



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

Head’s Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the half term break.

It has been a busy week in school, 40 students have departed for the History Berlin trip today, I am sure they will have a great time even if it is predicted to be very cold.

On Tuesday 4 students travelled to Craven Cottage to represent their group and present their idea for a social action project based on gender equality. They had to present in front of a panel of 5 judges, who then grilled them with questions! Ms Emin watched the presentation and said they were incredible. The judges obviously agreed because they won! They will now represent Fulham at the national finals in Wembley! Well done, we are very proud of you.



To celebrate valentines day some students wrote messages of kindness for everyone, they truly are inspiring and uplifting and are one of the key characters we nurture in school. Well done to you all.

Monday 24 February is an INSET day for staff. The school will be closed to students in all year groups except Year 11 students who will be in school completing mock exams. Mr Winpenny has written to parents with full details of this day including a timetable and revision booklet, students must bring a packed lunch for the day. I enclose a copy of the [timetable](#) for your reference. All other students will return to school on Tuesday 25 February at the normal time of 0830.

If you are a Year 9 parent/carer, please remember that on **Friday 28 February**, the **first Friday after we return**, Year 9 students will receive their **DTP/Men ACWY vaccinations**. Please ensure you have completed and returned the consent form we sent out. Additionally, please make sure your child wears a **short-sleeve shirt** on the day to help facilitate the process.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and great half term when it arrives.

Amy Jackson
Headteacher

Term Dates

- Autumn Term 2024**
 2 September to 19 December
 (Inset Day – 2-3 Sept, 7-8 Nov - except Y11 & 6 Dec)
- Half Term**
 28 October - 6 November (see above)
- Christmas Holiday**
 20 December - 3 January 2025
- Spring Term 2025**
 6 January – 4 April
 (Inset Day – 24 Feb)
- Half Term**
 17-21 February (see above)
- Easter Holiday**
 7 April – 21 April (Bank Hol 18 & 21 Apr)
- Summer Term 2025**
 22 April – 18 July (Bank Hol 5 & 26 May)
- Half Term**
 26 - 30 May

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- **24/2 – Inset day**
- 24/2 – Y11 English Language Paper 2 (8.30-10.30am)
- 24/2 – Y11 Maths Mock Paper 1 (11.30am-1.00pm)
- 26/2- AFC Yes Bus Service
- 26/2 – 1/3 – Y12 Retake Exams
- 28/2 – Y11 Kingston College Beauty Therapy Taster
- 28/2 – Y9 DTP&Men ACWY Vacc

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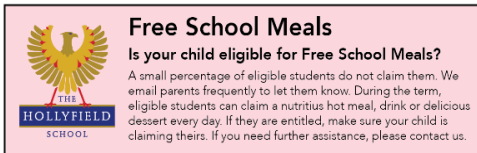


Photo Permission Preferences


Before students start at The Hollyfield School, we ask parents to provide their photo permission preference. You can submit a new preference and/or update it whenever you wish, using this QR code. Data is collected securely.

Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

A small percentage of eligible students do not claim them. We email parents frequently to let them know. During the term, eligible students can claim a nutritious hot meal, drink or delicious dessert every day. If they are entitled, make sure your child is claiming theirs. If you need further assistance, please contact us.



To help keep parents and carers informed around the SEN provision at Hollyfield, we would like to share the [following document](#) that can be accessed at any time. Within you will find useful information such as; key contact information, our whole school 'SEN in a Nutshell' strategy, the SEN identification process as well as several links that aim to provide information around specific needs including dyslexia and autism.

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 attendance@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

Standing Order Contributions to School Fund

If you already donate to the school by standing order, please consider setting up a direct debit donation on our new platform Enthuse and cancelling your current standing order with your bank. This will maximise your donation as gift aid will be claimed automatically, and reduces administration time for the school. Links to the Enthuse donation platform for both Main School and 6th form can be found [here](#).

All contributions received are very much appreciated and directly benefit all students within the school. We value each and every pound donated to provide a better education experience for our students.

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 sutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

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

Get involved with the PTA!

Join the Hollyfield PTA – Make a Difference and Be Part of the Fun!

The Hollyfield PTA is a dynamic group of parent & carer volunteers who work together to create incredible social and fundraising events that directly benefit Hollyfield School. From supporting exciting events to providing essential equipment, the PTA plays a vital role in enriching our children's school experience. The best part? You can help shape how these funds are spent!

