



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,

Welcome back to another school year. Ms Jackson is currently at an Ofsted Conference today. Therefore, I have the pleasure of editing the ebulletin this week.

Like many of you, I’m sure, we were saddened by the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. I spent Thursday evening listening to the radio and watching the television coverage of her reign. The key theme was the extraordinary dedication and service she gave to our nation. For over 70 years, she has been a constant and steadying presence in the background of millions of lives within the UK and across the Commonwealth. She embodied the values of decency and tolerance, encouraging people to be the best they could. These are all values we try to uphold and instil in our students.

As a school and a nation, it is important that we recognise the death of the Queen and celebrate her life. On Thursday, the premises team put the union jack up at half-mast. This will stay up for the period of mourning. During registration on Friday, the form tutors delivered a special presentation put together by Mr Buckman which explained what we could learn from the Queen's life. If you would like to see this, it can be found [here](#).

According to the DfE, the school will remain open during this period of national mourning. There will be a further announcement next week regarding the funeral. Once we have received this, we will communicate this to our school community.

On another note, the start of the term has been extremely positive. We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students on Tuesday. The students had the opportunity to get to know the school and their form tutors without all of the other students here. Mr Blakley and the Year 7 team are working extremely hard to ensure all our Year 7 students settle in as quickly as possible. If your son/daughter is finding the transition difficult, please contact the Year 7 team and we will support them.

Our other year groups have started the year in a calm and focused manner. Our new Year 10 students have started their GCSE courses and Year 11 are already focused on the year ahead. Years 8 and 9 have new Heads of Year, working tirelessly to get to know their year group and students. The relationship building which is happening will ensure that your son/daughter is fully supported during this academic year.

We will be holding our annual Parents’ Information Evenings over the coming weeks, these have proved very useful and are a vital part of the school’s communication with parents and so we request that you attend these sessions to ensure you are fully informed.

Topics covered include:

Learning and Teaching, Supporting your Child, Revision, Options, Post 16, pastoral care and much more. Please see below in the key dates for the relevant date.

On Tuesday 4 October, we have our Open Evening event. This is a very important event for the school community as it allows us to demonstrate the excellent teaching, learning and pastoral care our students receive. Please encourage your friends and relatives who may have children in Years 5 and 6 to attend this event. This will be followed by a number



**Term Dates**

**Autumn Term 2022**

6 September to 16 December  
 (Inset Day – 5-6 Sept & 31 Oct - 1 Nov - except Y11 & Y13)

**Half Term**

20 October - 1 November (see above)

**Christmas Holiday**

19 December - 2 January 2023  
 (Bank hol 2 Jan)

**Spring Term 2023**

3 January – 31 March  
 (Inset Day –20 Feb– except Y11, & selected Y12 & Y13)

**Half Term**

10-20 February (see above)

**Easter Holiday**

3 April – 14 April (Bank Hol 7 & 10 Apr)

**Summer Term 2023**

17 April – 20 July (Bank Hol 2 & 29 May)

**Half Term**

29 May – 2 June

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

- 13/9 -Y7 Parent Info Eve
- 14/9 Y7 & 12 School photos
- 15/9 – Y12 Go Ape Trip
- 15/9 – Y11 Parent Info Eve
- 16/9 - 6th Form BBQ
- 16/9 – Sports Pers of the Year

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of tours during the school day at the start of October. Members of the public can register their interest on the school website.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new school website. Mr Bonehill and the admin team have worked over the summer to prepare this for the start of term. I hope you have time to look through this over the coming weeks.

**The following key dates are coming up over the next few weeks:**

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13 September – Year 7 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)  
14 September – Year 7 and 12 School Photos  
15 September – Year 12 Go Ape Trip  
15 September – Year 11 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)  
16 September – Sixth Form BBQ  
16 September – Sports Personality of the Year  
20 September – Year 8 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)  
21 September – Year 9 and 11 School Photos  
21 September – Sixth Form Life & Rules Evening (parents only)  
22 September – Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (parents only)  
27 September – Year 7 CATs Tests  
27 September – Year 10 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)  
29-30 September – School Production – What Would Alice Do?

