



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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"There is a distinct sense of community in the school" Ofsted 2020

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed the extra few days with your children. I also hope that the students have enjoyed their return to school.

Of course, the clocks have gone back and it is getting darker earlier in the evening. We have reminded pupils of the importance of road safety as drivers' visibility is limited in the dark, please can I ask all parents to reinforce this message at home as well.

On Thursday 17 November we will be hosting our sixth form open evening. I hope all of our Year 11 students will attend. It's a great opportunity to see the courses we offer, speak to the sixth form team and subject teachers and see some of our sixth form areas. In order to prepare for the evening, the school will close early to all year groups. Lessons will finish at the end of period 4, which is at 12:40pm. School will open at the normal time the following day on Friday 18 November.

And finally, our Year 11 students began their mock exams this week and Year 13 will begin them in the next few weeks. We wish all of the students the very best of luck with these exams and hope they are able make the most of the experience.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Ms A Jackson
Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

6 September to 16 December
(Inset Day – 5-6 Sept & 31 Oct -
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

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- 8/11 – Y12/13 Physics Conf
- 8/11 – Y9 STEM Trip
- 14-18/11 – Y13 WTM Week
- 16/11 – Y10 Jack Petchey W/shop
- 17/11 – Sixth Form Open Eve

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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 12.40pm.

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.

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

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.

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



IN SAFE HANDS

Welcome back to school and welcome back to our weekly safeguarding update for parents and students, *In Safe Hands*.

In the past week the staff team have all completed Level 2 safeguarding training, this means everyone has a good understanding of the signs and risks of harm as well as the knowledge of how to offer the right support. And the support is out there!

In terms of safeguarding legislation, a child is considered to be a young person 18 or under.

If you are ever worried about a child, you may have noticed a change in behaviour or the child may have shared something that concerns you, you are welcome to get in contact with the safeguarding team here at school. Similarly, you can contact Kingston Children's Services on the Single Point of Access phone line, 020 8547 5008.

The Single Point of Access is a multi-agency team, managed by our local authority, Achieving for Children. They work closely with a wide range of teams and partner agencies and facilitate different levels of support depending on the needs of the child. These agencies may include education, health, youth support and services, police and the range of support that is on offer includes:

- Access to Early Help Services including Family Support
- Providing advice regarding further referrals such as to Children and Adult Mental Health Services
- Making referrals to Children's Social Care Services to access social care.
- Help with school attendance through the Education Welfare Services (EWO).

In school we have a responsibility to contact SPA when a child discloses a concern to us, from our experience the social care team are very supportive and work to help families through challenging situations.

Once again, for your information, the key contacts are:

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.richmond.sch.uk

Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.richmond.sch.uk

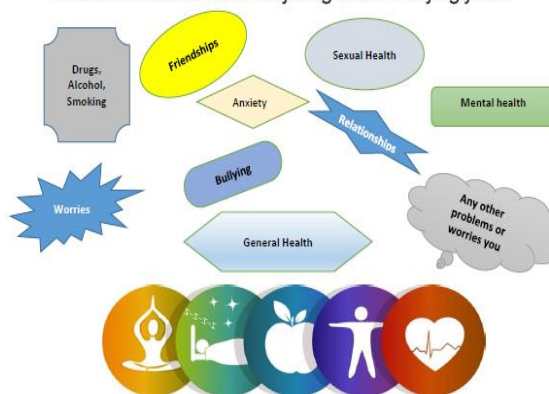
Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.

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....





HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

BIG PTA CHRISTMAS CASH DRAW



We are excited to join The Big PTA Cash Draw. After the last 18 months, we are determined to get our fundraising back on track and this is an opportunity to have some fun and raise money for our school. For every ticket purchased, you will have 6 chances to win up to £5,000!* At the same time, we will raise 50% from every ticket sold supporting our PTA. It's a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our PTA, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children – we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment, as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck! Buy your tickets [here!](#)



Pre-worn Uniform Store and Donations



We opened the **Pre-Worn School Uniform store** on 15 October and were able to help almost 30 families with replacing lost items or those bits of uniform that have been outgrown or worn out.

