

Week commencing -20 March 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 are well and looking forward to a restful weekend. It has been another great week at Hollyfield. Our Year 11 students have been working really hard and their mock exams are going well so far. We have been really impressed with their attitude and we know that they will learn a lot from the experience, and that the results will help class teachers to make their final few weeks of study really impactful.

Following hot on the heels of the Maths department's fun-filled Numeracy Week, this week we have celebrated Science week, under the leadership of Team Science, with a theme of 'connections'. Coincidentally, the school's homegrown Ilex Theatre company performed a play this week, as part of the National Theatre's Connections project, which featured parallel universes. (Excellent timing!) The wonderful cast were supported by an audience of family and friends - as well as a director from The National Theatre, who was very impressed, and who will help the students and staff to take the next step in the project: preparing to perform in a professional theatre (Reading Rep) on May 10. Tickets are available now via the theatre's website: https://www.readingrep.com/nationaltheatre-connections-2023/#performances. It would be great to fill the theatre!

We are trialling a Breakfast Club at school next week, with over 200 students who have been invited to join us for a free breakfast ahead of their busy school day, thanks to a generous donation from our PTA. If the trial proves popular and successful, we will look at rolling it out on an even larger scale. We will also be launching a new outdoor 'quiet zone' for Year 7 students, so that they can enjoy each other's company at lunch time in an area of the school reserved just for their year group. We hope they will enjoy this, and look forward to their feedback (and yours). On the subject of feedback, Miss O'Shea sent a survey to all parents and carers, which we'd love you all to complete when you have a moment. It can be found here: https://forms.gle/7c7NAZgQERmkr2Hd8

Next week, the English department will be leading activities themed around Shakespeare Week. There will also be a PDW drop down event for Year 10 students. On Thursday evening, there will be a meeting for parents and carers whose children are taking part in the Year 9 residential trip. Our A Level Drama students will be performing their exam pieces (monologues and a play) for audiences on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and they will be assessed by a visiting examiner. Next week also marks the start of Ramadan and form tutors will be sharing information with students about it, so that our school community develops a better sense of awareness and understanding.

However you are spending the weekend, I hope you have a good one - and I look forward to giving you another update next week.

### Ms A Jackson, Headteacher

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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 1, 8 & 29 May) **Half Term** 29 May - 2 June ..... Stop Press..... • 21/3 - Y10 Music Tech visit 21/3 – Y8/9 Mental Health Workshop • 22/3 - Y13 Drama Exam Perf - 7pm • 22/3 - Y10 Girls Nescot Trip • 22/3-Y10 MathsFeast Trip 23/3-Y13 Drama Exam Perf- 4.30pm • 23/3-Y13 Drama Exam Perf – 7pm • 23/3 - Y9 Residential Trip Mtg - 6pm In this issue..... Page Head's Line.....1 In Safe Hands......3 PTA.....4 This Week Next Week.....5 Achievement Points......6 T & L Update.....7 Getting To Know.....8 Careers.....9 General Information.....11 Local Information.....11



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

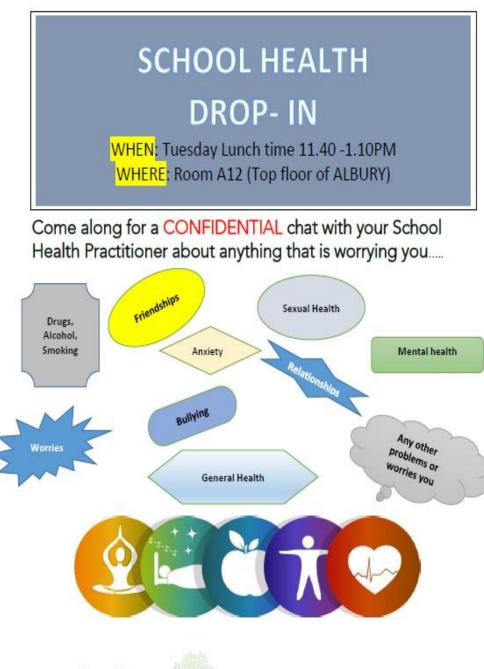
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# **IN SAFE HANDS**

