



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 are all well. We have had another busy week in school and an even busier one ahead of us next week.

I would like to begin by reminding everyone of the plans for Harry's funeral on Thursday. All staff and students are welcome to join in our non-uniform day where we will wear our favourite colour in celebration of Harry; each person will be asked to donate £1 which will be split between the charities selected by Harry's family. We will also be closing the school early on that day at 14:00 to allow time for the celebration to be set up.

Last week all of our Year 11 students had their sixth form interviews with a member of the sixth form team. These were extremely well attended and have helped students understand the vast array of options available to them at post-16. Also last week our Year 11 students hosted a disco for students in Year 7. This was a roaring success and a special mention goes to Mr Winpenny who was a DJ for the event. All of the money raised will go towards the Year 11 prom.

Our wonderful PTA are holding a quiz night on 23 February and tickets are now on sale, come and join us for a fun evening – <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/>.

And finally, next week is the final week before our half term break. On Friday, three ski trips depart; one for Canada, one for Austria and one for Italy. We are looking forward to spending the week on the snow and giving the students the opportunity to learn or master different snow sports.

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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- 5/2 – Y12 Report Emailed Home
- 6/2 – Y11 Geography London Docklands field trip
- 7/2 – Year 13 Retake Trial Exams
- 8/2 – Early Closure – 2 pm & non-uniform day
- 9-17/2 – Y8-13 Ski Trips
- 12-19/2 – Half Term (19/2 – Inset day)
- 20/2 – Y7 Borough Netball (All Day)

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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 [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.

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....



Safeguarding Report

We are delighted to share with you a piece of work that a group of our Hollyfield students have produced in conjunction with the local authority. Each year the local authority's Safeguarding Team produces a report for our young people that is shared among primary and secondary schools, the report highlights key work happening in the borough as well as reinforcing key messages on how our young people can keep themselves safe. This year a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students were asked to be the creative directors behind the report, designing the layout, selecting images and photography and producing the finished piece. Take a look at what they have done [here](#), we are very proud of them all.



HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

Quiz Night: 23 February 2023 Save the Date!

Look out for a Parentmail with booking information!

Breaking News: Save the Date! Hollyfest 2024: 13 July

The much loved social and music event for Surbiton will take place again this year! More communications will follow soon.

We will need the entire school community: to join us, to have fun and any bit of time you can share to help, lightens the work for all - and it will be fun to be part of it all.



PTA Meeting 19.02.24

We will start the planning for HOLLYFEST 2024!!! Please join us! 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.

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>

Pre-loved Uniform Store

Next session: date TBC (after Easter Holiday)

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

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



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 95.11%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 98.71%
 8NMA= 96.77%
 9HBL= 93.45%
 10EWE= 97.28%
 11JTU= 94.31%

Well done to all these students, keep up the excellent work.

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	7537	7477	8357
Year 8	6703	6773	6588
Year 9	6093	6086	5661
Year 10	4931	3549	3730
Year 11	1410	3561	1669
Total	26674	27446	26005

NEXT WEEK

Monday 5 February	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 13 Assembly- Common Room
Tuesday 6 February	KS3 Osprey House Assembly – Dining Hall KS3 Falcon House Assembly - Gym KS3 Eagle House Assembly – Exam Centre Year 12 – Common Room
Wednesday 7 February	Year 11 Geography Docklands Trip KS4 Osprey House Assembly – Dining Hall KS4 Falcon House Assembly - Gym KS4 Eagle House Assembly – Exam Centre PSHE Drop Down (Pd 1-4) Year 13 Retakes (P5-6) Fulham Celebration Event (Fulham Students) (Craven Cottage) Year 9 Careers Networking Event (Exam Hall) Year 8-9 Reach Out (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 8 February	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall Non-uniform Day (£1.00 donation for charity) Early closure – registration 1.50pm – dismissal 2.00pm
Friday 9 February	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Ski Trips Depart Year 12 reports emailed home

