



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 lovely long weekend. This week was another busy and successful one for our students: The Year 11s have started their 'passport' sessions, which are strategically planned revision sessions, enabling them to approach the public exams with real confidence. We have had great feedback from the students and from some parents and carers who report that the sharply focused double lessons with subject specialists are a real help. Thanks to Mr Winpenny and his team for creating the timetable of sessions, which is a mammoth task.

Thanks, too, to Mr Esmond, Mr Buckman and all the staff who supported the Year 10 residential earlier this week. Students enjoyed some fabulous enrichment activities, including team-building and archery, in the beautiful Mendip Hills. The trip was a huge success and (although there were some pretty tired staff and students) we know they thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Another enriching experience in the near future is our National Theatre Connections performance at Reading Rep Theatre next Wednesday. Mr Hurst, Miss O'Shea and the students are really looking forward to working in a professional theatre, with the help of a National Theatre director and a professional technical team. There are still some tickets available, so if you would like to show our students some support, follow this link: https://www.readingrep.com/national-theatre-connections-2023/#performances.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share a couple of key reminders: We have a new entrance and exit for students to use between 8.30am and 3.05pm. The start and end of the school day remain the same, but if students arrive late or need to leave site during the school day, for example to attend medical appointments, they need to use the gate between the MUGA and the exams centre. This has been working really well so far and we appreciate your support as we take every effort to keep the site safe and efficient. The final reminder from me today is about our early closure on 26 May, for all students in Y7-10, as we prepare for the fabulous record of achievement ceremony for our Year 11 students.

Whatever you and your family are doing this weekend, I hope you have a good one.

Ms A Jackson, Headteacher



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 1, 8 & 29 May)

Half Term

29 May - 2 June

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- 11/5 Y13 report emailed to
- 16/5 Y8 HPV Vaccinations 1st Dose
- 26/5 Y11 Celebration event
- 26/5 Early Close Y7-10, 12-13
- 5-7/6 Year 8 PGL Trip

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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.

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



IN SAFE HANDS

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

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

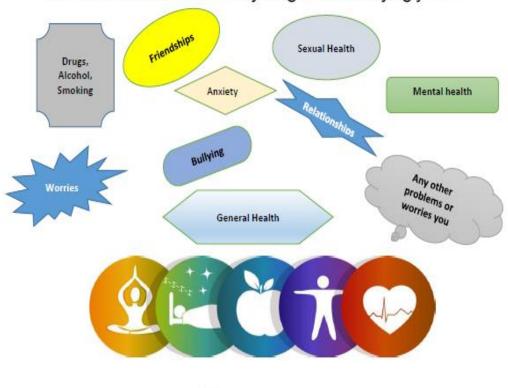
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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

Quiz Night!

Save the date! Friday 16 June

An opportunity to socialise with other adults over 18 and staff in our school community

Further details to follow

Date of Next Meeting:

Date of Next Meeting: TBC

Pre-worn Uniform Store

1 July 2023 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.

Availability varies. 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</u> away!

Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury

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 94.85%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA = 98.65% 8bLCA = 97.29% 9rGST = 96.08% 10bJTU = 94.09% 11rMFO = 96.64%

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

HOUSE POINTS







	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	8301	8777	9740
Year 8	8508	9023	12194
Year 9	7897	6208	6175
Year 10	6150	7172	5334
Year 11	2600	5360	2138
Total	33456	36540	35581

NEXT WEEK

Monday 8 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9 May	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
Wednesday 10 May	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
Thursday 11 May	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Reports emailed to parents
Friday 12 May	Year 10 Assembly
	GCE Coursework Deadline

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 11 May Year 13 report emailed to parents
- 16 May Year 8 HPV Vaccinations 1st Dose
- 16 May Public exams start
- 18 May Year 8 PGL Parent Information Evening 5-6pm
- 26 May Year 11 Celebration event
- 29 May 2 June 2023 Half Term
- 5-7 June Year 8 PGL Trip



