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

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you have all had a lovely week. We have enjoyed seeing many parents this week as our programme of parent information evenings continues. This week we met with parents of students in Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12. We hope the evenings were informative and help you understand the year ahead so that you are best-placed to support your child. As always, if you do have any queries then please get in touch with the relevant of Head of Year, I've included their contact details below for your reference:

Year 8: Mr Blakley email: jblakley@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk Year 9: Ms Jenkins email: jenkins@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk Year 12: Ms Alam email: talam@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Next week we have our final parent information evening, which is for Year 10 and will be held on Tuesday evening. This session will be held online and led by Mr Buckman. Full details have been sent to Year10 parents, please contact the school office if you have not received the parentmail.

Next week our Year 7 students will take their CATs tests. The students do not need to revise for these tests, they are to enable us to see where each child's strengths lie and any areas for development. They look primarily at a child's reasoning skills and their application of these skills. They will take place during your child's normal lessons on Thursday morning next week.

Last week I shared information about our upcoming open evening. Please find the information once again, for your reference: Open evening 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 students 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.

And finally, we are continuing our search for a new Clerk to Governors, I have included the <u>details</u> of this post once again should any members of the community be interested in the role and wish to join our wonderful team.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and if like me, you're a rugby fan, you enjoy watching the plethora of exciting world cup matches scheduled for this weekend.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher



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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- 26/9 Y10 Parents' Info Eve
- 28/9 Y7 CATs Test
- 29/9-1/10 D of E Expedition
- 3/10 Sen Maths Challenge
- 3/10 Early close 12.00pm
- 4/10 Late start 10.30am
- 5/10 Y11 Geo/Bio field Trip
- 6/10 Y6 Tours begin

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OTHER NOTICES



The Hollyfield School Library is pleased to announce that there will be a book sale, or books we have removed from our shelves, taking place on Wednesday 27 September, during lunch break and after school. All monies raised will go towards the Readathon Charity who provide new books to children currently in hospital. Please can all students support this event and make it a huge success.

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.



IN SAFE HANDS

Once again, for your information, the key contacts are:

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

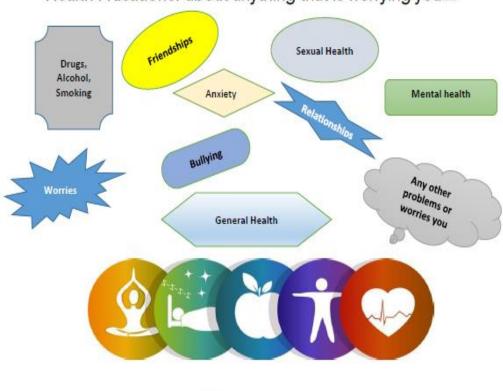
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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 Meeting [AGM] 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 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!

Pre-loved Uniform Store Next session: 13.01.24

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.

In an emergency situation, students can speak to the team at the school office to ask for access to the Uniform Store in the old music building.

Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown away! Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury

Easy Fundraising

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

This is a really simple way to help raise funds for the PTA in order to support the school and students. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Follow this link to register and start raising some much needed funding: Select The Hollyfield School PTA, Surbiton: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-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.....

HOUSE POINTS

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







	Eagle		Osprey
Year 7		House to be allocate	d
Year 8	516	481	456
Year 9	445	394	406
Year 10	412	285	243
Year 11	177	352	206
Total	1550	1512	1311

NEXT WEEK

Monday 25 September	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 10 assembly – Exam Centre	
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room	
Tuesday 26 September	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room	
	European Day of Languages	
	Year 13 Geography Field Trip – Bush Park	
	Year 7 Spelling Bee	
	Year 10 Parents' Information Evening – 6.30-8.00pm	
Wednesday 27 September	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 11-13 Maths Olympiad for Girls	
Thursday 28 September	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 7 CATs Test	
Friday 29 September	KS3 Eagle House Assembly- Dining Hall	
	KS3 Falcon House Assembly – Exam Centre	
	KS3 Osprey House Assembly - Gym	
	D of E Bronze Expedition	
Saturday 30 September	D of E Bronze Expedition	
Sunday 1 October	D of E Bronze Expedition	