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 5 February – Year 12 Report Emailed Home
 6 February – Year 11 Geography London Docklands field trip
 7 February – Year 13 Retake Trial Exams
 9-17 February – Year 8-13 Ski Trips
- 12-19 February 2023 – Half Term (19/2 – Inset day)
- 20 February – Year 7 Borough Netball (All Day)
 21 February – Year 10 AMSP Maths Feast
 22 February – Year 12 Politics Trip (9.00am-2.30pm)
 22 February – Year 12 & 13 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 22 February - Year 8 & 9 Borough Netball (All Day)
 23 February – PTA Quiz Night
 26 February – 1 March – Year 12 Resit Trial Exams
 27 February – Year 11 & 12 Maths Fest Trip
 28-29 February – Year 8 St John Ambulance Young Responders Course
 4 March – Year 7, 8 & 9 Report Emailed Home
 4 March – Year 10 Medicine workshop
 7 March – Year 7 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 8 March – Year 10 DofE Training Day
 11 March - Commonwealth Service Trip (Westminster Abbey) (12pm)
 12 March – Year 12 Report Emailed Home
 13 March – Year 13 Report emailed to parents
 14 March – BTEC Year 13 Level 3 Results published
 21 March – Year 8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
 25 March-19 April – Final Trial Exams
 25 March – Year 10 Reports emailed to parents
 28 March - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm
- 29 March – 12 April 2024 – Easter Holidays
- 15 April – Lessons start 9.20am
 18 April – GCSE Textiles & 3D Exam
 19-21 April – Netball Tour
 22 April – Public exams begin
 22 April – Year 11 Report emailed to parents
 22-26 April – Year 12 Trial Exams
 24 April – Year 11 Passport Assembly
 25 April – Year 7 & 8 Junior Maths challenge
 25-26 April – GCSE Art Exam
 30 April – 2 May – A Level Art Exam

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 1428 Year 8 743 Year 9 823 Year 10 266 Year 11 156

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

7MFA 292 8RHU 168 9HRO 172 10KE 73 11NLU 37

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Iskren S

Year 9 Lexie D

Year 11 Marley D

Year 8 Jeremi J

Year 10 Vincent T

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In the Year 7 English curriculum, we are currently studying 'How to be a lawyer' and this involves working on crafting ideas, developing arguments and presenting them in class.



We have looked at different case studies and how to create our own arguments, even recreating a courtroom and debating each other.

One student, after we studied the case of O.J. Simpson proceeded to create something really quite special. She has made a lego reenactment of the court scene.

The effort and detail displayed here was fantastic. We are very proud of her and delighted at what a fantastic piece of work she has brought in to show everyone.

Well done, Betty!

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 2 February 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)

National Apprenticeship week

It's **National Apprenticeship week 5 - 11 February** and there are a number of events being organised across the borough as well as virtually that students and parents can access. Students in Year 11 and Year 13 may find these events particularly useful in main future choices.

If you want to find out more about apprentices there are a number of useful sites or students can speak to Mr Poole or Miss Corrighan.

- [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)
- [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- [RateMyApprenticeship](#)
- [Apprenticeships Unlocked Trailer | Springpod & Skills for Life](#)

Way2Work Apprenticeships

Students and parents are invited to attend Way2Work's apprenticeship open day which will be taking place at the Twickenham Training Centre on **Thursday 8 and Friday 9 February 2024** during National Apprenticeship Week. The event is a chance for those considering apprenticeships as a pathway to find out about the apprenticeships. Whilst the school is not organising a visit during the day there is an evening session on **8 February** between 5.30-7.30 at their Twickenham Training Centre at 53 Grimwood Road, TW1 IBY. To book visit: [Way2work Open Evening](#)



Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair 2024

Join our virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships. Explore the latest apprenticeship opportunities, attend live sessions with top employers including BBC, British Army, KPMG, Lloyds Banking Group and Unilever, and network one-on-one to get top tips on how to find and apply for your dream

apprenticeship.

Wednesday 7 February @ 16:30 2 hrs 30 mins - [Share](#)

(sign in to your Unifrog account using your HF email address and go to the webinars tool)

Year 11 applications for Sixth form and College

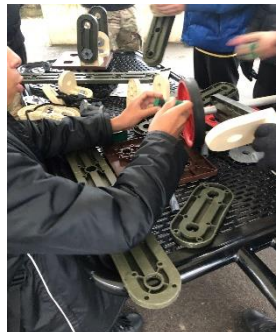
The Sixth Form team has been interviewing all Year 11 students about opportunities in our Sixth Form next year. The normal entry requirement is 5 GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English and Maths. For those students not considering staying on at Hollyfield there are a number of colleges offering technical and vocational qualifications. If students have not yet applied to any of these colleges it is now urgent that they make an application. Mr Poole and Miss Corrighan are still doing careers interviews and when necessary helping students complete their applications. Local colleges:

