



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

Head’s Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

As is customary I have written my end of term letter to all parents, it can be read [here](#).

**Return to Summer 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.

**Summer Uniform**

When we return for the summer term, please can I remind all parents that students can now choose to wear the summer uniform if they wish. That is, they can now wear a polo shirt which can either be a white polo shirt with the Hollyfield logo, or it can be a plain white polo shirt. Likewise, students can choose to wear black, tailored shorts instead of trousers or a skirt if they so wish.

**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](#).

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

**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**

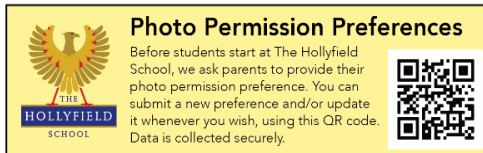
26 - 30 May

**..... Stop Press.....**

- 31/3-26/4–Y13 Final Trial Exams
- 22/4– Term starts – 10.30am
- 22-26 April–Y12 Trial Exams
- 22/4 – 7/5 - GCSE and A Level Speaking Exams
- 22/4 –Y11 Report sent home
- 23/4 – Y9 Fulham Social Action Project Finals and Celebration Event
- 23-25/4 – Y11 Art Exam
- 24/4 – Y5 SEN Tour

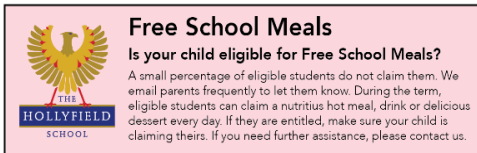
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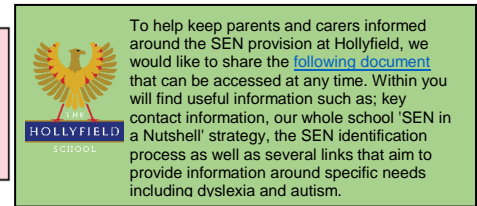
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**Free School Meals**

**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

### **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**

### **22 April 2025**

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 will 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.]

### **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!

### **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.



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

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

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### 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 9 with a total of 91.68%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE= 97.33%  
 8SCM = 92.19%  
 9MCO= 95.52%  
 10EPA= 92.26%  
 11DHO = 94.81%

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>	10940	11763	11264
<b>Year 8</b>	10023	9391	11181
<b>Year 9</b>	7794	7889	8581
<b>Year 10</b>	6953	5695	5990
<b>Year 11</b>	5012	4992	4111
<b>Total</b>	<b>40722</b>	<b>39730</b>	<b>41127</b>

### NEXT WEEK

Monday 21 April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 April	Start of Term – 10.30am registration Year 12 Trial Exams all week Year 13 Trial Exams all week Year 11 & 13 GCSE and A Level Speaking Exams to 7 May
Wednesday 23 April	Year 8 Assembly (Getting Exam Ready) – online Year 7 Assembly (Getting Exam Ready) – online A Level Photography Exam Year 11 GCSE Art Exam Year 9 Fulham Social Action Project Finals and Celebration Event
Thursday 24 April	Year 9 Assembly (Getting Exam Ready) – Dining Hall Year 11 GCSE Art Exam A Level Photography Exam Year 5 SEN Parent/Student Tour – 1.30pm
Friday 25 April	Year 10 Assembly (Online Safety) – Dining Hall A Level Photography Exam Year 11 BTEC Media Exam

### FORTHCOMING DATES

31 March-26 April – Year 13 Final Trial Exams

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 7 516 Year 8 399 Year 9 409 Year 10 393 Year 11 136

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

7SNE 125 8SCM 133 9NLU 128 10WGO 111 11KEM/DHO 30

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Toby D Year 9 Huey S Year 11 Vincent T  
 Year 8 Jethro T Year 10 Sienna L

## 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 4 April 2025  
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

### 9 Things Parents Should Do to Help Their Kids' Careers

Parents are one of the most influential forces in shaping their children's career paths, yet many feel unprepared to navigate the maze of modern qualifications and career routes.

Today's job market is evolving rapidly, and it can feel overwhelming to keep up, especially with lots of different emerging pathways like apprenticeships, T Levels, or careers in digital and AI. Research shows that over two-thirds of parents would engage more if prompted by schools or colleges, which highlights the need for better collaboration.

Tools like the [Talking Futures website](#) are game-changers, equipping parents with practical strategies to have informed, constructive conversations about careers. Ultimately, it's about starting early, encouraging exploration, and focusing on transferable skills like problem-solving and adaptability—qualities that prepare young people for any future. Parents don't

need all the answers; they just need to be a supportive guide as their children navigate their options.

**1. Start Career Conversations Early**

Begin talking about careers as early as possible. Discuss their interests, strengths, and what excites them. Early engagement builds confidence and helps children explore possibilities without pressure.

