

The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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“Pupils’ behaviour is exemplary, and they demonstrate exceptional attitudes to learning” Ofsted 2025

Head’s line...

Dear Hollyfield Community

We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and were able to have some time with your families. We know that our Year 11 and 13 students, in particular, spent a lot of time revising and preparing for success in their exams; they have really hit the ground running this week. Exam season is upon us, starting with Year 13 trial exams and the GCSE Textiles exam this week and Art and Media Studies next week. I'm always really proud of the way we support our students - from the great teaching and learning, resources, interventions and well-planned Passport sessions, to the pastoral and learning support teams, who go above and beyond to make sure that no student is left behind. We hope that the students feel confident and well prepared. They deserve to.

For those parents looking to buy new uniform for the next academic year, or indeed those new parents to the school with Year 6 pupils joining us in September, you can find information on page 3 about Stevensons, our uniform supplier, regarding ordering online or making an appointment to visit in store. Current price lists will be available on our website in due course.

Summer Uniform

Please can I remind all parents that students can now choose to wear the summer uniform if they wish. That is, they can now wear a polo shirt which can either be a white polo shirt with the Hollyfield logo, or it can be a plain white polo shirt. Likewise, students can choose to wear black, tailored shorts instead of trousers or a skirt if they so wish

Upcoming Events

Year 8 parents’ evening is on 23 April and will be an online event, please book your appointments [here](#) and **Year 10 parents’ evening** (in person) is on 7 May, appointments can be booked from 23 April [here](#). Further details will be sent nearer the time. On 30 April we have our Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Parents’ Information evening, details will be sent out in due course.

Year 11 Record of Achievement/Early closure – 22 May

Just a reminder that Year 11 parents will have received information about our Record for Achievement Ceremony on 22 May, this is a wonderful event where we celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 students and their time with us. Please do not forget to book your tickets – further information can be found [here](#). As is customary **school will close early on 22 May for all students except Year 11 to enable preparations for the event, students will be dismissed from 12.00pm.**

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

1 September to 19 December
 (Inset Day – 1-2 Sept, 6-7 Nov & 5 Dec)

Half Term

27 October - 7 November

Christmas Holiday

22 December - 2 January 2026

Spring Term 2026

5 January – 27 March
 (Inset Day – 23 Feb)

Half Term

16-20 February (see above)

Easter Holiday

30 March – 10 April (Bank Hol 3 & 5 Apr)

Summer Term 2026

13 April – 17 July (Bank Hol 4 & 25 May)

Half Term

25 - 29 May

..... Stop Press.....

- 20/4 – Public exams begin
- 20/4-MFL Community Language Exams
- 20/4I - Y11 Level 2 BTEC Media Exam
- 20-25/4 – Y12 Exams
- 21-22/4 – A Level Art/DT Exam
- 23/4I – Y8 Parent Consultation evening – online - 4.00pm
- 23-24/4 – Y11 Art Exam
- 24/4 – Y9 Globe Players – An Inspector Calls
- 24/4I – PTA Quiz 7.00pm

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“Pupils achieve very well in their examinations. This is because the school delivers an ambitious and balanced curriculum, underpinned by the highest expectations for all pupils. This includes the popular and successful sixth form“ Ofsted 2025

OTHER NOTICES

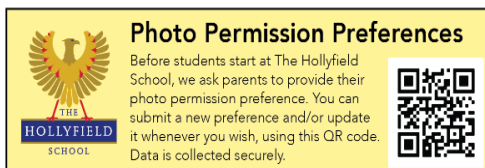



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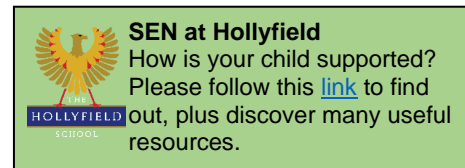
Before students start at The Hollyfield School, we ask parents to provide their photo permission preference. You can submit a new preference and/or update it whenever you wish, using this QR code. Data is collected securely.




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.

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 Condition(s) and Individual Healthcare 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. Once complete, this will form part of your child's Individual Healthcare Plan which will be sent to you for approval, the communication will come from noreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please allow emails from this address.

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.

STEVENSONS

Summer Shopping

Your uniform is supplied through our
Twickenham Branch

Address:

1-15 Heath Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex,
TW1 4DB

Contact:

twickenhambranch@stevensonsschool.co.uk

Please note we are a cashless branch.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday: 9:30am - 5pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:30am - 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed

Online

Shopping online at www.stevensonsschool.co.uk is easy!

