



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 have all enjoyed your week despite the somewhat changeable weather.

We held our last Parents' Information Evenings this week, we hope the evenings were informative and help you understand the year ahead so that you are best-placed to support your child. As always, if you do have any queries then please get in touch with the relevant of Head of Year, I've included their contact details below for your reference:

Year 7: Mr Blakley email: [jblakley@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:jblakley@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)  
Year 8: Mr Blakley email: [jblakley@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:jblakley@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)  
Year 9: Miss Offord email: [sofford@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:sofford@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)  
Year 10: Mr Esmond email: [cesmond@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:cesmond@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)  
Year 11: Ms Paterson email: [rpaterson@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:rpaterson@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)  
Year 12: Mr Hall email: [rhall@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:rhall@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)  
Year 13: Ms Sivanesanathan email: [psivanesanathan@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:psivanesanathan@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

Please could I remind all parents about our open evening on Tuesday 1 October. Many thanks in advance to all of the students who are helping out on the evening either as school ambassadors or as subject ambassadors; we're very grateful for their help and support. 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**. On **Wednesday 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.

Following on from open evening, there are many open morning tours planned before the half term break. This means that students will experience visitors popping into their lessons so they can see what the school is like on a typical day. Some of these tours are specifically for parents of students with special educational needs and/or disabilities and so there will be some that drop into our learning support department and Phoenix provision.

Please can I also remind parents about our **INSET day on Friday 6 December**, when the school will be closed to students. Please make sure you have added this date to your diary, we will of course remind you closer to the time.

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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- 1/10– Early Closure – 12.00pm
- 1/10 – Open Evening – 5.00pm
- 2 /10 – Late Start – 10.35am
- 2-15/10– SEN Open Day Tours
- 4-14/10– Year 6 Tours
- 9/10– Year 10-13 Careers Fair
- 22/10- Parent Workshop (helping your child navigate anxiety about school) (8.30-9.30am & 3.30-4.30pm)

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

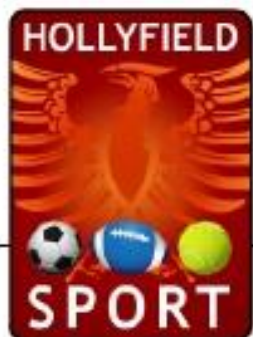
Club	Day	Time	Location	Year group(s)	Staff Member(s)	Notes (as appropriate)
Chess Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	O5	All	Mr Talbot	Learn how to play chess or compete against other players to practise your chess skills
Dr Who Club	Wednesday	Lunchtime	P2	Y7-11	Mr Newbery	A quiet space to have lunch and watch 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
<b>LUNCHTIME</b> KS3 OR KS4 12:35 - 13:15	Rock School MCO	Rock School MCO	Hollyfield Singers SNE	Ukulele Ensemble MCO	Senior Choir SNE
<b>Year Group</b>	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
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> (3:05)	Chamber Choir SNE	Swing Band SNE		Orchestra SNE	
<b>Year Group</b>	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)	
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> <b>ROCK SCHOOL</b> (3:05)	Rock School MCO		Rock School MCO		
<b>Year Group</b>	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](mailto:spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

Mr Buckman: [nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto: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

### **Next PTA Meeting Tuesday 15.10.24**

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 - Venue: Waggon and Horses Pub. We meet in the room off the back bar area, just before the raised seating. Alternatively in the raised seating area.

We currently have a position available for co-secretary

**We are looking forward to seeing you there!**

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

### **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....



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[www.hollyfieldpta.org](http://www.hollyfieldpta.org)

## THIS WEEK.....




### TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 9 with a total of 95.78%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7PGI = 99.33%  
 8SCM = 95.94%  
 9KWH = 98.00%  
 10EPA = 97.42%  
 11DHO = 95.71%

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

### HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
<b>Year 7</b>	1668	2354	1940
<b>Year 8</b>	1713	1542	1487
<b>Year 9</b>	1525	1423	1568
<b>Year 10</b>	1255	1087	889
<b>Year 11</b>	1076	907	971
<b>Total</b>	<b>7237</b>	<b>7313</b>	<b>6855</b>

### NEXT WEEK

Monday 30 September	Eagle House KS3 Assembly (Hall) Osprey House KS3 Assembly (Gym) Falcon House KS3 Assembly (Exam Centre)
Tuesday 1 October	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly (Firework Safety) - Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 11, 12 & 13 Senior Maths Challenge Early Closure – 12.00pm Open Evening – 1 Oct (5-8pm)
Wednesday 2 October	Late Start for Students (open from 10.10am registration 10.35am) Parent SEN Panel Presentation and Tour (4.15-5.15pm)
Thursday 3 October	Year 9 Assembly (Peer Pressure) - Dining Hall Parent Tour of SEN Provision (4.15-5.00pm)
Friday 4 October	Year 10 Assembly (Careers Fair) - Dining Hall Year 6 Tours (9.15 & 11.05am)

### FORTHCOMING DATES

**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  
 22 October - Parent Workshop (helping your child navigate anxiety about school) (8.30-9.30am & 3.30-4.30pm)

