

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

What a busy week we have had at Hollyfield. Year 11 started their mock examinations this week, with students sitting exams in many of their core and option subjects. The students have worked extremely hard this week and handled the additional pressure of revision and school work well. The feeling amongst the student body is that the exams are going well. As it's been a stressful week for Year 11 it is important that they take a break this evening, however, can parents please make sure that their son/daughter revises on Saturday and Sunday for next week's exams?

We held our annual 6th form open evening on Thursday, 16 November. This event is at a critical point in Year 11 where students learn about possible A Level choices. It also attracts a lot of external students who are considering studying at Hollyfield. Over 325 people attended during the evening, with speeches being delivered by the 6th form team. Thank you to all the parents and students who attended and all the staff involved in this event.

We held a PTA quiz on Friday, 10 November, for our Year 7 parents. It was lovely to see so many parents attend. The staff team usually does well, however, they were beaten by two parent teams who finished top. Thank you to the PTA for organising such a good event.

We are working very hard to improve students' attendance. Mr Buckman is now leading on this, therefore please send any attendance queries to him or Mrs Harvey. As part of our attendance drive, we would like to remind parents/carers to contact the Absence Line directly on 0208 339 4518, preferably before 8.30 am on the morning of your child's absence from school. Please leave their name, spelling out any unusual names, year group and the reason for their absence. Alternatively, you can email the school office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk. Unfortunately, unless we are made aware of the reason for your child's absence from school they will be marked as an unauthorised absence on the register and this will in turn affect their overall attendance levels.

Next week we have a number of events for your diary;

Ski Trip Meetings 23rd November - 6:30 pm

We have our ski trip meetings taking place on 23rd November at 6:30 pm. The locations are as follows:

1. Canada - 6th Form Common Room
2. Italy – A1
3. Austria - Hall

The meetings are important as staff members will be going through the relevant trips, and kit list and providing other information. We will also have a ski clothing supplier in attendance in case you need to purchase any gear for your child.

Bike Marking - 25th November - 11:30am

The police are on site on 25th November with their bike marking team. If you or anyone in your family has a bike which is not security marked, please bring it to the school, and the Police will do this for you.

Wishing you all a great 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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- 23/11 – Ski Trip Meetings-6.30pm
- 24/11 – Y7, 8 & 9 Rpt sent home
- 25/11 – Police Car and Bike Marking (11.30am)
- 26/11 – Y11 Music Ensemble Performance
- 30/11 – Y12 & 13 Drama Trip
- 4-15/12 - Y13 Trial Exams
- 5 & 7/12 – Y11 Sixth Form Interviews – 3.30-6.30pm
- 7/12 - Y9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm

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

OTHER NOTICES

Reporting your child's absence

When reporting your child's absence from school on the dedicated absence line - 0208 339 4518 preferably before 8.30am on the morning of your child's absence from school. Please leave their name, spelling out any unusual names, year group and the reason for their absence and your details. Alternatively, you can email the school office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

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

Recent Year 7 Families Quiz Night

A huge thank you to all the volunteers involved with running the event and to all the families who attended! Thank you for the positive and constructive feedback. It sounds like people had fun and we raised some funds for the school!

'It was great and fantastic teachers and Head were so involved' / 'really lovely and the kids enjoyed it lots'

PTA Meeting 21.11.23

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]

Christmas Tree Sales December 2023

Christmas trees will be sold in the car park off Lamberts Road, by Surrey Trees. For every tree sold a donation is made towards the PTA. 15% discount on pre-orders. More details to follow soon!

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 i

n 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.

