



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 have all had a wonderful week and are looking forward to the weekend. Last night we hosted Year 7 parents' evening; thank you to all of the parents and students who attended. The staff enjoyed meeting the parents and we hope the conversations and insights were useful. It is Year 8 parents' evening on Thursday 21 March. Once again, this will be an in-person event. We strongly encourage all parents and students to come along to the evening and bookings can be made from Monday 11 March at 9.00am via <https://thehollyfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. Also this week our Year 12 students went along to the university fair at the University of Surrey. This was a wonderful day where students had the opportunity to speak to representatives from hundreds of universities and think carefully about the fantastic array of opportunities which lie ahead of them. 98% of our Year 12 students attended; we hope it was useful and helps them make decisions about where they would like to apply when they are in Year 13. Our Year 9 students have been offered vaccinations by Public Health England, we have been asked to remind parents that they need to give consent for these vaccinations by Tuesday 12 March.

Next week sees the start of Ramadan; as always, our prayer room will be open for students observing Ramadan and form tutors will be talking to their tutees about the importance of the month for members of the Muslim community.

Wishing you all a relaxing 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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- 11/3 - Commonwealth Service Trip (Westminster Abbey) (12pm)
- 12/3 – Y12 Report Emailed Home
- 13/3 – Y13 Report emailed Home
- 14/3 – BTEC Y13 Level 3 Results published
- 15/3 – Y9 Vaccinations
- 21/3 – Y8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm

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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

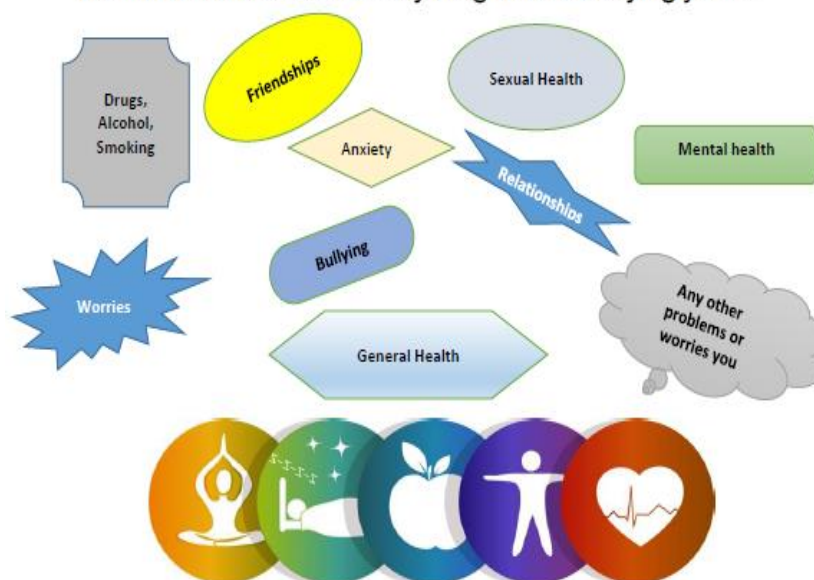
Ms Patel: spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk

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
18.03.2024

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: 20.04.2024 (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

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 93.99%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SCM = 95.31%
 8NMA = 97.1%
 9HBL = 96.92%
 10KEM = 95.76%
 11JTU = 97.15%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	9127	9097	9682
Year 8	8013	7897	7598
Year 9	7045	7442	6641
Year 10	5724	4414	4215
Year 11	1560	3959	1931
Total	31469	32809	30067

NEXT WEEK

Monday 11 March	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Science Week
	Ramadan (to 9 April)
	Year 9 International Woman's Day History Workshop Trip
	Commonwealth Day Service (12pm Westminster Abbey)
Tuesday 12 March	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
Wednesday 13 March	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out - (Exam Centre) (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 14 March	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	BTEC Level 3 results published
	Pi Day Competition (Oak House) (Lunchtime)
Friday 15 March	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 9 DTP & Men ACWY Vaccinations (LRC)

FORTHCOMING DATES

11 March - Commonwealth Service Trip (Westminster Abbey) (12pm)
 12 March – Year 12 Report Emailed Home
 13 March – Year 13 Report emailed Home
 14 March – BTEC Year 13 Level 3 Results published
 15 March – Year 9 Vaccinations

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 7 835 **Year 8** 666 **Year 9** 722 **Year 10** 386 **Year 11** 253

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

7MFA 178 **8FKE** 218 **9CVA** 166 **10RMA** 72 **11DMI** 95

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Kieron L	Year 9 Lexie D	Year 11 Oliver A/Hai C/Willis F/Zoe G/Thomas H/ Brian H/Wojciech K/James L Heidi M/Joseph O/Angeliyah S/Jake T/Felix W/Lucas W/Georgi Z
Year 8 Jaden G	Year 10 Vincent T	

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.

CAREERS

Careers Briefing - 8 March 2024
Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



We celebrated National Careers week with a range of activities with assemblies most days led by Mr Poole. Some of the highlights include:

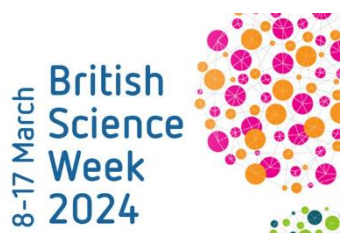
Tesla visited Hollyfield and spoke to Year 8 students on the latest technological advances in the car industry and also allowed them to explore and have fun playing with the cars. This was a part of the Year 8s National Careers Week where students got a chance to meet employees from a different industry. In addition to a talk about TESLA's achievements in the UK, our guest talked about future career opportunities for students in this sector not only, for auto technicians but also business functions such as finance, marketing and customer service.



