

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 have written to all parents with my end of term review, please read the letter [here](#).

The start of term will be on 3 January 2023 and there will be a later start to the day. The bell for the start of the school day will ring at 0925 (instead of 0825) and the bell for the start of registration will ring at 0930 (instead of 0830). Students will go to registration from 0930 to 0950 and then to period two as normal.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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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- 3/1 – start of term – 9.30am
- 3/1 – Y12 WTM Week
- 6/1 – Jan Exams Start
- 12/1 – Y9 Parents Evening

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OTHER NOTICES

Valuable in school

The school policy and guidance with regard to pupil possessions is clear that they are brought into school at their own risk. The Hollyfield School does not accept liability for any items that may be lost, damaged or stolen. While theft is taken extremely seriously and thoroughly investigated, the school is not in a position to cover the cost of any item stolen.

Of course, with respect to the last point, steps and measures are put in place to mitigate against such circumstances, especially during PE and Games lessons, where pupils' items are locked in the changing rooms. While this is standard procedure, there may be some extenuating circumstances where this cannot always be guaranteed. Therefore, I would urge your son/daughter not to bring expensive items into school.

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 [print a form](#) and return it to school.

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

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!](#)



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www.hollyfieldpta.org



<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 95%.
The top form group within each year this week is:

- 7bNMA – 93.23%
- 8bHBL = 90.65%
- 9bKME = 91.52%
- 10bJTU = 91.94%
- 11bEFO = 90%

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

NEXT WEEK

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| Monday 2 January | Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 3 January | Start of term – 9.30am registration |
| | Year 12 Walking Talking Mock week (all week) |
| Wednesday 14 January | Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall |
| Thursday 5 January | Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall |
| Friday 6 January | Exams start |
| | Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall |

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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
 1 February – Year 7 PP Kingston University Trip – 9am-3pm
 2 February – Year 9 Options evening
 7 February – Year 9 Options Taster P4-6
 6-10 February – Year 13 Retake Trial Exams
 8 February – Year 12 & 13 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm

10-17 February 2023 – Half Term – staff, Year 11, 12 & 13 (selected)
10-20 February 2023 – Half Term -Year 7-10

20-24 February -Year 12 Resit Trial Exams
 27 February – 17 March - Year 11 Trial Exams (including practical and oral)
 2 March – Year 10 Parent Consultation evening
 3 March – Year 13 Resit Trial exam grades sent to parents
 12-16 March – Ilex National Theatre Connections Performances
 16 March – Year 13 Report emailed to parents
 17 March – Year 11 Maths PP conference
 20 March – GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement Recording
 24 March – Year 7 & 8 Report emailed to parents
 27-31 March – Year 13 Final Trial Exams
 29 March – Year 7 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 30 March – Year 9 & 10 Reports emailed to parents
 31 March - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

3 – 14 April 2023 – Easter Holidays

20 April – Year 12 AQA Art & Design 3D Design Exam
 20 April – Year 11 Report emailed to parents
 24-26 April – Year 12 Final Trial Exams
 24-26 April – Year 11 Resits - English/Maths/Science
 24-26 April – Year 11 French & Spanish Speaking exams
 26-27 April – Year 11 Art Exam
 27 April – Year 11 Textiles & 3D Exam
 27 April – Year 8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm

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 7 527 Year 8 784 Year 9 513 Year 10 232 Year 11 148

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

7bLWI 139

8bHRO 188

9bAHM 95

10bJTU 81

11bNLU 78

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Harley B

Year 9 Emilia K

Year 11 Lys K

Year 8 Bethany B

Year 10 Marley D

MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

As part of Disability month in Kingston, we were lucky enough to have the mayor drop in to see the magnificent entries in our Wheels in Motion competition. Three students - Zac S, Mabel R and Jasmine W explained to the mayor the inspiration for their designs and he was understandably bowled over by the high quality of entries. A selection of the entries are currently displayed in the corridor in the Phoenix Provision and the three winners received some chocolate as a reward for their fabulous effort!



Wheels in Motion Student Exhibition currently on display in Phoenix Provision



Thank you to all our students who participated and submitted such vibrant creative solutions for wheel chair spoke guards and Congratulations to our 3 winning entries

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.



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

HOME START
Richmond, Kingston
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Charity No:
1108975

**Re-Connect
Kingston WelCare**

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

KINGSTON ADULT EDUCATION
Learn Achieve Progress

www.kingston.gov.uk/adulteducation

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

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

Wednesday Evenings
18:45 - 21:10
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.



For help or more information:
englishandmaths@kingston.gov.uk
07511045124



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**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:

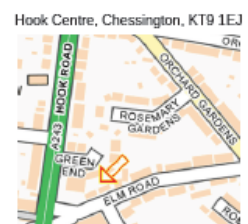
Fridays
12:15 - 14:40
Starts: 13/1/23
Ends: 10/2/2023

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

Where: Hook Centre, Chessington
Cost: These are **free** courses
How do I sign up?
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You must be living in London, be aged 19 or over, and **not already** have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths.



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Girls aged 10-18

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Rehearsals in Surbiton

Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm

Contact becgresson@hotmail.com

KINGSTONIAN CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS

JUNIOR WINTER SESSIONS

OUR JUNIOR SESSIONS RUN EVERY SAT
AND SUN FROM 14.01.23 TO 25.03.23 AT
RICHARD CHALLENOR AND SHREWSBURY
HOUSE SCHOOLS

U5-8 - SAT - 4.15-5.15PM (RC)
U9-16 - SAT - 5.30 - 7PM (RC)
U9-16 - SUN - 10-11.30AM (SH)

EMAIL: KINGSTONIANCC@GMAIL.COM MOBILE: 07949758469

www.kingstonian.play-cricket.com

19th - 22nd December 2022 (12-16 Yrs)
 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Chessington Sports Centre, Garrison Lane KT9 2JS
FREE (inc. lunch) for those eligible*
 £20 per day + optional £5 healthy lunch
 Street Dance, Experiments, Skateboarding
 Virtual Soccer, Warhammer, Physical activity programme, Free Play, AND MORE!

BOOK NOW

www.ourcamps.org schoolcampinfo@ourparks.org.uk

OURCAMPS

FOR YOUR KIDS

AT YOUR SCHOOL



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

SURREY
Teen Project

11 - 16 year olds	19th - 22nd December	10:00 - 15:00
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Free Hot lunch included

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



www.personalbesteducation.com
01794 510225



Epsom

The Edge Youth Centre
10am - 3pm

Monday 19th December
Food4Thought

Tuesday 20th December
ComputerXplorers

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
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