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 96.01%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SCM = 98.06%
 8RHU = 98.62%
 9LCA = 95.67%
 10KEM = 96.64%
 11BRO = 97.14%

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	232	370	383
Year 8	308	390	228
Year 9	240	308	283
Year 10	282	171	248
Year 11	41	192	49
Total	1103	1431	1191

NEXT WEEK

Monday 20 November	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
Tuesday 21 November	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 10 Jack Petchey Public speaking Workshop
Wednesday 22 November	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 11 Trial Exams Begin
Thursday 23 November	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Ski Trip Meetings – 6.30pm
Friday 24 November	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12/13 London Skills Trip
	Year 7-9 Reports emailed home

FORTHCOMING DATES

23 November – Ski Trip Meetings (6.30pm)
 24 November – Year 7, 8 & 9 Report emailed to parents
 25 November – Police Car and Bike Marking (11.30am)
 26 November – Year 11 Music Ensemble Performance
 30 November – Year 12 & 13 Drama Theatre Trip

ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

TEACHING & LEARNING

★ Performing Arts Scholars Musical Theatre workshop ★ led by Billy Cullum

As part of the Performing Arts Scholars' curriculum provision 7ART & 8ART will be taking part in a musical theatre workshop led by professional actor and musician (and Hollyfield Alumni), Billy Cullum. The workshops will take place during the first week of December.



Billy Cullum teaches professional workshops and classes at conservatoires such as the Arts Educational School of Musical Theatre and Italia Conti. Billy is also the founding member of KIPA (Kingston Performers Academy) **more information here:** <https://kipakingston>. Billy has starred in West End productions of 'Little Shop of Horrors', 'Matilda the Musical', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar.' He is also a talented singer and recording artist having had his most recent releases premiered and played on the Graham Norton show on BBC Radio 2.

We are really excited about having Billy back with us at Hollyfield to direct some brilliant workshops for our fabulous Performing Arts Scholars!

Miss Neville
Head of the Visual and Performing Arts Faculty

GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Senior Leadership Team



Amy Jackson, Headteacher

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Hollyfield School. I joined the school in May 2020 but had to wait until September to meet most of the students and staff. I studied Chemistry at the University of East Anglia (UEA) and did my PGCE at the same institution. I began my teaching career in 2003 in Suffolk. I love teaching and especially love teaching chemistry. Over the course of my career I have held various leadership roles in science and across whole schools. Outside of school, I love playing and watching football, cycling and spending time with my two young children.



Matthew Winpenny, Senior Deputy Headteacher

I am the Senior Deputy Headteacher responsible for Raising Standards, Free School Meals and deputise for Ms Jackson when she is absent. I teach Photography, Media Studies, Sociology and have also taught ICT. A couple of interesting facts: I have 4 children and a dog and I do a bit of DJing outside of school.



Marianne O'Shea, Deputy Headteacher

I lead on Teaching and Learning and staff development (through training and performance management). I visit classrooms across the school, look at students' books and files and speak to young people about their learning. I also help to create policies, resources and training sessions. I consider each of these things to be a real privilege. I joined the Hollyfield staff in September 2000 and worked for many years as Head of Drama, before joining SLT. I have also taught and lived in Sheffield, Hertfordshire and Tokyo. In my free time, I love going to the theatre and cinema and I enjoy long walks on the beach. My claim to fame is that my left arm once appeared on an episode of Grange Hill. I hope that one day, my right arm might achieve similar dizzying heights.



Sophie McGeoch, Deputy Headteacher

I am so pleased to be part of the team here at Hollyfield. I lead on Safeguarding and work closely with the SEN team. Before joining Hollyfield I was a Headteacher of a local primary school and so have found the leap into secondary school fascinating! I work at Hollyfield four days a week and for the Every Child Every Day Trust on the fifth as the Primary Lead. On my days at Hollyfield I can be found working with the pastoral team, or cooking up plans to make safeguarding even stronger or in the classroom teaching English and PSHE. I am also a keen runner and will be taking on the London Marathon 2024!



Sonali Patel, Assistant Headteacher

I am responsible for Behaviour and Safety. I have been teaching for 10 years and prior to starting at Hollyfield worked at a school in North London. I was also a Special Constable for both West Yorkshire and MET police. I joined the Hollyfield team 2 ½ years ago. Having grown up in East London I am a keen West Ham supporter!



Duncan Warren, Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

I am the Head of Sixth Form and I teach Philosophy, Sociology and R.E. I love working in the sixth form- our students are wonderful and working with them everyday is inspiring. Being part of the sixth form team we get to be involved in exciting enrichment activities every week and I have travelled to New York, Washington and Paris on various trips with the students.

