

Week commencing - 27 February 2023



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,

I hope you all had a restful half term and are looking forward to the weekend.

Strike Day: Thursday 2 March

As parents will be aware, the NEU (National Education Union) is planning industrial action on Thursday 2 March. As a result of this action the following provision will be made:

- The school will be open as normal to those students in the sixth form. Mr Warren has written to parents to explain how students' school day will be managed if any of their teachers are taking part in the industrial action.
- The school will be closed to pupils in Year 7 Year 11. Students in Year 9 -• Year 11 will move to online learning from home. We have made the decision to move online as there is a risk we will not have enough staff on site to ensure the students are safe. We have completed our working from home tester morning and so all students should be in a position to dial into their lessons from home. The nature of the strike means that we will not know which teachers are striking until the morning of the strike. With this in mind, there will not be any lessons until period 2 on that day. There will not be a morning registration period. On that morning, we will publish a timetable of the lessons going ahead and work will be posted in the google classroom for lessons which cannot run as the teacher is taking strike action. Where lessons are running, pupils should go to their google classroom and dial in using the link on the classroom. As a reminder, our timings of the school day are as follows:

Time	Period
08:30 - 09:00	Form Tutor / Morning Registration
09:00 - 09:50	Period 1
09:50 - 10:40	Period 2
10:40 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:50	Period 3
11:50 - 12:40	Period 4
12:40 - 13:20	Lunch
13:20 - 14:10	Period 5
14:10 - 15:05	Period 6 (This includes by 5 mins for pastoral time)



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022 6 September to 16 December (Inset Day - 5-6 Sept & 31Oct -1 Nov - except Y11 & Y13) Half Term 20 October - 1 November (see above) **Christmas Holiday** 19 December - 2 January 2023 (Bank hol 2 Jan) Spring Term 2023 3 January – 31 March (Inset Day -20 Feb- except Y11, & selected Y12 & Y13) Half Term 10-20 February (see above) **Easter Holiday** 3 April – 14 April (Bank Hol 7 & 10 Apr) Summer Term 2023 17 April – 20 July (Bank Hol 2 & 29 May) Half Term 29 May - 2 June Stop Press......

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- Please note we do expect students to attend all online sessions that are running.
- Students in Year 9 Year 11 with an EHCP will be offered a place in school to complete the online learning, where they will be supported by our SEND team. Mrs Burrows will contact the parents of these students separately with full details. If there are any students in Year 9 Year 11 who do not have access to a device with which to work from home, please contact Mr Bonehill on <u>dbonehill@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> who will be delighted to help.
- Students in Year 7 and Year 8 will be set enrichment activities on the google classroom which they can
 complete at home, if they wish to do so. Likewise, parents and carers may decide to make use of the time in
 another way. older students. We have prioritised the older students in offering online learning, as per the
 government guidance. However, we are confident that we will be able to resolve any issues which arise next
 Thursday. Therefore, should the final two strike days go ahead, students in these year groups will also be
 offered online provision.
- Students who we deem to be vulnerable have been offered a place in school where they will complete enrichment activities for the day. Mrs Burrows and Ms Patel have been in touch with parents of these students with details of the offer.
- If your child is eligible for free school meals then you should have received vouchers for all four strike days in place of your child's free school meal. If you have not received these vouchers then please get in touch with Mr Winpenny on mwinpenny@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk who will be delighted to help.

As I have said previously, I am sure that parents will read this and potentially feel a sense of frustration. I am a parent myself and understand that many of you will have to adjust your working days, and you may have concerns about your child missing parts of their education. As I said last previously, the school and the trust considers strike action to be a fundamental right of the profession. Whilst parents will, inevitably, experience some inconvenience, please remember that the industrial action has met all legal requirements and that any teacher going on strike will not have taken that decision lightly. Once again, as I have said before, 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 for everyone's rights whatever our political opinions might be.

And finally

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the whole community for your response to our request for donations to support the crisis in Turkey and Syria. As I write this, the finance department is still calculating the final total collected, but they assure me that this will be the largest amount of money ever collected on a mufti day. This is coupled with the generous donations of resources, which we will pass onto our charity partners. I am aware that there are members of our community who have family and friends directly affected by the tragedy; they remain in our thoughts.

On a different note, I am looking forward to the PTA quiz for Year 7 students and their families this evening. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Have a lovely weekend.

Ms A Jackson Headteacher

"The school has developed its curriculum far beyond regular lessons" Ofsted 2020



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</u> <u>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.

