



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,

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish the whole community a very happy new year. This half term is a very short half term, comprising only five and a half weeks and we are a week in already. For many of our students, the time frame won't feel too significant, but for those in Year 9, Year 11 and Year 13, it certainly will. For our Year 9 students, this half term marks the start of their options process. This is where students can make decisions about the GCSEs they would like to study in Year 10. It is extremely exciting as there are many wonderful courses on offer, but it can also feel a little overwhelming for students. We mitigate this by ensuring that all students are given the opportunity to talk through their options with a senior member of staff. Mr Kynes has written to parents of Year 9 students with full details of the options process. The first significant date is the Year 9 parents evening next Thursday (12/1/23). I have included a link to his letter here for your reference.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students will certainly be feeling a sense of excitement as they come to the end of the taught content for their GCSE and A level subjects. Both year groups have recently completed their mock exams and both year groups have upcoming parents' evenings: Year 11 on 19/1/23 and Year 13 on 8/2/23 (please note this is a Wednesday). Parents' evenings will give teachers an opportunity to discuss how best you can support your child in their exam preparations and what they can do to achieve as highly as possible. As with last year, all parents' evenings will be in person events. Appointments can be booked using school cloud. Mr Bonehill has written to Year 9 and Year 11 parents with reminders on how to do this. If anyone needs any further support in setting up or utilising the school cloud booking system then please do just call the office and they will be happy to help. The booking for sixth form parents' evening will open later this month, Mr Bonehill and Mr Warren will write to all parents of students in the sixth form with reminders on how to book appointments in due course.

Our Year 12 students begin their internal exam week next week. Students will be on study leave for this, only needing to come in for their exams. This is with the exception of BTEC lessons, which will run as normal. We wish the Year 12 students every success in these exams.

Parents will be aware of the number of coughs, colds and other illnesses present within the community. Public Health Kingston have asked all schools to share the following message with their community:

It is important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible so parents should be advised that if their child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better and the fever has gone. <u>Is my child too ill for school? - NHS</u>

Parents can also support in helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene with regular hand washing at home with soap and warm water, and encouraging catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them and washing hands, which is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

Flu vaccination uptake among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them, and others they come into contact with.

And finally, please can I ask all parents to remind their children of the need to stay safe on the way to and from school. Although the hours of daylight are slowly increasing, it is still dark until 0800 and then getting dark again before 1630. This makes it harder for drivers to see pedestrians and so the need to remain on the pavement, cross at allocated crossings and to



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

• 12/1 – Y9 Parents Evening

29 May - 2 June

- 19/1 Y11 Parents Evening
- 23 & 25/1 Y9 Holocaust Mem Day
- 25/1 Year 11 Theatre trip

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take care when crossing the road is even more important in the winter months. Students will also be reminded of this in their assemblies next week.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend

Ms A Jackson Headteacher

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 <u>print a form</u> and return it to school.

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



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.

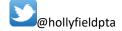


THE NAME OF THE SCHEME SAYS IT ALL!!

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 94.84%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA - 95.97% 8rRHU = 97.66% 9rGST = 93.30% 10bDMI = 92.25% 11rMFO = 94.83%

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

HOUSE POINTS







	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	4120	4250	4422
Year 8	4178	4368	5365
Year 9	3907	2956	3057
Year 10	1646	3656	2188
Year 11	1613	1347	1067
Total	15464	16577	16099

NEXT WEEK

Monday 9 January Year 12 Trial Exams (all week)

Year 11 Resits (Eng/Math/Sci) Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common Room

Tuesday 10 January Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 13 Assembly – Common Room

Wednesday 11 January Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Thursday 12 January Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 9 Parents' Evening (4-7pm)

Friday 13 January Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

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



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 8 888 Year 9 747 Year 10 291 Year 11 180

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



7bLWI 122 8rRHU 192 9rEBE 135 10rGSTG 60 11bNLU 58

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Jayden SJ Year 9 Ryan J Year 11 Alina N

Year 8 Riley B Year 10 Marley D

GETTING TO KNOW THE

Admin Department

We have a team of 6 people who support the school in the school office, the team is:

Louise Sutton – PA to Ms Jackson, Headteacher Di Northeast – Senior Administrative Officer Nassera Khimouzi – Administrative Officer Sasha Hayles – Morning Receptionist Wendy McCann – Afternoon Receptionist Emma Killeya – Reprographics Assistant

When contacting the school our receptionists will take your call and direct you to the appropriate member of staff or take a message, they will also be the first friendly face you will see when you visit the school and readily receive items brought in for students mainly packed lunches and PE kits!!!

Louise is Ms Jackson's PA, she deals with any Headteacher related issues and meetings, constructs reports for Governors and AfC, organises and runs school events and produces the ebulletin for parents. Louise has been at Hollyfield for over 17 years and previously worked at the BBC for 14 years where she looked after Mr Blobby amongst others.

Di supports the Senior Leadership team, Heads of Year, oversees the running of the office and administers new Year 7 admissions, she is also our Parentmail guru! Di also supports the school with admin for teachers. Di has been at Hollyfield for over 20 years and once danced at the Royal Festival Hall.

Nassera oversees the in-year admissions and administers the additional music lessons and the Jack Petchey Scheme. She also supports the school with admin for teachers. Nassera is originally from France and moved to the UK twenty years ago (and has kept her French accent). She loves being active, running and plays a bit of acoustic guitar.

