



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 weekend. We have had another busy week at school, finishing with our activity days. We are moving towards a model of activity days placed through the year to give students experiences outside of the classroom and beyond the curriculum. There have been trips to visit workplaces, museums and even Thorpe Park! The students have had a wonderful time. We would very much like to hear parental and student feedback on these days as we would like to retain what has worked well and make any improvements if we can. We will ask pupils to complete a survey next week to tell us about their thoughts and ideas, we will also be sending one home to parents so we can capture your ideas, feedback and suggestions. We will send this out in due course; thank you in advance for completing it.

On Thursday next week we have our inaugural Culture Day at Hollyfield. This is an event suggested, planned and delivered by the students. Ms O’Shea has worked closely with a group of volunteer students to help them make their ideas a reality and we are so excited to be a part of it. We are also proud of the students’ ambition for and organisation of the event, I am sure we will all reflect on what they have achieved once we have enjoyed the day. Please can I remind parents that students are invited to come to school in national dress or the sports kit of one of their national teams.

Year 10 Parents’ Evening

We strongly encourage all parents and students to come along to the Year 10 parents’ evening on 3 April, bookings can be made via <https://thehollyfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Mothers’ Day Service

The Hollyfield Chamber Choir have been invited to perform as part of a Mothers’ Day service at St Andrew’s Church, Surbiton at 11am on 30 March, it promises to be a wonderful event, please go along if you are able.

Flynn Orchard – London Marathon

Flynn Orchard in Year 13 will run the London Marathon in April. He is going to raise money for sport facilities at Hollyfield for which we are extremely grateful. Flynn is also asking for donations of unwanted mobile phones that can be donated to raise funds for Hollyfield sports, further information is on page 3.

Early Closure 23 May – Year 11 Record of Achievement Ceremony

On Friday 23 May we will hold Year 11 the Record of Achievement ceremony. This is always a real highlight of the academic year, where students, teachers, parents and carers gather on the lawn outside Albury to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students and to wish them well. Mr Buckman (who always does an excellent job of organising the event) will communicate directly with parents, but I wanted to flag up the early closure for students in Years 7-10 and Sixth Form. They will attend lessons as usual p1-3 and will go to their tutor groups at 11.40 for a phased dismissal, leaving the site at or just before mid-day. Year 11 are expected to remain on site. This is a ticket only event and tickets (max 2 per child) can be booked through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

End of Term/Return to Summer Term

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 at 12.00pm. The students will be asked to donate £1 to charity on this day, which will be collected during form time in the last week of term. We return to school on Tuesday 22 April. As always, this will be a late start for students. Students should arrive at school at 10:30am where they will go to registration and lessons will begin with period 3 at 10:55am.

And finally, our Year 13 students begin their final mock exams next week. We know they have been working very hard in preparation for these - we wish them all the very best.

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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- 31/3-26/4–Y13 Final Trial Exams
- 31/3 - Y11 Parent English Language Revision Workshop (St Mark’s Church)
- 2/4-Y9 Vaccination Catch up
- 3/4-Y7-13 Culture Day
- 3/4-Y10 Parents’ evening
- 4/4–Non-uniform day - £1 charity donation
- 4/4-End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

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

OTHER NOTICES

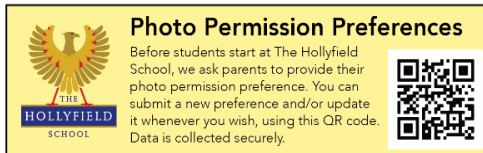
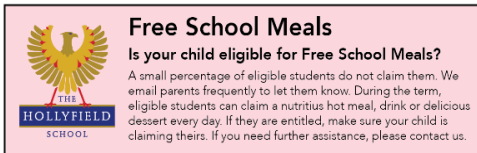


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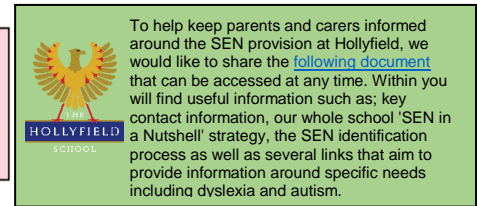
Before students start at The Hollyfield School, we ask parents to provide their photo permission preference. You can submit a new preference and/or update it whenever you wish, using this QR code. Data is collected securely.