Finally, if you have any issues you would like to raise, please contact the school so we can help.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

**Mr Winpenny (Deputy Headteacher)**

**OTHER NOTICES**

**Early Closure/Late Start - 4 -5 October**

In order to ensure all departments are fully prepared for our annual opening, we will be closing the school early on the day of open evening. On Tuesday 4 October, school will close at 12.00pm,

We will also have a late start the following day to allow all those involved in hosting the event time to recover from the late night. School will begin at 10.20am for all students on Wednesday 5 October.

**School Photos**

School photos will take place on the following dates:

14 September – Year 7 and 12  
21 September – Year 9 and 11

**School Lockers – Year 7-9**

School lockers will be issued to students in the next couple of weeks. If you have not applied for a locker and would like one, please select the option and pay via Parentmail. If you have applied for a locker but not paid yet please also do so through Parentmail.

Please ensure your child has a 30-40mm padlock (either key or combination) ready for when their form is allocated their lockers.

**Year 7 Parents – Parentmail – Please register now**

All new Year 7 parents have been sent a link to enable them to register for Parentmail. Please can we ask all parents to do this, Parentmail is our main facility for communication with you and we cannot stress enough the importance of this. We are endeavouring to use less paper communication and will rely on Parentmail to replace paper copies. Parentmail is also used to pay for all school events and meals.

**New Look ebulletin**

Over the coming weeks we will be developing a new look ebulletin, if you have any comments or suggestions please email Mrs Sutton – [lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk).

**Lost Property**

If your child has lost any item of clothing or equipment throughout the year, please ask them to check in the LRC by Monday 18 July, items will be disposed of at the end of the term.

**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**

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).

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

**THANK YOU!**  
...FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL FUND

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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.

To make this possible, we have set up a donation payment link in your ParentMail account. Simply login to ParentMail, click on Payments and Shop, select 'Parent Donation'. We are grateful for any contribution you can make, regardless of the amount. Every penny will be spent improving students' experiences.

**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....

**HOLLYFIELD PARENTS Do you shop here?**

**IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT YOU DO**

Did you know that if you purchase the things you buy with them through easyfundraising they will donate upto 10% directly to The Hollyfield School PTA? Create an account here [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register-as-account](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register-as-account). Search for The Hollyfield School PTA and click 'Support This Cause'. Add the donation reminder to your browser. Pin the reminder so you don't forget. Whenever you shop always go through the extension (click the icon) and you're good to go!

1. JOIN Your cause gets FREE donations.  
2. SHOP Visit retailers and then shop online as normal.  
3. SHARE Your cause then receives free funds.

Topics included in the mind map: Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking; Friendships; Anxiety; Sexual Health; Mental health; Relationships; Bullying; General Health; Worries; Any other problems or worries you.

# THIS WEEK.....

## TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 97.21%.  
The top form group within each year this week is:

7 Mercury – 100%  
8 Jupiter – 98.71%  
9 Pluto – 98.63%  
10 Mars – 98.79%  
11 Saturn – 98.84%

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

## NEXT WEEK

Monday 12 September	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common room
Tuesday 13 September	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)
Wednesday 14 September	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 7 & 12 School Photos
Thursday 15 September	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 Go Ape trip Year 11 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)
Friday 16 September	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall Sixth Form BBQ Sports Personality of the Year – 7.00pm

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## MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

As Mr Winpenny said in his introduction, we have had an excellent start to the new school year. On Monday, during our INSET training session, we were able to welcome our fabulous new staff members, many of whom bring a wealth of experience - and all of whom have something very special to offer our community.