To enable us to keep helping our school community we rely on donation of quality pre-worn items. If you have any that you are happy to donate these can be dropped in the bins just inside the Albury main doors.

If your child has lost or outgrown their uniform or PE kit please drop us a [line](#) or visit us when we next open the store and see if we can help.

When emailing, tell us which items you need, **including the size and style**. Please include your child's name so that we can label it for them. When we are available to get to school we will see if we can help and will then leave in the school reception for you or your child to collect.

Please understand that this may be slower as we are volunteers who are not in school everyday.



This is a really simple way to help raise funds for the PTA in order to support the school and students. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding - [click](#)



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www.hollyfieldpta.org

PTA Website

There are lots of ways of finding out about the PTA and what we are up to - website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and two email addresses.... they are all linked at the foot of each page....

Year 7 Parents and Students

A little advanced notice for the newest members of our community... we are planning a special event just for you and your children. A chance to indulge in a little healthy competition and enjoy a chance to socialise with other parents... keep a eye open for a notice coming soon!!

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 8 November - Venue TBC - 7pm to 8.30pm

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.



HOLLYFIELD PARENTS
Do you shop here?

Logos of various retailers: THE HOLLYFIELD SCHOOL, M&S, currys, George., Dunelm, WHSmith, W, Argos, Nike, Boots, Groupon, amazon.co.uk, audible, ebay, Apple, Hallmarks, GAME, John Lewis, ATG TICKETS, lastminute.com, Snapfish, JD, SPORTS DIRECT.com, Blacks, Clarks, Boden, very, asos, Debenhams.com, moonpig.

IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT YOU DO

Did you know that if you purchase the things you buy with them through **easyfundraising** they will donate up to 10% directly to The Hollyfield School PTA? Create an account here www.easyfundraising.org.uk/create-an-account/. Search for The Hollyfield School PTA and click 'Support This Cause'. Add the donation reminder to your browser. Pin the reminder so you don't forget. Whenever you shop always go through the extension (click the  icon) and you're good to go!

1. JOIN
Your cause gets FREE donations

2. SHOP
Visit retailers and then shop online as normal

3. RAISE
Your cause then receives free funds



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THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 96.96%.
The top form group within each year this week is:

7BLWI – 98.33%
8RCVA = 96.88%
9BKME = 99.24%
10RBEJ = 99.12%
11RMFO = 97.04%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	2478	2590	3424
Year 8	2271	2351	2814
Year 9	2366	1684	1785
Year 10	1101	2481	1218
Year 11	809	1071	753
Total	9025	10177	9994

NEXT WEEK

Monday 7 November	Year 11 Assembly - Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common room Year 12 7 13 GCSE Maths Paper Resit
Tuesday 8 November	Year 7 Assembly - Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room A Level Physics Live Conference Year 9 STEM Trip – Kingston University PTA Meeting – 7pm
Wednesday 9 November	Year 8 Assembly - Hall
Thursday 10 November	Year 9 Assembly - Hall
Friday 11 November	Year 10 Assembly - Hall Year 12 Safe Drive Stay Alive Performance Remembrance Service

FORTHCOMING DATES

8 November – Year 12/13 A Level Physics Conference
8 November – Year 9 STEM Kingston University Trip (10am-2pm)
14-18 November – Year 13 Walking Talking Mock Week
16 November – Year 10 Jack Petchey Workshop (9.00am-3.00pm)
17 November – Sixth Form Open Evening - Early closure from 12.40pm

