



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

We hope you had a restful break over the long weekend - and that our students enjoyed the Easter holiday. We know that our Year 11 and 13 students, in particular, spent a lot of that time revising and preparing for success in their exams and that they have really hit the ground running this week. Exam season is upon us, and this week, students in Art, Photography, Media Studies and MFL have all made an excellent start. I'm always really proud of the way we support our students - from the great teaching and learning, resources, interventions and well planned Passport sessions, to the pastoral and learning support teams, who go above and beyond to make sure that no student is left behind. We hope that the students feel confident and well prepared. They deserve to.

There are a couple of evening events coming up in the next week: On Monday 28 April, Ms Lui and Ms Janse will hold a Parents' Information Evening for those people taking part in the netball tour and on Thursday 1 May, there is a Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Parents' Information Evening. Also, on 1 May is our Year 8 parents' evening, this is online and appointments can be booked [here](#), full details were sent before the Easter break.

For students who attend the Key Stage 3 Art club please note it has moved to Thursdays this term and will start on Thursday 8 May (due to Art exams).

Finally, some exciting news: This weekend, one of our Year 13 students (and former Head Student) Flynn is running the London Marathon to raise money for the school. He has liaised with the PTA and they are working towards funding some new floodlights, which will have a real impact - especially on extracurricular PE, which is something Flynn has always been passionate about. If you are able to donate, please follow this link: <https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/flynn-orchard-e63f7> Good luck, Flynn - and thank you!

Summer Uniform

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 lovely 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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- 29/4 – 2/5 – A Level Art Exam
- 29/4 – Y11 Textiles & 3D Exam
- 1/5 – Y12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Parents' Evening
- 1/5 – Y 7 & 8 Junior Maths challenge
- 1/5 - Y8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm - online

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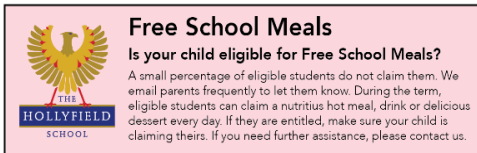
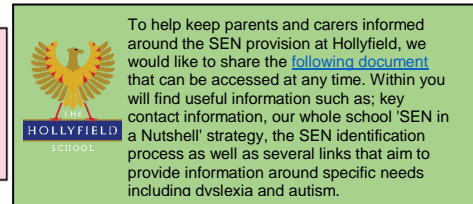


Photo Permission Preferences
Before students start at The Hollyfield School, we ask parents to provide their photo permission preference. You can submit a new preference and/or update it whenever you wish, using this QR code. Data is collected securely.



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



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

Reporting your child's absence

When reporting your child's absence from school on the dedicated absence line - 0208 339 4518 preferably before 8.30am on the morning of your child's absence from school. Please leave their name, spelling out any unusual names, year group and the reason for their absence and your details. Alternatively, you can email the school attendance@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

Valuables in school

The school policy and guidance with regard to pupil possessions is clear that they are brought into school at their own risk. The Hollyfield School does not accept liability for any items that may be lost, damaged or stolen. While theft is taken extremely seriously and thoroughly investigated, the school is not in a position to cover the cost of any item stolen.

Of course, with respect to the last point, steps and measures are put in place to mitigate against such circumstances, especially during PE and Games lessons, where pupils' items are locked in the changing rooms. While this is standard procedure, there may be some extenuating circumstances where this cannot always be guaranteed. Therefore, I would urge your son/daughter not to bring expensive items into school.

Medical Health Care Plans

Can we please request that you complete the following medical information collection form if your child has any medical conditions, no matter how small. If your child has a new diagnosis we ask you to also complete this form even if you have already done so for a different medical condition to ensure we have the most up-to-date information. Form: <https://forms.gle/pxTajACe1yUNSKdx9>.

Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk stating your child's name and form and the change of details. It is important to keep these details up to date in case of an emergency. Don't forget to update your Parentmail account with your new details.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them to school every day, it is even more important during hot weather. Our water fountains can be used to refill bottles as necessary during break and lunch, it is not possible to drink from the fountains direct and we do not have bottles or cups to give out to students. Alternatively, bottles of water can be purchased (and refilled) in the cafeteria, please ensure your Parentmail account has enough funds to enable this.

Surbiton Hill Road Entrance for cars

If you drive/collect students to or from school the visitor's car park/Surbiton Hill Road entrance **should not be used to drop off students**. This causes congestion for people entering the site and staff access, cars travelling on Surbiton Hill Road and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

Dinner Money Top Up

Please ensure funds are available 24 hours before they are required when topping up your child's dinner money on Parentmail. If you add funds on the day they are to be used we will not be able to see the credit instantly until the system has processed it, therefore creating a delay in your child buying food at the canteen.