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 <u>here</u> 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

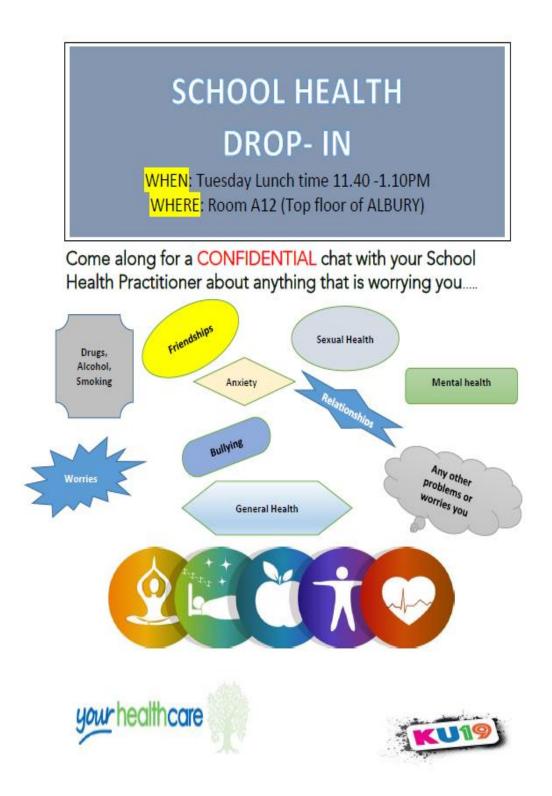
Ms Jackson holds Parent Clinics on Thursday afternoon during term time. These are from 3.00pm-4.30pm for parents/carers to speak directly to her regarding any unresolved concerns/ suggestions. Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.



IN SAFE HANDS

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

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team Mrs McGeoch: <u>smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> Ms Patel: <u>spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.





HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS



***Quiz Night for Year 7 Families - 24.02.23 ***

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:

Date of Next Meeting TBC - around mid March

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. **re-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. <u>Everyone Welcome -</u> it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown away!

Please note, the email 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 94.94%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7rSNE – 98.05%
8rRHU = 99.22%
9rEWE = 96.37%
10bBRO = 96.63%
11rMFO= 95.15%

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

HOUSE POINTS

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	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 27 February	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 12 CERN trip - Geneva
Tuesday 28 February	Eagle House KS3 Assembly (Dining Room) Osprey House KS3 Assembly (Gym) Falcon House KS3 Assembly (Exam Centre) Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 12 CERN trip - Geneva
Wednesday 1 March	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 & 13 Geography trip – Brick Lane
Thursday 2 March	Strike Day
Friday 3 March	Eagle House KS4 Assembly (Dining Room) Osprey House KS4 Assembly (Gym) Falcon House KS4 Assembly (Exam Centre) Year 13 Resit Trial exam grades sent to parents





FORTHCOMING DATES

1 March – Year 12 & 13 Geography trip 3 March – Year 13 Resit Trial exam grades sent to parents 7 March – Year 11 English Literature Trial exam (8.30-10.45am) 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 – 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 1098	Year 8 997	Year 9 496	Year 10 248	Year 11 6	6
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The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7rSNE 288 8rRHU 326 9rMLE 153 10rGSE 71 11bEFO 16

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Henry E/Maxim Y	Year 9	Karis C	Year 11	Tommy-Lee G
Year 8	Dylan S	Year 10	Nabeel H		

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 you 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 Year11, 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.

Numeracy week is coming up and there's going to be lots of prizes to be won. Maths teachers will explain everything to their classes next week!



GETTINGTO KNOW THE.....

Data & Exams 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!

Sumangali Ganendiran is our Examinations Officer has been working at Hollyfield for last 20 years. The Exams Department is one of the busiest departments at Hollyfield School. We deal with all the entries relating to internal and external examinations for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Any queries from parents, students and Awarding bodies relating to exams are processed by the Exams Officer. She spends most of the spare time doing gardening and dress making.

Maria Hill is our Data and Exams Assistant who started working at Holyfield as a temp in April 2022 and became a permanent member in May 2022! Maria creates mark sheets for the teachers to enter their data for their students with set deadlines and chases the data for all year groups and produces school reports. Maria also assists the exams officer by producing student timetables, completing seat planning and help prepare for each exam



throughout the year. Maria used to be a talented gymnast 20 years ago competing in competitions and represented Kingston in the London Youth games!

History Department

Miss Lowery: our team leader and head of department, Miss Lowery is the second longest serving member of the department. She studied at Sheffield and Exeter, fitting in some travelling and various interesting jobs, before teaching in Oxford, then Surbiton. Outside work she likes to wind down with a (sometimes trashy) historical novel, zumba and singing in a local choir. She has two children who have to spend their holidays getting dragged around cultural and historical sites.

Mr Russell: Mr Russell teaches history and politics, and has been here so long he is part of the history of Hollyfield! Outside of school he likes fishing, horse racing and owns a share of a racehorse Gerico Ville. As well as teaching he holds qualifications in wine. He has three kids, all now 18 + and likes football, especially watching his beloved Chelsea and Wimbledon men and women.

Ms Bras: new to the department Ms Bras comes from Christchurch, NZ and moved after the earthquakes devastated the city in 2011. Interesting fact- NZ had over 10 000 earthquakes in one year and she had to school-share with another school that had to be knocked down. Outside school she used to do musicals when at school and sing in a covers band! A self-proclaimed terrible netball player, Ms Bras likes to spend her time off with her two year old son.

Mr Buckman teaches history and politics in addition to his role as Assistant Headteacher. He has a real passion for British political and constitutional history. Prior to teaching Mr Buckman worked at Buckingham Palace amongst other royal institutions and was privileged to meet the late Queen Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Outside of school Mr Buckman is a sports fan, following the cricket, football and rugby and likes to unwind with a game of darts.

