



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 that you are all well and enjoying the sunshine. I would like to begin by extending my thanks to all of the staff who went on the Year 8 residential trip to PGL. The students (and staff) had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would also like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their continued hard work on their GCSE and A level exams.

Our email system:

It has come to my attention that there have been some problems with our email system which have been ongoing for some time. We are able to receive emails from both internal and external addresses. However, in a large number of cases the emails we are sending to external recipients are not being received. What is quite frustrating is that they are showing as being sent so staff have, understandably, thought their email has been sent and all is well. We are informed that this is likely to have been the case since the Easter holiday. We are working closely with google and London Grid for Learning (LGFL) to resolve this issue. It does mean that parents may have emailed us with a query, concern or comment and we will have replied, but that reply may not have been received. Which, if this is the case, will have been very frustrating for the parent. If you think this may have been the case for you and you are still awaiting a reply to an email, then please could you follow this up with staff and we will give you a call to chat through what our response was. I am hopeful that the problems will be resolved quite quickly and we will let you know when that is. Our analysis shows that there are not any problems with parentmail and this has been working as normal.

Road Safety:

Over the next week we will be reminding students to use the crossing on the corner of Lamberts Road and Surbiton Hill rather than walking straight across the road. We understand that students want to walk the quickest route to get to their bus stop or destination, but of course their safety is our priority. This is particularly pertinent to those students who cross the road and get the buses from Surbiton Hill down towards Kingston. We have put some extra staff out on duty to remind the students to use the crossing and please can I ask that parents reinforce this message at home.

Afternoon registration:

From the week beginning 19 June 2023 we will be re-introducing afternoon registration. We removed this aspect of our school day during the pandemic and feel the time is right to re-introduce it. The afternoon registration slot allows students to receive key messages and check in with their form tutor at the end of each day, allowing them to be prepared for the following day. This also coincides with some changes to our detention system which will allow incidents to be resolved on the same day they occur. Mr Buckman and Ms Patel will write to parents with full details of this change in the next few days.

And finally:

Well done to the students who have been representing the school as ball crew members for the Surbiton tennis tournament. We hope that they enjoyed the experience and we look forward to welcoming them back to school next week. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards.

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 Stop Press..... • 12-23/6-Y8, 9,10 End of Year Exams 15/6 – Y10 Tate Modern Trip 16-18/6– Y7 PGL trip • 19-23/6 - Y12 End of Year Exams 22/6 – Y8 Grade8 Ceremony • 23/6 – Y11 Prom In this issue..... Page Head's Line.....1 In Safe Hands......3 PTA.....4 This Week Next Week.....5 T & L Update.....6 Getting to Know.....7 Careers.....9

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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 <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.

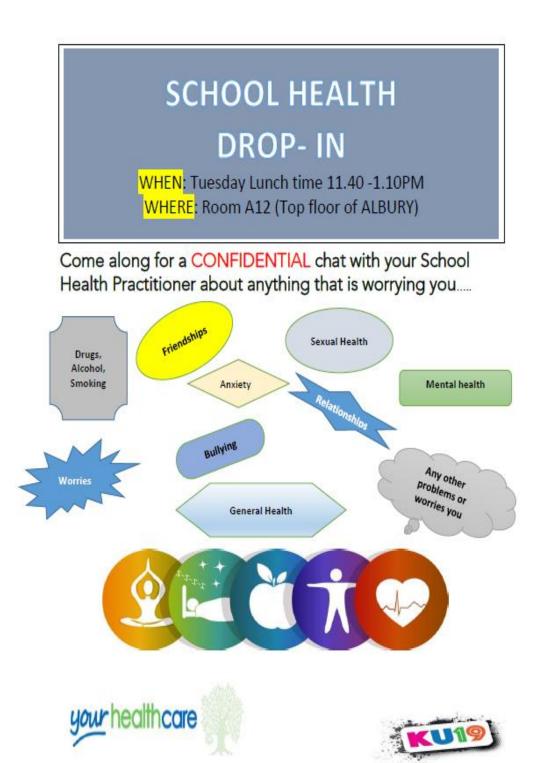
"The school has developed its curriculum far beyond regular lessons" Ofsted 2020



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.







