



Holland House School

Message from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

It has been a whirlwind of a week at HHS and I am astonished to find that we are now just one week from the end of term! Here at school, Christmas is in full swing! We have decked the hall, dressed the trees, decorated the classrooms, set up the post-box and there is a definitive festive cheer to the building which is much appreciated, particularly given the dreary weather these past few days!

I'd like to make a special mention here of how proud I am of our Y6 pupils, many of whom have been sitting entrance tests this week – well done for working so hard. My heart goes out to the girls sitting Habs January exam! No December exam! No, back to the January exams! I think it's harder for parents and teachers to cope with than the girls themselves who have been brilliant and just taken it in their stride. Excellent work, Ladies!

There are some important dates to note for next week

- Tuesday: Full dress rehearsal!
- Wednesday : Show day
Children can come to school wearing PE kits to make changing easier
- Thursday: Christmas lunch and jumper day
Pupils and staff are invited to wear a festive jumper (normal school uniform otherwise applies)
- Friday: Party day!
Pupils can come to school in their party clothes for a fun-filled morning of games and celebrations. A £1 donation is requested in aid of our school charity which supports the education of girls in some of the poorest, most rural parts of Africa.

Warmest regards

Emily Brown

CERTIFICATES AWARDED THIS WEEK

Jay Gill R

Nishka Patel Y6

Raiyan Wahid Y6

Masha Karunaratne Y5

Rian Malde Y5

Siv Chowdhury Y5

Maahi Malde Y5

Aarya Shah Y1

Sienna Bhudia Y3

Reeva Shah Y3

Shayne Shah Y4

Sona Shah Y4

QOTW

My attitude determines my direction

Interview of the Week

Hello Everyone! We are happy to tell you that Holland House is now embracing the spirit of Christmas. This week we have interviewed Ayla Brown, who is the Head of our School Council. During the experience, we have found out a lot more about what she does; these are her interesting answers.

1. How have you found running the School Council this term?

I have found it quite an exciting experience because I get to interact with many different classes and age groups. The younger ones don't launch as many ideas, probably because they are shy, so we let them off to play early.

2. What do you get to do as the Head of School Council?

I get to run the meetings and make sure every class has a voice. I organise meetings which is great fun! If younger ones have an inappropriate suggestion I try to make a reasonable substitution towards that specific suggestion. I get to meet different members of staff such as the Kitchen Staff and recommend foods some people like. I meet up with many different staff members to discuss various matters.

3. What is your most prized possession?

My dog! He is a sausage dog whose name is Ajax!

4. If you could have a tea party, who would it be with and why?

I would choose to have it with Anne Boleyn (who was Henry VIII second wife). This is because she was brave, kind and clever, she was an inspirational person and was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I, a very successful queen who accomplished many things when she was alive.

Thank you for reading, Emma Shah and Neeya Patel.