

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

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather. We have had a fantastic penultimate week of term with lots of learning outside the classroom. We had our sports day on Wednesday, which was, as usual, absolutely fantastic. Many students took part in the events, it was a brilliant day and many congratulations to all who took part and supported.

Last week we also held 2 activity days, the students have enjoyed many varied opportunities which include camping trips, visits to theme parks, Careers visits and the coast to name a few. As always, the students represented the school very well and we hope they've enjoyed themselves. This week, we have the Key Stage 3 performance of Star Crossed that we very much looking forward to. We will return to the classroom to normal lessons as we prepare the students for the transition to the next year while Year 12 attend their work experience placements.

This will be the final ebulletin of the year, so I would like to extend my thanks to all the parents, students and staff for reading the bulletin. Next week you will receive my end of year letter in place of the bulletin.

The weather this week looks to continue to be hot, with that in mind, students will not be expected to wear or bring their blazers to school unless they wish to do so. Please can I also remind parents that pupils are welcome to wear polo shirts as well as tailored school/Chino shorts if they wish to do so. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle that can be replenished at the water fountains.



We have received a brand new England football kit (size: men's medium) that we would like to raffle off to raise money towards Harry's charities. We know many of you will want to get behind the England team over the next few weeks, and this could be the perfect way to show your support for 'the boys' and for the causes close to the school's heart. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, please use the QR code to make a donation. You will be entered into the prize draw once

with each £1 you donate - so, for example, if you choose to donate £5, you will be entered five times. To take part, please scan the QR code.

Upcoming Events

The Sports Awards Event will take place on **16 July**, Mr Miller has written to students who have been nominated.

The last day of term is Friday **17 July**. Students are expected to attend school with periods 1-3 taking place as normal. Students will return to form rooms at the start of period 4 (11.40am) to tidy and register and then there will be a phased dismissal by a senior member of staff from 12.00pm. As always, the last day of school will be a non-uniform day with the proceeds going to charity, we will share further details nearer the time, but we wanted to put this on your radar.



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

1 September to 18 December
(Inset Day – 1-2 Sept, 30 Oct)

Half Term

19 – 29 October (inset 30/10)

Christmas Holiday

21 December - 1 January 2027

Spring Term 2027

4 January – 25 March (inset 4/1)

Half Term

15-19 February

Easter Holiday

26 March – 9 April (Bank Hol 26 & 29 Mar)

Summer Term 2027

12 April – 16 July (Bank Hol 3 & 31 May)

Half Term

31 May – 4 June

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- 13/7 – Y12 Report emailed home
- 13 & 16/7 – Y10 GCSE Geography Field Trip (Bushy Park)
- 13-17/7 – Y12 Work Exp Week
- **17/7 – End of Term – 12.00pm dismissal**
- 13/8 – A2/AS Results Day
- 20/8 – GCSE Results Day
- 1-2/9 – Inset Day
- 2/9 – Y12 enrolment – 1.30pm
- 3/9 – Y7 start of term – 8.30am
- 3-9 – Y8-11 start of term – 1.00pm
- 4/9 – Y12 lessons start (8.55am)
- 4/9 – Y13 Assembly (9.30am)
- 4/9 – Y13 lessons start (10.55am)

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Looking ahead to September, we will be holding a series of Parents' Information Evenings to let parents know what to expect in the year ahead.

Year 7: Tuesday 6 October 1800-1930 (on school site)
Year 8: Tuesday 8 September 1800-1930 (on school site)
Year 9: Tuesday 15 September 1800 - 1930 (online)
Year 10: Thursday 10 September 1800 - 1930 (online)
Year 11: Thursday 10 September 1800 - 1930 (online)
Year 12: Sixth Form Life and Rules – Thursday 17 September 1800-2000 (on school site)

The links for the Year 9, 10 and Year 11 events will be shared with parents. Please can I ask parents to check that they sign into the correct event as the two year group evenings will run at the same time, but of course with different links. If you have children in both year groups the events will be recorded for viewing at a later date.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher

"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



Photo Permission Preferences

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.

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Summer Shopping

Your uniform is supplied through our

Twickenham Branch

Address:

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

Contact:

twickenhambranch@stevenson.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.stevenson.co.uk is easy!