Contribution to the School Fund

Standing Order Contributions to School Fund

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

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

If you would like to help contribute to the school fund to provide additional facilities to the school and students, please click [here](#) for more information. We acknowledge that not all of our parents can make a commitment on a monthly basis. Having listened to those parents we also understand that some would like to make a contribution whenever they can. A donation payment link is available in your ParentMail account. We are grateful for any contribution you can make, regardless of the amount. Every penny will be spent improving students' experiences. Like the monthly contributions, your donation will go into the school fund. It will be used in accordance with the guidance given to schools regarding parental contributions.

Open Door

Ms Jackson holds Parent Clinics on Thursday afternoon during term time. These are from 3.00pm-4.30pm for parents/carers to speak directly to her regarding any unresolved concerns/ suggestions. Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email sutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

SAFE HANDS

Once again, for your information, the key contacts are:

School - Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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

Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.

SCHOOL HEALTH DROP-IN

WHEN: Tuesday Lunch time 11.40 -1.10PM
WHERE: Room A12 (Top floor of ALBURY)

Come along for a **CONFIDENTIAL** chat with your School Health Practitioner about anything that is worrying you....



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Parent Webinars on:

- Worries and anxiety
- Screen time and social media
- Understanding changes in the adolescent brain
- Sleep Difficulties
- Friendship difficulties and bullying
- Self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- Low mood and depressive feelings

[Click here to book](#)

[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

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.
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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.



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

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

**Next PTA Meeting
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 7 with a total of 96.43%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE= 98.89%
 8SCM = 96.88%
 9SDA = 98.92%
 10EPA= 93.55/%
 11EBE = 97.22%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	11188	11188	11188
Year 8	11952	11952	11952
Year 9	11543	11543	11543
Year 10	10165	10165	10165
Year 11	9594	9594	9594
Total	11422	11422	11422

NEXT WEEK

Monday 28 April	Year 11 & 13 GCSE and A Level Speaking Exams to 7 May Year 11 Assembly (ROA) – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly - Common Room Year 11 Reports Emailed Home – 28 Apr – 2 May Year 11 Level 2 BTEC Media Exam Netball Tour Information Evening (Exam Centre) (5.00-6.00pm)
Tuesday 29 April	Year 7 Assembly (Exam Practice – Line Up) – Top Playground Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 GCSE Photography Exam – 29 Apr – 2 May A Level Art Exam – 29 Apr – 1 May Year 11 GCSE Textiles Exam – 29-30 Apr
Wednesday 30 April	Year 8 Assembly (Exam Practice – Line Up) – Top Playground Year 11 Passport Assembly (Pd 6) – Dining Hall ISSP (English) (Tolworth Girls School)
Thursday 1 May	Year 9 Assembly (Exam Practice – Line Up) – Top Playground Year 7 & 8 Maths Challenge Year 8 Parents' Evening (On Line) (4.00-7.00pm) Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Parents' Information Evening (Sixth Form Common Room) (6.30-8.00pm)
Friday 2 May	Year 10 Assembly (Getting Exam Ready) – Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

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 - online
 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 7 501 Year 8 420 Year 9 306 Year 10 293 Year 11 43

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

7PGI 119 8SCM 92 9NLU 63 10LHU 66 11BRO 16

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Sienna D Year 9 Amed M Year 11 Rio M
 Year 8 Jethro T Year 10 Ava 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 25 April 2025
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

At the end of last term Poppy S in Year 10 represented Hollyfield at the **Kingston Regional Finals of the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge**. The competition was fierce in which schools from across Kingston were represented and whilst in the end Poppy did not win she gave an impressive and well informed speech on 'The issues of women Rights across the world'. Public speaking is an important skill and it is a credit to Poppy that she performed so well.

Year 10 Workplace Visits - Thursday 27 March



A number for Year 10 took part in a series of workplace visits at the end of March. This is now an important part of the school's careers programme with the aim of ensuring all students have an "experience of the workplace".

Work locations visited in March included the Kingston Council Offices; The Rose Theatre; The Fuse Box Creative hub; Digico; the National Physical Laboratory and the National Theatre. For those students who have yet taken part in a work visit there will be an opportunity arranged in July.

Photo: Hollyfield students are briefed by the Kingston Regeneration team for the new plans for the town centre

College open events for year 11 and 10 students and parents/carers

If students have not decided where they want to study next year, it's not too late to apply and attend an event. For Year 10 students and parents you can start to explore the local options as we encourage students to make 2-3 applications to post 16 providers. The Hollyfield Sixth Form open event will be held in November 2025.



**Richmond upon
Thames College**

Richmond upon Thames Open Event 1st May Thursday 1st May between 4 and 7pm. Based in Twickenham the college offers a range of A Level and vocational courses e.g. Engineering, Catering, Construction, Sports and much more. They have **New Facilities: A brand-new STEM**

(Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) and **Sports Centres** are now open. Along with these facilities we also have: a new aeroplane cabin, immersive room and 5G all-weather sports field.



Nescot open event - Thursday 15th May 4.30-7.30pm. Register here: <https://www.nescot.ac.uk/events/> They have a range of courses from animal care to hair and beauty, media to construction, catering to performing arts.

