



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

Head’s Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. As you will all know, we welcomed Ofsted to Hollyfield this week. Many thanks to all the parents that took part in the survey and well done to all the pupils who were involved as well. I am not able to share the outcome of the inspection until the report is sent to us, but I promise that parents will be the first to know when the report is received.



Aside from the Ofsted visit, it has been a busy week with the GCSE and A level exams in full swing. Well done to both cohorts of students; you are working so hard and we are extremely proud of you. The last exam is still a long way off, but the time will pass quickly, let’s all work together to encourage the students to continue to revise and practice ahead of their exams. Well done to the students in key stage three who have been completing their end of year exams. Some of these exams are taken in the exam centre or gym so students get used to the processes around formal exams. The lower year groups have coped with this very well and we’re very proud of them.

Next Friday, 23 May is our annual Record of Achievement (ROA) event. It is a fantastic event for our Year 11 students and their parents and really celebrates all they’ve achieved at Hollyfield. In order to prepare for the event, the school will close early for all students in Year 7 – Year 10 and in Year 12 and Year 13 (except for those with a maths exam). Students in these year groups will have lessons in the morning and be dismissed from 11:50. Students in Year 13 will stay slightly longer as there will be a Year 13 photo in the common room at midday; they will be dismissed after this photo.

Students in all year groups, except Year 11 will have a non-uniform day on the day. Form Tutors will collect £1 from each student over the week commencing Monday 19 May.

The money raised is going to fund a mini-skatepark memorial to commemorate the life of Harry Woodroffe who was a student here, but died after a brave fight against a rare type of brain cancer, in 2024.

Year 11 will stay on site in the afternoon to prepare for the ceremony. Year 11 parents should aim to arrive at Hollyfield at 14:30. It promises to be a fantastic event; my only request is that the whole community keeps their fingers crossed for dry weather!

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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- 5-23/5 – Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Assessments
- 11,19, 22/5 – Year 12 English Twilight Revision (Literature and Language) (6.00-7.00pm)
- 23/5 – Early Closure Y7-10,11-13 – 12.00pm – Non-uniform day
- 23/5 - Y11 Celebration event

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OTHER NOTICES

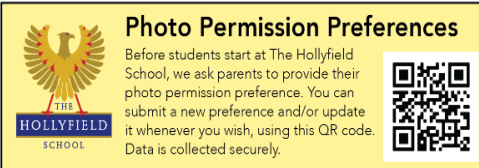


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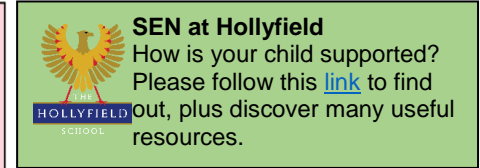
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Free School Meals

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.



SEN at Hollyfield

How is your child supported? Please follow this [link](#) to find out, plus discover many useful resources.

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.

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




Hollyfest 2025

We're beyond excited to announce that **HOLLYFEST 2025** is happening on **Saturday 5th July**, and we can't wait to welcome you all to what promises to be the biggest and best Hollyfest yet!

Whether you're a Hollyfield regular or you've never been before – this is **a day you won't want to miss**. Think live music from an **unbelievably talented music department**, amazing food, entertainment, a buzzing bar, raffle prizes, and a proper feel-good festival atmosphere for the whole family.

Get Your Tickets – Early Bird Prices Available NOW!






Early bird entrance tickets are on sale until 31 May – so grab yours early and save! Alongside entry tickets, you can also purchase:

-  **Raffle tickets** – for a chance to win some fantastic prizes!
-  **Tokens** – use these on the day for food and drink (card payments will also be accepted!)
-  **Inflatable passes** – unlimited bounce fun for the kids!
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 Head to our [events page](#) to book now!

We Need YOU – Volunteer and Make Magic Happen!

HOLLYFEST couldn't run without the amazing support of our school community – and we're on the lookout for **volunteers** to help us on the day. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people, and be part of something really special. Just **a few hours of your time** can make a huge difference. Have a child performing on the day but not sure when? Don't worry, sign up and we can move things around once the Performance schedule is announced. We have lots of different roles, including:

-  Helping on the **BBQ**
-  Serving on the **Bar**
-  Running the **Tea & Cakes** stall
-  Supervising the **Inflatables** or **Kids' Zone**
-  Or just being an **extra pair of hands** wherever needed!

You don't need experience – just a friendly face and a willingness to get stuck in. If you'd like to help, sign up through our [events site](#).

What's in Store?

