



**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 you have all had a great week. We have had another busy week at Hollyfield. Our Year 11 students have been continuing with their mock exams. I'd like to extend my congratulations to them on all of their hard work. There are only a small number of mock exams left for them to complete. We wish them all the best for the remaining ones. Likewise, our Year 13's begin their preparations for their mock exams in December. Once again, we wish them all the best for these tests.

Many thanks to all of the parents who came along to our ski trip meetings last night. It was a great turnout for all three meetings. It's not long now until we depart for the slopes so I hope the meetings were useful and please do get in touch with the ski trip leader for your trip if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

**Amy Jackson, Headteacher**



#### Term Dates

##### **Autumn Term 2023**

5 September to 21 December  
 (Inset Day – 4-5 Sept & 1-3 Nov  
 - except Y11 & Y13)

##### **Half Term**

23 October - 3 November (see above)

##### **Christmas Holiday**

22 December - 5 January 2024

##### **Spring Term 2024**

8 January – 28 March  
 (Inset Day – 19 Feb)

##### **Half Term**

12-19 February (see above)

##### **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

#### **..... Stop Press.....**

- 27/11- Y12 & 13 Physics Trip
- 27/11– 1/12 – Y13 Walking talking mocks
- 29/11– Y7 Kingston University Trip
- 30/11– Music Performance Mock Exam
- 4-15/12 - Y13 Trial Exams
- 7/12 - Y9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
- 7/12 – Y12 & 13 Drama Trip

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## **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](mailto: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](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....



If you require any further information about the activities below please contact Mrs McGeoch or Mr Winpenny at the school

This winter, Achieving for Children is excited to have partnered with lots of fantastic organisations to deliver free holiday activity clubs and food for eligible young people. Visit [www.krfuelinfo.org.uk/KRFUEL](http://www.krfuelinfo.org.uk/KRFUEL) for more information and to book a club at a time and location that works for you.

Please note that places are limited, and advance booking will be required.

Contact us at [fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

## **The Hollyfield School's Christmas Carol Service & Concert Thursday 14 December 2023**

The Music Department warmly invites you to join us at our annual Carol Service and Christmas concert on Thursday 14 December 2023.

The Carol Service will start at 6:30pm at St Mark's Church (over the road from school) and finish at approx. 7:30pm. This is a traditional Carol Service featuring the school's three choirs (Senior Choir, Chamber Choir and Hollyfield Singers). This is then followed by the Christmas Concert in the school hall (start time approx. 8pm - 9:30pm) featuring the Hollyfield Orchestra, Swing Band, Rock School bands (from a range of different year groups) and ukulele orchestra.

Entry is £5 for adults and £3.50 for students and concessions (cash and card on the door). Drinks (including mulled wine) and mince pies will be available from the PTA.







## HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

### **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. Also, if you purchase from one of their other locations, mention you are from Hollyfield, then we will still get the donation.

Weekend of 25 + 26 November

Weekend of 2 + 3 December

Weekend of 9 + 10 December

### **PTA Meeting**

**19.12.23**

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]

### **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.**

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



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



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

# THIS WEEK.....

## TOP ATTENDERS




The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.95%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 98.44%  
 8RHU = 95.31%  
 9HBL = 96%  
 10EWE = 99.31%  
 11BRO = 95.06%

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.

	 <b>Eagle</b>	 <b>Falcon</b>	 <b>Osprey</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	303	369	422
<b>Year 8</b>	364	349	420
<b>Year 9</b>	287	269	342
<b>Year 10</b>	219	170	165
<b>Year 11</b>	97	132	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>1431</b>

## NEXT WEEK

Monday 27 November	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Walking Talking Mocks
	Year 12 & 13 Physics Trip (Royal Observatory, Greenwich)
Tuesday 28 November	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 13 Walking Talking Mocks
Wednesday 29 November	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Walking Talking Mocks
	Year 7 Kingston University Trip (selected students)
Thursday 30 November	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Walking Talking Mocks
	Year 13 Music Performance Mock Exam (9.40am-3.05pm)
Friday 1 December	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 13 Walking Talking Mocks

