



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 that you are all safe and well. I'd like to start by congratulating our Year 11 students for all of their hard work in preparing for and sitting their mock exams this week. There are a few more exams taking place next week, but the majority are now complete. We know that sitting exams can be stressful but we hope that Year 11 find their experience useful and the feedback from staff will certainly help them to improve when they take their final GCSE exams in a few months time. On the subject of GCSE exams, parents will have received invites for Year 11 students to come into school for revision sessions over the Easter break. These invites are bespoke as we have focused on which sessions will give students the most support. Inevitably, some families will be away over the break, however, if students are around, we strongly encourage them to attend all the sessions they are invited to, please complete the form to register your child's attendance.

This week we have been celebrating science week and students have enjoyed activities in their lessons and around school. Next week we have two themes of celebration: Shakespeare week and celebrating neurodiversity week, once again there will be a range of activities in tutor time and in lessons for both of these. We hope students enjoy all of these and learn more about both themes.

And finally, it is Year 8 parents' evening on Thursday evening. As always, this is a face to face event and we encourage as many parents and students to come along as possible. Appointments can be booked in advance using the school cloud system, following the link https://thehollyfieldschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/.

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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- 18/3 Y12 Reports emailed home
- 21/3 Y8 Parent Consultation evening - 4.00pm
- 25/3-19/4 Y13 Final Trial Exams
- 25/3 Y10 Reports emailed home
- 28/3- End of Term students dismissed from 12.00pm
- 15/4 Start of term 9.20am registration

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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, next to the Dome, 7:30pm,

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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 [What three words location: begin.tigers.atom]

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 11 with a total of 94.33%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 99.06% 8DKE = 94.67% 9LCA= 93.93% 10EWE/EBE = 95% 11RLO = 97.55%

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

HOUSE POINTS







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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	9635	9838	10129
Year 8	8312	8206	7826
Year 9	7284	7647	6877
Year 10	5942	4580	4373
Year 11	1580	4004	1940
Total	32753	34275	31145

NEXT WEEK

Monday 18 March	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
-	Key Stage 4 House Assemblies - online
	Ramadan (to 9 April)
	Shakespeare Week
	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
	Year 12 Reports emailed home
Tuesday 19 March	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Key Stage 3 House Assemblies- online
	Year 7 Assembly – Dining Hall
Wednesday 20 March	Year 8 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out - (Exam Centre) (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 21 March	Year 9 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 10 & 11Knagaroo (Maths)
	Year 8 Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Friday 22 March	Year 10 Assembly – Dining Hall
	Year 11 French & Spanish Speaking Trial Exams

FORTHCOMING DATES

- 21 March Year 8 Parent Consultation evening 4.00pm
- 25 March-19 April Year 13 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 1406 Year 8 703 Year 9 675 Year 10 508 Year 11 20

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

7CNE 327 8FKE 184 9MCO 190 10KEM 105 11WGO 7

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Zaynab A Year 9 Marcus GT Year 11 Abhik G/Antonis K/Alfie L/Akshay S

Year 8 Jaden G Year 10 Niyo S

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

18- 24 March is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. At Hollyfield, we will be running a competition for students to submit creative versions of a different brain, as well as acknowledging staff, nominated by ND students, who go the extra mile to make school a positive experience for neurodiverse students. All students are encouraged to join in this



week and think about how they make everyone feel a welcome and valued member of the school community. More info here.

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Media Department

My name is Ms Mirshahi, I am the Head of Media at Hollyfield School.

The Media department is proud to announce that it has had the highest academic achievements in 2023. This year our media students have been working very hard and have produced outstanding film production that we hope to be able to showcase their work.

PE Department

Mr Miller

I have been teaching at Hollyfield for 14 years and have been Head of Faculty for over 10 years now. Hollyfield is a great community school where every day is different and as a department our favourite thing to do is leading extra-curricular opportunities and trips for the students to take part in. Outside of school I enjoy playing golf, padel tennis and when my knees allow it, football still. Other than sport, gardening and growing vegetables is my main way to relax.

Mr Roberts

This is my 3rd year teaching PE at Hollyfield and I love the inclusivity we have for sport here and the atmosphere we have within our department. My favourite sports are football and basketball and I still play football competitively to this day. My subtle brag is that I still hold the 400m record at my secondary school and I'm waiting for a Hollyfield student to beat it here.

Miss Roberts

I have been teaching at Hollyfield for 3 years and Duke of Edinburgh coordinator for 2. I have a passion for sports and anything outdoors. In my free time, I enjoy hiking up mountains, playing badminton socially and watching netball and football when I can. I love to travel and tick off as many countries as I possibly can. I enjoy learning about new cultures, experiencing new foods and visiting monumental places. My next bucket list adventure is South East Asia.

Mr Goggin

I've been a PE teacher at Hollyfield for 14 years and enjoy keeping fit. My favourite sports are Basketball and Ice Hockey. My most iconic football World Cup was 1990 and my favourite footballer was Roberto Baggio as a result I am a Juventus fan.