You can select home delivery or opt for convenient 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.



[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.](#)

Supporting Your Child With After School Meltdowns

From Meltdown to Calm:

A Parent's Guide to After-School Restraint Collapse

THE MELTDOWN (SCHOOL)



Refueling the Tank

Prevent the "Hangry" Meltdown: Stabilize blood sugar immediately with protein and complex carbs.

Regulating Textures: Offer crunchy or chewy snacks. Dehydration worsens dysregulation; encourage water immediately after school.

Lower All Demands: Delay chores, homework, and extracurriculars until decompressed.

Use Sensory Buffers: Provide calming music or headphones to reduce sensory input during commute.

THE CALM (HOME)

Creating a Decompression Zone

The "Calm-Down Corner": A designated quiet space with soft lighting, pillows, and weighted blankets to retreat.

Visually Regulating Tools: Use bubble tubes or glitter jars for soothing, repetitive visual input.

Clutter-Free Environments: Reduce visual clutter and background noise to support a calm mind.

Regulating Activities

Movement & Heavy Work: Activities like jumping or animal walks help release trapped "big emotions".

Sensory Play: Water play, kinetic sand, or play-doh allows processing feelings through touch.

Connection Before Correction: Validate feelings ("I see you had a big day") before discipline.

Sample After-School Routine Flow

Transition (5-10 mins)
From: Quiet space, no questions, snack/hydration

Connection (15-30 mins)
From: Coziness, snuggling, sitting quietly together

Regulation (15-30 mins)
From: Outdoor movement, sensory play, or preferred play

Structured (20-40 mins)
From: Homework or chores (use musical timer)



For further information click [here](#)



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS



Hollyfest 2026 was an absolute triumph!



We are still buzzing from the energy of the day, which featured truly amazing musical performances from our talented students, staff, and alumni. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate in such a vibrant way.

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who made this event possible:

- Our incredible **Music Department** for the fantastic performances.
- Our enviable **Premises Team** for their tireless hard work behind the scenes.
- **All our volunteers, sponsors, and stallholders** for their time and generosity.
- The dedicated **Hollyfield staff** who helped manage the off-stage activities and, of course, **everyone who attended** and supported the event.

The Grand Total...

Thanks to your overwhelming support, we are thrilled to announce that we raised over

🎉 **£17,000** 🎉

This is a phenomenal achievement that will directly impact our students. Your generosity will allow us to fund several key school projects this coming academic year.

Where the Funds Are Going

We are excited to share that this money will be invested in the following initiatives:

- **New Stage Drapes:** Enhancing our performance space in the main school hall for future events and productions.
- **Student Rewards & Incentives Programme:** Supporting our *Go Big* Character Virtues to encourage students to achieve the very best version of themselves.
- **Sensory Garden Development:** Funding further growth of this peaceful, inclusive outdoor space.
- **Subsidised Activities Days Workshops:** Ensuring exciting and accessible enrichment opportunities for our students.
- **IRIS Connect 'Discovery Kits':** Providing tools to support consistent teaching methods and effective assessments in the classroom.
- **Further projects** still to be announced in the coming months

Thank you once again for making Hollyfest 2026 a milestone to remember. We couldn't have done it without you!



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Before you go:

Would you like to help us make events like Hollyfest possible? We would love to welcome you to the PTA! Please join us for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Tuesday, 22 September 2026**. The exact location will be confirmed soon, but please save the date. We look forward to seeing you there!

★ **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.

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>

🌟 **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 95.5%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7GKU = 95.94%
 8BEJ = 94.83%
 9SCM = 95.31%
 10DMI = 97.27%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	11817	10809	13401
Year 8	10578	11784	7842
Year 9	10792	10155	11778
Year 10	6277	7359	9923
Year 11	2596	4769	2764
Total	42060	44876	45708

