

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 hope you have all had a great week.

Last night we welcomed Year 9 parents into school for parents' evening. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended; we hope it was a productive evening. This is the first in a series of events focused on the options process for Year 9 students. Mr Kynes wrote to parents last week with a breakdown of all of the steps in the process. I have included a [link](#) to this letter once again for your reference.

Next week it is Year 11 parents' evening. Once again, bookings can be made using the school cloud system. If you experience any problems with this system then please call into the school office and they will be able to assist you.

On Saturday 14 January, the Hollyfield Music Department will be performing an hour of music as part of the Thames Concert Series at St. Andrew's Church, Surbiton (on the corner of Maple Road). The concert will be a varied and interesting mix of mainly solo items from students across all Year Groups. The concert starts at 10:30 am (until 11:30 am). The Concert is free of charge and all are welcome to come along!

And finally, we had a number of visitors in school on Monday, who were coming from other schools to see different aspects of life at Hollyfield. As part of this, some of our students gave tours and were part of focus groups, sharing their experiences. Our visitors commented that the students were wonderfully polite and very honest, well done and thanks to all those involved.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms A Jackson
Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

6 September to 16 December
(Inset Day – 5-6 Sept & 31 Oct -
1 Nov - except Y11 & Y13)

Half Term

20 October - 1 November (see above)

Christmas Holiday

19 December - 2 January 2023
(Bank hol 2 Jan)

Spring Term 2023

3 January – 31 March
(Inset Day – 20 Feb – except Y11,
& selected Y12 & Y13)

Half Term

10-20 February (see above)

Easter Holiday

3 April – 14 April (Bank Hol 7 &
10 Apr)

Summer Term 2023

17 April – 20 July (Bank Hol 2 &
29 May)

Half Term

29 May – 2 June

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

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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.

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.....





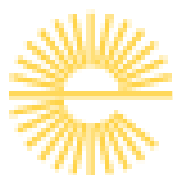
HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

<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.



easyfundraising

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



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THIS WEEK.....

TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.87%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA – 98.06%

8bHBL = 98.06%




9rGST = 97.86%

10bDMI = 95.76%

11bRLO = 96.25%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	4490	4556	4918
Year 8	4532	4762	6111
Year 9	4461	3271	3057
Year 10	1821	4104	3399
Year 11	1678	1392	1143
Total	16982	18085	18628

NEXT WEEK

Monday 16 January	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 17 January	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 & 12 Prefects meeting Year 10 and 12 Drama Students Theatre Workshop (Watch on the Rhine) Donmar Warehouse
Wednesday 18 January	Eagle House KS3 Assembly (Exam Centre) Osprey House KS3 Assembly (Dining Hall) Falcon House KS3 Assembly (Gym)
Thursday 19 January	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 11 Parents' Evening (4-7pm)
Friday 20 January	Eagle House KS4 Assembly (Exam Centre) Osprey House KS4 Assembly (Dining Hall) Falcon House KS4 Assembly (Gym)

FORTHCOMING DATES

19 January – Year 11 Parents' Evening – 4.00-7.00pm
 23 & 25 January – Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Day
 24 January – Year 10 & 12 Drama Student Theatre Trip
 25 January – Year 11 Theatre trip
 26 January – Primary Maths Challenge
 26 January Year 9 Boys HSB Workshop
 27 January – Year 9 Girls HSB Workshop
 1 February – Year 7 PP Kingston University Trip – 9am-3pm
 2 February – Year 9 Options evening
 8 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
 9 February – Year 11 Revision Workshop

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 – 7pm
 16 March – Year 13 Report emailed to parents
 17 March – Year 11 Maths PP conference
 20 March – GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement Recording
 22 March – Celebration Event (Prefect & Committee) – 3.15pm
 22 March – Year 13 Drama Exam Performance – 7pm
 23 March - Year 13 Drama Exam Performance – 4.30pm
 23 March - Year 13 Drama Exam Performance – 7pm
 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
 29 March – Year 9 DTP/Men Vaccination
 29 March – Year 11 Drama Performance Exam – 7pm
 30 March - Year 11 Drama Performance Exam – 4.30pm
 30 March - Year 11 Drama Performance Exam – 7pm
 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 1641 Year 8 1815 Year 9 1567 Year 10 1160 Year 11 263

