



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:

Dear Hollyfield Community

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break. Many staff and students went skiing over the holiday. We sent a group of Year 8 and Year 9 students to Austria with Mr Miller, Mr Buckman, Mr Owen, Ms Jenkins, Ms Wellstead and Ms Roberts, a group of Year 10 and Year 11 students came to Italy with myself, Mrs McGeoch, Ms Patel, Mr Vafidis, Mr Mirhashem and Mr Newberry and a group of students from Year 10 - Year13 went to Canada with Mr Winpenny, Mr Esmond, Mr Hopkins, Ms Janse and Ms Emerton. We all had a wonderful time and the students made lasting memories. I know a number of parents have already made enquiries about future ski trips; we will look at this over the coming weeks and be in touch with parents once we have more information.

Next week our Year 8 students will be having sessions on first aid and the role of the first responder. Students in other year groups have found these sessions to be really informative and good fun, we trust Year 8 will think exactly the same. Please can I remind all parents of students in Year 7 that parents' evening is on Thursday 7 March. Our parents' evenings are in person events, appointments can be made via schoolcloud, please follow this link: https://thehollyfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/, full details can be found in the parentmail sent on 22 February. Bookings for all teachers open on Monday morning at 0900. We strongly encourage students to attend with parents so that we can have a conversation together about their progress and how best to support them moving forward.

And finally, tonight is our annual PTA quiz night for parents and other members of the community. It promises to be an excellent evening with great food and fantastic entertainment; I hope to see many of you there.

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

Half Term 12-19 February (see above) Easter Holiday

8 January – 28 March

(Inset Day – 19 Feb)

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

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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

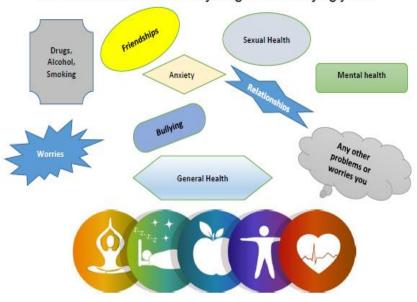
Mrs McGeoch: smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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

PTA Meeting 18.03.24

We have now started the planning for Hollyfest 2024!

All are welcome! We have coordinators for key tasks and would love more volunteers to support the coordinators.... Many hands means more fun... and light work :-)

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 Hollyfield, Exam building, 7:30pm,

Entering from the top gate off Lamberts Road.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

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

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 7 with a total of 95.12%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 100% 8NMA/DKE= 96.77% 9HRO= 98.33% 10EWE/MLE = 98.33% 11JYU= 95.7%

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

HOUSE POINTS







		70	
	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	8135	8274	8880
Year 8	7265	7213	7050
Year 9	6423	6775	6136
Year 10	5256	3946	3950
Year 11	1466	3657	1798
Total	28515	29865	27814

NEXT WEEK

Monday 26 February	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 11 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 12 Retakes – all week
Tuesday 27 February	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 11 & 12 Maths Fest Trip
Wednesday 28 February	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 8 St John Ambulance Young Responders Course
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (Exam Centre) – 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 29 February	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
-	Year 8 St John Ambulance Young Responders Course
Friday 1 March	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

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 Yea 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 7 428 Year 8 356 Year 9 565 Year 10 375 Year 11 63

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

7CNE 115 **8NMA** 83 **9MCO** 144 **10KEM** 89 **11DMI** 15



The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Emma N/Areeb S Year 9 Alfie P/Marcus GT Year 11 Oliver AC/Edward D/
Zoe G/Olivia W/Scott W

Year 8 Poppy H/Harley BB/ Year 10 Josue DAF Jayden G

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Joy H (year 11), represented Hollyfield School in the British Shooting Schools Rifle Championships in Staffordshire on 7 February 2024 and achieved 6th place with an impressive score. Initially ranked second at the regional round, she secured a spot in the national finals, where she qualified as one of the top 8 finalists. Overall, she placed 6th out of 21 participants at the finals. Joy competed in the Intermediate sporter category. A huge congratulations to Joy on her achievement, you did everyone proud!!





TEACHING & LEARNING

Numeracy Week is coming ...

March 4th-8th

Join us throughout the week for lots of fun maths activities and challenges.

