



**The Hollyfield School e-bulletin** Surbiton Hill Road, Surbiton, KT6 4TU 020 8339 4500

"There is a distinct sense of community in the school" Ofsted 2020

Head's Line:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you are all well. I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 11 students on the completion of their mock exams. Teachers are busy marking the papers and will give students their marks and grades on Tuesday 19 December. Our Year 13 students will begin their mock exams next week; We wish them all the best. I'm sure parents will be feeling the cold as much as we are at the moment. Please can I just remind everyone of our winter uniform options: students can wear a Hollyfield jumper or just a plain black jumper under their blazer should they wish. Likewise, students are welcome to wear plain black tracksuit bottoms for PE or a plain black base layer under their shorts if they wish. On the subject of winter, we will be reminding pupils of our key road safety messages in assemblies next week as it now gets dark around 16:00 in the afternoon and so driver visibility is diminished.

It is near the end of term. During the last week of term we will of course have our celebration assemblies and our Christmas Concert. In addition to this, on Wednesday 13 December we will be serving Christmas Lunch during lunchtime, the cost will be £2.65, if your child would like to take part, please ensure funds are available on their Parentmail account unless you receive free school meals. The last day of term will be on Thursday 21 December. As always, this will be an early closure for students. There will be an extended assembly in the morning, then students will go to period one. Period two, breaktime and period three will be as normal. At the end of period three students will return to their tutor rooms and will be dismissed in year groups from 12:00pm, with all students being dismissed by 12:15pm. The last day of term will also be a non-uniform day with students and staff asked to wear a Christmas jumper or a Christmas themed item. All proceeds from the non-uniform day will go to Save the Children. We hope that the students enjoy the opportunity to wear something Christmassy!

### South Western Railway - December industrial action

As you may be aware South Western Railway is currently working under and overtime ban until Saturday 9 December with a day of strike action on 6 December so train services will be disrupted. Please plan your journey if you use this service. You can find further information via <u>www.southwesternrailway.com/strike</u>.

And finally, many of you will be putting up your Christmas decorations this weekend or in the near future, I would highly recommend buying your tree from the tree sale at Hollyfield - full details of this can be found in the PTA section of the bulletin.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher



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.....

- 4-15/12 Y13 Trial Exams
  7/12 Y9 Parent Consultation
- evening 4.00pm
- 7/12 Y12 & 13 Drama Trip
  11/12– Y7 Numeracy Catch Up
- evening (6.00pm) • 12/12 - Y9 Options evening -
- 6.00pm
  14/12 Christmas Carol Concert (6.30-10.00pm)
- 15/12 Y7 Christmas Carol Service

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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.

### Valuables in school

The school policy and guidance with regard to pupil possessions is clear that they are brought into school at their own risk. The Hollyfield School does not accept liability for any items that may be lost, damaged or stolen. While theft is taken extremely seriously and thoroughly investigated, the school is not in a position to cover the cost of any item stolen.

Of course, with respect to the last point, steps and measures are put in place to mitigate against such circumstances, especially during PE and Games lessons, where pupils' items are locked in the changing rooms. While this is standard procedure, there may be some extenuating circumstances where this cannot always be guaranteed. Therefore, I would urge your son/daughter not to bring expensive items into school.

#### Medical Health Care Plans

Please can we remind all parents to complete a MHCP for any student with a medical condition if you have not already done so. Also, if there are any changes to a current plan please complete and submit a new MHCP so we can update our records. You can <u>print a form</u> and return it to school.

#### Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on <u>office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> 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 <u>should not be used to</u> <u>drop off students</u>. 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 <u>here</u> 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 <a href="mailto:lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk">lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</a>.



### **IN SAFE HANDS**

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

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team Mrs McGeoch: <u>smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> Ms Patel: <u>spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.



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



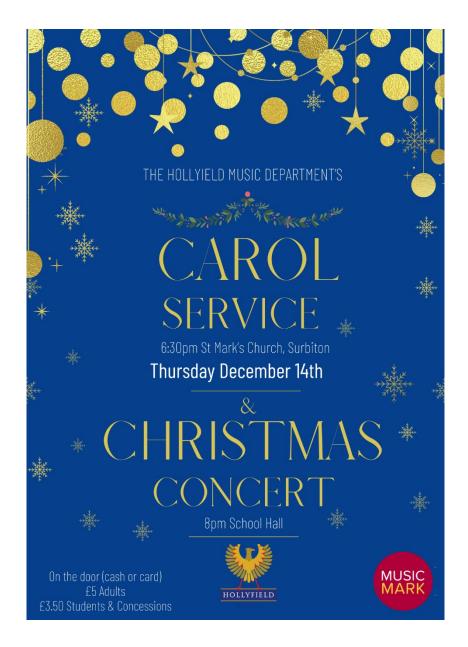


### The Hollyfield School's Christmas Carol Service & Concert Thursday 14 December 2023

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

There are lots of ways of finding out about the PTA and what we are up to - website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and two email addresses.... they are all linked at the foot of each page....











# THIS WEEK.....

### **TOP ATTENDERS**

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 9 with a total of 94.04%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 98.13% 8NMA = 98.39% 9HBL = 97.67% 10EWE= 96.21% 11BRO = 95.19%

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.

