

Week commencing – 3 October 2022



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 a wonderful week. This week we have hosted the school production: 'What Would Alice Do?'. Congratulations to all of the staff and students involved in the production. It has been tumultuous for the cast and crew as we were forced to postpone the production last academic year and this year have been faced with a number of additional challenges, such as the weather! However, Ms O'Shea and her team have embraced the true spirit of the theatre and are determined that the show must go on, so we are looking forward to hosting it again this evening; if you are attending, please remember to bring a raincoat as some of the performances are outside.

Please can I remind all parents and students that it is our open evening on Tuesday. As such the school will close at 11:50am on Tuesday, this is the end of period three and we will have a late start of Wednesday, with school beginning at the start of period three at 11:00am. Following on from the open evening, our open morning tours begin Friday 7 October. These are all fully booked and we are looking forward to showing Year 5 and Year 6 pupils round, along with their parents. For our current students, this will mean that they will see groups of people touring the site and possibly popping into their lessons.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have come along to our parent information evenings this term. If you were unable to make it, or would like to review the information shared, then please follow this link to find the presentations on our website.

I would like to remind parents/carers that when leaving a message on the absence line to report your child's absence from school please clearly state and spell out your child's name and form. This will ensure your child receives the correct mark before school starts.

And finally, we are now a month into the term, the students continue to approach their studies with enthusiasm and maturity. Please can I encourage all parents and carers to remind their children to keep standards of uniform, homework and general work ethic high. Everyone is doing really well, let's keep it up. I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

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..... • 4/10 – Early Close – 11.50am • 4/10 – Open Eve – 6.00pm • 5/10 – Late Start – 11.00am • 7-17/10 – Year 6 Tours • 13/10 – Careers Fair – 6.30pm In this issue..... Page Head's Line.....1 PTA.....4 This Week Next Week......5 Achievement Points......6 Careers.....7 General Information......9 Local Information.....10



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.

<u>Year 7 Parents – Parentmail – Please register now</u>

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</u> <u>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 <u>here</u> 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.

<u>Open Door</u>

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 <u>lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u>.

"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.....



your healthcare





...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.



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HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

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 97.40%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7BNMA - 99.35% 8RRHU = 96.33% 9BKME = 95.81% 10BBRO = 97.14% 11RMFO = 93.82%

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

HOUSE POINTS

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	1301	1337	1734
Year 8	1191	1242	1896
Year 9	1433	1255	993
Year 10	593	1117	757
Year 11	439	420	458
Total	4957	5371	5838

NEXT WEEK

Monday 3 October	Year 11 Assembly - Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common room
Tuesday 4 October	Year 7 Assembly - Hall
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Early Closure – 11.50am
	Open Evening – 6.00-9.00pm
Wednesday 5 October	Late Start – 1.00am
Thursday 6 October	Year 9 Assembly - Hall
Friday 7 October	Year 10 Assembly - Hall
	Open Day Tour – 9.15am and 11.05am

FORTHCOMING DATES

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

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)





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. Students are rewarded in their classes for a range of different behaviours, this includes engagement in learning, showing progress, contributing to learning, helping others and many more. The school also runs 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	294
Year 8	1233
Year 9	1227
Year 10	681
Year 11	402

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

7RSNE	294
8RRHU	403
9BKME	273
10RGSE	141
11RMFO	81

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 – Leila S Year 8 – Alasdair M Year 9 – Jay D Year 10 – Louis B Year 11 – Lauren W

YEAR 9 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

"It was great to see so many of you at the Year 9 Parent Information Evening. The information is available (<u>Options</u> & <u>Year 9</u>) if you did not manage to make it. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Blackman if you have any questions or concerns." Miss Offord – Head of Year 9.

CAREERS INFORMATION





Careers Briefing - 29 September 2022 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Careers Fair Thursday 13 October 2022 6.30-8.30pm



Just under 2 weeks until the careers fair. This event is designed for all students in **Year 11 and the Sixth** Form. Year 10 students and parents have also asked whether they can attend and whilst it is not compulsory any students from this year group would be welcome!

For Year 11 students this will be a good opportunity to talk through your future plans for next year with a variety of people. For those students in the Sixth Form this careers fair is even more relevant as you can meet employers; representatives for colleges and universities who will be able to advise you on your next steps and hopefully in some cases provide you with useful links for potential work experience. Year 12 will be going out on work experience in the summer and Year 13 will either be going to university or out to work. Any opportunity to talk about future career choices is important at this stage. There could be just one piece of advice or spark of inspiration that will make the difference, careers is not a one off event and students need to continually develop their ideas about their future options through dialogue and planning. This is a good opportunity to network with a wide range of contacts both in work and education.

Year 11

In school this week Year 11 were shown a presentation on 16+ choices <u>Year 11 Career 2022-2023.pptx</u> and have been asked to answer a careers questionnaire on google classroom.