## FORTHCOMING DATES

27 November - Year 12 & 13 Physics Trip  
 27 November – 1 December – Year 13 Walking talking mocks  
 29 November – Year 7 Kingston University Trip  
 30 November – Music Performance Mock Exam  
 4-15 December - Year 13 Trial Exams  
 7 December – Year 12 & 13 Drama Theatre Trip  
 7 December - Year 9 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm  
 11 December – Year 9 Options Taster P4-6  
 12 December – Year 9 Options evening - 6.00pm  
 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** 1026 **Year 8** 1165 **Year 9** 856 **Year 10** 549 **Year 11** 90

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

**7SNE** 241 **8RHU** 252 **9MCO** 261 **10MLE** 104 **11RLO** 29

The top performing students from each year were:

**Year 7** Mia G **Year 9** Bethany B **Year 11** Bobby L/Vibusha MF/Renae T  
**Year 8** Sainabou J **Year 10** Summer B

## TEACHING & LEARNING

### Year 9 Performing Arts Scholars Take part in steel pan workshop



As part of the Performing Arts Scholars' curriculum provision they will be taking part in a steel pan workshop led by the 'Steel Pan Agency' on **Wednesday 29 November during Periods 1&2.**

The workshop will start with a live steel pan performance by the workshop leader before students are taught how to play the steel pan and put together an ensemble piece as a class. Each student will have access to their own pan so the workshop promises to be a fun and action packed experience for all!

This is an exciting opportunity for our Year 9 Performing Arts scholars to demonstrate their fantastic musicianship skills.



Miss Neville  
Head of the Visual and Performing Arts Faculty

**Year 9 pupils attended Hampton School's annual Independent/State Schools Partnership (ISSP) Science Day to participate in a range of exciting and interactive experiments.**

The partnership event provided pupils from Hampton High, Orleans Park School, The Hollyfield School and Tolworth Girls' School, alongside Lady Eleanor Holles and Hampton School pupils, with a fun and informative opportunity to learn about Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The day offered an insight into new topics, encouraging pupils to explore Science beyond the curriculum.

The aspiring scientists took part in a Chemistry lesson investigating exothermic and endothermic changes in chemical reactions, in Biology they examined the effect of pH on



digestive enzymes and in Physics they constructed hot air balloons to explore the concept of upthrust.

Our students represented Hollyfield impeccably and were praised for their hard work and enthusiasm for science. Well done!

To view photos taken on the day, please visit the Hampton School Event Gallery linked below.

<https://hamptonschool.org.uk/2023/11/issp-science-day-gallery/>

Miss Yasmin Al-Obaidi  
Head of Science Faculty and Associate Assistant Headteacher

## GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

### Heads of Year

#### Head of Year 7 & 8

I have now been Head of Year 7 for the last 4 intakes of Year 7 meaning that next year I will have been everyone's Head of Year in Years 7-11! This year I have taken on the additional challenge of Phase Leader for Year 7 and Year 8 whilst Ms Offord is off looking after her newborn (exciting!). I teach Computing and ICT throughout Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and have a keen passion for Web Development having created my own management system which is in use around sports clubs across the country. An interesting fact about me is that I went to school at Hollyfield myself through Year 7 - Year 13 before studying Web Development at Uni and coming back to work as an IT Technician at Hollyfield before training to be a teacher. I also featured as an extra in the film 102 Dalmatians!

#### Head of Year 9 – Sophie Jenkins

I have been teaching at Hollyfield for that last 5 years. I am an English teacher and the Head of Year 9. I was born in Australia and have lived in 3 different countries including: Japan, Australia and England. I am passionate about literature and regularly read my favourite, the Book Thief by Markus Zusak. I have a passion for the Arts and have even appeared as an extra in the Australian classic 'Home & Away'. I have really enjoyed my transition into the pastoral team - supporting the students and ensuring they feel safe to succeed and fly!

#### Head of Year 10

I am new to Hollyfield, I started in September as Head of Year 10. I am a Sociology teacher and this year I am really enjoying teaching Philosophy to Key Stage 3. Before joining Hollyfield I worked in Hounslow as Head of the Wellbeing Faculty, this involved leading the PSHE and Sociology departments, while also being pastoral lead for the students in my House. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students in Hollyfield but particularly working with Year 10. In my spare time I enjoy reading, watching Rugby and going to Art Galleries. I try to spend as much time travelling as possible, exploring new places, meeting new people and experiencing new cultures.