18 November – Year 12/13 A Level Biology Conference
 21 – 25 November - Year 13 Trial Exams
 21 November – 2 December – Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
 24 November – Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews – 3.30-6.30pm
 25 November – Year 7/ 8 Progress Report emailed to parents
 5 December – Year 11 GCSE Geography Trip (Hyde Park - All Day)
 12-14 December – Year 11 Compulsory Computing
 12-16 December – Year 12 Walking Talking Mock Week
 13 December – Christmas Carol Concert (tbc)
 14 December – CAS Day
 15 December – Year 12 Report emailed to parents
 16 December – Year 11 Trial Exam Report emailed to parents
 16 December – End of Term – dismissal from 12.00pm

 19 December 2022 – 2 January 2023 – Christmas Holiday

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	1317
Year 8	971
Year 9	623
Year 10	767
Year 11	203

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

7rSNE	299
8bHRO	205
9bKME	138
10bJTU	282
11bRLO	45

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Ocean W
Year 8	Riley B
Year 9	Beau B
Year 10	Jacob F
Year 11	Sarah F

This half term in Science

Last week was Biology week, showcasing the important and amazing world of the biosciences. Thank you to the number of students that entered the Great Biology Bake Off and the Bio Art Attack competition. The winner of the Great Biology Bake Off was Amelia W in 7LWI and the winner of the Bio Art Attack was Joshua P, also in 7LWI. Well done to both of you!!!



Year 7 Science club is up and running again this year on Thursday afternoons 3:05pm to 3:50pm in S2. So far this year, they have investigated with Water Rockets and Oobleck. Yesterday, we had ten students dissecting eyeballs. Year 7s, if you are interested in science, please see Mrs Wylie or come to S2 on Thursday straight after school.



Within lessons, we are well and truly in full force:

Sixth form

All 3 sciences are running a trip to the Science Live conferences next half term. A level Chemistry on Thursday 3 November, A level Physics on Tuesday 8 November, A level Biology on Friday 18 November. They are also preparing for the Year 13 mocks in November.

KS4

Y11 students are preparing for their first set of mocks with their Biology exam on 2nd November. All 3 science exams will cover Paper 1 content in these exams. Year 10 students have been engaging in the full GCSE Science course this year, hitting the ground running with Infection and Response in Biology, Atomic Structure In Physics and Quantitative Chemistry. Well done on a great start to the year. Keep the momentum going.

KS3

Year 7 students have completed their introduction unit with their first assessed task in graph drawing. Well done to a super start in Secondary Science. Year 8 students presented some incredibly creative species for their first assessed piece of work. Year 9 students have started their GCSE Science course this year, starting with Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table. Well done to a solid start to their studies, let's keep building on that.

Thank you to the Open Evening helpers: **Jeet, Arthur, Arlo, Kassia** and **Amy**. They ensured that our demonstrations and practical components went off without a hitch.

This half term's star is: **Frank H** in Year 10 for fantastic focus and being a quantitative chemistry whizz. Well done Frank!

CAREERS INFORMATION

CAREERS

Careers Briefing - November 4 2022 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

A last word on the careers fair that took place before half term. The feedback from the guests was very positive and they commented on how engaged many of our students were during the evening. Just some of the comments from employers:

"The Students were well informed and curious / inquisitive about their possible next steps."

"They were all asking the right questions, were so presentable and were honestly interested in what we had to say!" Well done to all those students who attended!

We are hoping to organise more events like this during the year.



One of the employers who attended was Chris James, who is the owner of company Visiting Angels, is running a series of talks. He mentioned that there might be some students who are studying Health and Social Care might be interested in the talk on Understanding Menopause. This is a free event and is open to everyone, There is a link here to book your place too ([Menopause: Is HRT the answer? What else can we do ? Tickets, Wed 9 Nov 2022 at 13:00 | Eventbrite](#))" ...

Weekly opportunities bulletin: [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 4 November](#)

Just some of the highlights....

Kingston University Saturday Clubs - An exciting opportunity for Year 10 students!