Outside of school I am an avid Chelsea fan regularly attending games at Stamford Bridge (hopefully will be doing this again soon!). I also help to coach my son's football team and this is great way to start the weekend on a Saturday morning.



Josephine Rhodes, Assistant Headteacher

I oversee Year 7 and 8, manage Year 6 transition and continue to build relationships with local primary schools. I am currently also leading the English team whilst we search for the perfect Head of Faculty for September 2023.

After finishing university there was a short stint at the BBC, and then at a local magazine before the teaching profession called and I got a place at Reading University. Since completing my PGCE in 2006 I have worked in the boroughs of Richmond, Merton and now Kingston.

In-between teaching English I have been lucky enough to travel and lived in Australia for a short time. I love the peace of running and cycling in Richmond Park and having free-rein in the kitchen creating delectable delights for my family.



Jason Kynes, Assistant Headteacher

I am responsible for Curriculum. I have been teaching Science for 18 years in a variety of schools in Surrey and South West London and joined The Hollyfield School 6 years ago. I love all things sci-fi and my favourite movie is Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan. I enjoy spending the weekends on the beach with my family and am hoping to learn how to stand up on my paddle board for more than 15 seconds.



Darren Bonehill, Assistant Headteacher

In 1983, when I was 6 years old, my Dad bought the family a BBC Micro Computer. It really captured my imagination. I used it regularly until I was around 11! I would follow instructions for creating blocky animated images and simple games. I've been programming ever since. I also learned to play the clarinet from around the age of 8. I followed both passions, programming and music. I joined several bands that got signed to record labels. The most successful was twice nominated for an Ivor Novello award. We lost on both occasions, once to Elbow and once to Lily Allen. I studied Maths and Science at A Level at John Taylor High School in Staffordshire. I went on to study Computer Science at the University of Southampton. I completed my PGCE there. I love teaching, when I am at work, I am happiest in the classroom. I also enjoy my role as a senior leader. I love working with our most challenging students, I find it the most rewarding aspect of my work. I now have two boys of my own, Ray 15 and Rocco 12, they are both very different from each other but equally awesome. I am happiest at home, spending time with the family.



Marelise Janse Van Rensburg, Assistant Headteacher

I have been the Head of Department at Hollyfield for the last 6 years. Originally, I am from Cape Town, South Africa where I attended school and completed my degree in BEd FET Economic and Management Science at the University of Cape Peninsula. I moved to London in 2007 to experience teaching in a different country but also to explore the world for a year. I loved teaching in London too much and therefore decided to stay and to also complete my Masters in

Education.

Of course, Mathematics and teaching has always been my passion, however beyond that I enjoy netball, cycling, running and swimming.

Endurance events are what I most enjoy and every year I like to set myself one. Recently I completed a Half Ironman and London Marathon, next year I am hoping to attempt a Full Ironman if all goes to plan.

Yasmin Al-Obaidi, Associate Assistant Headteacher/Head of Science

Since joining Hollyfield in September 2020 I have proudly held the post of Head of Science. I have taken the position of Associate Assistant Head this year with a responsibility for teaching and learning and staff professional development, an area I am passionate about. I studied Biochemistry at the University of Southampton before training to teach at The Institute of Education (now part of UCL), and am happy to have encouraged and supported several of our students to successfully gain places at Oxford University to study Biochemistry. Outside of school I enjoy attending theatre shows and music concerts, and supporting AFC Wimbledon. I also love hiking and have completed the Sandstone Trail (a couple of times!) and walked the final 115km of the Camino de Santiago in Spain in 2019, and hope to return to complete more of the trail next year.

Governors

Emma Francis, Chair of Governors

I have been a Hollyfield governor since 2018, when my daughter was in Year 8. Since then my son has also joined the school. I became chair of governors in 2019 and love working with my fellow governors to support and challenge our school to be even better. I did originally train as a teacher but decided it was far too hard a job for me so opted for a job in the wine trade instead! I now work in HR for an insurance company.

