



**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

As ever, we hope this bulletin finds you well and that you and your family are looking forward to a wonderful weekend. The weather has been very cold this week, so I'd like to draw your attention to Mr Buckman's letter about the switch to [winter uniform](#) for students in Year 7-11.



We have had another busy week at Hollyfield, which included the Year 9 Parents’ Evening on Thursday 28 November. The event was held online, and we really hope that made it accessible for as many parents and carers as possible. Year 9 is such a pivotal year, so we hope that you were able to attend and to make the most of the contact with your children's teachers. Next week, on Thursday 5 December, we will host a face to face Options Information Evening for Year 9 students and their parents/carers. This is part of the support package we put in place to help students make the best and most informed decisions about their options. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the event. We value your feedback, so do please get in touch to let us know if there's anything you'd like to share.

Our Year 11 students have been working really hard over the last few weeks, with mock exams in all subjects. Next week, our Year 13 students will begin their own trial exams. Mock exams are a really important tool for us all: for students to practise the skills they will need in the summer (including writing in timed conditions) and for teachers to get an accurate picture of what has been learned and applied well - and what needs a little more work.

Next week, we will have an **INSET Day on Friday 6 December** and students in all year groups will be able to enjoy a little respite from their hard work. No students need to come to school on that day. At the end of term (on Thursday 19 December) we will have a non-uniform day to raise funds for Cancer Research. One of our sixth form students, Vibusha, has taken a lead on this and, as mentioned earlier in the term, she is generously donating her hair to [Little Princess Trust](#).

Have a great weekend, everyone. We look forward to sending another update next week.

**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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- 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**
- 9-14/12 – Y12 Walking Talking Mock Week
- 10 & 17/12 – Y7 PHSE Drop Down Mornings (Pd 1-3)

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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](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).

## 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....



## 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](#)

[Click here to book](#)

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



## HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:ptahollyfield@gmail.com), with your number. We can then add you to the general PTA WhatsApp Community.*

### **Next session: Saturday 11 January 2025**

At the old Music Building, Next to the Dome, Close to the Lamberts Road Gate

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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.**



@hollyfieldpta



@hollyfield\_pta



@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



[ptahollyfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptahollyfield@gmail.com)



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

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

## THIS WEEK.....




### TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 95.54%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7BEJ = 98.71%  
 8RAL = 98.44%  
 9KWH= 99%  
 10JSA = 96.25%  
 11KEM = 98.75%

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

### HOUSE POINTS

	 <b>Eagle</b>	 <b>Falcon</b>	 <b>Osprey</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	4915	6004	5488
<b>Year 8</b>	4495	4142	4841
<b>Year 9</b>	3835	3832	4069
<b>Year 10</b>	3389	2717	2592
<b>Year 11</b>	2528	2234	2069
<b>Total</b>	<b>19162</b>	<b>18928</b>	<b>19059</b>

### NEXT WEEK

Monday 2 December	Year 13 Trial Exams including practical and orals – 2-13 Dec Year 11 Assembly (Charity) – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 Geography Canary Wharf Trip Year 11 Photography Mock Exam Year 7-9 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 3 December	Year 11 Assembly (Charity) – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 Geography Canary Wharf Trip Year 11 Photography Mock Exam Year 9-11 Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 4 December	KS3 & 4 Eagle, Falcon, Osprey House Assemblies - online Year 11 Geography Canary Wharf Trip Year 11 Photography Mock Exam Year 8 Safety First Workshop
Thursday 5 December	Year 9 Assembly (Options) – Dining Hall Year 11 Geography Canary Wharf Trip Year 11 Photography Mock Exam Year 9 Options Evening (6-7.15pm)
Friday 6 December	Whole School Inset Day

## FORTHCOMING DATES

2-14 December - Year 13 Trial Exams  
 3 December – Year 7-9 Flu Vaccination  
 3 December – Year 9-11 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**

6 January – lessons start – 9.20am  
 6-11 January – Year 12 Trial Exams  
 8 January – BTEC Exams Start  
 9 January – GCSE Results Published  
 9 January – November Exam Results published  
 10 January – Year 11 English Literature Paper 1 (8.30-10.30am)  
 13 January – Year 13 Report Emailed Home  
 13 January – Year 11 Oxford University Trip  
 14 & 17 January – Year 10 PHSE Drop Down Mornings (Pd 1-3)  
 16 January – Year 11 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm  
 20 & 23 January – Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews  
 24 January - GCSE Science Live  
 27 January – Year 12 Report Emailed Home  
 29 January – UCAS Deadline  
 29 January – Year 9-10 Intermediate Maths Challenge  
 31 January – Year 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge  
 6 February – Year 13 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm  
 10-15 February – Year 13 Retake Trial Exams