You can select home delivery or opt for convenience: Click & Collect from your local store.

Our in-stock items are typically dispatched within 48 hours.
Plus, with our 365-day return policy, you can shop with confidence knowing that returns are hassle-free.

In Store Opening Hours

Will be open for pre-booked fitting appointments from Monday 20th July - Friday 21st August.

We recommend booking a fitting appointment so we can offer you dedicated one-to-one service during the summer period.

Walk-in customers are welcome. Saturdays are a great option for visiting without an appointment, and our team will assist you as soon as they are available.

Please visit our website to check extended opening hours over the summer.



SAFE HANDS/PASTORAL SUPPORT

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](#)

achieving for children

[Click here to view workshops and book](#)

Balancing the Energy Books

There is no question that there are greater demands placed on students within mainstream secondary schools compared to primary. Lesson pace, sensory overload, academic pressure, personal accountability and social masking can take a heavy toll on many young people with additional needs causing them to become exhausted and unable to contribute to activities or basic activities at home.

Spoon Theory, created by Christine Miserandino, aims to contextualise our personal energy usage that we need to get through each day. What may take one 'spoon of energy' for a neurotypical individual, such as taking public transport or getting ready in the morning, may take a neurodiverse person two or three 'spoons' leading to a deficit at the end of the day.

Spoon Theory aims to identify the major energy draining activities but most importantly, the activities that can be implemented to refill their reserve throughout the day, leading to improved energy management and resilience.

[Link](#) to find out more.



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

save the date
Saturday 4 July 2026

HOLLYFEST

Be part of the team that makes it happen! **Volunteers NEEDED!**

[CLICK HERE](#) for info on our Lead Roles

Come along to our next PTA meeting to find out more. Help make this amazing event come to life!

Tuesday 21.04.26, 7pm
Location TBC

Pre Loved Uniform Store
Saturday 18 April
10am-12pm

- If your child has lost or outgrown their uniform or PE kit please drop in and see if we can help.
- All are welcome to take what items they need - it is best the items get used rather than sit in a store or be thrown away!
- We operate a donation system for those that can afford to contribute.
- We have a large stock of uniform items
- Availability varies.

**Hollyfield School,
The Old Music Building, next to
the Dome, Close to
Lamberts Road Gate**
[What three words: firms.square.energy]

[CLICK HERE](#) for info on our Lead Roles Hollyfest Volunteer Roles and further information

Volunteers wanted to help run our Pre Loved Uniform Store - email or Whatsapp us for information

🇬🇧 PTA Quiz Night on Friday 24th April 🇬🇧

There is still time to get your tickets!

A fun and engaging quiz for all abilities / A fully stocked bar / Hot food included in the ticket price

Gather a team of friends, join forces with others on the night, or come along and we'll find you a team – everyone is welcome!

🖋️ [Tickets are on sale now](#)

We hope to see you there for a great night!



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  **London Marathon 2026**  

Race day is fast approaching! On Sunday, 26 April 2026, Jack will be taking on the 26.2-mile London Marathon to raise vital funds for Hollyfield School. As a reminder, Jack is the son of Maggie Bailey, a former Hollyfield Headteacher and our Trust's first CEO. He is excited to represent Hollyfield's rich history and community spirit by participating in this amazing event, all while raising much-needed funds for our wonderful school.




Every pound raised from this marathon goes directly into the PTA fund to enhance our school's provisions and facilities. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, there is still time to show your support and leave a cheering message for race day! Please follow the link below:

 [Hollyfield PTA London Marathon 2026](#)

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the daily lives of our children.

★ Join the PTA ★

We are a group of parent and carer volunteers creating fun and fundraising events that directly benefit the school. Our meetings usually take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 21st April**. Get Involved:

- Volunteer your time  at events and stalls.
- Attend PTA events  — fun and fundraising combined!
- Come to monthly meetings  (usually the 3rd Tuesday).
- Stay updated via:



Get Regular Updates [Join the WhatsApp Community](#) for the PTA



Follow us on Instagram [@hollyfield_pta](#) for the latest news



Drop us an email ptahollyfield@gmail.com to find out more

🎁 Register for Easy Fundraising before starting your online shopping and raise money for Hollyfield School 🎁

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

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

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1>



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☀ Supporting Our School Through Sherpa Tutors ☀

[Please note: Hollyfield School is not affiliated to and does not endorse any specific tutor service, nor can we quality assure their services.]