Mr Blakley and Miss Rhodes, along with their form tutors and SSO (Miss Bolla), led the way in welcoming our new Year 7 students on Tuesday. They completed a range of induction activities and have been enjoying lessons with their brand new teachers this week. Speaking to them about their first week has been a delight: so many tired but happy young people. GCSE, BTEC and A Level courses have resumed and staff have been really impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of students across the board.

Our new school day has meant that students from all year groups can interact with each other at break and lunch, and there has been a real buzz in all the recreational spaces. We look forward to publishing the full extra-curricular programme of activities next week ahead of their official start date on Monday 19 September. Clubs in PE and Music will already be in full swing by then, as they are starting next week. You will see the timetables below. Rehearsals have also resumed in earnest for our Ilex Theatre production of *What Would Alice Do?* which was postponed at the end of last term due to COVID spreading through the cast and team of directors. We are all fighting fit now and looking forward to sharing the performance with you at the end of the month.

Next week, I will share news of the new student leadership programme Mr Buckman is launching - and also our Diversity and Inclusion survey for students. In the meantime, I hope you all have a great weekend.

## CAREERS INFORMATION



**Careers Briefing - 9 September 2022**  
by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

As a new term begins and students begin the next stage of their education, the careers team is working hard to create opportunities for students to begin to discuss and plan for their future choices. One aspect of high-quality career education is for "every student to have learned from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace."

As part of achieving this aim, the school has been working with Speakers for Schools, which is an educational charity, which gives state schools access to key speakers who are leading professionals, academics and experts in their field. As a result, Lara Morgan, a successful entrepreneur and business leader will be talking to Year 11 on September 20 about her career journey and what qualities she needed to succeed. Hopefully, many of the Year 11s will be inspired to hear her story and will be motivated to face the challenges ahead.

### **Future Choices Careers Fair Thursday October 13 6.30-8.30pm**

Also, as part of the programme for this term, there will be a Careers Fair on Thursday October 13 between 6.30-8.30pm. Students from Year 11,12 and 13 will be encouraged to attend. Parents can attend as well! This event was run very successfully last year as a large number of employers and employees from business and industry attended as well as representatives from several colleges and universities. We are aiming to run the careers fair again this year with even more guests from the world of work.

The aim of the evening is to stimulate a broad discussion about future career choices and for students to find out more about the realities of the workplace.

- Year 11 should be beginning to think about A level, BTEC, T Level or apprenticeship choices.
- Year 12 should be considering broadening and developing their skills and knowledge and also looking for contacts for relevant and meaningful work experience. The Careers Fair could provide an ideal time to start networking.

- Year 13 of course are in their final year and considering whether to go to university or go out to work and perhaps study for a higher or degree apprenticeship. Therefore, a visit to the careers fair might be a useful experience and there will be plenty of employers, undergraduates and graduates who can advise them.

Last year was also a very successful event due to the very strong support from parents from all year groups who volunteered and if you attended last year as a volunteer it would be great to welcome you back again. We would also welcome new volunteers and any experienced alumni who feel they could provide inspiration and advice to our students.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2022-2023](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

[Staff List and Structure](#)

[Donation to School Fund](#)

[Key Dates](#)

[Menus](#)

[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

### Thinking of hiring a Tutor?

Please click [here](#) for guidance on selecting the right tutor.

### Resilience in Children

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

<https://digest.bps.org.uk/2019/11/05/five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/>

## LOCAL INFORMATION

### Kooth

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

### Mental Health Resource sites

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

### Information for adults

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

### Where to find the latest information and guidance

- Local Information: [www.kingston.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- Connected Kingston information on how to stay well at home: [www.connectedkingston.uk](http://www.connectedkingston.uk)
- Citizens Advice [www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/corona-virus](http://www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/corona-virus)



## Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have **parenting experience**, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. **Free volunteer course** runs in **Kingston** on Thursdays

9.30am-2.30pm from 6 October to 24 November 2022 (not 27 Oct).



To find out more, contact  
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