



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,

We've had another busy and brilliant week at Hollyfield. Thanks to Ms Lowery and the History department for hosting a fabulous workshop event for our Year 10 History students. We had a visit from some expert historians, who came with numerous artefacts to deliver a workshop on World War 1 medicine. It makes such a difference to students when they are able to put their studies in context.

Thanks, also, to all those parents and carers (not to mention teaching staff) who logged on for yesterday's Options Information Evening. The event was really well attended and informative and is just one of the many ways we are offering support to our Year 9 students as they prepare to make choices regarding their courses of study in Years 10 and 11. Next week, Year 9 students will have the chance to take part in 'taster sessions' for a number of subjects they might like to consider, some of which (like Business Studies, Photography and Health & Social Care) will be new to them. Mr Kynes, who leads on the options process, will also be pairing all students with an allocated staff member to discuss their choices. We know how important this process is, and we want the students to have all the information thev need to make the best possible

Next Thursday, we will be welcoming parents and carers of students in Year 12 and 13 to our Sixth Form Parents' Evening from 4.00 to 7.00pm, and we hope to see as many of you as possible there.

As ever, we hope that you have a restful weekend and look forward to a great last week of this half term. Just a reminder, that we will finish on Thursday of next week and we hope your sons and daughters are looking forward to a great half term break.

Ms A Jackson Headteacher



Term Dates
Autumn Term 2022
6 September to 16 December
(Inset Day – 5-6 Sept & 31Oct 1 Nov - except Y11 & Y13)
Half Term
20 October - 1 November (see above)
Christmas Holiday
19 December - 2 January 2023
(Bank hol 2 Jan)
Spring Term 2023
3 January – 31 March
(Inset Day –20 Feb– except Y11, & selected Y12 & Y13)

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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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- 6-10/2–Y13 Retake Trial Exams
- 8/2 Y9 Options Taster P4-6
- 8/2 Y12/13 Parent Consultation evening 4.00pm
- 9 /2 Y11 Revision Workshop

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### **OTHER NOTICES**

# Reporting your child's absence

When reporting your child's absence from school on the dedicated absence line, please ensure you provide their name, year and registration group, reason for absence and your details, please ensure you spell out your child's name to ensure they are marked correctly.

# Valuables 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 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.

# <u>Dinner Money Top Up</u>

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 <a href="mailto:lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>.



# IN SAFE HANDS

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

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team Mrs McGeoch: <a href="mailto:smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>
Ms Patel: <a href="mailto:spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>
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..... Drugs. Alcohol, Smoking Anxiety Mental health









# **HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS**

# \*\*\*Year 7 Parents and Students\*\*\*

# 24th February! 18:30: Arrival - 18:45: Food - 19:15: Quiz Starts

We are running 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 Yr 7 Families... Booking details will be sent out very 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 - Waggon and Horses Pub - 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 22nd April

**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 account to request items is no longer in operation.















# THIS WEEK.....

# **TOP ATTENDERS**

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.81%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA – 98.79% 8rRHU = 96.09% 9rGST = 96.43% 10rGSE = 98.28% 11rSCM= 96.98%

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

# **HOUSE POINTS**







	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	5753	6084	6420
Year 8	5438	5768	7890
Year 9	5183	3884	3934
Year 10	5090	4692	3893
Year 11	1873	4726	1301
Total	23337	25154	23438

# **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 6 February Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 13 Trial Exam Retakes (all week)

Tuesday 7 February Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 9 Finding Magic Performance (am)

Year 10 Finding Magic Performance (pm)

Wednesday 8 February Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 9 Options Taster Afternoon

Sixth Form Parents Evening – 4.00-7.00pm

Thursday 9 February Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall

Year 11 Assembly – Exam Centre

Year 11 Revision Workshop

Year 13 Resit trial exam grades emailed to parents

Friday 10 February Half Term



# FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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)
- 1 March Year 12 & 13 Geography trip
- 2 March Year 10 Parent Consultation evening
- 3 March Year 13 Resit Trial exam grades sent to parents
- 8 March Year 7 PP Kingston University Trip
- 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
- 21 March year 10 Music Technology Workplace visit
- 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
- 23 March Year 9 Residential Trip Meeting 6pm
- 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
- 22-23 April DofE Training Expedition
- 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
- 25-27 April A Level Photography Exam
- 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 1844 Year 8 1389 Year 9 1078 Year 10 477 Year 11 159

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

7rSNE 372 8rRHU 508 9rGST 184 10rDMI 121 11rbEFO/rSCM 34

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Ryan C Year 9 Neve M/Lucy R Year 11 Nathan G

Year 8 Aurko B/Dylan S Year 10 Vibusha MF/ Freddie SR

# GETTING TO KNOW......

# Cover Supervisor Department

**Debbie O'Donnell** is our Cover & Data Manager and has worked for Hollyfield for 5 years and has worked in education for 20 years. Debbie starts at 7am every morning to make sure all lessons are covered due to any staff absences. She also produces timetables for staff, students and oversees all school reports. Her family are all Fulham supporters and enjoy going to the home games. She was also a former pupil in the 80's!

