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 am delighted to announce the results of the Head Student hustings. The Head Students for the academic year 2026/2027 will be Rachel and Harry!

Joining them as our Deputy Head Students are Maia and Silin, well done to you all. Our outgoing team set the standards high and we look forward to working with them, listening to their ideas and supporting them in their new role. We are certain they will do an excellent job. One of their roles for the year is to lead our Student Council meetings, and we have invited students in Year 7-10 to apply to be part of this team via a Google Form on their year group Google Classrooms. There is still time to apply - and to help us make Hollyfield the best school it can be.

Some of our sixth formers have been enjoying the trip of a lifetime to New York and Washington and you can keep up to date with the action packed itinerary (along with news from this side of The Pond) by following us on Instagram at: hollyfield_school.

Winter Uniform
Just a reminder that we revert back to winter uniform after half term, polo shirts and shorts should not be worn. Students should wear either a revere collar shirt, or a stiff collared shirt and tie with their blazers.

Year 11 Trial Exams
Our Year 11 students continue with their mock exams, we have been so impressed with their commitment to these exams and hopefully they stand them in good stead for the real thing.

Sixth Form Open Evening and Early Closure
Please can I also remind parents of students in Year 10 and Year 11 that it is the sixth form open evening on **Thursday 12 November**. This is a wonderful event in the calendar where students can learn all about our sixth form, the subjects on offer and all of the additional opportunities available. We encourage all students in these year groups to attend, and to bring their parents along. **The school will close earlier on that day at 12.45** to allow the site to be set for the evening. Unlike our whole school opening, there will not be a late start the following day. School will begin at 0830 as normal on Friday 13 November.

And finally, it has been a relatively long and very busy half term and I am sure that the students will benefit from some time away from school. Whatever you have planned, I hope that you all manage to get some time to yourselves and with your families.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and half term.

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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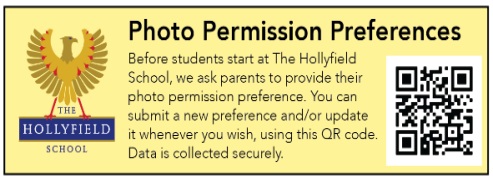
- 2-6/11 – Y11 Prac Mock Exams
- 2/11– Y7 & 8 Report sent home
- 3/11 - Y12 & 13 Economics Taster Day (Kingston University)
- 6/11 – Y7 CATS Test
- 10/11– Y11 Careers Event
- 10/11 – Y12 Report sent home
- **12/11 - Early closure from 12.45pm**
- 12/11 – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 13/11 Year 7 PTA Quiz Night
- 13/11 - Y10 Careers Event
- 16-17/11 – Y11 Geography Field Trip (Canary Wharf)

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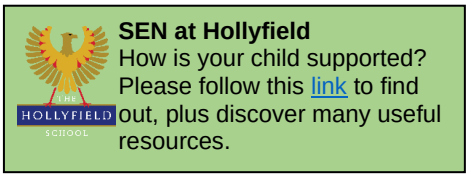
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"Pupils achieve very well in their examinations. This is because the school delivers an ambitious and balanced curriculum, underpinned by the highest expectations for all pupils. This includes the popular and successful sixth form" Ofsted 2025

OTHER NOTICES







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:** *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.*	5 Legacy points + 1 raffle entry
	Platinum Ticket: *Visitors, for example, visitors who deliver workshops etc, have an opportunity to acknowledge three pupils per visit.*	7 Legacy points + 1 raffle entry
Being a Zero Hero	*By achieving zero negative points in one half term.*	10 Legacy points + 2 raffle entries
The Legacy Builder	*Accumulate legacy points during rewards assemblies*	

