

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 good week. I would like to start by confirming that the school will be closed on Monday 19 September. This is in line with the confirmed national bank holiday for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As with all other bank holidays, there is no expectation for students to work on this day and staff will not be setting work for them to complete at home. This will allow students and families to utilise the day in a way that works for them.

This week we have had two parent information evenings; one for Year 7 parents and one for Year 11 parents. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for these evenings, we will share the presentations with you in due course. This week we have the Year 8 and Year 9 parent information evenings, which are on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. We hope to see all parents of children in these year groups at the evenings so you can hear about the year ahead and other information which is pertinent to your child.

Next week our extra-curricular clubs and activities will be launched. Please [click here](#) to view the timetable.

Please note that it is our Open Evening on Tuesday 4 October. This means that we will have an early closure on that day and a late start the following day. This is to allow us to set up the site and then tidy up afterwards. On Tuesday 4 October the school will close at the end of period three at 11:50. Some students will be invited to come along to open evening as ambassadors for the school or in individual subjects, in which case they will return to school site later that day. On Wednesday 5 October, school will start at the beginning of period three, which is 11:00. There will not be a tutor time and students should go straight to their period three lessons.

And finally, however you are planning to spend your weekend, I hope that you are able to find time to relax.

Ms Jackson (Headteacher)



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

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- 19/9 – Bank Holiday
- 20/9 – Y8 Parents Info Eve
- 21/9 – Y9 & 11 Photos
- 21/9 – 6- Form Life & Rules
- 22/9 – Y9 Parents Info Eve

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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 11.50am.

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 11.00am for all students on Wednesday 5 October.

School Photos

School photos will take place on the following dates:

21 September – Year 9 and 11

Early Closure – 17 November

In order to ensure all departments are fully prepared for our annual Sixth Form opening, we will be closing the school early on the day of open evening. On Thursday 17 November school will close at 1.20pm.

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 ebuletin

Over the coming weeks we will be developing a new look ebuletin, if you have any comments or suggestions please email Mrs Sutton – 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 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.

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

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

Thank you to all the parents that make a monthly contribution to the school.

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/create-an-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 storefront
2. SHOP: Visit retailers and then shop online as normal
3. RAISE: Your cause then receives free funds



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS



WELCOME!

AGM

Following our AGM on Wednesday we would like to introduce you to our new committee. Please welcome:

Dominic De Souza as our new Chairperson, Dom has 2 children at Hollyfield one in Year 9 and the other in year 7, and **Marina Craig** who continues to be our Treasurer. Marina also has two children at Hollyfield one in year 10 and the other in year 8.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Gayna, Andie and Alison for all their hard work over the years and wish them well in their continuing endeavours outside the school.

There is still an opening for the Secretary role so if you're interested please get [in touch](#).

Uniform Sale



The first pre-worn uniform store opening was on Saturday 10th September and was a great success. We will be opening the store once every 4-6 weeks so please watch this space for the date of the next one. In the meantime, if you have good condition uniform that you would like to donate please drop it off in the bins in Albury during the school week.

Upcoming Events

Can you bake, sew, fold a t-shirt, serve a pint, dish out a curry or carry a table? If so, we have a full diary of events we are hoping to hold this year and will need volunteers for every one. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, we need all of your skills, talents and event arranging capabilities.



Date of Next Meeting:

TBA



@hollyfieldpta



@hollyfield_pta



@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



ptahollyfield@gmail.com



hfptauniform@gmail.com



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 97.41%.
The top form group within each year this week is:

- 7 BNMA – 97.38%
- 8 BHBL – 98.33%
- 9 BKME – 96.88%
- 10 RBEJ – 98.21%
- 11 RMFO – 98.77%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	435	439	566
Year 8	563	627	826
Year 9	599	583	475
Year 10	287	584	342
Year 11	249	249	231
Total	2075	2311	2420

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19 September	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 20 September	Year 11 Careers Speaker Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
Wednesday 21 September	Year 8 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only) Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 9 & 11 School Photos Sixth form Life & Rules Evening – 6.30pm (parents only)
Thursday 22 September	KS 3 House Assemblies Year 9 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)
Friday 23 September	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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 – Enhanced Curriculum Drop Down P1-2
- 27 September – Year 10 Parents’ Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)
- 29-30 September – School Production – What Would Alice Do?