**Kingston
University
London**

There will be two clubs running in 2023 - **Science and Engineering** as well as **Art and Design** - both being completely free to successful applicants (except for individual travel costs to and from the clubs).

Saturday Clubs offer an exciting opportunity for students interested in learning and exploring more about the respective subject areas across a wide range of topics. Making use of industry leading facilities, with expert tuition, alongside Kingston University Student Ambassadors and other Year 10s from a limited

number of local schools. To apply pupils and parents/carers must both complete an application form:

Pupils: <https://forms.office.com/r/HLzMM85Vd>

Parents/Carers: <https://forms.office.com/r/bDHsWKvAW4>

- Application deadline is Monday 5th December 2022
- Decisions will be emailed by Thursday 8th December 2022

Work experience opportunities Year 10-Year 13

Allied Healthcare Mentor's next NHS virtual work experience session is on **Sunday 6th 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. 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](#)

Capel Manor College

For those students seeking either land based or animal care courses it would be worth investigating [Capel Manor College](#)



Capel Manor Colleges cover 6 campus across London and offer a wide range of full and part time courses in areas such as agriculture, animal managements, arboriculture, dog grooming, floristry, garden design and horticulture, wildlife & environmental conservation.

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	9th November 4.30-7pm Events & Open Days - Kingston College
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Tuesday 8th November 5-8pm Register on: Open Events
Esher College	Open day was in July. Applications closed for 2023 entry
Nescot College (Epsom)	Weds 23rd November 4.30-7.30pm 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	Sat 19th November 10-1pm (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 [here](#) 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: [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](tel:08001111).
- 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](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel: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](tel:08082000247)/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: www.kingston.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Connected Kingston information on how to stay well at home: www.connectedkingston.uk
- Citizens Advice www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/corona-virus



Maths for Parents

Better support your children with their maths schoolwork

- Six sessions to help you brush up on common school maths topics
- Sessions are during school hours

Maths for Parents: Secondary School Maths

November 2022 Course:

Mondays
12:45 - 14:45
Starts: 7/11/22
Ends: 12/12/22

Maths for Parents: Primary School Maths

November 2022 Course:

Wednesdays
12:45 - 14:45
Starts: 9/11/22
Ends 14/12/22

Where: Hook Centre, Chessington

Cost: These are free courses

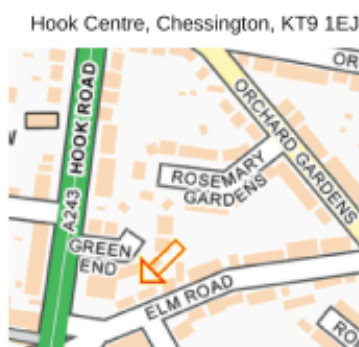
How do I sign up?

Complete the form here:
<https://bit.ly/multiply-kae>

or email:
englishandmaths@kingston.gov.uk

or call:
07511045124

Please note you must be living in London, aged 19 or over and not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths.



Multiply



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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IN THE KINGSTON COMMUNITY.



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

Family Transitions Triple P



Family Transitions Triple P is designed for parents experiencing personal distress from separation or divorce, which is impacting on or complicating their parenting. It consists of five group sessions.

Session 1: Divorce - a family transition

Session 2: Coping with emotions (1)

Session 3: Coping with emotions (2)

Session 4: Managing conflict

Session 5: Balancing work, family and play

Family Transitions Triple P helps parents who need extra support to adjust and manage the transition from a two-parent family to a single-parent family. It focuses on skills to resolve conflicts with former partners and how to cope positively with stress.

Who is it for? Parents who benefit from this program are those who have or are going through separation and divorce where there are unresolved conflicts and difficulties communicating effectively with former partners.

Parents may be concerned that the separation or divorce is upsetting the children or they may want to learn ways to talk to their children about it and teach them ways to cope. Parents who do this course usually have concurrent concerns about their child's behaviour.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Karen Williams.

E: karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk

T: 07771 974388



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