#### Head of Year 11 - Cam Esmond

Time Out Coordinator  
restorative practitioner  
avid baseball fan  
Bass player

All I want from my year group is for each and every one of them to reach or exceed their own potential and expectations of themselves.

I have worked in a number of different settings throughout my career ranging from specialist aspergers colleges to mainstream secondary schools via a PRU and respite centre for Key Stage 3 students. In all of those settings I have worked hard to support the students and families to become successful in whatever path they choose is right for them.

Outside of school you will find me playing Bass in my blues band (although much less now middle age has set in) or playing baseball with Richmond Baseball club.

I think Hollyfield is the most rewarding school I have worked in and as a community is something that I am most proud of being part of.

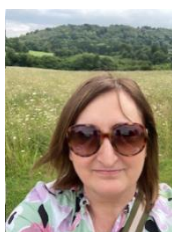
### **Head of Year 12 – Tamara Alam –**

1. What's your science specialism(s)?  
Physics
2. How long have you been at Hollyfield?  
5 years
3. Favourite topic to teach?  
Radioactivity
4. Favourite science joke?  
What does a subatomic duck say? Quark!
5. Interesting fact about yourself.  
I've been on the fastest zip-wire in the world (in Wales).

### **Head of Year 13 – Alex Humm**

I am now in my third year of teaching at Hollyfield having previously taught at a local college for 16 years. In September 2023 I joined the Sixth Form Team as Deputy Director/ Head of Year 13. In my short time at Hollyfield I have thoroughly enjoyed watching students progress through KS4 into their studies at KS5 and beyond. Outside of Hollyfield I can often be found spending time with my young family or more likely out on the golf course. In my younger years I was a keen rugby player and played against a member of the royal family.

### **Student Support Officers**



#### **Lead Student Support Officer**

My name is Pam Ridgers and I am the Lead Student Support Officer at Hollyfield. I have worked here for 3 years and I am very proud to lead the team of Student Support Officers. They provide a vital role in looking after the wellbeing of all of the students in the school. In my spare time I am an avid reader and love to get outside for walks with my two dogs Barney and Kevin.



#### **Student Support Officer – Year 7**

I am Miss Bolla, the Student Support Officer for Year 7 and the Young Carers Lead. I have worked at Hollyfield for almost 2 years and I love working with our new students who join us each year. I enjoy seeing the students develop over their first year here and thrive from supporting them. Outside of school, I take great pleasure in taking my dog Stormi

out for long walks, this is serving me well as I have agreed to join my sister on a hike up Snowdonia next year!!!



### **Student Support Officer Year 8 & 9**

Hi , My name is Ms Emin, and I am Student Support Officer for year 8 and 9. When I'm not at The fantastic Hollyfield school.... I like to go on really long walks with my friends, both human and of the four legged Variety..... I have one dog, 4 children , and four grandchildren, and love getting the family altogether to enjoy a good giggle and eating good food.



### **Student Support Officer Year 10 & 11**

I am Miss Blackman and I am the Student Support Officer for KS4. I have worked at Hollyfield since 2017, starting off as a Teaching Assistant and then progressing into the pastoral team soon after. I have recently become a Mother and I am enjoying this new phase in my life. Outside of work I mostly enjoy spending time with my daughter and reading (when I get the time!)



### **Student Support Officer Year 10 & 11**

I am Mr Upton and I have worked at Hollyfield as a Student Support Officer for over a year and a half. I initially started my role on a part-time basis, as I was completing a MA in psychotherapy. Having now completed this course I have a dual role and also work as one of the school counsellors two days a week. Outside of school I have recently had a baby and therefore most of my free time is taken up spending time with and caring for him.



### **Safeguarding Officer and Librarian**

My name is Ms Adams and I'm the librarian and Safeguarding Officer at Hollyfield. I've worked here for eight years and really do thoroughly enjoy my job. The team here is wonderful and I enjoy helping and working alongside our lovely students. As the librarian I naturally enjoy reading, however recently with age creeping in and affecting my eyes I have turned to the kindle, which does hurt to say! Yet it has been a game changer in reigniting my passion for reading and now I'm onto my 59th book since February!!! I've also rediscovered the enjoyment of yoga, and have taken up dance although I think my teacher is extremely glad it's not a desire of mine to take it up as a full time profession. I'm excited for Christmas this year, my daughter left for university in September and she is coming home for the festivities - undoubtedly with a large bag of washing and a list of home cooked dinners she would like to have.