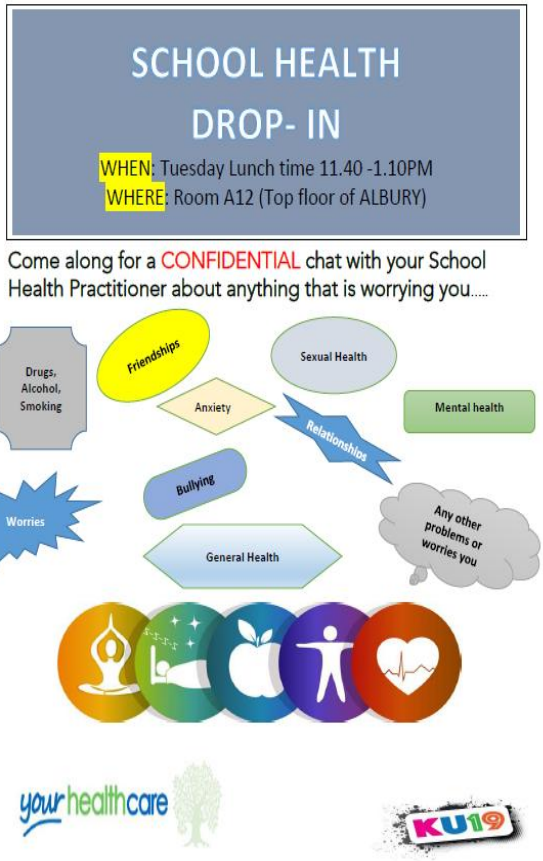
Note: The Golden and Platinum Tickets are tangible postcards, which students will be able to bring home. Please keep an eye out for these to help celebrate the success.

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.





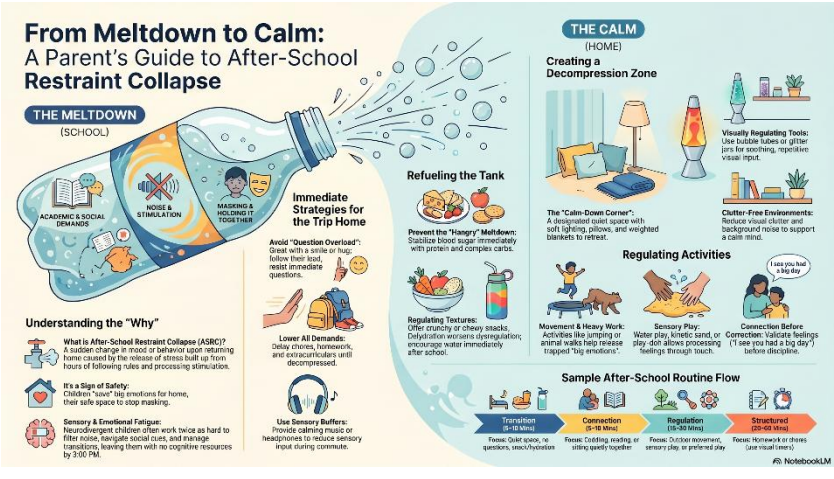
Click here to view workshops and book

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



For further information click here

The Nurture Programme: Supporting Your Teen

Navigating the secondary school years can bring new challenges—from shifting moods and exam pressure to managing screen time and changing relationships. **The Nurture Programme** is a 10 week course that offers a supportive, judgment-free space for parents and carers to share experiences and pick up practical strategies tailored for raising teenagers.

- **When:** Mondays, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Start date:** 28 September 2026
- **Where:** The Hollyfield School - LRC (Library)
- **Who:** Open to all parents and carers of secondary students

What We Cover:

- **Communication & Connection:** Staying close with your teen as they seek more independence.
- **Managing Emotions & Stress:** Helping your child navigate academic pressure, anxiety, and social challenges.
- **Setting Boundaries:** Practical ways to handle conflict, screen time, and rules around the home.
- **Parental Wellbeing:** Looking after yourself while supporting your adolescent.

Come along to gain fresh perspectives, share ideas, and connect with other parents in our school community.

How to Register: To reserve your place or ask any questions, please contact Jo Leo jleo@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Volunteer Opportunities/Pre-Loved Uniform Sale/Year 7 Quiz Night/Meeting Dates and more…

✨ Volunteer Opportunity: Chair/Co-Chair/Trustee Positions ✨

Our wonderful Co-Chairs Hannah and Bryn have decided to step down to allow some fresh ideas and get a well deserved rest after leading the PTA so successfully for a number of years. We will miss them greatly, thank you both so much for everything you have done.

This means that the Hollyfield PTA is looking for an enthusiastic and approachable person (or people) to take on the role of PTA Chair and help bring parents, carers, staff and the wider school community together. All of our trustee roles can be shared, this allows for sharing of tasks and more ideas and support, ideal if you have a friend you would like to work with.

What does the Chair/Co Chair do?

