



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

I hope you are all enjoying lovely weather and have had a good week. Once again, we have had a busy week but productive week. It was lovely to see so many Year 8 parents and the parent information evening on Tuesday; we hope you found the session useful. The sixth form team also hosted the Year 12 parents last night to give information about life in the sixth form. Again, we hope this was an informative session. We have three remaining parent information evenings. They are **all online**, starting with Year 9 on Tuesday at 1800 and Year 10 and Year 11 (which are separate events) on Wednesday. We hope that parents are able to dial into these sessions to hear about the year ahead and areas of focus for each year group.

I would also like to flag an inset day which was missed off the term dates published online; please accept my apologies for this. **Friday 6 December will be an INSET day** for staff and so the school will be closed to students on date. Please note this for your diary, we will of course remind parents nearer the time.

Over the course of the past couple of weeks senior staff have been visiting lessons to see the learning taking place. This has been an absolute pleasure and we have seen lessons where students are focused, engaged and enjoying their lessons; well done everyone. We will continue to visit lessons next week so students will see us popping in from time to time.

We will have an early closure on Tuesday 1 October so the school can set up for the event, therefore students will leave school at 1200. The following day (2 October) school will start later than usual, the site will be open from 1010 for students to arrive for registration at 1035. Students should go to morning registration upon arrival, they will then begin lessons at the start of period 3, which begins at 1055.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Amy Jackson
 Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

2 September to 19 December
 (Inset Day – 2-3 Sept, 7-8 Nov
 - except Y11 & 6 Dec)

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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- 24/9-Y9 Parents’ Information Evening – online - 6.00pm
- 24/9-Parent Workshop-8.30-9.30am & 3.30-4.30pm)
- 25/9- Y7 CATs Test
- 25/9-Y10 & 11 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm–online
- 25/9-Y11, 12 & 13 Maths Olympiad for Girls
- 25/9-Y11 Sky Studios Trip,
- 26/9-Maths ISSP Day

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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.

Hollyfield's Extra-Curricular Clubs 2024-25

Club	Day	Time	Location	Year group(s)	Staff Member(s)	Notes (as appropriate)
Film Club	Monday	Lunch time	P2	Y7-11	Phoenix staff	A quiet space to have lunch and watch films with your friends
KS3 Drama Club	Monday	3.15–4.00pm	A1	Y7, 8 and 9	Miss O'Shea, Ms Allam, Miss Manchester, Mr Vafidis	This is the home of Ilex Juniors - our KS3 Theatre Company. Open to anyone who enjoys Drama and wants to do more of it!
Art Club	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	H7	KS3	Mrs Crombie	
SPARX homework club	Tuesday	Lunch Time	A7/8	All year groups	Miss Jane, Miss Emmerton, Miss Wellstead	This club is for students who need extra support with their homework from a Maths teacher as well as for those who need to catch up on incomplete homework.
Year 10 Theatre Club	Tuesday	Lunchtime (12.30 - 1.00pm)	A1	Y10	Ms Allam	For Y10 GCSE Drama students - and others who are interested - this is a chance to watch and discuss world class theatre
Lego Club	Tuesday	Lunchtime	P2	Y7, 8 and 9	Mrs Welsh and the Phoenix team	The club will be a safe space for students to interact and develop teamwork while expressing their creativity, building lego structures.
Maths Clinic	Tuesday	3:15- 4.00pm	O2	Y12 and 13	Mr Owen	This club is to support students with any maths topics as well as challenge students to some harder content.
UK Maths Challenge Club	Tuesday	3:15-4.00pm	O6	All	Nr Newn	Join our UK Maths Challenge club for some exciting problem solving.
Science Club	Tuesday	3.15-4.00pm	S7	Y7 & 8	Science Staff	All the cool stuff you don't get to do in your science lessons - explosions, art projects, making slime, bouncing bubbles, launching rockets and more!
War Hammer Club	Tuesday	3.15–4.00pm	P1	Y7-9	Mrs Carillo	Run by War Hammer fans, but everyone is welcome
Hollyfield Responders (First Aid Club)	Tuesday	3.20-4:20pm	Exam Hall	Y8 & 9	Mr Hopkins, Mrs Lunt	Students learn basic first aid knowledge and how to act if they come across a medical emergency outside of school.

