



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

Apologies for the lateness of issuing the ebulletin this week. Please see to follow information relevant to this week.

Regards.

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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- 4/3–Y7, 8 & 9 Report Emailed Home
- 4/3– Y10 Medicine workshop
- 5/3–Y12 UK University & Apprenticeship Fair
- 7/3 – Y7 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
- 8/3 – Y10 DofE Training 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

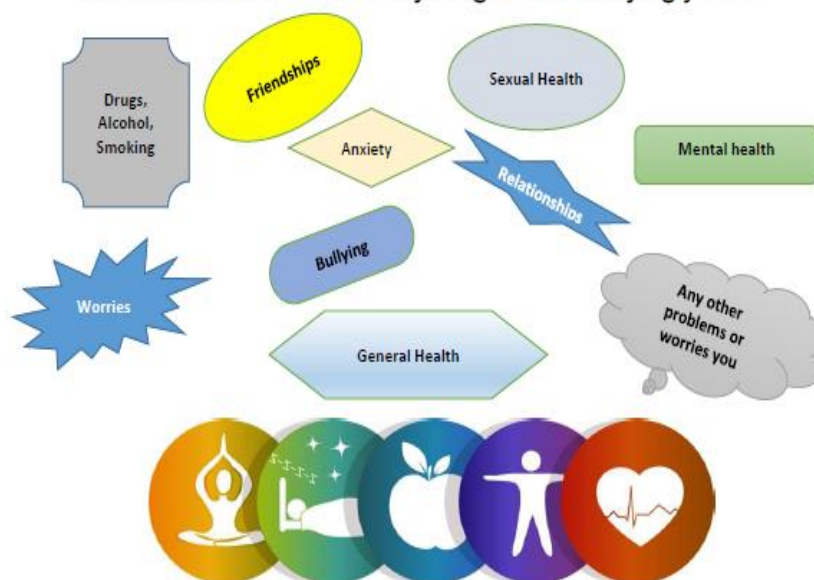
Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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....





HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS

We had a very successful quiz night last Friday! It was a very enjoyable evening, with positive feedback following the event. Many thanks to all who attended and took part, to our fantastic quiz master Amy Jackson and all the volunteers who ensured the event could run. We made a profit of over £700! Profit made on any events is used towards the students at Hollyfield!

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 i

n 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.

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....



@hollyfieldpta



@hollyfield_pta



@TheHollyfieldSchoolPTA



www.hollyfieldpta.org



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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 = 98.75%
 8NMA = 97.74%
 9HRO = 94.41%
 10KEM = 98.79%
 11RLO = 94.48%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	8708	8745	9329
Year 8	7670	7632	7374
Year 9	6690	7060	6412
Year 10	5508	4206	4061
Year 11	1529	3839	1857
Total	30105	31482	29033

NEXT WEEK

Monday 4 March	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	National Careers Week (all week)
	Numeracy Week (all week)
	Year 10 Medicine Workshop (Exam Hall)
	Year 7,8 & 9 reports emailed home
	Substance Advice for Everyone (SAFE) Day (8.30-9.00am)
Tuesday 5 March	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
	GCSE Food NEA Practical Exam
	Chess Tournament (Exam Hall) (3.30pm)
	Year 12 UK University & Apprenticeship Fair Trip
Wednesday 6 March	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	GCSE Food NEA Practical Exam
	Year 8 TESLA Visit – 6 Mar (8.30am-12.30pm)
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out (Exam Centre) – 6.00-8.00pm
Thursday 7 March	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 11 Text In Performance Exam – Technical and Dress Rehearsals
	World Book Day
	Year 7 Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Friday 8 March	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Numeracy Bake Off

	Science Week (9-17 March)
	Year 10 DofE Training Day (Selected Students)
	Year 11 Text In Performance Exam – Visiting Examiner
	Year 13 Reports emailed home

FORTHCOMING DATES

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 1172 **Year 8** 858 **Year 9** 743 **Year 10** 606 **Year 11** 202