We'll be sharing sneak peeks of our music lineup, raffle prizes, stalls and more over the coming weeks – so keep an eye on your inbox and our social media for updates! Let's come together as a school and community to make HOLLYFEST 2025 a day to remember. Tell your friends, bring your family – and get ready for summer fun at Hollyfield!



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**Next PTA Meeting
20.05.2025**

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 - **The Lamb Pub, Brighton Road** - please note the change of venue!
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.]

**Pre-loved Uniform Store
Date 21.06.25: 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

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/causes/hollyfieldpta/>

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 96.59%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7PGI = 99.33%
 8SCM = 97.5%
 9MCO= 97.24%
 10WGO= 95.38%
 11EBE = 97.33%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	12024	13025	11984
Year 8	11062	10383	12363
Year 9	8500	8526	9165
Year 10	7608	6033	6770
Year 11	5205	5084	4267
Total	44399	43051	44549

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19 May	Year 12 Assembly - Common Room Year 7,8 & 9 Assessment Window – 6-23 May Year 6 Senior Leadership Team Interviews (4.00-7.00pm) Year 11 English Literature Paper 2 Revision Session (On Line) (6.00pm)
Tuesday 20 May	Year 7 Assembly (Fake News) – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Christ Church Sports Day (WGO) (Kingsmeadow) – selected students SASM Sports Day (Victoria Park) – selected students Year 6 Senior Leadership Team Interviews (4.00-7.00pm) PTA Meeting (7.30pm)
Wednesday 21 May	Year 8 Assembly (Fake News) – Dining Hall
Thursday 22 May	Year 9 Assembly (Fake News) – Dining Hall Year 11 English Literature Paper 1 Revision Session (On Line) (6.00pm)
Friday 23 May	Year 10 Assembly (Fake News) – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common room (11.30am) Early Closure for Year 7–10,12 &13 (except maths exam) Students (12pm) Year 11 Record of Achievement (3.00pm)

FORTHCOMING DATES

5-23 May – Year 7, 8 & 9 End of Year Assessments
 11,19, 22 May – Year 12 English Twilight Revision (Literature and Language) (6.00-7.00pm)
 19-20 May – Year 6 Interviews (4.00-7.00pm)
 23 May – Early Closure – 12.00pm – Non-uniform day
 23 May - Year 11 Celebration event

26 - 30 May 2025 – Half Term

- 1 June - Statistics Paper 1 Revision Session (On Line) – (6pm)
- 3 June - GCSE Biology and Combined Science Biology Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 4 June - History Paper 2: Cold War & Elizabeth Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 5 June - English Language Paper 2 Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 5 June - Geography Revision Session) (On Line) (6pm)
- 6 June – English Twilight Revision (Literature and Language) (6.00-7.00pm)
- 9 June - History Paper 3: Germany Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 9 June - Year 9 Consent Workshop
- 9-28 June – Year 10 Trial Exams
- 10 June - Geography Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 11 June – Year 12 Kingston University Degree Show
- 16-28 June – Year 12 End of Year Exams
- 17 June – Year 8 Diversity Role Models workshop
- 19-23 June – Year 9-11 MFL Trip to Normandy
- 20 June – Year 13 Prom
- 23 June – Year 7-9 Report emailed to parents
- 27 June - Year 10 Consent Workshop
- 27 June – Public exams end
- 30 June – New Year 7 SEN Welcome Event (1.30-3.00pm)
- 2 July – New Year 7 Induction Day
- 2 July – Art & Design Exhibition
- 3 July -Year 7 Big Read trip to Waterstones, Kingston (12.45-3.05pm)
- 4 July – Year 7-8 Pride in Learning
- 4 July – Year 11 Prom
- 5 July - Hollyfest
- 7 July - Year 12 Consent Workshop
- 7 & 9 July – Year 10 GCSE Seaford Field Trips
- 8 July - Sports Day
- 9 July – Year 12 Brighton Trip
- 9-11 July – Activities Day
- 10-11 July – Year 12 Camping Trip
- 14 July – Year 10 Report emailed to parents
- 14-19 July – Year 12 Work Experience Week
- 15 July – Year 12 End of Year Exam Report emailed to parents
- 18 July – Non-uniform Day – £1 donation to charity
- 18 July - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

- 14 August – A2/AS Results Day
- 21 August– GCSE Results Day

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 7 508 **Year 8** 716 **Year 9** 558 **Year 10** 267 **Year 11** 68

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

7PGI 98 **8PTA** 195 **9NLU** 125 **10WGO** 79 **11DHO** 53

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Henry T **Year 9** Yasin C **Year 11** Vincent T
Year 8 Karim O **Year 10** Millie S

TEACHING & LEARNING

Food Technology

Year 7 Food & Nutrition students are developing their practical skills by baking seasonal fairy cakes, learning how to use the oven, an electric whisk and piping decoration. This practical experience is part of their broader learning journey which includes understanding food hygiene, kitchen, kitchen safety and evaluating their cooking. Congratulations to all for making such colourful and eye-catching outcomes. The fairy cakes shown are by:- Loveen A, Jazib A, Amelka B, Amelia B, Kerem K and Malcolm M.