FORTHCOMING DATES

26 Sept – Year 7 Spelling Bee (12.40pm)

28 Sept – Year 7 CATs Test (8.50am)

29 Sept – 1 Oct – Bronze D of E Expedition

3 Oct - Year 11-13 Senior Maths Challenge

3 Oct - Early Closure - 12.00pm

4 Oct - Late Start - 10.30 Registration

5 & 10 October – Year 11 GCSE Geography/Biology Trip

6 Oct - Year 6 Open Day Tours (9.05 and 11.05 am)

12 October - Year 11 Music Solo Performances

17-23 October - Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip



- 18 October Year 10 Careers Fair 6.30pm
- 19 October Year 10 Drama Trip 12.00pm
- 23-31 October 2023 Half Term Year 11, 13 & staff
- 23 October 3 November Half Term Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 (1-3/11 Inset days)
- 7 November GCSE Exams Start
- 10 November PTA Quiz Night
- 13 November 1 December Year 11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
- 14 November Year 10 Jack Petchey Workshop (9.00am-3.00pm)
- 16 November Sixth Form Open Evening Early closure from 12.00pm
- 24 November Year 7, 8 & 9 Report emailed to parents
- 26 November Year 11 Music Ensemble Performance
- 30 November Year 12 & 13 Drama Theatre Trip
- 4-15 December Year 13 Trial Exams
- 5 & 7 December Year 11 Sixth Form Interviews 3.30-6.30pm
- 7 December Year 9 Parent Consultation evening 4.00pm
- 12 December Year 9 Options evening 6.00pm
- 13 December Year 9 Options Taster P4-6
- 14 December Christmas Carol Concert (6.30-10.00pm)
- 15 December Year 7 Christmas Carol Service
- 19 December Year 10 & 11 Report Emailed Home
- 19 December Year 11 Trial Exam Results Day
- 21 December End of Term dismissal from 12.00pm
- 22 December 2023 5 January 2024 Christmas Holiday

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 1613 Year 8 1739 Year 9 1333 Year 10 1053 Year 11 827

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

7SNE 428 8FKE 339 9MCO 284 10EWE 179 11DMI 177



The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Grace C Year 9 Aditya S Year 11 Marius P

Year 8 Reginald C Year 10 Beau B

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 22 September 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Hollyfield school is organising its own <u>Future Careers Fair</u> on 18 October between 6.30-8.30pm. This is for Year 11-13 students and parents and carers are also welcome to attend. There will be a selection of colleges, universities and people from a range of professions to talk to YOU!

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. 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.

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 Sixth Form open evening is on **Thursday 16**November.

<u>Esher College</u> is the only local college who has opened applications for Sept 2024 and you need to apply by the deadline on 29September. 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. Interviews take place during the normal school day in the LRC Careers office. Please email: ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk 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: <u>Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 20/09/2023</u> and see some of the highlights below......





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 for ID (this is needed to access our engineering base and airside areas of Terminal 5 LHR)

How to apply: 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/

and complete an online application which you can find the link to on Speedbird Z.

British Airways Speedbird Pilot Academy

Make your flying dreams come true! Further to the success of our previous cadet schemes, we are thrilled to announce its successor the launch of the Speedbird Pilot Academy. This is a BA fully funded training scheme for up to 70 successful candidates working with selected Flight Training Schools.

We will be open for applications in September 2023 - please register for 'Pilots' job alerts on the career site here - -British Airways - Future Pilots to be notified of when the application window will open. In the coming months our Pilot Recruitment Team will be running live Q&A sessions for students and details can be found here:

• Date: First Wednesday of every month

Time: 4pm - 5pm
Location: Virtual
Link to Join: BA link





The Empowered Females in STEM Programme



This 4-month programme is completely free of charge and launches in November 2023 in London. The programme is sponsored by several global STEM companies, including Pfizer, BP, Dyson, Colt, AWS (Amazon) and UCB. Participants will attend masterclasses and receive group mentorship from diverse and relatable women in STEM. They will also carry out a Real-World Learning challenge, allowing them to solve a real-world STEM problem

- Prepares young females' employability skills for the start of their STEM careers.
- Enables young females to network with global STEM employers in-person and online.
- Increases the self-efficacy of young females in STEM.
- Empowers young females to be valued members and bold leaders of the STEM community.

After the Programme:

Last year, 100 of our students were offered opportunities for valuable work experience with BP, while others successfully secured apprenticeship roles at companies involved in the Programme including EY and Dyson.

Applicants must be:

- A female or non-binary student
- in Year 12 for the academic year 2023/24
- studying STEM subjects

Apply by 29 September 2023: Sign up here



There are some good opportunities at NESCOT College to attend Saturday clubs in: **Animal Management, Beauty, Carpentry & Joinery, Chef Academy, Film Making, Media Make up, Music Production, Travel & Tourism, Animation skills and babysitting and childcare**.

Find out more and apply: <u>Saturday Academies for 13-16 year olds | NESCOT - North East Surrey College of Technology Online Store</u>

Link to the programmes: https://investin.org/collections/our-programmes Please be aware these cost - you get 15% off when you first sign up.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

Term Dates 2023-2024
Uniform List
Extra-Curricular Activities – PE
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
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: 116 123.
- 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.

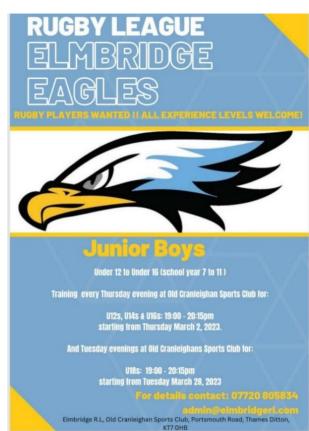
Information for adults

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

















CoderDojo

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@coderdojo.com



About CoderDojo



What You Could Learn

CoderDojo 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 CoderDojo 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















Volunteer. Because childhood can't wait.

If you have parenting experience, a few hours spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join our network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. Free volunteer course runs in Hampton Wick on Thursdays

9.30am-2.30pm from 5 October to 16 November (not half term 26 October).





To find out more, contact Angie Ahmed info@homestart-rkh.org.uk 07884 536161

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