



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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“There is a distinct sense of community in the school” Ofsted 2020

Head’s Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

Your guest editor for this week, ebulletin, is me.....Mr Winpenny. For those parents who are new to the school, I am the Senior Deputy Headteacher who deputises for Ms Jackson when she is fulfilling her Ofsted requirements.



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer. A big Hollyfield welcome to all the new parents and students who have started with us. I hope your child settles in quickly and enjoys all we offer at the School.

To all the parents of children who were with us last year, I want to extend my thanks for all your support during the previous academic year and throughout the year ahead.

This year promises to be filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. Our staff are eager to welcome your child back and continue working together to ensure their academic and personal success. I encourage you to stay engaged and involved in your child’s education. Your participation and feedback are invaluable as we strive to create a positive and enriching environment for all students. Please remember to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns, no matter how small you think they are. We are here to support you and your child as they settle into the new school year.

Here’s to a fantastic year filled with new experiences and accomplishments. We look forward to working with you to make this school year exceptional for your child.

New Year 7 – start/thumbprints

What a week it has been for our new Year 7 students. Mr Blakley and his team organised a wonderful week of activities for our new students. These included team-building exercises, carousel lessons in subjects such as Drama, Science, and Art, singing in the hall, a restorative conference, big read lessons, and, most importantly, fingerprint scanning (so they can get their lunch). It has been lovely to see them start settling into Hollyfield, seeing old friends, and making new friendships with other students. Can I remind parents to sign up to Parentmail, this is the school’s preferred communication platform and will ensure you stay up to date with information and enable you to pay for school trips and add money to pay for your child’s lunch.

Please remember that the pastoral team is here to support your child every step of the way, helping them adjust to their new environment and embrace the learning ahead.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns as your child settles into Year 7. We are excited to partner with you to make this year a rewarding and memorable experience.

Pupil Information Evenings

We have a number of information evenings coming up for parents over the next three weeks. These events focus on important information to support you and your child over the course of the year. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be in-person events, and Years 10 and 11 will be online. Information has already been sent home to parents of Year 7 students. This was contained in the transition information. Year 8 parents will receive the letter today. The remaining year groups will receive the information early next week.

The dates are as follows:

1. Year 7: Tuesday 10 September - 1800 to 1930 at school

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2 September to 19 December
 (Inset Day – 2-3 Sept & 7-8 Nov
 - except Y11)

Half Term

28 October - 6 November (see above)

Christmas Holiday

20 December - 3 January 2025

Spring Term 2025

6 January – 4 April
 (Inset Day – 24 Feb)

Half Term

17-21 February (see above)

Easter Holiday

7 April – 21 April (Bank Hol 18 & 21 Apr)

Summer Term 2025

22 April – 18 July (Bank Hol 5 & 26 May)

Half Term

26 - 30 May

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- 10/9 – Y7 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm
- 11/9 – Y11 Group photo
- 12/9 - Individual Photos Y7, 9,11 &12
- 12/9– Y12 Go Ape Trip
- 13/9 – Y13 Paintballing Trip
- 13/9 – Sixth Form BBQ

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2. Year 8: Tuesday 17 September - 1800 to 1930 at school
3. Year 9: Thursday 19 September - 1800 to 1930 at school
4. Year 10: Wednesday 25 September - 1800 to 1930 online **(date to be confirmed)**
5. Year 11: Wednesday 25 September - 1800 to 1930 online **(date to be confirmed)**

Year 7, 9, 11 & 12 photos next week

Next week, several year groups will have their school photos taken. This is the opportunity to get a lovely picture for the relatives and keep one for yourselves, so please ensure your child has perfect uniform on those days.

Year 11 group – 11 September
Year 7,9,11 &12 individual – 12 September

Year 13 paintballing next week

Year 13 will be absent from school on 13 September to go Paintballing. This is a yearly event designed to build relationships in the 6th form.

Sixth formBBQ

The 6th form pupils will have their start of term BBQ on 13 September. This will end at 7.00pm - a big thank you in advance to all the staff who help with this.