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.

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 lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

Chamber Choir Mothers' Day Service

You are all warmly welcome to a special service at **St Andrew's Church, Surbiton at 11am** for Mothers' day on Sunday 30 March. The Hollyfield Chamber Choir have been invited to perform as part of this special service and it promises to be a lovely morning of excellent singing.

<https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/services/calendar/>



Flynn Orchard's Marathon Fundraising

Flynn Orchard in Year 13 will run the London Marathon in April. He is going to raise money for sport facilities at Hollyfield.

This is Flynn's story.

"Last summer I joined my friends to do one 5 kilometre run with Hollyfield during a camping trip. 2 days later I did another and every day since then I have made an effort to run at least 5k every day. This hasn't been easy with me doing some runs at near midnight but it has been one of the most fulfilling things I have ever done.

My current streak of 5k runs is improving week by week.

I run with two main groups, these being 26.2 a casual run club that meets at Surbiton tennis club on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm as well as up and running who meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 at the up and running shop near Tolworth. I also try to run at parkrun every weekend I usually attend bushy parkrun and also go to Kingston Parkrun. All of these places have amazing people and atmosphere and I would recommend them to people with any level of running ability.

I run every day with 2 hard sessions and one long run a week this isn't essential but should help me train my body for the gruelling task of the marathon. I try to run with friends as often as possible but many of my runs are still solo and if anyone wants to join for a run you should be able to find me at bushy parkruns most Saturdays. I am looking forward to running the marathon so that all of my training can be put into practice. I am passionate about sport and that is why I want to raise money for new facilities at Hollyfield."

From the 31 - 4 April if students can bring in any old phones, ipads or laptops that you and your family don't use and drop them to the reception all donations go back to the Hollyfield school PTA to be used on sport facilities.

On the last day of half term, 4 April, there is a non-uniform day for all students if you want to take part bring a £1 coin to hand in at the gate or hand in at form time.

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

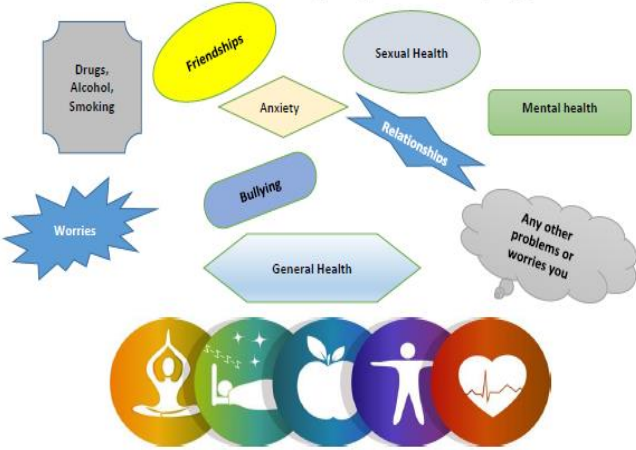
Mr Buckman: nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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](#)

[Click here to book](#)

[Click here for a current list](#)

[workshops](#)



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Pre-loved Uniform Store 26 April 2025: 10am - 12pm

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

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.



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www.hollyfieldpta.org

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

London Marathon!

The link to Flynn Orchard's fundraising page:

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

Please support him in this fantastic venture!

**Next PTA Meeting
April 2025 - date TBC**

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.]