Miss Lui

This is my first year at Hollyfield and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school. There is a sense of community within the department and amongst staff. My aim is to grow girls football to become as successful as the netball teams. I was born and brought up in Hong Kong, having only moved here 5 years ago. Outside of work, I enjoy football, badminton, and trying new places to eat.



CAREERS

Careers Briefing - 15 March 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)





Year 10 Sussex University Trip - 2nd July 2024
All Year 10s parents should have received a letter
via parentmail about the visit to Sussex University in
July. This trip is an important part of the careers
provision for Year 10. This visit is an opportunity to
visit a successful campus university and gain insight
into higher education. Parents should pay via

parentmail and send the medical form into school via

the <u>Year 10 tutors</u> who will ensure Mr Poole receives the form: <u>Sussex University 2nd July</u> Parent Letter



The weekly careers opportunities bulletin

Work experience, Careers events and talks, University taster days and open events & Apprenticeships: March 14th 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities

Year 12 work experience - The bulletin is very useful for the sixth formers looking for work experience this summer. It is posted on sixth form careers google classroom weekly so check it out! Mr Poole and Ms Alam did a session on Weds 13 March on searching for work experience and the powerpoint with how to find work experience can be accessed here: Work experience 2024 Advice & links.

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

Where could science take your career?

From astrophysics and <u>climate science</u> to game design and food manufacturing, a career in science could take you to the <u>depths of the ocean</u> or the <u>outer reaches of the galaxy</u>. For this year's British Science Week, let's discover some of the amazing science careers out there. With science spanning space and the oceans, the human body and AI, it's important to understand which subjects will help you along your chosen career path.



Biologists study the natural world and all the living things in it, from the largest mammals down to our very own microscopic DNA. Read more. **Careers biology could lead to:** Marine biologist, ecologist, doctor, microbiologist, palaeontologist, vet, zoological scientist





Chemists study how elements work in different conditions, how they mix and what they are made up of, right down to the tiniest particle. Read more.

Careers chemistry could lead to: <u>Biochemist</u>, forensic scientist, industrial chemist, oceanographer, toxicologist



Physicists look for the laws that explain why matter and energy in the universe exists, where it comes from and why it behaves the way it does. **Read more.**

Careers physics could lead to: <u>Acoustician, aeronautical engineer, astronomer, computer engineer, geophysicist, nuclear engineer</u>

Studying other <u>STEM subjects</u> can also lead directly to careers in science. For example, <u>maths</u> will set you up for diverse roles in computing and other fields – leading to roles including such as <u>app developer</u> and <u>software developer</u>. <u>Psychology</u> can lead to careers in therapy and the study of the human mind, such as <u>counsellor</u>, <u>psychologist</u> and <u>psychotherapist</u>

Explore ALL your career ideas at: Careers - BBC Bitesize Unifrog

Face-to-face Routes into STEM 2023/24

Routes into STEM is an experience that provides an amazing opportunity to help students understand the different routes to further STEM education and career pathways.

Who is it for?

Students in Year 9 who are interested in finding out more about STEM careers.

What is involved?

- A three-day experience at STEM educational providers and STEM companies local to them
- Students will explore STEM careers, participate in interactive workshops, site tours and hear from young professionals

What are the outcomes?

- Gain first-hand information and experience hands on activities at STEM educational providers and companies to make informed decisions about their future
- Go on campus tours and get thinking about future studies in a mature and informed manner
- Speak with apprentices/graduates about their experiences
- Develop valuable skills such as presentation skills, team-building, and social skills, and see how they
 can be applied to their CV, Application Form or Personal Statement
- Become a Bronze Industrial Cadet

London dates & locations

- Tuesday 28th May 2024 STEM educational provider or STEM company Day TBC
- · Wednesday 29th May 2024 University Day University of Westminster, W1W 6UW
- Thursday 30th May 2024 STEM company Day Murphy Group, DA5 2AW

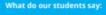
Cost / Funding

This course is fully funded for students from your school. (Normally £175 for all 3 days).

How to apply?

To apply, please visit our website <u>here</u> or scan the QR code! Limited places available, do not delay and apply today!





"I enjoyed being able to engage is big projects in a comfortable environment"

"The tours gave me a better idea of the environment I would be working in'

100% felt confident about the STEM career opportunities available to them after completing

100% of students would recommend the course to a frien or family member



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: <u>0800 1111</u>.
- 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 <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.









NETBALL -**C**SACH

RICHMOND NETBALL CAMP









Open to players Qualified of all abilities

coaches

Outdoor friendly

*Guest coaching from

England player Emma Thacker Tuesday 9th

2ND, 3RD APRIL 8TH, 9TH*, 10TH APRIL

GREY COURT SCHOOL, RICHMOND UPON THAMES **TW107HN**

9.00AM - 12NOON

SCHOOL YEARS 3-10 (SPLIT AGE GROUPS)

BOOK HERE





www.netballcoachuk.com/camps





Giving children the opportunity to develop their sports skills in a fun, safe and sociable environment.

HAF Holiday Scheme Funded Places Available.

£32

Hook & Southborough Cricket Club, KT9
2nd to 5th April - 9:30am to 3:30pi

More info & booking:



WALPOLE







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, likeminded 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.





