



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 hope that you are all well.

Our Year 11 interventions are now in full swing. We have completed the second week this week, meaning we return to the week one timetable on Monday. The sessions have been excellent, the students are working really hard and the attendance to the sessions has been very good. Well done to the students for all of their hard work and thank you to the staff for leading the sessions. Students are reminded of what they need to attend and when by their form tutors each morning. The timetable is also in their revision booklet and it has been emailed home to parents. Mr Winpenny sent a parentmail this week with full details of the Year11 mock exams, which contained the revision guide for students; this has also been placed on the google classroom. If you have any questions about the intervention sessions or the mock exams then please contact Mr Winpenny, I provide his email address here for your reference: mwinpenny@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

We have a busy week ahead next week. We have our final open morning tours. Many thanks to all of the parents who have come along to visit the school and a special thanks to all of the ambassadors who have accompanied the tours. The parents and children visiting have told us that they have been really helpful and knowledgeable about school. Also next week, some of our sixth form students are heading to New York for their politics and history trip. This is a very exciting and wonderful opportunity for them; we hope they have a fantastic time. Students in Year 10 are invited to our careers evening on Wednesday evening where over 50 careers and opportunities will be represented. Parents are also welcome to come along to this event; there is always much to learn and a real buzz around the site.

And finally, today our fire alarm went off due to a small incident, I have included my communication to students below so that parents can understand what happened. I am pleased to report that the situation was resolved quickly, the students conducted themselves perfectly and we returned to learning after a short amount of time:

Dear students,

I have asked your teachers to read this message out as I wanted to thank you for your conduct when the fire alarm sounded this morning. You followed the procedure quickly and calmly and your response to the situation was perfect - well done.

The alarm was sounded as there was a small fault with one of the lights in school. Our electrical systems are designed to shut down if there is a fault, which significantly reduces any chance of a fire. When this happens (which is extremely rare), we do need to evacuate and have the area checked by experts. This has been done and the school buildings are completely safe. Thank you for your patience this morning. Ms Jackson

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend when you get there.

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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- 17/10 - Y11 Revision Skills Workshops
- 17-23/10 – Y12 &13 New York & Washington Trip
- 18/10 – Y10 Careers Fair
- 19/10– Y10 Drama Trip
- 19/10 – Y10 Drama Trip
- 19/10– Y8 & 9 FFC Trip
- 23-31/10 2023 – Half Term – Year 11, 13 & staff
- 23/10 – 3/11– Half Term - Year 7,8,9,10 & 12 (1-3/11 Inset days)

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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.

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 Tuesday 17 October 2023

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, 7:30pm, in the room off the back bar area, on the left hand side, before you get the steps to the higher level - ask bar staff to direct you. [We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month]

Year 7 Families Quiz Night 10 November 2023

Save the date!

More details will follow regarding this opportunity for year 7 students and their families to socialise, get to know others in the year group and have some fun!

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>

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



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THIS WEEK.....

TOP ATTENDERS




The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 95.45%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7PTA = 97.81%
 8RHU= 95.48%
 9MCO/HRO= 96.45%
 10EWE= 98.97%
 11JTU – 95.81%

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	382	522	311
Year 9	258	314	256
Year 10	223	230	231
Year 11	100	217	122
Total	963	1283	920

NEXT WEEK

Monday 16 October	Biology & Gothic Week
	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 6 Open Day Tour – 9.15 and 11.05am (ticket only)
Tuesday 17 October	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip
	Year 11 Revision Skills Workshops
Wednesday 18 October	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip
	Year 10 Careers Fair – 6.30pm
Thursday 19 October	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 8 & 9 Fulham Football Club Trip (selected students) – 12.00pm
	Year 11 Drama Trip – 12.00pm
Friday 20 October	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip
Saturday 21 October	Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip
Sunday 22 October	Year 12 & 13 New York & Washington Trip

FORTHCOMING DATES

17 October - Year 11 Revision Skills Workshops
 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
 19 October – Year 8 & 9 Fulham Football Club Trip
 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
 8 November – Year 7 ISSP Maths Day
 9 November – Year 11 Oxford University trip
 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 1237
 Year 8 1262
 Year 9 823
 Year 10 792
 Year 11 460

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

7JLU 265 8FKE 278 9MCO 154 10MLE 209 11DMI 141

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Sarah-Jane S

Year 9 Lexie D

Year 11 Ejiro C

Year 8 Yashpawan K

Year 10 Caitlin DP/Javier M

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 13 October 2023
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Hollyfield school Future Careers Fair is on 18 October between 6.30-8.30pm



The last few days before the future Careers Fair takes place, this is a reminder that this event is for year 11-13 students and parents and carers from Hollyfield and Chessington are also welcome to attend. Also, Year 10 parents and students from Hollyfield and students are welcome. We have an excellent response from our volunteers and have over 70 participants from a range of careers. _

Key information:

- Students and parents coming to the Fair should enter via the Surbiton Hill gate.
- The evening will start at 6.30pm and students and parents should enter the Albury building via reception where students will register with Mr Buckman and Mr Esmond.
- There is no car parking on site as this will be used for the employers colleges and university representatives attending.

