



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 we are all looking forward to a well-earned half term break. Thank you to everyone for your support with our mufti day today and please can I remind everyone that there is no school tomorrow.

Many thanks to all of the parents, carers and students who came to the sixth form parents’ evening yesterday. For our Year 13 students, this was the first face to face parents’ evening they have had during their post-16 education. On a personal level, I enjoyed seeing the parents and talking to the students. I hope everyone got some really useful advice and feedback from their subject teachers. Thanks also to all of the staff and students for their enthusiasm for Year 9 options taster day yesterday. Remember that this is just part of the options process and students should continue their thinking about their options over half term.

**PTA Quiz:**

On Friday 24 February, our wonderful PTA is hosting a quiz for Year 7 students and their parents (students and parents will be on separate teams). It promises to be a very entertaining and exciting evening and a good opportunity for Year 7 students and parents to come together in competition. Please follow the link <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/index.cfm?event=shop#.Y95oiuzP1TY> to book your tickets and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

**Return to School:**

Please can I remind parents that Monday 20 February is a staff INSET training and so the school is closed to all students **except those in Year 11**. Our Year 11 students will be in school sitting some trial exams to help in their GCSE preparations. Mr Winpenny wrote to parents about this on Tuesday with the full details. All other students will return to school on Tuesday 21 February at the normal time of 0830.

**Working from home (WFH) tester morning Wednesday 22 February:**

As parents will know, we are anticipating a further three teacher strike days in March. The school is likely to close to the lower year groups on these days. For your reference, these days are as follows:

- Thursday 2 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March

Myself and the senior team are exploring the possibility of offering some online learning during these days as there are unlikely to be enough staff in school to safely open. In order to offer the online learning we need to test everyone’s devices, access and connection prior to these days. Therefore, on **Wednesday 22 February** we will have a tester morning which will work as follows:

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students will come into school as normal. This is because we are likely to be able to offer them some provision in school on the strike days.

Year 7-Year 10 students should stay at home and dial into morning registration (0830-0900). During this time, their form tutor will complete a range of checks to ensure that everyone knows how to login to our online platforms and so we can identify and



**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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- 20/2 – Y7-10 Inset Day/Y11 Trial Ex
- 21-24/2 -Y12 Resit Trial Exams
- 21-23/2 - Y11, 12 & 13 GCSE Geography Fieldwork trip

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subsequently resolve any issues. Students should then travel into school ready for period two, which starts at 0950 and enjoy the rest of their day as normal. There will not be any learning during period one (0900 - 0950) as this will be kept clear to allow everyone time to travel into school. Form tutors will go through the process for Wednesday morning with students when they return on Tuesday 21 February. Mr Bonehill will also email parents on Monday 20 February with full details of WFH tester morning. In the meantime, if your child does not have access to a device at home then please contact Mr Bonehill ([dbonehill@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:dbonehill@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)) who will be able to support.

### And finally

I also wanted to mention the mass tragedy caused by the Turkey/Syria earthquake on Monday morning. I feel compelled to invoke the selfless, generous and compassionate spirit of the Hollyfield Community when it is so sincerely needed. We watched in wonder last year as the donations for the Ukrainian refugees came flooding into our reception area. While one disaster is political and the other natural, its victims are facing many similar problems and need our support.

Hollyfield will hold a mufti day on Friday 24 February (the close proximity to today's mufti day is noticeable, but I think we'll all agree this is an important cause). We will simply ask for a monetary donation of whatever denomination you wish to give.

Between Tuesday 21 February and Friday 24 February, we will be collecting goods from the list outlined below. These will be taken to a specific drop-off point from which they will be transported to the disaster area.

All monies raised will be given to a highly reputable NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) <https://ahbap.org/disasters-turkey> that is already on the ground providing disaster relief for some of the hundreds of thousands who have been affected.

Alongside Hollyfield, our partner schools (Chessington and Grey Court) will be taking steps to support those who have been made instantaneously destitute and desperately need our help (although please note that their timings, approach or requests may differ to ours).

I hope that you will be able to source some of these simple, but ultimately life-changing, products over the half-term holiday.

The emergency needs change constantly on the ground, but AFAD (Turkey Disaster and Management Authority) have shared a priority list as follows:

- Baby formula
- Hygienic pads
- Baby nappies
- Hygiene products
- Coats/raincoats/umbrellas
- Shoes/boots/socks
- Gloves/scarves
- Power banks
- Sleeping bags
- Batteries
- Torches
- Tents
- Bed linen/duvets/blankets
- Bottled water/canned/packed food.

Thanks in advance for your support, and enjoy the holidays.

**Ms A Jackson**  
**Headteacher**

## 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 [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](mailto: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](mailto:lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk).

