



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 and looking forward to the half term break. Yesterday we had the privilege of hosting a celebration of Harry's life. It was a wonderful and fitting tribute to a remarkable young man. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who supported the occasion and who came along. We hosted well over 250 people and community spirit and sense of togetherness is something that will stay with all of us. The last few weeks have been tough for the community, but I am very proud of all everyone has done. Those closest to Harry have shown such bravery at this time, other members of the community have supported by collecting jam jars, offering their condolences and helping with the event yesterday. Hollyfield community, you are wonderful and I am very lucky to hold the role I do. Parents will remember that we opened an email address for messages of condolence to be passed to Harry's family. We will close this at the end of half term so that we can collate the messages. So, if you are yet to send a message, but would still like to then the email address is as follows: messagesforharry@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

I will keep the rest of the bulletin brief, with only key messages. Please remember that Year 11 return to school on Monday 19 February but only for their English mock exam. They should arrive at school at 1300 for this. Everyone else returns on Tuesday 20 February. Our rescheduled sixth form parents' evening is due to take place on Thursday 22 February, this will be a face to face event and parents should book appointments as normal on school cloud.

And finally, our wonderful PTA are hosting a quiz on Friday 23 February, please remember to book your tickets, as always it will be a great evening.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break.

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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- 12-19/2 – Half Term (19/2 – Inset day/Y11 English Exam)
- 20/2 – Y7 Borough Netball (All Day)
- 21/2 – Y10 AMSP Maths Feast
- 22/2 – Y12 Politics Trip (9.00am-2.30pm)
- 22/2–Y12 & 13 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
- 22/2 - Y8 & 9 Borough Netball (All Day)
- 23/2 – PTA Quiz Night

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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

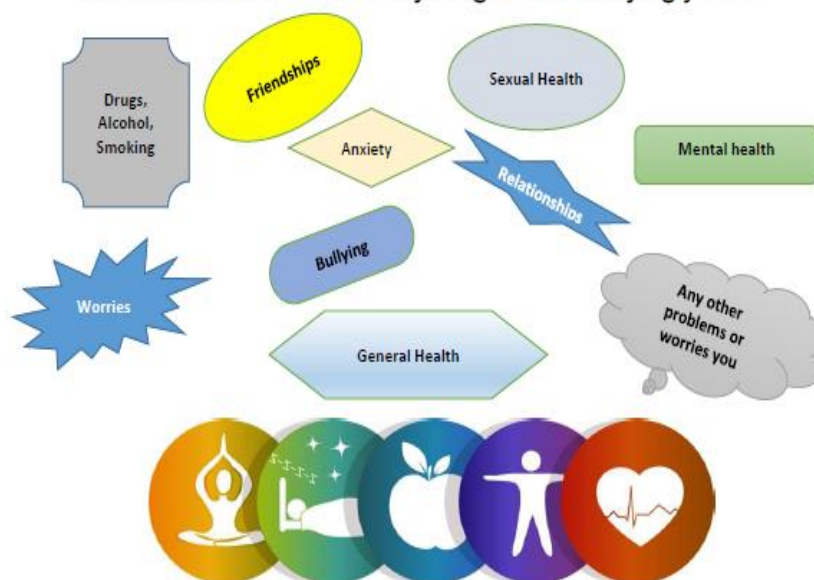
Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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....





HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS



Quiz Night: 23 February 2023

We are inviting all the adults that form part of our school community to join us for a quiz night.

Doors open at 7pm, Dinner at 7:15pm, Quiz starts at 7:30pm. £11 per person, including dinner [Veg option available]

Over 18's only, Teams of up to 8

Booking via: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/>

PTA Meeting: 19.02.24

We will start the planning for HOLLYFEST 2024 and would love to have as many as possible from our school community involved!!! 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.

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 every bit of time you can share to help, lightens the work for all.

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>



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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



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THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 8 with a total of 94.04%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 96.77%
 8NMA= 96.77%
 9HBL= 95.17%
 10EWE= 96.67%
 11WGO= 93.55%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	7958	7937	8614
Year 8	7032	7029	6902
Year 9	6352	6400	5938
Year 10	5083	3748	3825
Year 11	1446	3614	1757
Total	27871	28728	27036