Why Join the PTA?

- **Build Connections:** Meet other parents & carers, make new friends, and strengthen the Hollyfield community.
- **Be Involved:** Have a say in decisions that directly impact your child's school life.
- **Make a Difference:** Help us deliver unforgettable events like [Hollyfest](#), which brings the entire school community together for a day of fun and fundraising.

How Can You Get Involved?

- **Volunteer Your Time:** Whether it's setting up food stalls, selling raffle tickets, or lending your skills for events, every bit of help makes a huge impact.
- **Join the Easyfundraising Scheme:** An effortless way to support the school just by shopping online. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- **Sponsor Flynn's marathon challenge:** Click [here](#) for the fundraising page.
- **Attend PTA Events:** Enjoy yourself while contributing to a great cause—our events are the perfect blend of fun and fundraising.
- **Come to Monthly Meetings:** Share your ideas and stay in the loop. These meetings often include school leaders who value your input. We tend to meet on the third Tuesday of each month.
- **Get Regular Updates:** [Join the WhatsApp Community](#) for the PTA.

There's a role for everyone, whether you can offer a few hours here and there or take a more active role in planning and organising. Hollyfield PTA thrives on the energy, ideas, and dedication of parents & carers like you.

Sign up today and be part of something amazing! Together, we can make a real difference for our children and their school.

**Next PTA Meeting
Tuesday 25.02.25**

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 - At The Waggon and Horses Pub - raised back bar area.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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



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Pre-loved Uniform Store

Next session: 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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THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 9 with a total of 94.59%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7BEJ = 100%
 8CNE = 97.33%
 9MCO = 96.13%
 10EPA= 93.55%
 11KEM = 93.44%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	8817	9875	9555
Year 8	7986	7277	8903
Year 9	6429	6344	7056
Year 10	5975	4768	4852
Year 11	4449	4349	3630
Total	33656	32613	33996

NEXT WEEK

Monday 24 February	Inset Day Year 11 English Language Paper 2 (8.30-10.30am) Year 11 Maths Mock Paper 1 (11.30am-1.00pm) Year 12 Retake Exams (to 1 March)
Tuesday 25 February	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly (LGBT History and Rights) – Dining Hall Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition NEA 2 Exam U12 A & B Borough Netball (Tiffin Girls' School) (10am-2pm)
Wednesday 26 February	Year 8 Assembly (LGBT History and Rights) – Dining Hall AFC Yes Bus Service (12.30-1.15pm) Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition NEA 2 Exam Year 10 & 11 South London Medical Careers Day AFC Yes Bus Service (12.30-1.15pm) Year 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Theatre Trip (Kyoto @ Soho Place) (6.00-10.30pm)
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Friday 28 February	Year 10 Assembly (LGBT History and Rights) – Dining Hall Year 11 Kingston College Beauty Therapy Taster Year 9 DTP & Men ACWY Vaccinations Year 11 Kingston College Beauty Therapy Taster Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams to 7 Mar

FORTHCOMING DATES

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- 28 February – Year 11 Kingston College Beauty Therapy Taster
- 28 February – Year 9 DTP & Men ACWY Vaccinations
- 28 February – 7 March - Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams
- 4 March – Year 12 UK University and Apprenticeship Fair
- 4 March - Year 11 GCSE Drama Mock Practical
- 5 March - Sixth Form Tate Britain Trip
- 10 March – Year 13 Report emailed to parents
- 10 March – Year 7- 9 Report Emailed Home
- 14 March – Year 12 Report Emailed Home
- 20 March – BTEC Level 3 Results published
- 20 March – Year 7 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
- 21 March - Year 12 & 13 Sixth Form English Literature Conference (Hampton School)
- 24 March – Year 10 Reports emailed to parents
- 24 March - Year 7 Pupil Premium visit to Kingston University
- 26 March - Year 10 & 11 GCSE Drama Theatre Trip (Kyoto @ Soho Place) (6.00 -10.30pm)
- 27-28 March - Year 7-10 Activity Day
- 28 March - Year 12 Activity Day
- 31 March-26 April – Year 13 Final Trial Exams
- 31 March - Year 11 Parent English Language Revision Workshop (PP/FSM) (St Mark's Church)
- 2 April - Year 9 Vaccination Catch up
- 3 April - Year 7-13 Culture Day
- 3 April - Year 10 Parent Consultation evening
- 4 April - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

