



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. This week we have been celebrating science week with our Year 7 and Year 8 students. This started with a visit to Surbiton High School for Year 7s last Friday where they watched an excellent science show. Year 7 and Year 8 have been having special science lessons and completing competitions all week. Alongside this, students have been having lessons in English linked to International Women's day. Next week is numeracy week so once again there will be themed lessons and activities for the students to participate in.

Year11 students have been completing their mock exams this week. Well done to them for all of their hard work. As always, students have conducted themselves impeccably and we look forward to giving them some helpful feedback ahead of their final GCSE exams in May.

Next week is Year 7 parents' evening. For many parents, it will be their first opportunity to meet their child's teachers and hear how they have settled into life at Hollyfield. I strongly encourage all parents to attend, along with their child as this will lead to the most meaningful conversations.

The Easter holidays are approaching so it is timely for me to remind parents that, as always, the last day of term is a non-uniform day and we will have an early closure for students. The students will be asked to donate £1 to charity on this day, which will be collected during form time. We return to school on Tuesday 22 April. As always, this will be a late start for students. Students should arrive to school at 10:30am where they will go to registration and lessons will begin with period 3 at 10:55am.

And finally, we were delighted to be named amongst some of the happiest schools in the country in a news article released this week. I enclose the link [here](#) if you would like to read it.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**Amy Jackson**  
Headteacher



#### Term Dates

##### Autumn Term 2024

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

##### Half Term

28 October - 6 November (see above)

##### Christmas Holiday

20 December - 3 January 2025

##### Spring Term 2025

6 January – 4 April  
(Inset Day – 24 Feb)

##### Half Term

17-21 February (see above)

##### Easter Holiday

7 April – 21 April (Bank Hol 18 & 21 Apr)

##### Summer Term 2025

22 April – 18 July (Bank Hol 5 & 26 May)

##### Half Term

26 - 30 May

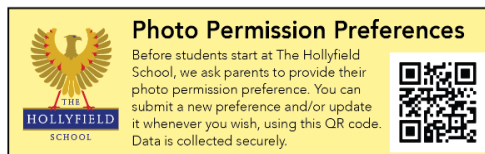
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- 17/3 – Y8&9 Scholars' Conference
- 17/3-Numeracy Wk-Chess Tournament
- 18/3 – Y8 Girls in Maths Workshop
- 19/3–Y11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam
- 19/3-ISSP Climate Day
- 19/3-Numeracy Wk Maths Bake Off
- 20/3 – BTEC L3 Results published
- 20/3–Y7 Parent Consultation eve
- 21/3-Y12-13 6<sup>th</sup> Form English Lit Conf

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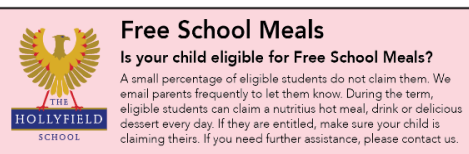
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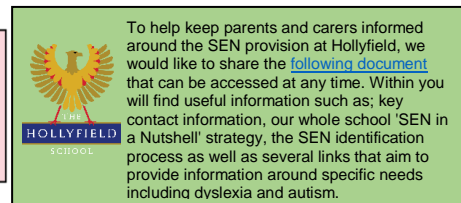
Before students start at The Hollyfield School, we ask parents to provide their photo permission preference. You can submit a new preference and/or update it whenever you wish, using this QR code. Data is collected securely.