Lisa Quinn, Governor

My day job is running my own business as an Executive and Career Coach, where I work with clients in the UK, US and Asia. I really love my job as a Governor at Hollyfield and feel very passionately about creating the best environment for every student to thrive. I come from a working class family, and I was the first in my family to go to University, so I have a particular interest in helping disadvantaged students as well as supporting students who have SEND needs. I'm a link governor for both areas.

My daughter joined Hollyfield in 2017 and I became a parent governor that year.

When I'm not working, I can usually be found with my nose in a book, walking my dog, or at trying to get fitter.

Paul Ruth, Governor

I am currently in the 5th year of sitting on the Governing Board. In the time I have been here it has been a pleasure to contribute to the Hollyfield community which has changed so much in this time, and thankfully all for the better. I have 2 Children in attendance at the school.

In my professional career I work in construction on some of the large commercial and residential projects in and around London and have been lucky enough to have been involved in some interesting projects such as Lords Cricket Ground and Oxford University, where I have actually sat through a lecture in a lecture hall that I was involved in the construction of, when studying my MSc in Construction Law.

I am a big football fan following Liverpool and I enjoy most sports, holidays, and spending time with family and friends.

I am proud to be a member of the Hollyfield School and hope to continue this well into the future and keep helping the school to strive to reach its goals and aspirations.

Alistair Bond, Governor

I started my career as a PE teacher in North London before then heading overseas to teach and latterly lead international schools in Bahrain, Libya, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. I am currently a Head of a fantastic independent school in Kingston. I thoroughly enjoy doing what I can to support Hollyfield and am delighted that my own daughter in Year 9 is benefiting from the outstanding teaching, learning and provision at the school. I am the link Governor for behaviour.

Ben Russell, Governor

have been a governor at Hollyfield since 2017 when my son started in year seven - it's great working with the other governors and the staff at Hollyfield to make the experience for young people ever better. We've lived in Berrylands for nearly 20 years now. I used to be a journalist covering education and then politics, but now I work in communications.

Paul Quinlan, Governor

I've worked in HR for over 30 years. Currently, with a professional services firm I lead on employee relations and health and wellbeing matters.

I was keen to help in some way and the school was looking for a new governor with children in younger years at the school and with a HR background. I have two sons at the school. I enjoy cooking, reading and running (especially when I've finished!).

Vicki Jones, Governor

I am Chair of the Safeguarding, Behaviour and Attendance Committee as well as the link governor for careers and relationships and sex education (RSE). I have worked in policy and campaigns for over 20 years, mainly in the charity sector. I currently work for a not-for-profit organisation which aims to reduce the barriers to employment for marginalised groups of young people. I have three children, one is currently at Hollyfield. In my spare time, I play netball for Kingston Tigers and spend as much time out on my bike as possible!

Jan Cheng, Governor

I have been a governor for just over 4 years now and have a son in Year 11. After graduating from university, I joined one of the large accountancy firms and trained as an accountant. I now work in risk management with the same employer. I've applied the skills and knowledge from my job in supporting the school as a governor. It has been a hugely rewarding experience and it's a great team to be part of. In my spare time I do a fair bit of running and cycling.

Dr Niloufar Moradi, Governor

I have lived with my family in Surbiton for almost 20 years. I stopped working when my daughter started school; I previously worked as a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry. I have been a Hollyfield Governor since 2019. I am currently Chair of the Quality of Education Committee and also the Link Governor

for Science. I am particularly keen on supporting Hollyfield students reach their full academic potential. Fun Fact: I once attended a party (at the Royal Society) where I met Professor Stephen Hawking!

Mahmood Rafiq, Governor

I have worked in IT management for the last 25 years and in the past have worked on the Building school for the future program, and I am hoping I can apply these skills to Hollyfield. I was a parent governor in Wandsworth for a primary school 10 years ago & I wanted to get involved again in my local area. I have 3 children studying in the area & was keen to offer my services to the local community & ensure kids can take advantage of this. I have worked in a senior position in IT in the city and I have gained many life skills that may be of value to young kids in the future, but more than anything else I believe in the concept of service and giving something back to society and this is my small contribution. I have been a lifelong Liverpool football fan and enjoy watching movies in my spare time.