Quiz Night! Friday 16 June

A few more days to book!

An opportunity to socialise with other adults in our school community

<u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/</u> 7pm, £11 per ticket, food included Any donations for the raffle would be appreciated. Contact us at ptahollyfield@gmail.com

Date of Next Meeting:

Date of Next Meeting: 27 June 7:30pm - Venue 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 Anyone is welcome 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.

Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown 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....



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THIS WEEK.....



The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 9 with a total of 94.88%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA = 96.4% 8bHBL = 95.9% 9bKME = 94.72% 10bJTU = 94.49% 11rMFO = 93.49%

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

HOUSE POINTS

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	9178	9759	10590
Year 8	9082	9515	12948
Year 9	8792	6969	6434
Year 10	6482	7950	5597
Year 11	2600	5360	2138
Total	36134	39553	37707

NEXT WEEK

Monday 12 June	Year 13 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 7-10 End of Year Exams (Mon-Thur)		
Tuesday 13 June	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room		
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall		
Wednesday 14 June	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall		
Thursday 15 June	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 10 Tate Modern Trip		
Friday 16 June	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 8-10 End of Year Exams		
	Year 7 PGL Trip (Friday- Sunday)		

FORTHCOMING DATES

12-23 June – Year 8, 9 & 10 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 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 July – Year 6 Parents' Information Evening 3-5 July – Year 10 Compulsory Computing 5 July – New Year 7 Induction Day 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 July – Year 10 Careers Day and Young Enterprise Employability Master Class 14 & 17 July - Year 10 Seaford Coastal Field Trip 15 July – Hollyfield Live 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

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



GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Special Educational Needs Department

Dr. Duckworth

Dr Duckworth is the Deputy SENCo. He also works on Exam Access Arrangements (for students who need extra help in exams), and teaches KS3 small group literacy catch-up. He has worked at Hollyfield for 13 years (but isn't superstitious about the number). He used to lecture in Film & TV studies at University, and studied Doctor Who fans for his Doctorate - so one of his favourite things about working at Hollyfield is running the Doctor Who Club at lunchtimes. He has an addiction to collecting antique chairs, so you'll never be short of a seat in his house!



Mrs Woznicki

I am Mrs Woznicki. I am a Teaching Assistant, currently supporting Years 9 and 10. I have been at Hollyfield for 7 and a half years, and in May, I went to the Eurovision Song Contest in Liverpool. It was amazing!

Mrs Procter

I have been a teacher for 25 years and have taught mainly English, although I have also taught other subjects, including Food Tech, Music and Science! At the moment, I teach English, Emotional Regulation and Psycho Education, which is as interesting as it sounds. Outside school, I like to draw and paint and I'm trying to walk more at the weekends to improve my fitness and explore my local area.

Miss Chan

Teacher within the Phoenix Provision/ English Teacher

Having been at the school for 8 years, I now have a variety of roles and responsibilities. From providing administrative support to our Phoenix department to teaching all years in a variety of interventions/ subjects. A fun fact! My entire name uses only four letters which are repeated. C.H.A.N.

Ms Clift

Ms Clift has been a teaching assistant at Hollyfield for five years. She has five guinea pigs and a hamster, as she bought a baby guinea pig who suddenly gave birth to triplets! Ms Clift studied French and German and spent several years teaching English abroad. She loves travelling and her highlight was a family trip to Singapore and Australia last summer.

Ms O'Connor-Parsons

I joined the team in January as the personal assistant to the SENCO. I am originally from Canada, where I worked as a geologist. This profession took me to many wild and wonderful places all around the world.

Mrs Carrillo

I am originally from the Netherlands, but have been living in the UK for over 25 years. Before becoming a TA at Hollyfield I worked in banking, IT and adult education. You can find me in the Phoenix Provision most of the time, running small group and individual interventions, or spending my lunch time in P1 having inspiring conversations with students from all year groups. Languages are my favourite subject - I speak 6 myself! - and



my interests include art, international travel - South America is the only continent I haven't been to yet - and long walks or bike rides in the countryside - especially in Scotland.

Miss Osborne

I'm Miss Osborne. I am a Phoenix TA, I've been working for Hollyfield for just over a year now, you will often find me in either Maths, English or Science lessons. An interesting fact about myself would be I am older than I look which always shocks people when they hear my actual ages. Hobbies include reading, and playing video games on my switch.

