Week commencing – 9 November 2026

**The Hollyfield School e-bulletin**
Surbiton Hill Road, Surbiton, KT6 4TU
020 8339 4500

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary, and they demonstrate exceptional attitudes to learning" Ofsted 2025

**Head's line**…



Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term. Over the break, the MFL department led a Year 9 and Year 10 trip to Barcelona. By all accounts it was a wonderful experience for all of the students (even though they contended with flight delays and cancellations on the outbound journey). I would like to extend my thanks to all of the staff that attended and for ensuring the students had such a good time.

**Winter Uniform**
Just a reminder that we have now reverted to our winter uniform; 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.

**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 an important 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.

**Dates for your diaries**
We have Year 9 and Year 11 Parents' evenings coming up. Year 11 is on 26 November and Year 9 is on 10 December. Further details will follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend when it arrives.

**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

**……. Stop Press…….**

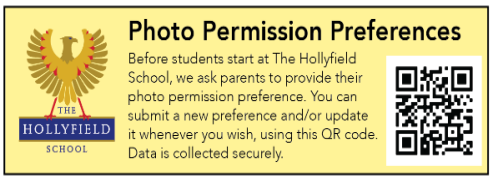
- 10/11– Y11 Careers Event
- 10/11 – Y12 Report sent home
- **12/11 - Early closure from 12.45pm**
- 12/11 – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 13/11 Year 7 PTA Quiz Night
- 13/11 - Y10 Careers Event
- 16-17/11 – Y11 Geography Field Trip (Canary Wharf)

**In this issue…… Page**

Head's Line……1
In Safe Hands……4
PTA……6
This Week ……8
Legacy Points……9
Teaching &. Learning……10
Careers……11
General Information……13
Local Information……14

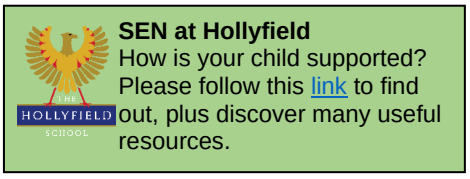
"Pupils achieve very well in their examinations. This is because the school delivers an ambitious and balanced curriculum, underpinned by the highest expectations for all pupils. This includes the popular and successful sixth form" Ofsted 2025

## 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**<br><br> | **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:**<br>*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* |  |

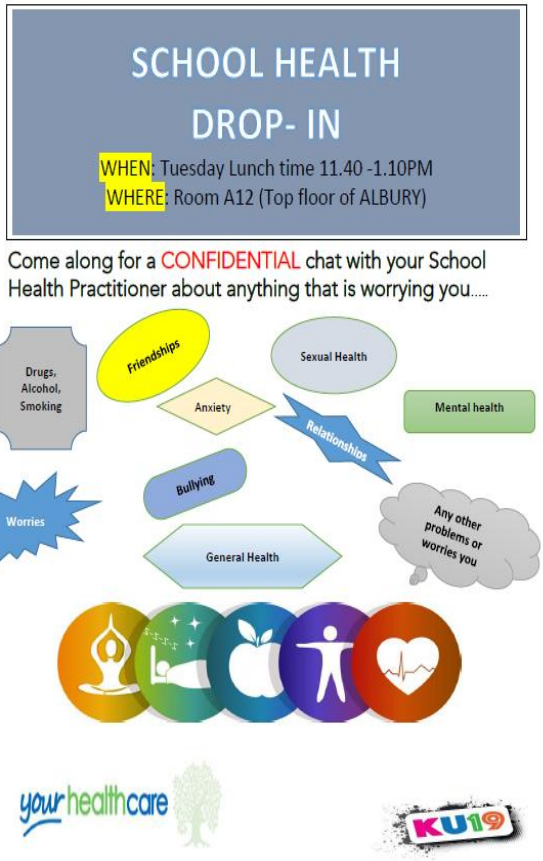
**Note:** The Golden and Platinum Tickets are tangible postcards, which students will be able to bring home. Please keep an eye out for these to help celebrate the success.

