



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

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our return to school, it has been wonderful to see all of the students and hear about their summer holidays. The students have settled back into their routines well and are enjoying their new timetables. I'd like to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 parents; welcome to the community, we're delighted to have you. Likewise, welcome (back) to many of our Year 12 parents; we're looking forward to the year ahead.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with full details below. Alongside the parent information evenings and open evening events, our sixth form students will be enjoying their transition programme, which involves a welcome BBQ and various trips. The sixth form team have sent out full details to the students and parents.

Open evening bookings/Early Close & Late Start

Our annual open evening takes place on 22 September. This is a very important event in the school calendar. Please pass the information on to any parents who have children in Year 5 or 6 and encourage them to attend. They can also book an open morning tour. The link for these events is on our website.

We will have an early closure on 22 September so the school can set up for the event, therefore students will leave school at 12.00pm. The following day (23 September) school will start later than usual at 10:10am for students. There will be a registration period followed by period 3, 4, 5 and 6 lessons.

Parents’ Information Evenings

As always, we are holding our Parent Information Evenings for every year group to inform parents what to expect in the year ahead. The dates and format is below:

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.

I am very excited to announce our new rewards system that will be launched on 28 September, please see page 3 for more information.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher



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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- 8/9– Y8 Parent Information evening – 6.00pm
- 10/9– Y12 Go Ape Trip
- 10/9 – Y10 & 11 Parent Information evening - online – 6.00pm
- 11/9 – Y13 Go Karting Trip
- 11/9– Sixth Form BBQ
- 15/9– Y7, 9 & 11 Photos – 8.30am
- 15/9 – Y9, 11 & 12 Individual photo
- 15 /9 – Y9 Parent Information evening - online – 6.00pm
- 17/9 – Sixth Form Life & Rules evening - 6.30pm

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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



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.

Rewards System 2026

The new rewards system is designed to celebrate students who consistently embody our GO BIG character virtues and strive to be the **"best version of themselves."**

Starting this year, we will introduce **Legacy Points** and KS3 & 4 **Golden Ticket raffles** at the end of every term. These events will offer pupils the chance to win various prizes, including vouchers, experiences, and special in-school incentives like queue jump passes.

We believe that meaningful recognition helps students feel valued, fosters self-confidence, and encourages them to reach their full potential. By highlighting and rewarding commitments to our core values, we aim to further strengthen our school culture and ethos.

In developing this initiative, we have carefully considered research on motivation to strike the right balance between extrinsic and intrinsic rewards. To ensure we don't diminish intrinsic drive through an over-reliance on tangible gifts, we have determined that hosting three raffles per year provides the perfect balance.

Summary of how to get entered for the Golden Ticket Raffle

Students will continue to earn achievement points, which are now called legacy points, for going above and beyond within our school community.

Incentive	Description	Points
Achieving 50 Legacy Points	Accumulating 50 legacy points	1 raffle entry
Earning a Ticket 	Golden Ticket: <i>Every lesson a student has an opportunity to earn a Golden Ticket. Teachers are permitted to hand one Golden Ticket per day for any student they believe has demonstrated our GO BIG character virtues.</i>	5 Legacy points + 1 raffle entry
	Platinum Ticket: <i>Visitors, for example, visitors who deliver workshops etc, have an opportunity to acknowledge three pupils per visit.</i>	7 Legacy points + 1 raffle entry
Being a Zero Hero	<i>By achieving zero negative points in one half term.</i>	10 Legacy points + 2 raffle entries
The Legacy Builder	<i>Accumulate legacy points during rewards assemblies</i>	

Note: The Golden and Platinum Tickets are tangible postcards, which students will be able to bring home. Please keep an eye out for these to help celebrate the success.

We look forward to celebrating these achievements with our students throughout the year.

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](#)

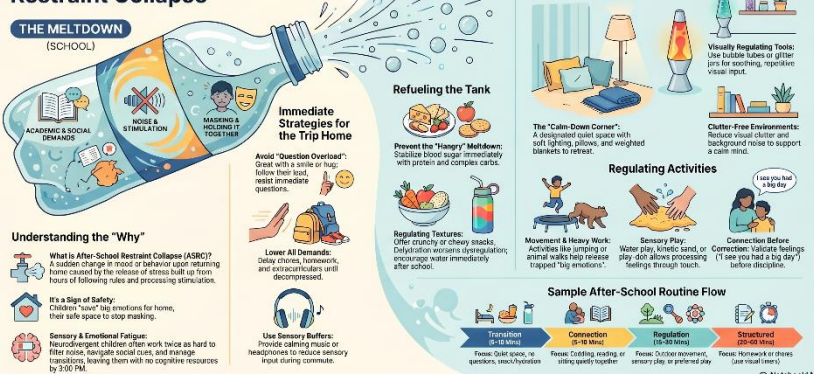
Balancing the Energy Books

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.

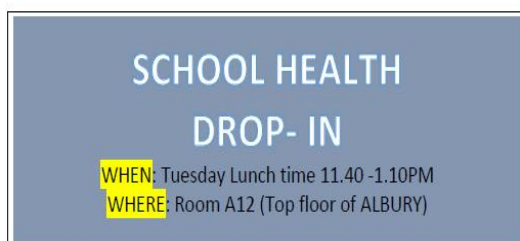
Spoon Theory, created by Christine Miserandino, aims to contextualise our personal energy usage that we need to get through each day. What may take one 'spoon of energy' for a neurotypical individual, such as taking public transport or getting ready in the morning, may take a neurodiverse person two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



For further information click [here](#)



Come along for a **CONFIDENTIAL** chat with your School Health Practitioner about anything that is worrying you....