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

7SNE 258 **8FKE** 189 **9MCO** 157 **10KEM** 156 **11DMI** 92

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Grace C

Year 9 Lexie D

Year 11 Bobby L

Year 8 Jacob V

Year 10 Frederick DS

STUDENT ACTIVITY



Have you created a piece of amazing artwork at home or at school? If so, why not enter it into the **Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show**! If your work is selected it will go into an exhibition this Summer at the Royal Academy of Art in London. Hollyfield are signed up so all you need to do is take a good photo of your work in natural light - midday is the best time to take your picture. Make sure the photo is not blurry and crop it so all you can see is the art, no table or other objects around. Then get your parent or carer to click the link below and upload your photo along with a few other details. It is really easy. It would be great to have as many entries from Hollyfield as possible!! Students in Year 11, 12 and 13, we may be selecting some of your school work for entry but if you have anything that you have done outside of school please feel free to enter that also. Click this link: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk> Deadline for submissions is 27 March.

World Book Day 7 March 2024

To celebrate World Book Day on 7 March, Key Stage 3 English lessons will be adapted around this year's theme: 'read your way'. Students will enjoy activities such as matching the member to their favourite book, exploring texts from a variety of forms, and creating their own blurbs for a text of their choice.



Outside of lessons, students will have the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime reading of a YA novel in S2 with Mr Mirhashem. After school, we will be holding a World Book Day themed scavenger hunt including clues from a variety of texts- (prizes included). To participate, students should meet under the dome at 3.15pm.

There is a fantastic selection of books available this year, details of which can be found here <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

Obtaining your tokens please use the link provided below.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/digital-tokens/#:~:text=Our%20digital%20%C2%A31%2F%E2%82%AC,15%20February%20%E2%80%93%2031%20March%202024.>

Fulham Social Action

A group of three Year 8 students (Azaria, Hattie and Lola) have reached the Social Action Finals. We will be representing Fulham against the other 44 Premier League Inspires Teams. The finals will take place at Arsenal's Stadium - the Emirates Stadium on April 25th. We are so extremely proud of the girls and wish them all the best!

Reach Out

We are officially half way through the Reach Out Program for the year. The students are creating strong connections with their mentors and attendance in the program is becoming highly competitive. If you have any interest in your child to be in the program next year please check out the website. It is a brilliant opportunity where many students build confidence and expand their friendship circles. This week's round up:

- The mentees did really well in their Character Hour -they played Basketball and reflected on teamwork and Fairness when playing active games!
- 100% attendance two weeks in a row!! Amazing 😊



Well Done Noah

Last Sunday morning, Noah (Year 13) performed his first recital as a soloist at the Royal Albert Hall as part of their Classical Coffee Mornings series. He says it was both a terrifying and exhilarating experience. His performance was of an amazing standard, demonstrating his accomplished level of skill and musicianship on the French horn.

Noah attends Grey Court School and comes to Hollyfield to study A-Level music. He has been offered a place at Oxford to study Music next year along with places at prestigious music conservatoire. He currently attends the Royal College of Music Junior Department on a Saturday and plays with the National Youth Orchestra.

At Easter Noah is once again performing with the National Youth Orchestra at The Royal Festival Hall. They are Britain's leading Youth Orchestra with students coming from all over the country to perform in it. Tickets are free to teens (link below).

<https://tickets.southbankcentre.co.uk/select-area/128940?reauth=1>



GETTING TO KNOW.....

Business & Economics Department

Mr Humm – Head of Business & Economics

I am in my third year of teaching at Hollyfield having previously run a Rugby Academy alongside a teaching role for 15 years in a local FE college. When I am not teaching, you'll likely find me out on the golf course or playing a game of rugby in the winter months. I try to bring that same dedication and enthusiasm into the classroom, where I strive to help the students develop a strong understanding of business principles and practices. Seeing the students grow, develop new skills, and gain knowledge over time is incredibly satisfying. In September 2023 I started a new role as Head of Year 13 which gives me the opportunity to assist the Sixth Formers with their next steps- whatever they may be.

