



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 had a lovely week. We have had another busy week at school. Our Year 11 students have now nearly completed their mock exams - well done to them for all of their work, we look forward to marking their papers and giving them valuable feedback. Our Year 13 students will have a week of mock exam preparation next week so they are well-placed to sit their mock exams in the week beginning 2 December. We know they are already preparing for these exams, we wish them all the best with their revision.

There are a busy few weeks ahead for our Year 9 students. It is parents' evening next Thursday followed by options evening on Thursday 5 December. Please can I remind everyone that parents' evening will be online. We are trialling this as we think it might make it more accessible for some parents, but we are mindful that for some students and parents those face to face conversations can be very helpful. After the event we will ask parents for feedback and use this to make a decision as to whether we move more of our parents' evenings online. The options evening on Thursday 5 December will be a face to face event so that students and parents can go and talk to the teachers of the subjects they are particularly interested in. This is a change as this event typically takes place online. Once again, we will take feedback from staff and parents as to whether this decision has had a positive impact.

Please can I remind all parents that we have a INSET day on Friday 6 December where the school will be closed to students, apart from the Year 13 students who are sitting mock exams on that day. School will reopen as normal on Monday 9 December.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend when you get there.

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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- 25-30/11 – Y13 Walking Talking Mock Week
- 28/11-Y9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
- 2-14/12 - Y13 Trial Exams
- 3/12 – Y7-11 Flu Vaccination
- 5/12 – Y 8 Safety First Workshop
- 5/12 – Y9 Options evening - 6.00pm
- **6/12 – School closed – inset 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.

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....



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Parent Webinars on:

- > Worries and anxiety
- > Screen time and social media
- > Understanding changes in the adolescent brain
- > Sleep Difficulties
- > Friendship difficulties and bullying
- > Self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- > Low mood and depressive feelings

[Click here to book](#)

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[Click here for a current list of workshops](#)



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Next PTA Meeting Tuesday 21.01.25

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 - Venu TBC

We are looking forward to seeing you there! [We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.]

An additional note: would you like to join in to help with upcoming events such Quiz night and Christmas Concert or generally just kept in the loop, but unable to attend meetings? If so, please email us at ptahollyfield@gmail.com, with your number. We can then add you to the general PTA WhatsApp Community.

Quiz Night for Year 7 students and their families

Thanks to everyone who attended this event and everyone who contributed to running the event. It appeared as if everyone enjoyed it - the students certainly did! In addition to a fun and sociable event, a reasonable amount of money has been raised too... which will be used to fund items to contribute to the students' time at Hollyfield!

Christmas Trees!

Surrey Christmas Trees will run their pop up Christmas Tree Shop again at Hollyfield this year. This will be via the car park entrance on Lambert's Road.

Every tree sold at Hollyfield will generate a £5 donation to our School!

They will be open on the following weekends:

30 November + 1 December

7 + 8 December

14 + 15 December

Christmas Music Concert

Music Department will be running this event which is always a highlight at this time of year. As previous years, the PTA will be providing refreshments.

Anyone available and interested in helping: please let us know via ptahollyfield@gmail.com if you are not already included in the PTA WhatsApp group/WhatsApp Community or via the WhatsApp group if you receive communications that way.

Additional communications will be via that group.

TCS London Marathon

Following the recent parentmail: remember to send in your form if you are interested in raising money for Hollyfield with a guaranteed place in the Marathon!

Pre-loved Uniform Store

Next session: Saturday 11 January 2025

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.