Opportunities bulletin

Careers 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: 30/09/2022 Sixth Form Careers opportunities



Open events		Many of the sixth forms and colleges have videos on their websites for you to explore what they offer
College/Sixth form	Date & time	
Hollyfield Sixth Form	Thursday 17th Nov 2022 6.	30-8.30pm
Kingston College	Sat 8th October 10am-1pm & 9th November 4.30-7pm Events & Open Days - Kingston College	
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Saturday 15th October 10am-2pm & Weds 19th October 5-8pm Register on: Open Events	
Esher College	Open day was in July. Book online for September tours <u>Esher</u> <u>College tours</u> (Deadline to apply for 2023 entry is 30th Sept)	
Nescot College (Epsom)	Weds 28th September 4.30-7.30pm & Sat 15th October 11am-2pm <u>Nescot Open Events</u> They offer animal care, construction & many more courses!	
BRIT School (Free performing arts school)	Thurs 29th Sept & October 12th between 2-7pm Brit school open events BOOK ONLINE	
Other Sixth Forms & Colleges	Check websites – usually late Sept, Oct and November	
Hollvfield Careers Fair	Thursday 13th October 2022 - 6.30-8.30pm for vr 11 students/parents	

Apprenticeships **apprenticeships** QUIDE

If you are interested in apprenticeships either at the end of Year 11 or the Sixth Form it would be worth you checking out <u>The Apprenticeship guide</u> This provides an introduction to Year 10 and 11 students interested in the apprenticeship route.

Just a reminder that apprenticeships can be available at a number of different levels.

Name	Level	Equivalent
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE's at a pass
Advanced	3	2 A level's at a pass
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's degree





An invitation from INVESTIN to a number of FREE online parents events: Events for parents These are live online seminars featuring career experts, designed to help parents amplify their children's career potential. The events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and are free to attend.

12th October: Making it in Medicine

Expert advice on how to get into medical school

16th November: Future-Proofing Students Preparing students for the jobs of the future

30th November: Finding a Future in Finance



GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

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

Form Tutor List The School Day Times Extra-Curricular Activities - Music 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 <u>RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk</u> 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 <u>https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/</u>.
- 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 <u>85258</u>.
- 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: <u>www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</u>. 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: <u>www.connectedkingston.uk</u>
- 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!"

inaston horat Calendar 2022-23 oocietu Saturday 19 November 2022 at 7.30pm All Saints Church, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1JP Monteverdi et al - Vespers for the Ascension with the Monteverdi String Band and the English Cornett & Sackbut Ensemble and Eli Soloists: Helen Ashby, Kate Ashby (soprano), Emma Ashby, Cara Curran (alto), Jo Benedict Hymas (tenor), James Arthur, Jimmy Hollidav (bass) Renderic Printias (teno), james Arthur, jimity Prolitica (taas) The Feast of the Ascension (Festa de la Sénsa) was, and remains, a major public celebration of Venice's glory, It culminates in the renewal of the ritual marriage between the city and the sea, as a symbolic gold ruin is thrown into the lagoon. This mouthwatering 'fantasy' Vespers, devised by Andrew Griffiths, brings together music from Monteverdi's later publications with sumptuous motests - including Glovanni Gabrieli and Glovanni Croce - reflection both the religious and political pomp of this lavish festival. Saturday 17 December 2022 at 7.30pm St Mark's Church, St Mark's Hill, Surbiton KT6 4LS Make we Merry - A Christmas Concert with Gavin Roberts - Plano and Organ With Gavin Roberts - Hano and organized out of the characteristic Saturday 25 March 2023 at 7.30pm All Saints Church, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1JP Haydn and Mozart with the Thames Sinfonia Haydn: Insanae et vanae curae Luigi Gatti / Haydn: Creation Mass Mozart: Mass in C Minor Tonight's programme features enduring delights from the classical reperto The Creation Mass is a tour de force – a glittering transformation of the ch oratorio into the form of a Mass by tallanc composer. Luigi Gatti. re, but with a twist! Saturday 24 June 2023 at 7.30pm St Andrew's Church, Maple Road, Surbiton KT6 4DS This Shining Night: Schubert, Barber, Lauridsen & Chilcott Gavin Roberts - Plano and Organ Radiant music for a midsummer evening, including four Schubert Part Songs, luscious settings by Samuel Barber and Morten Lauridsen of Sure on this Shining Night, and the beautiful Canticles of Light by Bob Chilcott.

Book KCS concert tickets

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

(booking fee applies)

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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.kingstonchoralsociety.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

You are also welcome to drop into our Open Rehearsals from 2.30pm on concert days

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 Griffiths 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 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.

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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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To help a parent Re-Connect contact Ingrid: 07873 592216 or email : re-connect@welcarekingston.org.uk