

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

"There is a distinct sense of community in the school" Ofsted 2020

#### Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable week. We have had another busy week at Hollyfield. We welcomed Year 8 and Year 9 parents to the Parent Information Evening for their children. We also welcomed parents of Year 12 students to come in and hear all about life in the sixth form. I would like to extend my thanks to all parents who have come along to these events. On Tuesday we have our final Parent Information Evening of the year for our parents of Year 10 students. I hope all parents of Year 10 students are able to attend; the information shared is particularly pertinent and we are certain it will make a difference to the year ahead.

On Tuesday our Year 7 students will be sitting their CATs tests in the morning. These tests give us extra information about the students to help us understand the next steps in their learning. There is no need for the students to prepare for the tests and Mrs Rhodes has written to all parents about these tests already. Also next week, we are delighted to finally host the school production: 'What Would Alice Do?' We were forced to postpone the production at the end of last academic year so I know that many students, parents and staff are very excited to finally be part of the production. There are three performances: Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Friday evening, we look forward to seeing many of you there.

And finally, please can I remind parents that the small parking area outside the Surbiton Hill Road gate should not be used to wait to pick up or drop off your child to/from school. At the start and end of the school day, the area is reserved for the drop off or collection of students with a disability. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

I hope you all have lovely weekend.

Ms A Jackson Headteacher



# Term Dates Autumn Term 2022 6 September to 16 December (Inset Day – 5-6 Sept & 31Oct 1 Nov - except Y11 & Y13) Half Term

20 October - 1 November (see above)

Christmas Holiday

19 December - 2 January 2023 (Bank hol 2 Jan)

Spring Term 2023

3 January – 31 March

(Inset Day –20 Feb– except Y11, & selected Y12 & Y13)

Half Term

10-20 February (see above)

**Easter Holiday** 

3 April – 14 April (Bank Hol 7 & 10 Apr)

Summer Term 2023

17 April – 20 July (Bank Hol 2 & 29 May)

Half Term

29 May - 2 June

## ...... Stop Press......

- 27/9 Year 7 CATs Tests
- 27/9 Enhanced Curriculum Drop Down P1-2
- 27/9 Year 10 Parents' Info Eve
- 29-30/9 School Production What Would Alice Do?

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## **OTHER NOTICES**

# Early Closure/Late Start - 4 -5 October

In order to ensure all departments are fully prepared for our annual opening, we will be closing the school early on the day of open evening. On Tuesday 4 October school will close at 11.50am.

We will also have a late start the following day to allow all those involved in hosting the event time to recover from the late night. School will begin at 11.00am for all students on Wednesday 5 October.

# Early Closure – 17 November

In order to ensure all departments are fully prepared for our annual Sixth Form opening, we will be closing the school early on the day of open evening. On Thursday 17 November school will close at 1.20pm.

# Year 7 Parents - Parentmail - Please register now

All new Year 7 parents have been sent a link to enable them to register for Parentmail. Please can we ask all parents to do this, Parentmail is our main facility for communication with you and we cannot stress enough the importance of this. We are endeavouring to use less paper communication and will rely on Parentmail to replace paper copies. Parentmail is also used to pay for all school events and meals.

#### New Look ebulletin

Over the coming weeks we will be developing a new look ebulletin, if you have any comments or suggestions please email Mrs Sutton – <u>lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u>.

# Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on <u>office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> 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 <u>should not be used to drop off students</u>. 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

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 <a href="mailto:lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>.

"The school has developed its curriculum far beyond regular lessons" Ofsted 2020



# SCHOOL HEALTH DROP- IN

WHEN: Tuesday Lunch time 11.40 -1.10PM WHERE: Room A12 (Top floor of ALBURY)

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









# THANK YOU!

# ...FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOOL FUND

Thank you to all the parents that make a monthly contribution to the school.

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.

To make this possible, we have set up a donation payment link in your ParentMail account. Simply login to ParentMail, click on Payments and Shop, select 'Parent Donation'. We are grateful for any contribution you can make, regardless of the amount. Every penny will be spent improving students' experiences.