**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](mailto: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](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

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 [lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:lsutton@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](mailto:spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

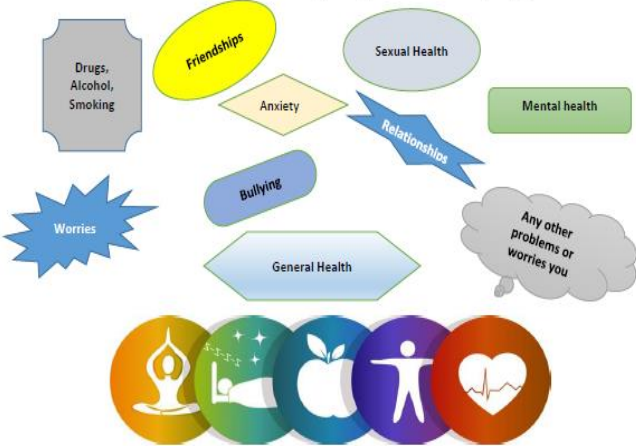
Mr Buckman: [nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

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](#)

[workshops](#)



## HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

### Next PTA Meeting Tuesday 18.03.25

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! **We will progress our planning for Hollyfest 2025!**

Join us at, 7:30pm - Waggon and Horses Pub  
We meet in the raised bar area at the back.

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

### 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.
- **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.**



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

### London Marathon!

The link to Flynn Orchard's fundraising page:

<https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/flynn-orchard-e63f7>

Please support him in this fantastic venture!

### Pre-loved Uniform Store

#### Next session: TBC

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.**

This is a really simple way to help raise funds for the PTA in order to support the school and students. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1>

There are lots of ways of finding out about the PTA and what we are up to - website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and two email addresses.... they are all linked at the foot of each page....



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

# THIS WEEK.....




## TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 96.17%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 99.33%  
 8VVA = 94.84%  
 9SDA = 97.74%  
 10WGO = 95.93%  
 11DHO = 98.15%

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>	10066	11115	10417
<b>Year 8</b>	9129	8505	10135
<b>Year 9</b>	7212	7122	8006
<b>Year 10</b>	6464	5255	5471
<b>Year 11</b>	4779	4693	3935
<b>Total</b>	<b>37650</b>	<b>36690</b>	<b>37964</b>

## NEXT WEEK

Monday 17 March	Numeracy Week Year 12 Assembly - Common Room Year 8 & 9 Scholars' Conference (Surbiton High School) Numeracy Week – Chess Tournament (3.15-4.30pm)
Tuesday 18 March	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly (Numeracy Week) – Dining Hall Year 11 GCSE Drama Tech & Dress Runs Year 8 Girls in Maths Workshop (St John Bosco College) PTA Mtg (7.30pm)
Wednesday 19 March	Year 8 Assembly (Numeracy Week) – Dining Hall ISSP Climate Day (Orleans Park) Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam Numeracy Week Maths Bake Off – Break and Lunch
Thursday 20 March	Year 9 Assembly (Numeracy Week) – Dining Hall Year 7 Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm) BTEC Level 3 Results published Numeracy Week – Speed Maths
Friday 21 March	Year 10 Assembly (Numeracy Week) – Dining Hall World Poetry Day 2025 Year 12 & 13 Sixth Form English Literature Conference (Hampton School) Numeracy Week – Pi Hunt

## FORTHCOMING DATES

17 March – Year 8 & 9 Scholars' Conference (Surbiton High School)  
 17 March - Numeracy Week – Chess Tournament (3.15-4.30pm)  
 18 March – Year 8 Girls in Maths Workshop (St John Bosco College)  
 19 March – Year 11 GCSE Drama Performance Exam  
 19 March - ISSP Climate Day  
 19 March - Numeracy Week Maths Bake Off – Break and Lunch  
 20 March - Numeracy Week – Speed Maths  
 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)  
 21 March - Numeracy Week – Pi Hunt  
 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 – A Level Music Lecture (Waldegrave School) (1.30-3.30pm)  
 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 7 817 Year 8 887 Year 9 785 Year 10 388 Year 11 127

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

7SNE 187 8RAL 189 9FKE 186 10WGO 107 11DMI 71

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Rufus L

Year 9 Jacob V

Year 11 Louis M

Year 8 Jimmy M

Year 10 Charlie B

## TEACHING & LEARNING

### Year 10 Food & Nutrition Spring Term Practical Assessment

The Year 10 Food & Nutrition students made a technical dish of braised beef and fondant potatoes. The vegetarian option was braised butternut squash with rice. All the students made delicious dishes and were very proud of what they had achieved. Congratulations to everybody! The dishes shown are by:- Graci, Dina, Lucas, Joshua, Raddie, Ali, Lillah, Oraiyan, Arlo and Benedict



### International Women's Day

Fulham football club and a group of year 9 students ran an International Women's Day event for our Year 7 girls this afternoon.