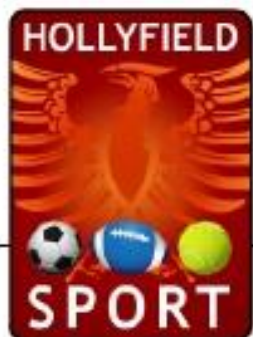
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Chess Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	O5	All	Mr Talbot	Learn how to play chess or compete against other players to practise your chess skills
Dr Who Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	P2	Y7-11	Mr Newbery	A quiet space to have lunch and watch old and new episodes of Dr Who with your friends
DT club (Graphic Design)	Wednesday	Lunchtime	H1	Y8 & 9	Mr Holmes	Learn the basics of Photoshop/ Canva to create high quality Graphic Design. Develop a range of skills including fun perspective drawing and professional marker rendering for design ideas.
YR 11 GCSE Photography Catch up	Wednesday	3:15–4.00pm	H4	Y11	Ms May, Mr Winpenny	
KS4 GCSE Textiles workshops	Wednesday	3.15 -4.00pm	H3	Y10 and 11	Miss Tunstead	For those who are a bit behind or want to experiment with textiles processes or learn new skills and techniques.
Dr Who Club	Thursday	Lunchtime	P2	Y7-11	Mr Newbery	A quiet space to have lunch and watch old and new episodes of Dr Who with your friends
Maths Clinic	Thursday	3.15–4.00pm	O1	Y12 and 13	Mrs Lunt	This club is to support students with any maths topics as well as challenge students to some harder content.
Mime Club	Thursday	3.15 - 4.15pm	A1	Y9, 10 and 11	Mr Allam	Learn & practise modern mime techniques applicable to any genre of theatre exploring Corporeal Mime, an independent art developed by the French practitioner Etienne Decroux.
GCSE Art Catch Up	Thursday	3.15-5.00pm	H6	KS4	Miss Cotton	
STEM Club	Thursday	3.15-4.00pm	S7	Y9 & 10	Mr Ives	For those who love Science, Maths and Engineering - build projects and complete cool investigations such as building your own camera and programming your own robots!
Film Club	Friday	Lunchtime	P2	Y7-11	Phoenix staff	A quiet space to have lunch and watch films with your friends

EXTRA CURRICULAR MUSIC

2024/25

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME KS3 OR KS4 12:35 - 13:15	Rock School MCO	Rock School MCO	Hollyfield Singers SNE	Ukulele Ensemble MCO	Senior Choir SNE
Year Group	To join see Mr Cooke	To join see Mr Cooke	Years 7&8 All Welcome	All years welcome. No Ukulele required.	Years 9-13 All Welcome
AFTER SCHOOL (3:05)	Chamber Choir SNE	Swing Band SNE		Orchestra SNE	
Year Group	All By audition To audition see Miss Neville.	All Years Groups Grade 3 + on an instrument. (If you are not sure if you are the right standard see Miss Neville)		All Years Groups Grade 3 + on an instrument. (If you are not sure if you are the right standard see Miss Neville)	
AFTER SCHOOL ROCK SCHOOL (3:05)	Rock School MCO		Rock School MCO		
Year Group	To join see Mr Cooke		To join see Mr Cooke		





