



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin Surbiton Hill Road, Surbiton, KT6 4TU 020 8339 4500

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Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you are well. As you will be aware, there are two strike days planned for next week: Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. As always, we expect the school to be heavily impacted.

Wednesday 5 July:

This is the scheduled transition day for pupils in Year 6. We explored the option of moving this day, but each feeder primary school had different plans for the other non-striking days and so moving it became impossible. With this in mind, the transition day will go ahead so those pupils in Year 6 are able to see the school site and experience a day at Hollyfield before they begin in September. Mrs Rhodes has written to Year 6 parents separately to explain this.

The school will be closed to students in Year 7- Year 10. They will be set computing work to complete from home. The national curriculum sets out standard computing tasks and skills that all pupils should access at secondary school. We usually have drop down mornings for pupils to complete these, so the time on the strike day is an ideal opportunity for pupils to work through these tasks. Mr Bonehill will lead a live session for pupils to dial into on Wednesday morning and follow this up with links to what each pupil should complete from home.

Full details of this will be posted on the google classroom for each year group. We recognise that working in front of a screen all day can be fatiguing, so Mr Bonehill will post a reasonable amount of work which should take about three hours to complete, giving pupils the option to have breaks through the day or to complete the tasks in the morning and have a break in the afternoon.

Students in Year 12 should come into school from 1030 - 1300 for workshops on their UCAS applications. These workshops will be run by the sixth form team and Mr Warren has explained the full details to the Year 12 students.

Friday 7 July:

Once again, the school will be closed to pupils in Year 7-Year 9. Mr Bonehill will, once again, set computing work for pupils to complete from home, and again, with enough opportunity for them to take breaks throughout the day or in the afternoon.

Some pupils who are in Year 10 and Year 12 may be invited into school for a portion of the day to complete GCSE coursework. This will give them the opportunity to continue to work on or improve their existing coursework pieces. Of course, there will be some students for whom this is not the case. This may be because their coursework is already secure, they do not study coursework-based GCSE or A level subjects or their teacher is taking strike. I appreciate this uncertainty may be a little frustrating for students and parents; to mitigate this, teachers will let students know of their invite by Tuesday afternoon. Those students in Year 10 who are not invited in, should continue to work on the



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 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..... • 1/7 – PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale • 3/7 – Art & Design Exhibition • 3/7 - Y6 Parents' Info Evening 5/7 New Y7 Induction Day 10/7–Y12 Pre-WEX workshop • 11/7 - Sports Day • 12/7- Y10 Sussex Uni Trip In this issue..... Page Head's Line.....1 In Safe Hands.....5 PTA.....6 This Week Next Week.....7 Achievement Points......8 T & L Update.....9 Careers......10 General Information.....11

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computing work set by Mr Bonehill. Those students in Year 12 who are not invited in should work independently on that day.

As we move closer to the Summer Holiday there are lots going on in and around the school site. This week we have welcomed in Year 5 students for a number of workshops, including making a superhero film, robotics and making a rocket ship. These have been really well received by the students, allowing them to see what life at Hollyfield is really like. We hope that this will encourage many of them to choose us as their first choice. Next week we have a transition day for our new Year 7 students, this takes place on Wednesday with all of our new cohort planning to attend. This is a really important day in preparing students for entering Year 7 as they will meet their form tutors, tutor groups and lots of new friends. Finally, we host our annual Art, DT and Textiles exhibition on Monday evening. This is a chance for parents to see all of the amazing work their sons/daughters produce over the course of their GCSE and A level courses.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms A Jackson, Headteacher

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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.

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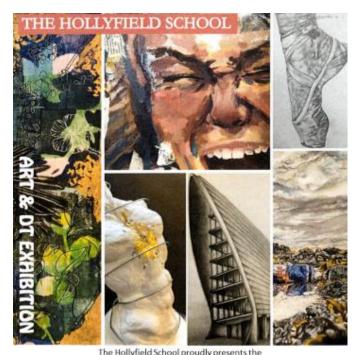


Hollyfield Live is coming!

The Hollyfield Music Department is running an outdoor music festival 'Hollyfield Live" on Sat 15 July. It will run from 11am - 7pm and will be a fabulous day of live music across two stages. Performers will include students from across all Year Groups and include our fantastic Swing Band, Orchestra, Rock School Bands and Hollyfield Singers. Alumni coming back to perform include Grace Walker, Sophie Edge & Nadine Assam and the day will conclude with a headlining set from 'Finn & The Bin Men'. There will be a variety of food and drink on the day including a fully stocked bar. Join us for an amazing day of live music!

Tickets can be purchased via the QR codes on the advertising or via <u>bit.ly/HOLLYFIELD-LIVE</u> (case sensitive) OR via the school website.





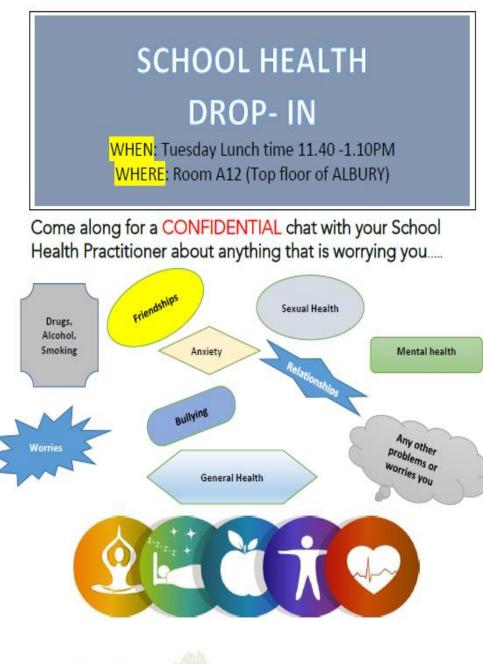
GCSE and A-Level Art & DT Exhibition Private View Monday 3rd July 2023 From 3.30pm – 7.30pm In the Hollyfield School Exam Hall Parents, Carers, Relatives, Friends and Staff are welcome to come along and celebrate all the achievements of our very talented artists and designers



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



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!