Ben Rymer

I've lived in Surbiton with my wife for two and a half years. We don't have children that attend the school but do have a feline proxy-child called Jeremy who is beyond spoilt! I've worked in technology transformation for over 10 years most recently with clients in the Public Sector and having done a lot of work within Education with HEIs, Government Departments and ALBs. Having had the privilege of attending a brilliant mixed comprehensive school I'm energised to bring my personal and professional experience to the existing governance team and do my best to positively influence outcomes for children at Hollyfield.

David Miller, Staff Governor

I have worked at the school since 2010 and been Head of Physical Education since 2014. I hope that as staff governor I can help in the continued development and success of the school for both students and staff. Hollyfield is a great community school with its young people at the centre, and I am looking forward to assisting at a governor level.

Jemma Swallow, Clerk to Governors

I have just joined Hollyfield after devoting my time over the past six years to raising twin girls while running a speciality tea company my partner and I established in 2007. My previous experience includes editorial, communications and marketing, with major stints working for the UCL, LSE and the DfE. I am keen to learn more about governance and am looking forward to working with the team and getting to know everyone. When I'm not working, I enjoy reading, writing, exercising, baking and charity fundraising.

HR Department

Jo Thompson - HR Manager

Susan Curtis - HR Assistant

The HR department manages and deals with all aspects of staff admin management. They coordinate the staff recruitment process and deal with contracts and payroll updates. They liaise with Occupational Health and provide wellbeing resources and support for staff.

Jo started at Hollyfield 14 years ago, initially for a short time in the Finance Department before moving into HR. She previously worked in the City as an Assistant Bank Manager for 16 years before taking a career break to become a stay at home mum of three. Jo loves travelling and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Susan has been the HR Assistant since March 2019. Before that Susan was the school Time out Coordinator, starting at Hollyfield in November 2012. Susan's past career was in London Probation Service as a PSO for 24 years. Susan and her sister were on the very first X Factor, going through to the second round.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 17 November 2023
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Year 10 Jack Petchey Public Speaking Workshop

Jack Petchey's

"SPEAK OUT"
Challenge!

Well done to those Year 10s who completed the workshop on Tuesday. Students spent the day with a professional trainer participating in a number of activities to build up their confidence and practise different techniques to deliver a short speech. Speaking and communicating is a key life skill and provides an important tool to enable them to be successful in the workplace as well in other future situations.

Congratulations to all those students who took part, particularly the winners of the speaking competition: **Gergana D, Roxy H, Alliah NS and Kemanie R**. To win this competition took a good deal of determination and skill. These students will get the opportunity to go and take part in a borough competition later in the year.

There will be another workshop on Tuesday 21 November and parents of those students involved should have already received a letter. There may be a few places still available for this workshop so anyone interested in Year 10 should see Mr Poole. Here is a film about the workshop. <https://vimeo.com/629988542/f9b191b>



Opportunities

We produce a **weekly opportunities bulletin** to highlight the range of opportunities including:

- Work experience/careers events and talks
- University taster days and open events
- Apprenticeships

For **ALL** the opportunities please click to see this week's edition: [17th November 2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)



If you are interested in the **BBC apprenticeships** there is a webinar on **Monday 20th November between 5pm-6.30pm "Launch your Career at the BBC"**.

If you are serious about applying for the BBC apprenticeship programme you should sign up. The webinar is a unique chance for your students to learn more about the [BBC's award-winning apprenticeship](#) schemes with opportunities across the UK, in the fields of **journalism, digital technology, engineering, production and business**. Registration for the webinar is open now, and we encourage you to share this information

with your students, parents, and fellow educators with this link and social media post: [Live Webinar | Aspire](#)



To apply for the post 18 apprenticeships - you need to be organised and applications are open NOW! Other apprenticeship opportunities that can be seen our weekly careers opportunities bulletin:

- Sky - Marketing, Cyber Security, Finance, Software and more
- Unilever - Business, Marketing, Data Science and more
- PwC - Finance and Business
- BP - Aviation, Engineering, Business and more
- Deloitte - Finance, Tech and Business
- JP Morgan - Tech and finance
- Met Police
- A range of Solicitor (Law) apprenticeships

Young Reporter

CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS

Get involved in Newsquest Media Group's Young Reporter Short Course; providing young people with education and the opportunity to publish a story that matters to you.