HOLLYFIELD PE DEPARTMENT CLUB TIMETABLE

HALF TERM 1 Sept—Oct 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.45am-8.25am	Year 8 Basketball (WG)		Year 10 Basketball (BR)	Year 9 Basketball (BR)	Yr11 Basketball (WG) Year 7 - 8 girls' football training (JL)
Lunchtime MUGA	Yr8 Futsal (DM)	Yr7 Futsal (CS)	Yr10 Futsal (BR)	Yr11 Futsal (WG)	Yr9 Futsal (BR)
Lunchtime GYM	Yr7 Dodgeball (CS/LG)	Yr10/11 volleyball (BR)	Year 7 Badminton (LG)	Yr8 -9 Badminton (JL)	Yr 10/ 11 Badminton (DM)
After school 3pm-4.40pm	Yr7-9 football @ school field (DM / WG / BR / CS/ JL)		Yr7-9 Rugby @school field (DM/ BR/ CS)	Year 7 basketball (WG/ CS)	Staff vs Sixth form football
		(Yr7-9 Netball JL/ LG)		Year 10/11 Netball (JL/LG/MJ)	

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

PTA AGM Meeting Thursday 26.09.24

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 - We are meeting at Hollyfield School, at the Exam Centre.
Next to the Dome, Close to the Lamberts Road Gat

It would be fantastic if anyone would like to join our fun, organised and experienced team to share the positions of co-secretary and co-chair person members who have fulfilled those roles last year. **We are looking forward to seeing you there!**

Save the Date! Quiz Night for Year 7 students and their families

This Fantastic social event is an opportunity for new members of our school community to get to know each other a bit and to have some fun.

This event will be hosted on **Friday 15 November 2024**. More details to follow soon!

Pre-loved Uniform Store Next session: Date TBC

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

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 96.01%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7PGI = 100%
 8SCM = 95.63%
 9KWH = 98.67%
 10EPA = 96.45%
 11KEM = 97.5%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	990	1635	1252
Year 8	1238	1078	935
Year 9	939	928	1023
Year 10	866	687	571
Year 11	805	632	730
Total	4838	4960	4511

NEXT WEEK

Monday 23 September	Year 11 Assembly (16+ Choices Kingston College) - Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 24 September	Year 7 Assembly (Student Leadership) - Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Parent Workshop (Helping your child navigate anxiety about school) – 8.30-9.30am & 3.30-4.30pm Year 9 Parents' Information Evening – online (6.00-7.30pm)
Wednesday 25 September	Year 8 Assembly (Student Leadership) - Dining Hall Year 7 CATS Test (8.55am-11.45pm) Year 11 Sky Studios Trip, Elstree Year 11, 12 & 13 Maths Olympiad for Girls Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening (Online) (6.00-7.30pm)
Thursday 26 September	Year 9 Assembly (Student Leadership) - Dining Hall Maths ISSP Day
Friday 27 September	Year 10 Assembly (Student Leadership) - Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

24 September - Year 9 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm - online
 24 September – Parent Workshop (Helping your child navigate anxiety about school) –8.30-9.30am & 3.30-4.30pm)

25 September- Year 7 CATs Test
 25 September - Year 11, 12 & 13 Maths Olympiad for Girls
 25 September - Year 11 Sky Studios Trip, Elstree
 25 September – Year 10 & 11 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00-7.30pm - online
 26 September – Maths ISSP Day
1 October – Early Closure – 12.00pm
 1 October – Open Evening – 5.00pm
2 October – Late Start – 10.35am
 2-15 October – SEN Open Day Tours
 4-14 October – Year 6 Tours
 9 October – Year 10-13 Careers Fair

28 October - 6 November 2024 – Half Term – Year 11 & staff
28 October – 8 November – Half Term - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 (7-8/11 Inset days)

5 November – GCSE Exams Start
 7-9 November – Year 11 English and Maths Trial Exams
 6 November – Year 12 Report Emailed Home
 11-30 November – Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
 12 & 19 November – Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak out Workshops
14 November - Early closure from 2.15pm
 14 November – Sixth Form Open Evening
 18 November – Year 9 Report Emailed Home
 18 November – Year 7 & 8 Progress Report emailed to parents
 25 November – 30 November – Year 13 Walking Talking Mock Week
 28 November - Year 9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 2-14 December - Year 13 Trial Exams
 3 December – Year 7-11 Flu Vaccination
6 December – school closed – inset day
 5 December – Year 9 Options evening - 6.00pm
 9-14 December – Year 12 Walking Talking Mock Week
 16 December – Year 10 & 11 Report Emailed Home
 19 December – Year 11 Results Day