We're pleased to share that our PTA has partnered with [Sherpa Tutors](#) as part of their fundraising programme, giving families a simple way to support our school.

When parents register using our referral link, the PTA earns **£5 for every lesson completed** by a student, up to **£100 per family**. These funds are donated directly to the PTA and help support activities, resources, and events for our children.

By taking part, families can benefit from additional learning support while helping to raise valuable funds for our school community.

To join and support the PTA, please [sign up here](#). Thank you for your continued support.



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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 95.97%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7EBE= 99.07%
 8LGR = 97.98%
 9SCM = 98.44%
 10KWH = 98.33%
 11AOP = 96.37%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	8981	8943	10789
Year 8	8730	9288	6552
Year 9	8763	8286	9362
Year 10	5124	5708	7825
Year 11	2453	4454	2620
Total	34051	36679	37148

NEXT WEEK

Monday 20 April	Year 11 Interventions – (All Week) Year 12 Trial Exams (All Week) Year 11 Assembly (Sixth Form) – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly - Common Room Year 11,12 & 13 GCSE & A Level Exam Start Date Year 11 Level 2 BTEC Media Exam
Tuesday 21 April	MFL Community Language Exams Year 7 Assembly (Teaching and Learning) – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 Level 2 BTEC Media Exam A Level Art and Design (DT) Practical Exam
Wednesday 22 April	Year 8 Assembly (Teaching and Learning) – Dining Hall A Level Art and Design (DT) Practical Exam A Level Photography Exam A Level Music Exam Year 11 GCSE Art Practical Exam
Thursday 23 April	Year 9 Assembly (Teaching and Learning) – Dining Hall A Level Art and Design (DT) Practical Exam A Level Photography Exam Year 11 GCSE Art Practical Exam Year 8 Parents' Evening (On Line) (4.00-7.00pm)
Friday 24 April	Year 10 Assembly (Teaching and Learning) – Online A Level Photography Exam

	Year 11 Level 2 BTEC Media Exam (1.15-3.05pm)
	Year 9 Globe Players "An Inspector Calls"
	PTA Quiz – 24 Apr (7.00pm)
25-26 April	Year 10 DofE Practice Expedition (Ashdown)

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 20 April – Public exams begin
- 20 April - MFL Community Language Exams
- 20 April - Year 11 Level 2 BTEC Media Exam
- 20-25 April – Year 12 Exams
- 21-22 April – A Level Art/DT Exam
- 23 April – Year 8 Parent Consultation evening – online - 4.00pm
- 23-24 April – Year 11 Art Exam
- 24 April – Year 9 Globe Players – An Inspector Calls
- 24 April – PTA Quiz 7.00pm
- 26 April - ILEX Rehearsal (Exam Centre) – 10am-2pm
- 27 April – PE GCSE Moderation Exam
- 28-30 April – A Level Art Exam
- 28 April – 14 May – Year 11 Photography Exam
- 29 April – Year 7 & 8 Junior Maths challenge
- 30 April - MFL Community Language Exams
- 30 April – Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Parents' Evening
- 1 May – Year 12 Government & Politics Trip (City Hall)
- 4 May – Bank Holiday**
- 5 May – Year 11 Coursework Deadline
- 5-23 May – Year 7-9 End of Year Assessments
- 7 May - Year 10 Parent Consultation evening
- 12 May – GCE Coursework Deadline
- 15 May – Year 13 Report emailed to parents
- 15-17 May – Netball Tour
- 17 May- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 18-19 May – Year 6 Informal Meeting (4.00-7.00pm)
- 20 May – Year 7-10 & 12 Inspiring Girls in STEM: X-Tra Factor Workshop
- 22 May – Early Closure from 12.00pm (Year 7-10, 12-13)**
- 22 May – Year 12 Report Emailed Home
- 22 May – Year 11 Celebration event

25-29 May 2026 – Half Term

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Achievement and behaviour points are awarded every day at Hollyfield in line with our school policy and are a fundamental part of school life. We want students to be the best versions of themselves and we explicitly teach the behaviour we want our young people to develop through our GO BIG character virtues (Good Communication / Organisation / Bouncebackability/Initiative/Gratitude). Students are therefore rewarded for when they demonstrate these character virtues either in class, around our school environment and even outside of school. The school also gives out termly prizes for great progress, engagement in learning, attendance and also contribution to school life. We also continually try to celebrate the successes of our students outside of school life and encourage all students to be proud of their successes in whatever area they come from.