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 8 with a total of 95.10%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7LGR = 98.06%
 8SCM = 97.18%
 9SDA = 97.42%
 10WGO = 93.46%
 11EBE = 92.33%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	10671	11721	11019
Year 8	9774	9150	10921
Year 9	7645	7712	8356
Year 10	6762	5570	5789
Year 11	4957	4934	4068
Total	39809	39087	40153

NEXT WEEK

Monday 31 March	Year 13 Trial Exams including Practicals and Orals – 31 Mar – 25 Apr Year 12 Assembly - Common Room Year 11 Parent English Language Revision Workshop (St Mark's Church) (5.30-6.30pm)
Tuesday 1 April	
Wednesday 2 April	Year 9 Vaccination Catch Up (8.30am-12.00pm)
Thursday 3 April	Year 7-13 Culture Day Year 10 Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Friday 4 April	Non-uniform Day (Flynn's Marathon fundraising) Year 11 Awards Assembly Dining Hall (8.55am) Year 7 Awards Assembly Exam Centre (8.55am) Year 9 Awards Assembly Exam Centre (9.45am) Year 10 Awards Assembly Dining Hall (10.55am) Year 8 Awards Assembly Exam Centre (10.55am)
	End of Term (Early Closure) (12pm)

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 31 March-26 April – Year 13 Final Trial Exams
- 31 March - Year 11 Parent English Language Revision Workshop (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 – Non-uniform day - £1 charity donation
- 4 April - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

7 April – 21 April 2025 – Easter Holidays

22 April – Term starts – 10.30am
 22-26 April – Year 12 Trial Exams
 22 April – 7 May - GCSE and A Level Speaking Exams
 22 April – Year 11 Report emailed to parents
 23 April – Year 9 Fulham Social Action Project Finals and Celebration Event
 23-25 April – Year 11 Art Exam
 24 April – Year 5 SEN Tour (1.30-3.00pm)
 29 April – 2 May – A Level Art Exam
 29 April – Year 11 Textiles & 3D Exam
 1 May – Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Parents' Evening
 1 May – Year 7 & 8 Junior Maths challenge
 1 May – Year 8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 5 May – Bank Holiday
 5-23 May – Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Assessments
 5 May – GCSE Coursework Deadline
 9 May - Year 8 & 9 Reach Out Trip (9.20am - 2.00pm)
 9-11 May – Netball Tour
 11,19, 22 May – Year 12 English Twilight Revision (Literature and Language) (6.00-7.00pm)
 12 May – GCE Coursework Deadline
 12 May –Year 12 & 13 Report emailed to parents
 13 May – Year 12 Houses of Parliament Visit
 19-20 May – Year 6 Interviews (4.00-7.00pm)
 23 May – Early Closure – 12.00pm
 23 May - Year 11 Celebration event

26 - 30 May 2025 – Half Term

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 7 546 Year 8 450 Year 9 483 Year 10 303 Year 11 196

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

7BEJ 115 8SCM 103 9FKE 126 10WGO/HBL 70 11DMI 76

The top performing students from each year were:

TEACHING & LEARNING

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.



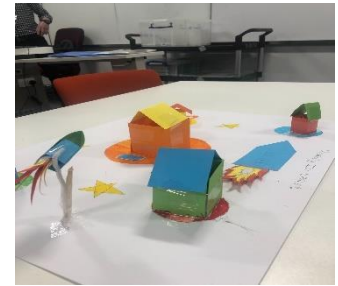
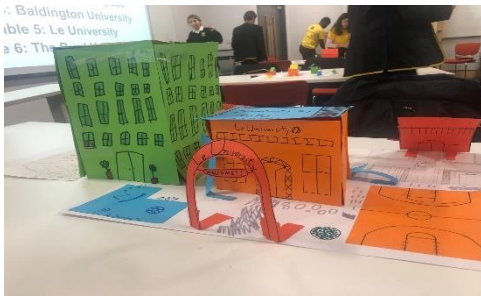
CAREERS



Careers Briefing 28 March 2025
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 7 University visit

Last Monday another group of Year 7s attended Kingston University. They took part in a series of activities where they spoke to a variety of student ambassadors about their courses at Kingston and researched different types of degrees at universities across the UK. In addition to a tour of the university all the students took part in a challenge to build the university of the future. Here are some of their designs.



Year 10 Work place visits



Some of Year 10 took part in an employability master class on Thursday where they had a workshop which covered key topics including employability and interview skills.