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. There are a large number of volunteers with a STEM, Computer and Business background as well as Health Care and the uniformed services. This is a great opportunity for our students to come and talk to people from a wide variety of backgrounds about their career journey and gain inspiration for their future choices.

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](#)

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. 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.

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.

1. Aspirational application
2. Realistic application
3. Back up plan

Upcoming open events:

- [Hollyfield Sixth Form](#) open evening is on Thursday 16th November 18.00-20.00
- [NESCOT](#) open event - Saturday 14th October 16.30-19.30
- [Richmond upon Thames College](#) - Sat 14th October 10.00-14.00 Tues 14th Nov 17.00-20.00
- [Brooklands College](#) - Sat 18th Nov 10.00-12.30
- [Merrist Wood College](#) (for those interested in animal care) Sat 18th Nov 09:30-12:30
- [Kingston College](#) open event -15th November 16.30-19.00

Opportunities



We produce a **weekly opportunities bulletin** to highlight the range of opportunities you can take part in during your time at sixth form. It includes:

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

For **ALL** the opportunities please click to see this week's edition: [Sixth Form Careers Opportunities 12/10/23](#)



10 & 11 November 2023 / Olympia London

What University? & What Career? Live – is returning to Olympia London this autumn and we'd love to welcome your students to the FREE event.

The event will take place on Friday 10 & Saturday 11 November 2023 10am-4pm at Olympia London. It's an ideal opportunity for students aged 15 to 19 to learn more about their options when they leave school or college.

Attendees will have the opportunity to chat to leading universities and employers to find out more about their options including Loughborough University, Coca Cola, Cardiff University, BT, University of Exeter and many more!

Please book your visit as soon as possible by filling out the registration form at [What University? & What Career? Live](#).

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](#)

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[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-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.

ASD

Parent/Carer Support Group



Wednesday 18th October 2023

9.30 to 11am

at

Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

Coffee, biscuits and general support

If you would like to come along, please register by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/8dYAnAP1xvbY972C8>

or contact

Jane Pidduck (e-mail jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk)



EnhanceAble AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

RIBBONS: MONDAYS
FLYERS: TUESDAYS
KITES: ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

RIBBONS: 4PM – 6PM
FLYERS: 4PM – 6PM
KITES: 6.15PM – 8.15PM

13 GENEVA ROAD, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 2TW

ENHANCEABLE AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AIM TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON, BY HELPING DEVELOP THEIR SOCIAL AND LIFE SKILLS. CREATE NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND MEET OTHERS WITH A SIMILAR DIAGNOSIS... AND, ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN!

KITES – FOR OLDER CHILDREN (AGED 11-17) OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF DISABILITIES/NEEDS.

RIBBONS – FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (AGED 4-11) OFFERING GROUP SUPPORT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF DISABILITIES/NEEDS.

FLYERS – FOR CHILDREN (AGED 4-17) WITH MORE COMPLEX HEALTH AND/OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, OFFERING 1 TO 1 SUPPORT.

For More Info:
Leanne.Johns@Enhanceable.org
<https://www.enhanceable.org/services/after-school/>

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*

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 or scan the QR code



* One free trial per player


Qualified coaches • Equipment to borrow • Membership offers



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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 Cranleigh Sports Club for:

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

For details contact: 07720 805834
admin@elmbridge.rl.com

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





CoderDojo

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


**Monthly sessions one Saturday
afternoon during school term**



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.

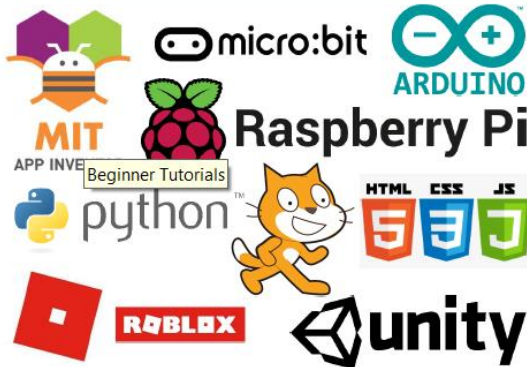
Create your own video games, animations, apps, web pages and lots more!
 All you need to bring is a laptop and parent or carer. Each Dojo is an independent club that follows the CoderDojo vision:


"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







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**RECRUITING
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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
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