- Monday The Great Pi Hunt Break and Lunch
- Tuesday Maths Craft Lunchtime
- Wednesday Chess Tournament 3:30- 5:30 pm
- Thursday Number Speed Lunchtime
- Friday The Numeracy Bake Off



MathsFeast

On Wednesday 21 February, 7 Year 10 mathematicians took part in the AMSP MathsFeast competition at Raynes Park High School. There were 5 rounds of Maths questions and puzzles, designed to make them think differently about maths and the approaches to problem solving. The two teams (Spike, Gergana, Elena, Bertha, and Musa, Sebastian and Krithik) performed really well against 25 other teams with schools including selective grammar schools from South-West London. They were a real credit to the school with their enthusiasm.





GETTING TO KNOW...

English Department

Ali Mirhashem - Head of English

After working in Law for several years, I decided to go travelling for a period of time. Returning after that experience, a friend suggested I enter teaching to which I scoffed at him at first!

Having attended a get into teaching event, I became a Teaching Assistant at a school in Epsom. After which, my career snowballed from working at a school in Sutton, I have taken a variety of different roles including - Assistant Head of Year, Eco-co-ordinator, Head of Year 10 English, Head of Key Stage 4 and 2 i/c of the English Department.

I started at Hollyfield in September and have loved every minute of it so far. The staff are collegiate and supportive by nature. The students are given wonderful opportunities whether it is within department or extra-curricular to flourish. The support given to everyone is genuine and always in a friendly manner.

I appreciate my friend very much for positing the idea of attending the 'get into teaching' event now as it has given me such wonderful opportunities.

Assistant Headteacher: Josephine Rhodes

I started teaching in September 2006 after dropping off an application at Grey Court serendipitously on my way out with some friends. Before I had even arrived I had received a telephone call inviting me in for an interview the following week! I was so excited! At this time Grey Court was a school that was classed as Required Improvement, but it didn't put me off and I have never looked back.

Over the last 20 (!) years I have continued to work up the career ladder working as an Opening Minds' Coordinator, EAL Lead, 2nd in charge and then a Head of Department at a school in Wimbledon, before I moved to the Head of Faculty role here at Hollyfield. Whilst



teaching English still remains the best part of the job I now get to develop our links and relationships with local primary schools and work closely with the Year 7 pastoral team and developing the Year 6 primary transition process.

Fun Fact - I have shoes, according to my Year 10 English class some of them are 'fun' along with some other choice adjectives - thanks!

2nd in Charge: Vicki Callaghan

My teaching vocation began 16 years ago at Grey Court School where I was mentored by none other than current Head of Faculty Josephine Rhodes! Over the course of my career I have held positions including Key Stage 3 Coordinator, Head of Year 9, Teacher in charge of Intervention and now, 2nd in charge of English. My favourite place to be is in the classroom, engaging with the students and sharing a love of learning.

I have been at Hollyfield School for 7 years and have enjoyed getting to know students from Year 7 all the way up to Year 13. Teaching English at Hollyfield is a privilege and a daily reminder that teaching is the only job I'd want to do!

English Teacher and Head of Year 9: Sophie Jenkins

I have been teaching for 6 years. I am originally from Australia and throughout my life I have lived in three different countries - Australia, the UK and Japan. I attended the University of New South Wales where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Theatre and Film Studies. I later returned to complete my postgraduate degree - A Masters in Secondary Education majoring in English & Drama. I later moved to the UK from Australia to be with my partner and to live out a lifelong dream of living in the UK.

I have been at Hollyfield for 5 years now and I thoroughly enjoy growing my skill set. I have transitioned from supply teacher to English teacher and now I am coming into my second year in my post of Head of Year. Although I love the pastoral side of education, English is still my passion. I love poetry, especially the Romantics. Students find English to be their Marmite subject - some love it and some love to hate it. My goal as their teacher is to make their English lessons something they look forward to in their timetable. For the students to understand that they may not always get it right the first time but as William Blake states 'The true method of knowledge is experiment'. To some extent we must fail in order to learn and progress.

English Teacher and EAL Coordinator: Joy Turner Smith

I taught in Inner London for most of my career before I came to Hollyfield. I have had many interesting roles -particularly in SEN teaching and pastoral care- and have also been a music specialist teacher.

I have three children: my eldest has just started her first teaching job, my middle child is an Economist and my youngest is at University.

