







Week commencing – 12 December 2022



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin

"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 staying warm! Even though it is the last week of term next week we are showing no signs of slowing down with a jam packed week ahead. Before I get into those details, please can I remind parents that students are allowed to wear a plain black jumper over their shirts/ blouses if they would like. It does not need to have a Hollyfield logo, just as long as it is plain black.

Next week we have a number of key events. We will have our school Christmas lunch on Monday. The cost of this is £2.56, so if you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch then please make sure there are sufficient funds in their account. Of course, this will be covered for those who receive free school meals. On Tuesday our Year 11 students will receive their exam results from their recent mock exams. We try to replicate the experience they will have in the summer so that they can understand and familiarise themselves with the process. We also know that strong feedback from mock exams will help the students to target their revision and enable them to do even better in the real exams. So, I hope the students find the experience useful even if it is a little nerve-wracking.

Also on Tuesday we have our school carol concert. The students and staff involved have been working very hard to prepare for it and I, along with the whole community, are very excited to see it. I hope to see many parents and carers there to enjoy the evening. On Wednesday we have our first CAS day of the year. As parents will know, there has been an extra layer of challenge with this due to the planned strikes on the transport networks. However, all trips will still be going ahead, including the sixth form trip to Paris. This will be our first CAS day since the pandemic and I know the students are extremely excited about it; I hope they all have a great time.

And finally, please can I remind all parents that, as always, we will close early on the last day of term. Students will come to school as normal and have periods 1 - 3 as normal. At the start of period 4 they will return to their tutor group bases and will be dismissed in phases from 12pm. The last day of term will be our Christmas jumper mufti day with all proceeds going to Save The Children. As I have said to the students, we will keep working hard in lessons until the end of term, then enjoy the celebrations when they arrive.

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

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- 12/12 Christmas Lunch
- 12/12 Y12 WTM
- 13/12 Y11 Mock Results
- 14/12 CAS Day
- 16/12 End of Te

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OTHER NOTICES

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</u> <u>off students</u>. This causes congestion for people entering the site and staff access, cars travelling on Surbiton Hill Road and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

Dinner Money Top Up

Please ensure funds are available 24 hours before they are required when topping up your child's dinner money on Parentmail. If you add funds on the day they are to be used we will not be able to see the credit instantly until the system has processed it, therefore creating a delay in your child buying food at the canteen.

Contribution to the School Fund

If you would like to help contribute to the school fund to provide additional facilities to the school and students, please click 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

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

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

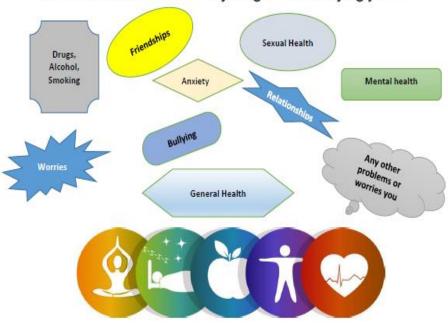
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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

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.

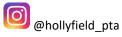


STILL LOADS OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!!! £5,000 top prize and raise money for our school too!!

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 here!

















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.

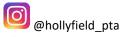
Details to follow...

Date of Next Meeting:

TBC.

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 96.17%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA – 96.77% 8bLCA = 97.38% 9rEBE = 95% 10rWGO = 93.91% 11rMFO = 97.94%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey	
Year 7	3933	3958	4212	
Year 8	3854	4095	4930	
Year 9	3797	2688	2896	
Year 10	1559	3474	2089	
Year 11	1521	1299	999	
Total	14664	15514	15126	

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NEXT WEEK

Monday 12 December Year 12 Assembly – Common Room

Year 12 Walking Talking Mocks – All week

Year 12 Sussex University Trip Year 11 Awards Assembly

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 13 December Year 9 Awards Assembly - Hall

