



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

The ebulletin today will be shorter, containing only the key messages for parents.

We have all had some time to begin to digest the news of Harry's death. Many students have felt this loss very deeply, other students have shown the value of respect and supported their friends and peers in managing their feelings of loss. I would like to publicly thank all of the parents, staff and students for all they have done to support each other. As you will know, we have set up an email address for people to send their messages to Harry's family. We have already received a huge response and the email address will remain open for the next month so we can continue to receive messages. At the end of this time, we will collate these, make a book of condolences and pass this to Harry's parents. I have included the email address for your reference: messagesforharry@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

Harry's family have begun to organise his funeral, which will be a celebration of his life. They have asked me to share the details with the community. It will take place on Thursday 8 February. There will be a church service followed by the reception, which I am very honoured to say, will be held here at Hollyfield. Full details of the service can be found here: <https://harrywoodroffe.muchloved.com/> Harry's family would like to extend an invitation to his funeral to all who were close to Harry. I anticipate that most of these students will be in Y8, but I am sure there will be a number of students in other years who knew him through scouts, cricket or other connections who will want to attend the funeral. If you would like to take your child along to the church service then please email our attendance manager, Mrs Harvey: dharvey@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk and we will authorise the absence for any and all who attend. You will note that Jacqui and Dave, Harry's parents, have asked for RSVPs to the invitation so they can gauge numbers. If you request time off to attend then we will send them a list of names so that they can use this as a guide for their numbers; there is no need for a separate RSVP to the family. If you have already replied to them then please do not worry, you do still need to let us for registration purposes. The reception event, being held here at Hollyfield is open to all who have attended the service and all other students in Y8 and their parents. If there are students in other year groups who knew Harry well but are not attending the service, they are also welcome at the celebration event.

In order to allow time for the reception to be set up and for the celebrations to commence, I will be closing the school at 14:00 for all staff and students. Students will finish period 5 slightly early at 13:50, there will be a 10 minute afternoon registration and students will be dismissed from there. Sixth form parents' evening was scheduled for that day; Mr Warren has written to all parents of students in Y12 and Y13 to explain that this has been moved to Thursday 22 February. It will be in person, in the same format as originally planned, just on a different day.

The family have requested that those attending the service and reception wear clothing that is their favourite colour. We will hold a non-uniform day with that theme on the day of the celebration (Thursday 8 February). All students and staff will be asked to make a donation of £1 and all proceeds will go to the charities identified by Harry's family which are: 'Shooting Stars children's hospices', 'Momentum', 'Taylor-made dreams' and 'The Dylan Strong Foundation'.

And finally, I know that reading this will make many of you pause, think again of Harry and his family and reflect on his loss. Grief can feel like a rollercoaster or waves of emotion hitting you at different times. As I have said before, I know many in the community will be facing their own battles. I have included the websites we have suggested previously where support is available:

- Winston's Wish is a bereavement charity that provides support to children, young people and their families - <https://www.winstonswish.org/>
- CRUSE provides support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies - <https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/for-schools>
- Child Bereavement UK provides support when a child/young person dies - <https://childbereavementuk.org/>

Kind regards.

Amy Jackson, Headteacher

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



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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- 30/1, 1 & 6/2 – Y11 Geography London Docklands field trip
- 30/1-Orchestral and Choral Workshops (Hampton School)
- 31/1–Y13 UCAS Deadline
- 31/1–Y9, 10 & 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
- 1-2/2 – Y10 Contraception & STI Sessions (8.50-11.40am)

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NEXT WEEK

Monday 29 January	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly- Common Room
Tuesday 30 January	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 12 – Common Room Year 11 Geography Docklands Trip ISSP Orchestral and Choral Workshops
Wednesday 31 January	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 9-11 Intermediate Maths Challenge Year 13 UCAS Deadline Year 11 English Mock Paper 2 (1.10pm-3.05pm) Year 8-9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 1 February	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 11 Geography Docklands Trip Year 10 Contraception & STI Workshop
Friday 2 February	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 10 Contraception & STI Workshop Year 10 & 11 Borough Netball

FORTHCOMING DATES

30 January, 1 & 6 February – Year 11 Geography London Docklands field trip

30 January - Orchestral and Choral Workshops (Hampton School)

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)

22 February – Year 12 Politics Trip (9.00am-2.30pm)