



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 all well and have enjoyed your week. Today marks the start of the Year 11 'passport to success'. This is where we disband our timetable for this year group and give them structured revision sessions to prepare for their GCSE exams. Well done to the students for all of their hard work so far, many thanks to all the staff for their continued support and of course thanks to the parents. We appreciate that you will be supporting, encouraging, reassuring and cajoling your children throughout the exam period. We are grateful, as are they, although they might not always communicate this. These students have worked hard for many years and these exams are an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and understanding and enjoy getting some well-earned recognition. Alongside this, there will inevitably be times when they feel stressed or anxious or when they feel a particular revision session or exam hasn't gone to plan. When this happens, remember this is a marathon and there is time to recover and continue. The key stage four team are at the end of the phone should any parent wish to talk anything through, please remember that we are never too busy to take a call and that we like hearing from you.

Speaking of marathons, I would like to extend a public thanks and a message of well done to Ms Janse who completed the London Marathon on Sunday. She raised £2573 for the school, which will be spent on improving the playground for the students.

Tuesday 2 May is strike day for colleagues in the NEU. As such and as I said last week, the school will be closed to all students except those in Year 11 and Year 13. Students in these year groups should come into school for the start of period one (0900). Year 13 students will follow their normal timetables and will be given a space to work should their teacher in particular subject be on strike. Students in Year 11 will be in school until lunchtime. They will have their planned science passport session for periods one and two and have supervised maths and English revision for periods three and four. Students from any groups who we deem to be vulnerable will be offered a place in school where they will complete enrichment activities. If your child is eligible for free school meals, you should have received a supermarket voucher to enable you to buy meals for that day. As previously stated, the Year 10 residential trip will still go ahead, Mr Esmond has sent full details to parents about this today.

Please can I also remind parents of the following key dates this half term: Monday 1 May and Monday 8 May are both bank holidays. The last day of this half term is Friday 26 May. This is where we hold our Year 11 celebration event, The Record of Achievement. In order to accommodate this and as we do each year, the school will close at lunchtime for students in every other year group.

And finally, if you are a parent of a student in Year 8, please remember to book your parents' evening appointments and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

Wishing you a relaxing bank holiday weekend.



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 Holidav** 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..... 2-3/5 – Y10 Mendip Res Trip • 3/5- A Level Art Exam • 4/5 - Y8 Parents' evening 4.00pm • 4/5 Y12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Info Evening • 5-7/5 - Year 7,8, 9, 10 Netball Trip 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 Careers......8 General Information.....10

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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 last 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 <u>print a form</u> and return it to school.

Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on <u>office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> stating your child's name and form and the change of details. It is important to keep these details up to date in case of an emergency. Don't forget to update your Parentmail account with your new details.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle with them to school every day, it is even more important during hot weather. Our water fountains can be used to refill bottles as necessary during break and lunch, it is not possible to drink from the fountains direct and we do not have bottles or cups to give out to students. Alternatively, bottles of water can be purchased (and refilled) in the cafeteria, please ensure your Parentmail account has enough funds to enable this.

Surbiton Hill Road Entrance for cars

If you drive/collect students to or from school the visitor's car park/Surbiton Hill Road entrance <u>should not be used to</u> <u>drop off students</u>. This causes congestion for people entering the site and staff access, cars travelling on Surbiton Hill Road and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

Dinner Money Top Up

Please ensure funds are available 24 hours before they are required when topping up your child's dinner money on Parentmail. If you add funds on the day they are to be used we will not be able to see the credit instantly until the system has processed it, therefore creating a delay in your child buying food at the canteen.

Contribution to the School Fund

If you would like to help contribute to the school fund to provide additional facilities to the school and students, please click <u>here</u> for more information. We acknowledge that not all of our parents can make a commitment on a monthly basis. Having listened to those parents we also understand that some would like to make a contribution whenever they can. A donation payment link is available in your ParentMail account. We are grateful for any contribution you can make, regardless of the amount. Every penny will be spent improving students' experiences. Like the monthly contributions, your donation will go into the school fund. It will be used in accordance with the guidance given to schools regarding parental contributions.

Open Door

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

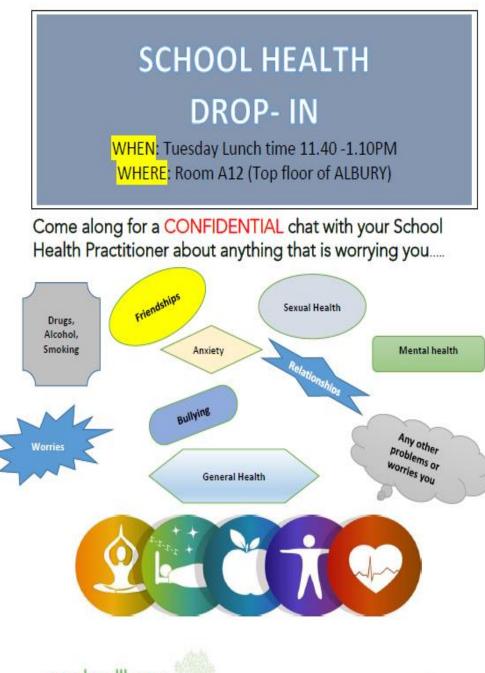
"The school has developed its curriculum far beyond regular lessons" Ofsted 2020



IN SAFE HANDS

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

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









HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Quiz Night!