Year 13 Assembly – Common Room- Hall

Year 11 Mock Results Day – P6

Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm St Mark's Church

Wednesday 14 December CAS Day Trips

Year 13 Paris Trip

Thursday15 December Year 7 Awards Assembly - Hall

Year 13 Paris Trip

Year 12 Report emailed to parents Year 10 Awards Assembly - Hall

Friday 16 December Year 10 Awards Assembly - Hall

Year 11 Report emailed to parents

Year 13 Paris Trip End of Term 12.00pm



FORTHCOMING DATES

- 12-16 December Year 12 Walking Talking Mock Week
- 12 December Year 12 Sussex University Trip
- 12 December Christmas Dinner
- 13 December Year 11 Mock Results Day P6
- 13 December Christmas Carol Concert
- 14 December CAS Day
- 14-16 December Year 13 Paris Trip
- 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
- 3 January 2023 Start of Term start 9.30am
- 3 January Year 12 Walking Talking Mock Week
- 6 January January Exams start
- 12 January November Exam Results Published
- 12 January Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm
- 19 January Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm
- 23 & 25 January Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Day
- 25 January Year 11 Theatre trip
- 26 January Primary Maths Challenge

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	962	Year 10	359
Year 8	1236	Year 11	110
Year 9	738		

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

7rKWH	233	10bJTU	110
8bRHU	346	11rMFO	33
9rMI F	164		



The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Klayton L Year 10 Akshay S Year 8 Dylan S/Riley B Year 11 Aurelie S

Year 9 Wren G

MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

The Hollyfield Christmas Concert & Carol Service 2022 is on Tuesday 13 December 2022. The Carol Service will start at 6:30pm at St Mark's Church (over the road from school) and finish at approx. 7:30pm. This is a traditional Carol Service featuring the school's three choirs (Senior Choir, Chamber Choir and Hollyfield Singers). This will then be followed by the Christmas Concert in the school hall (start time approx. 8pm - 9:30pm) featuring the Hollyfield Orchestra, Swing Band and Rock School bands (from a range of different year groups).

Rehearsals:

- Some students will be rehearsing on **Friday 9 December** in the Music Department (a rehearsal schedule will be put up so students know the times they need to be there)
- Monday 12 December: rehearsals and a full run of the hall concert
- Tuesday 13 December: rehearsals for the hall concert in the morning and all those performing in the Carol Service will go to the church (approx. 1pm 3:05pm).

Concert day arrangements Tuesday 13 December:

- Arrival time for choirs and readers at St. Mark's Church is <u>6:00pm</u>. Students need to be in full school uniform.
- For students only performing in the hall part of the concert: arrive at school for 7:15pm and go and sit in A1 and get instruments out and ready.

The Carol Service is free and there will be donations to a chosen charity at the end. The hall concert will be £4.50 for adults and £2.50 for students.





CAREERS INFORMATION



Careers Briefing - 9 December 2022

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Congratulations to another group of Year 10 who took part in the public speaking workshop on Monday 5 December which was organised by Mr Poole with the Jack Petchey organisation.

Students spent the day working or different training activities and building up their confidence for doing a speech to the rest of the group. A variety of different topics were covered by the students including mental health, women's football, Escooters and knife crime. Those students who completed the course have every reason to feel proud of their achievement, as not only have they begun to master the skill of public speaking, but in the process showed a good deal of resilience and determination!

The best students in both groups which took place (16 November and the 5 December) will get the opportunity to speak again. In the new term there will be a chance for top 7 speakers to do their speeches to a specially selected assembly. The most successful will be chosen to represent the school at the Jack Petchey Regional Public Speaking Final on the 14 March. More information about this next term.

NHS Health Education England Connectr

Help your pupils with careers advice during the Christmas holidays by <u>signing up to the NHS Careers</u> <u>Christmas Challenge!</u> KS3 and KS4 pupils of all abilities can find out about diverse careers through our modules and by asking questions of our ambassadors/mentors. These have been designed to be bite-sized and accessible to pupils with additional needs but helpful to any pupils who are interested in careers within the NHS.

To complete the Christmas Challenge pupils complete the following:

- 1. Sign up to https://hee.connectr.co.uk/hee/
- 2. Complete 2 tasks
- 3. Send a message to a mentor/ambassador

The schools with the most pupils completing the challenge will win an Amazon voucher worth £50 and connect with our NHS ambassadors for a live session about careers in the NHS.



Weekly opportunities bulletin



Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 09/12/22

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 for a range of year groups.....