**Jenny Arul** is a cover supervisor at Hollyfield School, which means she covers lessons when your child's teacher is unwell. She has been working in education for over 15 years, being a cover supervisor for the past 4. She's from the UK, but lived in Canada for 14 years, where she also gained her university degree in Psychology, Biology, and Maths. She enjoys trying new foods and learning about new cultures by travelling whenever she gets the chance.

Si Kang has been at Hollyfield School for 4 years; 2 years working as a TA in the SEN department and 2 years, currently as a Study supervisor. Throughout his time here he has really enjoyed working with fantastic staff and wonderful students. Si also attended Hollyfield as a Student from Year 7 to 11 so it is not a surprise that he feels quite connected to Hollyfield! During his free time, Si likes to play football, and go out for a long walk in the park and travel as much as he can during the school holidays!



# **CAREERS**



## **Careers Briefing - 3 February 2023**

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



# National Apprenticeship Week 6-12 February National Apprenticeship Week

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and there are a number of events being organised across the UK and at Hollyfield.

On Monday, the Richmond and Kingston Training provider **Way 2 Work** will come into school to talk about apprenticeship opportunities: <u>Way2Work</u>

On Tuesday, two of the apprentices who came earlier in the year to our Careers Fair are coming to talk to Year 9 about what it is like to be an apprentice and the opportunities which are available to people who choose this career path: Apprenticeships

On Wednesday morning, an employee from **McLaughlin & Harvey** is coming into school to talk about apprenticeships in the construction and building industry and to challenge some of the stereotypes associated with this industry: <u>McLaughlin & Harvey</u>

On Wednesday afternoon, representatives from **Barclays Bank** will be talking to Year 12 students about opportunities in the Bank for apprenticeships and work experience.

Furthermore, through the week tutors will be talking to their students about National Apprenticeship week and how it relates to the broader career choices students make at the end of Key Stage 4, 5 and in later life.



**Year 9** are in the process of choosing their options for Key stage 4 and as a part of that process before and after half term Year 9 tutor groups will be logging on to <u>Unifrog.</u> This is an excellent careers learning platform where students can complete careers quizzes and search up different careers opportunities. Parents can

also create their own account by using the parent code: 'HYFDParents'

# **Careers opportunities**

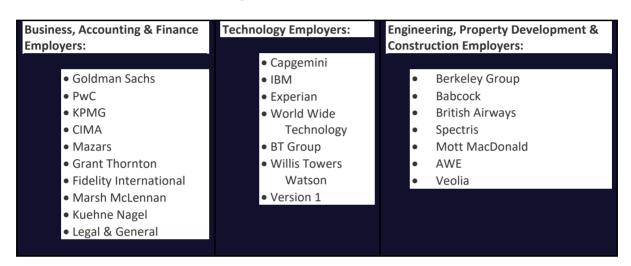
Please see our weekly opportunities bulletin: <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 03.02.23</u> and some highlights are below....



**Aspire** which promotes apprenticeships has produced an excellent and detail document aimed largely at Sixth Formers and parents/carers with lots of tips and useful advice: <a href="https://example.com/example.

On <u>Monday 6 February from 5pm - 8pm</u> students from across the nation will have access to the **UK's biggest Virtual Apprenticeship, Work Experience & Careers Expo** with over 30 of the world's biggest employers in attendance!

This will take place under one huge Webinar 'Expo' on Zoom, where students can drop in and out of multiple different workshops, sessions, keynote presentations, panel discussions and employer networking booths. So, if you're already certain on your career path and want to gain more opportunities, or maybe a little unsure about what to do in the future - you don't want to miss this event! Register here



# Post 16 courses - open events



We're excited to welcome you to the Fashion Retail Academy, so you can see for yourself what makes us the best place to study fashion and kickstart your career. We have courses in Fashion retail, fashion design and visual communications & styling. All our open days include a presentation from our Principal and talks about each of our courses. Tutors, alumni and current students will be available to answer your questions. Level 2 & Level 3 Open

Day - Saturday, 4th March 2023 book: FRA Open Days | Fashion Retail Academy London



**7.30pm.** Find out more and register to attend: Nescot Open Events





If young people are interested in animal care and agriculture then a successful college to find out about is in Merrist Wood (Guildford) who are having their Open Event on February 22nd: Merrist Wood

College

# **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

#### 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 <a href="https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/">https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/</a>.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: <u>116 123</u>.
- Shout Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to <u>85258</u>.
- 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: <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/">www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</a>. 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 <a href="www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a> 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 <a href="Here">Here</a> and a more in-depth 15 minute recording can be found <a href="Here">Here</a>. I have also included a selection of parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: <a href="Parents/Carers resources">Parents/Carers resources</a>

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** 













HIGH SCHOOL

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 <u>here</u>.



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# GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE Adult Evening Course 2023-2024 Application Form

Last Name	
First Name(s)	
Address	
Town	Postcode
Date of Birth / /	Nationality
Native Language	
Mobile number	
Email	

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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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# Explain an interesting fact about you

Please send your application to <a href="mailto:communityclassroom@surbitonhigh.com">communityclassroom@surbitonhigh.com</a> or post or deliver to: Mr Stuart Bird, Surbiton High School, 13 Surbiton Crescent, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey. KT1 2JT