

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

A few sparkly baubles, Christmas lights and mince pies and we're all excited for our festive holiday! Many of the girls (and staff) have been fending off colds and viruses to struggle through to the end of term, and what a term it's been!


I thought I'd start by outlining what has been new this term to give you a sense that whilst we work hard to maintain our traditional values, Hollygirt is adapting all the time, to meet the changing needs of girls and of society and to provide the sort of service parents expect of us.

The Nursery to Year 2 girls had their own Friends of Hollygirt Disco.	More girls were involved in entertaining us in the Prize Giving programme.
All girls taking peripatetic music lessons have had the opportunity to perform on their instrument or with their voice in an evening concert. This is great for their confidence and presentational skills.	We have begun a programme of exciting extra-curricular activities with after school as well as lunch time clubs to broaden the opportunities of our girls.
We have installed a new management information system to keep all our database information in one place.	The curriculum has been redesigned for 2009, with 8 x 40 minute lessons in a day. (No change to the beginning/end of school day)
This publication, Holly Leaves, has been designed as an extension to the fortnightly Holly Leaf, to keep you up to date with our successes as well as news stories.	We have begun a Homework Club exclusively for Year 11 girls after school.

Some of these improvements have been suggested by girls and parents, others as a result of our inspection report, some by the demands of the modern curriculum or by the need to update technology in order to be more administratively efficient. I hope you all feel you can contribute to change, by suggesting ideas to help shape the Hollygirt of the future! Of course, not all ideas are workable, however worthy, but I promise to give each suggestion due consideration.

In these dark times of economic gloom, a bit of festive cheer is just what we need, so put up the lights, sing heartily, eat well and be merry (and Year 11 girls, consider a spot of revision).

Remember, should you get into difficulties with school fees because of temporary setbacks, please talk to us about it...



You underestimate me!

UNIFORM SHOP REMINDER
WHEN DONATING CLOTHING TO THE UNIFORM SHOP, PLEASE ENSURE THAT EVERY ITEM IS MARKED WITH YOUR DAUGHTER'S NAME (NOT JUST THE BAG) IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE.

As part of their Art project, Year 9 attended a Film Making Workshop at Nottingham's Broadway earlier this month. The girls worked in groups with a local film maker and explored the theme of 'suspense' through the use of lighting. Each group created a storyboard - the results were very impressive as you can see in this example.