



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin 020 8339 4500

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

#### Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community,

I hope that you are all safe and well and enjoying the lovely weather we have been having. We have had a very busy week at school this week; we hosted our first open evening since my appointment and all thoroughly enjoyed it. We have received many emails of thanks from the community with many people being extremely commenting on how articulate, polite and welcoming our students were. I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved in the open evening, but especially to the students; you were wonderful. Well done.

Our open morning tours started this morning and it was great to meet some more Year 5 and Year 6 children and their parents. Our remaining tours were all fully booked, but as we are experiencing such high demand, we have added additional places to some of the tours. As always, these can be booked through our website.

Our Year 11 students and parents should have received their intervention schedule and revision guide material in preparation for their mock exams in November. Please do take the time to go through this with your child. If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to this or the mock exams, then please get in touch with Mr Winpenny, his email address is mwinpenny@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk he will be delighted to help.

Next week we are hosting our annual careers' fair for students in Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. It will run from 1830 - 2030 on Thursday 13 October. This is a really interesting event for the students and gives them an insight into different career pathways. I hope as many of our older students can attend as possible there is no need to book a place, just come along and enjoy the evening.

And finally, well done to all of the students who have been attending our extracurricular clubs. It's not too late to get involved, so I have included a link to our extra-curricular timetable for your information.

Wishing you all a relaxing 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......

- 7-17/10 Y6 Tours
- 12/10 Y11 Oxford Uni Trip
- 13/10 Careers Fair 6.30pm
- 18-19/10-Y11 Devising Performance Exam
- 19/10 Y11 Prog Rpt emailed to parents

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## **OTHER NOTICES**

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

## 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**

## **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.** 



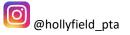
We are looking to build up a calendar of events for the coming months and year but this cannot happen without YOU. If you can offer some time, expertise, experience, ideas or enthusiasm then please come along to the next meeting or get in touch. These things are never done without your help.

## **Date of Next Meeting:**

Date - TBC

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.....

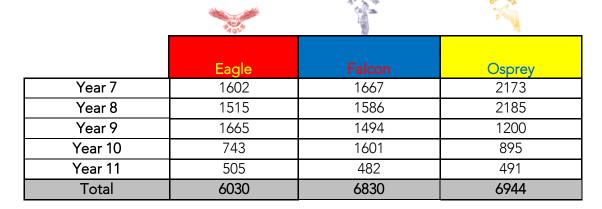
## TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 97.17%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7RSNE - 97.49% 8RHBL = 95.57% 9BKME = 97.59% 10BDMI = 96.64% 11RMFO = 94.16%

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

## **HOUSE POINTS**



## **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 10 October Year 11 Assembly - Hall

Year 12 Assembly – Common room

Open Day Tour – 9.15am, 11.05am & 1.30pm

Tuesday 11 October Year 7 Assembly - Hall

Year 13 Assembly – Common Room

Open Day Tour – 1.30pm

Wednesday 12 October Year 11 Oxford University Trip

Open Day Tour – 1.30pm

Thursday 13 October Year 9 Assembly - Hall

Careers Fair – 6.30-8.30pm

Friday 14 October Year 10 Assembly - Hall

Open Day Tour – 9.15am and 11.05am

## FORTHCOMING DATES

7-17 October – Year 6 Tours

12 October – Year 11 Oxford University Trip

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	1136
Year 8	957
Year 9	851
Year 10	805
Year 11	164

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

7rSNE	260
8bHBL	186
9rMLE	168
10bJTU	257
11bEFO	37

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Charlie B
Year 8	Arlo P
Year 9	Louai K
Year 10	Hannah K
Year 11	Tommy-Lee G

## **CAREERS INFORMATION**



Careers Briefing - October 7 2022 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)





## Careers Fair Thursday 13 October 2022 - 6.30-8.30pm

The aim of the evening is to get students talking and thinking about their future. However, even if the job, occupational or careers area is not represented there will be the opportunity to talk to a wide variety of people from different business and educational backgrounds.

One important strand of good careers' education is for young people to have multiple opportunities to engage with employers, universities, colleges and apprentices and this evening provides this chance. Recent research has shown that students who have the opportunity to meet with employers on a regular basis are five times as likely to gain employment.

This careers evening is also a great opportunity for students to build their confidence in networking skills and for Sixth Formers to meet potential work experience contacts. We have representatives from:

- Armed Forces, Police and Fire Service
- Property Services and Building industry
- Finance and banking
- Medicine and Healthcare
- Engineering
- Computing & Technology
- Media and TV
- The Creative Industries
- The Law
- Hairdressing
- Sport
- Sciences
- Government
- Apprenticeship Providers
- Universities
- Colleges & HF Sixth Form

Please see link for the assembly Mr Poole delivered to Year 11 this week about the event: Future Careers Fair Presentation.pptx

## Careers opportunities

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: <u>06/10/2022 Sixth Form Careers opportunities</u>



## Interested In the Law? Find out more about Solicitor Apprenticeships

On Tuesday 11 October from 5:00pm - 6:00pm the organisation Young professionals are hosting an online event with international law firm Charles Russell Speechlys. Charles Russell Speechlys are a top 30 law firm headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East with revenues of £120 million.

Solicitor Apprenticeships are as rare as Mentoring and Work Experience placements within the legal profession. This is your chance to hear from global law firm Charles Russell Speechlys and discover how



you can join their exciting school leaver programs open to Y12 & Y13 students across the U.K. Sign up here: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Z9QJN">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/73Z9QJN</a>

## Work experience opportunities Year 10-Year 13



Allied Healthcare Mentor's next NHS virtual work experience session is on **Sunday 6 November.** These are suitable for students from Year 10-13 however if you are in the Sixth form and interested in a career in Medicine they are more important!

With the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers in January, students in Year 13 considering a career in allied healthcare need to gain as much work experience as

possible. We strongly encourage all students (including those who attended October's session) to register. No two work experience days are the same. Students can register for November's session using this link: Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme



We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their parents/carers to our Open Events for the Academic Year 2023-24. The first events for this academic year are below:

South Thames College Merton College Carshalton College Kingston College	Saturday 15 October, 10am-1pm Wednesday 19 October, 5pm-7pm	Register here Register here Register here Register here
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Open ev	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. Applications closed for 2023 entry
Nescot College (Epsom)	Sat 15th October 11am-2pm Nescot Open Events They offer animal care, construction & many more courses!
Other Sixth Forms & Colleges	Check websites – usually late Sept, Oct and November
Brooklands College	Tuesday 11th October 4.30- 7.00pm(Weybridge Campus) School Leaver Courses



## **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 <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 <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 <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: <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/">www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</a>. 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 www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/corona-virus

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.uk

(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



follow our Facebook page @KingstonChoralSociety



or follow us on Twitter @KingstonChoir



#### 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.



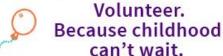
As well as exploring new music from Britain, Ireland and the United States we will be revisiting much loved Schubert, Mozart and Haydn masterpieces – but with an intriguing surprise element.

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.









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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