

The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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“There is a distinct sense of community in the school” Ofsted 2020

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you are all safe and well. Thank you to all of the Year 7 parents who came along to the PTA quiz last week. The PTA trialled a new style of quiz which saw the parents competing against the children and there was staff in the mix as well. It was a fantastic evening, that was lots of fun and hopefully enabled the Year 7 parents to continue to get to know each other. As the school was closed to most students yesterday, it means they missed out on World Book Day. Thankfully the English department has planned some world book activities for next week that will be shared with our Key Stage 3 students. As well as this it is also numeracy week, again with many fun activities planned which will be shared with your children during tutor time.

The bookings for our next CAS days will be open in phases next week, as per Mr Bonehill's email yesterday, so I encourage parents to go online and book the trip you would like your child to attend. We are hopeful that there are trips and activities to suit everyone. whatever their interests are.

And finally, thanks again to the community for your generosity in donating to the appeal for people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Last week we raised £1317, which is our highest ever total for a non-uniform day.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms A Jackson
Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

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

Half Term

20 October - 1 November (see above)

Christmas Holiday

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

Spring Term 2023

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

Half Term

10-20 February (see above)

Easter Holiday

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

Summer Term 2023

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

Half Term

29 May – 2 June

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- 6/3 – Year 11 Food Tech Exam
- 7/3 – Y11 English Lit Trial exam
- 7/3 - Y12 Uni & Apprentice Fair
- 8/3 – Y7 PP Kingston Uni Trip
- 9/3 – Y10 Parent's Evening

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“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 [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.

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

Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.

WHEN: Tuesday Lunch time 11.40 -1.10PM
WHERE: Room A12 (Top floor of ALBURY)



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Quiz Night for Year 7 Families

Thanks to all who joined us and participated to make this evening a huge success! £887 was raised for the school. Thanks to all involved!

Feedback on Hollyfest 2022

A little reminder that all are welcome to get involved: all money raised by events organised by the PTA contribute to various items that the school identifies that can benefit our students. We can share that money raised at Hollyfest last summer has contributed towards the following causes:

£1800 - Big Read

£5325 - Picnic tables

£2000 - MFL Preomethan Screens [Modern Foreign Languages Department]

£3000 - Kiln for the art department

Also, Tesco and Co-op Funds have been allocated:

£4025 - Breakfast club

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.

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. **Everyone Welcome - 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.**



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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 94.93%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7rKWH – 97.27%
 8bLCA = 98.39%
 9rKME = 96.97%
 10bDMI = 98.11%
 11bEFO= 94.37%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	6400	6779	7335
Year 8	6086	6378	8831
Year 9	5720	4300	4499
Year 10	5229	5200	4190
Year 11	1959	4790	1418
Total	25394	27447	26273

NEXT WEEK

Monday 6 March	Numeracy Week/World Book Week Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 11 Food Technology Exam
Tuesday 7 March	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 11 English Literature Trial Exam – 8.30am Year 12 University & Apprenticeship Fair
Wednesday 8 March	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 7 PP Kingston University Trip
Thursday 9 March	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 10 Parents Evening – 4.00-7.00pm
Friday 10 March	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall Numeracy Bake off and bake sale 10.40am

FORTHCOMING DATES

6 March – Year 11 Food Technology Exam
 7 March – Year 11 English Literature Trial exam (8.30-10.45am)
 7 March - Year 12 University & Apprenticeship Fair
 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 7-10 CAS Day
 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	1205	Year 8	1295	Year 9	1072	Year 10	701	Year 11	207
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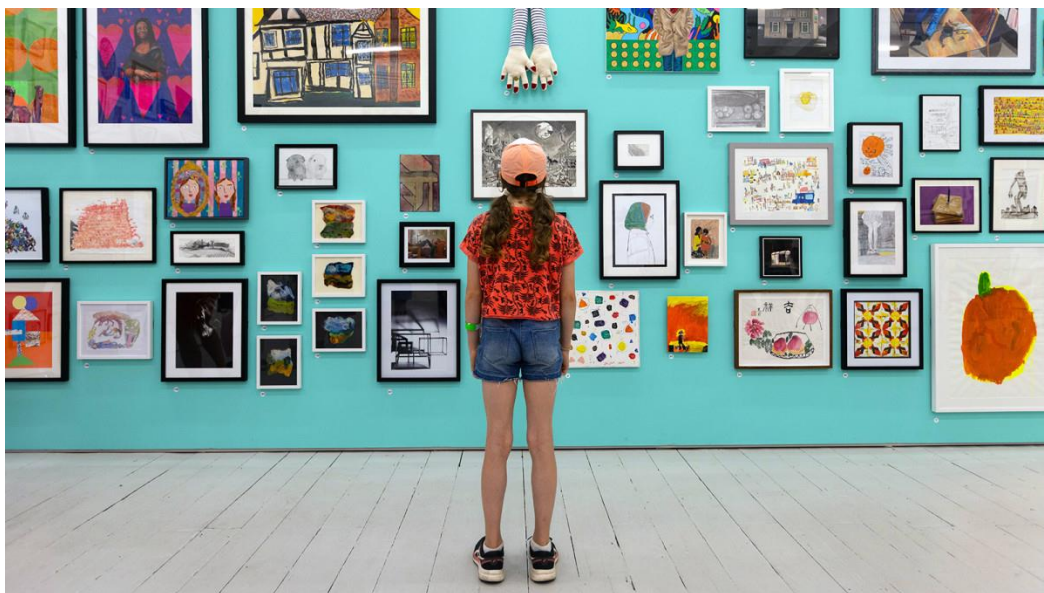
The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7rKWH	241	8rRHU	390	9rMLE	238	10bDMI	186	11rRMA	66
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The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Joshua M	Year 9	Beau B	Year 11	Nathan G
Year 8	Dylan S	Year 10	Marley D		