Are you interested in Business Management, Accountancy or Technology? Are you undecided on whether to choose going to university or opting for an apprenticeship?

On **Wednesday 14 December** we'll be hosting an event with PwC from **5:00pm** - **6:00pm** as they take us through all of their different Flying Start degree apprenticeship programmes in Accounting, Technology and Business Management. This is open to year 10- 13 students.

PwC recruit hundreds of apprentices and graduates every year and are hosting this upcoming webinar meeting to help inform and inspire the next generation of young professionals into careers within professional services, and allow you to ask any questions you may have to their student recruitment team.

With PwC's Flying Start degree programmes, you don't have to decide between university or an apprenticeship as you'll get the best of both worlds. PwC's apprentices get to work with world-class clients and be part of their highly skilled teams, whilst still being able to still enjoy that university lifestyle experience. You'll gain a degree, and hopefully impress PwC enough to secure a job after completing the programme. If you'd like to find out more about PwC's student offerings click the following link to register for this online event: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/STSQ2GQ

Bird & Bird Law Early Bird Pathway - Year 10 Programme



Bird & Bird is an international law firm who have put together a fantastic programme which will give your students an incredible insight to the world of law, offer mentoring, work experience, workshops, a financial bursary and much more! This is part of a seven year programme which starts but for students who are committed to the programme there are some amazing long term benefits.

Students are accompanied by a teacher or support staff at the school for Years 10 and 11. In Year 12 they invite students to attend a work experience week at their London offices. For students interested see Mr. Poole or Mr. Esmond. If the students are successful then there will be a series of workshops they have to attend: Workshop 1: Thursday 19 January (2.30pm-4.30pm), Workshop 2: Thursday 16 March (2.30pm-4.30pm) and Workshop 3: Thursday 6 July (2.30pm-4.30pm)





INVESTIN offers a range of courses for 12-18 year olds:

- Film Making & Video game design
- Medicine
- Investment Banking
- Law
- Psychology
- Engineering
- Architecture
- Art
- Dentistry
- Fashion
- Forensic Science
- International Development
- Politics
- Vet
- Creative Writing

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

Term Dates 2022-2023

<u>Uniform List</u>

<u>Extra-Curricular Activities</u> - PE

<u>Extra-Curricular Activities</u> - Drama

<u>Student well-being and safety</u>

Form Tutor List
The School Day Times
Extra-Curricular Activities - Music
Staff List and Structure
Donation to School Fund

<u>Menus</u>
<u>Extra-Curricular Activities - All</u>
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 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: <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: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.

SWR December strike action service levels

SWR have set out the service levels they will be able to run during the upcoming industrial action affecting our network across four days next week (13, 14, 16 and 17 December). This will take the form of two 48-hour strikes, rather than the single day strikes seen so far this year.

As with other strike dates this year their clear message to customers is to only travel by rail if absolutely necessary on these dates, to make alternative travel arrangements if possible, and if they must travel to expect severe disruption. We expect there to be a knock-on impact to the start-up of our services on the 15 and 18 December.

In addition, the RMT has announced that its members at SWR and other Train Operating Companies have been instructed not to book on for any overtime from Sunday 18 December to Monday 2 January. Strike action has also been called for 3, 4, 6 and 7 January 2023 (with the same late start-up impact on services on the 5 and 8 January).

SWR will update customers once it has confirmed what service levels it can provide during this period from Sunday 18 December to Monday 2 January, and for the strike dates in January







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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KINGSTON ADULT EDUCATION



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)

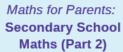
Wednesday Afternoons 12:30 - 14:55 Starts: 11/01/2023

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.



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

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

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maths@kings 07511045124











*30 free places for free school meal students use code: HAFCCC100







- 16 year olds

19th - 22nd December

10:00 - 15:00

Free Hot lunch included

Free for young people eligible for benefits-related free school meals









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Epsom

The Edge Youth Centre 10am - 3pm







Monday 19th December Food4Thought









Wednesday 21st December DJ Workshop

Thursday 22nd December CSI Forensic Experience

BOOK NOW

Please complete the registration form found on the following site:

www.personalbesteducation.com/teens/teen-projects/

www.personalbesteducation.com