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	317	372	296
Year 8	295	287	221
Year 9	248	309	253
Year 10	173	100	165
Year 11	27	43	22
Total	1060	1111	957

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### **NEXT WEEK**

Monday 4 December	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room		
	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 13 Trial Exams including practical and oral – 4–15 Dec		
Tuesday 5 December	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room		
	Year 7 Kingston University Trip (selected students)		
Wednesday 6 December	KS3 & 4 House Assemblies		
	Reach Out Workshop (6.00-8.00pm)		
Thursday 7 December	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall		
	Year 13 Drama Theatre Trip (Ibsen's Ghost)		
	Year 9 Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm)		
Friday 8 December	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall		

### **FORTHCOMING DATES**

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 7 Numeracy Catch Up evening (6.00pm)



- 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 7 948 Year 8 802 Year 9 820 Year 10 454 Year 11 106

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

7MFA 190 8FKE 173 9HBL 178 10MLE 106 11DMI 22

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Lucy S/Matilda S Year 9 Charlie B Year 11 Bobby L

Year 8 Antoni B Year 10 Daniel H/Tommy S

### GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

### **Premises Department**

We are the team who keep the school safe and clean, we set up for assemblies, breaks and all of the events that take place across your busy school.

The team comprises of me, Mr Griffiths, The Premises Manager, Unbelievably I have been here for 8 years, the time has flown by, it is a very rewarding job and I love each and every day!

### The Hollyfield School



Unfortunately, I support West Bromwich Albion but other than that I am OK. I am assisted by Mr Brigdale, he loves music and has an enormous record collection, he loves clothes, some might say he is at worst a fashion victim and at best a shopaholic. We are both assisted by Mr De Souza, Mr Nascimento and Mr Texeira, who are all from Goiania, a town by Brasilia, which is the capital city of Brazil. They all like music, football and barbecues. They love working at Hollyfield School and it shows in everything they do.





### Careers Briefing – 1 December 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Kingston University London Kingston University **Year 10 Saturday Clubs** on-campus and with in-person workshops, there will be two clubs running in 2024 -**Science and Engineering as well as Art and Design** both being completely free to successful applicants (except for individual travel costs to and from the clubs). Ideal for students interested in studying these subjects in the future or doing it just

for fun!

Applications are due to close on **December 4** Students. Pupils and parents/carers must **both** then complete an application form: Pupils: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/QJMSHexNLV</u> Parents/Carers: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/eLzD7Vx794</u>

### Skills London Exhibition 24 November 2024 - Year 12 & 13 visit

Sixth Form students attended the Skills London exhibition at the ExCel Centre and had the opportunity to meet and talk to a variety of exhibitors offering apprenticeships and training opportunities after Sixth Form. This hopefully has raised student awareness of the range of different choices available. There were a range of sectors represented: digital & creative, hospitality, healthcare, green skills, engineering and more. To find out more about apprenticeship opportunities you can see our weekly bulletin below or visit: Find an apprenticeship













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

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

For ALL the opportunities please click to see this week's edition: <u>30th November 2023 Sixth Form Careers</u> opportunities

### Highlights in the bulletin include:

- BFI Film Academy deadline approaching
- Want to study in the USA? See the Sutton Trust Scheme apply now!
- Nuffield Science work experience placements (eligibility criteria applies)

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

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### 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 <u>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RAFVirtualEngineering</u>

### **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:

- 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 apprenticeships and others in Law

13 NEW	Atkins, operating under AtkinsRéalis is a leading global consultancy with over 80 years of design, engineering and project management expertise. They are based in Epsom & central London and have the following degree apprenticeships available: <u>Environmental practitioner degree apprenticeship ATKINS</u> Ltd	Deadlines: 20 Feb to apply and start in Sept 2024
	Building Services Design Engineer degree apprenticeship	
	Chartered surveyor - Building Surveying pathway degree apprenticeship ATKINS LIMITED	
	CIVIL ENGINEER (DEGREE) APPRENTICE	
	Architectural assistant degree apprenticeship ATKINS LTD	
	project manager degree apprenticeship atkins limited	
13 <b>NEW</b>	Mott MacDonald - We're a management, engineering and development consultancy which works on projects across the world. <u>Rail Systems Engineering Degree Level Apprenticeship</u>	Deadlines: 31 December to apply and start in Sept 2024
	Civil Engineering Degree Level Apprenticeship	
	Building Services Engineering Degree Level Apprenticeship MOTT MACDONALD LIMITED	
	Accountancy or Taxation Professional Apprentice Level 7	

### **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-inchildren/



### 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 <u>RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk</u> for details.
- Childline: <u>information and advice</u> on a range of topics including feelings, relationships, family and schools. Childline is there to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. Call: <u>0800 1111</u>.
- Anna Freud Centre: 90 resources and strategies https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/.
- Samaritans: Samaritans a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way, about whatever's getting to you. Call: <u>116 123</u>.
- Shout Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to <u>85258</u>.
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: We are a team of highly-trained, female advisers. We won't judge you or tell you what to do; we are here to listen. Call: <u>0808 2000 247</u>/online chat.

### Information for adults

Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: <u>www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/</u>. Call 0808 802 5544.









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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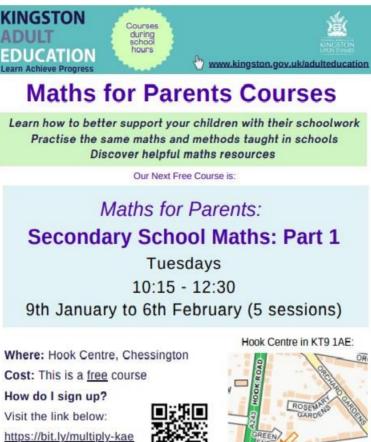




# Santa Fun Run 2023







or scan the QR code:

Funded by UK Government





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



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