# **HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS**



A note from the new Chair

Good afternoon to you all.

It is with great pride and some trepidation that I step into the role of Chair of The Hollyfield PTA. The incredible effort and results achieved by Gayna, Andie, Alison and a band of very willing helpers will be some act to follow. I will do my very best to maintain the levels already achieved in order to provide much needed financial support to the school and our children but also opportunities to build on what is a fantastic community at Hollyfield.

We are lucky that **Marina Craig** continues to be our Treasurer for another year. She has been incredible in keeping things going and bringing me up to speed. But...

There is still an opening for the **Secretary** role so if you're interested please get <u>in touch</u>. It is a vital role that we need to fill urgently and can be shared. Please reach out to me if you would like an informal chat.

We are a community at Hollyfield and the PTA is simply a way to bring the talents and enthusiasm of staff and each parent and carer together for the benefit of our children, the school and to hopefully have some fun along the way.

All volunteers are welcome and if you have any skills or experience that you feel would benefit the PTA then please get in touch.

Thanks for reading. Dominic

















# **Pre-worn Uniform**

We will be continuing to open the store once every 4-6 weeks so please watch this space for the date of the next one and feel free to come along if your child has outgrown an item... they do like to do that!

If you have any item of uniform that is in good condition and you would like to donate please drop it off in the bins just inside the doors of Albury during the school week.



# **Upcoming Events.**



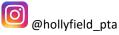
We are looking to build up a calendar of events for the coming months and year but this cannot happen without YOU. If you can offer some time, expertise, experience, ideas or enthusiasm then please come along to the next meeting or get in touch. These things are never done without your help.

# **Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 3 October 2022 - venue to be confirmed.

The meeting is for every parent/carer as you are all members of the PTA. Come along and have your say and add your ideas... parents make things happen.















# THIS WEEK.....

# **TOP ATTENDERS**

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 97.41%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7 BNMA – 97.38% 8 Neptune – 98.33% 9 Mars – 96.88% 10 Jupiter – 98.21% 11 Saturn – 98.77%

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

# **HOUSE POINTS**

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	889	835	1241
Year 8	840	927	1349
Year 9	947	854	696
Year 10	456	829	546
Year 11	316	294	343
Total	3390	3318	4155

# **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 26 September Year 11 Assembly - Hall

Year 12 Assembly – Common room

Tuesday 27 September Year 7 Assembly - Hall

Year 13 Assembly – Common Room

Year 7 CATs Tests

Enhanced Curriculum Dropdown – P1-2

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)

Wednesday 28 September Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 9 & 11 School Photos

Sixth form Life & Rules Evening – 6.30pm (parents only)

Thursday 29 September Year 9 Assembly - Hall

School production – What Would Alice Do? – 7.00pm

Friday 30 September KS4 House Assemblies – Hall/Exam Centre/Gym

School production – What Would Alice Do? – 7.00pm

# FORTHCOMING DATES

27 September – Year 7 CATs Tests

27 September – Enhanced Curriculum Drop Down P1-2

27 September – Year 10 Parents' Information Evening – 6.00pm (parents only)

29-30 September - School Production - What Would Alice Do?



4 October – Early Closure – 11.50am

4 October – Open Evening – 6.00pm

5 October – Late Start – 11.00am

7-17 October – Year 6 Tours

13 October – Careers Fair – 6.30pm

18-19 October – Year 11 Devising Performance Exam

19 October - Year 11 Progress Report emailed to parents

19 October – Year 13 Paintball trip

20-28 October 2021 - Half Term - Year 11, 13 & staff

20 October – 1 November – Half Term - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 (31/10 & 1/11 Inset days)

# MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

This week saw the launch of our inter-house competition, with new House Leaders from the school's senior leadership team and student leadership team. Mr Buckman has developed a new, improved student leadership programme for this academic year. In addition to our School Council, we will have prefects and student committees, giving students a greater opportunity to have their say and to make changes to the school. It promises to be a wonderful year for our student leaders... and for our school.