- [Kingston College](#)
- [NESCOT](#)
- [Richmond upon Thames College](#)

Year 9 - On Wednesday 7 February between **8.30am-12.30pm**, as a part of the programme of preparation for Key Stage 4 Options, Year 9 will be taking part in a PDW/Careers morning. They will be given the opportunity to explore their ideas about the importance of their subject choices. As a part of a carousel of activities not only will students be doing careers lessons but they will also have the opportunity to take part in a careers networking event where they will meet a variety of employers and employees from different business sectors.



Congratulations to Year 10, who successfully completed a Careers day last week, in which the army visited the school and did a combination of different hands-on practical tasks and also delivered a presentation on the role of the army.



Teachers also delivered a carousel of careers lessons. It was a wet and windy day, but Year 10 were amazingly resilient and were able to demonstrate a number of technical skills in building a number of movable and vehicular objects as well as competing in team building and initiative exercises.

In this photo a Year 10 demonstrates their technical skills and dexterity during the Army STEM day.



We want to highlight the **weekly opportunities bulletin** includes:

- Work experience
- Careers events and talks
- University taster days and open events
- Apprenticeships

Universities and employers like to see students who have taken part in a range of activities so all of these opportunities can really help you think about your future career as well as build a great CV!

See this week's edition for our students and parents/carers to access: [1 February 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

GETTING TO KNOW THE.....

Modern Foreign Languages

Name: Ms Opie

Where you studied: University of Bath, University College London

Hobbies: Running, swimming, painting and drawing

Fun fact: I once interpreted for the Honduran police on the border between Honduras and Nicaragua to intercept an illegal vehicle.

Name: Miss Belben

Where you studied: Paris Sorbonne University, University of Lille and University College of London (UCL)

Hobbies: Music, travels and culture

Fun fact: I have been to 57 concerts across 5 countries.

Name: Mrs Belmonte

Where you studied: University of Granada, Copenhagen and Canterbury

Hobbies: Reading, travelling, architecture and art.

Fun fact: Once I hiked 400 km in 10 days, across two countries carrying only a backpack.

Name: Miss Fauriel

Where you studied: University of Lille and University College London

Hobbies: cooking, travelling, music, reading

Fun fact: the first time I went to Spain 3 years ago the only word I knew was Hola. Now I am fluent!

Name: Ms Vicenzi

Where you studied: University of Lille and University of Roehampton

Hobbies: climbing, embroidery, playing the piano

Fun fact: I'm French but I break the stereotype because I hate cheese and wine!!

Geography Department:**Ben Jones - Head of Geography**

I've been teaching Geography for 8 years and joined Hollyfield in September 2022. I teach all key stages and enjoy my lessons. In my spare time I like to read and watch geography related content with Michael Palin travel documentaries being an absolute highlight. I'm also an avid cricket and rugby supporter and like to keep fit. My favourite country is Wales.

Rob Hall - Teacher of Geography

I joined Hollyfield as a Geography teacher in September 2023 having previously taught in schools in Manchester. My favourite part of Geography is being able to develop our students' knowledge of the world they see around them. I have an interest in Geopolitics, my favourite Geographic author is Tim Marshall, author of Prisoners of Geography. In my spare time I am a keen runner and my top 3 favourite countries I have been lucky enough to visit are New Zealand, Argentina and Colombia.

Dan Keefe - Teacher of Geography

I started teaching at Hollyfield in 2023 teaching key stages 3,4 and 5. In my spare time I play guitar and have also taught it in schools and performed extensively. I have an avid interest in travel and the natural world, and when travelling I try to combine the two. My favourite countries that I have visited so far are Myanmar, Guatemala, and Bolivia.

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](#)

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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-psychological-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: 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.
- 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.
- 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: 0808 2000 247/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.



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 13th & 15th FEBRUARY SURREYNETBALLCOACHING@GMAIL.COM
 9.30am – 12.30 pm: Year 3 – 6 SURREYNETBALLCOACHING.CO.UK/CAMPS
 13.00pm – 4.00pm: Year 7 – 11 OR CALL ON (+44) 7852 599 452



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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:
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<https://www.enhanceable.org/services/after-school/>