

**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 and looking forward to your half term break. This week has been another busy week. Well done to all of the Year 11 students for their work during the intervention sessions which have been in addition to their other lessons. We also had our annual revision workshop for the Year 11 students in advance of their mock exams. The feedback from the students is always overwhelmingly positive and I hope that they all found the techniques taught and advice given helpful. Our Year 10 students attended our careers fair on Wednesday evening. It was an excellent event with over 50 career choices represented; giving the students ample opportunity to find out about the wealth options and career pathways open to them.

I am sure like me, many of you are looking forward to the break. I hope you all have an opportunity to relax and spend some time with loved ones. When students return from half term their return date will depend upon their year, I enclose the full list of who returns when for your reference:

Wednesday 1 November	Year 11 English Literature Exam - 8.45am
	Year 13 UCAS work - 12.30pm
Thursday 2 November	Year 11 Maths Exam – 8.45am
Friday 3 November	Year 13 Normal Lessons
Monday 6 November	All years return – 8.30am

Please can I also remind all parents and carers that we will move to the winter uniform from after half term until Easter. The full winter uniform can be viewed on our website:

<https://www.hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=23>

And finally, as always, we wish you all a wonderful weekend and great half term.

**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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- 7/11 – GCSE Exams Start
- 8/11 – Y7 ISSP Maths Day
- 9/11 – Y11 Oxford University trip
- 10/11 – PTA Quiz Night
- 13/11 – 1 December – Y11 Trial Exams including practicals and orals
- 14/11 – Y10 Jack Petchey Workshop (9.00am-3.00pm)
- 16/11 – Sixth Form Open Evening - Early closure from 12.00pm

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk)

Ms Patel: [spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto: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

### Year 7 Families Quiz Night 10 November 2023



Tickets for this event will be available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/>. This will be a cashless event. Bar available on the night to purchase drinks.

### 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**

### PTA Meeting - 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, 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]*

### 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



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@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



[www.hollyfieldpta.org](https://www.hollyfieldpta.org)



[ptahollyfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptahollyfield@gmail.com)

# THIS WEEK.....

## TOP ATTENDERS




The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 95.80%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7PTA = 97.81%  
 8NMA = 98.67%  
 9MCO = 97.74%  
 10EWE = 96.21%  
 11JTU = 94.52%

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	328	329	350
Year 9	340	345	432
Year 10	259	185	303
Year 11	133	324	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1183</b>	<b>1250</b>

## NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 1 November	Year 11 English Literature Exam - 8.45am
	Year 13 UCAS work - 12.30pm
Thursday 2 November	Year 11 Maths Exam – 8.45am
Friday 3 November	Year 13 Normal Lessons
Monday 6 November	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
Tuesday 7 November	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	GCSE Exam Start Date
Wednesday 8 November	Year 7-11 Assembly – Head Student Hustings
	Year 7 Maths ISSP Day
Thursday 9 November	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 8 Assembly – Exam Centre
	Year 11 Oxford University Trip
Friday 10 November	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Geography Trip
	PTA Quiz Night – 7pm



## FORTHCOMING DATES

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 1270 1106 1262 Year 9 1101 Year 10 780 Year 11 617

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

7SNE 358 8RHU 248 9MCO 237 10MLE 199 11DMI 174

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Mia G/Jacob O

Year 9 Dylan S

Year 11 Hala A/Nikola K/  
Lucas W

Year 8 Eliot TC

Year 10 Toby W

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

### European Day of Languages

The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) team hosted a jam-packed day of activities to celebrate the European Day of Languages on 26 September. Students and teachers took part in competitions and challenges to celebrate the diversity of languages spoken in our school.

In the morning, tutor groups competed to prove they had the best linguistic and geographical knowledge in a quiz! Congratulations to 10MLE for taking first prize!

In Key Stage 3 lessons, the students became the teachers, as community languages were taught in all lessons! We were delighted to be given masterclasses in Farsi, Persian and Russian, to name just a few!

In Key Stage 4 lessons, students listened to an interview with language graduate Dorian, who uses his language skills every day in his enviable job as Scene Technician with Netflix! Students were inspired to hear how he travels Europe to find the best sets for some of their favourite TV shows!

Finally, at lunchtime, we celebrated the GO BIG values shown by 25 year 9 students, who were invited to a crêpe making workshop! Students loved the opportunity to flip their own crêpes and agreed that it was a fun and delicious French-inspired reward, which absolutely must be repeated.