This involved learning about gender equality through different activities including creating artwork of inspiration women, participating in a quiz and listening to guest speakers.

The students were all fantastic and engaged in each aspect of the event. Hopefully they gained a lot from it!



### 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>David Muncey:</b> Brass & Piano
<b>Tom Early:</b> Drum kit/Percussion	<b>Tino Rainone:</b> Guitar	<b>Linley Weir:</b> Voice
<b>Andy Brown:</b> Guitar	<b>Tom Marshall:</b> Guitar	<b>Deborah Chalmers:</b> Violin
<b>Oliver Daws:</b> Piano		

**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 March 2025 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

#### Year 10 Work place visits

An important part of the careers programme in the school is to provide first-hand experiences of the workplace to help students explore careers opportunities. With this aim in mind the school is organising a number of workplace visits or employability activities on **Thursday 27 March. A letter has been sent home to parents/carers about the event with google choice form.**

Places are limited, but those students who do not get a chance to visit on this day will have an opportunity to take part in a workplace visit on the 11th July. Those students who did not go on the visits will take part in an employability master class with Young Enterprise and volunteer employers at school.

The objectives of the workplace visits and the Young Enterprise master class are:

- To meet a range of people from different businesses.
- An opportunity for an extensive two-way discussion between the student and the employee/employer about the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace.
- Students will complete a task relevant to that workplace and to get feedback on their work.

Students are being asked to choose out of five visits or be involved in the employability **masterclass with Young Enterprise.**

The trips out of school are to **Digico in Chessington; the National Physical Laboratory; Fuse Box and the Rose Theatre; the Kingston Council HR & Planning Department or the National Theatre in London.** As a part of the employability masterclass students will gain top tips on a range of approaches to job hunting including guidance on CV writing, cover letter and interview techniques

#### Year 7 - My Dream Job Competition - Dream Big! Deadline 14th March

Year 7 students have been asked to design posters about their future dream job. The poster might be based around their favourite subject or interest. It might be an existing job or career or be a job of the future which does not exist yet! Credit will be given for good knowledge about different career routes into various careers and occupations: GCSEs, A Levels, BTECs, T Levels, Apprenticeships and University.

Students can research into a range of careers on the following websites which includes job profiles and quizzes to help you explore your ideas:

[Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)    [Career Pilot](#)

**How to enter:** students should hand their entries into their tutor or send entries to Mr.Poole on google.

#### Year 10 careers interviews

Whilst Year 11s are completing their trial exams this week there will be time to begin interviewing Year 10s. A small group of students have already had one to one guidance interviews, but more students will have the opportunity of meetings this week.

Mr Poole will email tutors the appointment times and if anyone specifically wants a careers meeting they can use the sign up sheet outside the office in Albury or students and parents/carers can email requests to:  
[ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

### Year 11 - Sixth Form/College applications and interviews

As we get nearer to the GCSE exams we are checking in with year 11s to make sure they have applied to 2-3 sixth forms or colleges. Many students are having their interviews now, it can be nerve wracking so please see this: [How to ace your UK college interview : Unifrog Blog](#) If any year 11 students/parents would like support with any applications or interviews 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 and talk through your options.



### Careers opportunities

We want to ensure we are promoting a range of opportunities for our students to explore their career ideas. This bulletin is produced exclusively for YOU!