### **17-21 February 2024 – Half Term**

**24/2 – Inset day**

## 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** 708 **Year 8** 624 **Year 9** 589 **Year 10** 481 **Year 11** 270

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

**7SNE** 150 **8PTA** 126 **9NLU** 131 **10WGO** 114 **11DMI** 86

The top performing students from each year were:

**Year 7** Saskia Rae KD **Year 9** April T **Year 11** Shenae GS  
**Year 8** Isabelle F **Year 10** Zak F

## TEACHING & LEARNING

### History

Year 8 historians have been busy creating their own, unique versions of the Tudor Rose - this was created by Henry VII, the founder of the Tudor dynasty as a powerful symbol to show that peace had been restored to England after the Wars of the Roses. Well done to all of our students on their fantastic creations and please click on the [link](#) to see some of the highlights and winners from each class.

### CyberFirst Competition

On Monday 18 November 8 of our Year 8 students went to Kingston Grammar School to see the launch of the CyberFirst Girls Competition. This involved listening to people who work in the industry and promoting women in computing. The girls then split into two teams for Hollyfield and worked battling different computing and logical challenges earning points as they went. The girls worked extremely hard over the week and achieved over 9,000 points and 300 challenges across both teams, which is an outstanding achievement! There are a number of different categories for the competition where the winners for each category are invited to a celebration event in London where they can win laptops, trophies and even money for the school! A massive well done to Mia, Juliet, Isabelle, Esme, Lillie-Mae, Violet, Bethan and Grace.

The winners of the competition will be announced on Monday 2nd December and we wish the girls the best of luck!

### 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:

<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 29 November 2024**  
**Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)**



We want to ensure we are promoting a range of opportunities for our students to explore their career ideas. Please see below some of the activities going on and for more details see our weekly opportunities bulletin: [29th November 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

Year Group	Description	Link
10-12	The <b>Get into Medicine or Get Into Dentistry Conferences</b> is a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical/dental UCAS application process, connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine or dentistry.	Students and parents can register for free at these links: Medical Registration Link: <a href="https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO">https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO</a>  Dental Registration Link: <a href="https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE">https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBAcC19kE</a>

	<p><b>For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates: Sunday 8th December from 9:30am - 3:30pm Saturday 14th December from 9:30am - 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference date: Sunday 1st December from 9:30am - 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>For students aged 14 years and older.</b> Aimed to provide students with insights into the medical and dental fields, our Virtual Work Experience Programme allows students to gain key insights into various medical and dental pathways, as well as make informed decisions about their future. During the Get Into Medicine/Dentistry Conference, Dr Kennedy, Dr Safiyah and I will guide students through the importance of effective work experiences, as well as essential topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application Timelines</li> <li>- How to Tactically Choose Medical/Dental Schools</li> <li>- CV Building</li> <li>- Personal Statements - New format from 2026</li> <li>- Medical/Dental School Interviews</li> <li>- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical/Dental School</li> <li>- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes</li> <li>- Accessing Scholarships</li> </ul>	
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Year  
10

**Saturday Club  
Applications are now  
open!!**



We have now opened applications for **The Art & Design** and **Science & Engineering National Saturday Clubs**.

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 **18th Jan - 21st of 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](https://data.heat.ac.uk/survey/IUQ)



<p><b>10 &amp; 12</b></p>	<p><b>Year 10 and 12 STEM Futures Programme 2024/25</b></p> <p>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) at Imperial College.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>For any queries please contact <a href="mailto:stemfutures@imperial.ac.uk">stemfutures@imperial.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>Applications Open</b> <a href="#">Find out more at the STEM Futures webpage.</a></p> 
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Y10 Realise Your Potential</b></p>  <p>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</p>	<p>There are some eligibility criteria so for further information and application instructions for students, please visit our website <a href="#">Y10 Realise Your Potential - Surrey WPO %</a></p>

	<p>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 <b>open until Wednesday 18 December</b> and we ask students to apply for opportunities directly.</p>	
<p><b>Ages 14+</b></p>	<p><b>Channel 4 - Complete our work experience programme and get a step closer to a career in creative</b></p> <p>In this 3 step programme we'll introduce you to real careers and real people as you learn more about what goes into the thriving creative industry that you see around you. You'll be set real world challenges, discover what could be your creative career match and get insider information from current Channel 4 Employees on what makes for a successful creative career. This programme covers some of the most important steps a TV show takes on it's way to our screen - from initial idea to securing your sponsor, choosing when it will air and</p>	<p>Check out their website for more information: <a href="#">4Skills Work Experience</a> This is an on demand work experience and closes at the end of December.</p>

Analysing its success.