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!!

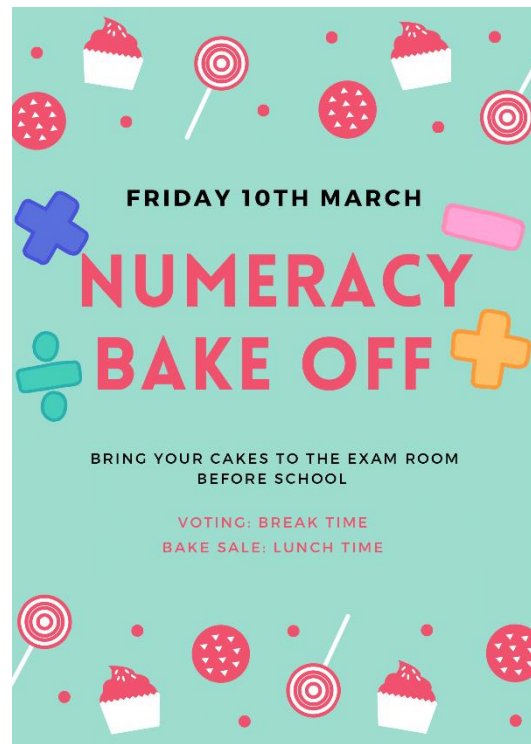
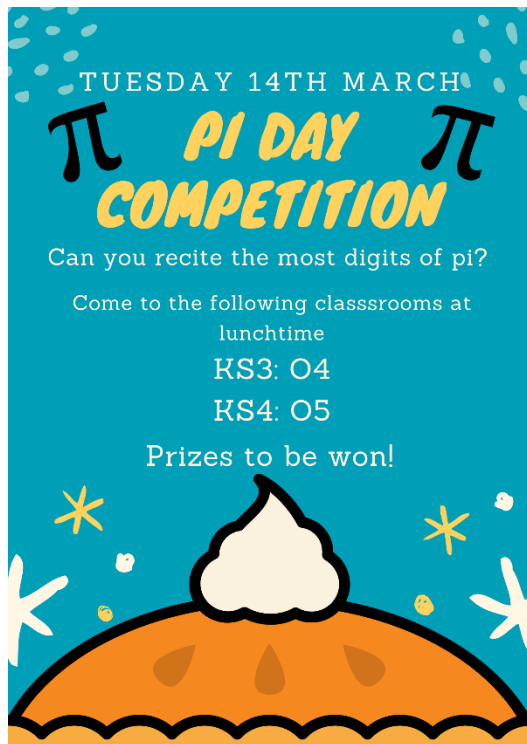
Students in Year 11, 12 and 13, we will be selecting some of your school work for entry but if you have anything that you have done outside of school please feel free to enter that also.

Click this link:

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

Deadline for submissions is 29 March.

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!



Instrumental Music Lessons



GUITAR LESSONS

KMS have space for guitar lessons at Hollyfield.

Apply now to start after half term.



For more details, follow the QR code or goto:
<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/music-service-1/music-lessons/1>

musicservice@kingston.gov.uk

GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Modern Foreign Languages Department

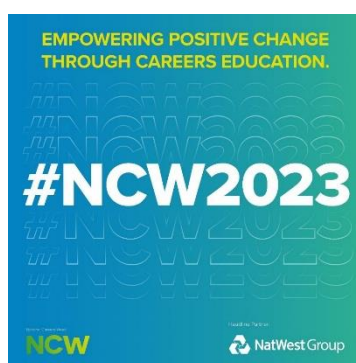
Mrs Dennis: Mrs Dennis is our Head of Department. She teaches French and Spanish and spent a year living in the South West of France during her degree. Outside of school Mrs Dennis likes to watch live music and even works with Festival Republic every year at Reading Festival helping to keep everyone safe! She also enjoys Pilates and was part of a team of UK ladies who raised £35,000 for the NHS during the first COVID lockdown by completing an endurance cycling challenge at home on their Peloton bikes!