Behaviour points are given to students in line with our behaviour policy. At the heart of our behaviour policy is restorative approaches which is a strategy the school uses to allow students to discuss their behaviours with one another and also key staff and to move past incidents in a non-judgemental way.

Both of the school's rewards and behaviour policies can be found on the school website and if you have any questions about them please don't hesitate to contact Miss Patel (Assistant Headteacher).

The year group weekly totals are below:

Year 7 519 Year 8 414 Year 9 532 Year 10 193 Year 11 123

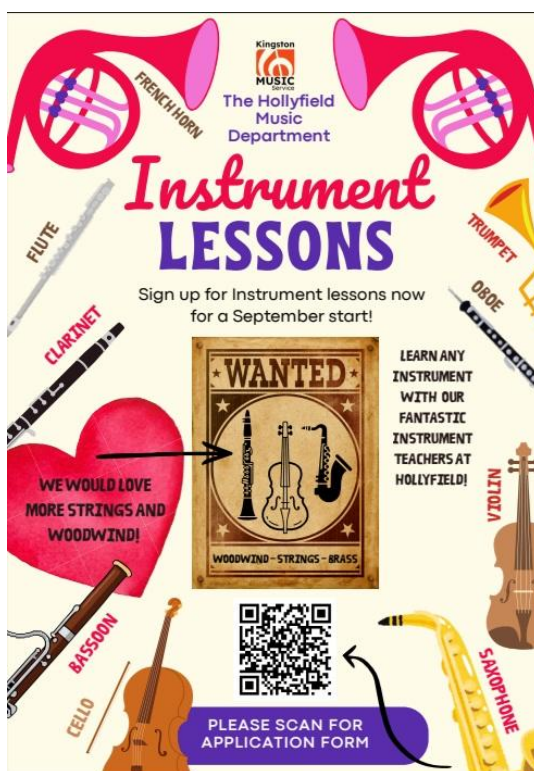
The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7EBE 146 8RCL 121 9PTA 137 10FKE 53 11HBL 77

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Finlay B Year 9 Eva S Year 11 Djor K
 Year 8 Chadwick W Year 10 Alfie R

TEACHING & LEARNING



GETTING TO KNOW.....

Science Department

Ms Al-Obaidi – Head of Science Faculty

What's your science specialism(s)?
 How long have you been at Hollyfield?
 Favourite topic to teach
 Favourite science joke

Biology and Chemistry
 Since September 2020
 Organic Chemistry
 What do you call an acid with an attitude?
 An a-mean-o acid
 I love hiking! I walked the final 115km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain in October 2019, and would like to return to walk the full 750km.

Interesting fact about yourself

Miss Cunningham – Head of Biology and 2nd in Science

What's your science specialism(s)? Biology

How long have you been at Hollyfield?	11 years
Favourite topic to teach	Infectious diseases
Favourite science joke	Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium Sodium BATMAN!
Interesting fact about yourself	I'm a black belt in martial arts.
Mrs Blackler – Physics teacher	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Physics
How long have you been at Hollyfield?	Since September 2020.
Favourite topic to teach	Static electricity
Favourite science joke	Where does white light end up when it's been bad? In prism.
Interesting fact about yourself	I used to work in Germany and am fluent in German.
Mr Eon – Chemistry/Physics Teacher	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Chemistry & Physics
How long have you been at Hollyfield?	Since September 2023
Favourite topic to teach	Energy
Favourite science joke	What's a chemist's favourite fish? 2Na!
Interesting fact about yourself	I ride motorbikes.
Mr Ives – Physics teacher	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Physics
How long have you been at Hollyfield?	Since December 2021
Favourite topic to teach	Waves
Favourite science joke	Can't give you one, because all the good ones Argon
Interesting fact about yourself	I play the trombone in west end musicals
Ms Jackson – Headteacher	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Chemistry
How long have you been at Hollyfield?	Since April 2020.
Favourite topic to teach	Le Chatelier's principle
Favourite science joke	If H ₂ O is water and H ₂ O ₂ is Hydrogen peroxide, what is H ₂ O ₄ ? Drinking!
Interesting fact about yourself.	I am a keen footballer
Mr Varatharajan – Head of Physics	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Physics
How long have you been at Hollyfield?	Since January 2024
Favourite topic to teach	Forces and Motion
Favourite science joke	I once told a chemistry joke.....there was no reaction
Interesting fact about yourself	I enjoy cycling and playing sports
Mrs Siva	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Chemistry
How long have you been at Hollyfield?	Since September 2023
Favourite topic to teach	Quantitative Chemistry
Favourite science joke	What does Earth say to make fun of the other planets? You guys have no life
Interesting fact about yourself	I have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro
Mrs Savage	
What's your science specialism(s)?	Physics

