



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 Easter break and are looking forward to the weekend. I, along with 11 other staff and 125 students have just returned from the Year 9 residential trip to Bournemouth for the Land and Wave adventure. The students (and staff) had a wonderful time full of new experiences, personal development and opportunities to build upon existing and make new friendships. Well done to all those students who attended and a big thank you to all the staff who led the trip.

Strike Days: Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May

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

- The school will be closed to students in Year 7- Year 10. These students will be set enrichment activities to complete on the google classroom should they wish to do so. There is no obligation to complete these activities and if parents choose to use the time differently then of course that is absolutely fine.
- We are currently working to put a full timetable together for Year 11 and Year 13 students
 that allows them to work in school and receive lessons and revision sessions for their
 upcoming exams. The Year 11 art exam scheduled for 26-27 April will go ahead as
 planned. I will confirm this on Monday afternoon.
- Students in Year 12 will follow their normal exam timetable on Thursday 27 April. This is because the mock exams are invigilated by external colleagues who are not taking strike action. On Tuesday 2 May they should come into school with the Year 11 and Year 13 students.
- Students who we deem to be vulnerable will be offered a place in school where they will
 complete enrichment activities for the day. Mrs Burrows and Ms Patel will be in touch with
 parents of these students with details of the offer.
- The Year 10 residential trip will go ahead as planned on 2 May.
- 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 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.....

Please can I remind parents that the Year 8 parents' evening, which was initially scheduled on one of the strike days has been moved to Thursday 4 May. Please can I also remind parents and students that, from Monday, any student coming into school late should enter via the entrance further up Surbiton Hill so they come in the new site entrance near the exam centre.

And finally, on behalf of the Hollyfield staff and governors we would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating.

Ms A Jackson, Headteacher

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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

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......

17/4 – Lessons start 11.50am 20/4 – Y12 AQA Art & Design 3D Design Exam

20/4 - Y11 Group photo

20/4- Y11 Report emailed to parents

22-23/4 – DofE Training Expedition

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OTHER NOTICES

Governor Vacancy

"The Hollyfield Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join us. We would particularly welcome applications from parents who have a background in education, whose children receive free school meals, and from those from an ethnic minority background. However, your background is not as important as qualities such as curiosity, a willingness to learn, and a genuine enthusiasm and ambition for Hollyfield. Please see the letter that was sent out to families on Wednesday for more information."

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.

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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

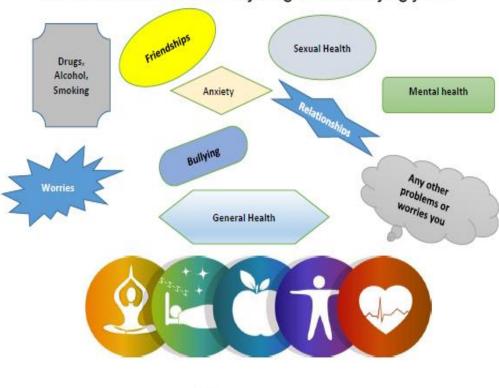
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Ms Patel: 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

London Marathon

Good luck to Miss Janse who is running the London Marathon this weekend to raise money for Hollyfield. Wishing her all the best and to enjoy the experience!

Date of Next Meeting:

Date of Next Meeting: 7:30, 25 April, at the Waggon and Horses Pub

Pre-worn Uniform Store 22 April 10:00-12:00

At the old Music Building, Next to the Dome, Close to the Lamberts Road Gate

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

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....















THIS WEEK.....

TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.18%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7rSNE - 96.42% 8bHBL= 97.87% 9rGST = 95.29% 10rBRO= 96.60% 11rSCM= 95.04%

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

HOUSE POINTS







	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	8039	8509	9475
Year 8	8173	8635	11777
Year 9	7794	6141	6122
Year 10	6088	7018	5242
Year 11	2549	5336	2095
Total	32643	35639	64711

NEXT WEEK

Monday 24 April Year 12 Final Trial Exams (all week)

Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 11 Assembly (Dining Hall)

Year 11 GCSE French & Spanish Speaking Exams

Tuesday 25 April Year 13 Assembly – Common Room

Year 8 Assembly (Dining Hall) A Level/Year 13 Photography Exam

Year 11 GCSE French & Spanish Speaking Exams

Wednesday 26 April Year 7 The Riot Act Workshop

Year 11 GCSE French & Spanish Speaking Exams

A Level/Year 13 Photography Exam

GCSE Art Exam

Year 11 Passport Assembly - 2pm

Thursday 27 April Strike Day

GCSE Art Exam

GCSE Textiles & 3D Exam

A Level/Year 13 Photography Exam

Friday 28 April Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall

A Level/Year 13 Photography Exam

Year 7 Disco – 4.30-6.30pm



FORTHCOMING DATES

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

28 April - Year 7 Disco (4.30-6.30pm)

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 7 733 Year 8 1043 Year 9 214 Year 10 222 Year 11 120

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

7rSNE 154 8rRHU 295 9rEBE 41 10eBEJ 46 11bNLU 46

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Kaleb R Year 9 Lacey CH/Lucas E Year 11 Liam B

Ahmed G/Wren G

Ryan J/Amogh J

Year 8 Lexie D Year 10 Zac S



MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE





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.ul

GETTINGTO KNOW THE.

PE Department

Mr Miller- I have been working at Hollyfield since 2010 and have been Head of PE for 10 years now. I completed a degree in Sports Studies at Southampton University before doing a year long teacher training placement in my home town in Kent. I play football, cricket, golf and racquet sports outside of school as well as enjoying cooking and growing my own vegetables. I'm a trained barista for Costa through working on board P and O ferries during a post university job.