Students also received guidance on writing a good CV and in the afternoon they all had the opportunity to log onto the Unifrog Careers platform and write their own CV.

Other year 10 students went out on workplace visits on Thursday 27th. Those students who took part in the employability workshop will have a chance to visit the next employability workshop in July. This workshop will be an important part of preparing them for going out on workplace visits in July.



The trips out of school were 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.** 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.



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 and we can book a meeting to support you and talk through your options. We are trying to see the last few year 11 students who haven't had a careers meeting before Easter.



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:

[28th March 2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

To search for all the latest apprenticeships in your local area visit: [Find an apprenticeship](#) as there are currently vacancies in the local area at Bushy Park, Hampton Court Palace, Transport for London (TfL) and many more - so do check it out if you are interested.

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Maths Department

Ms Emerton - Head of Maths

I am now in my third year working at Hollyfield and this year I've taken on the role of head of maths. It's a great privilege to be leading the best department in the school and I'm enjoying the new challenges this year has brought.

I attended the University of Leeds where I completed a joint honours degree in Maths and Statistics before moving to London to complete my teacher training. Maths was always the subject I enjoyed most at school and I planned to become a teacher from around the age of 8!

Outside of teaching, travel is a passion of mine - my favourite place is probably the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia which I have visited a number of times. A few years back I took a year out of teaching to travel around Australia and New Zealand, I also took a trip to Bali as a holiday from travelling! I enjoy baking in my free time and appreciate that the numeracy bake off challenges me to come up with a new maths themed cake each year; this year it was a working clock. I follow football, supporting Coventry City who are yet again providing some excitement with a late push for playoffs this season.

Ms Janse van Rensburg - Assistant Headteacher and Teacher of Mathematics

I have been the Head of Department at Hollyfield for the last 7 years. Originally, I am from Cape Town, South Africa where I attended school and completed my degree in BEd FET Economic and Management Science at the University of Cape Peninsula. I moved to London in 2007 to experience teaching in a different country and also to explore the world for a year. I loved teaching in London too much and therefore decided to stay and to also complete my Masters in Education. Of course, Mathematics and teaching have always been my passion, however, beyond that I enjoy netball, cycling, running, and swimming. As you might already know, I have taken part in several endurance events and like to set myself a challenge every year. This year myself and Mr Kynes will be completing Chase the sun which is a

300km cycle across the South of the UK. Starting at sunrise and finishing by sunset. We are nervous and excited at the same time but know it will be a wonderful experience.

Ms Mitchell - Assistant Headteacher and Teacher of Mathematics

I'm Ms Mitchell, the Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at Hollyfield. Having originally trained in mathematics teaching and previously served as Head of Mathematics, I'm particularly passionate about ensuring all students feel confident and successful in this subject. With over 15 years of leadership experience in education, I've worked in many schools, focusing on improving teaching and learning. I'm thrilled to be here and working alongside our exceptional maths teachers to continue to strengthen our outstanding outcomes at KS4 and KS5, and to develop a real passion for maths in all our students. So far, I am really impressed with the students at Hollyfield, and look forward to continuing to develop their resilience and 'can-do' attitudes.

Miss Wellstead – Mathematics KS3 Coordinator

This is my fifth year teaching at Hollyfield and next week will actually my last week here! I went to the University of Chichester, where I trained to be both a secondary school maths teacher and also a primary school teacher. I have loved my time at Hollyfield, particularly the ski trip and maths bake offs! I'm most famous around school for my sticker shop, and I'm sure this will be what I am remembered for the most. I wish all my students the best, and I am looking forward to returning for Record of Achievement to celebrate the success of the Year 11s.