Open evening bookings

Our annual open evening takes place on 1 October. This is a very important event in the school calendar. Please pass the information on to any parents who have children in Year 5 or 6 and encourage them to attend. They can also book an open morning tour. The link for these events is on our website.

We will have an early closure on 1 October so the school can set up for the event, therefore students will leave school at 12.00pm. The following day (2 October) school will start later than usual at 10.35am.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Matt Winpenny
Senior Deputy Headteacher

OTHER NOTICES

Reporting your child's absence

When reporting your child's absence from school on the dedicated absence line - 0208 339 4518 preferably before 8.30am on the morning of your child's absence from school. Please leave their name, spelling out any unusual names, year group and the reason for their absence and your details. Alternatively, you can email the school office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

Valuables in school

The school policy and guidance with regard to pupil possessions is clear that they are brought into school at their own risk. The Hollyfield School does not accept liability for any items that may be lost, damaged or stolen. While theft is taken extremely seriously and thoroughly investigated, the school is not in a position to cover the cost of any item stolen.

Of course, with respect to the last point, steps and measures are put in place to mitigate against such circumstances, especially during PE and Games lessons, where pupils' items are locked in the changing rooms. While this is standard procedure, there may be some extenuating circumstances where this cannot always be guaranteed. Therefore, I would urge your son/daughter not to bring expensive items into school.

Medical Health Care Plans

Can we please request that you complete the following medical information collection form if your child has any medical conditions, no matter how small. If your child has a new diagnosis we ask you to also complete this form even if you have already done so for a different medical condition to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

Form: <https://forms.gle/pxTajACe1yUNSKdx9>.

Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk stating your child's name and form and the change of details. It is important to keep these details up to date in case of an emergency. Don't forget to update your Parentmail account with your new details.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them to school every day, it is even more important during hot weather. Our water fountains can be used to refill bottles as necessary during break and lunch, it is not possible to drink from the fountains direct and we do not have bottles or cups to give out to students. Alternatively, bottles of water can be purchased (and refilled) in the cafeteria, please ensure your Parentmail account has enough funds to enable this.

Surbiton Hill Road Entrance for cars

If you drive/collect students to or from school the visitor's car park/Surbiton Hill Road entrance **should not be used to drop off students**. This causes congestion for people entering the site and staff access, cars travelling on Surbiton Hill Road and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

Dinner Money Top Up

Please ensure funds are available 24 hours before they are required when topping up your child's dinner money on Parentmail. If you add funds on the day they are to be used we will not be able to see the credit instantly until the system has processed it, therefore creating a delay in your child buying food at the canteen.

Contribution to the School Fund

If you would like to help contribute to the school fund to provide additional facilities to the school and students, please click [here](#) for more information. We acknowledge that not all of our parents can make a commitment on a monthly basis. Having listened to those parents we also understand that some would like to make a contribution whenever they can. A donation payment link is available in your ParentMail account. We are grateful for any contribution you can make, regardless of the amount. Every penny will be spent improving students' experiences. Like the monthly contributions, your donation will go into the school fund. It will be used in accordance with the guidance given to schools regarding parental contributions.

Open Door

Ms Jackson holds Parent Clinics on Thursday afternoon during term time. These are from 3.00pm-4.30pm for parents/carers to speak directly to her regarding any unresolved concerns/ suggestions. Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

"The school has developed its curriculum far beyond regular lessons" Ofsted 2020

IN SAFE HANDS

Once again, for your information, the key contacts are:

School - Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

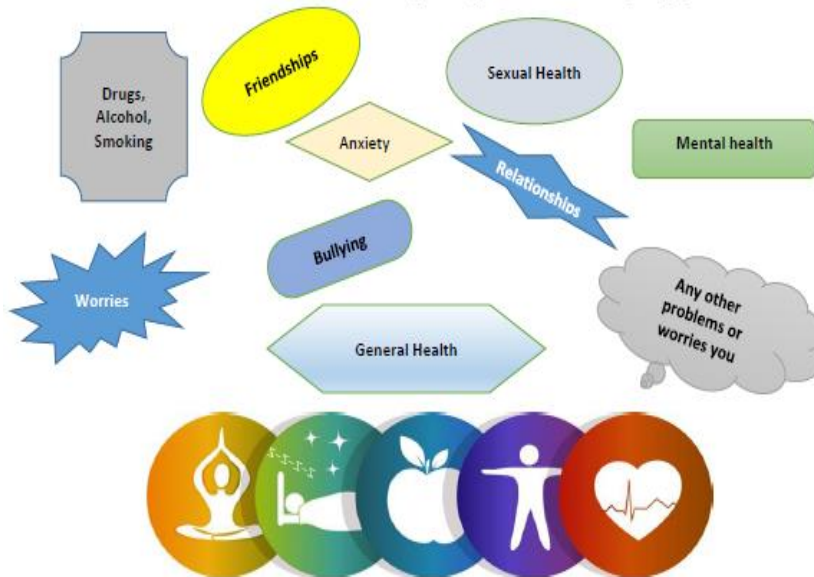
Mr Buckman: nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.

SCHOOL HEALTH DROP- IN

WHEN: Tuesday Lunch time 11.40 -1.10PM
WHERE: Room A12 (Top floor of ALBURY)

Come along for a **CONFIDENTIAL** chat with your School Health Practitioner about anything that is worrying you.....





HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Pre-loved Uniform Store Next session: 7 September 2024

At the old Music Building, Next to the Dome, Close to the Lamberts Road Gate
[What three words location: begin.tigers.atom]

Anyone is welcome to pop in and take what items they need.

If your child has lost or outgrown their uniform or PE kit please drop in and see if we can help. We have a large stock of items of uniform (particularly trousers) and PE kit including some shoes, football boots and trainers. **Availability varies.**

We operate a donation system for those that can afford to contribute.

Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown away!

Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury

Next PTA Meeting Tuesday 17 September 2024

Everyone is welcome! Join us, find out how you can get involved and have fun whilst helping with events and raising funds for the school!

Join us at, 7:30pm - Venue TBC.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

[We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.]

Easy Fundraising

Please support The Hollyfield School PTA - Surbiton on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping.

This is a really simple way to help raise funds for the PTA in order to support the school and students. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1>

There are lots of ways of finding out about the PTA and what we are up to - website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and two email addresses.... they are all linked at the foot of each page....



@hollyfieldpta



@hollyfield_pta



@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



ptahollyfield@gmail.com



www.hollyfieldpta.org

THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 95.77%. The top form group within each year this week is:

- 7SNE = 100%
- 8CSP = 96.22%
- 9HSDA = 100%
- 10WGO = 97.20/%
- 11DHO = 100%

Well done to all these students, keep up the excellent work.

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7			
Year 8			
Year 9		Update from w/c 9/9/24	
Year 10			
Year 11			
Total			

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9 September	Year 11 Assembly (Safeguarding) - Dining Hall Year 9 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) - Top Playground Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 10 September	Year 7 Assembly (Safeguarding) - Dining Hall Year 8 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) - Top Playground Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Parents' Information Evening – 10 Sept (6.00-7.30pm)
Wednesday 11 September	Year 8 Assembly (Safeguarding) - Dining Hall Year 11 Group Photo, Year 7 & 12 individual photos
Thursday 12 September	Year 9 Assembly (Safeguarding) - Dining Hall Year 10 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) - Top Playground Individual Photos Year 9 & 11 Year 12 Go Ape Trip
Friday 13 September	Year 10 Assembly (Safeguarding) - Dining Hall Year 11 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) - Top Playground Year 13 Paintballing Trip – 13 Sept Sixth Form BBQ – 13 Sept (3.00-7.00pm)