@hollyfieldpta



@hollyfield_pta



@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



ptahollyfield@gmail.com



www.hollyfieldpta.org

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



www.hollyfieldpta.org



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THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 96.08%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7BEJ = 98.06%
 8SCM = 98.13%
 9SDA = 99.38%
 10WGO = 98.15%
 11KEM = 97.19%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	4476	5705	5054
Year 8	4176	3843	4550
Year 9	3637	3614	3791
Year 10	3187	2568	2397
Year 11	2442	2025	2013
Total	17918	17755	17805

NEXT WEEK

Monday 25 November	Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals to 29 Nov Year 13 Walking Talking Mock Week Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 Resits
Tuesday 26 November	Year 7 Assembly (Bouncebackability) – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
Wednesday 27 November	Year 8 Assembly (Bouncebackability) – Dining Hall
Thursday 28 November	Year 9 Assembly (Bouncebackability) – Dining Hall Year 9 Parents' Evening – online 4.00-7.00pm
Friday 29 November	Year 10 Assembly (Bouncebackability) – Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

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
 5 December – Year 8 Safety First Workshop
 5 December – Year 9 Options evening - 6.00pm
6 December – School closed – inset day
 9-14 December – Year 12 Walking Talking Mock Week
 10 & 17 December – Year 7 PHSE Drop Down Mornings (Pd 1-3)

13 December – Year 11 Globe Players (Macbeth)
 13 December – Year 12 History Trip (Tower of London)
 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 1002 **Year 8** 788 **Year 9** 847 **Year 10** 611 **Year 11** 118

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

7LGR 288 **8SCM** 191 **9NLU** 183 **10WGO** 177 **11DHO** 24

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Jensen B **Year 9** Elsa L **Year 11** Noah G
Year 8 Violet S **Year 10** Adiya S

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On Wednesday morning two GCSE Food and Nutrition students attended the Rotary Young Chef Competition, where budding young chefs from Hollyfield, Grey Court, Tiffin Girls, The Kingston Academy and Chessington School were tasked with planning and cooking a two course meal, with the chance of securing a place in the under 17 district final. The student's meals were judged by a panel of industry experts, who were assessing the young chefs across a range of categories, from cost to taste. Councillor Thay Thayalan handed out certificates.

Congratulations to Rhythm S (Y10) and Beau B (Y11), who performed spectacularly throughout the competition, and received special mentions for their dishes. A huge thank you to the Rotary club, the judging panel and Councillor Thay Thayalan.

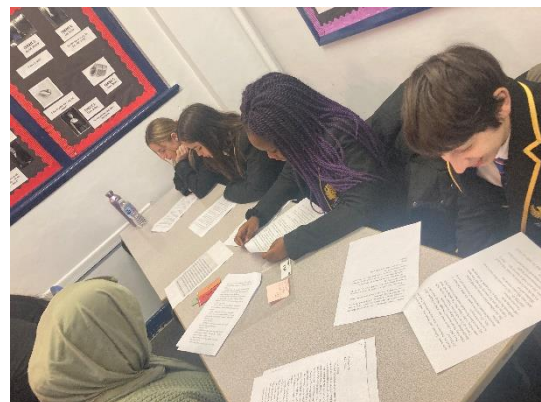
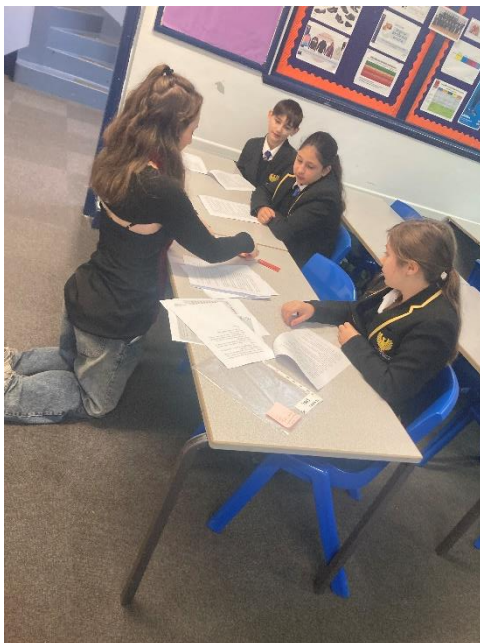
Well done Rhythm and Beau their food looked great, we are very proud of you.