7 April – 21 April 2025 – Easter Holidays

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 1120 **Year 8** 682 **Year 9** 553 **Year 10** 720 **Year 11** 525

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

7PGI 257 **8SCM** 155 **9FKE** 113 **10JSA** 230 **11DMI** 147

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Kaif T **Year 9** Sainabou J **Year 11** Louis M
Year 8 Jethro T **Year 10** Grace CJ

TEACHING & LEARNING

Science Live

A group of our Year 10 students experienced an exceptional outing at the Science Live event, which took place at the Apollo Theatre in Victoria on Friday. They had the unique opportunity to hear from distinguished scientists, including Professor Robert Winston, Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Dr Kate Lancaster and Professor Andrea Sella. The students were particularly engaged by theoretical physicist Jim Al-Khalili, who examined the intriguing question of whether the laws of physics permit the possibility of time travel, drawing comparisons to the beloved film "Interstellar." Students were also given the chance to learn about essential examination strategies and the keys to achieving success in their GCSEs.



RA Young Artists' Summer Show

Every year the Royal Academy has a Young Artists' Summer Show alongside the main Summer Exhibition. The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. We would like to

encourage our wonderful Hollyfield artists to enter this with any art work they have made in school or at home. The deadline is 5th March. Please click this link to submit your entry:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

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
Tom Early: Drum kit/Percussion
Andy Brown: Guitar
Oliver Daws: Piano

Sharon Taylor: Piano
Tino Rainone: Guitar
Tom Marshall: Guitar

David Muncey: Brass & Piano
Linley Weir: Voice
Deborah Chalmers: Violin

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 14 February 2025
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 9 Careers Networking Event 11 February

Last Tuesday the Year 9s participated in a career speed networking event as a part of their subject options day. The aim of the careers event was to give students the opportunity to meet a number of different employers and hopefully it also helped to build their confidence in talking to our many adult guests from came a variety of backgrounds. Guests included representatives from; publishing, marketing and business, banking, construction, law, engineering, pharmacy, nursing and health care. We were also supported by a number of the school governors. Hopefully the day will help to encourage students to begin to think about their future.

The school plans to ensure that all students have a number of employer encounters in the future as research has proved the more opportunities you get to meet people from the world of work the main chance you have to be successful later in life.



Year 9 students have signed in using their Hollyfield email addresses. Parents can also have your own Unifrog account. You'll be able to research careers, attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities, and compare pathways so you can support your child in making an informed decision about their next steps. The sign up code you need is: **HYFDPARENTS** and sign up here: www.unifrog.org/code

Year 11

Sixth Form/College applications and interviews

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. Many students are having their sixth form and college

interviews now, it can be nerve wracking so 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: ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk and we can book a meeting to support you and talk through your options.

Careers opportunities



[opportunities](#)

We want to ensure we are promoting a range of opportunities for our students to explore their career ideas. This includes; ***work experience, careers events and taster sessions, University summer schools and open days and the latest apprenticeships.***

This bulletin is produced exclusively for YOU! Sixth formers should be accessing this on a weekly basis and is posted to their google classrooms. Please see our weekly opportunities bulletin: [14th Feb 2025 Sixth Form Careers](#)



An opportunity to gain one of 100 fully funded commercial pilots licence with British Airways. This also comes with a guaranteed job as an Airline Pilot with British Airways at the end. **It is important you apply using this link if you are applying as a result of receiving this email from Fantasy Wings: [Apply here](#)**

By covering the costs of commercial pilot licences and guaranteeing a pilot job upon completion, British Airways is taking a significant step forward in

leveling the playing field. Their commitment goes beyond limitations imposed by one's background, offering aspiring pilots an equal chance to soar in their careers. Deadline to apply is 21 February so apply NOW!



GETTING TO KNOW.....

English Department

Ali Mirhashem - Head of English

After working in Law for several years, I decided to go travelling for 4 months. Once I returned, a friend suggested I look into becoming a teacher. I thought he was mad.

Having attended a get into teaching event, I became a Teaching Assistant at a school in Epsom. After which, my career snowballed from working at a school in Sutton, I have taken a variety of different roles including - Assistant Head of Year, Eco-co-ordinator, Head of Year 10 English, Head of Key Stage 4 and 2 i/c of the English Department.

I started at Hollyfield in September and have loved every minute of it so far. The staff are collegiate and supportive by nature. The students are given wonderful opportunities whether it is within department or extra-curricular to flourish. The support given to everyone is genuine and always in a friendly manner.