**2. Encourage Exploration**

Support your child in trying out different experiences like weekend or summer jobs, internships, volunteering, or job shadowing. These opportunities provide hands-on insights into what they enjoy—or don't—and help them develop valuable transferable skills like problem-solving and adaptability.

**3. Focus on Skills, Not Just Jobs**

Talk about the skills your child can develop, such as communication, teamwork, and critical thinking, rather than pushing them toward specific careers. These skills are essential across industries and prepare them for a changing job market.

**4. Be Open-Minded About Modern Pathways**

Stay informed about emerging qualifications like T Levels or apprenticeships and careers in fields like digital technology or AI. If you feel unprepared, resources like the Talking Futures website can help you understand these options better.

**5. Leverage Your Network**

Use your personal and work connections to create opportunities for your child. Whether it's inviting colleagues to share career insights or helping them find mentors, your network can be a powerful resource.

**6. Link School Learning to Real Life**

Ask your child how what they're learning in school connects to real-world careers. This can be anything from how Maths calculations are useful for building/construction to the way science and technology are used in healthcare or engineering careers. This helps them see the relevance of their education and sparks curiosity about future possibilities.

**7. Take Advantage of School Resources**

Engage with career fairs, workshops, or school-organized events where professionals speak about their industries. If your school offers career-related homework or projects, use these as opportunities to have meaningful discussions at home about your child's interests and aspirations.

**8. Help Them Think About Lifestyle Choices**

Encourage your child to consider how their career might align with their desired lifestyle—whether they want to live in a big city, travel frequently, or stay close to home. Lifestyle preferences can shape career decisions in meaningful ways.

**9. Support your child in making *their* decision**

Resist the urge to push your child to a decision you would prefer. Instead, act as a sounding board, offering encouragement and advice while letting them take the lead in making decisions about their future path.

**10.**

**CDI Article: [9 Things Parents Should Do to Help Their Kids' Careers](#)**



**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:

## 4th April 2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities

Local opportunities in the sixth form careers bulletin include:

- *School of Journalism work experience*
- *Cisco - IT work experience*
- *Medicine and Healthcare work experiences*
- *Applying to study in the USA student and parents seminar*
- *University summer schools and open days*
- *Apprenticeships with Sky and Bushy Park*
- *And much more!*

## GETTING TO KNOW.....

### Science Department

#### **Ms Al-Obaidi – Head of Science Faculty & Associate Assistant Headteacher**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Biology and Chemistry
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
Since September 2020.
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Organic Chemistry
4. Favourite science joke?  
What do you call an acid with an attitude? An a-mean-o acid
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I love hiking! I walked the final 115km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain in October 2019, and would like to return to walk the full 750km.

#### **Miss Cunningham – Head of Biology and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Science**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Biology
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
10 years
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Infectious diseases
4. Favourite science joke?  
Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium BATMAN!
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I'm a black belt in martial arts.

#### **Mrs Blackler – Physics teacher**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Physics
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
Since September 2020.
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Static electricity
4. Favourite science joke?  
Where does white light end up when it's been bad? In prism.
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I used to work in Germany and am fluent in German.

#### **Mr Eon – Chemistry/Physics Teacher**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Chemistry & Physics
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
Since September 2023
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Energy

4. Favourite science joke?  
What's a chemist's favourite fish? 2Na!
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I ride motorbikes.

**Mr Ives – Physics teacher**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Physics
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
Since December 2021
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Waves
4. Favourite science joke?  
Can't give you one, because all the good ones Argon
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I play the trombone

**Ms Jackson – Headteacher**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Chemistry
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
Since April 2020.
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Le Chatelier's principle
4. Favourite science joke?  
If H<sub>2</sub>O is water and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is Hydrogen peroxide, what is H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>? Drinking!
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I am a keen footballer

**Mr Varatharajan – Head of Physics**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Physics
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
Since January 2024
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Forces and Motion
4. Favourite science joke?  
I once told a chemistry joke.....there was no reaction
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I enjoy cycling and playing sports

**Mrs Siva**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Chemistry
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
September 2023
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Quantitative Chemistry
4. Favourite science joke?  
What does Earth say to make fun of the other planets? You guys have no life.
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Mrs Savage**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Physics
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
I worked as a Teaching Assistant from 2016 to 2023, and then returned as a Physics Teacher in September 2024

3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Energy
4. Favourite science joke?  
What does a subatomic duck say? Quark!
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I lived in Turkey for a year teaching English

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

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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](tel:08001111).
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: [116 123](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel:85258).
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)/online chat.

### Information for adults

Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: [www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/). Call 0808 802 5544.



**Counselling and Therapy**

**Morag Shrafeddin** is a qualified Counsellor with a Masters from Roehampton University in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy specialising in work with Children, Adolescents and Families. She also works in Fulham as a School Project Manager with the school counselling service Place2Be.

Morag is dedicated to supporting children and adolescents with their emotional well-being and personal growth. With a compassionate and client-centred approach, she aims to empower children and young people to overcome challenges and thrive in their lives.

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