Our wonderfully full programme of extra-curricular activities also got off to a great start this week, with lots of enthusiastic attendance at a huge range of lunchtime and after school clubs. The schedules are published on our website and feature in the bulletin each week, but I wanted to give them a bit of fanfare today, so you can also find them here: <a href="Extra Curricular Clubs">Extra Curricular Clubs</a> You will note that, in addition to the whole school schedule, there are separate timetables for those interested in PE, Music and Drama.

Speaking of Drama, our theatre company, Ilex, has been busily rehearsing at weekends and after school to bring Mr Hurst's vision of the Alice in Wonderland story to life. What Would Alice Do is an immersive, promenade performance, where audience members will be led around the school site by 'white rabbits' (who, in real life, are our Drama Mentors and co-directors). A huge number of people, from the cast and crew in the Drama department, to the production arts team, Ms Cotton and her fabulous sixth formers, as well as the premises team, have worked really hard on the project and we'd really love a big audience next week. Tickets are available from Mr Hurst.

# **CAREERS INFORMATION**



# Careers Briefing - 23 September 2022

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Last Tuesday, Year 11 had a guest speaker from the charity Speakers for

Schools called Lara Morgan. Lara is a successful business leader who also has competed in the world triathlon championship! Successful people are busy people, they don't just do one thing! Lara came in to talk about her career journey and the lessons she has learnt over the years. Lara spoke about seeing everything as an opportunity; the value of networking and work experience. "Always be willing to ask questions", she said, be open minded to change and challenge! Year 11 asked a number of good questions and hopefully the talk





will provide them with the motivation to be very successful this year. Lara has written her own book "More Balls Than Most" about how to be successful in business but she said that the best book to read in business is "How to become Rainmaker" by Jeffrey J Fox.



Careers Fair Thursday 13 October 2022 - 6.30-8.30pm Year 11 and Sixth Form students and parents/carers

The picture shows last year's busy event!

Final preparation for the careers fair will be taking place over the next few weeks and if there are any parents who feel they may be able to volunteer to support the event please contact Mr Poole in the next week: <a href="mailto:ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>
At the moment there are a variety of guests confirmed from business, industry, colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities. This is a good opportunity for all students to speak

to a number of different people about their future careers plan and to receive impartial and independent careers advice.

Opportunities bulletin - We produce a weekly bulletin for our sixth formers which showcases the upcoming opportunities. This is a mix of work experience, careers talks, university events, apprenticeships and much more. Check out this week's bulletin: 23/09/2022 Careers opportunities



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<u>Architecture</u> | <u>Dentistry</u> | <u>Engineering</u> | <u>Forensic Science</u> | <u>Investment Banking</u> | <u>Medicine</u> | <u>Psychology</u> | <u>Software Engineering</u> | <u>Vet</u> | <u>Video Game Design</u>



NHS Virtual Work Experience Programme - Sunday 2 October Registration Link: <u>Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme</u>



For students interested in the following careers:

Nursing- Midwifery -Paramedicine- Physiotherapy- Occupational Therapy- Dietetics- Radiography-Prosthetics and Orthotics- Speech and Language Therapy- Pharmacy

These are fantastic additions to their CVs and UCAS applications! During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals.



# McClaughlin and Harvey's Construction Industry Poster Competition

This is a picture of the site which is on the corner of St James's Road and Eden Street. The school posters will therefore be showcased to the public passing the area and they will also be able to vote for their favourite.

All we need from you is 1 poster design on the theme of career opportunities in construction, it can be by an individual or done as a group and in any media. The winning individual and school will also win a prize. The careers sheet attached is to aid research into different

construction careers but it does not have to be one of these, the student can choose the career option they wish for the poster design. <u>Construction Careers Sheet- Hoarding Posters 2022.docx</u>

Please submit a poster design to Sophie Moseley: <u>sophie.moseley@mclh.co.uk</u> at McLaughlin & Harvey by 30 September.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

# Links to Useful Information

Term Dates 2022-2023
Uniform List
Extra-Curricular Activities - PE
Extra-Curricular Activities - Drama
Student well-being and safety

Form Tutor List
The School Day Times
Extra-Curricular Activities - Music
Staff List and Structure
Donation to School Fund

Key Dates
Menus
Extra-Curricular Activities - All
Severe Weather Procedure

# Thinking of hiring a Tutor?

Please click <u>here</u> for guidance on selecting the right tutor.

