



**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

Today is a significant occasion for our Year 11 students; it is their Record of Achievement (ROA) ceremony. As I write this, the site is being prepared and the Year 11s are making their own final preparations. We are so proud of them, all they've achieved and become and we're privileged to have been a part of this journey. Many parents will join us for this celebration today and, as always, I will extend my thanks to them for all of their support over the years. This is a particularly pertinent ROA ceremony for me as this is the first year group I have seen through from Year 7 to Year 11. I hope it is the first of many.

At the other end of the journey, we welcomed Year 6 students and their parents to Hollyfield this week for their transition interviews. It was wonderful to meet them and hear all about what they're looking forward to at Hollyfield. Every year we forge closer and closer partnerships with our feeder primary schools and many of our staff and students have supported primary school sports days this week as well.

I am sure you are all looking forward to a well-earned break over half term. I hope it is wonderful break for everyone

**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**

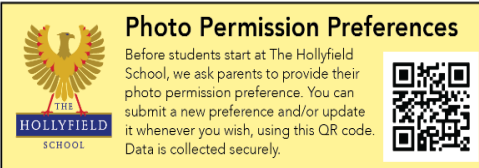
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- 1/6 - Statistics Paper 1 Revision Session (On Line) – (6pm)
- 3/6 - GCSE Bio/Comb Sci Biology Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 4/6 - History Paper 2 Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 5/6 - English Language Paper 2 Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 5/6 - Geography Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
- 6/6 – English Twilight Revision (Literature and Language) (6pm)

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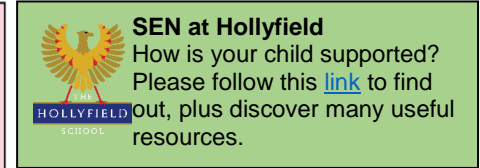
Before students start at The Hollyfield School, we ask parents to provide their photo permission preference. You can submit a new preference and/or update it whenever you wish, using this QR code. Data is collected securely.



**Free School Meals**

**Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?**

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



**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](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)

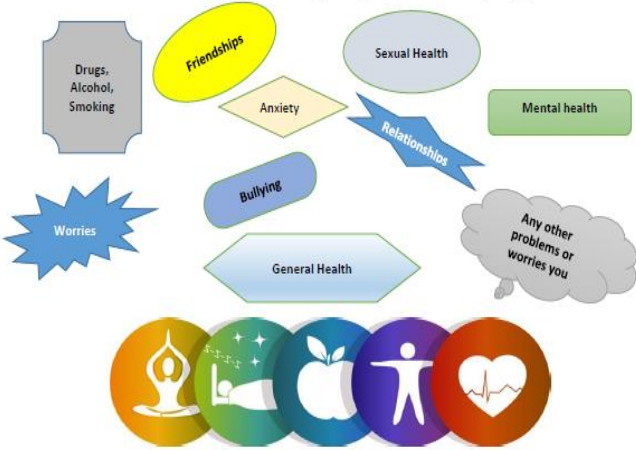
Mr Buckman: [nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:nbuckman@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

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....



*your*healthcare

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## 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 5 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 31st 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!

 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 **Inflatable** 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 line up, 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!

**Book your tickets now and be part of the magic. ✨**



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

**Next PTA Meeting  
Early June 2025 - 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 - **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

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Anyone is welcome to pop in and take what items they need.

If your child has lost or outgrown their uniform or PE kit please drop in and see if we can help. We have a large stock of items of uniform (particularly trousers) and PE kit including some shoes, football boots and trainers. **Availability varies.**

We operate a donation system for those that can afford to contribute.

**Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown away!**

**Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury**

**Easy Fundraising**

**Please support The Hollyfield School PTA - Surbiton on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping.**

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

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/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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[www.hollyfieldpta.org](http://www.hollyfieldpta.org)

## THIS WEEK.....




### TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 95.05%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7PGI = 97.67%  
 8SCM = 97.19%  
 9SDA = 98.39%  
 10HBL = 93.67%  
 11EWE = 89.33%

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>	12378	13290	12310
<b>Year 8</b>	11265	10611	12697
<b>Year 9</b>	8637	8699	9289
<b>Year 10</b>	7765	6149	6932
<b>Year 11</b>	5207	5086	4268
<b>Total</b>	<b>45252</b>	<b>43835</b>	<b>45496</b>

### NEXT WEEK

Monday 2 June	Year 12 Assembly - Common Room
Tuesday 3 June	House Assemblies (on line) Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	GCSE Biology and Combined Science Biology Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
Wednesday 4 June	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 7 PGL Parent meeting – Dining Hall – 4.30pm
	History Paper 2: Cold War & Elizabeth Revision Session (On Line) (6pm)
Thursday 5 June	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall English Language Paper 2 Revision Session (On Line) (6pm) Geography Revision Session) (On Line) (6pm)
Friday 6 June	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall English Twilight Revision (Literature and Language) (6.00-7.00pm)

### FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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 Ollie C

Year 9 Elliot T C

Year 11 Laurel M

Year 8 Sarah-Jane S

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

**Sharon Taylor:** Piano

**David Muncey:** Brass & Piano

**Tom Early:** Drum kit/Percussion

**Tino Rainone:** Guitar

**Linley Weir:** Voice

**Andy Brown:** Guitar

**Tom Marshall:** Guitar

**Deborah Chalmers:** Violin

**Oliver Daws:** Piano

**We would love more woodwind and brass players** and there are schemes that Kingston Music Service can offer to support these lessons. In some instances we can also offer funded lessons to support talented students where finance is a barrier.

#### Applying for instrument lessons...

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/music-service-1/music-lessons/2>

Please follow the link to apply and to see prices.



