

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 that you are well and enjoying the World Cup!

We have had another busy week in school. Our lower school and Year 12 students were given the opportunity to watch the England match on Monday and were treated to an eight goal thriller! As always, the students were well-behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to watch the match. Alongside this, students have had assemblies this week about some of the issues being talked about in the media linked to the World Cup. Next week we will follow this up by learning all about Qatar in tutor times.

Our Year 11 students have been completing their mock exams this week. They have tackled these exams with maturity and commitment and I am sure we will see more of the same from them next week as there are still a few more papers to complete. Our Year 13 students begin their mock exams next week, we wish them all the very best of luck with these.

A few weeks ago, I wrote to parents, via the ebulletin to explain that I would try my best to respond to parental requests about the ski trip. To summarise, parents of students in Year 9 – Year 12 had asked me to explore the option of a European ski trip in the hope that it would provide a more affordable alternative to the Canadian ski trip we are currently offering. Today I have written to all parents in Year 9 – Year 12 with details of a trip that meets these requirements. I have also written to those parents who have secured a place on the Canadian trip for their child to explain their options around this. I have included links to both letters here, for your reference:

#### <u>Italy</u> <u>Canada</u>

And finally, we are approaching the end of term. Excitement is mounting for the CAS day on Wednesday 14 December. Some parents have been in touch about the recently announced rail strikes on that day and the impact on our trips. Mr Bonehill and his team are working hard to come up with ways to transport the students to their trips without the need for rail travel. He will be in touch with parents next week to update them on the plans. As always, the last day of term (Friday 16 December) will be an early closure for students with students being dismissed in phases between 12pm and 12:15pm. It will also be a mufti day with a Christmas jumper theme. We will post further details of this in next week's ebulletin.

I hope you all enjoy the 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

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

above)

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......

- 5/12 Y11 Geog Trip
- 5 & 7/12 Y11 6° Form Interviews
- 8/12 Y7-9 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 12-14/12 Y11 Comp Comp

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#### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### Flu Vaccination

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu and is offered to years 7 through to 9. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. There may be a rebound in flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

If you wish your child to have the vaccination please complete an online consent form via this link: (one for each child) <a href="https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2022/kingston">https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2022/kingston</a>

SCHOOL SESSION DATE: 08/12/2022

LINK WILL CLOSE: 05/12/2022 - Please complete to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

#### Medical Health Care Plans

Please can we remind all parents to complete a MHCP for any student with a medical condition if you have not already done so. Also, if there are any changes to a current plan please complete and submit a new MHCP so we can update our records. You can <u>print a form</u> and return it to school.

#### <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.

#### 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



## IN SAFE HANDS

#### The Cost of Living Crisis

In the UK 1 in 5 people live in poverty and this figure will only rise during the cost of living crisis. It is a concern for many of our families and indeed our students, especially as the winter months and Christmas season approaches. The following video, <u>click here</u>, gives a good insight into living in poverty and what this means.

Over the next few months there may well be parents/carers who will be without work for the first time in their lives, and they may still be struggling to pay bills, rent or mortgages, and not know how to ask for support.

At Hollyfield we are here to help you where we can. If you are struggling financially and this is impacting home life and possibly school life for your child, such as difficulty paying for clubs, trips, resources or uniform - please let us know. You can do this by sending an email or making a call to speak to someone in the Safeguarding Team or your child's Head of Year or Tutor. We may be able to help you with the school related expenses or we may be able to put you in touch with a local support group or charity who can help with other financial worries. Here are a few local groups who offer financial support.

Citizens Advice Richmond
Citizens Advice Kingston
BBC Children In Need Emergency Essentials Programme
Connected Kingston website
Richmond council Cost of Living Support Hub
Kingston Council Cost of Living Support Hub
Richmond Winter Warmth Home Service







# **HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS**

Hello Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to raise your awareness of how you can help raise funds for the PTA with very little effort. These funds are used to support our students in their journey through Hollyfield in various ways, whether that is funding the Big Read books for new year 7 students or helping provide snacks and food before exams for those nearing the end of their school careers.

We are in strange and difficult economic times and budgets are being stretched across the board but you can still help through the the schemes listed below or by buying raffle tickets for the Big PTA Cash Draw. As one of the organisations that has helped us in the past - every little helps.

