



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

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the weekend.

This week we have enjoyed many events in school. We welcomed the new Year 7 students and their parents into school for the transition day and parent information evening. Wednesday's transition day was an excellent day. The Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic array of lessons, an assembly, a tour of the site and got to know key members of staff. The parents heard from lots of the staff and hopefully had a lot of questions answered about what to expect in September. We hope the pupils enjoy the remaining two weeks of primary school and we can't wait to welcome them in September.

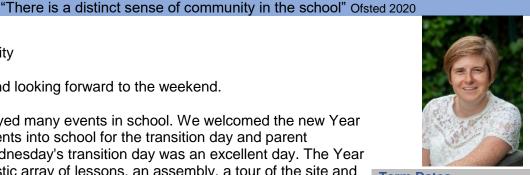
We also hosted our GCSE and A level Art and DT exhibition on Monday. The work the students have produced is absolutely phenomenal. Well done to all of them and thank you to all the parents that visited the exhibition and the staff for putting such a wonderful showcase together. Last Friday we hosted the Year 13 prom and it was a wonderful evening and a fitting way for Year 13 to finish their time at Hollyfield. We hope the Year 13s enjoy their summer and we look forward to seeing them when they collect their results in August.

There are only two weeks to go until the end of term and next week is a busy one. We have sports day on Tuesday, the Year 7 and Year 8 pride in learning event on Wednesday, Year 10 visit Sussex university on Wednesday and have their careers day on Thursday and Year 12 are on their challenge days on Thursday and Friday. We are very much looking forward to the week ahead and parents have been informed of these events in separate communications, but if you have any questions about any of them then please get in touch with your child's form tutor or head of year.

The last day of term is **Thursday 20 July** and is a free mufti day. Students are expected to attend school with periods 1-3 taking place as normal. Students will return to form rooms at the start of period 4 (11.50am) to tidy and register and then there will be a phased dismissal by a senior member of staff from 12.00pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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 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..... 10/7–Y12 Pre-WEX workshop 11/7 - Sports Dav • 12/7- Y10 Sussex Uni Trip • 12/7 – Y7-8 Pride in Learning • 13/7 - Y10 Careers Day and Young Enterprise Employability Master Class In this issue..... Page Head's Line.....1 In Safe Hands.....4 PTA.....5 This Week Next Week......6 Achievement Points.....7 T & L Update......8 General Information.....10 Local Information.....10

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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 <a href="mailto:lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>.

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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.

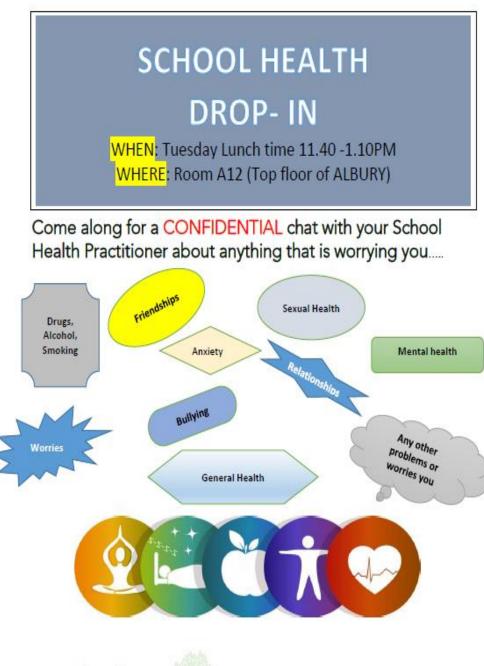




# **IN SAFE HANDS**

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



# PTA Social Media Coordinator

# Are you experienced/can you help us to maximise our exposure?

We need someone to help us maximise the PTA's exposure on various social media platforms and manage the PTA channels and create the content. We can help with writing the content. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:ptahollyfield@gmail.com">ptahollyfield@gmail.com</a> - it would be great if you can help!

## Hollyfield Live

Volunteers needed please to assist the wonderful team organising the event.