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**



### **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

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

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 94.95%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7rKWH – 97.27%
8bLCA = 98.38%
9rKME = 96.96%
10bDMI = 98.15%
11bEFO= 94.38%

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

## **HOUSE POINTS**

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	7142	7485	8430
Year 8	7030	7352	10266
Year 9	6854	5216	5277
Year 10	5653	6097	4699
Year 11	2250	5074	1753
Total	28929	31224	30425

# **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 20 March	Year 11 Trial Exams - all week Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Shakespeare Week
Tuesday 21 March	GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement Recording Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 8 & 9 Mental Health Workshop
	GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement Recording Year 10 Music Technology Workplace Visit
Wednesday 22 March	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 10 MathsFeast Trip
	Year 10 Nescot Trip Year 13 Exam performance – 7.00pm
Thursday 23 March	Year 11 Assembly – Exam Centre
	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Exam performance – 4.30pm
	Year 9 Residential Trip Meeting – 6.00pm
	Year 13 Exam performance – 7.00pm
Friday 24 March	Year 8 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7 & 8 Reports emailed to parents



### FORTHCOMING DATES

13-31 March - Year 11 Trial Exams (including practical and oral) 20 March - Year 10 PDW Drop Down 20-21 March – GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement Recording 21 March – Year 10 Music Technology Workplace visit 21 March – Year 8 & 9 Mental Health Workshop 22 March – Year 13 Drama Exam Performance – 7pm 22 March – Year 10 Girls Nescot Trip (12.15-3.45pm) 22 March – Year 10 MathsFeast Trip (11.55am-4.30pm) 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 April Year 7 'the Riot Act' Workshop (8.30-9.30am)

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 7 904 Year 8 1114 Year 8	ear 9 750	Year 10 489	Year 11	100
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The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7rSNE 213 8bLCA 178 9bKME 151 10bDMI 103 11bNLU 35

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Amelia W	Year 9	Eemann M	Year 11	Alina N
Year 8	Aurko B/Aditya S	Year 10	Ejiro C		

### **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.





### **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

### **GETTINGTO KNOW THE..**

### **Design Technology Department**

Miss Tunstead is the Head of Faculty for Design and Technology and the Personal Development and Wellbeing program. She teaches textiles across Key Stage 3/4 and Product Design at Key Stage 5. She enjoys reading, the theatre and museum visits.

Mrs Killeya is our Food Technician for Design and Technology. She works with Chef Leather across Key Stage 3 and 4 delivery. Her hobbies are baking, walking, reading and travel.

Mr McNeil is our Design and Technology resistant materials technician. He supports Mr Seivright and our students across all key stages in the workshops. He ensures our workshops are safe and well resourced.

Mr Seivright is second in charge of the Design and Technology department, overseeing Key Stage 3 projects and assessment procedures. He teaches Key stage 3, 4 and 5 Product Design and Year 8 Art. He enjoys spending quality time with his wife who is the Head Teacher at Tolworth Infants and Junior School and with his daughter who is currently studying her GCSE's. His hobbies include bird watching.

Chef Leather lived in Hong Kong and China for 18 years, and owned 2 restaurants while he lived there. He is the Head of Food and Nutrition at Hollyfield. His interests include food, both making and eating, theatre, sport, music, museums and art, design and architecture. His strange interest is 'theoretical physics'.







Careers Briefing - 17 March 2023 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

### Unifrog Careers Platform



All Year 9 tutor groups have now had an introduction to the Careers Learning Platform <u>Unifrog</u>. Unifrog has been used in the past by Sixth Form students to help them compare university courses, appenticeships and further education. It also has extensive career resources; questionnaires; a Careers library and a CV writing tool. Now students in Year 9, 10 and 11 have access to the site.

