play. It is great to see so many students getting so much from this experience and puts The Holgate Academy back on the map as a centre for Performing Arts.

The governors are aware of the many challenges facing the Academy; we have been working hard with the Senior Leadership team to bring about change, ensure that behavioural and uniform policies are adhered to and that steps are taken when this doesn't happen.

The very recent news that Holgate has been identified by the government as one of the next 239 schools in England to benefit from investment from the Department of Education's 10 year rebuilding programme is very welcome. We are waiting to find out the exact details of the scale of investment, but these are certainly exciting times for The Holgate Community.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely rest over the holidays and look forward to being able to talk to more of you over the next year, Governors are represented at most events wearing our green lanyards, so please come over and introduce yourself.

Kate Turner

Chair of Governors The Holgate Academy