Mrs Nanna - Mathematics KS4 Coordinator

I have joined Hollyfield School this Spring term. I completed my PGCE Mathematics teacher training at the University of East London, Stratford. My first degree is in Mathematics and Economics from one of the top five universities (University of Benin) in Nigeria where I come from and grew up in. I remember when I was growing up I never imagined becoming a teacher (thought it was boring 😊)! I wanted to work within the banking sector and my parents (trust African parents) wanted me to work for one of the World organisations. Having completed my university education I returned to the UK and I got won over by my aunt (Head of Science then in an inner London School) about the benefits of becoming a teacher since I had a degree in the subject - Mathematics! I have been in the teaching profession (which I enjoy) for over 13 years now In majority of my experience I have taken up roles on whole school year group intervention, lead on KS3 Maths before progressing most recently to middle leadership position at Oakwood School Horley for a year and a half(that's before joining Hollyfield). One of the reasons I decided to step aside was due to family time.

Aside from teaching - is family and my faith (activities in church). My hobbies include cooking, sports, travelling, and the outdoors - especially cycling (though I haven't done as much as I would have loved to but my aim is to start this holiday).

Ms Lunt – Mathematics KS5 Coordinator

I have been working at Hollyfield School since April 2019 as a maths teacher and KS5 Maths coordinator. I did my PGCE in Secondary Maths, after completing a degree in Forensic Science, and have been teaching since 2012 having previously working in Leisure Management. Both of my sons came to the school so I have been a member of the community since 2010.

I work on different international and national sporting events, including the triathlon at the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games, 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, 2012 Olympic Games in London, Leeds Marathon & Brighton Half Marathon. I swim regularly and particularly enjoy swimming in open water - I have 2 open water races booked for this year of 2km and 2 miles.

Mr Owen - Numeracy Coordinator

I have always taught maths and currently teach students from Year 7 all the way to Year 13 Further Maths. I love the variety of teaching and the challenge of getting students to love the subject as much as I do. I am also an examiner for Edexcel so I bring a wealth of experience to the classroom. On top of my job as Numeracy Coordinator within the department, I have taken the role of Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator which is something I have been involved with for years in my previous schools.

I studied Maths at the University of Salford and completed a research year on the island of Crete where I was studying sonar waves. I stayed in the Manchester area to complete my PGCE before moving down to London to start my teaching career and to join my wife who works at Heathrow Airport.

Outside of school, I am a churchwarden at my local church. I also enjoy watching movies, stand-up comedy, and having good food with friends.

Mr Talbot - Mathematics Teacher

Hello! I'm Mr Talbot and I am a maths teacher at Hollyfield School. I studied Mathematics and Computer Science at the University of Birmingham and had a short career in software development/IT before chasing my dream of becoming a maths teacher. When I am not at school teaching, I enjoy spending my time in the gym, walking my family's sausage dog "Dave" and playing some computer games. Fun Fact: I am from the USA, and was once the highest possible rank in "Rocket League".

Mr Newn - Mathematics Teacher

Hi all! I'm Mr. Newn and I joined Hollyfield just last year. I grew up in Brunei Darussalam, where I had completed my A-Levels. This is when I first fell in love with Mathematics as I found ways to link different subjects (Computer Science, Physics, Music Technology) and discovered that Mathematics is the glue that holds all of these together. I even became interested in teaching as I enjoyed helping people come to understand Mathematics. Pursuing my interests, I left for Montreal to complete a degree in BA Honours Mathematics and Computer Science at McGill University before heading to the UK for a PGCE in Secondary Mathematics at St. Mary's University. I am now here at Hollyfield as a Mathematics and an A-Level Further Mathematics teacher to share my knowledge and passion for the subject. Outside of teaching, I enjoy playing video games, engaging in Japanese culture (anime, cuisine, language), composing music, fine dining, and drinking lots of premium loose leaf tea!

Mr Burke - Mathematics Learning Mentor

Hi! I'm Mr Burke and I recently joined Hollyfield as a Maths Mentor. I've loved having my own small group sessions for targeted learning. I grew up just across the river in Teddington, before leaving to study Maths at the University of Manchester. After graduating I had a gap year to travel around South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, which was a brilliant experience. I got back in August of last year and joined Hollyfield in October.

Outside of school, I love football. I'm a big Arsenal fan, frequently letting them ruin my weekend. On Sunday mornings you can find me on the pitch at left back.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

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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-psycological-society-five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/>

LOCAL INFORMATION

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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

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- 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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