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 16 May 2025 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Qualification Guide at 16+

For Year 10 students beginning to think about next year, they should think about where they want to study and what they want to study. Not only the subject but the subject combinations. Students need to think about what subjects they enjoy and are good at but also if they have a particular career in mind or further study in higher education. Find out what the entry requirements are, for example:

- Medicine and Veterinary Science expect students to have high grades in A Level Biology, Chemistry and often Maths.
- Engineering - Maths and Physics are considered important.

The [Uni Guide](#) is a good place to look at the courses and what subject requirements they have. Some subjects don't have any specific subject requirements e.g. Law but might have preferred subjects or combinations. [Informed Choices](#) is also a great resource to look at future degrees and subjects required.

There are lots of places to get advice, talk to your Careers Adviser and teachers about your ideas and research on line:

- [Unifrog Careers](#) *(students who stayed in school on the Year 10 activity day 27 March all registered on Unifrog using their Hollyfield email. If students were on a trip on that day we will aim to get them logged on before half term)
- [UCAS Choosing A Levels](#)
- [Career pilot Choosing A Levels](#)

Sixth Form - In staying at Hollyfield sixth form, students either choose 3 A level subjects and if students are on average grade 6 and above this is a good route. For students achieving a mixture of grades 4/5 choosing a mixture of A levels and Level 3 BTEC is a recommended combination. Most schools with Sixth Forms in the local area offer a similar programme of A level and BTECs as well as Esher College.

If students are going to colleges such as Kingston College or NESCOL they can access qualifications including T Levels, BTECs and also qualifications which are linked to work-based courses such as Construction, Motor Vehicle and Beauty.

T levels are a new type of qualification which was launched in 2020. It is a vocational qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels. Students are in College full-time but do 45 days' work experience over the course (80% classroom and 20% work based). There are over 20 different T Levels and examples include - Accounting, Media, Healthcare Science, Education and Early Years, Engineering and more: [T Level subjects](#).

BTECs can be in a range of subject areas e.g. Art, dance, Music technology, Engineering, Travel, Games Design, ICT etc. There are 3 levels.

BTEC Level 3 courses requires GCSEs at grade 4 and above and what's on offer will depend where you study:

- Extended diploma (is equivalent to 3 A levels)
- Diploma (is equivalent to 2 A levels)
- Certificate (is equivalent to 2 A levels)

BTEC Level 2 courses – 1 year and require GCSEs at grade 3 including English and Maths. lead to Level 3 courses. BTEC Level 1 courses - 1 year and require GCSEs at grade 1-2 including English and Maths. Lead to Level 2 courses.

Apprenticeships - are in a number of areas, at different levels. Apprenticeships look for practical applications in particularly vocational areas, but all will look at English and Maths grades. **See the different types of apprenticeships you could do:** [Search Apprenticeships | Industry guides | UCAS](#) Students in year 11 would be looking at either: Intermediate - Level 2 OR Advanced - Level 3.

Finally, it's important to note that all courses will look at English and Maths. If you don't achieve a grade 4 or above you will have to resit the GCSE or an equivalent qualification with your course.

Careers Guidance Interviews and post 16 options

As Year 11 are starting their final exams the careers team's attention is switching to the Year 10 students. We offer a one to one careers meeting with all students either in Year 10 and Year 11.

Students can begin to prepare for their careers interview by completing the [Google survey](#) which is on the Year 10 Classroom or speaking to their tutor or Mr Poole. There is also a sign up sheet on the careers door. Once a request has been received Mr Poole or Miss Corrighan will email the students tutors. Parents are also welcome to contact the careers team: ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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** and more information on the courses on offer can be found: [Subjects](#)



Kingston College has their final open day of the year for 20th

June 11am-1pm [Kingston College Open Event](#)

PLEASE NOTE: We have two campuses, please ensure you go along to the correct campus:

1. Creative Industries Centre (CIC) KT2 5BP: Courses in Art & Design, 3D Design, Animation & Digital Arts, Fashion & Textiles, Games Design, Graphic Design, Media/Digital/Social and Multimedia, Music, Music Technology, Photography, Tattoo Illustration
2. Kingston Hall Road (KHR) KT1 2AQ: All other courses not listed under CIC above.



