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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 are all well and enjoying the run up to Christmas. Last night was our annual Christmas carol service and Christmas concert. It was a truly spectacular event. The students who performed were superb and should be immensely proud of themselves, as we all are. It was standing room only for the concert, which enhanced the wonderful atmosphere. I'd like to extend my thanks to Ms Neville, Mr Cooke and Mr Francisco for all their hard work in bringing the two events together. I would also like to thank Mr Griffiths, our wonderful site manager for making the hall look so special. Thanks also to all of the parents who came along to support and to the PTA for providing much-needed refreshments and an excellent raffle. Students in Year 7 will have the opportunity to watch the carol service in the church this morning, along with their form tutors. We hope they enjoy the experience as much as we did.

On Tuesday our Year 11 students will receive their exam results from their recent mock exams. We try to replicate the experience they will have in the summer so that they can understand and familiarise themselves with the process. We also know that strong feedback from mock exams will help the students to target their revision and enable them to do even better in the real exams. So, I hope the students find the experience useful even if it is a little nerve-wracking.

The last day of term will be on Thursday 21 December. As always, this will be an early closure for students. There will be awards assemblies in the morning and 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!

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.

And finally, this will be the final ebulletin of 2023, next week parents will receive my end of term letter instead. Thank you, as always for taking the time to read the ebulletin and for all the support you offer the school.

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

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- 19/12 Y10 & 11 Rpt Emailed Home
- 19/12 Y11 Trial Exam Res Day
- 21/12– End of Term dismissal from 12.00pm
- 8/1 Lessons start 9.20am
- 8/1 BTEC Exams Start
- 9/1 Y8 Safety First Workshop
- 11/1 Y7 Health Workshop (8.50-11.40am)
- 12/1 GCSE Results Published

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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.



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









HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Christmas Concert

Thanks so much to all the performers, Ms Neville and the Music Department as well as the amazing facilities team for a wonderful, memorable evening!

And a huge thanks to volunteers who helped with refreshments and logistics

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.

<u>Everyone Welcome - it is best the items get used, rather than sit in a store or be thrown</u> away!

Any donations of uniform too small for your child would also be appreciated! These can be dropped at the collection point at the entrance to Albury

PTA Meeting 16.01.24

Everyone is welcome! Join us, find out how you can get involved and have fun whilst helping with events and raising funds for the school!

Join us at the Waggon and Horses, 7:30pm, in the room off the back bar area, on the left hand side, before you get the steps to the higher level - ask bar staff to direct you.

[We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month]

Easy Fundraising

Please support The Hollyfield School PTA - Surbiton on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping.

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 7 with a total of 91.96%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7MFA= 97.1% 8NMA= 95.48% 9HRO = 92.88% 10EBE= 91.22% 11BRO = 91.84%

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	384	423	331
Year 8	393	440	269
Year 9	388	300	272
Year 10	223	135	216
Year 11	51	178	77
Total	1439	1476	1165

NEXT WEEK

Monday 18 December	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
-	Year 11 VPA Drop Down – Art (H7 P1-6)
	Year 11 VPA Drop Down – Music (M1 P1-4)
	Year 11 Drop Down – Drama (P3-4)
Tuesday 19 December	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 10 & 11 Report Emailed Home
	Year 11 Trial Exam Results Day
	Year 11 Textiles and 3D coursework Day
	D of E Information Evening (6.00pm)
Wednesday 20 December	Year 11 VPA Drop down – Music Tech (P1-6)
	Year 11 Drop Down – Drama (P6)
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 21 December	Year 7 Awards Assembly – (P1 Exam Centre)
	Yea 8 Awards Assembly - (P2 Exam Centre)
	Year 9 Awards Assembly - (P3 Exam Centre)
	Year 10 Awards Assembly - (P1 Dining Hall)
	Year 11 Awards Assembly - (P3 Dining Hall)
	End of Term – Dismissal from 12.00pm

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Friday 22 December	Christmas Holiday	SCHOO
Monday 8 January	Term starts – 9.20am Registration	
	BTEC Exams Start	
Tuesday 9 January	Year 10 Assembly (Dining Hall)	
	Year 8 Safety First Workshop	
Wednesday 10 January	Year 8 Assembly (Dining Hall)	
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)	
Thursday 11 January	Year 9 Assembly (Dining Hall)	
	Year 7 Health Workshop (8.50-11.40am)	
Friday 12 January	Year 10 Assembly (Dining Hall)	
	November Exam Results published	

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 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
- 10 January Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)
- 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 1015 Year 8 1265 Year 9 887 Year 10 579 Year 11 320

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

7MFA 202 **8NMA** 294 **9LCA** 188 **10RHA** 94 **11DMI** 131

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Mirisage F/Esme R Year 9 Bethany B Year 11 Akshay S

Year 8 Elliot TC Year 10 Toby W

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 15 December 2023 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

Reflecting on the Autumn Term

It has been a busy term at Hollyfield for Careers. In October students in Key stage 4 and the Sixth Form had the opportunity to attend the *annual Futures Careers Fair* and a chance to meet a wide range of employers, colleges and universities.