12 December – Christmas Carol Concert (6.30-10.00pm)
 19 December – End of Term – dismissal from 12.00pm

20 December 2024 – 3 January 2025 – Christmas Holiday

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 also 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 2009 Year 8 1358 Year 9 1393 Year 10 844 Year 11 973

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

7LGR 441 8CNE 263 9NLU 270 10WGO 266 11DHO 218

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Daniel M Year 9 Elliot TC Year 11 Chloe L
 Year 8 Isabelle F Year 10 Harry D

TEACHING & LEARNING



Join us on Thursday 26th September for a day full of languages!

What is going on:

- Teach your home language in MFL Lessons (Y7-8)
- Teachers Speak Languages Competition
- Tongue Twisters Competition at break time in MFL
- Celebrities and Languages (Y9)
- Languages for your career (KS4)
- Dessert Tasting at Lunch - invite only!
- Form Time Quiz - will you be a master of languages?
- Baking competition

Musical Instrument Lessons at Hollyfield



With Kingston Music Service



About instrument lessons at Hollyfield...

At Hollyfield we recognise the importance of Music and know that students who learn musical instruments are shown to do better across their subjects (it has been proven that learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills). It is also a great way for students to make new friends at school by being able to participate in our Rock School, Swing Band and Orchestra. If students would like to have individual music lessons on an instrument during the school day we offer a range of different instruments with our fabulous team of peripatetic teaching staff. The instrument lessons are 25 minutes each and organised on a rotation timetable.

INSTRUMENTS and teachers...

All instruments can be applied for (even if not currently taught here). Currently we have the following brilliant team of tutors:

Onna Benson: Piano	Sharon Taylor: Piano
Tom Early: Drum kit/Percussion	Tino Rainone: Guitar
Andy Brown: Guitar	Tom Marshall: Guitar
Neil Thomas: Piano & Brass	Deborah Chalmers: Violin
Linley Weir: Voice	

We would love more woodwind and brass players and there are schemes that Kingston Music Service can offer to support these lessons. In some instances we can also offer funded lessons to support talented students where finance is a barrier.

Applying for instrument lessons...

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/music-service-1/music-lessons/2>

Please follow the link to apply and to see prices.



CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 20 September 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 11 students should be thinking about their future plans for studying next year. Many students decide to stay on in the Sixth Form but this is not an option from every one and there are a number of other schools and colleges in the area where you could continue your education as well as apprenticeship opportunities worth exploring.

Esher College had its open evening last July, but applications are still open for one more week until the 30 September. The application process for other colleges starts properly in October. If you check the list below for details of open events there are several which take place in October. We advise you to make at least 2 or 3 applications. To study A Levels, T

Levels of BTEC Level 3s you need to gain a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Level 4 and above including English and Maths but in your specific A Level subject you are expecting more than the minimum so check the websites for more information.