Mr Hammond - Business & Economics Teacher

I have been an economics and business studies teacher for 31 years. Born in the UK, I grew up in Ghana where I attended school up to Key Stage 5. I attended Leicester University where I gained an Hons degree in Economics and Huddersfield University where I achieved a PGCE in Business Studies.

CAREERS



Careers Briefing – 1 March 2024
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



National Careers Week 4 March - 9 March

National Careers Week starts on Monday. This provides an opportunity for the school to focus on Careers. In addition, to the importance of studying 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. The main theme for assemblies next week is careers and future skills. There are going to be several guests from business and industry talking to the students during the week:



TESLA

Wednesday - TESLA are coming in to talk to **Year 8** to do a presentation about innovations and developments in the car industry



Friday - there will be a talk in **Year 10** assembly from a representative from **Volkerfitzpatrick** which is a **construction company** redeveloping the Kingston bus station

This is all part of the overall strategy for careers provision which ensures all students have a series of employer encounters during Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 to gain insight into different career pathways.



Year 12 students are also going to Surrey University on Tuesday 5 March for the University and apprenticeship fair: [University of Surrey 2024 Fair](#). See the letter and students need to register: [2024 - UK Uni & Apprenticeship Fair Letter](#)



The weekly **careers opportunities bulletin** [March 1 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#) includes: Work experience, Careers events and talks, University taster days and open events & Apprenticeships. Check it out each week!

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](#)



Actuary Also called: Actuarial analyst
Actuaries provide their clients with an analysis of the costs and risks of certain financial policies.

An actuary is a business manager who deals with the measurement and management of risk and uncertainty. An actuary uses maths and statistics to estimate financial impact to help minimise the risk. It combines **maths, business and economics**.

The average **salary** of an actuary is £32,000 but those successful in this career can earn upwards of £200,000 a year (salaries are higher in London).

To qualify as an Actuary you normally need to have A levels and go to university and study Maths or related subjects or a related subject, like: actuarial science, economics, physics, engineering, accounting or statistics. Once you have graduated you then have to take further professional training but if you like Maths, Business & Economics this could be the job for you.

Related careers: Investment banker, Accounting technician, Economist, Credit risk analyst or Treasury professional

Some useful websites to explore being an Actuary and ALL your career ideas:

- [Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [iCould](#)
- [Unifrog](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

[Uniform List](#)

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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.



EnhanceAble
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

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

For More Info:
Leanne.Johns@Enhanceable.org
<https://www.enhanceable.org/services/after-school/>



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OR EMAIL: rebecca.middleton@kingston.gov.uk

**Social media post:**

Limited time offer! Quote HOLLY24 at checkout and get 20% off when you book this Easter with Camp Beaumont. With over 50 activities on offer Camp Beaumont can guarantee that this Easter holiday at The Hollyfield School will be truly unforgettable! Offer valid until 18/03/2024, book your place now <https://www.campbeaumont.co.uk>

Newsletter post:

Camp Beaumont is thrilled to be back at The Hollyfield School this Easter for school holiday childcare and activity days, and for a limited time only quote **HOLLY24** at checkout and save 20% on your booking (offer valid until 18/03/2024). As the UK's most established day camps provider, dating back over 40 years, Camp Beaumont host the most magical, inspiring and confidence-building activity days created with different age groups in mind. Working with industry-leaders in programme design, children can expect a huge range of over 50 exhilarating indoor and outdoor activities including Superhero Academy, Soft Play Ninjas, Clay Workshop, Aqua Olympics, Mini Archery and Rockstar Challenge; all tailored by age group and season. There are also chill-out areas available for campers who want some relaxation time. Camp Beaumont gives local children the opportunity to meet new, like-minded friends and have lots of fun together away from screens in a friendly and welcoming environment. With flexible booking options available, childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted, Camp Beaumont is a flexible and affordable school holiday childcare option for busy parents in the local area.