NEXT WEEK

Monday 13 July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
	Year 10 GCSE Geography Trip A (Bushy Park)
	Year 12 Reports emailed home – 13 July
Tuesday 14 July	Year 7 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
Wednesday 15 July	Year 8 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7-9 ILEX Juniors: Star Crossed (Performances) (4.00pm & 7.00pm)
Thursday 16 July	Year 9 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 10 GCSE Geography Trip B (Bushy Park)
	Year 7 Big Read Trip (Waterstones)
	Sports Personality of the Year (Dining Hall) (7.00-8.30pm)
Friday 17 July	Year 10 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 10 Reports emailed home
	END OF TERM – Early Closure (12pm)
Tuesday 1 September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2 September	Inset Day
	Year 12 Enrolment (1.30pm)
Thursday 3 September	Year 7 start of term (8.30pm)
	Year 8-11 start of term (1.00pm)
Friday 4 September	Year 12 lessons start (8.55am)
	Year 13 Assembly (9.30am)
	Year 13 lessons start (10.55am)

FORTHCOMING DATES

13 July – Year 12 End of Year Exam Report emailed to parents
 13 & 16 July – Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip (Bushy Park)
 13-17 July – Year 12 Work Experience Week
 15 July – Year 7-9 ILEX Juniors: Star Crossed Performances (4pm & 7pm)
 16 July – Sports Personality of the Year Awards (7.00-8.30pm)
 17 July – Non-uniform Day – £1 donation to charity
 17 July – Year 10 Report emailed to parents

17 July - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

13 August – A2/AS Results Day
 20 August – GCSE Results Day

1 September – Inset Day
 2 September – Inset Day
 2 September – Year 12 enrolment – 1.30pm
 3 September – Year 7 start of term - 8.30am
 3 September – Year 8-11 start of term – 1.00pm
 4 September – Year 12 lessons start (8.55am)
 4 September – Year 13 Assembly (9.30am)
 4 September – Year 13 lessons start (10.55am)

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 7 374 **Year 8** 205 **Year 9** 201 **Year 10** 185

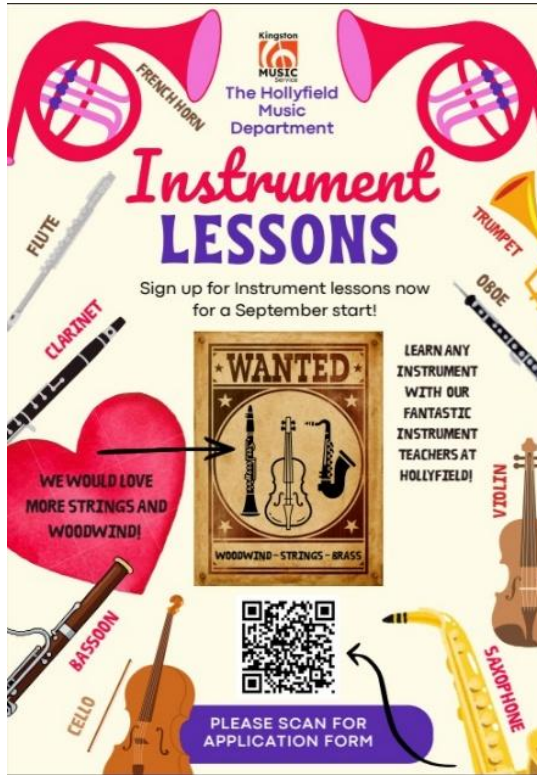
The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7GKU 123 **8AZA** 92 **9PTA** 44 **10KWH** 89

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Fallon G **Year 9** Kieron L
Year 8 Sami H **Year 10** Ethan HG

TEACHING & LEARNING



CAREERS



Careers Briefing 10 July 2026

Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team @Hollyfield)

The Rose Theatre are delighted to announce that they are launching a brand new course for their autumn term: Rose Youth Theatre Academy Technical Theatre. This 10 week programme is aimed at 14-19 year olds and will run on a Saturday morning from 10am-12pm. The course will introduce students to all aspects of technical theatre, including: lighting/sound, stage management and costume. Led by our Deputy Head of Stage, Georgie Devereaux, this is a great way to develop new skills and find out about the different elements that go into producing a piece of theatre.

If you are budding theatre technicians or interested in exploring a different aspect of theatre, please see the registration link below:

Please note that places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and subject to availability.

Technical Theatre course registration

LOCAL INFORMATION

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/>

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](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/. 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.

Summer Holiday Camp at Hollyfield



BOOK NOW FOR SUMMER!



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