



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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“There is a distinct sense of community in the school” Ofsted 2020

Head’s Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

As Ms Jackson has been out this week, I have the pleasure of writing the ebulletin for parents and carers.

Year 11 - Welcome back to the Summer term. As I write this, most of our Year 11 students are finishing their final exams. I am incredibly proud of their achievements over the past 5 years. They have worked tirelessly in recent months to become our most successful students ever. This is a significant and sometimes overwhelming event in their lives, so please take the time to discuss it with them and offer support. If you are a Year 11 parent and need assistance, please feel free to get in touch. I wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their long summer break.

Passport - I would also like to express my gratitude to all the Year 11 parents/carers who supported our passport process. I understand that it has been challenging for some students, but the majority of feedback has been extremely positive. We recognise that students perform better in school, where they receive crucial support and guidance from our teaching staff, rather than studying at home. I welcome parental feedback on this aspect of your child's education, so please don't hesitate to email me directly with your comments and thoughts (mwinpenny@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk).

Year 8 to 10 exams - As Year 11 students leave, we shift our focus to the other year groups. Students in Years 8 to 10 are currently taking their end-of-year exams. As part of this process, we conduct some of the exams in the same spaces where students will sit their actual GCSEs. This helps reduce the barriers and anxiety associated with exams. The feedback from staff and invigilators regarding student behaviour and effort during the exams so far has been overwhelmingly positive. During the weekend, please discuss your child's revision and check in with them. If they are feeling stressed or anxious about any aspect of the examination process, please contact the school directly.

Year 7 PGL Trip - This weekend, Year 7 students are going on their PGL trip. One of the students informed me that PGL stands for "parents get lost," which was something I had never heard before :) If your child is attending, I hope they have an amazing time.

Water bottles/sunscreen - This week has been extremely hot, and it appears that the hot weather will continue into next week. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school and that they apply sunscreen if they are participating in outdoor activities.

Centralised detentions - Starting from Monday, the school will implement its new centralised detention system. As part of this change, we will reintroduce PM registration, which will take place from 14:50 to 15:05. If a student has a detention, their form tutor will accompany them to the designated rooms. By tightening our system, we aim to facilitate more restorative and reparative conversations between students and teachers, thereby improving behaviour within and around the school premises. It is crucial for parents to have access to the Classcharts application so they can review their child's behaviour record. If you do not have access, please email Mr. Bonehill (dbonehill@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk). I hope that all parents will support us with this change.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the weather.

Matthew Winpenny, Deputy Headteacher



Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

6 September to 16 December
 (Inset Day – 5-6 Sept & 31 Oct - 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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- 19-23/6 – Y12 End of Year Exams
- 22/6 – Y8 Grade8 Ceremony
- 23/6 – Y11 Prom
- 26/6 – Y8 Grade8 Ceremony
- 28-30/6 – Y5 Primary W/shops
- 30/6 – Public exams end
- 30/6 - Year 13 Prom

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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.

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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

Book Tokens for the Library

Please nominate Hollyfield here:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

for a chance to win book tokens for the school's library!

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....



[@hollyfieldpta](#)



[@hollyfield_pta](#)



[@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA](#)



ptahollyfield@gmail.com



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www.hollyfieldpta.org

THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.92%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA = 100%
 8bHBL = 97.10%
 9bKME = 97.27%
 10bBRO = 96.92%
 11bEFO = 75.28%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	9406	9978	10961
Year 8	9373	9612	13172
Year 9	9099	7249	6669
Year 10	6680	8154	5654
Year 11	2600	5360	2138
Total	37158	40353	38594

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19 June	Year 13 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 8-10 End of Year Exams (all week)
Tuesday 20 June	Year 12 End of Year Exams (all week) Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
Wednesday 21 June	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall ISSP Art Day
Thursday 22 June	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
Friday 23 June	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 11 Prom

FORTHCOMING DATES

12-23 June – Year 8, 9 & 10 End of Year Exams
 19-23 June – Year 12 End of Year Exams
 23 June – Year 11 Prom
 26 June – Year 8 Grade8 Ceremony
 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
- 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

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 1112 Year 8 744 Year 9 969 Year 10 649

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

7rKWH 221 8bLCA 178 9rMLE 1958 10bJTU 208

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Kaleb R	Year 9	Toby W
Year 8	Lexie D	Year 10	J Gibson

MISS O'SHEA'S TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

On Thursday, Mrs Hodson and the art department took 47 Year 10 art students to the Southbank and Tate Modern gallery to do coursework for their 'essence of the city' project. Students sketched, photographed and walked a lot! It was an excellent creative day, we are so proud of our wonderful artists!



Instrumental Music Lessons



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.....

Health & Social Care Department

Hello! I'm Miss Zeba, the Head of Health and Social Care.

I have also taught Psychology and Sociology. I have been teaching since 2015. I love studying which is why I completed my MSc in Criminology at University of Roehampton during Covid. Outside school, I like to spend time with my family, go swimming and for bike rides!

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 16 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**. There will 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 and most other sixth forms and colleges will have open events in the Autumn Term. 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 ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Year 10 Summer Careers Activities

Last week all Year 10 parents should have received a letter about the **Trip to Sussex University** on **Wednesday 12 July**. Please use this [Link](#) to access and complete the form to provide consent and the other important information we need.

Sussex has a large campus and welcomes school visits regularly to its site for an introduction to the idea of a university education: [University of Sussex](#) 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, **Thursday 13 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.

Careers opportunities

Please see our **weekly careers bulletin** which has all the latest **careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships**: [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 15th June](#)

which includes some virtual work experience opportunities in July with [Barclays Bank](#) and the [National Grid](#) and [BP work experience July 2023](#) 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

[Term Dates 2022-2023](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#) - PE

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#) - 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: information and advice 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: 116 123.
- 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: 0808 2000 247/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.

The Princess Alice Hospice Summer Fete & Dog Show

Live Music

Fun & Games

Fine Foods

Dog Show

Artisan Stalls

Sunday 25 June

10:30am - 3:00pm

Sandown Park Racecourse
 Fete is £3 entry (Under 5s FREE)
 Dog Show competitors – advance online registration
 £5 per category (£7 on the day).

www.pah.org.uk/fete
 or call 01372 461808

New Venue

Princess Alice Hospice

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 Halliwell 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

**For details visit www.pah.org.uk/fete
or scan the QR code**

An afternoon of musical delights at St Mary's Church Long Ditton

Sunday 2nd July 4pm

A concert by the choir and orchestra of
 St Teresa's Effingham
 led by their head of music and our former organist
 Caroline Yalden

This promises to be a wonderful afternoon
 featuring choirs, instrumental ensembles and soloists.

**Tickets including refreshments £7
 free for young people under 16
 available on our website
www.stmaryslongditton.org.uk/events**