The cherry on top came with the effort that our wonderful staff made to speak as many languages as they could over the course of the day. Students voted for who did it best and elected our multi-talented SENCO, Mr Dowdle, as Number #1. Congratulations to Mr Dowdle for teaching a whole lesson in British Sign Language (BSL) and thank you to all the teachers who took part!

All in all, we had a very enjoyable day! For more languages-fun, come along to the Level Up Languages lunch club on Fridays in S11. À bientôt, Hasta luego!





### National Poetry Day Competition

Well done to Sam N in Year 9 and his incredible poem as the winner of the **English National Poetry Day competition**.

He wrote a fantastic poem on the theme **Refuge** which is below - this is particularly fitting in light of the recent crisis in Gaza.

Refuge poem:

On the small boat that can barely fit my whole family,  
fleeing our country not able to return.  
Our country is too dangerous to go back to.  
That's why we are fleeing.

My parents and siblings tears flooding the boat,  
as they think about everyone's homes being destroyed by bombs.  
That's why we are fleeing.

My country is being torn apart into a million pieces because of war  
and the people being emotionally shredded to bits.  
That's why we are fleeing.  
That's why we are fleeing.

### Gothic Week

Key Stage 3 Art club did a wonderfully spooky activity for gothic week on Thursday. They used charcoal and chalk to create drawings of skulls, and even drew from some real animal skulls! Thanks to Fenn and Xin Mei in y12 for their ideas and support for this activity. Happy gothic week!





### Fulham football Club Trip

On Thursday afternoon we took a small group of Year 8s and 9s to Fulham Football Training ground. The trip was very successful - focusing on Mental health in sports. The session was active involving groups discussion tasks, an information, a Q&A with an ex coach and even a goodie bag! We are excited for the year to come and keen to see what comes next in our partnership with Fulham Football Club'.



### Biology Week

16-20 October 2023  
**Biology** Week



Biology Week was a hit - we had a number of entries in all 5 categories. A huge congratulations and thank you to all staff and students who got involved.

### GBBO - Great Biology Bake Off

- We have some very talented bakers and decorators at Hollyfield and it was a pleasure to see and judge the Biology cake decorating.
  - 1st place equal
    - Millie R for her DNA cake
    - Donya B for her Eye cake
- Prizes will be given out next half term.



### Biology Week Form Quiz

Thank you to those form groups that took part. The winner will be announced next half term.

### **OpenLearn - Free Courses**

Biology is the study of life, from humans to fungi and everything in between. Biologists study everything from the behaviour of elephants; some of the planet's largest creatures, to the smallest organisms and tiniest cells in our bodies. To celebrate Biology Week OpenLearn has compiled a range of resources covering different aspects of biology for you to explore and enjoy.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/whats-on/events/biology-week>

All students who entered will receive house points for their contribution.

Thanks again for taking the time to engage with the biological world around us.

Miss Cunningham  
Head of Biology

## **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](http://www.Kooth.com).

### **Mental Health Resource sites**

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom.  
Email [RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk](mailto: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/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/). Call 0808 802 5544.



## 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](mailto: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\***

Bookable via [okhockey.com](http://okhockey.com)  
or scan the QR code



\* One free trial per player


Qualified coaches • Equipment to borrow • Membership offers



**JOIN THE TEAM**

## RUGBY LEAGUE ELMBRIDGE EAGLES

RUGBY PLAYERS WANTED !! ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME!



### Junior Boys

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

Training every Thursday evening at Old Cranleigh Sports Club for:

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

And Tuesday evenings at Old Cranleighs Sports Club for:

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

For details contact: 07720 805834  
[admin@elmbridgerl.com](mailto:admin@elmbridgerl.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](mailto: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.**

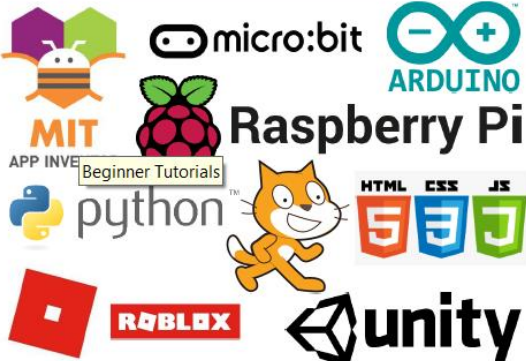
Create your own video games, animations, apps, web pages and lots more!  
 All you need to bring is a laptop and parent or carer. Each Dojo is an independent club that follows the CoderDojo vision:

*"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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## 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](mailto:info@homestart-rkh.org.uk)  
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