



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

I am the guest editor for the ebulletin this week as Ms Jackson is at the Ofsted National conference.

Welcome back to the school term and what a scorcher it is so far. The weather has been fantastic, the students look great in their uniforms and the engagement in lessons has been superb. On Tuesday, we met all our Year 7 and Year 12 students for their first day. This was a great opportunity for the students to experience the school without the other year groups here. The day went really well and it seems our new students have settled in well to school life. We also welcomed back all of our other year groups this week. It was great to see all of the students arrive looking so happy to be back at school.

Starting next week we have our Parent Information Evenings, the dates are as follows:

1. Tuesday 12 September: Year 7 (6.00-7.30pm)
2. Thursday 14 September: Year 11 (online) (6.30-7.30pm)
3. Tuesday 19 September: Year 8 (6.30-7.30pm)
4. Thursday 21 September: Year 9 and Year 12(6.30-8.00pm)
5. Tuesday 26 September: Year 10

The Head of Year/Phase Leader for each year group will email home regarding the logistics for the evening. Please try to attend these events as they contain important information for the forthcoming year.

As you are aware from Ms Jackson's correspondence earlier this week, we have closed the F block and Gym as we await a survey on any potential RAAC concrete. The closure only affects a very small number of classrooms, so learning continues as normal with very little disruption. The survey is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12 September. We will write to parents next week with a further update.

This weekend we have Hollyfield Live taking place on Saturday. This is a wonderful event with live bands, good food and drink and a fireworks display at the end. The students involved and music department have been working extremely hard on this event. Please do come and support it, listen to some music and enjoy the lovely weather. Doors open at 2.00pm with concluding fireworks at 8.45pm.

As well at the Parents' Information evenings mentioned above here are some forthcoming key dates for your information, full details will be available on our website shortly:

- 13 Sept - Year 7 & 12 Photos and Year 11 Whole Year Photo (8.30-10.30am)
- 14 Sept – Year 12 Go Ape trip
- 15 Sept – Year 13 Paintballing trip
- 15 Sept - Year 12 & 13 BBQ (3.00-7.00pm)
- 19 Sept – Year 8 Parents' Information Evening
- 20 Sept – Year 9 & 11 Photos (8.30-10.30am)
- 26 Sept – Year 7 Spelling Bee (12.40pm)
- 28 Sept – Year 7 CATs Test (8.50am)

We are currently looking to recruit a Clerk to our Governors who support the school wonderfully, this is a very interesting part time role, please click [here](#) for more details.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr M Winpenny, Senior Deputy Headteacher

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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

5 September to 21 December
(Inset Day – 4-5 Sept & 1-3 Nov
- except Y11 & Y13)

Half Term

23 October - 3 November (see above)

Christmas Holiday

22 December - 5 January 2024

Spring Term 2024

8 January – 28 March
(Inset Day – 19 Feb)

Half Term

12-19 February (see above)

Easter Holiday

29 March – 12 April (Bank Hol
29 Mar & 1 Apr)

Summer Term 2024

15 April – 19 July (Bank Hol 1,
6 & 27 May)

Half Term

29 - 31 May

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- 12/9 – Y7 Parents Info Eve
- 14/9 – Y12 Go Ape Trip
- 14/9 - Y11 Parents Info Eve
- 15/9 – Y13 Paintballing Trip
- 15/9 – Sixth form BBQ

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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

Pre-worn Uniform Store **9th 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.

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

WANTED: PTA Treasurer

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

We are looking for someone who can take over from our previous treasurer and help to keep the PTA progressing.

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

WANTED: 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!

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>

Date of Next Meeting:

TBC

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



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 96.94%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7CNE = 98.71%
 8NMA= 100%
 9HBL= 97.24%
 10EBE= 98.62%
 11BRO – 100%

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.