Miss Davis

My name is Miss Davis, I work in Learning Support with a mixture of all year groups and have mainly been in year 10 and 11. An interesting fact about myself is that I am a published author, my books are available on Amazon, Waterstones, Barnes and Noble and Austin Macauley.

Mrs Voice

I am the Teaching Assistant Manager and I have worked here for a long time! I deploy TAs into lessons, teach two Y9 small groups and support in class across various year groups. I work with the best team in the school and help look after Maggie the Tap Dancing Greyhound at home.

Mr Newbery

My name is Mr Newbery, I have worked as a teaching assistant in the wonderful learning support department at Hollyfield since 2019. I thoroughly enjoy being able to work with a variety of different people and am very lucky to be involved in a variety of subjects and events across the school.

Miss Harvey

Hello, we are the VISA team and we provide specialist support for VI individuals. We like pina coladas, getting caught in the rain and most importantly living up to the Hollyfield Learning Support motto 'Serious about what we do, but not always in the way we do it'.

Mrs Savage

I work in the Phoenix provision and have been at Hollyfield for eight years. I teach Zones of Regulation and social communication, as well as going into lessons with students. I look after the Phoenix population of stick insects, and am always happy to talk about them to anyone who is interested!

Ms Burt

My name is Ms Burt, I work in the Phoenix Provision. I enjoy reading, baking and going camping with my family. A fun fact about myself is that I have been on the giant bee that appears in "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids."

Mr Fryer

M Fryer studied film technology before everything went digital - and went on to make 300 odd ad films for cinema before being nobbled by an advertising agency as a copywriter. This direction snowballed into being creative director of three different agencies and winning a few awards, then segued into a repro company and digital reproduction for printing. Enough of that, he went into marketing, even running his own company before deciding he'd had enough and retiring. Hollyfield brought him out of it - obviously second childhood - working for five years as a TA with the best people in the world. There's no truth in the rumour he was born before World War One.







Careers Briefing - 12 June 2023 by Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

16+ choices



Year 10 are being encouraged to use Unifrog to help them to find out about their choices at **post 16**. Hollyfield has a thriving <u>Sixth Form</u> with a variety of courses to choose from but in making an informed choice students should explore other opportunities. Students need to decide whether they want to study A levels and BTECs in an academic Sixth form or choose a more vocational pathway by applying to a Colleges like <u>Kingston</u> or <u>NESCOT</u>. Students can initially do a search of different Sixth Forms, Colleges and apprenticeships by using the <u>Unifrog</u> search tool.

So how can I research my options?

There will also be a range of open events that schools/colleges have for students to go and look around and get a feel for the place and courses. Hollyfield Sixth Form will have their open event in November and Mr Warren the Head of Sixth Form will be speaking to Year 10s this term and there will be subject taster sessions in the Autumn term. Esher College has an open event on the 3rd July <u>Open Events – Esher Sixth Form College</u> and students can apply to as many Colleges/Sixth Forms as they like, we advise them to apply to at least two to keep options open and apply directly to each provider.

Year 10 Careers Interviews

Mr Poole has started organising careers interviews for Year 10 and by the end of Year 11 the aim is to have offered an interview to everyone. Certain students are prioritised by the school but anyone can ask for a careers interview. Interviews take place during the normal school day. Students can speak to their tutor who can email Mr Poole or parents/carers can contact him on <u>ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u>

Year 10 Summer Careers Activities

This week all Year 10 parents will receive a letter about the **trip to Sussex University** on Wednesday 12 July. Sussex has a large campus and welcomes school visits regular to its site for an introduction to the idea of a university education: <u>University of Sussex</u> This university trip is part of the school's careers policy to ensure all students have encounters with providers of further and higher education. Even if students ultimately do not go to university, school is about providing the chance to research and explore a variety of educational settings so students can make an informed choice in the future.

On the following day, the 13th July we will also be running a **Careers day** in which Young Enterprise will be running a employability masterclass and there will also be a series of workshops on Further Education; apprenticeships and writing your CV.