The Chair/Co Chair helps to:

- Lead and support the PTA committee and its volunteers
- Help plan meetings, events and fundraising activities
- Work closely with the school and other members of the PTA
- Encourage parents and carers to get involved
- Help make sure everyone's ideas and contributions are heard
- Keep the PTA moving forward and make the most of opportunities to support the school

You don't need previous PTA or committee experience. We're looking for someone who is organised, friendly, willing to get involved and able to bring people together. There will be support from the existing committee and school - and Bryn has said he will provide his expertise and support when it comes to planning the next Hollyfest.

Why get involved?
It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, contribute to school life and help make a real difference to the experiences and opportunities available to our students.

We would also love to welcome anyone interested in a general Trustee role, this would involve supporting the team in various ways.
Interested or want to know more? Please get in touch — we'd love to welcome you to the team! You can drop us an email at ptahollyfield@gmail.com or if you can pop along to the next meeting (see below) and we can provide more information and you can meet the team.

✨Pre-loved Uniform Store✨

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who ran the pre-loved uniform store last weekend. It was a very successful morning - the team managed to make a very impressive **£369**! As it was so well attended the stock levels are now very low, if your child has outgrown their uniform please bring it to school. Good quality re-wearable uniform can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury (where the school office is).

✨Year 7 Quiz✨



Get your tickets here:
Hollyfield School PTA

⭐ 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 will be to plan the Year 7 quiz on **Tuesday 17 November, 7pm at The Wagon and Horses**.

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.

THIS WEEK……..

TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 97.05%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7HBL= 99.68%
8GKE = 96.9%
9BEJ = 99%
10CNE = 98%
11DMI = 98.79%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	3786	2808	3837
Year 8	3127	2826	3094
Year 9	3020	2318	3098
Year 10	2242	2867	2305
Year 11	1745	1876	3053
Total	**13920**	**12695**	**15387**

NEXT WEEK

Monday 2 November	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 11 Assembly (Sixth Form Open Evening) – Dining Hall
	Year 11 Practical Exam – Music
Tuesday 3 November	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 7 Assembly (Remembrance) – Dining Hall
	Year 12 & 13 Economics Taster Day (Kingston University)
	Year 12 & 13 GCSE Re-Sit Maths & English EXAM START DATE
Wednesday 4 November	Year 8 Assembly (Remembrance) – Dining Hall
Thursday 5 November	Year 9 Assembly (Remembrance) – Dining Hall
	Year 10 Assembly (Personal Development) - Online
Friday 6 November	Year 10 Assembly (Remembrance) – Dining Hall
	Year 7 & 8 Reports emailed home
	Year 7 CATS TEST

FORTHCOMING DATES

2-6 November – Year 11 Practical Mock Exams
2 November – Year 7 & 8 Report emailed to parents
3 November - Year 12 & 13 Economics Taster Day (Kingston University)
6 November – Year 7 CATS Test
10 November – Year 11 Careers Event
10 November – Year 12 Report emailed to parents
12 November - Early closure from 12.45pm

12 November – Sixth Form Open Evening
13 November Year 7 PTA Quiz Night
13 November - Year 10 Careers Event: Understanding Animal Research
16-17 November – Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Canary Wharf)
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
30 November - Year 11 GCSE Science Live
1 & 9 December – Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak out Workshops
7-11 December – Year 11 Photography, Textiles & Drama Practical Exam
9 December – Year 13 Poems of the Decade (Friend's House, London)
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

LEGACY POINTS

Legacy 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 1742 **Year 8** 1356 **Year 9** 1134 **Year 10** 1258 **Year 11** 524