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	House to be allocated		
Year 8	197	309	178
Year 9	187	173	44
Year 10	196	177	205
Year 11	101	214	66
Total	681	873	493

NEXT WEEK

Monday 11 September	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 12 September	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (6.00-7.30pm)
Wednesday 13 September	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7 & 12 Individual and Year 11 Group photos
Thursday 14 September	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Go Ape Trip
	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening (6.30pm) Online
Friday 15 September	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Paintballing Trip
	Sixth Form BBQ (3.00-7.00pm)

FORTHCOMING DATES

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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 7 493 Year 8 555 Year 9 301 Year 10 517 Year 11 224

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

7PTA 102 8AOP 126 9LCA 112 10MLE 144 11JTU 55

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Kieron L/Arthur PW	Year 9	Harry D/Lexie D/Freddie H/Ben S	Year 11	Billy Z/Naseem A/Juliette M/Brayan S
Year 8	Alan C/Ramin MI	Year 10	Josue DAF		

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 8 September 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Welcome back after the summer holidays and the careers team are looking forward to supporting students on their career journeys as they move from one phase of education to another. Whether you are in Year 7 or 8 just starting school; studying for GCSEs or BTECs in Year 10 or in Year 11 or in the Sixth Form preparing for your examinations and beginning to think about apprenticeships or university. The Hollyfield careers team encourages you to explore possibilities and make the most of opportunities aimed to develop your skills and ideas.

Last Year, Year 10 were 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. Now these students are in Year 11 Unifrog will be even more valuable. Please log in using your Hollyfield email address.

Hollyfield has a successful Sixth Form and many students decided to stay on after Year 11 however students can apply to as many other 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.

Hollyfield school is organising its own Future Careers Fair on 18 October between 6.30-8.30pm and of course [Hollyfield Sixth Form](#) is holding its open evening after half term on **Thursday 16 November**.

[Esher College](#) is the only local college who has opened applications for Sept 2024 and you need to apply by the deadline on 29th September. Other schools and colleges will open their applications soon and we will keep you updated.

A number of colleges and schools will be holding open events and evenings over the next term:

- [NESCOT](#) open event - Weds 27 September 16.30-19.30
- [Kingston College](#) open event - Sat 7 October 2023 10- 13.00
- [Richmond upon Thames College](#) - Sat 14 October 10.00-14.00
- [Brooklands College](#) - Weds 11 October 4.30-7pm

Year 11 Careers Interviews

Mr Poole and Miss Corrighan will organise careers interviews for Year 11. Some students had an interview in the summer term but the aim is to have an interview with everyone in the year group. Interviews take place during the normal school day in the LRC Careers office. Students in other Year groups have the opportunity to ask for a careers interview during the year. For example students in the Sixth Form or Year 10 who feel they need to talk through their future choices. Please email: ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk if you would like to book an interview.



Opportunities

On Saturday 16 September, Surbiton High School will be hosting our annual University and Careers Fair, and they would like to invite Hollyfield Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students to join. The fair runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the Surbiton Assembly Rooms, 138 Maple Road, Surbiton, KT6 4RT.

The fair will give students an opportunity to meet representatives from a wide range of opportunities after school, many universities and industry professionals from over twenty different career areas. Universities include Lancaster University, Newcastle University, London South Bank, SOAS, University of Warwick, Brighton and Sussex Medical School and many more. We also have representatives confirmed from gap year companies and The Army.



Year 11, 12 and 13 Students - Calling all aspiring legal professionals, solicitor apprentices and anyone who's considering a career in law, we have something exciting lined up for you this year!

Young Professionals are proud to announce that we have teamed up with City Century which is a collaboration of over 50 leading law firms who are all coming together to provide insight events, work experience and solicitor apprenticeship opportunities for students up and down the country.

To kick things off, we are holding a virtual event on Wednesday 20 September, 5pm – 6:30pm to tell you all about this brand-new initiative where you'll be able to hear from over 20 of City Century's law firms about the opportunities they have on offer. Some of the firms include;

- Linklaters
- Allen & Overy
- Dentons
- Eversheds Sutherland
- Bird & Bird
- DLA Piper
- Ashurst
- Pinsent Masons and many more!

Following this we will be holding two in-person work experience days in the October half-term where you'll then get the chance to come face to face with the firms, experience panel discussions, hear some inspiring keynote presenters as well as having plenty of opportunity to networking and building up your personal legal connections in helping you build a bright future.