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.







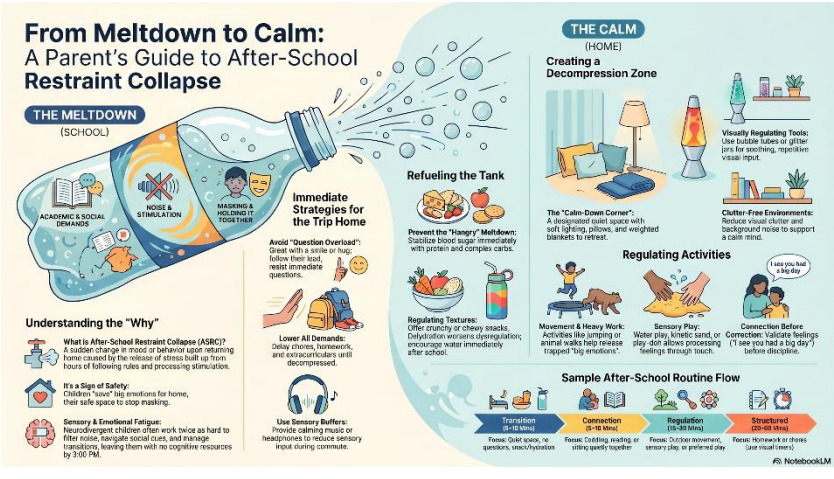
Click here to view workshops and book

## 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

## Volunteering Opportunities

**Chair/Co-Chair**

We are still looking for a new PTA Chair or Co-Chairs to take over from our outgoing chairs Brynn and Hannah who stepped down this term. It may seem daunting taking on the role, but you can do this with a friend. Brynn has also offered to help the new Chair/s with Hollyfest. There is also a great team of experienced PTA parents who are ready to help organise events and support the Chair/s.
For more information, please contact ptahollyfield@gmail.com.

## Upcoming Events




**Book your tickets @ http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/**

And if you would like to volunteer at the event please email: ptahollyfield@gmail.com

Help needed to set up, serve at the bar and tidy up - thank you



**Coming soon… Christmas Trees for Sale @ Hollyfield School**

November 28th & 29th

December 5th & 6th

December 12th & 13th

**More details to follow**



## 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 on **Tuesday 17 November, 7pm at The Wagon and Horses**.

**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

Please support The Hollyfield PTA on #easyfundraising, with Christmas shopping coming up it's an easy way to donate to the PTA for free whilst you shop.
Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: Easy Fundraising Hollyfield

## Sherpa Tutors

We're pleased to share that the PTA has partnered with **Sherpa Tutors** as part of their fundraising programme, giving families a simple way to support our school. When you register using our referral link, the PTA earns £5 for each lesson completed by a student, up to £100 pre 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.

*(Please note: The Hollyfield School is not directly affiliated to and does not endorse specific tutor services, nor can they quality assure their services.)*

# THIS WEEK……..

## TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 96.85%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7LFI = 98%
8GLO = 94%
9BEJ = 97%
10HDA = 95.3%
11DMI = 99.3%

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 9 November** | Year 12 Assembly – Common Room |
| | Year 7 Assembly (Anti Bullying Week) – Online |
| **Tuesday 10 November** | Year 13 Assembly – Common Room |
| | Year 11 Assembly (Healthy Relationships & Services) – Dining Hall |
| | Year 7 PSHE Drop Down Morning |
| | Year 11 Access All Areas SEN Careers Event |
| | Year 12 & 13 GCSE Re-Sit Maths & English EXAM END DATE |
| **Wednesday 11 November** | Year 8 Assembly (Anti Bullying Week) – Dining Hall |
| **Thursday 12 November** | Year 9 Assembly (Anti Bullying Week) – Dining Hall |
| | Student Early Closure (12.45pm) |
| | Sixth Form Open Evening (6.00-8.00pm) |
| **Friday 13 November** | Year 10 Assembly (Anti Bullying Week) – Dining Hall |
| | Year 10 Careers Event: Understanding Animal Research |
| | Year 12 Reports Emailed Home |
| | Year 7 PTA Quiz Night (Dining Hall) |