Pre-worn Uniform Store

1July 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

Please support The Hollyfield School PTA - Surbiton on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping. Plus, register before the end of the month and we could win an extra £500 donation! Look out for the Parentmail note with the link

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 : Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-goodcause/step-1

Date of Next Meeting: TBC

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



hfptauniform@gmail.com



THIS WEEK.....



The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.80%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7rSNE = 97.33% 8rRHU = 94.86% 9rGST= 91.79% 10rWGO = 97.10%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	No. 1		****
	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	9988	10557	11594
Year 8	9998	10112	13706
Year 9	9757	7750	7082
Year 10	6998	8635	5782
Year 11	2600	5360	2138
Total	39341	42414	40302

NEXT WEEK

Monday 3 July	Key Stage 3 House Assemblies	
	Guest Students Arrive	
	Art & DT Exhibition	
	New Year 7 Parents Information Evening	
Tuesday 4 July	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room	
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall	
Wednesday 5 July	Strike Day	
	New Year 7 Induction Day	
Thursday 6 July	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Assembly	
Friday 7 July	Strike Day	

FORTHCOMING DATES

1 July – PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale – 10.00am-12.00pm

- 3 July Art & Design Exhibition 4.00-7.00pm
- 3 July Year 6 Parents' Information Evening
- 5 July New Year 7 Induction Day
- 10 July Year 12 Pre-WEX workshop
- 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
13 July – Sixth Form Brighton Trip

- 14 July London Challenge
- 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. We want students to be the best versions of themselves and we explicitly teach the behaviour we want our young people to develop through our GO BIG character virtues (Good Communication | Organisation | Bouncebackability | Initiative | Gratitude). Students are therefore rewarded for when they demonstrate these character virtues either in class, around our school environment and even outside of school. The school also 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 1323 Year 8 1109 Year 9 1187 Year 10 419

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

7rSNE 289 8bLCA 275 9bKME 227 10bDMI 123

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Kaleb R/Henry E	Year 9	Hazel K
Year 8	Harry D	Year 10	Kerys CB



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: tos://www.kingston.gov.uk/music-service-1/music-lessons/1

musicservice@kingston.gov.uk







Careers Briefing - 30 June 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 10 Summer Careers Activities

All Year 10 parents should have received a letter about the **Trip to Sussex University** on **Wednesday 12 July**. Please use this <u>Link</u> 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: <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. If you students do want to go on the trip the deadline for payment for this trip is the <u>3rd July so don't delay!</u> Payment for the trip needs to be made via Parentmail.

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.

16+ choices



Year 10 are being encouraged to use <u>Unifrog</u> 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 <u>Sixth Form</u> 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.

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. Esher College has an open event on the 3rd July How to Apply – <u>Esher Sixth Form College</u> and most other sixth forms and colleges will have open events in the Autumn Term. Kingston College <u>Kingston College events</u> and NESCOT <u>Nescot Open</u> <u>Events</u> also have regular open events and it is worth checking their website for the first ones in September.

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>

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 29</u> <u>June</u> Please see below some of the **Apprenticeships** that are currently available for school



leavers. See links to current apprenticeships offered at Kingston college: <u>Apprenticeship</u> <u>Vacancies</u> and Richmond college: <u>RUTC Apprenticeship vacancies</u>

Apprenticeships with the MET Police



Join an exclusive webinar with the Met Police's Operational Support Unit (OSU) on the **12 July**, to learn how Engineering apprentices can kick start their career and work on surveillance solutions that help to keep people safe. The Operational Support Unit (OSU) is a dedicated team of around fifty specialist engineers and technical advisors. Together, they provide vital technical solutions, equipment and expertise for front-line policing for the Met, including working with surveillance products, camera technology; IP

networks; communications; development and rapid prototyping, fabrication and machining using Computer Aided Design; CCTV, video and audio.

With a number of current vacancies open in London for individuals leaving school/college, and a starting salary of over £22,000, join this 1-hour webinar to find out more about the role and what it's like to be an apprentice with the OSU. Sign up and find out more: <u>Apprenticeships within the MET</u> Wednesday 12 July from 3pm - 4pm for a 1-hour online webinar.

Way2Work is a professional UK based Apprenticeship training provider offering apprenticeship vacancies and full-time job opportunities for people aged 16 and above. We have varied Apprenticeships opportunities in business administration, customer service, childcare and teaching assistants. Please see below a list of our current vacancies:

Teaching Assistant

- Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton (KS1)
- Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton (KS2)

Early Years

- Monty's Nursery, Richmond
- Barnes Day Care, Barnes
- Doris Venner Pre School, Worcester Park
- <u>Child's Play Nursery, Surbiton</u>
- Kew Green Nursery, Kew

Business Administration

• Carlisle and Hampton Hill Primary Schools, Hampton (Site Manager Apprentice)

Customer Service:

- Exergame solutions, Twickenham (Customer service advisor Apprentice)
- <u>Century 21 Royale, Kingston (Marketing Assistant Apprentice)</u>

For more information contact <u>way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk</u> or register your interest<u>here</u>.

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.







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OR CONACT ANA ON: 07852 599 452

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