



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

As we approach the Easter Break, we must acknowledge how hard our students have worked this term. Year 11 are at a critical time in the year, just having sat their second set of mock examinations. These exams will give them the understanding of how hard they need to work in the run up to their final exams beginning in May. Year 13 students are now taking their trial exams, and we wish them all the best. During Easter it is important that Year 11 and 13 continue with their preparation for their exams, therefore please do check they are working and preparing all their revision material.

Year 11/13 Easter Intervention

Thank you to all the Year 11 and 13 parents who have responded about the Easter in intervention sessions. We have a full programme taking place in the school to support selected students in the run up to their exams. If you have not responded to the invite, please complete the form sent home by parent mail.

End of Term arrangements/Mufti day

Thursday 28 March is the last day of this term and also a mufti day. Students will have lessons P1 to 3 in school and then go to registration. They will then be dismissed from their form rooms at approximately 12:00pm. The school will be raising money for 4 charities as part of the Mufti day, the cost will be £1 and collected next week during form. The charities supported can be found in this presentation.

Returning to school on 15 April

There will be a late start on the 15 April. Students are expected in school for 9:20am and will go to registration.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Matthew Winpenny Senior Deputy Headteacher



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 Stop Press...... • 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
- 18/4 GCSE Textiles & 3D Exam

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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 <u>print a form</u> and return it to school.

Changed your address/email/phone number????

If you have changed your contact details, please email the school office on <u>office@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> 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 <u>should not be used to</u> <u>drop off students</u>. 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 <u>here</u> 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

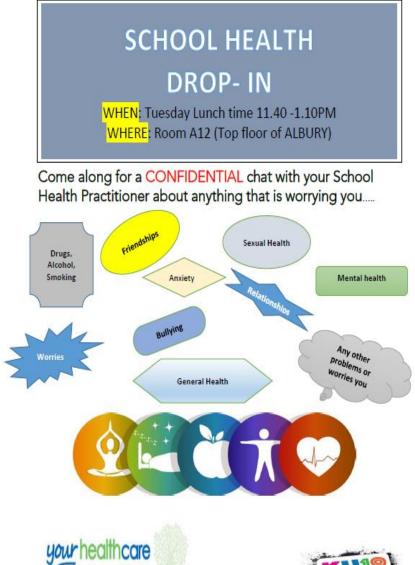
Ms Jackson holds Parent Clinics on Thursday afternoon during term time. These are from 3.00pm-4.30pm for parents/carers to speak directly to her regarding any unresolved concerns/ suggestions. Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email lsutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.



IN SAFE HANDS

Once again, for your information, the key contacts are:

School! Get in touch with the Designated Safeguarding Team Mrs McGeoch: <u>smcgeoch@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> Ms Patel: <u>spatel@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk</u> Single Point of Access 020 8547 5008.







HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS



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.

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

HOLLYFEST 2024

Is currently being planned! Watch this space for more details! Early bird tickets will be available to purchase soon!

Easy Fundraising

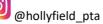
Please support The Hollyfield School PTA - Surbiton on #easyfundraising, you'll raise FREE donations for us with your everyday shopping.

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: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1</u>

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 94.66%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7MFA = 99.33% 8NMA = 98.39% 9LCA= 96.79% 10EWE = 94.67% 11JTU = 97.74%

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

HOUSE POINTS

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	Eagle	Falcon	Osprey
Year 7	10112	10370	10622
Year 8	8702	8585	8173
Year 9	7526	7921	7219
Year 10	6145	4754	4538
Year 11	1584	4186	1943
Total	34069	35816	32495

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NEXT WEEK

Monday 25 March	Ramadan (to 9 April)
-	Year 12 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 13 Trial Exams – to 19 April
	Year 10 Reports Emailed home
	Year 11 French & Spanish Speaking Trial Exams
Tuesday 26 March	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room
	Year 8 Dell Technologies "Power in Transformation" – Imperial
	College
	Year 12 Mental Health Workshop (8.30-9.30am)
Wednesday 27 March	Year 11 Macbeth (The Globe Players) (1.10pm)
	Year 8 & 9 Reach Out - (Exam Centre) (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 28 March	Non-uniform Day
	Year 7-11 Awards Assemblies
	Early Closure – students dismissed by 12.00pm
Friday 29 March	Bank Holiday

FORTHCOMING DATES

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 – 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 1093 Year 8 826 Year 9 668 Year 10 495 Year 11 195

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

7SNE 2635 8FKE 189 9MCO 176 10EON 90 11JTU 93

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7	Kieron L	Year 9	Riley B	Year 11	Reagan M
Year 8	Jaden G		Daniel H/Evie P/Vincent T		

SHAKESPEARE WEEK

In English, we have been very busy this week celebrating all things William Shakespeare!

We have had a fantastic turnout of students taking part in the Treasure Hunt from Years 7,8,9 and 10. The students showed great ingenuity to work out the word from the clues!

On top of that, the students practiced reciting Shakespearean poetry whilst quarrelling with others in a swordfighting workshop. Fortunately, there were no casualties!



Finally, students have until Thursday 28th March to complete their crowns for the annual crown competition.

Speaking about their experience of the activities this week, Year 7 student, Betty said: The Shakespeare sword fighting workshop was really amusing and I loved learning about his poetry. I loved that we learnt a variety of sword fighting techniques used in drama. It was great to be with my friends we would love to do it again!'

The English department is very grateful to Mr Vafidis and Miss Manchester for going above and beyond to ensure the students have had fantastic activities to do throughout the week.



GETTING TO KNOW.