After half term there were two days of Jack Petchey public speaking workshops for Year 10 students and at the end of November and early December Year 7 visited *Kingston* University.

We have also had a series of talks and visits from *Kingston College and NESCOT* to talk to our Year 11 and Year 10 students about the wide range of different colleges and the offer of different vocational and academic courses available.

Thanks to Ms Neville for organising the music theatre workshop. It was great to see one of our Alumni Billy Cullum running music theatre workshops with our Year 8s and 9s. Billy has starred in West End productions of 'Little Shop of Horrors', 'Matilda the Musical', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Jesus Christ Superstar.'

It was also a real treat to have *Christian Manz from Framestore* talking to Year 12 about VFX work on a number of Hollywood films and television programmes.

Year 11 - CV writing

Year 11s are being asked to make sure they have an up to date CV and are encouraged to complete this in their tutor time and have been sent resources via google classroom. Students in Year 10 and 11 have registered on Unifrog and should be able to log on both in school and at home. On Unifrog there is a CV writing tool which is easy to use and helps to create a professional looking CV: Unifrog and there are also some good resources on Barclays Life Skills. Online CV builder - create a CV for free | Barclays LifeSkills Year 10 will have the opportunity to write their CV later in the year.

Year 11 Assembly Guest Speaker Stephanie Taylor from Hawk Training Monday 11 December



Hawk Training

Year 11 heard from Stephanie from Hawk Training. Stephanie had originally worked for the Metropolitan Police in the Special Branch but after leaving the police she joined Hawk Training and is now the Welfare Safeguarding and Inclusion manager. She talked about the wide range of apprenticeship opportunities available to school leavers at 16 through to people looking to retrain or looking for a new career. The vast majority of Year 11 students will either stay on at school or go to college and only a few students will do an apprenticeship at 16. However, apprenticeships are open to students at all stages after

Sixth Form and University as there are a whole range of different levels in 600 different jobs.

Stephanie gave some practical advice to all Year 11s whatever future routes they are considering:



- 1. Create your CV and keep it up-to-date.
- 2. If you do not have a bank account, ask for support to open one from your parent(s) or guardian. You need your own bank account once you get a job.
- 3. Please keep your national insurance number safe this will be a letter from the HMRC. You will need to share this information with your employer throughout your working life.



The weekly opportunities bulletin includes:

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

See this week's edition for our sixth formers and parents/carers to access: 15 December 2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities

Parents/carers resources - How can you help your child with their future choices?



Taking Futures is a great place to start - <u>Careers</u>
<u>support from schools and colleges - Talking</u>
<u>Futures</u>

It is important that students think about their future careers and use LMI - Labour Market Information. This can tell them which jobs are increasing/decreasing in demand and the skills they will need for the future. Students and parents/carers can use the START website which has London LMI.

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.



Mental Health Resource sites

- Mind in Kingston: run daily activities on zoom.
 Email RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk 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 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: <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.











CoderDojo

The global community of coding clubs for young people aged 7 to 17



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

Monthly sessions one Saturday afternoon during school term



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.

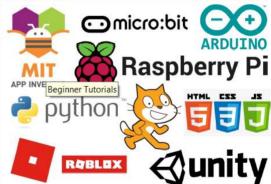
Create your own video games, animations, apps, web pages and lots more! All you need to bring is a laptop and parent or carer. Each Dojo is an independent

"To give children everywhere the opportunity to learn about technology for

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.

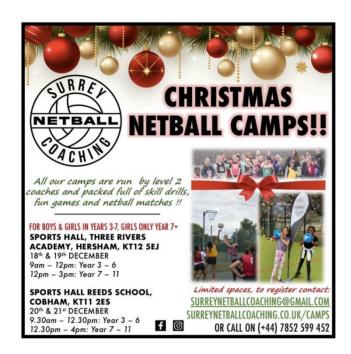
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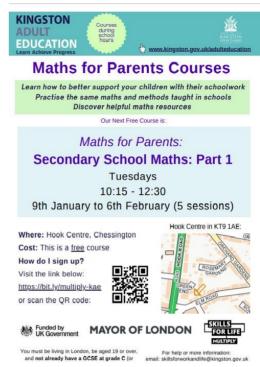
- Collaboration Confidence Problem solving Logical thinking
- Mentoring Presentation Leadership











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 surreynetballcoaching@gmail.com or contact Ana on 07852 599452 prior to the netball camp starting.