We are hosting the sale of Christmas trees again this year and we will have on site sales on the following weekends - 26 and 27 November, 3 and 4 December and 10 and 11 December. We will be opening the site from 9am until 4pm each day. Every sale will see a donation made to the PTA.

If you are not able to make it or prefer to get your tree from Tolworth Court Farm then you will find a voucher in ParentMail that will not only give you a discount but also a donation to the PTA too.

Finally, if you are coming to the carol concert this year we will be there serving festive drinks and some hot food to help the evening along.

Thanks
Your PTA Committee.

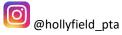


# STILL LOADS OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!!! £5,000 top prize and raise money for our school too!!

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 <a href="here!">here!</a>

















#### https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/about

Every time you shop at Amazon... many of us do... then by using Amazon Smile a small donation is made every time you purchase a qualifying item. It really is that easy. The link above gives you details of how to start so that every time you shop The Hollyfield PTA gets a little donation from Amazon.



#### THE NAME OF THE SCHEME SAYS IT ALL!!

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...

#### 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, meet new people 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 96.54%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA - 96.45% 8bLCA = 95.63% 9rEWE = 96.21% 10rBEJ = 94.12% 11rMFO = 97.94%

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

# **HOUSE POINTS**



## **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 28 November Year 11 Trial Exams & Practical & Orals – all week

Year 13 Trial Exams – all week

Year 12 Assembly – Common Room

Tuesday 29 November Year 7 Assembly - Hall

Year 13 Assembly – Common Room

Wednesday 30 November Thursday 1 December Year 8 Assembly - Hall Year 9 Assembly - Hall Year 10 Assembly - Hall

Friday 2 December

Year 11 & 12 Prefects Meeting Year 9 Substance Misuse Workshop

# FORTHCOMING DATES

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 Vaccinations

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	1645
Year 8	1621
Year 9	1028
Year 10	760
Year 11	329

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

7rKWH	373
8bRHU	460
9bAHM	185
10rBEJ	213
11rSCM	83

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Henry E
Year 8	Lexie D
Year 9	Roxy H
Year 10	Akshay S
Year 11	Amelia K

# MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

#### No Pens Day

This week Key Stage 3 had a series of lessons where a pen was a banned item. The concept of No Pens Day is one in which oracy and the art of conversation, discussion and listening are celebrated and explored through a range of activities planned and delivered by our committed team of teachers.

Here are some snapshots:

#### English

Year 9 - Linking with our study and exploration of key themes in 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' we completed a controversial Diamond Nine, ranking activity, where we respectfully discussed the American judicial



system, gun laws and Constitutional Rights versus Human Rights. Not once did we lift a pen, but instead listened and reacted to ideas and questions raised.

Year 7 - To enhance our current learning, Year 7s entered into a philosophical discussion about life after death, extending each other's ideas and challenging their positions, while listening attentively. We then connected this to the Ancient Greek concept of The Underworld. Students were allocated parts to play which allowed them to express themselves through their expressions, movement and tone of voice. The lesson came to a dramatic climax when three judges decided on the fate of a 'dead soul' - Elysium, Astrophel Fields or Tartarus?

#### Modern Foreign Languages

For the jobs guess who Year 9 students had to ask yes or no questions in Spanish to try and work out the person's job (one student at the front had chosen a job and was answering the questions).

The Monkey game was a particular favourite across Key Stage 3 - in teams students choose a square and are asked a question, if they get it right, they win whatever points are under the square. Some squares have arrows or monkey faces under them, arrows mean the teams swap points, monkeys make them lose all of their points - there were some very competitive classes yesterday!



In a Year 7 maths lesson, pupils discussed what constitutes a fraction and had some debate about whether one could be defined as 'part of a whole', 'a division' or 'less than one'. They then worked together in groups, competing with others, to represent given fractions in the most creative way using geoboards.

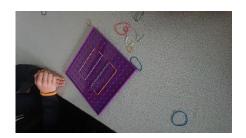
Other activities that took place in maths included a spelling bee of mathematical words, discussion around misleading charts and graphs and a loci activity outside.













# Phoenix Provision launch - WHEELS IN MOTION

# COMPETITION



#### WHEELCHAIR SPOKE GUARD DESIGN

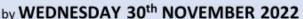
- · Design a wheelchair spoke guard
- Come to Phoenix Building to collect your template
- Create a design, to fill your Wheelchair Spoke Guard template, it could be completely abstract or based around a favourite character or theme. (see examples)



All entries will become part of the wider RBK borough-wide 2022 Disability Campaign 'Wheels in Motion' and will go on display in the Hollyfield Phoenix Building Exhibition.