TEACHING & LEARNING

Reading champions

This week we have launched our reading strategy for Year 7 and 8. This has involved focused reading in form time and some small group sessions with our wonderful Year 12 reading mentors. This week was based on Anti-Bullying week - the Year 7's read an extract from 'Blubber' by Judy Blume and the Year 8's read an extract from 'A Seven Letter Word' by Kim Slater. The group sessions centred around some phonics activities and then guided reading with the aid of our mentors. A massive well done to all those involved and the feedback from the Year 12's was that the students were engaged in the activities and enthusiastic and thoughtful in their discussions around the reading.



Music

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 22 November 2024
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

There are several opportunities for students in Year 10 who are interested in doing extra activities.

Saturday Club Applications are now open!!



We have now opened applications for **The Art & Design** and **Science & Engineering National Saturday Clubs**. Link to the Kingston University **Student Application Form:**
data.heat.ac.uk/survey/IUQ





Both clubs are completely **free** for **Year 10 students** and take place at our Penrhyn Road and Knights Park Campuses here at Kingston University. Please note that applications **will not be based on ability** but who we believe will benefit the most from these opportunities. We may use certain criteria to prioritise places for students from underrepresented groups, please do contact us on the email for further clarification on this criteria. The clubs will run from the **18 Jan - 21 June 2025** and we will be accepting around 25-35 students for each club.



Link to Kingston University **National Saturday Club Google Slide Presentation:**

<https://tinyurl.com/ymxxnpsk>

Link to Kingston University **National Saturday Club Assembly Video:** <https://tinyurl.com/2pbnd39f>

Link to the Kingston University **Student Application Form:** data.heat.ac.uk/survey/IUQ



UNIVERSITY OF SURREY Y10 Realise Your Potential

The University of Surrey is inviting Year 10 students to take part in our fully funded, award-winning Surrey Scholars extracurricular programme. Across January to March, realise your potential through our Saturday morning programme supporting both you and your household with understanding your options beyond GCSE study. You will be invited to attend a range of workshops, webinars and masterclasses, along with access to online resources, designed to further inform your own aspirations and choices. You will then be invited to present and reflect on your experience as part of your Graduation. Applications are currently **open until Wednesday 18 December** and we ask students to apply for opportunities directly. There are some eligibility criteria so for further information and application instructions for students, please visit our website <https://outreach.surrey.ac.uk/activity/y10-programme-realise-your-potential/>

Year 10 and 12 STEM Futures Programme 2024/25



STEM Futures is a multi-year programme of activities and support for students of Black heritage who are interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine).

This programme has been developed to support students to discover the wide range of subjects within STEM studies and to help them to get into university. Students can join the programme in either Year 10 or Year 12 and the programme is designed to be relevant at whatever point in their school studies that they start. Applications close for Year 12 on Tuesday 19 November and for Year 10 on Tuesday 03 December 2024. For any queries please contact stemfutures@imperial.ac.uk.

Applications Open Find out more at the STEM Futures webpage.

Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

The second Year 10 public speaking workshop last Tuesday 19 November proved to be very successful. The students had a professional trainer who gave students valuable advice on how to present their ideas and also some top tips on how to overcome your nerves when speaking in public. At the end of the day students gave speeches on a wide variety of topics including: **Why sixteen year olds should be given the vote; women's health rights and equal opportunities; arguments for the restoration of the death punishment and the**

hidden dangers of the Apps on your phone. There were a number of strong speeches, but in the end three of the participants were awarded the highest score. These students will compete together to be chosen to represent the school in the Kingston School's Public Speaking Competition in April.



Career Opportunities bulletin for sixth form students and parents/carers: [22nd November 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

This weekly bulletin is collated each week for YOU by the Hollyfield Careers team.