#### Resilience in Children

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

https://digest.bps.org.uk/2019/11/05/five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/

# **LOCAL INFORMATION**

# Kooth

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

# Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom. Email RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.
- Childline: <u>information and advice</u> 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: <u>0800 1111</u>.
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/">https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/</a>.



- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: <u>116 123</u>.
- 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: <u>0808 2000 247</u>/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.

# Where to find the latest information and guidance

- Local Information: <u>www.kingston.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>
- Connected Kingston information on how to stay well at home: www.connectedkingston.uk
- Citizens Advice <u>www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/corona-virus</u>

For more information visit the council's website



Teen Life is a six-session programme for parents/carers of autistic young people aged 10 to 16 years. The aim of the Teen Life programme is to bring parents together to share information, experiences and ideas in a structured way. Teen Life emphasises the importance of autistic perspectives, with a variety of videos and quotes used throughout the sessions.

Parents can choose to attend the programme with a supporting professional. Our programme empowers parents to understand more about autism.

Topics covered include:

- understanding autism in teenagers
- self-esteem and spending time with other people
- stress and anxiety
- understanding your diagnosis
- puberty and independence
- education and planning for the future.

If you are interested in attending the sessions, please contact Debbie Hall

(deborah.hall@achievingforchildren.org) or Anita Procter (aprocter@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

This round of sessions is only available to parents with children at Hollyfield.



#### **Kingston Choral Society needs you**

"Kingston Choral Society is always welcoming new members. Rehearsing at Hollyfield from 8pm on Thursday evenings. Please join us!"



#### **Book KCS concert tickets**

You can book online through www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.ul

(booking fee applies)

#### Support KCS

Promote your business by advertising in our programmes. Sponsor the choir, and benefit from linking your company's name with ours. Contact us to find out how your generosity can be publicised, and to claim VIP concert tickets.

Email:

partnerships@kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk

#### Join us

-We rehearse at The Hollyfield School, Surbiton Hill Road, KT6 4TU on Thursdays from 8–10pm. Learn more from our website:

www.kingstonchoralsocietv.org.uk

Email: join@kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk Then come along to a rehearsal.

Kingston Choral Society is a Registered Charity: 261522



#### **About Kingston Choral Society**

One of the foremost choirs in South West London and Surrey, Kingston Choral Society, a mixed choir of over 100 members, has been singing in the Royal Borough and beyond for 72 years. In 2022–23, led by distinguished Musical Director, Andrew Criffiths and supported by celebrated accompanist, Gavin Roberts, the choir tackles a varied and ambitious repertoire.

"A great choir, and a great community of friends."

#### Stay in touch

Ask to join our mailing list for regular KCS updates by emailing info@Kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk or stay in touch with us on our Website: www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk



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#### Kingston Choral Society 2022-2023 Season

We are excited to welcome both regular audiences and new ones to our 2022–23 Season of Concerts.

Musical Director Andrew Griffiths has devised a scintillating musical programme for this year spanning five centuries, starting with Monteverdi and his contemporaries in seventeenth century Venice, and coming right up to date with delightful twenty-first century compositions.



As well as exploring new music from Britain, Ireland and the United States we will be revisiting much loved Schubert, Mozart and Haydn masterpieces – but with an intriguing surprise element.

It will be a terrific season, so do be sure to Save the Dates in this Calendar, and keep an eye on our website for when tickets go on sale.







# Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have parenting experience, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. Free volunteer course runs in Kingston on Thursdays 9.30am-2.30pm from 6 October to



24 November 2022 (not 27 Oct).



To find out more, contact Angie Ahmed info@homestart-rkh.org.uk 07884 536161 homestart-rkh.org.uk

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