Miss Kettell: Miss Kettell is new to the department and has recently moved to the area from Gloucestershire. Prior to this she lived in Cardiff for 5 years and developed a fondness for Welsh rugby whilst there. Outside of work she has a passion for Formula One and can be found spending her weekends getting up at the crack of dawn to watch 20 cars drive in circles - a questionable hobby even in her eyes!

IT Department

Information Technology is a vital and integral part of every organisation. Our IT Technical Team is managed by our highly qualified IT Manager, Noohad Khan, who is a postgraduate with 18 years of IT experience within the Educational sector. Charlie Green is our young and vibrant Chief IT Technician who's been with us for the last couple of years. Both Noohad and Charlie are ex-Hollyfield students.

Comprised of a diverse duo of tech-savvy professionals, they are responsible for ensuring that the school's technology infrastructure is up-to-date, secure, and functioning smoothly. From troubleshooting technical issues to managing the school's network and servers. This team of experts plays a critical role in keeping students and staff connected and productive. Whether it's helping teachers set up their classroom technology, ensuring that students have access to the latest software, or providing training to staff, the IT team at Hollyfield is dedicated to providing the highest level of support to the entire school community. Their commitment to excellence and their ability to stay on the cutting edge of technology make them an essential part of the school's success.

CAREERS





Careers Briefing - 24 February 2023 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Year 9 - this half term is all about the KS4 options choices. Students have received their options booklets and last half term they logged on to <u>Unifrog</u>. They can access Unifrog careers programme at home and research their ideas linked to their potential subject choices.



Other useful resources include: BBC Bitesize Careers National Careers Service

Careers opportunities

Please see our weekly **Careers Opportunities bulletin** and some of the highlights below... <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 24th February</u>



The School of Journalism

We're hosting a Q&A with freelance sports presenter Karthi Gnanasegaram! Karthi has worked for BBC Sport, Amazon Prime and the Premier League. The event is free, remote, and open to everyone.

She's reported on the US Open, the ATP Finals, many Premier League games, and much more. She's interviewed the likes of Mason Mount, Roger Federer, Serena Williams and Emma Raducanu. She was also a commentator at the opening and closing ceremonies for Commonwealth Games in Birmingham and the opening ceremony for the Tokyo Olympics. The talk will take place on Zoom on **Monday March 20, 6:30pm-8pm.** Sign up here: <u>https://schoolofjournalism.co.uk/free-journalism-masterclasses/</u>.





Unifrog Next Steps Student Fair

The annual Fair is a unique opportunity to compare all the different post-school pathways side by side so you can make the best decision for you. You'll have the chance to learn about leading employers, universities, and apprenticeship providers in live

sessions and drop by their virtual booths to chat with them directly! **Perfect for students in** years 10 to 13. Wednesday 8 March @ 16:30. <u>Sign up here</u>

Launch a future behind the screens

Fresh out of sixth form, or soon to be? This is the Content Academy programme for you.

Some amazing apprenticeship opportunities with Sky: <u>Ignite - sky</u> working in **sky sports, sky news and sky studios.** Check out their website for more information and apply now!

You'll spend 12 months in an area of our business, rotating through different teams, picking up new skills and experiencing everything Sky has to offer. The hours can be unusual, and the work hard, but it's an opportunity for experiences like no other. Setting up sound for Soccer AM, supplying lighting equipment to Universal Film, manning the autocue for the evening news – there's no telling what you could find yourself doing, or who with. Strap in. It's going to be an exciting ride.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

<u>Term Dates 2022-2023</u> <u>Uniform List</u> <u>Extra-Curricular Activities</u> - PE <u>Extra-Curricular Activities</u> - Drama <u>Student well-being and safety</u> 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 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: <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>.

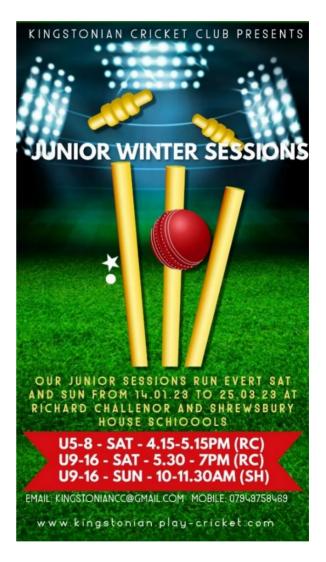


National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: <u>0808 2000 247</u>/online chat.

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: <u>www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</u>. Call 0808 802 5544.



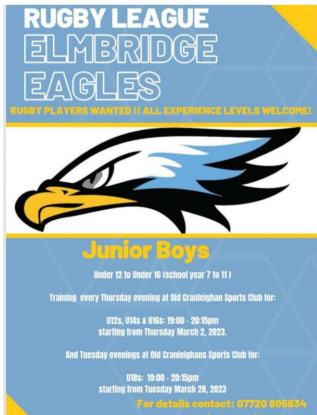




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