



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

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

Head's Line:

#### Dear Hollyfield Community

It is wonderful to be back! We have enjoyed our first full week in school and it's been a great week. The students have been enthusiastic, diligent and as humorous as ever. Myself and the rest of the staff have enjoyed getting to know our new classes and settling everyone in. It was brilliant to see so many Year 7 parents at our information evening on Tuesday. I hope you found the session informative. Likewise, Mr Buckman and Mr Winpenny led the Year 11 session online last night, once again, I hope this was helpful and answered many questions that parents may have. We have included a list of key dates at the bottom of this page, please note those that are relevant to you. One I will draw attention to is the upcoming Open Evening. This will be on Tuesday 3 October 2023. In order to ensure we can prepare the school site, school will close early on that day, at the end of period three, which is 11:40 student will return to their tutor rooms for registration and dismissed at 12.00pm. Many pupils will come back into school to support the evening event, which begins at 17:00 and continues until 20:00. To allow students time to recover and for the site to be cleared the next morning, the school will open later than normal on Wednesday 4 October. We will open at 10:30 for the students, they should go straight to their tutor rooms for registration then they will have the rest of the day as normal.

Parents will be aware that students in Year 7 and Year 8 have been experiencing the digital detox and handing their phones into staff at the beginning of the school day. Teachers have found this to be a positive experience, but as ever, we are interested in how parents and students have found the initiative. As such, Ms Patel will be sending out a parental survey in the next few weeks where we will welcome your feedback and any further suggestions.

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 <u>here</u> for more details.

#### **Key Dates**

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21 Sept - Sixth Form Life & Rules (6.30-8.00pm)
26 Sept - Year 10 Parents' Information Evening (6.30-8.00pm)
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28 Sept - Year 7 CATs Test (8.50am)
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And finally, I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher

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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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- 19/9 Y8 Parents' Info Eve
- 20/9 Y9 & 11 Photos
- 21/9 Y9 Parents' Info Eve
- 21/9 6<sup>th</sup> Form Life & Rules Eve
- 26/9 Y10 Parents' Info Eve
- 28/9 Y7 CATs Test

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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>.

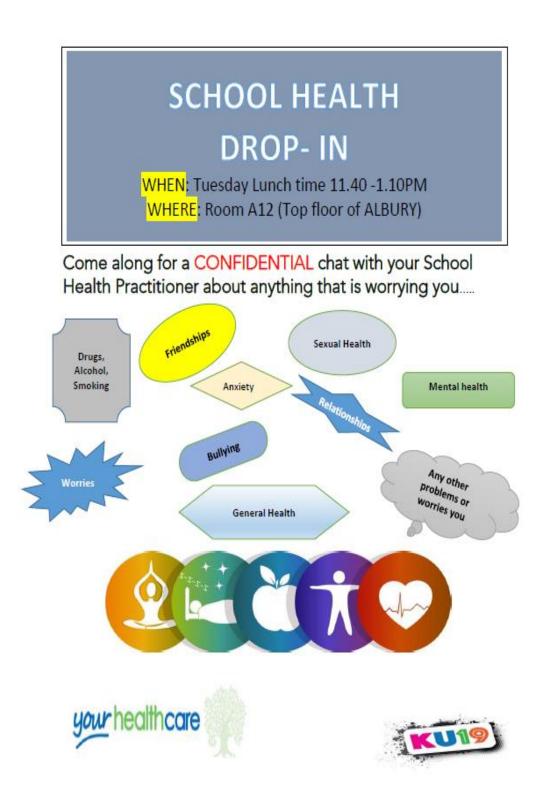
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### **IN SAFE HANDS**

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**



#### Tuesday 26 September, 7:30 - Everyone is Welcome!

Everyone is welcome! Join us, find out how you can get involved and have fun whilst helping with events and raising funds for the school! Join us at the Waggon and Horses, in the room off the back bar area - ask bar staff to direct you.

#### 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 <u>ptahollyfield@gmail.com</u> 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!

#### Pre-loved Uniform Store Date TBC

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>

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 96.97%. The top form group within each year this week is:

> 7CNE = 98.76% 8NMA= 99% 9HBL= 97.45% 10EBE= 98.79% 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.

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey	
Year 7	House to be allocated			
Year 8	339	351	351	
Year 9	489	416	555	
Year 10	563	351	317	
Year 11	160	332	234	
Total	1551	1450	1457	

### **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 18 September	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 19 September	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (6.00-7.30pm)
Wednesday 20 September	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 9 & 11 Individual Photos
Thursday 21 September	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Sixth form Life & Rules Evening (parents only) (6.30-8.00pm)
	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (6.30-8.00pm)
Friday 22 September	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall



### **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 1509 Year 8 1043 Year 9 1464 Year 10 1246 Year 11 726

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

7SNE 385 8DKE 191 9MCO 332 10EWE 248 11DMI 175

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Mia G	Year 9	Aditya S	Year 11	Marley D
Year 8	Hayley M/Charlotte W	Year 10	Summer B		







Careers Briefing - 15 September 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

### **Careers Advice for Year 11**

At this stage students and their parents should be beginning to think about the 16+ subject choices they need to make at the end of Year 11. The expectation is that between 16-19 students do continue with full time education, apprenticeships and training. By the end of Key Stage 4, all students should aim to gain a minimum of 5 GCSES or BTECs and Level 4/Pass or above including English and Maths. There are a variety of choices available and it is the aim of the school to ensure that all students make an informed choice and are fully aware of all the different academic, technical and vocational options available to them. For students going to Sixth Form or College there are a number of different subjects but the main qualifications they can consider are:

- A Levels
- BTEC Level 1-3
- T Levels
- Work related courses e.g. Hair & Beauty, Construction, Catering etc

Hollyfield has a successful Sixth Form and many students decide to stay on after Year 11 however students can apply to as many Colleges/Sixth Forms as they like, we advise them to apply to at least two or three to keep options open. Students make their applications directly with the college.