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:

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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> <u>away!</u>

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.....



The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.84%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA = 97.18% 8rRHU = 96.08% 9rGST = 94.20% 10bNJO = 98.39% 11bEFO = 92.76%

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

HOUSE POINTS

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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 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY			
Tuesday 2 May	STRIKE DAY			
	Year 10 Mendip Residential Trip			
Wednesday 3 May	Eagle House KS3 Assembly (Gym) Osprey House KS3 Assemb			
	(Exam Centre) Falcon House KS3 Assembly (Hall)			
	Year 10 Mendip Residential Trip			
	A Level Art Exam			
Thursday 4 May	Year 11 Assembly	Dining Hall		
	Year 9 Assembly	Online		
	Year 8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm			
	Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Information Evening			
Friday 5 May	Eagle House KS4 Assembly (Gym) Osprey House KS4 Assembly			
	(Exam Centre) Falcon House KS4 Assembly (Hall)			
Friday 5 -Sunday 7 May	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 Netball Trip			

FORTHCOMING DATES

2-3 May – Year 10 Mendip residential trip

3 May – A Level Art Exam

4 May - Year 8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm



5-7 May - Year 7,8, 9, 10 Netball Trip 11 May – Year 13 report emailed to parents 16 May - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations 1st Dose 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 Davs 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 - Hollvfest 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

4 May – Year 12 UCAS & Apprenticeship Information Evening

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 1093	Year 8 960	Year 9 643	Year 10 320	Year 11 25
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The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:

7bLWI	250	8rCVA	140	9rEWE	114	10bDMI	79	11r	MFO 5
The top performing students from each year were:									
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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Melissa W (11NLU) has been accepted to take part in the Royal Veterinary College Year 11 Summer School, at their Camden Campus in London.

Melissa will enjoy practical demonstrations, learn clinical skills and get the chance to have Q&As with our world-leading researchers and current students. She will also get some hands-on experiences with their animals and the chance to meet other young people with a passion for animals. Melissa is leaving at the end of Year 11 to study Animal Sciences at NESCOT. Well done Melissa!

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.uk



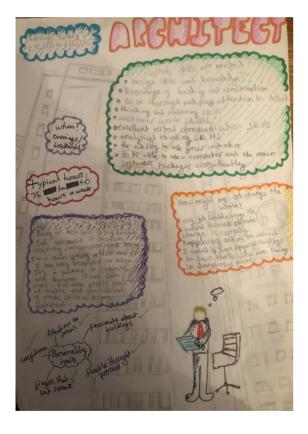


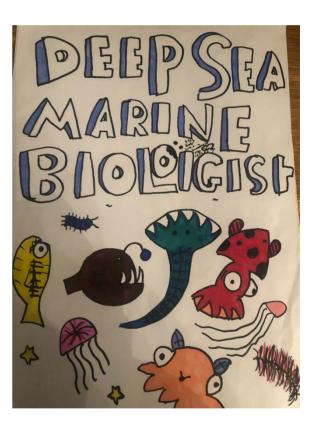


Careers Briefing - 28 April 2023 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 7 - My Dream Job Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the poster competition for Year 7 who are James P and Charlie F who produced some excellent work on Architecture and Marine Biology. Good luck to those students in the future!





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 <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. Other resources:

- Work Experience Speakers for Schools
- <u>Uptree</u>



<u>Springpod</u>



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**: <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities April 28</u> please also see some of the highlights below:

Students - How To Make Sure Your Work Experience Really Works For YOU! WEDS 3 MAY - 7PM





How to use social media to develop a network

What your parents / relatives can do to help you

Why is your 'adult network' is key...and who is in it?

How to demonstrate to an employer that you're serious about their work

An email template you can use to contact employers

How to prepare to get the most from your work experience





What you need to do after your work experience

At the end of the session, you'll have a list of things that you can do that will really help you find a great placement.....and you'll be able to get straight to work! Click the link below to book your **FREE** ticket:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-find-a-great-work-experience-placement-tickets-530539426707



Junior Chefs Academy | University of West London

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 check out the website <u>Junior</u> <u>Chefs Academy | University of West London</u>

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. Do forward to any friends, colleagues, fellow parents or guardians who want to learn more about this fantastic new competition in the tech space. 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

<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 <u>Key Dates</u> <u>Menus</u> <u>Extra-Curricular Activities - All</u> <u>Severe Weather Procedure</u>

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-inchildren/

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.









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

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



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- 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 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