Miss Belben: "Bonjour, I am Ms Belben and I teach French and Spanish. I was born and raised in Paris, in France, and moved to England a couple of years ago to become a teacher. I am obviously passionate about languages and I am currently trying to learn Korean."

Miss White: Miss White recently joined Hollyfield. She studied French and Spanish at Coventry University, where she also taught herself Italian, Japanese and Korean (although only beginners). During university, she got the chance to live in Paris and Valencia which was an amazing and eye-opening experience! Miss White plays rugby in her spare time and supports Harlequins and obviously England internationally.

Miss Ortiz: I am originally from Mexico, where I lived until 2006. I lived for 12 years in the beautiful Ragusa, Italy, where the Montalbano tv show is set. I have taught Spanish since I finished my degree in Foreign languages. I have worked in private and state schools in Mexico, Italy, Scotland and England. I moved to England with my family almost five years ago because I wanted to teach in secondary schools. I also wanted my children to become fluent in English and experience living in a multicultural society. I really enjoy cooking and I often receive compliments for my dishes. I love trying food from different countries and learning recipes from different cultures. I also love music and dancing. This is why I take zumba lessons. I am passionate about health, environment and sustainability. I am starting to learn about permaculture and I would love to grow my own food.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 3 March 2023

by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Hollyfield is supporting National Careers week 2023

As a school we provide careers education throughout the year with various lessons, trips and activities. National Careers week is a chance to celebrate the wonderful things we do as

well as talk to students about their future ideas and aspirations. There will be a range of activities going on next week which some are highlighted below:

- Tutor time activities focusing on careers
- Year 7 dream job competition & some students will be attending an aspirational visit to Kingston University
- Tuesday 7 March all Year 12 students will attend the UK University and Apprenticeships Fair at the University of Surrey



Year 9 - this half term is all about the Key Stage 4 options choices. In tutor times students have logged on to [Unifrog](#). They can access Unifrog careers programme at home and research their ideas linked to their potential subject choices.

Other useful careers resources all students can access include:

- [BBC Bitesize Careers](#)
- [London LMI](#) (Labour Market Information) to find out about the Job market in London
- [Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

Careers opportunities

Please see our weekly [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 2nd March](#) which highlights careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships. See some of the big events taking place in National Careers week...



Unifrog Next Steps Student Fair

We hosted an in person careers fair in October but you can access this great event hosted by Unifrog. The Next Steps Fair is a free, unique opportunity for you to compare all your post-school/college options in one place. Hear from Sophie Pender, our keynote speaker, Forbes 30 under 30, and founder of the 93% Club and join live sessions with top UK

universities like the University of Manchester and University of Warwick, plus big name employers and apprenticeship providers like the BBC and EY. Ask your questions on entry requirements and what a normal day in different industries looks like. You can sign up on Unifrog.

The National Careers Week 2023 - Virtual Careers Fair

This will go live on 6 March and students and parents/carers can access this at any time on the website: [National Careers Week 2023](#) You can access this all week and there are over 100 companies taking part including some of the headline organisations:



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 RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.
- Childline: [information and advice](#) on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: [0800 1111](tel:08001111).
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies <https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/>.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: [116 123](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel:85258).
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247)/online chat.

Information for adults

Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.



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



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JUNIOR WINTER SESSIONS

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

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englishandmaths@kingston.gov.uk
or call: 07511045124



Mental Health Matters

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH
6PM TO 9PM

AT COOMBE GIRLS SCHOOL
NEW MALDEN, KT3 3TU

You are invited to attend a **FREE** evening around Mental Health. The evening will feature several clinical speakers who will each look at a different area of mental health including:

- Dementia care
- How people can support their mental wellbeing
- Mental health in children and young people
- Practical ideas for happier living

Questions?

Call 07818 244 980

Email swlicb.nmwp.pcn@nhs.net

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BOOK TICKETS



CHELSEA F.C WOMEN

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

FOOTBALL FUN!



8TH MARCH 5 PM - 7PM

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FOR GIRLS

BASED IN KINGSTON AND SURREY
AGES 13 - 17

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Junior Boys

Under 12 to Under 16 (school year 7 to 11)

Training every Thursday evening at Old Cranleigh Sports Club for:

U12s, U14s & U16s: 19:00 - 20:15pm
starting from Thursday March 2, 2023.

And Tuesday evenings at Old Cranleigh Sports Club for:

U18s: 19:00 - 20:15pm
starting from Tuesday March 28, 2023

For details contact: 07720 805834

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