The bulletin includes: **work experience, university tasters, summer schools, apprenticeships, careers talks and more.**

Apprenticeships are competitive and students need to be proactive by signing up for employer talks. Apprenticeship highlights in this bulletin include:

- British Airways -deadline 9 December to apply
- BBC - deadlines 28 Nov
- Coca Cola - deadline Sunday 24 Nov to apply
- Talks from companies such as KPMG, Deutsche Bank,
- And more.....

Kingston University Webinars

To accompany our on-campus face-to-face events, we have many online events for you to promote to your students. During these webinars we'll deliver presentations on a variety of topics and have friendly and helpful staff members, as well as current students, on hand to answer any questions they may have. We have the below Webinars coming up:

Everything you need to know about Uni **Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 3pm**

Thinking about going to uni, but unsure about what it'll be like? Will it improve your career prospects? How will you afford it? In this webinar our team of experts will answer all your burning questions. Please register your virtual attendance [here](#).

Choosing the right university course for you **Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 3pm**

Choosing the right university and course for you is one of the biggest decisions you'll ever make. This webinar will help you navigate your choices and the UCAS application process with confidence. Please register your virtual attendance [here](#).

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Senior Leadership Team



Amy Jackson, Headteacher

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Hollyfield School. I joined the school in May 2020 but had to wait until September to meet most of the students and staff. I studied Chemistry at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and did my PGCE at the same institution. I began my teaching career in 2003 in Suffolk. I love teaching and especially love teaching chemistry. Over the course of my career I have held various leadership roles in science and across whole schools. Outside of school, I love playing and watching football, cycling and spending time with my two young children.



Matthew Winpenny, Senior Deputy Headteacher

I am the Senior Deputy Headteacher responsible for Raising Standards, Free School Meals and deputise for Ms Jackson when she is absent. I teach Photography, Media Studies, Sociology and have also taught ICT. A couple of interesting facts: I have 4 children and a dog and I do a bit of DJing outside of school.

Marianne O'Shea, Deputy Headteacher



I have a new role this year, leading on Personal Development. This means overseeing student leadership (including our fabulous student council), trips and visits and our wonderful extracurricular activities. I also line manage the teams who lead on careers, PSHE and first aid and have thoroughly enjoyed taking a closer look at those important areas. You will hear more from me later in the year about a new addition to the school calendar: Culture Day, which is something our students are helping me to plan and launch, and which we're all really excited about.



Sonali Patel, Assistant Headteacher

I am responsible for Behaviour and Safety. I have been teaching for 10 years and prior to starting at Hollyfield worked at a school in North London. I was also a Special Constable for both West Yorkshire and MET police. I joined the Hollyfield team 2 ½ years ago. Having grown up in East London I am a keen West Ham supporter!



Duncan Warren, Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

I am the Head of Sixth Form and I teach Philosophy, Sociology and R.E. I love working in the sixth form- our students are wonderful and working with them everyday is inspiring. Being part of the sixth form team we get to be involved in exciting enrichment activities every week and I have travelled to New York, Washington and Paris on various trips with the students.

Outside of school I am an avid Chelsea fan regularly attending games at Stamford Bridge (hopefully will be doing this again soon!). I also help to coach my son's football team and this is great way to start the weekend on a Saturday morning.



Josephine Rhodes, Assistant Headteacher

I oversee Year 7 and 8, manage Year 6 transition and continue to build relationships with local primary schools. I am currently also leading the English team whilst we search for the perfect Head of Faculty for September 2023.

After finishing university there was a short stint at the BBC, and then at a local magazine before the teaching profession called and I got a place at Reading University. Since completing my PGCE in 2006 I have worked in the boroughs of Richmond, Merton and now Kingston.

In-between teaching English I have been lucky enough to travel and lived in Australia for a short time. I love the peace of running and cycling in Richmond Park and having time in the kitchen creating delectable delights for my family!