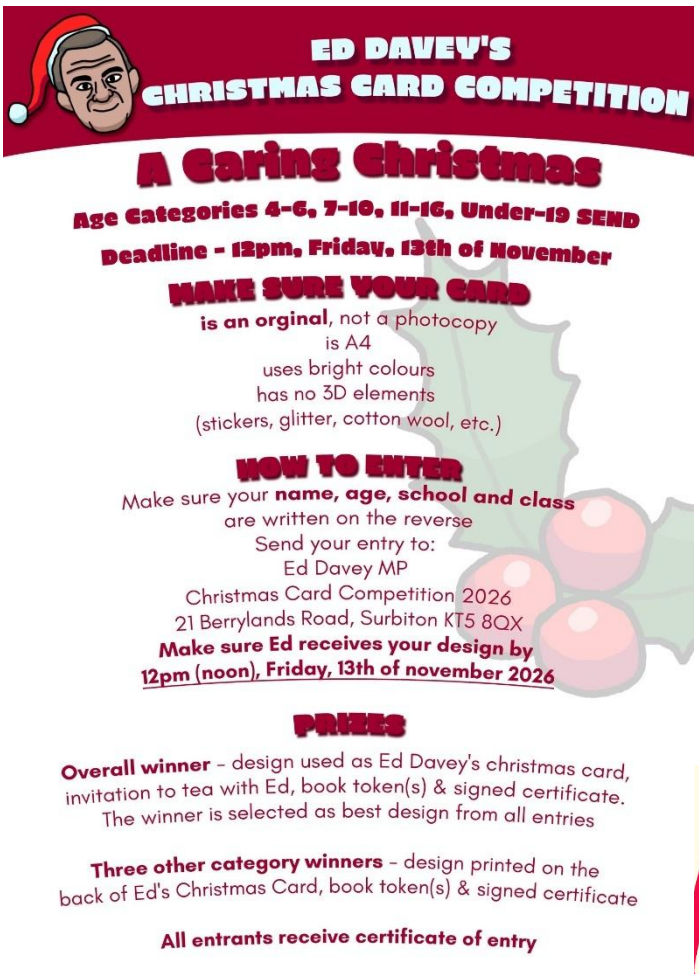
The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7SNE 408 **8BRO** 272 **9PGI** 235 **10CSA** 265 **11DMI** 125

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 RC **Year 8** AC **Year 9** RL **Year 10** IS **Year 11** AF

TEACHING & LEARNING





CAREERS



Careers Briefing 16 October 2026
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team @Hollyfield)

Careers fair follow-ups
A big thank you to those parents and governors who joined us at the careers fair either as visitors or volunteers on the exhibition stalls. As we mentioned last week, it was a huge success, and we are keen to have an active partnership with our parental and alumni community.

Also, a reminder to any Sixth Formers who discussed possible work experience opportunities with our guests last week: please speak to Mr Poole to make sure you follow up on these opportunities and email: ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk. Year 12 work experience week is from the 12 -16 July 2027, but this is the time to arrange placements by contacting potential employers now.

Well done to Year 11s who have completed their first set of trial exams.
Now is the time to start thinking about your future. Many of you decide to stay in the Hollyfield Sixth Form, and there is an excellent opportunity to find out more about what is on offer on **Thursday 12 November at 6pm** when there will be a **Sixth Form open evening**. Parents and students should come along and talk to their teachers and the Sixth Form team about the various options when you stay in the Sixth Form.

Also in the ECED Trust is **Chessington School**, their sixth form has an open event: Thursday 5 November 2026 6:00pm - 7:00pm Open Events . Whether your interest lies in nurturing children's development or excelling in sports, the courses are tailored to equip you with the skills and knowledge necessary for success. The two courses they specialise in are: the **T Level in Child Development (equivalent to 3 A Levels)** which involves working in their onsite Nursery. They also offer the **Level 3 Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels) in Sport** and students will be involved in their **Sports Academies - Basketball, Sports Coaching and Football.**

The advice of the careers team is to apply to at least two or three different 16+ providers, so you have your first choice and then at least one back up plan.


CHESSINGTON
SIXTH FORM
Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 5th November - 6PM
Scan the QR code to book your place now
Study L3 BTEC Extended Diploma
Basketball
Football
Coaching
CHESSINGTON


CHESSINGTON
SIXTH FORM
Sixth Form Open Evening
Early Years
Sport
Thursday 5th November - 6PM
Explore our Sixth Form courses in Sport and Early Years
Sports Academies in Basketball, Football and Coaching
Early Years on-site work placement
Book your place via our website now.

NESCOT and **Kingston College** have open evenings on **Wednesday 18 November,** so you could visit both institutions in the same evening and become an expert in Further Education Courses such as T Levels, BTECs and City and Guilds. Many of you will have attended the Careers Fair before half term and spoken to colleges, but it is important to attend open evenings as well as speak to subject staff about the options.

Events | Richmond Upon Thames College Richmond upon Thames College are holding parent tours as well as open events. The next open event is **Tuesday 17 November 4.30-7pm.**

Guildford College and Merrist Wood Sports Taster
Sport Taster Session – Merrist Wood College – Eventbrite
We have an exciting Year 11 Sport Taster Day taking place:
Tuesday 20 October 10.00 am–2.00 pm
Students will have the opportunity to experience college life, take part in practical activities and find out more about studying Sport with us.