Another local 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](#)



Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham) are holding a few open events in the summer term aimed at both Year 11 students who have not finished their applications or Year 10 students who are beginning to research different options. 17th

June - Open Event [Open Event sign up](#) or 9th July - Parent tour [Richmond upon Thames Parent tour](#)



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**

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: [16 May 2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Health & Social Care Department

My name is Farzana Zeba and I lead the Health & Social Care department at Hollyfield School. I've been teaching here since 2021, delivering both Health & Social Care and Psychology across Key Stages 4 and 5. This year, I've organised an interactive medical workshop for our KS5 students, where they'll have the opportunity to test blood and explore how different blood types can be used to save lives, an experience designed to deepen their understanding of healthcare practice and careers in the sector.

I am passionate about the importance of health and wellbeing. I stay active through swimming, cycling, mindful colouring, and keeping up with my step count. I also promote

wellness with my Year 12 students by having Wellness Wednesdays encouraging positive habits and offering time for mindfulness and reflection alongside their academic studies.

Music Department

Miss S Neville, Head of Music/Head of the Visual Performing Arts Faculty

Miss Neville has been Head of Music at Hollyfield for nearly twenty years. She was born in Kingston and went to Tiffin Girls' School and Trinity College of Music Junior Department (for clarinet and piano) before going on to study Music and English Literature at Birmingham university. After graduating she worked for a TV company as a runner before deciding to train as a teacher. Apart from Music, in her spare time she is a keen rower spending many hours training and racing including competing at Henley Women's Regatta and Henley Masters regattas last year.

Mr M Cooke, Head of Music Technology

Mr Cooke has been teaching music and music technology for ten years. Born in the Midlands he studied at Stratford Upon Avon College of Arts and then at London College of Music (part of the University of West London) where he studied Popular Music Performance and Music Technology. Mr Cooke has a varied career in Music, performing in multiple bands across the country and as a session musician. He has performed at countless festivals around the UK and in Europe. Alongside performing he also continues to work as a sound engineer for both live and recorded sound.

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-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.
- 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.
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to 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/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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Talking Teens

- Understanding your teenager and their development
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Term time

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erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161.

Registered charity no: 1108975.



**Vestry House, Paradise Road,
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**THURSDAYS: 25th September, 2nd, 9th,
16th, 23rd October & 6th November 2025**



9:45AM - 2:30PM

PLAY HOCKEY FOR KINGSTON BOROUGH IN THE 2025 LONDON YOUTH GAMES



TRIALS

May 21st

18:00-19:00 @ Tiffin Girls' School
(boys & girls)

TRAINING FOR SELECTED SQUAD

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18:00-19:00 @ Tiffin Girls' School
(boys & girls)

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Boys: July 5th
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Olympic Park, Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre

ELIGIBILITY & AVAILABILITY

Players in school years 7, 8 and 9, who either live or go to school in Kingston Borough and are not playing county level or above are eligible to play, but should only apply if they will be available on the tournament dates.

REGISTER HERE

kingston.gov.uk/parks-sports-leisure-1/london-youth-games



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Weybridge 2k, 5k, 10k and Half Marathon

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Sunday 1 June 2025

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Triple P Teen



Parenting course for parents and carers of adolescents and young people from 11 to 18 years of age, including those transitioning to secondary school.

Triple P Teen can help:

- build a better relationship with your young person
- reduce conflict
- Improve communication
- keep your young person safe
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself



This is an accredited parenting programme for parents and carers, topics covered will include factors that influence young people's behaviour, encouraging appropriate behaviour and managing problem behaviour.

Saturday 7th and 14th June

10.00am to 2pm

The Star Centre, King Charles Crescent, Surbiton, KT5 8SU, the centre is at the end of Browns Road

For more information and to enquire about availability, please contact Karen Williams:
email: karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk
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Attendance at all sessions is required.



National Autistic Society (NAS) Teen Life programme

Teen Life is a NAS (National Autistic Society) programme for parents and carers of children aged 10 to 16 years with a diagnosis of autism. The programme will run for six consecutive weeks and sessions are 2.5 hours.

Session topics are:

- Session 1: Understanding autism
- Session 2: Understanding autistic identity
- Session 3: Stress and anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Session 4: Health and wellbeing
- Session 5: Puberty
- Session 6: Education and transition to adulthood



Monday 2nd June

4.30pm to 7pm

Moor Lane Centre, Moor Lane Chessington
KT9 2AA - Kingston borough

For more information and to enquire about availability, please contact the Parenting Team
Email: parentingteam@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Phone: Karen Williams for Kingston: 07771 974388
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