I love working in the English team here and I love the students - they amuse me every day :) My form are particularly lovely! I also really love shopping an Interior design when I have time.

English Teacher: Natasha Manchester

I teach English and Drama at Hollyfield, as well as being a form tutor for Year 8 performing arts students. The best thing about Hollyfield is the creativity, determination and ambition of our lovely students. I am proud of what they achieve every day. Additionally, I am lucky to work with dedicated and inspiring colleagues in the English department. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the theatre, museums (the V&A is my favourite) and searching in Waterstones for my next read. I was educated in British international schools and have lived in 6 different countries including Germany, the USA, Egypt (twice!), Hungary and Ireland.



English and Phoenix Provision Teacher: Hannah Chan

Since joining Hollyfield in 2014, I have worked with students as both a teaching assistant and a teacher. My role at Hollyfield now means that I continue to teach students in many different roles, from mainstream English to SEND intervention lessons. Each year the students make me laugh. I am amazed and proud to be a part of our young adults' journey and delight in the progress they make both internally and academically.

SENCO & English teacher: David Dowdle

Many moons ago I started my career as a Teaching Assistant across various Primary and Secondary schools in West London. Over the years I took great pride in helping the students with complex needs achieve and take pride in who they are, leading me to complete my degree and teacher training. I spent five years in West London as an English Teacher, moving on to SEN Manager of English and Whole school Literacy Lead before spending time working as a teacher in a Special School in Wandsworth. Wanting to push myself even further and be there for students outside of my own classroom I applied for the role of SENCO and began my first year at Hollvfield in September 2023.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 23 February 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



National Career Week 4 -9 March

In two weeks time it is National Careers Week. This provides an opportunity across the country for schools to focus on careers. In addition to the importance of studying their different school subjects, careers learning provides an underlying purpose to what students are studying. It is important for pupils to begin to develop an understanding of what they want to do after leaving full time education and develop the careers management skills to help them research and prepare for future challenges. More details to follow next week.

Can you help? If any parents feel they have an interesting careers story to tell there are still a few assembly slots - 8.30-8.50am on Tuesday 5, Thursday 7 and Friday 8 March so please contact Mr Poole ipoole@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk





The weekly careers opportunities bulletin includes:

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

See this week's edition for our students and parents/carers to access:

22 February 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities

Apprenticeships

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 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 Click to explore this: Higher-andDegree-Vacancy-Listing-for-2024



Careers in Focus

Each week we will be highlighting at least one career area to show the range of opportunities out there and some of the key resources. Labour Market Information (LMI) is important in planning your future career. 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



Health Care

Health Care covers a range of jobs and opportunities. As well as the NHS there are lots of jobs related to the medical sector with other employers. For example, private hospitals, dental practices, pharmaceutical companies and private clinics offering treatment in allied health professions such as osteopathy and sports injuries. There are also companies who offer specialist services in other allied health professions. There are scientific jobs related to the

diagnosis of illnesses and injuries. For example, **Radiographers** undertake X- rays and scans, **Scientists** analyse cells and samples under a microscope, and then **Doctors** discuss the results with the patient.





There are over <u>350 different jobs within the NHS</u> - so there really is something for everyone. **Kingston Hospital** has over 2,750 jobs. **Try this guiz to see what jobs in the health sector might suit you.**



Careers in Horse Racing

If you want to work with horses, search for training, apprenticeships or job roles: <u>Careers in Racing</u> are here to help you understand the industry and guide you towards making the right choice. Providers of training: <u>The National Horseracing</u> College & The British Racing School. Employment Facts:

- There are 85,000 Jobs in the UK Racing industry
- With 10,000 Employees involved in the production and training of horses and 400 Jockeys and over 550 Licensed racehorse

trainers

• There are 59 Racecourses across the UK with a variety of jobs & over 5,000 People can work at the racecourse at the most important race meets.

Other jobs include: Marketing & PR, Finance, Hospitality & Events, Business Management, Grounds Maintenance & many more.....









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: 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: <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.









Cricket Club, KT9

2nd to 5th April - 9:30am to 3:30pm

More info & booking: www.footyfun4kids.com/hook



- → Football
- Multi-Sports
- → Dance & Martial Arts

- ✓ Nerf Gun Battles