### **Student Support Centre**

My name is Jo Leo and I am the Student Support Officer leading the Restart room within the school. This is a safe space that provides support for students who may be experiencing difficulties. I have a scientific background and have a real interest in the outdoors, nature and animals. I have introduced a school pet, Sid the praying mantis to her room, that has been very popular with the children!

## CAREERS



### Careers Briefing - 24 November 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

We have had a really busy week for careers related events to inspire our students and develop their employability skills. Regular encounters with employers and employees is the ideal way to provide careers guidance and motivation.

### Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

On Tuesday **21 November** a **second group** of Year 10s successfully completed the Jack Petchey public speaking workshop with Mr Poole. Students spent the day with Hilary Lyons, a professional trainer and theatre director. The group participated 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 young people to be successful in the workplace as well in other future situations. For those interested in finding out what this involves you can view this [Video](#)



Again congratulations to all those students. The winners of the second round of the speaking competition were **Roger G, Matius B, Suri L and Kristhik K**. Many of the group spoke well and to win this competition took a good deal of determination, skill and resilience. The winners of both groups' students will get the opportunity to go and take part in a borough competition. Mr Poole will send out further details of how to enter the regional final later the

term.



### Sixth Form Talk - Careers in VFX

Members of Year 12 were treated to an excellent and inspiring talk by **Christian Manz who is a Creative Director for Framestore** and Hollyfield parent. This hugely successful VFX company is responsible for producing many of the amazing images in the well known film and television such as Harry Potter, Marvel movies, the Dark Materials TV series and the recent Barbie movie. Christian spoke about his career in the industry and the many different opportunities there are. Many thanks for an inspiring talk.



healthcare workers are from [Your Healthcare](#) and their background knowledge provided an

Last Wednesday **Year 13 Health and Social Care** had a talk from **George Glew an occupational Physiotherapist** and **Ali Childs a frontline nurse**. These professional

invaluable insight into the demands of working in the sector and hopefully this will enhance the Sixth Formers ability to discuss different roles in their BTEC Level 3 exams. Health Care is one of the expanding sectors with lots of opportunities available. Thanks to Ms Zeba for helping to organise this event with Mr Poole.



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: [23 November 2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)**

**Highlights** in the bulletin include:

- **BFI Film Academy**
- **University of Surrey** Biological & Nutritional Sciences taster days
- **University of Sheffield online taster courses**
- **Want to study in the USA?** See the Sutton Trust Scheme
- **Pathways to Bath University and Nottingham schemes**
- **Nuffield Science work experience placements** (eligibility criteria applies)

**All the below upcoming talks are open to all students in Y11, Y12 & Y13:**

#### **Insight into TFL (Transport for London) Virtual Event**

- Tuesday 28th November 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Students looking to get into Engineering, Business and Technology
- Application link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InsightIntoTFL>

#### **AICPA CIMA Virtual Insight Event**

- Wednesday 29th November 2023, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Students looking to get into Accounting, Finance & Investment Management, and Business
- Application link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AICPACIMAVirtualEvent>

#### **Insight to Lloyds Banking Group**

- Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Students looking to get into Business, Finance, Accounting, Data Analytics, Technology, Risk, and HR
- Application link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LloydsBankingGroupCareersLive>

#### **RAF Engineering Insight Event**

- Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Targeted to students looking to get into Engineering and STEM
- Application link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RAFVirtualEngineering>

### **Degree and Higher Apprenticeships**





**To apply for the post 18 apprenticeships - you need to be organised and applications are open NOW!** These and other apprenticeship opportunities that can be seen our weekly careers opportunities bulletin or on [find an apprenticeship](#):