Sasha is our morning receptionist and answers your calls to the school, she is the first person you will meet or speak to and will direct your query to the relevant member of staff. Sasha deals with all visitors and deliveries to the school, post and general student admin. Sasha loves True Crime Programmes and Books and she has swam with a whale shark

Wendy is our afternoon receptionist and answers your calls to the school, she is the first person you will meet or speak to and will direct your query to the relevant member of staff. Wendy deals with all visitors and deliveries to the school, post and general student admin. Wendy has worked at Hollyfield for over 13 years and is married with one adult son. Wendy is happy to confirm that she is an original Derry Girl, and she actually went to that school (or at least the school the programme is based on!)

Emma produces the publications for the whole school this includes workbooks and study materials for subject departments and the paper documents sent home to parents. Emma has been at Hollyfield for over 12 years and her interests are baking, walking, reading and travel.



Finance Department

Colette Morgan-Russell is our Finance Manager, she pays everyone, deals with audist and reporting to the Trust and Trustees. Colette has worked at Hollyfield for 13 years and is a fully qualified day skipper

Liz Gardner is our Finance Assistant she buys everything from external suppliers, pays them, and deals with the bank account. Liz has worked at Hollyfield for 5 years, she is a proud Mancunian whose great grandad played football for Man Utd.

Sharon Gallagher is our Finance Assistant she deals with trips, parental contributions and donations, invoices from external suppliers and the bank account. Sharon has worked at Hollyfield for 5 years, is the treasurer for her children's school PTA, and got an A grade GCSE in dance!

Attendance Department

Debbie Harvey is our Attendance Officer and her role is to oversee attendance and punctuality for years 7 – 11 in the school on a daily basis. She has lived in Surbiton for over twenty years so feels she knows the community well. She relaxes by making jams and chutneys in her spare time.

CARFFRS

Careers Briefing - January 6 2023

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

At the beginning of 2023 there is plenty for students to focus on in the coming months.

For those students in **Year 9** they will need to think about their Key stage 4 options choices and this provides them with the perfect opportunity to start considering future career pathways. Mr Kynes will be talking to the year group in assembly and at the end of January the options booklets will be sent out on parentmail. In the meantime, students will be receiving advice and guidance from the careers team and their teachers.

For Year 11 this is the final term of study before they start their GCSES and BTEC exams in the summer. Most students in Year 11 will have had at least one careers interview by now and decided whether they want to stay on at Hollyfield Sixth Form or study at another Sixth Form or College or go out to work and do an apprenticeship. There is plenty of advice available both in school and online and if any students still need help they can talk to a careers adviser. Mr Poole is in Hollyfield Monday to Wednesday and Ms Corrighan is in school on Thursday. Students can make an appointment through their tutor and see Mr. Poole or Ms Corrighan to book a time.



The South Thames College group are holding a series of open events in January and early February. All dates for each of our four Colleges are listed below:

South Thames College	Wednesday 18 January, 4.30pm-7pm	Register here
Merton College	Saturday 21 January, 10am-1pm	Register here
Kingston College	Saturday 28 January, 10am-1pm	Register here
Carshalton College	Wednesday 1 February, 5pm-7pm	Register here

Year 12 are about to begin their mock exams, but they need to also find a work experience placement. Year 12 work experience is officially from the 17th -21st July but students need to make arrangements



now as

the summer is always a busy time for work experience and there are a number of schools and colleges competing for the same placement. Summer is also the time when students in the Sixth Form start to visit university open days

Year 13 are completing their UCAS applications and if they are not going to university they should be researching possible apprenticeship opportunities.



Students and parents/carers can view the Weekly opportunities bulletin which has information on work experience, career sessions, uni tasters, apprenticeships and much more: <u>Sixth Form Careers</u> Opportunities 05/1/23

See some of the highlights below:



Webinar registration: BBC January event - apply here



Thinking about University? Think Cambridge.



Cambridge is a three-week long series of webinars to inspire Year 11 and 12 students to apply to Cambridge.

What will I get out of it?

- During week one you'll find out about all things Cambridge with anecdotes and stories from our student ambassadors to help you decide if Cambridge is right for you. Teachers, parents and supporters are also welcome in week one for webinars that will give them all the tools they need to support anyone considering applying to Cambridge.
- In week two we'll be joined by lecturers and Admissions Tutors, who will introduce you to the broad range of subjects available at Cambridge and the exciting projects students are working on.
- We'll finish the series in week three by giving you all the advice and resources you need to find out more, and to continue your journey towards studying at the University of Cambridge
- Booking Details of our 2023 webinars are shown below. You can book on to as many sessions as you like. Recordings will be made available at the end of each week. **Book now**

Upcoming events for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary with Medic Mentor Open to year 10 - 12 students



Sign up for any of the Medical conferences: From Medic Mentor



Applications are now open to Dental Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP), the only national Medical Leadership programme in the UK! All MLP members receive free virtual teaching and mentoring to help them become leaders in Dentistry. This is a fantastic addition to their UCAS application and CV! The deadline to apply is midnight on Friday 20th January: https://airtable.com/shrTEjnrpWHDwkn6W

As part of their MLP application, students are required to attend the free, virtual Get into Dentistry conference, with the next one on Saturday 14th January. This conference will provide a full guide to the UCAS application process for dental school. All students 10 - 12 can register for free here: https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1





Get into Veterinary Medicine Registration Link and more information: Sign up here

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 <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: 116 123.
- 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.





Re-Connect

Kingston WelCare

ITS BEEN A DIFFICULT 12 MONTHS FOR

RE-CONNECT AIMS TO OFFER BOTH

To help a parent Re-Connect contact Ingrid: 07873 592216

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

NETY Kingston Covid-19

WelCare

Taking Families Strong Charity No: 206286



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? 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 ged 19 or over, and not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in Maths.



maths@kingst 07511045124



Maths for Parents Courses

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

Maths for Parents: **Primary School**

Maths for Parents: Secondary School