Religious Studies/Philosophy Department

Mr Case

I am the head of PRE (Philosophy, Religion, Ethics), and teach Sociology at 6th form too. My specialisms and favourite areas of interest are Buddhism, Philosophy of Science, Moral and Political Philosophy, and Existentialism. A little bit about me... I grew up in the Cotswolds in Chipping Norton and studied Philosophy at University of Leeds, having moved to London 4 years ago. I'm a creative writer and in my spare time like to write short stories. I'm heavily into rock and metal music and attend lots of local gigs. I'm also a keen rugby player and play as a loosehead prop at Kingston RFC, but I still like to pretend I'm a winger and always sign up for the staff relays on sports days! My claims to fame are that I used to play rugby with Jeremy Clarkson's son at junior level, and his farmer colleague Kaleb's mum cuts my mum's dog's hair - it's a small world growing up in the countryside. A fun fact about me is that I have the ability to make a pack of dark chocolate digestives disappear.

Mr Warren

I am the Head of Sixth Form and I teach Philosophy, Sociology and R.E. I love working in the sixth form- our students are wonderful and working with them everyday is inspiring. Being part of the sixth form team we get to be involved in exciting enrichment activities every week and I have travelled to New York, Washington and Paris on various trips with the students. Outside of school I am an avid Chelsea fan regularly attending games at Stamford Bridge (hopefully will be doing this again soon!). I also help to coach my son's football team and this is great way to start the weekend on a Saturday morning.



CAREERS

Careers Briefing – 22 March 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)





Year 10 Sussex University Trip - 2 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 Parent Letter</u>



The weekly careers opportunities bulletin

Work experience, Careers events and talks, Uni taster days, open events & Apprenticeships: <u>March 21st 2024 Sixth Form Careers</u> opportunities

Year 12 work experience - Work experience takes place 15-19 July and students are expected to find their own placements so should be looking now: <u>Work experience 2024</u> <u>Advice & links</u> The opportunities bulletin is very useful for the sixth formers looking for work experience this summer.

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 to explore ALL your career ideas visit: Careers - BBC Bitesize or Unifrog



Engineers find practical uses for scientific and mathematical discoveries. They're the ones behind the many objects, products and structures that make modern life possible – from getting around to staying warm. From railways to robots, engineers are behind some of the most amazing things that we use in our everyday lives.



What jobs are out there?

Engineering is a <u>vast field</u>, with the industry employing around a quarter of the UK workforce! More familiar roles include <u>civil or structural engineer</u> – professionals who are involved in the design of buildings and infrastructure such as roads, railways and bridges. However, engineers also work in areas as diverse as medicine and computing.For example, <u>software engineers</u> design computer programs and apps, while biomedical engineers develop technology for use in medicine, such as robotic limbs or surgical tools. Electronic engineers on the other hand design circuitry which goes into gadgets such as smartphones, games consoles and even cars. Regardless of the field, all these engineers use problem-solving skills to design solutions to technical challenges.

Check out the <u>Engineering Career Zone</u> for information about this area of work, many more jobs and guidance on what it takes to succeed in a career in engineering. Success at School provides career information for young people and parents.

University or apprenticeship?

A **university degree** is the traditional route for those wanting to pursue a career in civil engineering and other engineering professions, such as electronics engineering. Many degrees are "integrated", meaning they are four-year courses leading to a Master's of Engineering, or MEng, qualification – although Bachelor's degrees (BEng) are available as well.If you want to pursue a career in software engineering, a course in computer science is a <u>good degree choice</u> – although other degrees, such as maths, can also lead to this career.

Apprenticeships - The launch of a whole host of <u>engineering apprenticeships</u> means you no longer need to go to university to become an engineer. With an apprenticeship, you will do much of your training on the job, while studying towards qualifications in college or university on block or day release. Many of these programmes are at <u>higher</u> or <u>degree</u> level, meaning they result in higher-education qualifications, even a degree. Fees are paid by your employer so you won't be landed with student debt. Programmes include civil engineer, electronics engineer, software engineer and many more.

Did you know these engineering facts?

186,000 engineering roles will be needed in the UK annually until 2024 to plug the skills gap.

NASA plans to get humans to Mars by the 2030s.

In the future, marine engineers will build structures that float on our oceans and generate energy from waves. Mechatronics engineers will design and build robots that help us in all aspects of our lives.

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 <u>RachelDykins@mindinkingston.org.uk</u> 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: <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.



Counselling and Therapy

Morag Shrafeddin is a

qualified Counsellor with a Masters from Roehampton University in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy specialising in work with Children, Adolescents and Families. She also works in Fulham as a School Project Manager with the school counselling service Place2Be.

Morag is dedicated to supporting children and adolescents with their emotional well-being and personal growth. With a compassionate and clientcentred approach, she aims to empower children and young people to overcome challenges and thrive in their lives.

Morag Shrafeddin

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*Guest coaching from

England player Emma Thacker Tuesday 9th

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

GREY COURT SCHOOL, RICHMOND UPON THAMES TW10 7HN

9.00AM - 12NOON

SCHOOL YEARS 3-10 (SPLIT AGE GROUPS)

BOOK HERE

www.netballcoachuk.com/camps









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 28/03/2024,** book your place now <u>https://www.campbeaumont.co.uk</u>

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.





Volunteer at Kingston Hospital

You can make the difference

Contact us now on 020 8934 3620 or email khft.volunteering@nhs.net to find out how you can help your local hospital.





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







If you have some free time after, and you are a parent or grandparent (or have similar experience), you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick from 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9th May to 20th June (not half-term 30th May). After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Erin on <u>erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk</u> or <u>volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk</u> or 07884 536161.