- British Airways - Business, Aircraft Maintenance and more - **Deadline to apply: 29th Nov**
- BBC - journalism, digital technology, engineering, production and business **Deadline to apply: end of Nov**
- Sky - Marketing, Cyber Security, Finance, Software and more
- Unilever - Business, Marketing, Data Science and more (offices in Kingston)
- PwC - Finance and Business
- BP - Aviation, Engineering, Business and more (offices in Sunbury)
- Deloitte - Finance, Tech and Business
- JP Morgan - Tech and finance
- Met Police
- A range of Solicitor (Law) apprenticeships and others



**Young Reporter**

**CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS**

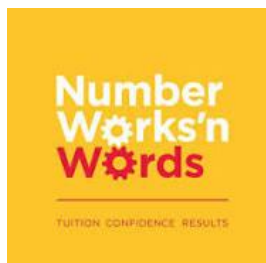
Get involved in Newsquest Media Group's Young Reporter Short Course; providing young people with education and the opportunity to publish a story that matters to you.

- 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...**  
[info@youngreporter.co.uk](mailto:info@youngreporter.co.uk)  
 0208 722 6378  
[www.youngreporter.co.uk](http://www.youngreporter.co.uk)

**Part time work for Year 12/13** students at a maths and English tuition centre [NumberWorks'nWords](#).



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](mailto: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](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

[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-psycological-society-five-ways-to-boost-resilience-in-children/>

## LOCAL INFORMATION

### Kooth

Kooth is an online crisis messenger service that Children and young people can access for free online mental health support with a professional counsellor - [www.Kooth.com](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](tel:08088025544).



**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/>




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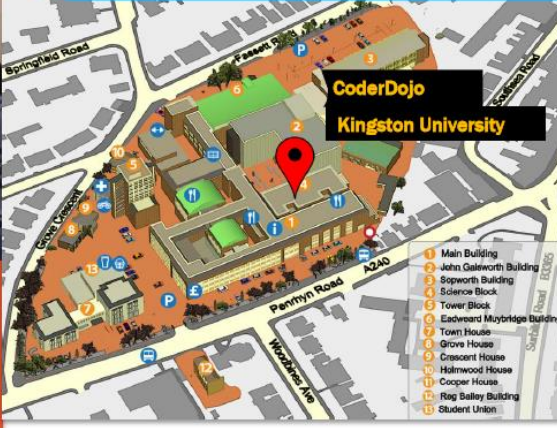
# CoderDojo

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.**

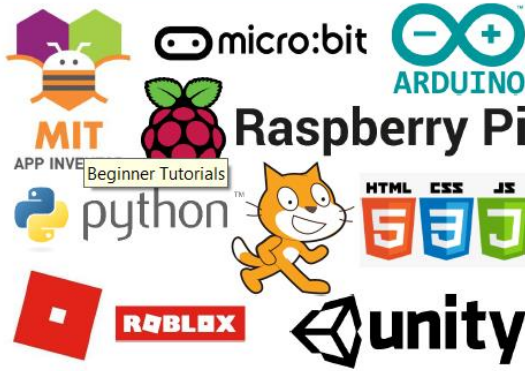
Create your own video games, animations, apps, web pages and lots more!  
 All you need to bring is a laptop and parent or carer. Each Dojo is an independent club that follows the CoderDojo vision:





*"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





**PLUS**  
12 Days of Christmas Giveaways  
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**Be festive**  
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](http://pah.org.uk/santafunrun)**  
**Or call 01372 461808**

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[www.kingston.gov.uk/adulthoodeducation](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/adulthoodeducation)

## Maths for Parents Courses

*Learn how to better support your children with their schoolwork  
Practise the same maths and methods taught in schools  
Discover helpful maths resources*

Our Next Free Course is:

*Maths for Parents:*  
**Secondary School Maths: Part 1**  
Tuesdays  
10:15 - 12:30  
9th January to 6th February (5 sessions)

**Where:** Hook Centre, Chessington

**Cost:** This is a free course

**How do I sign up?**

Visit the link below:

<https://bit.ly/multiply-kae>

or scan the QR code:



Hook Centre in KT9 1AE:



**MAYOR OF LONDON**



You must be living in London, be aged 19 or over,  
and **not already have a GCSE at grade C** (or

For help or more information:  
email: [skillsforworkandlife@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:skillsforworkandlife@kingston.gov.uk)