



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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020 8339 4500

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

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed your week. I will begin with a few reminders: on Thursday 17 November we have our sixth form open evening. This is a great opportunity for Year 11 students and their parents to come along and see the sixth form, but to also hear from the sixth form team and talk to teachers about the different subjects we have on offer. The evening begins at 6.00pm and finishes at 8.00pm. I look forward to seeing you all there. In order to prepare for the event, the school will be closing to all students at the end of period 4 (12:40pm) and will reopen as normal on Friday morning.

In addition to the sixth form open evening, we also have a number of other events next week. Our Year 11 students will be sitting their mock MFL speaking exams as we begin our mock exam timetable, our A level biology students will be attending a biology conference, and some of our Year 10 students will be taking part in a Jack Petchey workshop on public speaking. Well done to all of those involved.

As parents will know, before half term we launched our offer of residential trips. We have offered all students in Year 7 – Year 10 the opportunity to attend a residential this year and the trips have proven to be very popular. In addition to this, we have launched our ski trips which will run in February 2024. Our original offer was for students in Year 7 and Year 8 to go skiing in Europe and for those in Year 9 – Year 12 to go skiing in Canada.

Thanks to the parents of older students who have written to me to ask if we could explore the options of a European trip for the older year groups as well, to reduce the environment impact and cost.

With that in mind, I'm very happy to explore alternative options which may enable more students to participate in the trip. I cannot guarantee that I will be able to make these work, but I will work alongside the travel company over the next week and write to parents with news of any updated offers by the end of November. I appreciate that there may be parents reading this who have booked a place on the Canada trip for their child. At this stage, we still plan for this trip to go ahead, we are simply looking at alternatives as well. Thank you in advance for your patience.

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

..... Stop Press.....

- 16/11–Y10 Jack Petchey W/shop
- 17/11 – Early closure 12.40pm
- 17/11 – Sixth Form Open Eve
- 18/11 Biology Conference

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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

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.kingston.sch.uk

Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.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



LOADS OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!!!

£5,000 top prize!!

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!](#)



Help us to help the school to help our children by subscribing to easyfundraising....

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](#)

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

Friday 20 January 2023

Keep the date free for an exclusive quiz for parents and students in year 7... a fun night where you can compete with teachers and your children for a chance to win the coveted title of Quiz Champions.

Details to follow...



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www.hollyfieldpta.org

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 6 December - Waggon and Horses, Surbiton - 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?

IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT YOU DO

Did you know that if you purchase the things you buy with them through [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) they will donate upto 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 96.81%.
The top form group within each year this week is:

7RSNE– 100%
8RRHU = 98.67%
9REWE = 97.93%
10BBRO= 96.30%
11BRLO= 96.88%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	2831	3000	4027
Year 8	2702	2952	3547
Year 9	2366	1898	2171
Year 10	2839	2897	1451
Year 11	892	1147	854
Total	11630	11894	12050

NEXT WEEK

Monday 14 November	Year 11 Assembly - Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common room Year 11 Mock French & Spanish Speaking Exams
Tuesday 15 November	Year 7 Assembly - Hall Year 11 Mock French & Spanish Speaking Exams
Wednesday 16 November	Year 8 Assembly - Hall Year 11 Mock French & Spanish Speaking Exams Year 10 Jack Petchey Workshop
Thursday 17 November	Year 9 Assembly - Hall Early Closure – 12.40pm Sixth Form Open Evening – 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 18 November	Year 10 Assembly - Hall A Level Biology Conference

FORTHCOMING DATES

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 Walking Talking Mock Week
21 November – 2 December – Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
25 November – Year 7/ 8 Progress Report emailed to parents

28 November – 2 December - Year 13 Trial Exams
 5 December – Year 11 GCSE Geography Trip (Hyde Park - All Day)
 5 & 7 December – Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews – 3.30-6.30pm
 8 December – Year 7-9 Nasal Flu Vaccine
 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	1370
Year 8	1767
Year 9	1387
Year 10	808
Year 11	268

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

7rSNE	356
8bRHU	534
9bMLE	266
10bDMI	213
11bMFO	55

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Lucia M A
Year 8	Dylan S
Year 9	Roxy H
Year 10	Akshay S
Year 11	Jamie L S

MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE



Chess competition

21 November 2022




Lunchtime

Room 06

Please sign up using QR code
Please sign up by the 16th November



Link for google form signup: <https://forms.gle/pGwDQ5jneTGKLEtj6>



Drawing Competition 2022

You are allowed to draw whatever subject matter you wish but all entries must be done in **PENCIL** only.

Size A4 or A3

Open to year 7, 8 and 9. The winner will receive a fantastic selection of Art materials!
If you take part you will always win house points for your house.