On Friday Year 10 had a presentation in assembly from **Volker-Fitzpatrick**, a big construction company involved in a state of the art rebuilding of the Kingston Bus station. Two members of the company talked about the work they were doing in Kingston and also career opportunities in the industry both for school leavers but particularly for A Level students' interested in degree apprenticeships. VolkerFitzpatrick offers fully financed degree opportunities for the right students.



On Tuesday Year 12 students went to the **University and apprenticeship fair at Surrey University**. Thanks to Ms Alam and the other Sixth Form staff for organising this event. We hope it gives students an insight into the range of University courses as well as the range of higher and degree apprenticeships students can now access. Check out [unifrog](#) for more information on all the different pathways.



This week is **British Science Week**. Below is a list of all the careers directly or indirectly linked to the study of science. Science is a core subject and opens up career opportunities in many different areas. From Archaeologists to Zoologists and from Astronauts, Engineers, Forensic Scientists and Vets, Doctors and Dentists! See the links below to explore careers in Science:

- [Jobs connected to Science](#) [Science](#)

The weekly **careers opportunities bulletin** includes: Work experience, Careers events and talks, University taster days and open events & Apprenticeships. Check it out each week: [March 8th 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

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 the London Labour Market please see this brilliant website: [London LMI](#) and [Unifrog](#)



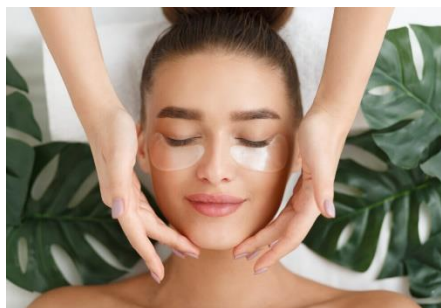
Barber

Barbers cut and trim customer's hair, beards and moustaches. 57% of barbers are self employed. The word barba comes from the Latin meaning beard. A new barber could earn an average of about £19,500 a year but an experienced one could earn more than £30,000 a year.

To get a good start in your career you need to study a Level 2 or Level 3 in Barbering. You could get an apprenticeship with a top hair salon or barbers salon.

Qualifications: To do a Level 2 course you need 2 or 3 GCSEs as Level 3 and above. For a Level 3 course you need 4 GCSEs at level 4 and above. See below for an example of local courses: [Kingston College Level 2 Certificate in Barbering](#)
[Level 3 Certificate in Barbering \(16-18 years\)](#)

Beauty Therapist



A beauty therapist is a professionally trained face and body care expert. They can be certified to deliver a wide range of treatments or they can choose to specialise in certain areas like massage, facials or waxing.

If you want to become a beauty therapist, you can go to college and study for a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy or a T Level in Hair, Beauty and Aesthetics.

After completing the classroom training, you may undergo an internship/ apprenticeship where you receive supervised practical experience and the chance to learn from fully trained professionals. The length of time it takes to become a beauty therapist can vary depending on location and the type of course you study and if you want to specialise. College courses at 16 are available locally:

- [NESCOT Beauty Therapy Level 2](#)
- [Kingston College Beauty therapy](#)

The UK's beauty and personal care industry is massive. The reason for this is simple: whatever doom-and-gloom might be happening to the rest of the UK economy, people will always be willing to spend money on looking and feeling good. That's excellent news if you're a qualified beauty therapist because it means you'll never have to worry about what the future holds – when most other businesses are experiencing hard times, you'll be in a good position to find clients and generate a healthy income.

Some useful websites to explore being an Barber or a Beauty therapist and ALL your career ideas: [Careers - BBC Bitesize](#) [iCould](#) [Unifrog](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Links to Useful Information

[Term Dates 2023-2024](#)

[Uniform List](#)

[Extra-Curricular Activities](#)

[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

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[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-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: 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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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

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 4-10) 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:
Leanne.Johns@Enhanceable.org
<https://www.enhanceable.org/services/after-school/>



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9.00AM - 12NOON

SCHOOL YEARS 3-10
 (SPLIT AGE GROUPS)

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www.footyfun4kids.com/hook


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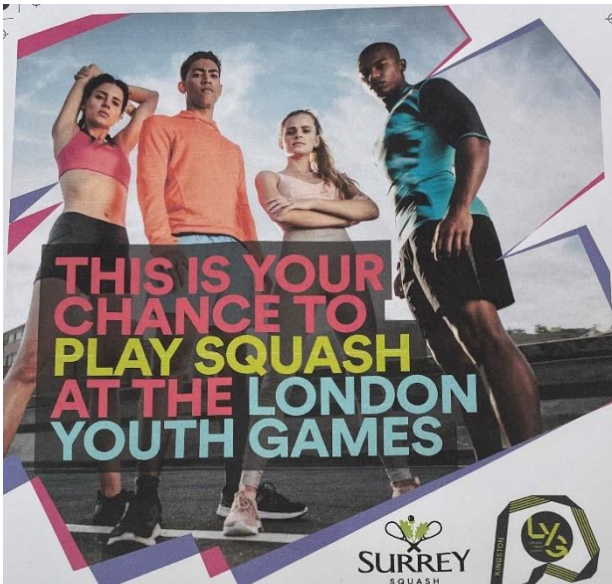




ARE YOU UNDER 17?
DO YOU PLAY A RACKET SPORT?

Why not try out for your place on **Kingston's squash team** at the London Youth Games?

INTERESTED? SCAN THE QR CODE:

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.