**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** 1903 **Year 8** 1212 **Year 9** 1505 **Year 10** 921 **Year 11** 738

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

**7LGR** 441    **8RAL** 282    **9NLU** 381    **10WGO** 231    **11DMI** 152

The top performing students from each year were:

**Year 7** Henry T                      **Year 9** Joshua M                      **Year 11** Shenae GS  
**Year 8** Dmytro D                      **Year 10** Aditya S

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Well done to Ibrahim who achieved an under 40kg a gold medal and under 50kg bronze medal at the ADCC West European championships. He also attended ADCC national championships at university of Birmingham sports & fitness, and received a silver medal. He also attended All stars capital pro in London on the and received a gold medal for under 40kg. Congratulations we are very proud of you.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

### 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:

<b>Onna Benson:</b> Piano	<b>Sharon Taylor:</b> Piano
<b>Tom Early:</b> Drum kit/Percussion	<b>Tino Rainone:</b> Guitar
<b>Andy Brown:</b> Guitar	<b>Tom Marshall:</b> Guitar
<b>Neil Thomas:</b> Piano & Brass	<b>Deborah Chalmers:</b> Violin
<b>Linley Weir:</b> 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 - 27 September 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



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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 have the following organisations and careers areas attending: Kingston University, Roehampton, St, Mary's University, Kingston College, NESCOL, Richmond upon Thames and Guildford College, University, The National Physical Laboratory computer engineers, cyber security; finance and banking; Health Care, Journalism, the Law, Sport, the Police and the Armed Services We look forward to seeing you there! This is a great opportunity for students to network and discuss their future career choices.

#### Last call for volunteers!

We are still looking for volunteers from parents particularly, doctors, psychologists and architects. If you are available please email [ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk).

#### Year 11 - Post 16 options

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 - applications for 2025 entry close on Monday 30 September at Midday. The application process for other colleges and sixth forms 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. Please see the college and sixth form open events coming up and check any other providers for their events:

College/Sixth form	Open event date & time
Hollyfield Sixth Form	Thursday 14th Nov 2024 6.00pm <a href="#">The Hollyfield School - Sixth Form</a>
Hollyfield Careers Fair	Wednesday 9th 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 5th October 2024 10am-1pm & Weds 20th Nov 4.30-7pm <a href="#">Events &amp; Open Days - Kingston College</a>

<b>Esher Sixth Form College</b>	Open day was in July - book tours for Sept & Oct <a href="#">Open Events and Tours</a> on website. Applications close on Midday on 30th September for 2025 entry
<b>Nescot College (Epsom)</b>	Sat 12th October 10am-1pm & Weds 20th Nov 4.30-7.30pm <a href="#">Nescot Open Events</a> They offer animal care, construction & many more courses!
<b>BRIT School (Croydon)</b>	Tuesday 24th Sept - you must book a time between 1.30-6.30pm <a href="#">The BRIT School - Open Events &amp; Prospectus</a> Performing & visual arts courses
<b>Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)</b>	Sat 12th October 10am-2pm & Weds 16th October 5-8pm & Tues 19th Nov 5-8pm Register via: <a href="#">Open Events</a>
<b>Merrist Wood College (Guildford)</b>	Weds 9th Oct 4.30-7.00pm & Sat 16th Nov 9.30am -12pm 2024 <a href="#">Merrist Wood College Events</a> Offering Animal and Land based courses
<b>Other Sixth Forms &amp; Colleges</b>	Check individual websites – usually late Sept, Oct and November

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: [ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk) to book an interview.



**Career Opportunities bulletin for sixth form students and parents/carers: [27 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:

We encourage students to use unifrog to help them to navigate careers and options. There are a number of events they can access exclusively virtually via the Unifrog:



There's only three weeks to go until Unifrog's [UK University Fair](#) on Wednesday 16 October at 4–6:30pm. Don't worry if students can't make it for the whole event, they are **welcome to drop in** and out whenever they can! [See the live sessions](#) that will help your students choose where to study and apply successfully.

Your Y10–13 students are invited to **meet 40 universities in two hours** - including University of Bristol, University of Warwick, University of Leeds, and Cardiff University. They'll gain practical advice from the experts to help them get a step closer to their dream university.

- **For students who are unsure about what or where to study** - Live sessions and interactive booths can inspire them to consider a diverse range of universities from all over the UK.

- **For students who know where they want to go** - This fair is a great opportunity to get tips on choosing the right course and acing their personal statement ahead of the upcoming admissions cycle.
- **For students who have questions about student life** - Whether this is about scholarships, extracurricular activities, accommodation, or any other factors that influence students' decisions, 40 universities will be there to chat!



### Army careers online event - 1 October 6.30-7.30pm

Available through the British Army, including financial grants and scholarships tailored for students. 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](#).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

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### 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](http://www.Kooth.com).

### Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom.  
Email [RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk](mailto: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.
- 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.
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to 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/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/](http://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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Sunday 13th October

9.30am All-Age Communion Service with the Junior Choir

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## 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](mailto:participationiscd@achievingforchildren.org.uk)



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