Time is running out for your students to secure online work experience with Channel 4!

## Year 11 college applications and interviews

Many students have applied to their colleges and sixth forms. Hollyfield sixth form will have their interviews in January and most other colleges will have interviews ongoing from now until the end of the academic year. There is still time to apply to colleges and we encourage you to apply to 2-3 places to ensure you have a range of options. We have already had a few students being made offers and this really helps motivate them for their upcoming exams. Please see this useful article about: [How to ace your UK college interview : Unifrog Blog](#)

If any year 11 students/parents would like support with this please contact the careers team: [ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk) and we can book a meeting to support you.

## GETTING TO KNOW.....



### Head of Year 7 & 8 – Josh Blakley

I have now been Head of Year 7 for the last 5 intakes of Year 7 reaching the milestone this year of having been everyone's Head of Year in Years 7-11! This year I have remained as the Phase Leader for Year 7 and Year 8 working alongside Ms Manchester who is now Deputy Phase Leader. I teach Computing and ICT throughout Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and have a keen passion for Web Development having created my own management system which is in use around sports clubs across the country. An interesting fact about me is that I went to school at Hollyfield

myself through Year 7 - Year 13 before studying Web Development at Uni and coming back to work as an IT Technician at Hollyfield before training to be a teacher. I also featured as an extra in the film 102 Dalmatians!



### Head of Year 9 – Suzanne Offord

I have been at Hollyfield since 2020, first working within the sixth form team before becoming Head of Year 9 in 2022. I really enjoy working with students to support them being successful, and guiding them to make the right choices for them at GCSE.

I recently had a child so I spend most of my free time playing with him getting out and about as much as possible, but once he's asleep I enjoy reading a book or seeing friends.

### Head of Year 10 – Cam Esmond

Time Out Coordinator  
restorative practitioner  
avid baseball fan  
Bass player



All I want from my year group is for each and every one of them to reach or exceed their own potential and expectations of themselves.

I have worked in a number of different settings throughout my career ranging from specialist aspergers colleges to mainstream secondary schools via a PRU and respite centre for Key Stage 3 students. In all of those settings I have worked hard to support the students and families to become successful in whatever path they choose is right for them.

Outside of school you will find me playing Bass in my blues band (although much less now middle age has set in) or playing baseball with Richmond Baseball club.

I think Hollyfield is the most rewarding school I have worked in and as a community is something that I am most proud of being part of.

### Head of Year 11 – Rebecca Paterson

I started at Hollyfield last September as Head of Year 10. I am a Sociology Teacher and this year I am Head of PSHE. Before joining Hollyfield I worked in Hounslow as Head of the Wellbeing Faculty, this involved leading the PSHE and Sociology departments, while also being pastoral lead for the students in my House. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students in Hollyfield but particularly working with my year who are near the end of the GCSE



journey, I can't wait to see them be successful in the exams at the end of the year and go on to pastures new. In my spare time I enjoy reading, watching Rugby and going to Art Galleries. I try to spend as much time travelling as possible, exploring new places, meeting new people and experiencing new cultures.

### Head of Year 12 – Rob Hall



### Head of Year 13 – Prayagha Sivanesanathan

I am a Science teacher with a specialism in Chemistry. I enjoy being in the classroom and completing practicals with the students. My enthusiasm is particularly directed towards working with sixth form students, as I contribute to their higher education journey and help elevate their aspirations. Outside of school, I am a mother to two young children, which is keeping me extremely busy.



## Student Support Officers

### Lead Student Support Officer



My name is Pam Ridgers and I am the Lead Student Support Officer at Hollyfield. I have worked here for 4 years and I am very proud to lead the team of Student Support Officers. They provide a vital role in looking after the wellbeing of all of the students in the school. In my spare time I am an avid reader and love to get outside for walks with my three dogs Barney, Kevin and Mia.

### Student Support Officer – Year 7



I am Miss Bolla, the Student Support Officer for Year 7 and the Young Carers Lead. I have worked at Hollyfield for almost 3 years and I love working with our new students who join us each year. I enjoy seeing the students develop over their first year here and thrive from supporting them.

Outside of school, I love to take my dog Stormi out for long walks to different locations every week.

### Student Support Officer Year 8 & 9



Hi, my name is Ms Emin, and I am Student Support Officer for year 8 and 9. When I'm not at The fantastic Hollyfield school.... I like to go on really long walks with my friends, both human and of the four legged variety..... I have one dog, 4 children, and four grandchildren, and love getting the family altogether to enjoy a good giggle and eating good food.