12-23 June - Year 7, 8, 9 End of Year Exams

15 June – Year 10 Tate modern Trip

16-18 June - Year 7 PGL trip

19-23 June – Year 12 End of Year Exams

19-30 June - Year 10 Trial Exams

22 June - Year 8 Grade8 Ceremony - 3.30pm

23 June - Year 11 Prom

28-30 June – Year 5 Primary Workshops

30 June - Public exams end

30 June - Year 13 Prom

3 July - Art & Design Exhibition - 4.00-7.00pm

3-5 July - Year 10 Compulsory Computing

5 July - New Year 7 Induction Day

5 July - Year 6 Parents' Information Evening

6-7 July - Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Days

6-9 July – Ilex Theatre production – tbc

11 July - Sports Day

12 July - Year 10 Sussex University Trip

12 July – Year 7-8 Pride in Learning Event

13-14 July - Activities Day

15 July – Hollyfest

17 July - Sports Personality of the Year

17 July – Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 report emailed to parents

17/21 July – Year 12 Work Experience Week

20 July - End of Term - students dismissed from 12.00pm

24-26 July - New Year 7 Summer Camp

17 August – A2/AS Results Day 24 August – GCSE Results Day

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 7 959 Year 8 818 Year 9 457 Year 10 340 Year 11 2



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

7rSNE 290 8rRHU 304 9rEWE 91 10bDMI 89 11bEFO/ 1

11rRMA

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Maxim Y Year 9 Jay D Year 11 Ben H

Ilian GP Joseph Y

Year 8 Dylan S Year 10 Meah C

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:

musicservice@kingston.gov.uk

GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Department

The Philosophy, Religion, and Ethics (PRE) department is led by myself, Mr Case, as a one-man-army. The department was formerly Religious Studies (RS), but has since changed this academic year to reflect the dynamism that evolves within the great(est) humanities subject-but of course I'm biased! I have a passion for philosophy, religions, ethics, and find the breadth of identities and worldviews, both religious and non-religious, utterly fascinating. My specialisms and favourite areas of interest are Buddhism, Philosophy of Science, Moral and Political Philosophy, and Existentialism. A little bit about me... I grew up in the Cotswolds in Chipping Norton and studied Philosophy at University of Leeds, having moved to London 3 years ago. I'm a creative writer and in my spare time like to write short stories. I'm heavily into rock and metal music and attend lots of local gigs. I'm also a keen rugby player and play as a loosehead prop at Kingston RFC, but I still like to pretend I'm a winger and always sign up for the staff relays on sports days! My claims to fame are that I used to play rugby with Jeremy Clarkson's son at junior level, and his farmer colleague Kaleb's mum cuts my mum's



dog's hair - it's a small world growing up in the countryside. A fun fact about me is that I have the ability to make a pack of dark chocolate digestives disappear.

Media Studies Department

Ms Mirshahi - I have been at Hollyfield since December 2021 and have been the Head of Media for 14 months. I completed a degree in Film and Television Studies and a Master degree in History of Film and Visual Media before completing a teacher training. I teach BTEC level 2 and Level 3 Media at Hollyfield. The best part of my job is I get to see the amazing energy and creativity in my students. I enjoy world cinema and insulation art. I'm a keen gardener and a ritualistic park wanderer with my Golden Retriever. Hiking and Ziplining are two of my favourite outdoor activities.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 5 May 2023 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Careers Coronation Special - 6 May

Watch out for a documentary on BBC 2 about the Coronation tailors: For for a King. It tells the story of the hard work and skills needed to prepare the ceremonial procession on the day of the Coronation: Coronation Tailors: Fit for a King - BBC Two

Year 12 work experience

Work experience is taking place from the 17-21 July. Students are expected to find their own placements but if there are any parents of students in the school who would be willing to help and offer Year 12 students a few days work experience in July please contact Ms Alam or Mr Poole.