## CAREERS



### Careers Briefing 23 May 2025 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Last week, Year 10 had an assembly from South Western Railways (SWR) who came in to talk about apprenticeships. There are over 5,500 employers doing thousands of different jobs at SWR. Obviously there are train drivers and engineering opportunities, but there are also many other jobs in; business, finance, customer service, cybersecurity and IT as well as a number of apprenticeships. There are three main apprenticeship routes:

- Young Talent apprenticeships (16-18 year olds)

- Leadership Rail Apprenticeship (For over 18 year olds)
- Engineering Apprenticeship (For over 18 year olds)

For more information: [Apprenticeship Scheme | South Western Railway](#)



SWR followed up with a workshop for a smaller selected group of students where they did an activity around presentation and communication skills, which are essential when working in a company like SWR. The company has also offered an opportunity for these students to visit SWR Headquarters at Waterloo as a part of a workplace visit.



A big thanks to Mr Poole for organising this event and driving many other employer engagements for Hollyfield students. There are more trips and experiences to come in the summer term, to help students develop their employability skills and learn about the world of work.

### 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](#)



**Richmond upon Thames 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. More to follow in the Autumn.

- 17th June - Open Event [Open Event sign up](#)
- 9th July - Parent tour [Richmond upon Thames Parent tour](#)



**Kingston College**

Kingston College has their final open day of the year for **20 June 11am-1pm** [Kingston College Open Event](#) More to follow in October

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 30 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**

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

## GETTING TO KNOW.....

### Drama Department

#### Miss O'Shea, Deputy Headteacher

I have been teaching Drama at Hollyfield since September 2000, having previously taught in Sheffield, Hertfordshire and Tokyo. No matter how many years go by, I am still surprised and enchanted by the creative work I see here. I have directed a range of plays and musicals for Ilex (our theatre company) both here at school and also at Reading Rep, The Lyric, Hammersmith and The National Theatre, as part of the Connections festival. I am a keen theatre goer and I really enjoy taking our students to see wonderful plays (most recently: KYOTO at the Soho Place theatre with our Y10 and 11 students). One of the greatest pleasures a Drama teacher has is seeing her students achieve success, both here and beyond the school gates. I love following the careers of our alumni, some of whom are at Drama school at the moment, and others who have pursued careers in the arts (as directors, performers on stage and screen, producers, make-up artists, teachers and editors). I am excited to see what our current crop of Drama students will do with their lives and their dreams.

#### Mrs Allam, Teacher of Drama

I grew up in Brazil, where education in the 80s was very different: failing end of year exams would cause you to resit the year; with no GCSE options, nor A-levels, everyone studied all subjects until Year 11. Then, you could be applying for university aged 16 - quite daunting! I graduated as a journalist and, after some reflection and life experience, changed course and entered Drama school. I worked in theatre for 11 years, and had a wonderful time starting a company with my best Drama school friends; receiving a Best Actress nomination for my first leading role; performing in Brazil and Europe with the Theatre de L'Ange Fou, a prestigious modern mime company. Amazing characters and stories are my main interest. Like my heroes - the Greeks, Shakespeare, Stanislavsky, Brecht -, I believe stories teach and change people. In the last decade, having kids also changed my life in many ways! One of them was the wish to spend less time travelling, and more time working and learning with young people. After retraining as a teacher, this is my first year at Hollyfield and I feel honoured to be part of such a caring community - thank you!

### Mr Vafidis, Drama teacher

I began my teaching career modestly as a Drama Assistant in Canterbury. It was never always my intention as a profession. I originally wanted to be a West End Actor. My passion for Drama and Literature would be fulfilled; just not in the way I thought. The feeling of satisfaction and pride of seeing young people flourish and engage in learning soon directed me towards my current career. I enjoy the opportunity to explore learning creatively and foster a “sense of play” when it comes to education.

This is my fourth year at Hollyfield. The very first thing I noticed was the welcoming atmosphere and sense of teamwork which marks the school its place on the map. Everyday brings new rigorous challenges and is always an exciting experience. It is my pleasure to teach English and Drama at Hollyfield, exploring the beauties and intricacies of language, not only through analysis but through oracy and performance too. I additionally had the honour to found and co-direct the Ilex Juniors in their first ever performance of *No Strings* last summer - it was a privilege to see the students' confidence and passion for Drama blossom during this experience. It really helps confirm how lucky I am to be in this job.

### Miss Manchester, Drama Teacher

After obtaining a degree in English and Drama from Queen's University Belfast, I spent my first year teaching in Cairo, Egypt. Since then, I have worked at Hollyfield for three years as a teacher of English and Drama and most recently, working as Deputy Phase Leader for Year 7 and 8. One of my favourite things I have achieved at Hollyfield has been leading the Ilex Juniors Production of *No Strings*, along with Mr. Vafidis. I was so proud of what our KS3 students achieved with their excellent performances! I love working with physical theatre, particularly the ocean scene for the production. In my spare time, I love to go to musicals and plays. I have seen *Clueless*, *Cabaret*, *Mean girls*, *Titanque* and *Kyoto* this year alone!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2024-2025](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

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[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

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Important reminders for PE clubs:

- students receive 1 achievement point for attending
- clubs are free and no pre sign is required
- clubs at the school field will have a coach to drop them off and pick them up or students can make their own way home using public transport
- PE kit is not required for clubs during lunchtime
- For after school clubs, students should bring PE kit to get changed after 3.05pm unless they are already wearing their PE kit for their PE lesson that day
- If a student has a repair, they need to attend the repair as the priority

### Resilience in Children

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

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

## LOCAL INFORMATION

### Kooth

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

### Mental Health Resource sites

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

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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### Saturday 7th and 14th June

10.00am to 2pm

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