Apprenticeships

The week before half term Year 9 had a talk from **Joe Brennan from Countryside Construction Partnerships** about his career background and the opportunities in the Construction Industry: Joe Brennan Training

Joe talked about the growing opportunities in this industry sector not just for manual workers but for finance and business. He said the jobs available now go against many of the old stereotypes. He mentioned an excellent website for those interested in this sector: <u>How</u> To Learn About Construction (Skills, Jobs) | Go Construct



Those students who are thinking about apprenticeships there are a variety of websites you can find out more: <u>Apprenticeships Are Amazing</u> and <u>What is a degree apprenticeship?</u> are great resources to start your research. Apprenticeships look for practical applications in particularly vocational areas, but all will look at English and Maths grades (usually at grade 4). Different levels of apprenticeships depend on your previous qualifications and experience:

- Intermediate Level 2
- Advanced Level 3
- Higher Level 4-7
- Degree Level 6 & 7

Careers opportunities

Please see our **weekly careers bulletin** which has all the latest **careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships**: <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities</u> <u>9th June</u> which includes some virtual work experience opportunities in July with <u>Barclays</u> <u>Bank</u> and the <u>National Grid</u> for year 12s and a upcoming careers event below:



Friday 30 June - Saturday 1 July 2023, Olympia London - book here: **STEP-UP EXPO**

The FREE two-day Step Up Expo features three main content zones including: 16+ Choices

Helping teenagers and parents through the minefield of education choices leading up to GCSEs:

- How best to revise for GCSEs
- A-Levels, T-Levels, BTEC or IB?
- Sixth form boarding options

- Should I move schools or college after my GCSEs?
- Meet independent school scholars

18+ Choices

Explore the different pathways towards work:

- What's it like to study at Oxbridge?
- Earn & learn: the apprenticeship route
- Careers in finance and the City
- Should I go to university?
- Careers of the future: robots, AI and the metaverse

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://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.







Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have parenting experience, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. Free volunteer course runs in Kingston on Thursdays

9.30am-2.30pm from 4 May to 22 June (not half term 1 June). To find out more, contact Angie Ahmed info@homestart-rkh.org.uk 020 8487 8500 homestart-rkh.org.uk

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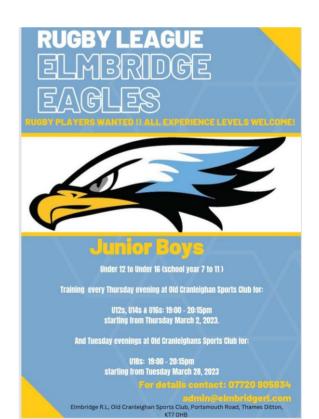
- DEVELOPING PERSONAL CONFIDENCE & EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE WR0068 | 22/04/23 | SAT,SUN | 09:30 - 17:00 | 1wk | £64/FREE | HC
- EFFECTIVE LISTENING SKILLS LEVEL 2 S01143 | 26/04/23 | WED | 09:30 - 12:30 | 5wks | £128/FREE | HC
- CONFIDENT PARENTING & CHILD SAFETY S01162 | 10/06/23 | SAT | 09:30 - 16:30 | 1wk | £47/£23.50 | HC

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









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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: https://t.co/TntJvYTNaK

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The Princess Alice Hospice Summer Fete & Dog Show Weich Fine Fine Bods Brow Fine Fine Bods Brow Show Artistic Sunday 25 June 10:30am - 3:00pm





Our annual Summer Fete and Dog Show is great fun for people and dogs of all ages! Sandown Park Racecourse



Just May

Just May, star of Season 4's UK Drag Race and renowned Geri Haliwell impersonator, will be bringing the glam to this year's Summer Fete and will even be performing herself...you won't want to miss it.



Leah Jewel

Leah Jewel is a talented local singer and songwriter, whose career has gone from strength to strength since she last sang for us. Leah is booked to perform at a number of festivals this summer and we are very lucky to have her continued support.



Dog show: 11:30am - 1:00pm Categories are first come first served, register online in advance to avoid disappointment.

Arts « Crafts « Gifts « Face Painting « Food « Drink Live Music « Children's Games « Dog Show « Raffle Bottle Tombola « Dog Raffle « Plants « Cream Teas « Traditional Fete Games