Darren Bonehill, Assistant Headteacher

In 1983, when I was 6 years old, my Dad bought the family a BBC Micro Computer. It really captured my imagination. I used it regularly until I was around 11! I would follow instructions for creating blocky animated images and simple games. I've been programming ever since. I also learned to play the clarinet from around the age of 8. I followed both passions, programming and music. I joined several bands that got signed to record labels. The most successful was twice nominated for an Ivor Novello award. We lost on both occasions, once to Elbow and once to Lily Allen. I studied Maths and Science at A Level at John Taylor High School in Staffordshire. I went on to study Computer Science at the University of Southampton. I completed my PGCE there. I love teaching, when I am at work, I am happiest in the classroom. I also enjoy my role as a senior leader. I love working with our most challenging students, I find it the most rewarding aspect of my work. I now have two boys of my own, Ray and Rocco, they are both very different from each other but equally awesome.



Marelise Janse Van Rensburg, Assistant Headteacher

I have been the Head of Department at Hollyfield for the last 6 years. Originally, I am from Cape Town, South Africa where I attended school and completed my degree in BEd FET Economic and Management Science at the University of Cape Peninsula. I moved to London in 2007 to experience teaching in a different country but also to explore the world for a year. I loved teaching in London too much and therefore decided to stay and to also complete my Masters in Education.

Of course, Mathematics and teaching has always been my passion, however beyond that I enjoy netball, cycling, running and swimming.

Endurance events are what I most enjoy and every year I like to set myself one. Recently I completed a Half Ironman and London Marathon, next year I am hoping to attempt a Full Ironman if all goes to plan.



Christie Mitchell, Assistant Headteacher

I'm thrilled to join the Hollyfield community as the new Assistant Headteacher. With 17 years of experience teaching mathematics and over a decade in senior leadership, I'm excited to take on the responsibility for Teaching and Learning, as well as the pastoral and academic care of Year 9. I've been incredibly impressed by the politeness and dedication of our students and I'm looking forward to working closely with our talented teachers to further elevate the quality of teaching and learning at Hollyfield. Our primary goal is to ensure that all teaching is tailored to meet the unique needs of each student, empowering them to reach their full potential. I'm eager to contribute to Hollyfield's continued success.



Yasmin Al-Obaidi, Associate Assistant Headteacher/Head of Science

Since joining Hollyfield in September 2020 I have proudly held the post of Head of Science. I have taken the position of Associate Assistant Head this year with a responsibility for teaching and learning and staff professional development, an area I am passionate about. I studied Biochemistry at the University of Southampton before training to teach at The Institute of Education (now part of UCL), and am happy to have encouraged and supported several of our students to successfully gain places at Oxford University to study Biochemistry. Outside of school I enjoy attending theatre shows and music concerts, and supporting AFC Wimbledon. I also love hiking and have completed the Sandstone Trail (a couple of times!) and walked the final 115km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain in 2019, and hope to return to complete more of the trail next year.

Governors

Emma Francis, Chair of Governors

I have been a Hollyfield governor since 2018, when my daughter was in Year 8. Since then my son has also joined the school. I became chair of governors in 2019 and love working with my fellow governors to support and challenge our school to be even better. I did originally train as a teacher but decided it was far too hard a job for me so opted for a job in the wine trade instead! I now work in HR for an insurance company.

Lisa Quinn, Governor

My day job is running my own business as an Executive and Career Coach, where I work with clients in the UK, US and Asia. I really love my job as a Governor at Hollyfield and feel very passionately about creating the best environment for every student to thrive. I come from a working class family, and I was the first in my family to go to University, so I have a particular interest in helping disadvantaged students as well as supporting students who have SEND needs. I'm a link governor for both areas. My daughter joined Hollyfield in 2017 and I became a parent governor that year. When I'm not working, I can usually be found with my nose in a book, walking my dog, or at trying to get fitter.