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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Annual General Meeting

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, 29 September 2026 at 7.00pm** in the school diner (just inside the main school gate). 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 95.8%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 100%
 8GKU/GKE = 96.88%
 9AZA = 100%
 10HDA = 96.77%
 11DKE = 100%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7			
Year 8			
Year 9		Starts w/c 7/9	
Year 10			
Year 11			
Total			

NEXT WEEK

Monday 7 September	Year 10 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) – Top playground Year 11 Assembly (Behaviour & Expectations) – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 8 September	Year 7 Assembly (Behaviour & Expectations) – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 8 Parents' Information Evening – 6pm – Dining Hall
Wednesday 9 September	Year 8 Assembly (Behaviour & Expectations) – Dining Hall Year 9 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) – Top playground
Thursday 10 September	Year 8 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) – Top playground Year 9 Assembly (Behaviour & Expectations) – Dining Hall Year 12 Go Ape Trip Year 10 & 11 Parents' Information Evening – 6pm - Online
Friday 11 September	Year 10 Assembly (Behaviour & Expectations) – Dining Hall Year 11 Assembly (Fire Drill Practice) – Top playground Year 13 Go Karting Trip Sixth Form BBQ – 3pm

FORTHCOMING DATES

8 September – Year 8 Parent Information evening – 6.00pm
 10 September – Year 12 Go Ape Trip
 10 September – Year 10 & 11 Parent Information evening - online – 6.00pm
 11 September – Year 13 Go Karting Trip

11 September – Sixth Form BBQ
 15 September – Year 7, 9 & 11 Photos – 8.30am
 15 September – Year 9, 11 & 12 Individual photo
 15 September – Year 9 Parent Information evening - online – 6.00pm
 17 September – Sixth Form Life & Rules evening - 6.30pm
 21-23 September - A Level Geography Field Trip
22 September – Early Closure from 12.00pm
 22 September – Open Evening – 5.00pm
23 September – Late Start – 10.35pm
 23 September – SEN Open Day Tour
 25 September – 9 October – Year 6 Tours
 29 September – Year 11 & 13 Sky Media visit
30 September – Lessons suspended for Harry's walk (pm) – possible early finish
 5-15 October – Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
 5-15 October – Year 9 Assessments
 6 October – Year 7 Parent Information Evening – 6.00pm
 7 October – Senior Maths Challenge
 12-18 October – Year 13 New York & Washington Trip

19-30 October – Half Term

30 October - Inset day – School Closed

2-6 November – Year 11 Practical Mock Exams
 2 November – Year 7 & 8 Report emailed to parents
 10 November – Year 11 Careers Event
12 November - Early closure from 12.45pm
 12 November – Sixth Form Open Evening
 10 November – Year 12 Report emailed to parents
 19-20 November – Year 10 Assessments
 17 November – Year 9 Report Emailed Home
 23 November - 4 December – Year 13 Trial Exams
 24 November – Year 11 Report Emailed Home
 26 November – Year 11 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 1 & 9 December – Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak out Workshops
 7-11 December – Year 11 Photography, Textiles & Drama Practical Exam
 10 December - Year 9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 8 December – Year 10 Report Emailed Home
 14-18 December – Year 7 & 8 Assessments
 16 December – Christmas Concert (6.30-10.00pm)
 17 December – Carol Service (6.30-7.30pm) – St Mark's Church
 18 December – Non-uniform day - £1 donation to charity
18 December – End of Term – dismissal from 12.00pm

21 December 2026 – 1 January 2027 – Christmas Holiday

4 January – Inset Day

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

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

try to celebrate the successes of our students outside of school life and encourage all students to be proud of their successes in whatever area they come from.

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

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

The year group weekly totals are below:

Year 7 98 **Year 8** 45 **Year 9** 2 **Year 10** 34 **Year 11** 1

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

7HBL 69 **8EBE** 40 **9PGI** 2 **10CSA** 28 **11DMI** 1

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Starts w/c 7/9 **Year 9** Starts w/c 7/9 **Year 11** Starts w/c 7/9
Year 8 Starts w/c 7/9 **Year 10** Starts w/c 7/9

TEACHING & LEARNING



GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities – details to follow](#)

[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Donation to School Fund](#)

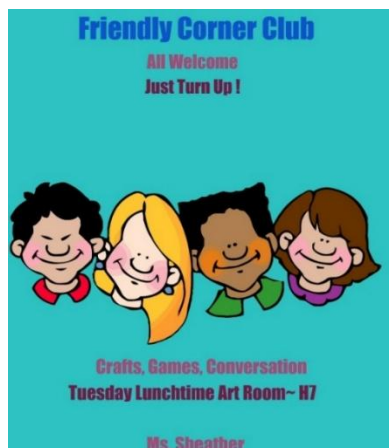
[Key Dates](#)

[Menus](#)

[Staff List and Structure](#)

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!

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-psycological-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.
- 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.