### Student Support Officer Year 10 & 11



I am Miss Blackman and I am the Student Support Officer for Y10 and Y11. I have worked at Hollyfield since 2017, starting off as a Teaching Assistant and then progressing into the pastoral team soon after. When i'm not working my life revolves around my 2 year old daughter and you will find us watching Frozen on repeat!

### Student Support Officer Year 10 & 11



I am Mr Upton and I have worked at Hollyfield as a Student Support Officer for over a year and a half. I initially started my role on a part-time basis, as I was completing a MA in psychotherapy. Having now completed this course I have a dual role and also work as one of the school counsellors two days a week. Outside of school I have recently had a baby and therefore most of my free time is taken up spending time with and caring for him.

### Safeguarding Officer and Librarian



My name is Ms Adams and I'm the librarian and safeguarding officer at Hollyfield. I've worked here for eight years and really do thoroughly enjoy my job. The team here is wonderful and I enjoy helping and working alongside our lovely students.

I am still participating in yoga which I thoroughly enjoy however recently I have discovered golf. Thinking it would be an easy hobby to begin, eight weeks in I am still struggling to get the ball past sixty yards!!!! So now I am researching to join a dance class to see if my flare lies elsewhere.



### Restart Centre

My name is Jo Leo and I work as a Student Support Officer leading the Restart Room. This is a safe and calm environment for our students within the school. Outside of school I enjoy many things including spending time with my family and our Vizsla Mabel, yoga, paddle boarding, audiobooks, wine and true crime podcasts!

## 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](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](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/](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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## LIFE COACHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*In Thames Ditton*

**AVAILABLE SESSIONS FROM NOVEMBER**

*When?*  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 2pm (term time)

*Where?*  
In the heart of Thames Ditton, in a warm and comfortable home office

*Who?*  
Sessions are run by Nathalie Hamberger, the founder of [Spaceforcourage.com](http://Spaceforcourage.com). Nathalie is a certified coach. She has worked in mental health and wellbeing for the past four years both in educational settings and in her private practice. Prior to this Nathalie taught for over two decades in secondary and higher education. Nathalie is DBS checked.

*In my jar today:*  
Growth, Resilience, Kindness, Hope, Positivity, Friendship, Love, Possibilities, Patience, And gratitude.

*What?*

- 1:1 coaching sessions (45 mins)
- A safe space and relaxed atmosphere to explore your needs and your goals
- Support, strategies and reassurance to help teenagers and young adults develop healthy habits, reduce stress, maximise potential, and improve overall wellbeing.

**LIMITED SPACES**

*FREE initial consultation*

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## Fully Funded School Support Course

**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

**6 Week Course Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
 1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
 2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

# PANTO PROJECT

**Create your own Pantomime!**

This year's Panto is: **Beauty and the Beast**

**Winter 2024 Richmond Theatre**

**ACTIVITIES**  
 Script writing  
 Prop design  
 Devising  
 Costume design  
 Improvising  
 Performing

**How to Register?**

Scan this QR Code if you want to take part!

**DATES AND TIMES**

4th November	16:30 - 18:00
11th November	16:30 - 18:00
18th November	16:30 - 18:00
25th November	16:30 - 18:00
2nd December	16:30 - 18:00
7th December	14:00
9th December	18:00

In Partnership with: **Richmond Theatre Trust**

# Santa Fun Run 2024

**Help us care this Christmas**  
 Festive fun with family and friends

**10% discount for groups over 6!**

Run, jog or walk 5K and raise money for your local Hospice.

**Sunday 8 December at Bushy Park.**  
**Sunday 15 December at Sandown Park**  
 Racecourse followed by a Christmas Market.  
 9.30am for a 10.00am start.

Scan the QR code or visit [pah.org.uk/santafunrun](http://pah.org.uk/santafunrun)

**Princess Alice Hospice**

## New courses for adults starting in January

As part of Kingston Council, Kingston Adult Education offers a diverse range of courses for people aged 19 and over. **Some of their courses are free and take place in school hours.**

Here is a selection of their courses starting in January:

- A series of **90-minute workshops to support individuals considering self-employment.** Sessions will explore turning your creative talents into a business, becoming a virtual assistant, home-based tutoring and online teaching, and freelance content creation (writing, blogging and video creation)
- Accredited qualifications in **Bookkeeping; Childcare; Community Interpreting; Counselling; Information, Advice and Guidance;** and **Understanding Mental Health.**
- **English, maths and digital skills,** from entry level through to GCSE
- A plethora of **wellbeing and creative skills classes,** including painting and drawing, upcycling clothes, stained glass making, languages, and tai chi.

See their latest prospectus for full details:

[bit.ly/KAE-2425prospectus](https://bit.ly/KAE-2425prospectus)

