



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:

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Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you are all getting into the Christmas spirit and enjoying the festive season.

The hard work continues at Hollyfield, alongside the festivities. Well done to our Year 13 students who completed their mock exams last week. Teachers will endeavour to mark them as quickly as possible so students can get their feedback and find out how to improve.

On Thursday we have our annual Christmas concert. Last year was the first one that I went to as a Hollyfield member of staff; it was exceptional, and we anticipate the same again this year; we look forward to seeing many of you there. As the end of term approaches, it is pertinent to remind parents of all the key activities and timings before the break. They are below for your reference:

As always, we will have a later start on the first day of term. This is because the research shows that this helps them to readjust to school after a considerable break. Students should arrive to school at 0920, they will have registration and then lessons will begin period 2.

Just a reminder during the last week of term we will 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!

And finally, Christmas is a wonderful time that many children and families look forward to with excitement and anticipation. However, it can also be difficult for some people, especially if there are financial challenges. If you are experiencing this and need some help and support then please get in touch with your child's Head of Year who will be able to advise on the support we can offer as a school.

Kind regards.

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

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- 11/12– Y7 Numeracy Catch Up evening (6.00pm)
- 12/12 Y9 Options evening -6.00pm - online
- 14/12 Christmas Carol Concert (6.30-10.00pm)
- 15/12 Y7 Christmas Carol Service
- 19/12 Y10 & 11 ept Emailed Home
- 19/12 Y11 Trial Exam Re Day
- 21/12– End of Term dismissal from 12.00pm

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OTHER NOTICES

Reporting your child's absence

When reporting your child's absence from school on the dedicated absence line - 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 <u>lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u>.



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



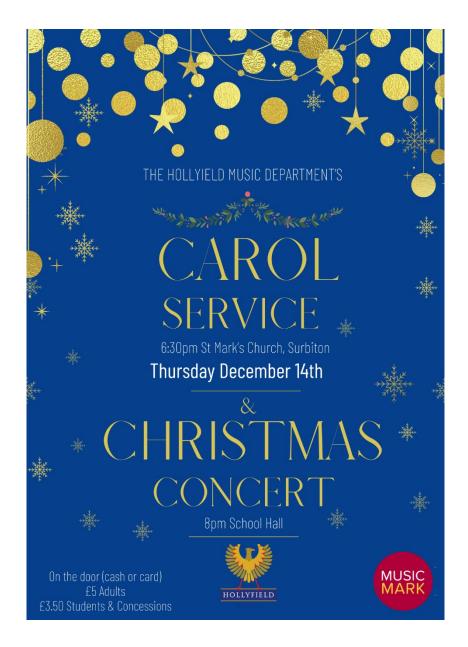


The Hollyfield School's Christmas Carol Service & Concert Thursday 14 December 2023

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 9 + 10 December

Christmas Concert: 14.12.23

Anyone available to help with refreshments for this event would be much appreciated! Please sign up at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AABA72EA6FCC07-46513538-christmas#/

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...











THIS WEEK.....

TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 8 with a total of 94%. The top form group within each year this week is:

> 7SSM= 95.16% 8ABE = 96.15% 9PSI = 94% 10EWE= 97.32% 11BRO = 93.09%

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	561	587	546
Year 8	395	377	356
Year 9	323	292	260
Year 10	335	152	209
Year 11	30	124	33
Total	1644	1532	1404

NEXT WEEK

Monday 11 December	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room				
	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall				
	Year 7 Numeracy Catch Up evening (6.00pm)				
Tuesday 12 December	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall				
	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room				
	Year 9 Options evening - 6.00pm - Online				
Wednesday 13 December	Year 8 Assembly - Dining Hall				
	Christmas lunch served				
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)				
Thursday 14 December	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall				
	Christmas Carol Concert (6.30-10.00pm)				
Friday 15 December	Year 7 Christmas Carol Service – St Marks Church				

FORTHCOMING DATES

4-15 December - Year 13 Trial Exams

- 11 December Year 7 Numeracy Catch Up evening (6.00pm)
- 12 December Year 9 Options evening 6.00pm

13 December - Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)



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
- 19 December D of E Information Evening (6.00pm)
- 20 December Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)
- 21 December End of Term dismissal from 12.00pm

22 December 2023 – 5 January 2024 – Christmas Holiday

8 January – Lessons start – 9.20am 8 January – BTEC Exams Start 9 January - Year 8 Safety First Workshop 11 January – Year 7 Health Workshop (8.50-11.40am) 12 January – GCSE Results Published 12 January - November Exam Results published 15-19 January - Year 12 Trial Exams 16 January – Year 11 Practice GCSE Food Exam 17 January – Year 8 Health Workshop (8.50-11.40am) 18 January – Year 11 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm 19 January – Year 13 Report Emailed Home 22 January – Year 9 Health Workshop (8.50-11.40am) 22 & 25 January Sixth Form Interviews (4-6.30pm) 23 January – Year 10 Army/Stem Activities Day 24 January – Year 10 French trip - Southbank 24 - 25 January – Year 9 Holocaust Memorial Trip (PM) 30 January & 1 February – Year 11 Geography London Docklands field trip 31 January – Year 13 UCAS Deadline 31 January - Year 9, 10 & 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge 1-2 February – Year 10 Contraception & STI Sessions (8.50-11.40am) 5 February – Year 12 Report Emailed Home 5-9 February – Year 13 Retake Trial Exams 6 February – Year 11 Geography London Docklands field trip 8 February - Year 12 &13 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm

9-17 February – Year 8-13 Ski Trips

12-19 February 2023 – Half Term (19/2 – Inset day)

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	1203	Year 8	951	Year	9 683	Year 10	585	Year 11	170
The top performing forms per year group in terms of overall achievements were:									
7JLU	271	8FKE	213	9LCE	149	10EWE	117	11DMI	81
The top performing students from each year were:									
Year 7	Austin \$	S	Y	'ear 9	Charlie B		Year	11 M Cas	sie
Year 8	Javden	G	Y	'ear 10	Jasmine \	N			

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Ibrahim D who attended the British open championships NoGi 2023 on 2 December and achieved 1st place. Well done Ibrahim!



GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Study Supervisors/Cover Manager

Debbie O'Donnell – Cover & Data Manager

I have been working here for over 5 ½ years. As the Cover Manager my day starts at 7am here at school. I make sure all classes are covered if a teacher is off for any reason. I work closely with our 2 lovely cover supervisors, Mr Kang and Mrs Arul. I was also a student here many years ago and met my now husband here when we were both students at Hollyfield. We have been happily married for over 32 years. My favourite time of the year is Christmas and I like to spread a little Christmas cheer in my office by getting the decorations up nice and early.

Si Kang – Study Supervisor

This is my 5th year at Hollyfield school working as a Study supervisor and I enjoy every moment working with our fabulous students and our wonderful staff! Throughout my day, I take on providing cover for teachers, undertaking various duties as well as leading a few

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Games lessons which I enjoy very much! I had also attended Hollyfield as a Student from Year 7 to 11 so seeing some of my old teachers as a colleague is always very interesting to say the least! During my free time, I like to play football and basketball and go out for a long walk in the park, and more recently playing peekaboo with my 5 month old daughter which is the highlight of my day :).

Jenny Arulanantharaj

I have been a cover teacher at Hollyfield School for almost two years and everyday is an adventure. My job consists of me supervising and teaching lessons when the regular teacher is unable to attend. In my spare time, I love to experience other adventures, like different countries, cultures, and foods. Although originally from England, I lived in Canada for 14 years, thus beginning my itch to travel the world! I have travelled to 35 countries, and am always looking for new places to go! When not travelling, I enjoy discovering new recipes through trial and error, and have been fortunate enough to not have made terrible meals (though it may look otherwise). In addition, I appreciate reading, all types of music, and spending time with friends and family.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 8 December 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Kingston University London

Year 7 University Discovery Days

The school has an excellent relationship with our local university and over the last few years a number of students have visited the campus. The university has a small amount of funding to offer to run these activities but numbers have to be limited. Most recently, over the last two weeks (29th

November and 5th December) students from Year 7 have taken part in the University Discovery Days. Students took part in sessions about what a university was like and the types of subject degrees which were offered in higher education. The Year 7s also had a chance to meet five different student ambassadors and talk to them about their experience of university as well as to have a tour of the campus. In the afternoon, the Hollyfielders took part in a fun interactive challenge in which they designed and made their own university of the future. Here are some pictures of some of the designs.







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: <u>8 December 2023 Sixth Form Careers</u> opportunities

Highlights in the bulletin include:

- British Airways work experience placements
- Want to study in the USA? See the Sutton Trust Scheme apply now!
- Nuffield Science work experience placements (eligibility criteria applies)

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:

- Atkins Environmental, Engineering, Architecture and more
- 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
- Mott MacDonald Rail systems engineering, Civil engineering and more
- · A range of Solicitor apprenticeships and others in Law

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 RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk for details.

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- 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 <u>https://www.annafreud.org/selfcare/</u>.
- 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

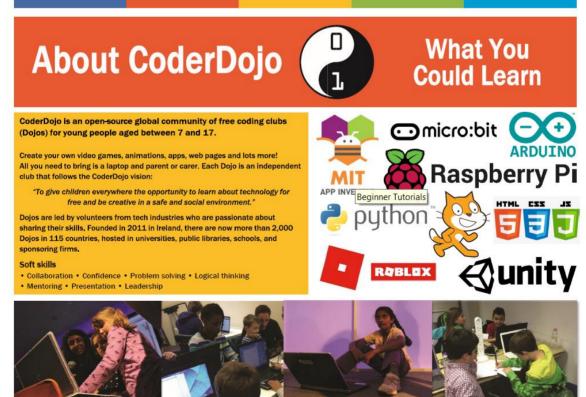
Young Minds - Parents Helpline - Worried about a child or young person's behaviour or mental health? Call the free helpline for confidential, expert advice. For more information visit: www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/. Call 0808 802 5544.

















CLICK TO BOOK NETBALL CHRISTMAS CAMP '23

Our NETBALL CHRISTMAS CAMP is now open to book!! To register please click the link above and payment details can be found below.

Please can you make payment via bacs into the account below putting your child's name as reference.



Sessions are £30 each but...

10% off for early bird customers if you pay before 11th December. = £27 15% off for those who have booked Camps with us before! = £25 (no time restriction).

Please make payments to:

Surrey Netball Coaching Ref: Childs Name Sort code - 04-00-04 Account – 13666068

PLEASE BRING:

- <u>Packed lunch</u> with a snack for <u>morning sessions</u>. Few snacks for the afternoon session. No nuts or sesame please! (including snacks with hazelnut spread and hummus or tahini etc)
- Water bottle

Please remove jewellery, ensure long hair is tied back and nails are cut short.

Email with access details will be sent before camp starts.

To ensure that we know where everyone is, would you keep us informed if your child is unable to attend netball either by email to <u>surreynetballcoaching@gmail.com</u> or contact Ana on 07852 599452 prior to the netball camp starting.