How long have you been at Hollyfield? I worked as a Teaching Assistant from 2016 to 2023, and then returned as a Physics Teacher in September 2024

Favourite topic to teach Energy
 Favourite science joke What does a subatomic duck say? Quark!
 Interesting fact about yourself I lived in Turkey for a year teaching English

Mr Sawtell

What's your science specialism(s)? Biology
 How long have you been at Hollyfield? Since July 2025
 Favourite topic to teach Homeostasis
 Favourite science joke Two blood cells met and fell in love. It didn't work out because it was all in vein!
 Interesting fact about yourself I was the lacrosse captain at my university.

Miss Trifonova

What's your science specialism(s)? Chemistry
 How long have you been at Hollyfield? Since September 2023
 Favourite topic to teach Quantitative Chemistry
 Favourite science joke Atom: "I think I lost an electron."
 Proton: "Are you sure?" Electron: "Yes, I'm positive!"
 Interesting fact about yourself I have lived in 3 countries.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing 17 April 2026 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team @Hollyfield)

Careers Meetings in the summer term

All of Year 11 should have had a careers meeting by now but if there are any students who still would like to talk through their choices for next year just contact Mr Poole.

The Careers team is now beginning to focus on meeting with Year 10 and Year 12 Careers Meetings are available from Monday to Thursday and students can make an appointment in a number of ways. Students can speak to their Form Tutor, Head of Year or sign up on the appointment sheet which is on the door of the careers room which is Albury next to A10. If parents/carers have any questions about the process email Mr. Poole the Careers Coordinator ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk



If you are in year 11, there's still time to apply to colleges. If you are in year 10 you might be starting to look into the range of options available.

The summer term is a good time to start considering post 16 options and there are a range of option days coming up.

Hollyfield sixth form have their open day in November.

- **Kingston College** - Friday 19th June 11am-1pm (for year 11s) and more in the Autumn Term
- **NESCOT** - Weds 13th May 4.30-7.30pm
- **Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)** - Tues 17th June 4-7pm

- **Esher College** - open event - Weds 8th July 4-8pm - there is only one per year and applications are early - see their website for more details
- **Guildford or Merrist Wood College** for construction, animal care, Landbase and many other courses: Merrist Wood College: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 4:30 pm to 7 pm
Guildford College: Guildford College Wednesday, Apr 22, 2026 from 4:30 pm to 7 pm
- **Chessington sixth form also offers courses in Childcare and Sports.** This is a smaller provision but offers excellent support and small classes. The Childcare students work in the Nursery at the school, gaining fantastic experience. The sports academies include football, basketball, and Sports Coaching. Find out more: Sixth Form.



YR11 Creative Courses Taster Day is happening this Saturday 18th April.

[Access Creative College](#)

Attendees will be able to try out the course or courses they're interested in studying, plus meet our tutors, and even

meet potential classmates for next year.

- Game Art (11am)
- Esports (11am)
- Software Development (11am)
- Film, Videography & Photography (2pm)
- Graphic and Digital Design (2pm)
- Animation and VFX (2pm)
- Game Development (2pm)

Any Year 11's who are interested can book themselves a place using the link below: [London Taster Day - 18 April 2026 - Access Creative College](#)



Careers opportunities bulletin and work experience

We encourage sixth form students, parents and carers to access our **weekly Careers Opportunities bulletin**. All of these opportunities allow students to explore their ideas and look great on uni or apprenticeship applications.

Students and parents/carers can access this here: [HF Careers opportunities bulletin 17/04/26](#). This includes;

- **Work experience**
- **Careers talks**
- **University open days/tasters**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **Unifrog resources and events**
- **and much more**

Students in year 12 will do a work experience placement in the last week of the summer term - 13th- 17th July, so students should be looking for placements now for that week, and once confirmed, it needs to be recorded on the Unifrog placements tool.