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. Students are rewarded in their classes for a range of different behaviours, this includes engagement in learning, showing progress, contributing to learning, helping others and many more. The school also runs 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	1380
Year 8	1976
Year 9	1550
Year 10	1163
Year 11	738

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

7RSNE	325
8RRHU	464
9 BKME	304
10 BJTU	228
11BLRO	148

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 – Ocean Walker-Todd

Year 8 – Jerome Albrecht

Year 9 – Lucas Eagle

Year 10 – Holly Drane

Year 11 – Nathan Gibbs

CAREERS INFORMATION



Careers Briefing - 16 September 2022
by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

As we settled down into the routine of a new term there are already a number of careers' events planned.

On Tuesday 20 September during morning assembly and period 1 Year 11 will have a guest speaker from the organisation Speakers4Schools. The speaker will be [Lara Morgan | Speakers for Schools](#) who set up her first company Pacific Direct in the 1990s and is now an entrepreneur and business leader. 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 13 October - 6.30-8.30

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 & Carers can attend as well!

We have volunteers from health care, computer technology and cyber security journalism, the Law, engineering, hospitality, the Armed Services; the Police as well as the Fire Service providing there isn't a fire! We have also invited apprenticeship providers and a number of local colleges and universities.

Can you support us? We are still looking for volunteers and if parents either volunteered last year or feel confident enough to volunteer this year and talk informally about their career pathway and background please contact the Careers Coordinator ipool@hollyfield.kingston.kingston.sch.uk.

We are particularly keen to find representatives from the following areas:

- Creative industries,
- Construction & Civil engineering (I've got one electrician at the moment)
- Sport and leisure
- Social work and psychology
- Retail Sales and fashion
- Recruitment and HR
- Marketing and PR
- GPs, dentists vets, animal care
- Architecture



Please see our weekly careers opportunities bulletin [16/09/2022 Careers opportunities](#)

Below are some of the highlights of the week....



BT Virtual Talk

On **Monday 26 September** from **5:00pm - 6:00pm** join us for our kick-off event with BT where you will get a one-hour introduction to who they are and what they do and see if a career with them might be for you!

During the virtual event, we will also be sharing 3 exclusive October Half Term In-person events where you will have the opportunity to come to a BT office location, take part in some great workshops and most importantly network and meet business professionals! This opportunity is free to attend and open to all Year 10 Year 11 Year 12 and Year 13. If you'd like to join us for this online event and then for an in-person opportunity during the October Half Term, please click on the link below. **Registration Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BT-Group>



[Degree Apprenticeships - What Are They All About?](#)

FREE BROADCAST - TUES 20 SEPTEMBER: 7PM - 8PM

Book your FREE ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/degree-apprenticeships-so-what-are-they-all-about-tickets>

What, so some people go to university and get their degree.....but don't have to repay a student loan AND get paid for being there? How does THAT work?!

Tuesday night's webinar from My Great First Job CIC is all about the Degree Apprenticeships, which can sometimes feel like the secret no one has let you in on! With many super-high profile companies recruiting Degree Apprentices (eg. Bank of England, PWC, SKY, BBC, Land Rover Jaguar), we want to make sure that young people know about this option.

Because who wouldn't want to consider doing the same degree course....but instead of having a student loan, getting a salary instead?!

The session will cover

- How Degree Apprenticeships work....and there's more than one type!
- Where you can find the opportunities
- When you should be applying
- What can an application process look like?
- Your Money! How does the student loan/maintenance/salary all work?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2022-2023](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#) - PE

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#) - Drama

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#) - Music

[Staff List and Structure](#)

[Donation to School Fund](#)

[Key Dates](#)

[Menus](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities - All](#)

[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

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.

Where to find the latest information and guidance

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

[For more information visit the council's website](#)



**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).



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