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

7rKWH 337 8rRHU 613 9rEWE 310 10bDMI 255 11rSCM 77

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Theo AG Year 9 Kai F Year 11 Wilma E
 Year 8 Dylan S Year 10 Marley D

GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Senior Leadership Team



Amy Jackson, Headteacher

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Hollyfield School. I joined the school in May 2020 but had to wait until September to meet most of the students and staff. I studied Chemistry at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and did my PGCE at the same institution. I began my teaching career in 2003 in Suffolk. I love teaching and especially love teaching chemistry. Over the course of my career I have held various leadership roles in science and across whole schools. Outside of school, I love playing and watching football, cycling and spending time with my two young children.



Matthew Winpenny, Deputy Headteacher

I am one of the deputies responsible for Raising Standards, Attendance, Free School Meals and deputise for Miss Jackson when she is absent. I teach Photography, Media Studies, Sociology and have also taught ICT. A couple of interesting facts: I have 4 children and a dog and I do a bit of DJing outside of school.



Marianne O'Shea, Deputy Headteacher

I lead on Teaching and Learning and staff development (through training and performance management). I visit classrooms across the school, look at students' books and files and speak to young people about their learning. I also help to create policies, resources and training sessions. I consider each of these things to be a real privilege. I joined the Hollyfield staff in September 2000 and worked for many years as Head of Drama, before joining SLT. I have also taught and lived in Sheffield, Hertfordshire and Tokyo. In my free time, I love going to the theatre and cinema and I enjoy long walks on the beach. My claim to fame is that my left arm once appeared on an episode of Grange Hill. I hope that one day, my right arm might achieve similar dizzying heights.



Sophie McGeoch, Deputy Headteacher

I am one of the Deputy Headteachers here at Hollyfield and I lead on Safeguarding. Before joining Hollyfield I was a Headteacher of a local primary school and so have found the leap into secondary fascinating! I work at Hollyfield 3 days a week and on the other two I work alongside Mr Ash Ali, CEO of the Every Child Every Day Trust - which Hollyfield is part of. On my days at Hollyfield I can be found teaching PDW (personal development and welfare), working with the brilliant pastoral team and cooking up ideas and plans to make safeguarding even stronger! I am also a student myself as I am currently completing a Masters at Roehampton University in Attachment Theory and Research and very keen to bring this learning to Hollyfield.



Sonali Patel, Assistant Headteacher

I am responsible for Behaviour and Safety. I have been teaching for 10 years and prior to starting at Hollyfield worked at a school in North London. I was also a Special Constable for both West Yorkshire and MET police. I joined the Hollyfield team 1 ½ years ago. Having grown up in East London I am a keen West Ham supporter!



Alex Burrows, Assistant Headteacher Inclusion

I have been working at Hollyfield for 3 years. I love the community spirit of the school and really enjoy getting to know students to really understand how they can thrive and do well. I have worked in education for nearly 19 years, in a wide range of settings from inner city schools to private schools as well as a stint working for a local authority. My passion through all of this has been to support individual students in accessing their learning and ensure they do the best they possibly can.



Duncan Warren, Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

I am the Head of Sixth Form and I teach Philosophy, Sociology and R.E. I love working in the sixth form- our students are wonderful and working with them everyday is inspiring. Being part of the sixth form team we get to be involved in exciting enrichment activities every week and I have travelled to New York, Washington and Paris on various trips with the students.

Outside of school I am an avid Chelsea fan regularly attending games at Stamford Bridge (hopefully will be doing this again soon!). I also help to coach my son's football team and this is great way to start the weekend on a Saturday morning.



Josephine Rhodes, Assistant Headteacher

I oversee Year 7, manage Year 6 transition and continue to build relationships with local primary schools. I am currently also leading the English team whilst we search for the perfect Head of Faculty for September 2023.

After finishing university there was a short stint at the BBC, and then at a local magazine before the teaching profession called and I got a place at Reading University. Since completing my PGCE in 2006 I have worked in the boroughs of Richmond, Merton and now Kingston.

In-between teaching English I have been lucky enough to travel and lived in Australia for a short time. I love the peace of running and cycling in Richmond Park and having free-rein in the kitchen creating delectable delights for my family.



Jason Kynes, Assistant Headteacher

I am responsible for Curriculum. I have been teaching Science for 18 years in a variety of schools in Surrey and South West London and joined The Hollyfield School 5 years ago. I love all things sci-fi and my favourite movie is Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan. I enjoy spending the weekends on the beach with my family and am hoping to learn how to stand up on my paddle board for more than 15

seconds.



Darren Bonehill, Assistant Headteacher

In 1983, when I was 6 years old, my Dad bought the family a BBC Micro Computer. It really captured my imagination. I used it regularly until I was around 11! I would follow instructions for creating blocky animated images and simple games. I've been programming ever since. I also learned to play the clarinet from around the age of 8. I followed both passions, programming and music. I joined several bands that got signed to record labels. The most successful was twice nominated for an Ivor Novello award. We lost on both occasions, once to Elbow and once to Lily Allen. I studied Maths and Science at A Level at John Taylor High School in Staffordshire. I went on to study Computer Science at the University of Southampton. I completed my PGCE there. I love teaching, when I am at work, I am happiest in the classroom. I also enjoy my role as a senior leader. I love working with our most challenging students, I find it the most rewarding aspect of my work. I now have two boys of my own, Ray 14 and Rocco 11, they are both very different from each other but equally awesome. I am happiest at home, spending time with the family.



Marelise Janse Van Rensburg, Associate Assistant Headteacher

I have been the Head of Department at Hollyfield for the last 5 years. Originally, I am from Cape Town, South Africa where I attended school and completed my degree in BEd FET Economic and Management Science at the University of Cape Peninsula. I moved to London in 2007 to experience teaching in a different country but also to explore the world for a year. I loved teaching in London too much and therefore decided to stay and to also complete my Masters in Education.

Of course, Mathematics and teaching has always been my passion, however beyond that I enjoy netball, cycling, running and swimming.

I have cycled to Paris twice and also to Amsterdam. I have also completed my lockdown dream last year, a Half Ironman in Weymouth. This year the challenge is the London Marathon

Governors

Emma Francis, Chair of Governors

I have been a Hollyfield governor since 2018, when my daughter was in Year 8. Since then my son has also joined the school. I became chair of governors in 2019 and love working with my fellow governors to support and challenge our school to be even better. I did originally train as a teacher but decided it was far too hard a job for me so opted for a job in the wine trade instead! I now work in HR for an insurance company.

Lisa Quinn, Governor

My day job is running my own business as an Executive and Career Coach, where I work with clients in the UK, US and Asia. I really love my job as a Governor at Hollyfield and feel very passionately about creating the best environment for every student to thrive. I come from a working class family, and I was the first in my family to go to University, so I have a particular interest in helping disadvantaged students as well as supporting students who have SEND needs. I'm a link governor for both areas.

My daughter joined Hollyfield in 2017 and I became a parent governor that year.

When I'm not working, I can usually be found with my nose in a book, walking my dog, or at trying to get fitter.

Paul Ruth, Governor

I am currently in the 5th year of sitting on the Governing Board. In the time I have been here it has been a pleasure to contribute to the Hollyfield community which has changed so much in this time, and thankfully all for the better. I have 2 Children in attendance at the school.

In my professional career I work in construction on some of the large commercial and residential projects in and around London and have been lucky enough to have been involved in some interesting projects such as Lords Cricket Ground and Oxford University, where I have actually sat through a lecture in a lecture hall that I was involved in the construction of, when studying my MSc in Construction Law.

I am a big football fan following Liverpool and I enjoy most sports, holidays, and spending time with family and friends.

I am proud to be a member of the Hollyfield School and hope to continue this well into the future and keep helping the school to strive to reach its goals and aspirations.

Alistair Bond, Governor

I started my career as a PE teacher in North London before then heading overseas to teach and latterly lead international schools in Bahrain, Libya, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. I am currently a Head of a fantastic independent school in Kingston. I thoroughly enjoy doing what I can to support Hollyfield and am delighted that my own daughter in Year 9 is benefiting from the outstanding teaching, learning and provision at the school. I am the link Governor for behaviour.

Ben Russell, Governor

I have been a governor at Hollyfield since my son started in year seven - he's in year 11. We've lived in Berrylands for nearly 19 years now. I used to be a journalist but now I work in comms for an educational charity in Oxford.

Paul Quinlan, Governor

I've worked in HR for over 30 years. Currently, with a professional services firm I lead on employee relations and health and wellbeing matters.

I was keen to help in some way and the school was looking for a new governor with children in younger years at the school and with a HR background. I have two sons at the school. I enjoy cooking, reading and running (especially when I've finished!).

Vicki Jones, Governor

I am Chair of the Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance Committee as well as the link governor for careers and relationships and sex education (RSE). After 20 years working in policy and campaigns for a fostering charity, I am moving to a not-for-profit organisation working to improve employment outcomes for young people. I have three children, two are currently at Hollyfield. In my spare time, I play netball for Kingston Tigers and spend as much time out on my bike as possible!

Jan Cheng, Governor

I have been a governor for just over 3 years now and have a son in Year 10. After graduating from university, I joined one of the large accountancy firms and trained as an accountant. I now work in risk management with the same employer. I've applied the skills and knowledge from my job in supporting the school as a governor. It has been a hugely rewarding experience and it's a great team to be part of. In my spare time I do a fair bit of running (I will hopefully complete my 100th Parkrun this Saturday) and cycling (I have a place on the British Heart Foundation London to Brighton ride in June).

Dr Niloufar Moradi, Governor

I live in Surbiton and have a daughter at Hollyfield. I have been a School Governor for 3 years and am part of the Quality of Education Committee supporting Hollyfield students in reaching their full academic potential. I have previously worked as a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at Barts Medical School where I studied Bone Science. I once attended a party at the Royal Society where I met Professor Stephen Hawking!

Mahmood Rafiq, Governor

I have worked in IT management for the last 25 years and in the past have worked on the Building school for the future program, and I am hoping I can apply these skills to Hollyfield. I was a parent governor in Wandsworth for a primary school 10 years ago & I wanted to get involved again in my local area. I have 3 children studying in the area & was keen to offer my services to the local community & ensure kids can take advantage of this. I have worked in a senior position in IT in the city and I have gained many life skills that may be of value to young kids in the future, but more than anything else I believe in the concept of service and giving something back to society and this is my small contribution. I have been a lifelong Liverpool football fan and enjoy watching movies in my spare time.

Stephanie Sandy, Governor

I am a trained secondary school teacher and MFL specialist. I have worked in and with secondary schools in Surrey for over 11 years and have held many roles during this time including Head of Department, Mentor, Coach and Head of Year. I now work within initial teacher training at university level, supporting trainees to become teachers.

I wanted to bring my experience within education, supporting teachers and pupils to a secondary school within my community. I am really enjoying the experience so far!

I am a Mum to two children and a Labrador called Rusty! My interests include travel, reading and swimming.

David Miller, Staff Governor

I have worked at the school since 2010 and been Head of Physical Education since 2014. I hope that as staff governor I can help in the continued development and success of the school for both students and staff. Hollyfield is a great community school with its young people at the centre, and I am looking forward to assisting at a governor level.

Becky Buckley, Clerk to Governors

I am the Clerk to the Governors. This involves supporting the governors in their strategic role, with general administration and professional advice. I used to work as a stenographer in courts in London, and prior to that I did subtitles for TV and film. I have three children who keep me on my toes, and am a school governor at their infant school. I like to play netball in my spare time.

HR Department

Jo Thompson - HR Manager

Susan Curtis - HR Assistant

The HR department manages and deals with all aspects of staff admin management. They coordinate the staff recruitment process and deal with contracts and payroll updates. They liaise with Occupational Health and provide wellbeing resources and support for staff.

Jo started at Hollyfield 13 years ago, initially for a short time in the Finance Department before moving into HR. She previously worked in the City as an Assistant Bank Manager for 16 years before taking a career break to become a stay at home mum of three. Jo loves travelling and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Susan has been the HR Assistant since March 2019. Before that Susan was the school Time out Coordinator, starting at Hollyfield in November 2012. Susan's past career was in London Probation Service as a PSO for 24 years. Susan and her sister were on the very first X Factor, going through to the second round.

CAREERS

Careers Briefing - January 13 2023

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Unifrog Careers Platform

Over the next two weeks Year 11 are being introduced to the careers website [Unifrog](https://www.unifrog.co.uk). This is an excellent resource which is already used in the Sixth Form and provides students with a wide range of educational and labour market information. Students will be registering during tutor time and complete a **personality questionnaire** which helps to match their likes and dislikes to different potential career pathways. There is also an extensive **careers library** as well as details about apprenticeships, colleges and universities and also a **CV writing tool** which is useful for those students in Year 11 who might be applying for part time summer jobs after their exams.

GET INTO THEATRE

[Get Into Theatre](#)

Great website for students interested in future careers in the theatre industry. There are hundreds of different jobs in this industry; Technical roles, administration and business.

Post 16 courses - open events



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



The next Nescot open event is **Wednesday 8 February 4.30-7.30pm**. Nescot provide a range of vocational courses for students including animal care, construction, catering and much more... Find out more and register to attend: [Nescot Open Events](#)

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: [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 12/1/23](#) See some of the highlights below:

BBC Work Experience & Apprenticeships Event

**Monday
16th
January**

5-6pm

This event is for students who would like to meet a variety of professionals within the BBC, and learn more about work experience and apprenticeship roles.

Meet and network with a variety of professionals from one of the UK's biggest employers

Learn about careers in Production, Engineering, IT, Finance, Cyber Security & Design

Take part in a Q&A session

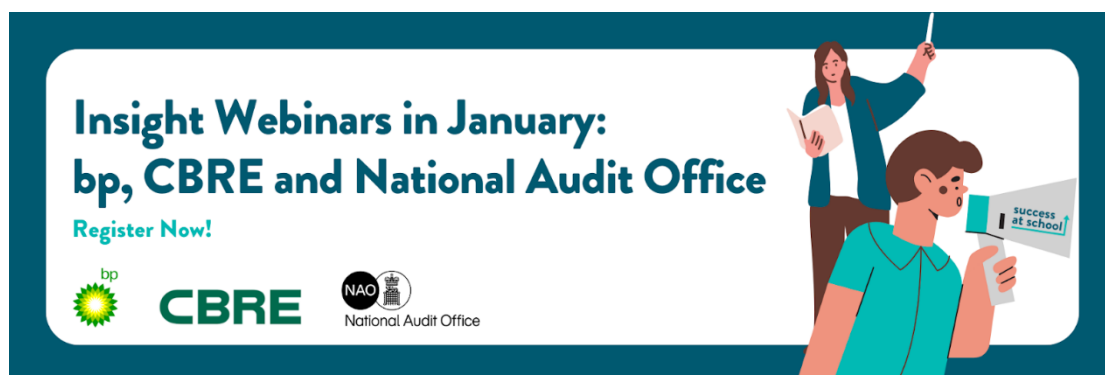
Learn about the pathways open to you

Get application and CV advice

Register by 12th January 2023 by 1pm!
Scan the QR Code to register and find out more

<https://bit.ly/BBCJanevent>
There are limited spaces for this opportunity so please register ASAP.

Webinar registration: [BBC January event - apply here](#)



Real Estate apprenticeships - CBRE: Jan 24th 6.30-7.15pm webinar [Apply here](#)
 Accountancy Apprenticeships -National Audit Office: Tue, 31 Jan 18:30 – 19:30 [Apply here](#)
 BP Apprenticeship opportunities: Wed, 18 January 2023, 18:30 – 19:30 [Apply here](#)



We are pleased to say we've officially launched our **new work experience programme**, ready for applications and placements in 2023.

We have a new programme format to reflect the changes at British Airways over the last couple of years, and all information on our programme can be found on [Speedbird Z](#)

What does work experience at British Airways look like now?

- Our placements blend the virtual with reality – an exciting mix of Speedbird Z tasks, virtual workshops with colleagues and in person insight days into our business.
- The three areas students can gain a glimpse into include: **Engineering, Airport Operations and Business at BA.**
- The virtual parts of the placement are UK wide and we're planning to hold the 'in-person' days at all our key sites - LHR, BAMG, BAMC, MAN and NCL.

Here's how students can apply for a placement with us:

- Step 1: Sign up to Speedbird-Z as a user, our dedicated student website, where students can chat to BA digital mentors and complete "Work Experience pre-learning Modules" to give them a taste of the different departments within BA to understand where their interests lie.

Find out more and apply via: [Speedbird Z - Student Site for Work Experience and Learning](#)

- Step 2: Apply for a hybrid Work Experience Placement through Speedbird-Z after completing the pre-learning content. Links to apply are within the content on the site. As part of their application, students will need to upload the project they worked on throughout their pre-learning. Placements will be delivered once every school term.
- Step 3: After completing the placement, students will have the opportunity to join our voluntary Student Ambassador programme, where they complete a 3-day training course to become confident in promoting BA opportunities to their local student community.



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](#)

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[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

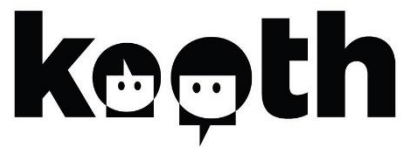
Kooth is an online crisis messenger service that Children and young people can access for free online mental health support with a professional counsellor - www.Kooth.com.

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.



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware by school or a professional of a service called Kooth. It provides a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners for ages **11-25 in South West London**.

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Kooth also has an online wellbeing team from 12pm- 10pm on weekdays and 6pm- 10pm on weekends offering 1:1 text- based online counselling via live chat or messaging.

Kooth is free to access via any internet- enabled device. Your child simply needs to visit www.kooth.com and click 'Join Kooth'. Everything is pre-moderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

Kooth will be working with all schools and professionals across 93% of the UK and growing to support students' mental health and wellbeing, both in and out of school. Alongside this, Kooth provides parent sessions, so keep in touch with the school or agencies to find out when the next ones are. I have pre recorded 2 sessions for you to watch. The 5 minute overview can be found [Here](#) and a more in-depth 15 minute recording can be found [Here](#). I have also included a selection of parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer, please address them to the school. If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email parents@kooth.com.

Kind Regards

Michelle Smith



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- Help your children with their maths schoolwork

Where: Hook Centre, Chessington

Cost: These are **free** courses

How do I sign up?

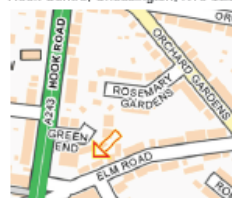
Visit or click on the link below to
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Ends: 08/02/2023

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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?

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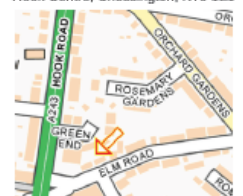
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Weekly sessions will vary from the reading and understanding of texts to creating personal pieces of writing inspired by a host of stimuli. The final assessment will see learners sit two exams. The objective of the qualification is to:

- Develop skills to analyse how writers use linguistic and structural devices to achieve their effects.
- Explore links and connections between writers' ideas and perspectives.
- Develop transactional and imaginative writing skills for a variety of purposes and audiences and to engage the reader.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Candidates

The course is pitched to help adult learners who wish to improve their reading and writing of English. If you enjoy reading and wish to improve your writing, if you want to bolster your job prospects, or simply gain a new qualification, please apply. Some written competence in English is required. We have a maximum of 15 places. Candidates should be over 18. We simply ask that you complete the application form in full.

Expected Time Commitment:

Class: 90 mins per week

Independent study: 90 mins per week

Principal Mrs Rebecca Glover B.Ed(Hons)

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Course

Edexcel IGCSE English Language Specification B

(<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcses/international-gcse-english-language-b-2016.html>)

- Every Thursday evening (during term time) 17:30 – 19:00
- Course start date: Thursday 23rd February 2023
- Examination date: January 2024
- Venue: Surbiton High School, KT1 2JT

Fee

Provided to be accessible to all, £95 fee is by optional donation. Those who cannot pay need not.

Course Leader

Grant Allan is a Teacher of English at Surbiton High School. He currently works as the Year 12 English Language Coordinator. He has six years of excellent experience in teaching following a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Linguistics.

An online application form is available [here](#).



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First Name(s) _____

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Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Nationality _____

Native Language _____

Mobile number _____

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How would you best describe your ability in reading English?

beginner intermediate advanced

How would you best describe your ability in writing English?

beginner intermediate advanced

How would you best describe your ability in speaking & listening to English?

beginner intermediate advanced

Please answer the next questions as fully as you can, using up to 100 words per question. Why do you wish to take this course?

What is your favourite book and why?

What have you seen in the news which has interested you, and why?

"No man is an island." - What do you feel about this famous statement?

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