Paul Ruth, Governor

I am currently in my sixth year of sitting on the Governing Board. In the time I have been here it has been a pleasure to contribute to the Hollyfield community which has changed so much in this time, and thankfully all for the better. I have two children in attendance at the school. In my professional career I work in construction on some of the large commercial and residential projects in and around London and have been lucky enough to have been involved in some interesting projects such as Lords Cricket Ground and Oxford University - I have actually sat through a lecture in a lecture hall that I was involved in the construction of when studying my MSc in Construction Law. I am a big football fan, following Liverpool, and I enjoy most sports, holidays, and spending time with family and friends. I am proud to be a member of the Hollyfield School and hope to continue this well into the future and keep helping the school to strive to reach its goals and aspirations.

Alistair Bond, Governor

I started my career as a PE teacher in North London before then heading overseas to teach and latterly lead international schools in Bahrain, Libya, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. I am currently the Head of a fantastic independent school in Kingston. I thoroughly enjoy doing what I can to support Hollyfield and am delighted that my own daughter in Year 11 is benefiting from the outstanding teaching, learning and provision at the school. I am the link governor for behaviour.

Ben Russell, Governor

I have been a governor at Hollyfield since 2017 when my son started in Year 7 - it's great working with the other governors and the staff at Hollyfield to make the experience for young people ever better. We've lived in Berrylands for nearly 20 years now. I used to be a journalist covering education and then politics, but now I work in communications.

Paul Quinlan, Governor

I've worked in HR for over 30 years. Currently, with a professional services firm I lead on employee relations and health and wellbeing matters. I was keen to help in some way and the school was looking for a new governor with children in younger years at the school and with a HR background. I have two sons at the school. I enjoy cooking, reading and running (especially when I've finished!).

Vicki Jones, Governor

I am Chair of the Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance Committee as well as the link governor for careers and relationships and sex education (RSE). I have worked in policy and campaigns for over 20 years, mainly in the charity sector. I currently work for a not-for-profit organisation which aims to reduce the barriers to employment for marginalised groups of young people. I have three children, one is currently at Hollyfield. In my spare time, I play netball for Kingston Tigers and spend as much time out on my bike as possible!

Jan Cheng, Governor

I am now in my second term as a governor and sit on the Leadership, Management and Resources committee. My son started at the school in 2019 and is currently in Year 12. After graduating from university, I joined one of the large accountancy firms and trained as an accountant. I now work in risk management with the same employer. I've applied the skills and knowledge from my job in supporting the school as a governor. It has been a hugely rewarding experience and it's a great team to be part of. In my spare time I do a fair bit of running and cycling.

Dr Niloufar Moradi, Governor

I have lived with my family in Surbiton for almost 20 years. I stopped working when my daughter started school; I previously worked as a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry. I have been a Hollyfield Governor since 2019. I am currently Chair of the Quality of Education Committee and also the Link Governor for Science. I am particularly keen on supporting Hollyfield students reach their full academic potential. Fun Fact: I once attended a party (at the Royal Society) where I met Professor Stephen Hawking!

Kerry Quarcoo, Governor

As a seasoned Adjunct Professor and Head of Maths from New York, I have over 25 years of experience in secondary schools and universities. Teaching allows me to share my passion for learning while helping students develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed both academically and in life. Outside of work, I enjoy baking and perfecting my pizza-making skills, a creative outlet that brings me as much joy as teaching.

David Miller, Staff Governor

I have worked at the school since 2010 and been Head of Physical Education since 2014. I hope that as staff governor I can help in the continued development and success of the school for both students and staff. Hollyfield is a great community school with its young people at the centre, and I am looking forward to assisting at a governor level.

Jemma Swallow, Clerk to Governors

I have been working at Hollyfield for over a year now after devoting my time solely to raising twin girls while running a speciality tea company that my partner and I

established in 2007. My previous experience includes editorial, and marketing communications, with major stints working for the UCL, LSE and the DfE. I love learning about all the intricacies of governance and working with such a lovely team of governors and staff. When I'm not working, I enjoy reading, writing, exercising, baking and charity fundraising.

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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- 5 August
- 16 September
- 7 October
- 4 November
- 2 December

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- 2nd December 16:30 - 18:00
- 7th December 14:00
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