- Open to school years 10, 11, 12 & 13
- Every article you write is published on a real newspaper
- Letter of Recognition at the end of the course
- A great addition to a CV or UCAS application

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Get in touch...
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www.youngreporter.co.uk



Part time work for Year 12/13 students at a maths and English tuition centre [NumberWorks'nWords](https://www.numberworks.com).

Several Hollyfield students have worked there over the years. They are looking for Sixth Formers who are personable, bright and hard working as well as having good initiative.

Looking for current year 12 students who have grades of 7 or above in either maths or English. They must have good interpersonal skills and patience. Pay rates are well above minimum wage for 16 and 17 year olds beginning at £7.50 and then rising to just above minimum wage for 18 year olds when they go into year 13. Contact: Celia Osbourne (Owner) email: surbiton@numberworks.com or call to find out more: 020 8399 1234

18+ choices

Whilst many Students in the Sixth Form are applying for university this route might not always appeal to everyone. Another possible route to gain Higher qualifications is to apply for an **HNC (Higher National Certificate) or HND (Higher National Diploma) qualification**. These courses are a higher level qualification than A Levels of BTEC Levels 3 and provide work related training in particular areas and can either lead into employment or university.

Mr Poole and Miss Corrighan visited Kingston College recently and saw a presentation of the variety of courses available. If you are interested it is worth investigating this further as these Level 4 and Level 5 courses are offered both at Kingston College and other colleges such as NESCOL and Richmond. Here are some links to some examples in Engineering, Healthcare, Business and many more. These qualifications are also less expensive than a full time degree.

- [University Centre and Access Courses](#)
- [Top Richmond College | Higher Education](#)
- [Welcome to Higher Education at Nescot](#)



Year 11 - Applications and open events

We have been encouraging students to attend open days to help them make applications to colleges and sixth forms. Students should be applying to at least 2 sixth forms and colleges to ensure they have a plan A and B, many will apply to more. Most of the college open days have taken place but there's a few still happening this term and most will have more open events in 2024:

[Brooklands College](#) (Weybridge) - Sat 18 November 10.00-12.30

[Merrist Wood College](#) (Guildford) Sat 18 November 09:30-12:30 (animal care specialism)

[NESCOL](#) open event - Weds 22 Nov 16.30-19.30 2024 & Sat 27 Jan 2024 10am-1pm

[KINGSTON COLLEGE](#) - Sat 27 Jan 2024 10am-1pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

[Uniform List](#)

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[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

[Student well-being and safety](#)

[Donation to School Fund](#)

[Key Dates](#)

[Menus](#)

[Staff List and Structure](#)

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 RachelDykens@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.
- 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 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/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.



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AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

RIBBONS: MONDAYS
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KITES: ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

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

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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/>



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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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CHRISTMAS IN RICHMOND

25 - 26 Nov
Whittaker Avenue Winter Wonderland (by Brindisa)
Riverside Market / Elf Workshops
Light Switch On (4pm on 25 Nov)
PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS

09 Dec
Christmas Family Reindeer Trail*
Join Buddy the Elf and friends to find Santa's reindeer around Richmond
*Trail runs from 09 - 19 Dec

Santa Fun Run 2023

Help us care this Christmas
Festive fun with family and friends

Bushy Park and Sandown Park Racecourse!

Run, jog or walk 5K. The perfect way to feel festive, have fun, keep fit and fundraise for your local Hospice.

Sunday 10 December at Bushy Park
Sunday 17 December at Sandown Park Racecourse
Arrive at 9:30am for a 10:00am start

Scan the QR code or visit pah.org.uk/santafunrun
Or call **01372 461808**

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10:15 - 12:30

9th January to 6th February (5 sessions)

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Cost: This is a free course

How do I sign up?

Visit the link below:

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You must be living in London, be aged 19 or over,
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For help or more information:
email: skillsforworkandlife@kingston.gov.uk