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"There is a distinct sense of community in the school" Ofsted 2020

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope that you are all safe and well and looking forward to the summer holidays.

We have had a wonderful week this week which began with a fantastic sports day on Tuesday. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and to Falcon House who were our worthy sports day winners. As always, the students were competitive and enthusiastic but maintained true sportsmanship in supporting each other in every event. A personal highlight is always Ms O'Shea's commentary throughout the day as she cheers every student over the line on the track and reports back on all the field events.

On Wednesday, Year 7 and Year 8 had their annual 'Pride in Learning' event. This is a truly joyful experience for all involved. The students bring along the piece of work they are most proud of and discuss it with a senior member of staff or one of our Head Students. The staff and Head Students were blown away by the work on show. There was a real selection of work from all subjects with some students showing us things they had made, drawn, tests completed, stories written, medals for sporting events and classwork that teachers had highlighted as exceptional. Our students were rightly proud of their achievements and they all left with a certificate to celebrate these.

Our Year 10 students have focused on careers this week, beginning with a visit to Sussex University on Wednesday and followed by career workshops on Thursday. They had a great experience with both of these and many students are getting excited for their next steps after they finish their GCSEs next year. Students in Year 12 have been completing workshops and challenges this week, including preparations for their work experience and UCAS workshops. Year12 will complete their work experience placements next week; we wish them every success with these.

Next week is the last week of term, during this time we will have celebration assemblies for each year group focused on all the achievements of all of the students over the year. School closes for the summer on Thursday 20 July. The arrangements for the last day of term are as follows:

0830: Morning registration and Year 10 celebration assembly (with form time extended until this has finished)

0900: Period 1

0950: Period 2

1040: Breaktime

1100: Period 3

1150: Form time to say goodbye for the summer

1200: Phased dismissal with all students leaving site by 1215.

As always, the last day of term will be a non-uniform day for students and staff. Whilst September is a long way off, it is opportunistic to remind parents that school reopens for Year 7 and Year 12 students on Tuesday 5 September at 1230. Year 7 students should then arrive for school at 0830 on Wednesday 6 September, with those in Year 8-Year 11 arriving at 0900. Year 12 will not be in school on Wednesday 6 September, instead they and Year 13 will begin their year at 0830 on Thursday 7 September. Please add these dates and times to your calendars now.

And finally, I am sure that you, like me, are disappointed that we have had to cancel Hollyfield Live tomorrow but we must put the safety of everyone first. We look forward to seeing you there on 30 September, further details are available on our website.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Ms A Jackson, Headteacher

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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

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- 17/7 Y7, 8, 9, 10, 12 report emailed to parents
- 17-21/7 Y12 Work Experience
- 20/7 End of Term students dismissed from 12.00pm
- 24-26/7 New Y7 Summer Camp
- 17/8 A2/AS Results Day
- 24/8– GCSE Results Day

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OTHER NOTICES

Job Opportunity

We have an opportunity to recruit a Clerk to our Governors, required with immediate effect on a part time, supply Contract – please see details here.

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

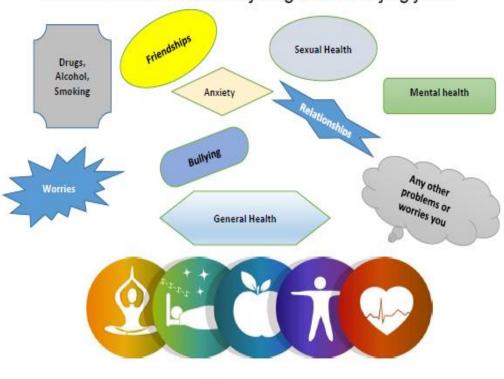
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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

PTA Treasurer

Anyone with skills relating to accountancy/ booking keeping or generally number and a willingness to pitch in!

We offer a massive thanks to our lovely treasurer Marina who is standing down. We are looking for someone who can take over from her and help to keep the PTA progressing. Look out for more details via Parentmail or contact us as below.

Please contact us at ptahollyfield@gmail.com - it would be great if you can help!

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 ptahollyfield@gmail.com - it would be great if you can help!

Pre-worn Uniform Store 9 September 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.

<u>Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown away!</u>

Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury

Easy Fundraising

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-good-cause/step-1

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.....

TOP ATTENDERS

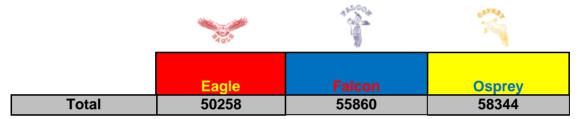
The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.76%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7bNMA = 96.88% 8bLCA= 95.20% 9bPOR= 92.08% 10rDMI = 92.42%

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

HOUSE POINTS

The final total for the year including house points awarded at sports day, well done to everyone for their continued effort.



NEXT WEEK

Monday 17 July	Year 7 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
7	Year 12 WEX Week
	Year 12 Reports Emailed to Parents
Tuesday 18 July	Year 8 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7-10 Reports Emailed to Parents
Wednesday 19 July	Year 9 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
Thursday 20 July	Year 10 Awards Assembly – Dining Hall
	Non-uniform Day (free)
	End of Term – dismissed by 12.00pm

FORTHCOMING DATES

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 7 637 Year 8 525 Year 9 359 Year 10 124

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

7bFKE 161 8rRHU 116 9rMLE 91 10rGSE 35

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Kaleb R Year 9 Samuel J Year 8 Aditya S Year 10 Kerys CB

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 14 July 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Year 10 Sussex University Trip.

Well done to all those students who attended the university trip last Wednesday. Students had an in depth talk on what it is like to go to university and also had a tour of the huge campus. In the afternoon we were privileged to have a lecturer from one of the academic staff Dr Andreas Antonaides from the Department of Global Studies. Dr

START

HINKING

FUTURE



Antonaides is a renowned expert in global politics and it gave a student an insight into what it would be like to study at a university.

Sixth Form Work Experience Workshop

Also last week Year 12 took part in a workshop on preparing for work experience. This session was delivered by Jamie Wright and Alan MacPherson (Mac) who are both Enterprise advisers for the South London Careers Partnership. During the workshop students had tips on how to do an elevator pitch to impress future employers and also what you need to do to prepare for work experience. Mr Humm, Ms Cunningham and Ms Wellstead joined in by giving their own one minute elevator pitches.

On Thursday 13 July Year 10 were involved in an employability masterclass which was delivered by Yooun Enterprise. This workshop focused on students identifying their skills;

> the importance of having a good CV and how to prepare for an interview. The event was supported by 8 business volunteers from Havs Recruitment Company and Mastercard.

Year 10 should now be beginning to think about their next steps and applications to Sixth Form, College or apprenticeships.

Year 10 have been encouraged to use Unifrog to help them to find out about their choices at **post 16**. Unifrog also has a CV Writing so they can use to create their own CV.

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 ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

Careers opportunities

Please see our weekly careers bulletin which has all the latest careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships:

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



Journalism opportunities from the London School of journalism available to your students (aged 16+) this July and August

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

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 (<u>remote</u>), practical news writing workshop, <u>free</u>. 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: The Times Summer Academy

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 12th 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-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: <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 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: <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: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.