If students are interested in following this route, this is the right time to start searching for opportunities and making applications. Students, parents and carers can look at the [Find an apprenticeship](#) website and look for jobs that will start in Sept 2026. If you are not sure how to apply, speak to Mr Poole.



Thinking about what next? Looking for a local apprenticeship?



Check out The Royal Parks Horticultural Apprenticeship Scheme based in either Richmond Park or Bushy Park This is a fantastic opportunity to grow your horticultural skills whilst working in one of the UK's most famous parks. These parks are widely recognised as among the best of their kind in the world.

Wage: £26,436.80 a year. Deadline to apply: 20th April and starts in Sept 2026

Find out all the details on the links: [The Royal Parks Horticultural Apprenticeship Scheme - Richmond Park](#)
[The Royal Parks Horticultural Apprenticeship Scheme - Bushy Park](#)

Apprenticeships Based at Hampton Court Palace:

Wages £23,587.20 a year. Apply via links below:

- [Horticultural Apprentice](#)
- [Paralegal Apprentice](#)
- [Heritage-Craft-Brickwork-Apprentice](#)
- [Apprentice Commercial Property Surveyor](#)
- [Early Careers Coordinator and Mentoring Apprentice](#)
- **AND MORE!! Please see: [Hampton Court jobs board](#)**

Upcoming apprenticeship event:

Way2Work Apprenticeships June Open Day 2026

Friday, Jun 19, 2026 from 1 pm to 2 pm

Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU

Come join us in person for the Way2Work Apprenticeships June Open Day 2026. It's the perfect chance to explore exciting apprenticeship opportunities, chat with experts, and get all your questions answered. Whether you're just starting out or looking to take the next step, this event is for you! Don't miss out on discovering your future career path in a friendly and casual setting. We offer **Business Administration, Customer Service, Early Years, Playworker and Teaching Assistant apprenticeships**. See you there! Sign up:

[Way2Work Apprenticeships June Open Day 2026](#)

Parents/Carers



[Talking Futures](#) is a great resource to inform parents and carers about the options available to their children. It has conversation starters, info about the range of options, which include technical qualifications, apprenticeships and more. It is a really good starting point to find out more about what their children can do in this ever-changing education landscape.

[NEXT STEPS LONDON](#), which is a collection of guides designed to support young people, parents, and educators as they explore future career pathways across the capital. These resources aim to spark meaningful conversations, build confidence, and provide practical tools for navigating the next stage of the career journey.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

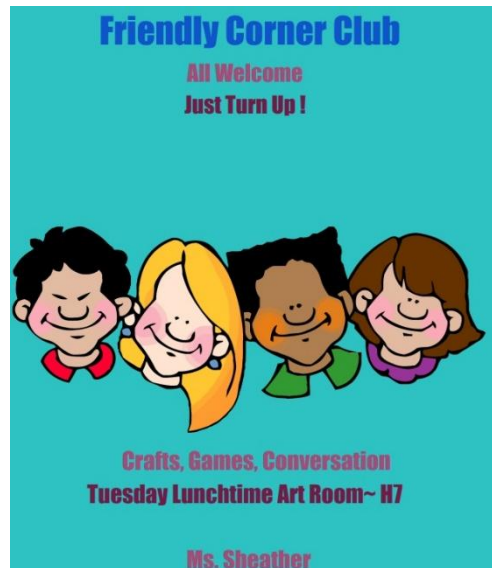
[Term Dates](#)
[Uniform List](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)
[The School Day Times](#)

[Key Dates](#)
[Menus](#)

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.



Relaxing Lunchtime Club on Tuesday for Arts, Crafts, games and friendly conversation in the upstairs Art Room- H7.

The theme of Spring time this term is to create your own Bird Art and Spring themed decorated Masks, as well as relaxing colouring, painting and games.

All are welcome!

Resilience in Children

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

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

LOCAL INFORMATION

Kooth

Kooth is an online crisis messenger service that Children and young people can access for free online mental health support with a professional counsellor - www.Kooth.com.

Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom.
Email RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.
- Childline: [information and advice](#) on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: [0800 1111](tel:08001111).
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.

- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: 116 123.
- 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.

LOCAL SERVICES

(Please note: Hollyfield School is not affiliated to and does not endorse any specific independent service/activities held outside of school, nor can we quality assure their services.)

Click [here](#) to view organisations who offer a range of services to local families.