Hand in your entry to Mrs Procter – Phoenix Provision













# **CAREERS INFORMATION**



#### **Careers Briefing - 25 November 2022**

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Weekly opportunities bulletin <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 24 November</u> See this week's bulletin for a whole range of opportunities and this is especially useful for year 12s who were spoken to about work experience next summer. See some of the highlights below for students and parents/carers......



#### Swept up with the football world cup?

Did you know that there is a University that offers specific courses in areas such as:

Football Business & Finance/Marketing, Esports, Football Coaching, Media, Sports Journalism and much more.... Visit the University Campus of Football Business (UCFB) <u>UCFB</u> which has campuses in Wembley and the Etihad Stadium.



Kingston University London

#### The VERY FINAL CALL - An exciting opportunity for Year 10 students!

**Kingston University Saturday Clubs -** 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 & the application deadline is Monday 5 December 2022 Pupils: https://forms.office.com/r/HLzMMe85Vd Parents/Carers: https://forms.office.com/r/bDHsWKvAW4





# **Explore undergraduate study in the USA with the Sutton Trust US Programme!**

- UK-based residential events where students can learn about studying at a US university
- Free trip to the USA in Summer 2023 to visit college campuses!
- In depth advice about applying for funding and scholarships
- Your students will meet like-minded young people from across the UK
- Applications are now open for the Sutton Trust US Programme for 2023!
- This free programme provides state school students in the UK with the unique opportunity to learn about the US admissions process from experts at the US-UK Fulbright Commission. Criteria applies - check website.

Student application form deadline: 11:59pm, Sunday, 15 January 2023

#### Students interested in Medicine and Dentistry in Year 11 & the Sixth Form





Applications for **free** online and national King's College London <u>Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series</u> 2023 are now open! This programme is for students **across the UK** in **Year 11, 12, and 13** who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are interested in becoming a **doctor** or **dentist**. Over the course of the **14 lecture** programme students will hear from a variety of speakers to help them make the best application to medicine or dentistry possible! Last year's lectures included the following:



- Medical and dental specialities: cardiology, prosthodontics, renal transplant, and many more!
- Q&As each week with current medical and dental students
- A session on other careers in healthcare with six professionals currently working and teaching in the sector (nursing, dietetics, clinical science, etc.)
- Lectures on the application process: the UCAT, personal statements, and interviews.

Lectures will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 6-7.15pm** and will run in blocks of three throughout 2023. The first three lectures will take place on the **31 January, 7 February, and 14 February.** The remaining three blocks of lectures will take place in Spring and Summer. For more information and to apply, <u>students should follow this link</u>. The deadline to apply is **Friday 16 December 2022**.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Links to Useful Information

Term Dates 2022-2023Form Tutor ListKey DatesUniform ListThe School Day TimesMenusExtra-Curricular Activities - PEExtra-Curricular Activities - MusicExtra-Curr

Student well-being and safety Donation to School Fund

#### 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 <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 85258.
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: <u>0808 2000 247</u>/online chat.

#### Information for adults

Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: <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: <u>www.connectedkingston.uk</u>
- Citizens Advice <u>www.citizensadvicekingston.org.uk/corona-virus</u>







### 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**

Support your children with their maths schoolwork Learn the maths topics and methods taught in schools Discover helpful resources

Our Next Free Courses are:

#### Maths for Parents: **Primary School** Maths (Part 2)

Wednesday Afternoons 12:30 - 14:55 Starts: 11/01/2023 Ends: 08/02/2023

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:



You do not need to have done Part 1

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

#### Maths for Parents: Secondary School Maths (Part 2)

Wednesday Evenings 18:45 - 21:10 Starts: 11/01/2023 Ends: 08/02/2023

Hook Centre, Chessington, KT9 1EJ









# Maths for Speakers of Other Languages

or email: re-connect@welcarekingston.org.uk

A Free Course For Adult ESOL Learners

Is English not your first language? Do you want to learn maths in English?

Our Next Free Course is:

Fridays 12:15 - 14:40 Starts: 13/1/23 Ends: 10/2/2023

- · Practise maths in English
- Learn maths vocabulary
- · Help your children with their maths schoolwork

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:



You must be living in London, be aged 19 or over, and not already ave a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths



