

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 am sure that all parents are saddened by the news that the government could not reach an agreement with the teaching unions, and as a result, there is planned industrial action that will disrupt children’s education. As the NEU (National Education Union) is the largest union in terms of membership at Hollyfield, it is unlikely that we will be able to remain open for all year groups. The school and the trust considers strike action to be a fundamental right of the profession, and we are completely supportive of those who sacrifice their pay to protest against measures that have made an undeniably difficult job even more difficult in recent years. The fact that schools are being asked to do more with less is irrefutable. I have asked staff to support our planning by indicating whether they intend to take strike action. The striking teachers cannot be compelled to provide this information but hopefully we will be able to plan with more certainty once the survey has closed.

The strike days which affect Hollyfield School are as follows:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 2 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The information below applies only to Wednesday 1 February. I will communicate about our plans for the other days in due course.

At this early stage, it is my intention to remain open for some students. I will explain this in as much detail as I can, but would like to ask for parents' patience as this may be subject to change. I intend to open the school to students in the sixth form, with lessons taking place if their teachers are in to teach them. We feel able to do this because these students are older and will be able to direct their own learning in a provided study space, should their normal lesson not take place. I also intend to offer a place in school for students who are deemed to be vulnerable according to the government guidance and the school's definition. That is, they have a named social worker or other external vulnerabilities. Mrs Burrows or Ms Patel will be in touch with the parents of these students to explain our thinking. Beyond this, we will prioritise other places for students in Y11.

Parents of students in other year groups may wish to make contingency plans as the school is at risk of closure to all other children in Y7 - Y10. Over the course of the next few days, I will work with my senior staff to gain as much information as possible, plan accordingly and communicate more information to parents next week.

Once again, I appreciate that this may be frustrating for parents and whatever our political views are, all teachers, support staff and parents want the very best for the children in our community. With that in mind, I would encourage tolerance, sympathy and respect in this instance. 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
..... Stop Press.....

- 23 & 25/1 – Y9 Holocaust Mem Day Trips
- 25/1 – Y11 Theatre trip
- 25/1 – Y13 Online Intervent Eve

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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

*****Year 7 Parents and Students*****

Please note the change of date! No longer Friday 20th January. **Save the date: 24th February!**

A little advance notice for the newest members of our community... we are planning a Quiz Night just for you and your children. A chance to indulge in a little healthy competition and enjoy a chance to socialise with other parents... keep a eye open for more information coming soon!!

Easy Fundraising

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....

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 8th February - Venue TBC but likely to be off-site - 7:30pm

The meeting is for every parent/carer as you are all members of the PTA. Come along and have your say and add your ideas... parents make things happen.

Pre-worn Uniform Store Next Date after Easter Holiday - TBC

Pre Worn School Uniform store for anyone to pop in and take what items they need.

If your child has lost or outgrown their uniform or PE kit please drop in and see if we can help. We have a large stock of items of uniform (particularly trousers) and PE kit including some shoes, football boots and trainers.

We operate a donation system for those that can afford to contribute.

Please note, the email to request items is no longer in operation.



@hollyfieldpta



@hollyfield_pta



@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



ptahollyfield@gmail.com



hfptauniform@gmail.com



www.hollyfieldpta.org

THIS WEEK.....

TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.79%. The top form group within each year this week is:

- 7bFKE – 97.42%
- 8bHBL = 99.35%
- 9rEWE = 96.13%
- 10bJTU = 98.75%
- 11rSCM = 98.28%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	4833	4948	5403
Year 8	4862	5138	6694
Year 9	4461	3514	3353
Year 10	4901	4451	3666
Year 11	1740	1466	1228
Total	20797	19517	20344

NEXT WEEK

- Monday 23 January
 - Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
 - Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
- Tuesday 24 January
 - Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Trip
 - Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
 - Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
 - Year 10 & 12 Drama Trip
- Wednesday 25 January
 - Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
 - Year 11 Drama Trip
 - Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Trip
 - Year 13 Online Intervention Evening
- Thursday 26 January
 - Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
 - Year 9 Boys HSB Workshop
 - Primary Maths Challenge
 - Year 11 Virtual webinar – Nutrition & Diet
- Friday 27 January
 - Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
 - Year 9 Girls HSB Workshop
 - National Theatre Connections Workshop

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 13 Selected Students Intervention Evening (Online) – (7pm)
 25 January – Year 11 Theatre trip
 26 January – Primary Maths Challenge – 5.00pm
 26 January Year 9 Boys HSB Workshop
 27 January – Year 9 Girls HSB Worksop
 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 February - Year 11 English Language Trial Exams (8.30-10.30am)
 20-24 February -Year 12 Resit Trial Exams
 21-23 February - Year 11, 12 & 13 GCSE Geography Fieldwork trips (All Day) (Canary Wharf)
 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
 13-31 March - Year 11 Trial Exams (including practical and oral)
 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 1817 Year 8 1522 Year 9 1318 Year 10 927 Year 11 263

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

7rSNE 478 8rRHU 494 9rMLE 269 10rGSE 166 11rSCM 655

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Ocean WT Year 9 Tommy S Year 11 Tegan G
Year 8 Aditya S Year 10 Marley D

GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Head of Year 7 – Josh Blakley

I have now been Head of Year 7 for the last 3 intakes. I teach Computing and ICT throughout Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and have a keen passion for Web Development having created my own management system which is in use around sports clubs across the country. An interesting fact about me is that I went to school at Hollyfield myself through Year 7 - Year 13 before studying Web Development at Uni and coming back to work as an IT Technician at Hollyfield before training to be a teacher. I also featured as an extra in the film 102 Dalmatians!

Head of Year 8 – Sophie Jenkins

I have been teaching at Hollyfield for 5 years. I am an English teacher and the Head of Year 8. I was born in Australia and have lived in 3 different countries including: Japan, Australia and England. I am passionate about literature and regularly read my favourite, the Book Thief by Markus Zusak.

Head of Year 9 – Suzanne Offord

I am the Head of Year 9 and a science teacher, I really enjoy both roles but my favourite part of the job is getting to know the students. This is only my third year at Hollyfield, but I was born and raised in Kingston so I was always aware of the school and jumped at the opportunity

to work here. When I'm not working I like going for a long ride on my bicycle, or sitting on the sofa watching netflix.

Head of Year 12 – Tamara Alam

I have been at Hollyfield now for 5 years and have really enjoyed getting to know the wonderful students and staff here. My specialist subject is Physics and I really enjoy organising trips and visits to give students the best experiences in their learning, I also enjoy telling a few physics jokes too. I enjoy cooking different cuisines and travelling to other countries (hot and sunny places mainly). I really enjoy high ropes activities such as Go Ape and I have even been to North Wales and been on the world's fastest zip line at Zip World which was an exhilarating experience! I also love swimming and yoga.

Senior Student Support Officer – Pam Ridgers

I am the Lead Student Support Officer and I along with my wonderful team are responsible for looking after the wellbeing of the students at Hollyfield. It is a rewarding and demanding role which I have been privileged to be doing for the past 2 ½ years. Hollyfield School is committed to the whole student and how they can be the best version of themselves and get what they deserve from their school experience and I am happy to do whatever I can to help them on that journey.

When I am not at work I love spending time with my 2 dogs Barney and Kevin and I am also an avid reader and belong to a book club.

Student Support Officer – Year 7 – Sasha Bolla

I am the Year 7 Student Support Officer and work within the safeguarding team. I have just finished my first year at Hollyfield. My favourite part of the role is really getting to know the students and being able to help them when they need it. I have recently taken on the Young Carers Project, I am excited to learn more about it.

In my spare time I enjoy walking my dog Stormi. Her favourite thing to do is playing on the children's slide at the local park and learning new tricks.

Student Support Officer – Year 8/9 – Hollie Wilkinson

I am the Year 8 and 9s Student Support Officer and I have been at the school for almost 4 months. After finishing my university degree at Kingston University where I studied forensic psychology. I help at the netball club after school as I play netball outside of school and have done since I was around 10. I have played county and regional netball. I also help at the Taekwondo club which is held after school at Hollyfield. Taekwondo is a sport that I have participated in since I was 4 years old and I have represented Great Britain in many competitions. I even competed at the Commonwealth games where I won a gold medal.

Student Support Officer – Year 10/11 – Jack Upton

I work as a Student Support Officer, supporting the students with their mental health and emotional wellbeing. At times this can be a challenging role, but is ultimately very rewarding and means I get to know the students very well. Alongside working at Hollyfield I am also completing a MA in psychotherapy. In my free time I like to be active and outdoors, spending time with friends and family.

Deputy Phase Leader Year 10/Student Support Centre Manager – Cam Esmond

I have spent my career supporting the inclusion of young people into mainstream education. I am passionate about breaking down the stigma of ASD and related conditions and promoting them within mainstream schools.

My role within the school is to manage the Re-Start centre and the Time out room but I am also Deputy Phase Leader for Key Stage 4 and primary focus is currently Year 10.

I am an avid collector of hats and have somewhere around 60 at the moment and in my spare time play Baseball for the Richmond Dukes.

Deputy Phase Leader Year 11 – Kelly Adams

I am Ms Adams and have been working at Hollyfield since 2016. When I am not at Hollyfield, I am at home with my daughter enjoying time with her before she darts off to University in September. I am a fan of watching reruns of 80's sitcoms or any crime documentary. Reading is a passion of mine - that helps when being the librarian here and I really enjoy seeing the children find a book that has captivated them and encouraged them to read more.

I am a Fulham Football club supporter and am keeping my fingers crossed that our run of good luck see's us through to the end of the season - as long as we finish above my other half's team I will happy!!!

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - January 20 2023

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

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 20/01/23](#) See some of the highlights below.....



If you are in Year 10 are interested in working with animals in the future we have 2 opportunities for you:

You can join the **Royal Veterinary College** for a two day FREE Year 10 Easter School taking place on the **3rd and 4th April 2023** at the Camden campus in London!

You will take part in lectures, practical's and Q&As with our world-leading researchers. We will focus on hands-on experiences in our labs, anatomy museum and with our animals, and you will also get the chance to meet current RVC students, other young people with a passion for animals and professionals working in a range of animal science careers. You will work together to solve veterinary case studies, reflect on career goals and how to achieve them and enjoy student social activities! [RVC Easter School \(Year 10\) - Year 10 Summer School - Opportunities For You - Widening Participation - RVC for All - Study - Royal Veterinary College, RVC](#) To participate in this activity you must attend a state school and meet a number of other [Widening Participation eligibility criteria](#) such as being the first in

the family to go to university, being eligible for Free School Meals, or living in an area with low progression rates to higher education.



Students in years 10-12 - you can apply to a free, virtual Get into Veterinary Medicine conference on Thursday 2nd February. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone considering Vet School to get a real insight into the application process and what it's actually like to be a Vet. If you are interested then do not hesitate to [apply here](#). Applications close at 5pm on **19th February 2023**. The conference will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Veterinary Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Interview Skills
- Leadership and Awards Programmes & accessing Work Experience



NHS ALLIED HEALTH CARE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Registrations Programme are open for our next session on Sunday 5th February. This programme is suitable for students in years 10-13 interested in working in healthcare.

Registration Link: [Live Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme](#)

The NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are considering the following careers:

- **Nursing**
- **Midwifery**
- **Paramedicine**
- **Physiotherapy**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Dietetics**
- **Radiography**
- **Prosthetics and Orthotics**
- **Speech and language therapy**
- **Pharmacy!**

Post 16 courses - open events



**Kingston
College**

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

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 8th February 4.30-7.30pm. Nescot provides 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](#)



Apprenticeships

Whilst most students will be planning to stay on at Hollyfield Sixth form or go to College others may find apprenticeships an attractive option at 16. You can begin an apprenticeship at various stages of your life. and Way to Work is one training provider which offers apprenticeships.

Way2Work is a professional UK based Apprenticeship training provider offering apprenticeship vacancies and full-time job opportunities for people aged 16 and above, with local employers who value and encourage them to achieve their full potential. They have varied Apprenticeships opportunities in business administration, customer service, childcare, team leading, management and teaching assistants.

Teaching Assistant.

- [St Mary's & St Peter's CE Primary School, Teddington](#) x 2
- [St Andrews & St Mark's CofE Junior School](#) (SEN) x 2
- [Hampton Infant School](#)

Early Years

- [Barnes Primary School, Barnes](#)
- [Monty's Nursery, Richmond](#)
- [Scamps Nursery, Teddington](#)
- [Barnes Day Care, Barnes](#)

- [Childs play, Surbiton](#)
- [Pipkin's Patch, Kingston](#)

Business Administration

- [BRS Built Environment, Staines](#) (Recruitment Resourcer Apprentice)
- [Exergame solutions, Twickenham](#) (Administrator Apprentice)
- [Coversure Insurance Services, Teddington](#) (Insurance Broker Apprentice)
- [Richmond Council, Twickenham](#) (Benefits Administration Apprentice)
- [C4F, Feltham](#) (Administration Apprentice)

Customer Service:

- [Exergame solutions, Twickenham](#) (Customer service advisor Apprentice)
- [FDB Panel Fittings, Isleworth](#) (Sales Administrator Apprentice)
- [Darrel Primary and Nursery school, Barnes](#) (Reception Apprentice)

For more information contact way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk or register your interest [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.

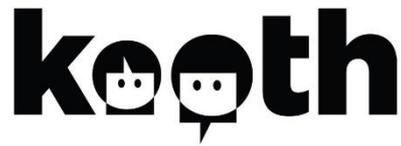
Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom. Email RachelDykings@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.
- 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/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

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.

COMMUNITY FUND

Kingston Covid-19 Grants

Kingston WelCare
Making Families Stronger
Charity No: 206286

To help a parent Re-Connect contact Ingrid: 07873 592216 or email : re-connect@welcarekingston.org.uk

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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?
Visit or click on the link below to complete the form :
<https://bit.ly/multiply-kae>
or scan the QR code:



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



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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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
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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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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
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Adult Education: GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2023-24

Overview

As part of our growing Community Classrooms, from February 2023, Surbiton High School will offer an evening course in GCSE English Language for adults. The year-long course is designed to challenge adult learners in both fiction and non-fiction texts, with a combination of analytical and creative skills. Students will read extracts from a wide range of literature including novels, newspapers, travel writing, memoir.

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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GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE Adult Evening Course 2023-2024 Application Form

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First Name(s) _____

Address

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Native Language _____

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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?

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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?

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