If you are looking for work experience use **Unifrog**. Other useful resources:

- Work Experience Speakers for Schools
- Uptree
- Springpod



Over the last term students in **Year 9, 10 and 11** have been introduced to the Careers Platform **Unifrog**. Unifrog is an ideal careers platform which students can use to research different careers pathways. When students first log on they can complete a careers questionnaire which is called a **Personality profile** and then find out about different careers. There are also links to help students search for **Colleges, Universities and Apprenticeships** so it provides an ideal starting point to making decisions about future choices.



Careers opportunities

Please see our **weekly careers bulletin** which highlights from Sixth form **careers talks**, **work experience**, **university events and apprenticeships**: Sixth Form Careers Opportunities May 5th please also see some of the highlights below:



Our Journalism Summer School is a two-week programme in our London office from July 31-August 11 covering the basics of journalism, including news writing and gathering, audio and mobile journalism, photography and more. The course is suitable for anyone aged 16 and above with an interest in journalism. You can see more details here

Get into Midwifery conference on Saturday 3 June (2pm - 7pm).

Your students from years 10-12 are invited! Registration link: National Healthcare Insight Conference I'm Tanya, midwife and Chief Midwife Mentor and AHP Mentor. I will lead your students through the entire process of applying to midwifery and what day-to-day life in the profession actually entails. This is a fantastic opportunity for both students pursuing midwifery and those undecided. Student admissions teams notice those who go the extra mile to make an informed course and career decision.

GET INTO NURSING CONFERENCE - Saturday 3rd June (9:30am - 12:30pm)

Registration link: National Healthcare Insight Conference

For year 10-12 students interested in nursing, Chief Nurse Mentor Abbie Dickinson will host a virtual Get into Nursing conference on Saturday 3rd June. Abbie will break down UCAS for nurses and what applicants need to get admitted to a highly popular profession.

University Summer schools

There are a range of summer schools advertised in our opportunities bulletin that students can access over July/August. Please see some of the highlights below:

- Kingston University Architecture Summer school <u>link</u>. 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. We welcome applications from enthusiastic learners with a keen interest in the visual environment.
- Ravensbourne University (by the 02 in Greenwich) taster courses Join us this summer to get creative and try something new! All our Summer School programs will be open to aspiring creatives aged 14 years and over and cover a variety of different subject areas: Fashion, 3D Design, Visual Communication Design, Digital Technology, Photography, Film and TV and Games design.
- London Met Summer Schools Taking place 3-7 July or 17-21 July <u>Summer School London Metropolitan University</u> Week 1- Law, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Robotics or Equality and Social Justice and Week 2 -Photography, Design or Architecture.





TechGirl: The Future in Tech Competition

TechGirl 2023 applications are still open for 16-18 year old girls looking to accelerate their imaginations, careers, skills and experiences within the technology sector. Once again we're looking for creative submissions on: How Technology Can be Used to Improve Schools. **Deadline: 10th May 2023** Enter the competition here: https://lnkd.in/eVabFfHa

The Prize:

Invite to Abbey Road The winners will be invited to the iconic Abbey Road Studios in London, where they will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas with our technology leaders.

Inspirational Mentor The winners will be partnered with one of the competition's official Mentors, who will be on hand to offer career advice and partake in a recorded interview.

Confidence training The winners will receive confidence training from a top TV Presenter on the day to build their skills and help kick start their careers.

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 RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk 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

https://twitter.com/chessington_sch/status/1648267095241629701?s=51&t=PkkLWP4RcM3ecXLPd6i_Q

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UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH LEVEL 2

S01159 | 21/04/23 | FRI | 09:30 - 16:30 | 10wks | £380/FREE | HC

DEVELOPING PERSONAL CONFIDENCE & EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE WR0068 | 22/04/23 | SAT,SUN | 09:30 - 17:00 | 1wk | £64/FREE | HC

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

CONFIDENT PARENTING & CHILD SAFETY \$01162 | 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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