Hand your entry to your Art teacher by
Wednesday 30th November

CAREERS INFORMATION

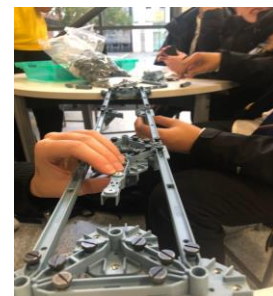
CAREERS

Careers Briefing - November 11 2022
by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 9 Visit to Kingston University

Kingston University
London

Last week a group of Year 9s visited Kingston University to take part in a STEM day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). During the day the group had a tour of the university campus; a talk about STEM Careers and also took part in some practical activities such as bridge building and using Virtual Reality headsets, to do a lesson on the structure of molecules - which was amazing! A big thank you to Mr Poole and Ms Offord for organising the trip and hopefully many of the students were inspired by their experience.



Hollyfield Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 17 October

Hollyfield Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 17th November from 6.00- 8.00p.m. This event is open to all Y10 and Y11 Hollyfield students, external students and any of their friends and family who wish to attend. There will be two talks from the sixth form team about life at Hollyfield Sixth Form and the enrolment process at 6.30p.m and 7.30p.m in the sixth form common room.

Across the site all of the A Level and BTEC subjects that we offer at Hollyfield Sixth Form will have a stall on the day with key information about their subjects and present Y12 and Y13 students who are taking that subject. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to find out more about subjects they are interested in pursuing beyond GCSE. But it is also a chance to find out about new subjects that they may not know very much about such as Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology, Photography, Government and Politics and Economics.



The sixth form opportunities bulletin: [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 11 November](#)

Many of the opportunities can be accessed by the lower school so see some of the highlights below.....

On Monday 14 November from 5:00pm - 6:00pm we will be hosting an exclusive virtual event with British Airways to showcase the huge range of career opportunities that are available to you after school! Registration: [British Airways Insight Event Survey](#)



It's an exciting time to be at British Airways. They're growing their global route network, investing in their fleet, and transforming the experience they offer their customers. From Customer Service to Aircraft Engineering, you needn't know everything about the world, or even be well-travelled! Provided you're curious, mindful and open to new experiences, you can make a real impact from day one.

Their Apprenticeship opportunities appeal to the adventurous and those who want to start earning right away, whilst getting a head start in their careers. Whether you aspire to work in their global head office, be face to face with customers at Heathrow Airport, or behind the scenes in their engineering and operations teams, there's an opportunity for you. Discover where a career with British Airways could take you. This event will be held virtually Zoom, so you can tune in from anywhere in the country!



Tuesday November 15, 2022, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Register: [How to get into the Games Industry 2022; advice from industry experts](#)

The global games market is a \$159 billion industry, with 2.7 billion people globally playing video games, with it being one of the few industries to see growth as a result of Covid-19, and now nearly 50,000 people work across the UK's games development, publishing and retail sectors.

The live streamed event will feature speakers from acclaimed games companies Unity (Unity engine), Double 11 (Minecraft Dungeons, Rust, Goat Simulator), Into Games, Team 17 (Worms, Overcooked, Golf with Your Friends) and Ubisoft (Assassin's Creed, Far Cry).

Escape Studios, Abertay University, University of Liverpool and Salford University will also talk about the games courses they offer, and be available online for the event duration to answer any questions.

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



There will be two clubs running in 2023 - **Science and Engineering as well as Art and Design** - both being completely free to successful applicants. 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:

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

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

Application deadline is Monday 5 December 2022

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

November Fayre

- Come along to our Group's Fayre
- Meet the leaders and Exec members
 - Play some table top games and tombola's
 - Browse our stalls
 - Take your chance on the raffle or lucky envelope game



Saturday 19th November 2022
2pm - 4pm
The Royal British Legion,
Surbiton



www.1sttolworthscouts.org.uk
charity No. 1040958



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POLICE

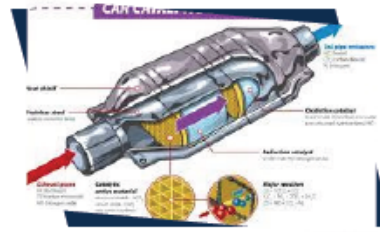
Catalytic Converter Marking Event

HOLYFIELD SCHOOL,
SURBITON, KY6 4TU

SATURDAY
19th
NOV 22

12:00 - 15:00

We welcome residents to attend where we will have a number of officers eagerly waiting to mark their catalytic converters.



THIS IS A DRIVE TO REDUCE CATALYTIC CONVERTER
THEFTS

Contact Us
SurbitonHill.SNT@met.police.uk
Berlands.SNT@met.police.uk
StMarks.SNT@met.police.uk

JOIN US! **SAT**
19TH NOV



ITS BEEN A DIFFICULT 12 MONTHS FOR FAMILIES.

ARE YOU WORKING WITH A PARENT IN NEED OF A LITTLE EXTRA SUPPORT ?
RE-CONNECT AIMS TO OFFER BOTH EMOTIONAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO KINGSTON PARENTS, LENDING A LISTENING EAR WHILST SIGNPOSTING TO HELPFUL RESOURCES IN THE KINGSTON COMMUNITY.



