



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

I hope you have all had a wonderful week and are no doubt looking forward to the weekend. Many thanks to all the parents of students in Year 10 who dialled into the parent information evening on Tuesday. We hope that it was helpful and informative. This week the Year 7 students have been sitting their CATs tests, they did this perfectly and we look forward to receiving the results and using them to better understand the students' abilities in different areas.

Good luck to all of our students who are on their DofE expeditions this weekend, we've got our fingers crossed for excellent weather for you all

As mentioned in previous bulletins, it is our open evening next week on Tuesday 3 October. Please can I remind all parents that the school will close at midday on Tuesday to allow the site to be set for the evening. Some students will return to school in the evening; they must return in full school uniform. The school will open late on Wednesday morning to allow the site to be cleared in preparation for the day. School will begin at 10:30am on Wednesday 4 October. Towards the end of next week our programme of open morning tours begins. This means that students will see more visitors on site and some of them will drop into lessons as they are led on the tours by senior staff. As always, we thank our students for all of their support with this.

As I am sure you are aware there is a train strike on 4 October and an over time ban on train services next week, please follow this link to find out more information https://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/industrial-action.

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.

As always, I wish you all a wonderful 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)

29 March – 12 April (Bank Hol 29 Mar & 1 Apr) Summer Term 2024

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

Easter Holiday

Half Term 29 - 31 May

- 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



Wednesday 27 September saw the Book Giveaway take place in the library. These books were removed from the shelves in order to make room for new titles coming in. The event was a great success. The students enjoyed scouring through the boxes of books and taking what they thought they may enjoy - there were even bags given to help students transport them home!! Any remaining books will be donated to the Children's Book Project. This charity distributes books throughout the UK to children and their families.

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 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.

"The school has developed its curriculum far beyond regular lessons" Ofsted 2020



IN SAFE HANDS

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

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team

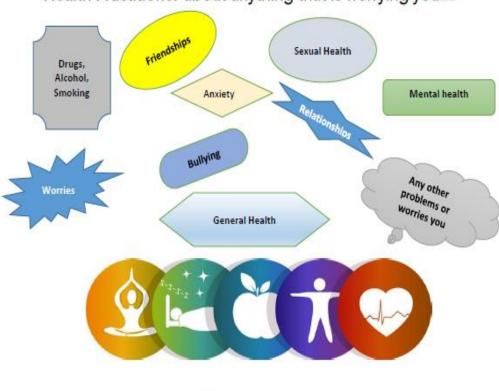
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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

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

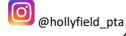
PTA Meeting - date TBC

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.

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 allocated		
Year 8	518	476	526
Year 9	562	492	443
Year 10	366	228	259
Year 11	80	185	130
Total	1526	1381	1358

NEXT WEEK

Monday 2 October	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room	
Tuesday 3 October	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room	
	Year 11-13 Senior Maths Challenge	
	Early Closure – 12.00pm	
	Open Evening 5.00-8.00pm	
Wednesday 4 October	Late Start – 10.30am for registration	
	Year 6 SEN Tour- 4.30pm (ticket only)	
Thursday 5 October	KS3 Falcon House Assembly – Exam Centre	
	KS3 Eagle House Assembly – Dining hall	
	KS3 Osprey House Assembly - Gym	
	Year 11 Geography/Biology Field Trip	
Friday 6 October	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall	
	Year 6 Open Day Tours – 9.15 and 11.05am (ticket only)	

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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 (9.15 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 1530 Year 8 1517 Year 9 1484 Year 10 878 Year 11 427

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

7SNE 393 8ABE 281 9LCA 339 10MLE 205 11DMI 111

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Autumn C/Cooper S Year 9 Joshua H/Adam O Year 11 Naseem A/Joy H
Year 8 Phoebe L Year 10 Jasmine W



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

On Saturday 23 September Ibrahim attended the NAGA UK Grappling Championships 2023 he competed Brazilian jujitsu (BJJ) and GRAPPLING (NoGi).

He won gold x3 for three different categories:

12 year, 35-40kg grey belt



12 year, 40-45kggrey belt



13 year, 40-45kg yellow belt



Well done Ibrahim on your fantastic achievement, Hollyfield is very proud of you.



CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 29 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 from Hollyfield and Chessington are also welcome to attend.

As a part of the event we have invited a number of local employers and employees as well as a number of colleges and universities.

Can you help? Currently, we have plenty of volunteers with a STEM, Computer and Business background but we would like to balance this with a few more people with a career in; the creative industries, sport, hospitality, Law and architecture. If you or your friends, family or acquaintances would be willing to spend a couple of hours chatting to Year 11 and Sixth Form students about their career journey then please can you pass their contact details to Mr Poole: ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk or phone on 0208 339 4500 ext 119.

Careers Advice for Year 11

SAVE THE DATE

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 and they make their applications directly with the provider.

Open events and evenings over the next term:

- Hollyfield Sixth Form open evening is on Thursday 17 November 18.00-20.00
- NESCOT open event Weds 27 September 6.30-19.30
- Kingston College open event Sat 7 October 2023 10.00 13.00
- Richmond upon Thames College Sat 14 October 10.00-14.00
- Brooklands College Weds 11 October 16.30-19.00

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.

The National Careers Service (NCS)

You can also get careers advice by calling the National Careers Service on: 0800100900

8am-8pm Monday-Friday and 10am-5pm Saturdays. You can find more on their website about job information, skills assessment and looking for courses: National Careers Service

National Careers Service Helping you take the next step

Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers

The Success at School University Guide 2023-2024 for parents and

carers is now available.

Covering everything from UCAS to accommodation to studying abroad, this guide will help parents and their children think through everything they need to consider including expert, first-hand advice from universities and employers. Download your free copy now - PARENTS use this link: Success at School Parents pack

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 28/09/2023</u> and see some of the highlights below......



Join the Exclusive Insight Event opportunity with Bird & Bird on Tuesday 3rd of October, from 5pm – 6pm! Ever dreamed of becoming a legal professional or paving your way to a dynamic career in law? Imagine kickstarting your legal journey at Bird & Bird, one of the world's leading international law

firms. With 31 offices worldwide, Bird & Bird have the global reach and collaborative spirit to help you soar in your career. You'll learn what it means to be a solicitor and the different routes to get into law. You'll be able to hear success stories and insights from recent apprentices, connect with experienced lawyers, and gain valuable knowledge on how to access Bird & Bird's programmes. **Book now:** Bird & Bird Legal Insight Event Survey



British Airways have a variety of opportunities we would like to bring to your attention:

- Apprenticeships
- Work Experience Insight Days
- Speedbird Pilot Academy

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 Link to Join virtual Q&A: BA link

BA 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.

Apprenticeship schemes at British Airways are opening very soon for applications (w/c 2nd October), we're delighted to offer students the chance to hear directly from the recruitment team and join our virtual drop-in sessions to find out more about our schemes.

Each week will have a different focus i.e. apprenticeships or graduate programmes - so please do read through carefully to ensure you're joining the right week and programme call that you're interested in. Our calls will run from Tuesday 3rd October to Tuesday 28th November, so we hope to see many of your students there. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do contact the team at lnspire@ba.com

- 3 October All Apprenticeship Schemes A complete overview Apprenticeships
- 10 October Business Professional, Aspiring Leader, Data Science
- 17 October Customer Service, Customer Service Advisor
- 31 October Data Science and Commercial Analytics/Business

Join us every Tuesday evening – 4pm to 5pm, on the same link every week: https://lnkd.in/es6AD6U3

Questions? For more information about our emerging talent programmes, please visit: https://careers.ba.com/emerging-talent



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
- 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>



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: 0800 1111.
- 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 <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.

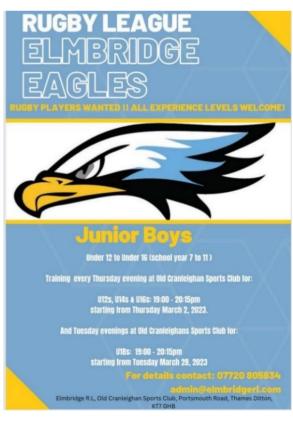
Information for adults

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

Monthly sessions one Saturday afternoon during school term



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.

- 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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