FORTHCOMING DATES

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- 11 September – Year 11 Group photo
- 12 September - Individual Photos Year 7, 9,11 &12
- 12 September – Year 12 Go Ape Trip
- 13 September – Year 13 Paintballing Trip
- 13 September – Sixth Form BBQ
- 17 September - Year 8 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm
- 19 September - Year 9 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm
- 19 September – Year 12 Sixth Form Life and Rules – 6.30pm – parents only
- 25 September – Year 10 & 11 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00-7.30pm - to be confirmed

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Achievement and behaviour points are awarded every day at Hollyfield in line with our school policy and are a fundamental part of school life. We want students to be the best versions of themselves and we explicitly teach the behaviour we want our young people to develop through our GO BIG character virtues (Good Communication / Organisation / Bouncebackability / Initiative / Gratitude). Students are therefore rewarded for when they demonstrate these character virtues either in class, around our school environment and even outside of school. The school also gives out termly prizes for great progress, engagement in learning, attendance and als contribution to school life. We also continually try to celebrate the successes of our students outside of school life and encourage all students to be proud of their successes in whatever area they come from.

Behaviour points are given to students in line with our behaviour policy. At the heart of our behaviour policy is restorative approaches which is a strategy the school uses to allow students to discuss their behaviours with one another and also key staff and to move past incidents in a non-judgemental way.

Both of the school's rewards and behaviour policies can be found on the school website and if you have any questions about them please don't hesitate to contact Miss Patel (Assistant Headteacher).

The year group weekly totals are below:

Year 7 98 **Year 8** 148 **Year 9** 218 **Year 10** 178 **Year 11** 159

The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7SNE 90 **8PTA** 39 **9NLU** 80 **10JSA** 40 **11EBE** 66

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Saskia K D **Year 9** Thomas H **Year 11** Toby W
Year 8 Dmytro D **Year 10** Kit H

TEACHING & LEARNING



**Music lessons
in school
Hollyfield**

Are you interested in 1:1 Lessons? Let us know if any of these instruments interest you and sign up today to start learning!

<https://ukkingston.speedadmin.dk/registration/>

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#) – PE & Music only - full info to follow

[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Donation to School Fund](#)

[Key Dates](#)

[Menus](#)

[Staff List and Structure](#)

Important reminders for PE clubs:

- students receive 1 achievement point for attending
- clubs are free and no pre sign is required
- clubs at the school field will have a coach to drop them off and pick them up or students can make their own way home using public transport
- PE kit is not required for clubs during lunchtime
- For after school clubs, students should bring PE kit to get changed after 3.05pm unless they are already wearing their PE kit for their PE lesson that day
- If a student has a repair, they need to attend the repair as the priority

Resilience in Children

If you are interested in further reading around building resilience in children this article is worth a read.

<https://cmom.org/press/the-british-psychological-society-five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/>

LOCAL INFORMATION

Kooth

Kooth is an online crisis messenger service that Children and young people can access for free online mental health support with a professional counsellor - www.Kooth.com.

Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom. Email RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.
- Childline: [information and advice](#) on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: [0800 1111](tel:08001111).
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: [116 123](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel:85258).
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)/online chat.

Information for adults

Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.



Counselling and Therapy

Morag Shrafeddin is a qualified Counsellor with a Masters from Roehampton University in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy specialising in work with Children, Adolescents and Families. She also works in Fulham as a School Project Manager with the school counselling service Place2Be.

Morag is dedicated to supporting children and adolescents with their emotional well-being and personal growth. With a compassionate and client-centred approach, she aims to empower children and young people to overcome challenges and thrive in their lives.

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AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

RIBBONS: MONDAYS
FLYERS: TUESDAYS
KITES: ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

RIBBONS: 4PM - 6PM
FLYERS: 4PM - 6PM
KITES: 6.15PM - 8.15PM

13 GENEVA ROAD, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 2TW

ENHANCEABLE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AIM TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON, BY HELPING DEVELOP THEIR SOCIAL AND LIFE SKILLS. CREATE NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND MEET OTHERS WITH A SIMILAR DIAGNOSIS... AND, ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN!