Miss Roberts- I am a PE teacher for Key Stage 3 – Key Stage 5 working with BTech classes in Year 11 and sixth form and I'm currently in my second year here at Hollyfield. I attended St Marys University in Twickenham where I studied Physical and Sport Education as well as my Secondary PE PGCE. My favourite sports include Netball, Badminton and Rock Climbing. A few fun facts about me is that I used to be an indoor Rock Climbing instructor, I have been to Camp America in New York as a high ropes instructor and I can play 5 different musical instruments!

Mr Goggin- I have been a PE teacher at the Hollyfield school for 13 years and still enjoy teaching all aspects of the subject, from the key stage 3 curriculum to GCSE and Sport BTec. The highlight of the job is the fun we have during extra-curricular clubs and taking the students on fixtures. I love Florida, especially the alligators.

Mr Roberts- I've been at Hollyfield now for a year and a half and it is my first teaching job after finishing University in Liverpool. I teach a range of boys' pe classes as well key stage



4&5 BTec exam groups. I've played a range of sports competitively and still play football and cricket now. An interesting fact about me is I lived in Hong Kong for 3 years before coming back for university in Liverpool.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 21 April 2023 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Careers opportunities

Please see our weekly which highlights careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships: <u>Sixth Form Opportunities</u> please see some of the highlights below:

Tuesday May 16, 2023, 7pm-9:30pm (remote) – Free - News journalism workshop

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Get into Medicine - All students in years 10-12 are invited to attend

Students can register for free here: <u>Medic Mentor Work Experience - General Practice - WEX Library</u> All medical schools require a record of work experience, so I recommend that all aspiring doctors in your school complete this session. When they complete all 6 sessions of the free work experience programme, they will be awarded a Work Experience Certificate to add to their UCAS application. To fully contextualise their work experience in their UCAS application, we also require students to attend a free virtual Get into Medicine conference on Sunday 23rd April (2pm - 7:30pm) with Dr Laura and Dr Mike and or Saturday 29th April (2pm - 7:30pm) with Dr Barrie and Dr Ehsan.



Registration link: Medicine National Healthcare Weekend - Medic Mentors





Architecture Residential Summer School

Kingston University and Drawing Matter are running a **FREE Year 12 Architecture residential summer school** from the 24th-29th 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 15th May 2023. For further information and to apply please follow this link.

Junior Chefs Academy | University of West London



Happy April – we hope that you are well. As we come into the summer term, we are set to start our Junior Chefs' Academy again, here at the <u>University of West London</u>. Please find below all the necessary information about our courses and the process of enrolling:

The courses, 8 - 10 weeks in length, are aimed at students in years 9, 10 and 11 and cost £10 per session. The students are taught by highly trained professionals who are both industry experts and qualified teachers. Our courses are always very popular and enjoyed by all. Please note: this year,

our summer term will only be 7 weeks long, due to the extra bank holiday in May. We run two courses:

- 1. **Junior Chefs' Academy** a 'traditional' course, during which students will learn about and cook a variety of foods from different cuisines. **The course runs on a Saturday morning, from 9:30-12:30**. Term: Saturday 13th May Saturday 1st July (graduation) with no class on Saturday 27th May due to Bank Holiday weekend
- 2. **Junior Cake and Bake** the students will learn how to bake bread, cakes and other patisserie, as well as decorating and finishing. **This course runs on Tuesday evenings, from 17:30-20:30.** Term: Tuesday 9th May Saturday 1st July (graduation) with no class on Tuesday 23rd May to account for the Bank Holiday weekend

Please check out the website <u>Junior Chefs Academy | University of West London</u> and if interested email <u>juniorchefsacademy@uwl.ac.uk</u> with details: 1. Child's full name 2.Class choice 3.Parent/ guardian phone numbers 4.Parent/ guardian email 5. A list of any food allergies the student may have.

Year 12 work experience

Work experience is taking place from the **17 -21 July.** If you are looking for work experience it is worth looking on <u>Unifrog</u>. Look on the Apprenticeship tab and search for jobs which interest you as these companies are more likely to offer work experience placements. Other organisations to look at:

- ★ Work Experience Speakers for Schools
- ★ Uptree
- **★** Springpod



GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

Term Dates 2022-2023

<u>Uniform List</u>

<u>Extra-Curricular Activities</u> - PE

<u>Extra-Curricular Activities</u> - 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://cmom.org/press/the-british-psycological-society-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: 0800 1111.
- 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 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: <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: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.



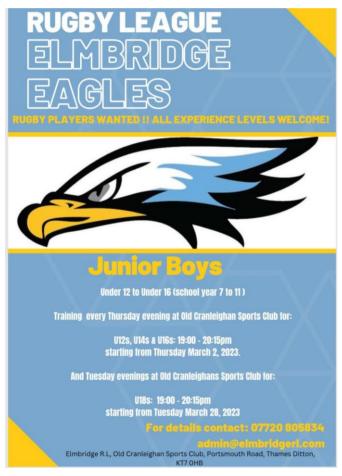














<u>SIXTH FORM FOOTBALL ACADEMY TRIALS ARE COMING UP!</u> A fantastic opportunity for 16-18 year olds to continue their education while improving their football skills and knowledge. Sign up here: https://t.co/TntJvYTNaK

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EFFECTIVE LISTENING SKILLS LEVEL 2
S01143 | 26/04/23 | WED | 09:30 - 12:30 | 5wks | £128/FREE | HC

CONFIDENT PARENTING & CHILD SAFETY
S01162 | 10/06/23 | SAT | 09:30 - 16:30 | 1wk | £47/£23.50 | HC

STRESS & STRESS MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES LEVEL 1 B01528 | 14/06/23 | WED | 18:30 - 21:30 | 8wks | £137/FREE | HC

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