



Spring Term Newsletter – April 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

As another term finishes and we head towards better weather I am thinking of all the things that have taken place over this last term. As governors we keep up with the fabulous Facebook posts that showcase all the activity going on in the Holgate Community as well as asking questions in our meetings and making visits into the school to see what is going on first hand. What we are seeing and hearing is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and the support of our parent community. The following are some of the things that have stood out this term.

- The stage show Matilda was excellent and we saw so many of our students enjoying being on stage as well as being involved with opportunities backstage. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in this.
- We, as governors, are following the building work that is needed to house the 6th form back at the main academy site and are interested to see the benefits this brings across the whole academy when all students are on the same site.
- I have managed to meet with many parents this term and am always pleased to hear how well the academy works with students and their families, going above and beyond, to help them get the best education possible, sometimes in difficult circumstances.
- As always, we are following safeguarding in the school, of which the care that the academy shows for the students is clear to see at Holgate.
- We look at the progress and attendance of all the different groups of students that we have, and it is great to see the amount of support that is put in place for different groups of students to help them succeed. I, in particular, have been following the work being done with the Young Carers. As a governing body, we are very happy to see that the attendance rate has improved for all groups of students.
- We were so pleased to hear that after the successful Open Evening we have a huge number of year 6 putting Holgate down as their first choice for September. It is lovely to see that so many of the community realise that Holgate has so much to offer.

We know that for Holgate to thrive we need our whole community, staff, students, parents and governors, to work together under the guidance of the Senior Leadership Team. We are seeing this happening throughout the academy and I for one am proud to lead the governor team during this exciting phase of Holgate's life.

Best wishes,

Kate Turner
Chair of Governors