The in-person events will be in London on 25 October, 9:30am – 1pm. On the application form, please express your interest for which in-person session you'd like to join us at.

To find out more and apply: [City Century Law Event - Biggest Legal Event in History! Survey](#)

Nescot - Saturday Academies



Please note there are some good opportunities at NESCOT College to attend Saturday clubs [Saturday Academies for 13-16 year olds | NESCOT - North East Surrey College of Technology Online Store](#)

Get into Medicine Conferences



Your aspiring medical students in years 10-13 are eligible to attend a FREE LIVE VIRTUAL events on the following dates:

- Sunday 17 September 10am - 3pm
- Sunday 24 September 10am - 3pm
- Saturday 30 September 10am - 3pm

Once students have attended, they will be awarded with a certificate from the Presidents at Medic Mentor to acknowledge that they are a student who has gone one step further than others. The Get into Medicine conference is a significant turning point for Medic Mentor students. It will unlock exclusive opportunities such as scholarships and prizes, as well as help them to make a highly competitive application. **Students can register using this link:** <https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZyTt3MGPjvO>

The Get into Medicine Conference will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Medical Schools
- CV Building & Personal Statements
- Interview Schools
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- UCAT - Entrance Exams to Medical School
- Accessing Scholarships

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

[Uniform List](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities – PE – coming soon

Extra-Curricular Activities – Drama – coming soon

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities – Music – coming soon

Staff List and Structure – coming soon

[Donation to School Fund](#)

Key Dates – [coming soon](#)

[Menus](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities - All – coming soon

[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-psychological-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](tel:08001111).
- 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](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel: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](tel:08082000247)/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.

OLD KINGSTONIAN HOCKEY CLUB



FREE HOCKEY TRIAL SESSIONS

TIFFIN GIRLS SCHOOL, KT2 5PL | 12:00-13:30
10 SEPTEMBER | 17 SEPTEMBER | 1 OCTOBER
8 OCTOBER | 5 NOVEMBER | 12 NOVEMBER*

Bookable via okhockey.com
or scan the QR code



* One free trial per player


Qualified coaches • Equipment to borrow • Membership offers



JOIN THE TEAM

RUGBY LEAGUE ELMBRIDGE EAGLES

RUGBY PLAYERS WANTED !! ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME!



Junior Boys

Under 12 to Under 16 (school year 7 to 11)

Training every Thursday evening at Old Cranleigh Sports Club for:

U12s, U14s & U16s: 19:00 - 20:15pm
starting from Thursday March 2, 2023.

And Tuesday evenings at Old Cranleighs Sports Club for:

U18s: 19:00 - 20:15pm
starting from Tuesday March 28, 2023

For details contact: 07720 805834
admin@elmbridgerl.com

Elmbridge R.L., Old Cranleigh Sports Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0HB

Kingston University London
CodersDojo

The global community of coding clubs for young people aged 7 to 17

It is totally FREE and COOL!
 Create your own video games, web page or robotics.
 Kids come with a parent or carer.
 Bring a laptop if you have one, or else use one of ours.
 To join our mailing list, email:
KingstonUniversity.uk@codersdojo.com

Monthly sessions one Saturday afternoon during school term

About CodersDojo
What You Could Learn

CodersDojo is an open-source global community of free coding clubs (Dojos) for young people aged between 7 and 17.

Create your own video games, animations, apps, web pages and lots more!
 All you need to bring is a laptop and parent or carer. Each Dojo is an independent club that follows the CodersDojo vision:

"To give children everywhere the opportunity to learn about technology for free and be creative in a safe and social environment."

Dojos are led by volunteers from tech industries who are passionate about sharing their skills. Founded in 2011 in Ireland, there are now more than 2,000 Dojos in 115 countries, hosted in universities, public libraries, schools, and sponsoring firms.

Soft skills

- Collaboration • Confidence • Problem solving • Logical thinking
- Mentoring • Presentation • Leadership

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