More details in the Parentmail communications. If you have an hour (or more) to help between 11am and 7pm - please let us know your preferred slot or if you are quite flexible at <u>ptahollyfield@gmail.com</u>

# Pre-worn Uniform Store

## 9 September 2023, 10:00am-12:00noon

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: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1</u>

#### 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....



# THIS WEEK.....



The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.83%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7rKWH = 96.35% 8rRHU = 96.35% 9bKME= 94.44% 10rBEJ = 95.98%

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

# **HOUSE POINTS**

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Year 7	10306	10813	11867
Year 8	10312	10112	13901
Year 9	10018	7895	7369
Year 10	7018	8795	5831
Year 11	2600	5360	2138
Total	40254	42975	41106

# **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 10 July	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 12 Pre-WEX Workshop		
Tuesday 11 July	Sports Day		
Wednesday 12 July	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 10 Sussex University Trip		
	Year 7 & 8 Pride In Learning		
	Year 12 Personal Statement Workshop		
Thursday 13 July	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Sixth Form Brighton Trip		
	Year 10 Careers Day and Young Enterprise Employability Master Class		
Friday 14 July	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 12 London Challenge – 14 July		
	Year 5 SASM Activity Morning		

# FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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 1225 Year 8 1183 Year 9 900 Year 10 478

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

7bLWI 282 8bLCA 302 9rMLE 286 10bDMI 197

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Tommy T	Year 9	Beau B
Year 8	Arthur O	Year 10	Laurella C/Joy H

# **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: tps://www.kingston.gov.uk/music-service-1/music-lessons/1

musicservice@kingston.gov.uk

# CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 7 July 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

### Year 10 Summer Careers Activities

We are just completing final arrangements for the visit to **Sussex University on Wednesday 12 July**. Please make sure you use this <u>Link</u> to access and complete the form to provide consent and the other important information we need. Some parents have not completed the consent form and need to do this as a matter of urgency.

On the day students must meet at the school, at **<u>8.30am</u>**. Students will be assigned to groups with a designated member of staff. These staff members will be responsible for registering their groups at key stages during the day. For the trip students will <u>not</u> be



expected to wear school uniform, but they should wear comfortable clothes and sensible shoes. Sussex has a large campus and depending on the weather students should bring appropriate protection from the weather.

For lunch, we are advising that students bring their own packed lunch although there is also a large campus restaurant. We will be returning to Hollyfield at approximately **<u>3.45pm</u>** where they will be dismissed from school.

On Thursday **13 July** we will also be running a **Careers day** in which Young Enterprise will be running a employability masterclass. This will be a normal school day in which students come into school in uniform and register as normal. In the morning Periods 1-3 students in one half of the year will be doing the Young Enterprise workshop and then Periods 4-6 the other half of the year group will begin doing the activity. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and analyse their skills, qualities and attributes and how best to present these in a positive way when applying for a future job.



# 16+ choices

Year 10 are being encouraged to use <u>Unifrog</u> to help them to find out about their choices at **post 16**. Students had an assembly with the sixth form team at Hollyfield on Thursday and you can find out more about what they offer on the <u>Sixth Form</u> website.

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 is the only local college who has opened applications for Sept 2024 most other colleges will open applications from

September 2023 onwards.

## Year 10 Careers Interviews

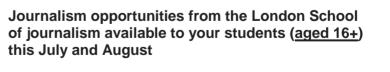
Mr Poole has started organising careers interviews for Year 10 and by the end of Year 11 the aim is to have offered an interview to everyone. Interviews take place during the normal school day. Students can speak to their tutor who can email Mr Poole or parents/carers can contact him on <u>ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</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 6</u> July.

See links to current apprenticeships offered at Kingston college: <u>Apprenticeship Vacancies</u> and Richmond college: <u>RUTC Apprenticeship vacancies</u> and Way2Work who are a Richmond/Kingston based apprenticeship provider: <u>Current vacancies</u>





 July 15, 10am-1:30pm, practical news writing workshop in our Twickenham office, free. Sign up here: <u>Free journalism masterclasses</u>



- August 7, 10am-3pm, work experience day, free. Join us in our London newsroom for a day of hands-on journalism exercises and talks (great to put on your personal statement). Sign up here: Free journalism masterclasses
- August 8, 7pm-9:30pm (remote), practical news writing workshop, free. Sign up here: Free journalism masterclasses
- August 9, 10am-3pm, work experience day, free. Join us in our London newsroom for a day of hands-on journalism exercises and talks (great to put on your personal statement). Sign up here: Free journalism masterclasses
- August 14-18, The Times Summer Academy, £400. You need to be aged 18+ A week-long programme in the News UK offices in London Bridge covering news and feature writing, investigations and ethics, social media and broadcast journalism! You'll also meet Times senior journalists and see award-winning journalism in action. See more here: <u>The Times Summer Academy</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.

# **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-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 <u>https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/</u>.
- 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: <a href="http://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/">www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</a>. Call 0808 802 5544.