### Hollyfield school is organising its own <u>Future Careers Fair</u> on 18 October between 6.30-8.30pm and the <u>Hollyfield Sixth Form</u> open evening is 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 29 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 27th September -16.30-19.30
- <u>Kingston College</u> open event Sat 7th October 2023 10.00- 13.00
- <u>Richmond upon Thames College</u> Sat 14th October 10.00-14.00
- Brooklands College Weds 11th October 4.30-7pm

**Year 11 Careers Interviews -** Mr Poole and Miss Corrighan will organise careers interviews for Year 11. Interviews take place during the normal school day in the LRC Careers office. Please email: <u>ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> if you would like to book an interview.



### **Opportunities**



We produce a **weekly opportunities bulletin** to highlight the range of opportunities you can take part in during your time at sixth form. Work experience doesn't have to be a week somewhere; it could be an insight day or a virtual experience. We encourage you to be open minded and try a range of things that allow you to explore your ideas but look great on a university or apprenticeship application! It includes:

- Work experience/careers events and talks
- University taster days and open events
- Apprenticeships
- Useful resources to help you research your future

Click to see this week's edition: Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 15/09/2023

### **Upcoming events**



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, <u>138 Maple Road</u>, <u>Surbiton, KT6 4RT</u>.

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.

### FULBRIGHT What is USA College Day?



USA College Day is Europe's largest US university fair and is an ideal way to learn about studying for an undergraduate degree in America. It offers students and parents the unique opportunity to meet with representatives from US universities in London. The Fulbright Commission organise the

USA College Day and it is the largest American university fair in the UK and attracts more than 120 university exhibitors. Everyone from across the UK is welcome to attend! **Date: Saturday 23 September, 2PM-7PM, OR Sunday 24 September, 10:30AM-4:30PM** (the event is the same on both days)

Location: ILEC Conference Centre, 47 Lillie Rd, London SW6 1UD. It is easily accessible via London's public transport network and is located less than five-minutes walk from West Brompton station.

Price: free, but must register for a ticket. Booking and see <u>here</u> for full details of which universities will be exhibiting at USA College Day 2023.



# **BRITISH AIRWAYS**

# Come join us at British Airways HQ (Waterside) for an Apprenticeship Awareness Session:

### • Thursday 21 September 17:00 – 19:00

• Waterside, Harmondsworth, UB7 0GA

Across the evening you'll hear from both the Emerging Talent recruitment team and current apprentices, as we share what this year's application process looks like, our top tips and hear from our apprentice's real-life insights. Students will be eligible to invite one 'plus one' to accompany them to the event – parents and carers welcome as plus ones. Tickets will be awarded on a first come first served basis, so be sure to share with your students and stress there are limited places, so to sign up ASAP and Registration deadline: Wednesday 20 September:

### Register for a ticket - Apprenticeship Awareness Session



### Work Experience Insight Days

We are happy to introduce Work Experience Insight Days at British Airways. This is a one-day Work Experience opportunity, aimed at inspiring the next generation of talent, by giving students a taste of work and the aviation industry. Applications are open now! We are offering 3 different types of Insight Days across September -December, see more information below.

• Engineering Work Experience Insight Day (16 October 2023) Our engineering teams focus on the behind-the-scenes activity. You can expect to hear from our colleagues on procedures such as an engine change, a structural repair or a complex aircraft inspection.

• Business Work Experience Insight Day (8 November 2023) We have a variety of teams that work in our head office and across British Airways that support our airline operation! On this placement you can expect to hear from a range of colleagues from different departments across our head office.

• Airport Operations Work Experience Insight Day (20 November 2023) We put our customers at the forefront of everything we do, and our colleagues on the frontline go above and beyond to give our customers an unforgettable experience. You can expect to hear from our ground team and cabin crew on their day-to-day roles.

- You must be in Year 10 or above
- You must have valid passport/UK driving licence (this is needed to access our engineering base and airside areas of Terminal 5 LHR)

### How to apply:

Step 1: Explore which area of British Airways you'd like to gain an insight into (do your research and speak to our Speedbird Z mentors!) Register:

https://britishairways.connectr.co.uk/inspire/

Step 2: Complete an online application which you can find the link to on Speedbird Z Step 3: We will review all applications for eligibility, let you know via email if you have been successful and confirm next steps

If your students have any questions on Work Experience, please contact work.experience@ba.com for more information



### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### Links to Useful Information

<u>Term Dates 2023-2024</u> <u>Uniform List</u> <u>Extra-Curricular Activities – PE</u> Form Tutor List The School Day Times Extra-Curricular Activities – Music Key Dates <u>– coming soon</u> <u>Menus</u> Extra-Curricular Activities - All <u>– coming soon</u> Severe Weather Procedure

Extra-Curricular Activities – Drama – coming soon Student well-being and safety Staff List and Structure \_\_\_\_\_ <u>coming soon</u> <u>Donation to School Fund</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-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 <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: <u>www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</u>. 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





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

Training every Thursday evening at Old Cranleighan Sports Club for:

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

And Tuesday evenings at Old Cranleighans Sports Club for:

U18s: 19:00 - 20:15pm starting from Tuesday March 28, 2023 For details contact: 07720 80593 admin@elmbridgeri.co Elmbridge R.L, Old Cranleighan Sports Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Dicton, KT7 OHB