## 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](mailto:smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

Ms Patel: [spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto: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\*\*\*

#### **24 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 Year 7 Families...

Tickets are £11 per adult, £7 per student - dinner included (vegetarian option available). Drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

Book here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/index.cfm?event=shop#.Y95oiuzP1TY>

### **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:**

**TBC**

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 22 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.**



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[www.hollyfieldpta.org](http://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 94.84%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7eSNW – 99.65%  
 8bLCA = 97.50%  
 9bKME = 97.65%  
 10bJTU = 97.67%  
 11rSCM= 95.52%

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>23337</b>	<b>25154</b>	<b>23438</b>

## NEXT WEEK

Monday 20 February	Year 7-10, 12-13 Inset Day, Year 11 Trial Exams
Tuesday 21 February	Year 12 Resit Trial Exams (all week) Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
Wednesday 22 February	Year 11, 12 & 13 Geography Field Trip Day 1 Year 11, 12 & 13 Geography Field Trip Day 2
Thursday 23 February	Year 7-10 Working From Home Tester Morning – students arrive for 9.50am Year 11, 12 & 13 students arrive 8.30am for normal lessons Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
Friday 24 February	Year 11, 12 & 13 Geography Field Trip Day 3 Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall

## FORTHCOMING DATES

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 & Maths Trial Exams

21-24 February -Year 12 Resit Trial Exams



21-23 February - Year 11, 12 & 13 GCSE Geography Fieldwork trips (All Day) (Canary Wharf)  
 22 February – Year 7-10 Working From Home Tester Morning  
 24 February – Mufti Day  
 1 March – Year 12 & 13 Geography trip  
 3 March – Year 13 Resit Trial exam grades sent to parents  
 8 March – Year 7 PP Kingston University Trip  
 9 March – Year 10 Parent Consultation evening  
 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 1713    Year 8 1311    Year 9 1022    Year 10 594    Year 11 218

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

7rKWH 345    8rRHU 522    9bKME 174    10bJTU 212    11rSCM 72

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7    Yousef G/Huey S    Year 9    Tommy S    Year 11    Billy G  
 Year 8    Dylan S    Year 10    Omar H

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Well done Ethan!**

Ethan in Year 11 has been playing in the Royal British Legion Marching Band since 2019. In 2022 he was chosen as the runner up for cadet of the year. Ethan was also awarded the brass player of the year for 2022. Well done Ethan, we are all very proud of you.





## MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE



Have you created a piece of amazing artwork at home or at school? If so, why not enter it into the Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show! If your work is selected it will go into an exhibition this Summer at the Royal Academy of Art in London.

Hollyfield are signed up so all you need to do is take a good photo of your work in natural light - midday is the best time to take your picture. Make sure the photo is not blurry and crop it so all you can see is the art, no table or other objects around.

Then get your parent or carer to click the link below and upload your photo along with a few other details. It is really easy. It would be great to have as many entries from Hollyfield as possible!!

Students in Year 11, 12 and 13, we will be selecting some of your school work for entry but if you have anything that you have done outside of school please feel free to enter that also.

Click this link:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk>

Deadline for submissions is 29 March.

## CAREERS



**Careers Briefing - 9 February 2023**  
by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 9 took part in a subject taster day before half term when they had the opportunity to find out more about some of the subjects they could choose at Key Stage 4. Also as a part of that process Year 9 tutor groups will be logging on to [Unifrog](#). This is an excellent careers learning platform where students can complete careers quizzes and search up

different careers opportunities. Two of the Year 9 tutor groups have already successfully logged on to Unifrog and after half term the remainder will be given the opportunity during tutor time.

Finally, Year 9 also had an assembly last Tuesday in which two apprentices talked about their career choices and their current role at Unilever and also Tony Gee Engineering.

Careers in Focus. This week Horse racing.



When people think about Horse Racing, the first job that comes to mind is being a Jockey. In fact, there are hundreds of job roles available in the industry from working with horses in a racing yard or stud farm to working on a racecourse or in an administrative role. There are 59 racecourses in the UK with an array of jobs available. **Horse racing is the second largest spectator sport in the UK and the largest sporting employer, supporting over 85,000 jobs.**

Our aim is to help people find a rewarding job role, in an industry that they are passionate about. We have dedicated training providers and **courses available from Apprenticeships to an MBA, riding and non-riding.**

### [Race Horsing](#)

#### Careers opportunities

Please see our weekly Sixth Form opportunities bulletin: and some highlights are below.....

#### [Sixth Form Opportunities 9/02/23](#)

**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: [The Aspire Guide](#)

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 22: [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](http://www.Kooth.com).

### Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom. Email [RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.





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

KINGSTONIAN CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS

## JUNIOR WINTER SESSIONS

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

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

EMAIL: KINGSTONIANCC@GMAIL.COM MOBILE: 07949758469  
[www.kingstonian.play-cricket.com](http://www.kingstonian.play-cricket.com)

## Everyone Welcome!

# WARM HUB



**Hot drinks, soup, bread and a warm welcome**

**THURSDAYS 3.30pm to 5.00pm**

**January and February**



Surbiton High Girls' Prep School  
 95-97 Surbiton Road  
 Kingston Upon Thames KT1 2HW  
 Please use the entrance on Surbiton Road

Note: This is an outside hub in a tent



SURBITON HIGH SCHOOL



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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)

T 020 8546 5245 E [surbiton.high@surbitonhigh.com](mailto:surbiton.high@surbitonhigh.com)

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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 [here](#).





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

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Town \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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