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



**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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Maths for Parents Courses

Better support your children with their maths schoolwork
Review the curriculum and methods used in schools

Our Next Course is:

Maths for Parents: Secondary School Maths (Part 1)

Wednesday Evenings

18:45 - 21:15

Starts: 16/11/22

Ends: 14/12/22

Secondary School Maths (Part 1) aims to cover the following topics at Key Stage 3 and 4: Multiplication; Division; Percentages; Fractions; Algebra

Where: Hook Centre, Chessington

Cost: These are free courses

How do I sign up?

Visit or click on the link below to complete the form:

<https://bit.ly/multiply-kae>

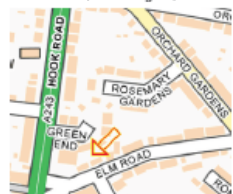
or scan the QR code:



For help or more information, please email:
englishandmaths@kingston.gov.uk
or call: 07511045124

Please note you must be living in London, have been living in the UK for 3 years, be aged 19 or over, and not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths.

Hook Centre, Chessington, KT9 1EJ



Multiply

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

**achieving
for children**

Saturday 19 November 2022, 7.30pm

All Saints Church, Market Place,
Kingston upon Thames KT1 1JP

Open Rehearsal 2.30 - 4pm



Venetian Vespers for the Ascension

Including music by Monteverdi and the Gabriels

Helen Ashby, Kate Ashby Soprano

Emma Ashby, Cara Curran Alto

Jonathan Hanley, Benedict Hymas Tenor

James Arthur, Jimmy Holliday Bass

Andrew Griffiths Conductor

with the Monteverdi String Band and the
English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble

TICKETS

£8 - £16 from 020 8390 3252

www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk or at the door

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FESTIVE FUN DAY

Pre-sale
tickets only
(no tickets will be
sold on the day)

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 12-4 PM

- ★ Meet our festive farm animals
- ★ Storytime with Santa
- ★ Festive crafts and face painting
- ★ Meet our festive pony
- ★ Festive stalls
- ★ Containment puzzle zone
- ★ Warming refreshments and more...

Pre-sale ticket prices:

Family - up to 2 adults & 2 children	£30.00
Adults	£9.00
Children (2-16yrs old) & Concessions	£8.00
Children under 2	FREE

Please note there may be additional charges for some activities at the event.

No dogs please (except assistance dogs)

For tickets visit: www.merristwoodevents.co.uk

For information Email: mwevents@guildford.ac.uk or Call: 07867 14 27 88

Kingston Choral Society
Autumn Concert
 Saturday 19 November 2022



Venetian Vespers for the Ascension

Helen Ashby, Kate Ashby Soprano
Emma Ashby, Cara Curran Alto
Jonathan Hanley, Benedict Hymas Tenor
James Arthur, Jimmy Holliday Bass

with the **Monteverdi String Band** and the
English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble

Andrew Griffiths Conductor

The Feast of the Ascension (*Festa de la Sènsa*) 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 ring is thrown into the lagoon. This mouth-watering 'fantasy' Vespers, devised by **Andrew Griffiths**, brings together music from **Monteverdi's** later publications with sumptuous motets – including by **Giovanni Gabrieli, Andrea Gabrieli** and **Giovanni Croce** – reflecting both the religious and political pomp of this lavish festival.

Kingston Choral Society recently celebrated its 250th concert with a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, the work with which the Society was launched in 1950. It has developed a strong reputation both for high standards and adventurous programming, mixing familiar classics with lesser-known gems; recent performances include Bach's *St John Passion* and *B Minor Mass*, Haydn's *Creation* and Verdi's *Requiem* at Cadogan Hall, Howells' *Hymnus Paradisi*, Jonathan Dove's *Missa Brevis*, Dyson's *Sweet Thames, Run Softly*, Stanford's *Elegiac Ode*, and the world premiere of Graham Ross' *And since to look at things in bloom*.

The choir numbers about 100 enthusiastic singers from Kingston and its environs. It gives several concerts each year, at least two with professional orchestras and soloists of the highest calibre. Find out more at www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk

Andrew Griffiths is a highly sought-after choral conductor, renowned for his vibrant, imaginative and eclectic programming, and his inspirational work with professional and amateur groups alike. He regularly broadcasts and records with the BBC Singers, and has conducted the BBC Symphony Chorus, New London Chamber Choir and the choirs at Dartington Summer School. Equally busy in the world of opera, he has conducted productions for The Royal Opera, Royal Ballet, Welsh National Opera and Opera North, and is currently Head Coach at the National Opera Studio. He also sings as a member of the Gramophone Award-winning vocal consort *Stile Antico*.

New members welcome

If you enjoy singing and would like to take part in our concerts, please come along to a rehearsal and see if you would like to join. There is a brief voice test if you decide to apply. Rehearsals are at The Hollyfield School, Surbiton, on Thursday evenings (term-time only) from 8pm to 10pm. For more details contact the Membership Secretary on 020 8949 5253 or email join@kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk

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