If any students who were NOT in tutor time either because they were absent or they were involved in another activity they should see Mr Poole in the LRC and he can give you details. All Year 9 students were sent an email unifrog invitation but some of Year 10 might need a refresher! You can reset your password on the website by putting in your Hollyfield email address.

### Year 7 My Dream Job

Year 7s are invited to enter a careers competition to design their own poster on the topic **My Dream Job**. Students should identify a job or role which they might want to do in the future. The poster should include key details such as:

- Why are you interested in this job/why would it suit you
- What are the main tasks
- What skills and qualities do they need
- What qualifications they need to do the job
- The salary you could earn
- Typical working hours

Use Careers websites to research the information and images showing the job:

- Start Profile
- <u>Careers BBC Bitesize</u>
- Explore careers | National Careers Service

Please see the Year 7 google classroom for more details and we look forward to seeing all the competition entries!

### **Careers opportunities**

Please see our weekly <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 16th March</u> which highlights careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships. See some of the highlights below:





### Climate Conference for Years 11, 12 and 13 students

The Department of Geography, Geology, and the Environment at Kingston University are hosting a half-day **climate conference** aimed at students considering geography and environment degrees. The event will focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation at local, regional and national scale. If you are interested please **follow this** <u>link</u> to let us know your preferred date and time.

### **Architecture Residential Summer School**

Kingston University and Drawing Matter are running a FREE Year 12 Architecture residential summer school from the 24-29 August in Somerset. Accommodation and catering is provided by Sherbourne International School, with the workshops taking place in the local area. Travel bursaries to and from Somerset may be available where needed. We welcome applications from enthusiastic learners with a keen interest in the visual environment. Applications are open now with a closing date of Monday 15 May 2023. For further information and to apply please follow this <u>link</u>.



**Free Webinars For Medicine, Law and Business** There are a number of free webinars available for students (12-18 year olds). On the **14 March** there was an excellent video on how to get into Medicine which provided an insight into the life and training of Junior Doctors and also tips about how to get work experience. On the **21 March** there is a webinar on how to get into the law and finally on the **28 March** 

Finance: 28 March 6pm

cannot make the date if you register you will be sent a recording to watch in your own time.

Law: 21 March 6pm

### Medicine: 14 March 6pm





**The Fantasy Wings programme** aims to equip young people aged 13-25, particularly those from **Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds and young women**, with the skills and knowledge necessary to become pilots and succeed in the **aviation industry.** 

At the end of the programme, 50 participants will be selected to have a trial flight, and three young people will receive sponsorship for their 45-hour Private Pilot Licence training. To find out more about the programme please visit: <u>Fantasy Wings</u>



# **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

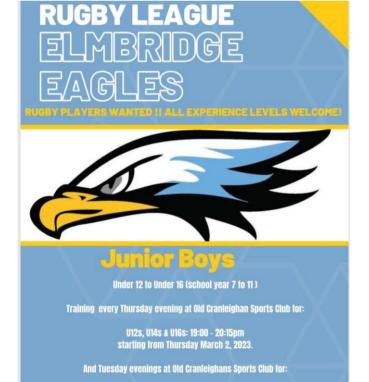
Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: <u>www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</u>. Call 0808 802 5544.











U18s: 19:00 - 20:15pm starting from Tuesday March 28, 2023 For stetails contact: 07720 8051854 admin@elmbridgevi.com Elmbridge R.L, Old Cranleighan Sports Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 OHB





FOR GIRLS

BASED IN KINGSTON AND SURREY AGES 13 - 17

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

CAROUSEL OF FOOTBALL ACTIVITY STATIONS MINI TOURNAMENT / SMALL SIDED GAMES INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY - WALKING FOOTBALL WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

SCAN TO SIGN UP

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