## FORTHCOMING DATES

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** 667 **Year 8** 610 **Year 9** 546 **Year 10** 572 **Year 11** 172

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

**7LFI** 170 **8BRO** 129 **9JWI/BEJ** 105 **10CSP** 174 **11TTR** 66

The top performing students from each year were:

**Year 7** IR **Year 8** AC **Year 9** OT **Year 10** AB **Year 11** AM

# TEACHING & LEARNING






# CAREERS




**Careers Briefing 6 November 2026**
**Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team @Hollyfield)**

**Royal Economics Society's Annual lecture**
Well done to all the Sixth Formers who attended the Royal Economic Society's annual public lecture at Kingston University on Tuesday 3rd November. Thanks to Mr Humm for organising the visit.




The lecturer was delivered by **Darshini David OBE,** the Deputy Economics Editor of the BBC. Ms David's lecture focused on the current unpredictable economic and political situation and how many of the models and tools for economic management appeared to be broken. More information can be found: RES Annual Public Lecture

In addition to the lecture, sixth form students from across the borough had the opportunity to hear talks by staff and alumni of Kingston university and also take part in an interactive trading game selling copper, profits were slim, but hopefully many of the students were inspired to have a future career in economics and business.

**Hollyfield Sixth Form Open Evening**
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** at the **Sixth Form open evening**. Parents/Carers 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.

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. Please see below the upcoming open events you can go along and find out more:

**NESCOT** 4.30-7.30pm and **Kingston College** 4.30-7pm both have open evenings on **Wednesday 18 November,** so you could visit both institutions in the same evening and become an expert in courses such as T Levels, BTECs and City and Guilds. It is important to attend open evenings to see the college and 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.**

**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 many of the opportunities: HF Careers opportunities bulletin 6/11/26
This includes;

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

**Interested in 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 Career Tasters: Interactive Online Workshops For Students Aged 15-18**

Taking place on **various evenings between the 10th and 19 November**, these free online workshops will give students a much clearer picture of day-to-day life in a career that they're interested in.

**6 careers** will be covered and students will **hear directly from industry professionals** and **receive a certificate** in recognition of their participation.

The speakers are:

- **Bhavik Bhatt:** an aeronautical engineer who graduated from Imperial College London and has worked for Rolls-Royce for 8 years.
- **Vicky McKechnie:** an experienced clinical psychologist who leads the adult type 1 diabetes psychology service at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and works in clinical research at Imperial College London.
- **Kaushik Das:** a CFA charter holder with over 12 years' experience managing capital within a global equity single family office environment.
- **Anika Sharmila:** qualified from King's College London in 2020 and now nearing completion of her GP training after working as a Foundation Doctor in London.
- **Elle Gauld:** a litigation solicitor at the Government Legal Department, co-located with the Ministry of Defence.
- **Orber Soares Bom Jesus:** a dynamic technical manager with over a decade of experience in leading technology projects, specialising in software engineering and integrating emerging technologies, such as AI.

**You can find out more and register your place** here.

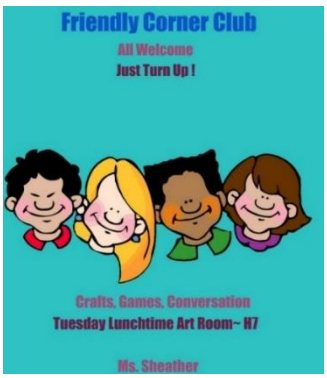
# GENERAL INFORMATION

**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.