College/Sixth form	Open event date & time
Hollyfield Sixth Form	Thursday 14 Nov 2024 6.00pm The Hollyfield School - Sixth Form
Hollyfield Careers Fair	Wednesday 9 October 2024 6.30-8.30pm (in the hall/Albury) Come and talk to people from a range of career areas plus colleges & universities will be there
Kingston College	Sat 5 October 2024 10am-1pm & Weds 20th Nov 4.30-7pm Events & Open Days - Kingston College
Esher Sixth Form College	Open day was in July - book tours for Sept & Oct Open Events and Tours on website. Applications close on Midday on 30 September for 2025 entry
Nescot College (Epsom)	Sat 12 October 10am-1pm & Weds 20 Nov 4.30-7.30pm Nescot Open Events They offer animal care, construction & many more courses!
BRIT School (Croydon)	Tuesday 24th Sept - you must book a time between 1.30-6.30pm The BRIT School - Open Events & Prospectus Performing & visual arts courses
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Sat 12 October 10am-2pm & Weds 16 October 5-8pm & Tues 19th Nov 5-8pm Register via: Open Events
Merrist Wood College (Guildford)	Weds 9 Oct 4.30-7.00pm & Sat 16th Nov 9.30am -12pm 2024 Merrist Wood College Events Offering Animal and Land based courses
Other Sixth Forms & Colleges	Check individual websites – usually late Sept, Oct and November



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The Future Careers Fair 9 October 6.30-8.30pm

On Wednesday 9 October we are holding our annual **Future Careers Fair** for our Year 10, 11 and sixth form students. The event takes place in school between 6.30-8.30pm and it is always a great evening not only for our students but for our volunteers. We know many of our Hollyfield community have varied and interesting jobs. If you would like to volunteer or just find out more please contact

Ian Poole ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

We are still looking for volunteers to give a couple of hours of their time to talk informally to our students about their career path and industry.

Mr Poole and Miss Corrighan will organise careers interviews for Year 11. Interviews take place during the normal school day in the new Careers office which is now located in Albury (between Room A9 and A10). Students in other year groups have the opportunity to ask for a careers interview during the year to discuss their next steps. Please email: ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk to book an interview.



Career Opportunities bulletin for sixth form students and parents/carers: [20 Sept 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#).

This weekly bulletin is collated each week for YOU by the Hollyfield Careers team. It includes: **work experience, university tasters, summer schools, apprenticeships, careers talks and more.** Some highlights are listed below:

British Airways



Work experience opportunities (January - March 2025). These opportunities are spread widely across our departments:

- Engineering (London, Glasgow, Wales)
- Flight Operations & 'Your Flying Future' events - aimed at aspiring Pilots!
- Finance
- Community Investment
- Ground Operations
- Airport Operations
- Business
- Sustainability
- Customer Service (London, Newcastle and Manchester)
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Students can sign up to the vacancies via [Speedbird Z](#), our Student Platform where they can access learning modules as well as digital mentors. Please note that Students must be in Year 9 or above to apply for our Insight Days, and in Year 10 and above to apply for our Placement opportunities. **Applications will CLOSE on Wednesday 25 September. For more information see the opportunities bulletin for this week.**



Available through the British Army, including financial grants and scholarships tailored for students, as well as cutting-edge training programs recognised worldwide.

Our Army Officer bursaries are there to support you throughout your undergraduate education, so there's nothing standing in your way. We offer several different bursaries, each with different eligibility criteria. Depending on what you study, your performance, and which Corps you're looking to join, we can provide you with the support you need to go far. If you're applying to or currently at university, you could be eligible for a bursary of up to £42,750 (£75,000 for medical students).

Whether you're thinking about a future with the British Army or are eager to learn about the fantastic opportunities that lie ahead, this event is designed for you. Join us on **Tuesday 1 October at 18:30 - 19:30** for an online event to learn about the support young people receive throughout their careers, as well as the financial support we offer sign up: **British Army Scholarships**



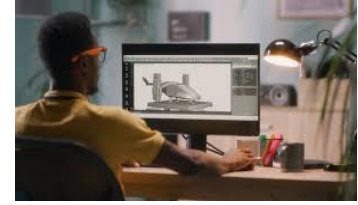
USA College Day is Europe's largest US university fair and is an ideal way to learn about studying for an undergraduate degree in America. It offers students and parents the unique opportunity to meet with representatives from US universities in London. Held annually for more than 45 years, USA College Day is the largest American university fair in the UK and attracts more than 100 university exhibitors.