Another popular college is Esher College - their open day is Monday 30th June - they host one event a year so you can sign up now if you are in year 10: [Open Events and Tours – Esher Sixth Form College](#)

Careers opportunities



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 for the world of work.

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 - local apprenticeships at Hampton Court Palace as well as National employers such as TfL**

Sixth formers should be accessing this on a weekly basis and is posted on their google classrooms. Please see this week's opportunities bulletin so you can check out all the latest news:



**BRITISH
AIRWAYS**

British Airways - Work Experience applications are open! We have work experience opportunities for September – December 2025 now available

- **Insight Days and Placements across Engineering, Business/Head Office and Customer Service/Airport Operations**
- **Engineering placements available across UK including LHR, Cardiff and Glasgow**

Work Experience Opportunities:

<https://britishairways.connectr.co.uk/inspire/opportunities/567>

Our application process is learner led, encouraging young people to have a go at applying for an opportunity online, much like our Emerging Talent recruitment process.

The deadline for all applications is Tuesday 29 April. Please email work.experience@ba.com or visit [Speedbird Z](#) for more information.

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Computing Department

Mrs Assam

Mrs Assam, a dedicated and accomplished professional, has been an integral part of Hollyfield School for a remarkable 20 years. Her journey began in Pennsylvania, USA, where she obtained a Computer Science degree and excelled as a programmer. However, driven by a passion for education, she made the bold decision to transition into teaching. In 2005, Mrs. Assam joined Hollyfield School as an IT teacher, contributing her expertise and nurturing the minds of countless students. Recognising her exceptional skills, she was appointed as the Head of the Computing Department in 2013, coinciding with the introduction of the Computer Science curriculum. Building on her success, Mrs. Assam assumed the role of Head of the IT & Business Faculty in 2020, showcasing her versatility and leadership qualities.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Mrs. Assam's vibrant personality shines through her diverse interests. She finds joy in Latin Jazz Music, embracing its rhythms. Additionally, she channels her passion for nature through her love for gardening, tending to vibrant blooms with unwavering dedication. Mrs. Assam also has a deep appreciation for the great outdoors and the serene beauty of the sea, often seeking solace and inspiration in their presence. Her love for hot weather complements her active lifestyle, as she enthusiastically participates in Zumba classes, staying energised and vibrant. Furthermore, Mrs. Assam is a keen gardener, spending most of the Spring/Summer evenings outdoors in her garden.

Mr Blakley

Mr Blakley's journey at Hollyfield School is a testament to his unwavering commitment to education and his multifaceted talents. As a student, he embarked on his educational voyage from Year 7 to 13 within the halls of Hollyfield. Afterward, he ventured to university to pursue his passion for Web Development and Design, gaining invaluable skills in the field. Eager to contribute to his previous school, Mr Blakley returned to Hollyfield as an IT Technician, dedicating almost four years to supporting the school's technological infrastructure.

Driven by a desire to inspire young minds, Mr Blakley pursued a PGCE at King's College London. Returning to Hollyfield as a PGCE student, he has since established himself as a respected Computing Teacher and the esteemed Head of Year 7 & 8. His extensive knowledge and expertise in the field allow him to guide and mentor students effectively.

Beyond his role as an educator, Mr Blakley is a qualified gymnastics coach, specialising in elite acrobatic gymnastics outside of school hours. His commitment to physical fitness and

nurturing young talents extends beyond the classroom. Furthermore, his passion for innovation led him to pursue training and achieve the distinction of being a Raspberry Pi Certified Educator, amplifying his ability to integrate technology into his teaching practices. Mr Blakley's dedication to holistic education and his diverse skill set make him an invaluable asset to the Hollyfield School community.

Mr Bonehill

In 1983, when he was 6 years old, his Dad bought the family a BBC Micro Computer. It really captured his imagination. He used it regularly until he was around 11! He would follow instructions for creating blocky animated images and simple games. He's been programming ever since.

He also learned to play the clarinet from around the age of 8. He followed both passions, programming and music. He joined several bands that got signed to record labels. The most successful band was twice nominated for an Ivor Novello award. They lost on both occasions, once to Elbow and once to Lily Allen! Perhaps teaching was inevitable!

He studied Maths and Science at A Level at John Taylor High School in Staffordshire. He went on to study Computer Science at the University of Southampton. He completed his PGCE there too. He loves teaching, when he's at work, he's happiest in the classroom. He also enjoys his role as a senior leader. He loves working with the most challenging students, he finds it the most rewarding aspect of his work.

He now has two boys of his own, Ray 16 and Rocco 13, they are both very different from each other but equally awesome. He loves being at home and spending time with his family.

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.

Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom. Email RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.
- Childline: [information and advice](#) on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: [0800 1111](tel:08001111).
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: [116 123](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel:85258).
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)/online chat.

Information for adults

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/. 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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