Believe it or not, I thank my friend very much for suggesting the idea of attending the 'get into teaching' event and the first Headteacher gave me the chance to explore the world of education.

Assistant Headteacher: Josephine Rhodes

I started teaching in September 2006 after dropping off an application at Grey Court serendipitously on my way out with some friends. Before I had even arrived I had received a telephone call inviting me in for an interview the following week! I was so excited! At this

time Grey Court was a school that was classed as Required Improvement, but it didn't put me off and I have never looked back.

Over the last 20 (ish) years I have continued to work up the career ladder working as an Opening Minds' Coordinator, EAL Lead, 2nd in charge and then a Head of Department at a school in Wimbledon, before I moved to the Head of Faculty role here at Hollyfield. Whilst teaching English still remains the best part of the job I now get to develop our links and relationships with local primary schools and work closely with the Year 7 and 8 pastoral team and developing the Year 6 primary transition process.

Fun (!) Fact - I no longer can wear my beloved high-heels thanks to a running injury.

2nd in Charge: Vicki Callaghan

My teaching vocation began 17 years ago at Grey Court School where I was mentored by none other than current Assistant Headteacher Josephine Rhodes! Over the course of my career I have held positions including Key Stage 3 Coordinator, Head of Year 9, Teacher in charge of Intervention and now, 2nd in charge of English. My favourite place to be is in the classroom, engaging with the students and sharing a love of learning.

I have been at Hollyfield School for 8 years and have enjoyed getting to know students from Year 7 all the way up to Year 13. Teaching English at Hollyfield is a privilege and a daily reminder that teaching is the only job I'd want to do!

Deputy SENCO and English teacher: Joy Turner Smith

I have had many interesting teaching roles and have taught at Hollyfield for 10 years. It's a rewarding job and the staff and students are lovely.

It's satisfying to have the feeling at the end of each day that you have helped someone emotionally or with their education. I love learning about the students and expanding my subject knowledge.

I like to spend my spare time being creative, reading, learning about History and Art (I would love to have been a History teacher) and spending time with friends and family.

English Teacher: Natasha Manchester

I teach English and Drama at Hollyfield, as well as being a form tutor for Year 8 performing arts students. The best thing about Hollyfield is the creativity, determination and ambition of our lovely students. I am proud of what they achieve every day. Additionally, I am lucky to work with dedicated and inspiring colleagues in the English department. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the theatre, museums (the V&A is my favourite) and searching in Waterstones for my next read. I was educated in British international schools and have lived in 6 different countries including Germany, the USA, Egypt (twice!), Hungary and Ireland.

SRP lead and English teacher - Kamenthrie Welsh

My teaching career began in South Africa, then took me to the USA, and now I'm based in the UK, with most of my experience in primary schools. After spending some time in mainstream classrooms, I chose to specialise in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), where I've focused on supporting neurodiverse students to succeed in a nurturing environment. In addition to being SENDCO and Head of Specialist Provision, I've also taught Year 6 students, helping them prepare for their transition to secondary school.

I joined Hollyfield School in September 2024 as the Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) Lead. What I love most about working at Hollyfield is the wonderful teams of people who collaborate so well together. It's clear to see how much support and attention is given to developing each student to the best of their ability. In addition to leading the SRP, I teach English in smaller, supportive classes, helping students thrive in a more personalised setting.

Having recently moved into secondary education, I understand the challenges students face as they transition. My aim is to create a positive, inclusive environment where students feel supported and confident to learn and grow.

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.

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

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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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Maths for Parents:
Secondary School Maths
Starts on Tuesday 25 February for 5 weeks
10.15am to 12.30pm
Hook Centre, Chessington

During this course, you will review the key maths topics covered in your child's secondary school; practise the same maths and methods taught to them; and discover helpful maths resources. The secondary school course covers Key Stage 3 and 4 maths.

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NARNIA KIDS CASTING CALL

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We want to hear from all interested young actors, regardless of experience.

We are looking for a boy and a girl to play characters that are 10/11 years old.

The film will rehearse and shoot from June – Christmas 2025 in the UK.

Parents and guardians are asked to apply by email to casting@ninagold.co.uk with name, age, location, height, along with a short piece to camera (on a phone is fine, approx. 30 seconds) about their happiest memory.

Parents and Guardians must state their relationship to the applicant and that they have their permission to be considered for a role in this production.

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