- Date: Friday 27 September OR Saturday 28 September 2024 (the event is the same on both days)
- Location: London (West Brompton/Earls Court)
- Price: free, but you must register for a ticket! **To learn more, visit our [USA College Day webpage](#).**

Careers in Focus: Computer Games Developer



As a game designer, you'll bring ideas, build prototypes, create interactive narration and develop the game's mechanics. You'll design systems that are easily maintainable, expandable and comfortable to use, while injecting fun into the user experience.



Game designers work as part of a multidisciplinary team that includes **game developers, programmers, game artists, animators and quality assurance testers.**

Although game designer is usually a clearly defined job role, in smaller companies you may get involved in some of the art or programming elements. Subfields within game design include level designer, content designer and interface designer.

Skills

You'll need to have:

- technical ability, in particular familiarisation with a range of programming languages and software technologies and packages such as C#, C++ and Python
- scripting and design capabilities using software such as Blueprint Visual Scripting within Unreal Engine 4 (UE4)
- a passion for gaming and an understanding of the different hardware platforms available for games
- communication skills, both verbal and written, to put your ideas across to other members of the team
- team working skills & the ability to collaborate with others to create the finished game
- an innovative approach to game design & the ability to come up with new ideas
- problem-solving skills
- a flexible approach to work in order to tailor your ideas and to meet deadlines
- mathematical and analytical understanding

Qualifications

Although you don't need a degree to become a game designer, according to the UKIE, over 80% of game designers do have an undergraduate degree. Games-specific degrees are particularly useful. Relevant subjects include:

- computer games art
- computer games design
- computer games development
- computer games technology
- computer science
- interactive media
- mathematics



What to expect

Work is mainly studio based within a multidisciplinary team including artists, engineers, programmers, animators, producers and content developers. The majority of game companies in the UK are either microbusinesses (with typically fewer than ten employees) or small businesses. There is a

large concentration of game design companies in London and the South East, as well as other major UK towns and cities such as Brighton, Bristol and Manchester.

Salaries

- Salaries for entry-level positions, such as a junior/intern, typically range from £17,000 to £18,000. Salaries for quality assurance (QA) tester roles, another common way into games design, are approximately £18,000 to £22,000.
- Level designers can expect to earn in the region of £20,000 to £35,000.
- The average salary for a game designer is £30,000, although you can earn up to £45,000. As a senior game designer you could earn up to £65,000.

Salaries vary depending on a range of factors such as your skills and experience, the size of company you work for, the type of game you work on, and location

This is an edited version of: [Game designer job profile | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

[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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SCAN TO LEARN MORE

EnhanceAble
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.




 [TheWick1863](#)
 [Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club](#)
 cricket@hwrcc.co.uk
 juniorscricket@hwrcc.co.uk



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

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

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

TO BOOK, VISIT SURBITON.ORG

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!



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."
"It feels like you're doing a good cause."
"You will get your opinions heard."
"(Our monthly meetings) have good community vibes and banter!"

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



ROSE PARTICIPATE

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

ACT 1
Reception - Year 6

ACT 2
Year 7 - Year 13

NO AUDITION REQUIRED

*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

CHRISTIAN CASALS FC

FIREWORK DISPLAY

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN : 4.30pm | FIREWORKS : 6.45pm

Join us at King George's Field for a dazzling professional firework display! Find resort with burgers, crisps, hot chocolate, doughnuts and more, along with the Childhouse Bar open from 4.30pm till late.

Tickets must be purchased in advance

ADULT: £8 | CHILD: £5
FAMILY: £23 (2 adults & 2 children)

BOOK ONLINE AT bit.ly/CCFC-Fireworks

(All purchases directly from The Christyans Events Bar)

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Contact: ekremalkoc@gmail.com

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 10.45AM

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BIKE RIDE

FREE

register at tiny.cc/FunRideOct24

CLAREMONT GARDENS

THE CRESCENT / GROVE RD

SURBITON, KT6 4BN

10.45AM MEET

ALL AGES WELCOME

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