KITES - FOR OLDER CHILDREN (AGED 11-17) OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF DISABILITIES/NEEDS.

RIBBONS - FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (AGED 4-11) OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF DISABILITIES/NEEDS.

FLYERS - FOR CHILDREN (AGED 4-17) WITH MORE COMPLEX HEALTH AND/OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, OFFERING 1 TO 1 SUPPORT.

For More Info:
Leanne.Johns@Enhanceable.org
<https://www.enhanceable.org/services/after-school/>

HAMPTON WICK ROYAL CRICKET CLUB

HWRCC has been established for over 160 years in the stunning surroundings of Bushy Park. We take real pride in being part of the local community and welcoming all players, spectators and guests to our inclusive club, where 70% of our juniors are state-educated.

We offer junior cricket to girls and boys from age 5 upwards, with our super-friendly, ECB qualified coaches. All experience and abilities very welcome! Please see our website for how to get involved.

[TheWick1963](#) [Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club](#) cricket@hwrc.co.uk
juniorscricket@hwrc.co.uk

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PLAY SQUASH AT THE LONDON YOUTH GAMES

SURREY SQUASH

ARE YOU UNDER 17?
DO YOU PLAY A RACKET SPORT?

Why not try out for your place on **Kingston's squash team** at the London Youth Games?

INTERESTED? SCAN THE QR CODE:
OR EMAIL: rebecca.middleton@kingston.gov.uk

TO BOOK, VISIT SURBITON.ORG

NEW JUNIOR ZUMBA STUDIO CLASS

FOR 11 - 15 YEAR OLDS

SATURDAYS 11:45-12:30

CHILD FRIENDLY ROUTINES BASED ON ORIGINAL ZUMBA CHOREOGRAPHY

ZUMBA FITNESS

2nd Norbiton needs your help...

You look like a role model.
Volunteer at scouts.org.uk/join

2nd Norbiton Scout Group helps local children have new experiences, learn useful skills and have fun.

Can you help by becoming a uniformed leader?

2nd Norbiton Cubs needs one or more people who can:

- Help run meetings on Tuesday evenings (6:30-8:30pm during school terms)
- Attend occasional committee meetings
- Help with Pack Holiday one weekend a year
- Occasionally lead on planning and running a meeting

You'll get:

- Free training
- Free uniform
- Support from experienced Leaders
- Great experience that can support your career
- An opportunity to learn and teach new skills
- The chance to help young people and your community
- A lot of wholesome fun!

There are lots of other opportunities to volunteer with 2nd Norbiton and make sure that local kids can enjoy Scouting, from Beavers through to Explorers. Even if you can't give lots of time or aren't sure what you could do, please do get in touch.

Email: akela@2ndnorbiton.org.uk

SEND Children and Young People Participation Group

Join other SEND children and young people (under 25) in Kingston and Richmond who want to make a difference, be involved in topics that affect them, develop confidence, learn new skills, make friends and have fun!

We need you

The Moor Lane Centre, Moor Lane, Chessington KT9 2AA
4pm to 5.30pm

1 July
5 August
16 September
7 October
4 November
2 December

"It's so professionals and services can improve."

"(Our monthly meetings) have good community vibes and banter!"

"It feels like you're doing a good cause."

"You will get your opinions heard."

ROSE YOUTH THEATRE ACADEMY

RYTA IS A SKILLS BASED COURSE THAT TEACHES ACTING TECHNIQUES, INSPIRES CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY AND ENHANCES ENSEMBLE SKILLS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGES AND ABILITIES

NO AUDITION REQUIRED

ACT 1

Reception - Year 6

ACT 2

Year 7 - Year 13

"ROSE THEATRE HAS BEEN SUCH A CONFIDENCE BOOSTER FOR MY CHILD AND HAS IMMENSELY FOSTERED HER PASSION. SHE ABSOLUTELY LOVES IT"
RYTA parent, 2022

For more information contact participate@rosetheatre.org

If you would like more information or to come along, email: participationiscd@achievingforchildren.org.uk