Unifrog is our careers platform that students can use throughout their Hollyfield Journey. Log in with your HF student email address (you can also reset the password). Students might want to:

- Explore their post-16 or 18 options, which include college, universities, apprenticeships and career ideas
- Try the quizzes which look at your personality, interests and more to help you figure out which careers might suit you

Parents/Carers have an important role to play, and please encourage your children to talk through their different ideas for their post-16, 18 and career options. **Talking Futures** is a great resource to inform parents and carers about the options available to their children. If parents/carers have any questions about the process, email Mr. Poole: ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.



Careers opportunities bulletin
We encourage sixth form students, parents and carers to access our **weekly Careers Opportunities bulletin** and students in year 10 and 11 can also access some of the opportunities: HF Careers opportunities bulletin 16/10/26
This includes;

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

Apprenticeship Recruitment for Sept 2027:

- 19 October - applications for apprenticeships opening!
- Apprenticeships available in **Business, Data Science and Engineering** at London Heathrow, Glasgow and Cardiff
- **Applications opening on BA Careers Website - Emerging Talent**

Sixth form Volunteering opportunity - Princess Alice Hospice

We are pleased to let you know that applications are now open for our **Ward Support Programme in March 2027.** This opportunity is for **students who are interested in a healthcare career**. It offers invaluable hands-on experience as a volunteer on our IPU for 6 months. Students will need to be at least 17 years old by 7th March 2027 to be eligible to participate. The role description is attached. The closing date for applications is 22 Nov. **The role description and application form can be found on our website here.**

Y12, Y13 students interested in law - City Century Live is an in-person law event this October half term. Students will meet **50+ of the UK's leading law firms**, including Freshfields, Linklaters, Slaughter and May, Herbert Smith Freehills and Hogan Lovells. **London**: Thursday 29 October, 9am–12:30pm or 1pm–4:30pm, Friends House Apply: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/City_Century_London**

Business and Law October Half Term Virtual Work Experience - Tuesday 27th October, 9am - 4:15pm Browne Jacobson's Law and Business October Half Term Virtual Work Experience is back! This year's theme is Legal and Business Legends. Register here: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Browne_Jacobson_FAIRE**

GSK Virtual Work Experience

Curious about what working at GSK is really like?

Our Virtual Work Experience is designed for Year 10–13 students and gives you the chance to explore different careers, develop practical skills and build confidence for your future.No previous experience is needed. Just bring your curiosity.

What you'll gain

- Insight into GSK and our people
- Practical skills employers look for
- Support to build your confidence
- Guidance from GSK Insiders, our online buddies
- Exposure to career pathways you may not have considered
- A downloadable digital badge and personalised GSK certificate on completion

What you'll do

- Watch short videos from GSK employees
- Complete interactive tasks and reflections
- Explore career pathways across the business
- Recognise the skills you already have and develop new ones
- Start thinking about your future goals and next steps

Join our live sessions

- Tuesday 27 October at 10am or Thursday 29 October at 10am

You'll have the opportunity to hear directly from GSK employees, ask questions and get honest insights into different careers and experiences.

Designed to fit around you

- Around 8 hours of activities
- An additional week to complete activities if needed
- Self-paced, so you can start and stop when it works for you
- No experience required, just curiosity
- **Available from Monday 26 October 2026 until Monday 9 November 2026**

Interested in Degree and Higher apprenticeships?
The October Higher & Degree vacancy listing is available to download now. The listing contains a whopping 1,200+ apprenticeship vacancies from over 55 employers, including Transport for London, BBC, Nestlé, KPMG, and The British Army.
Download here: Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Listing



Free Webinar on Degree Apprenticeships
For Students Aged 15-18, Their Parents & Teachers
InvestIN have announced an exciting new webinar! Taking place on **Thursday 22 October at 6pm**, this webinar will shed light on how degree apprenticeships work and break down the application process.

Information on this increasingly popular option for students after school can be limited and hard to find, so InvestIN hopes to bring some clarity to this area and share expert advice on navigating future applications. You can find out more and register your place here.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

Term Dates
Uniform List
Extra-Curricular Activities
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.