This includes;

- **Work experience & taster sessions**
- **Careers events & talks**
- **University events e.g. summer schools and open days**
- **All the latest apprenticeships**

Sixth formers should be accessing this on a weekly basis and is posted on their google classrooms. Please see this week's opportunities bulletin: [14th March 2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#) Highlights include:



Apprenticeships at the Royal Palaces - Hampton Court  
[Historic Royal Palaces - The Apprenticeship Guide](#) check out this guide for all the latest apprenticeships which include:

- **Heritage Lab Technician**
- **Horticulture (Gardening)**
- **Sustainability**
- **Junior Advertising Creative**
- **Supply Chain Warehouse**
- **Procurement & Contracts**
- **Digital applications specialist**



Pilot careers live - sign up: [UK - London - Pilot Career News](#)

## The School of Journalism

The School of Journalism (based in Twickenham) runs free journalism workshops, Q&A sessions and open days aimed at those looking to start a degree in 2025 or 2026.

Our upcoming events are listed below:

- **Saturday March 22, 2025, 10am-1:30pm (in-person London) – News journalism workshop (must be aged 16+)**

- **Tuesday April 8, 2025, 6:30pm-8pm (remote) – How to start your own publication panel and Q&A** with 9Bills founder Nelson Adeoti, Frontline Mag founder Patch Fennelly, Culture Crypt founder and social media lead Niall Smith and Boshemia Mag founder Eileen Espinoza
- **Wednesday April 9, 2025, 7pm-9:30pm (remote) – News journalism workshop**

They also run **work experience and the applications are now open**. Any 16 and 17-year-old students interested in journalism or working in the media can apply. The Londoner websites publish articles covering news, sport, politics, food, theatre and more. Based in the capital, we are never short of content, giving everyone the opportunity to find their niche! Our team of journalists cover stories in [South West London](#), [South East London](#), [North West London](#) and [North East London](#).

Are you interested in journalism? We are offering a week of **work experience** where you will learn the basics of news reporting, practice your interviewing skills, quiz our journalists, build your portfolio and see exactly what a career in journalism looks like.

You will come into our Twickenham newsroom everyday, where our journalists write, edit and broadcast. We are offering two different weeks of work experience - July 7-11 and July 14-18, 2025. Please ensure you can all day every day on the week you pick. The application is **now open**. The application **deadline** is midnight on **Sunday, April 6, 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted. All applicants will hear back by the last week of April. **To apply, please fill out this [Google form](#).**

## GETTING TO KNOW.....

### Media/Photography Department

#### **Ms Mirshahi – Head of Media**

My name is Ms Mirshahi, I am the Head of Media at Hollyfield School.

This year our media students have been working very hard and have produced outstanding film production that we hope to be able to showcase their work.

#### **Ms May – Head of Photography**

This is my fourth year at Hollyfield, I have taken on the role this year of Lead of Photography. I have been teaching Art and Photography for 9 years in total. I studied for my degree at Kingston University. I am passionate about all forms of Art, I really enjoy visiting galleries and screen printing in my own time.

#### **Mr Winpenny – Photography/Media Teacher**

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.

## 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](#)

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Important reminders for PE clubs:

- students receive 1 achievement point for attending
- clubs are free and no pre sign is required
- clubs at the school field will have a coach to drop them off and pick them up or students can make their own way home using public transport
- PE kit is not required for clubs during lunchtime

- For after school clubs, students should bring PE kit to get changed after 3.05pm unless they are already wearing their PE kit for their PE lesson that day
- If a student has a repair, they need to attend the repair as the priority

### Resilience in Children

If you are interested in further reading around building resilience in children this article is worth a read.

<https://cmom.org/press/the-british-psychological-society-five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/>

## LOCAL INFORMATION

### Kooth

Kooth is an online crisis messenger service that Children and young people can access for free online mental health support with a professional counsellor - [www.Kooth.com](http://www.Kooth.com).

### Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom. Email [RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk](mailto:RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk) for details.
- Childline: [information and advice](#) on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: **0800 1111**.
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.
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### 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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