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19 February	Inset Day
	Year 11 English Literature Mock Exam Paper 1 (1.00pm)
Tuesday 20 February	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year Assembly (Boys) – Exam centre
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7 Borough Netball
Wednesday 21 February	Year 11 Assembly (Girls) – Exam Centre
	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 10 AMSP Maths Feast
	Year 10 BFI Southbank
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (Exam Centre) – 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 22 February	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7 Assembly (Boys) – Exam Centre
	Year 8 & 9 Borough Netball
	Year 12 Foreign and Commonwealth Office trip (9.00am-2.30pm)
	Sixth Form Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm) (Dining Hall)
Friday 23 February	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 7 Assembly (Girls) – Exam Centre
	Year 11 Poetry Live Trip (Dominion Theatre)
	Year 8 & 9 Fulham Football Trip (Craven Cottage) (1.00-5.00pm) (Selected Students)
	PTA Quiz Night (7pm)

FORTHCOMING DATES

12-19 February 2023 – Half Term (19/2 – Inset day/Y11 English Exam)

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
5 March – Year 12 UK University & Apprenticeship Fair
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 7 684 **Year 8** 736 **Year 9** 828 **Year 10** 410 **Year 11** 196

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

7MFA 187 **8FKE** 183 **9HBL** 196 **10KEM** 131 **11NLU** 49

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Raphael B/Grace H **Year 9** Alfie P **Year 11** Marley D
Year 8 Poppy H **Year 10** Mustapha HL

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 8 February 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Year 9 Well done to Year 9 students as last Wednesday they took part in a Careers morning. All students were given the opportunity to explore their ideas about the importance of their subject choices at Key stage 4.

As a part of a carousel of activities all students took part in a career networking event where they met a variety of people from different business sectors. This is an important part of the careers provision when students are able to have at least one meaningful employer encounter every year.



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](#) Next open event 13 March
- [NESCOT](#) Open evening February 21
- [Richmond upon Thames College](#) Open event 6 March

Apprenticeships

5-11 February was National Apprenticeships week. For those students thinking about apprenticeships next year, now is the time to start becoming aware of what kind of apprenticeships you could do in the future.

Research all the types of apprenticeships [The Apprenticeship Guide](#) and there are several good links worth looking at including [Unifrog](#) which has a very good apprenticeship search tool and for all apprenticeships vacancies visit: [National Apprenticeship Service](#)



Finally, the new edition of the **Higher & Degree vacancy listing** has now launched! Explore **1,400** Higher and Degree **apprenticeship vacancies** from **70+ employers**, including British Army, Amazon, Tui, Metropolitan Police, PwC, Transport for London and many more! Click to explore this:

[Higher-and-Degree-Vacancy-Listing-for-2024-PowerPo.pdf](#)



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: [8 February 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)



A spotlight on the Kingston Labour Market

Some of the big employers in the Kingston borough:

- **Unilever** makes Dove, Magnum, Ben & Jerry's and many consumer brands. In a £250 million deal they will relocate offices from Surrey to Kingston and bring 2,000 jobs to the town centre.
- **Kingston Hospital** has over 2,750 jobs and over 350 different career paths.
- Can you name any of the train and bus stations in Kingston-upon-Thames? Did you know these form part of the **Transport for London (TFL)** network that carries 1.4 billion tube passengers and 2.3 billion bus passengers every year? 28,000 people are employed in a wide range of roles to maintain and operate this network.
- Over 1,161 people work for **Kingston-upon-Thames Council**. The work done by the council touches many parts of your life, not just fixing potholes and emptying bins. Local government employ people in a range of areas such as education, care, social work, construction and the Arts, so it's important to research this diversity when searching for career opportunities. There are also support and administrative roles such as finance, IT and human resources.
- With over 140 attractions around the world, **Merlin** is the 2nd largest entertainment and attractions operator. Resort Theme Parks are based in the UK and Europe. But closer to Kingston, Merlin operates the London Eye and Madame Tussauds. They have huge offices in Kingston-upon-Thames where many of the support roles exist such as marketing, finance, IT, legal, HR and operations.

- There are around 7,690 people who work in the **education sector** in Kingston-upon-Thames across a number of schools, colleges and universities – including where you are now. Whilst many staff are teachers there are also a wide range of support roles.

For the full picture of Kingston and London as a whole please see this brilliant website: [Kingston borough labour market](#) and students can use [Unifrog](#) and the [National Careers Service](#) to research into a range of job profiles.

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-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](tel:08001111).
- 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](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel: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](tel:08082000247)/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

9.30am – 12.30 pm: Year 3 – 6

13.00pm – 4.00pm: Year 7 – 11

Limited spaces, to register contact:

SURREYNETBALLCOACHING@GMAIL.COM

SURREYNETBALLCOACHING.CO.UK/CAMPS

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 **RIBBONS: MONDAYS**

 **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/>