



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 this bulletin finds you well, and that the young person or people in your house are looking forward to a wonderful break over half term. It has been another wonderful week here at Hollyfield, culminating in the Record of Achievement ceremony for our Year 11 students. The event is such a highlight in the school calendar and a chance for us to celebrate the end of a really important chapter in the lives of the young people in our care.

As ever, Mr Buckman's meticulous planning paid off, and the assembled group of students, staff, parents and carers were treated to some heartfelt speeches, a musical interlude and a showreel of our Year 11 students' time at Hollyfield. We welcomed back a former student, Peter Harding, to deliver the keynote speech and it was quite something! Since leaving Hollyfield, Peter has worked tirelessly as a disability campaigner and sportsman, and has a flourishing career in sports journalism. We're really grateful to him for taking the time to come and inspire the next generation at Hollyfield.

On the subject of sports, this was the last week of ball crew training for the young people taking part in the Surbiton tennis tournament. We wish them the best of luck with that after the half term break. We look forward to welcoming all students at the regular time (8.30 am) on Monday 3 June and we're excited about the launch of the Yondr programme, which Miss Patel wrote to you about. This is the next phase in our digital detox and we know it will have a lasting and positive impact.

That's it for now. I hope you get to enjoy some family time over the long weekend and look forward to bringing you news next half term

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 6
 & 27 May)

Half Term

27 - 31 May

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- 6/6 – Y10 Tate Modern Trip
- 6/6 - Borough Athletics
- 10-28/6 – Y10 Trial Exams
- 17-28/6– Y12 End of Year Exams
- 21/6 – Y13 Prom
- 24/6 – Y7, 8, 9 Report emailed to parents
- 28/6 – Public exams end
- 28/6 – Y11 Prom
- 2/7 – Y10 Sussex University Trip
- 3/7 – New Y7 Induction Day
- 4-6/7 – Ilex Theatre Perf – 7.00pm

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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

Can we please request that you complete the following medical information collection form if your child has any medical conditions, no matter how small. If your child has a new diagnosis we ask you to also complete this form even if you have already done so for a different medical condition to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

Form: <https://forms.gle/pxTajACe1yUNSKdx9>.

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

Next PTA/Hollyfest Meeting

Monday 3 June, Monday 17 June Monday, 1 July

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!



HOLLYFEST 2024

Top 10 Hollyfest 2024 Tips and Tricks!

<https://hollyfieldpta.org/top-10-hollyfest-2024-tips-tricks/>

You can book your tickets here! <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hollyfield/>

At the same time: sign up to an **estate agent board** (donation to the school for each board) and buy your **raffle tickets!**

Pre-loved Uniform Store Next session: 29 June 2024

At the old Music Building, Next to the Dome, Close to the Lamberts Road Gate

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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.**

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



ptahollyfield@gmail.com



www.hollyfieldpta.org

THIS WEEK.....




TOP ATTENDERS

The year group with the highest overall attendance so far this year is Year 7 with a total of 94.84%. The top form group within each year this week is:

7SNE = 99.38%
 8ABE = 96.88%
 9HBL = 94.36%
 10MLE = 93.45%
 11JTU = 91.32%

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

HOUSE POINTS

	 Eagle	 Falcon	 Osprey
Year 7	12530	12897	12964
Year 8	10734	10503	9901
Year 9	9018	9491	8501
Year 10	7892	5901	5830
Year 11	1633	4631	2130
Total	41807	43423	39326

NEXT WEEK

Monday 3 June	Surbiton Tennis Tournament 2-9 June Year 12 Assembly – Common Room Payment deadline for activity day payments
Tuesday 4 June	Year 13 Assembly – Common Room Year 7 Assembly (Yondr)
Wednesday 5 June	Year 8 Assembly (Yondr) – Dining Hall Year 8 & 9 Reach Out - (Exam Centre) (6.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 6 June	Year 9 Assembly (Yondr) – Dining Hall Year 10 Assembly (Line up practice) – Top Playground Borough Athletics
Friday 7 June	Year 10 Tate Modern Trip Year 10 Assembly (Yondr)– Dining Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES

27 - 31 May 2024 – Half Term

6 June – Kingston Borough Athletics
 6 June – Year 10 Tate Modern Trip
 10-28 June – Year 10 Trial Exams
 17-28 June – Year 12 End of Year Exams
 21 June – Year 13 Prom

24 June – Year 7, 8, 9 Report emailed to parents
 28 June – Public exams end
 28 June – Year 11 Prom
 2 July – Year 10 Sussex University Trip
 3 July – New Year 7 Induction Day
 4-6 July – Ilex Theatre Performances – 7.00pm
 5 July – Pride in Learning
 9 July - Sports Day
 10-11 July – Activities Day
 10-11 July – Year 10 Geography Field Trip, Seaford
 11 July – Art & Design Exhibition – 4.00-7.00pm
 13 July - Hollyfest
 15 July – Year 10,12 Report emailed to parents
 15-19 July – Year 12 Work Experience Week
 19 July - End of Term – students dismissed from 12.00pm

15 August – A2/AS Results Day
 22 August– GCSE Results Day

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 7 880 **Year 8** 944 **Year 9** 397 **Year 10** 706 **Year 11** 24

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

7MFA 205 **8FKE** 203 **9HBL** 79 **10MLE** 170 **11NLU** 22

The top performing students from each year were:

Year 7 Kieron L **Year 9** Charlie B **Year 11** Marley D
Year 8 Maya DR **Year 10** Chloe L/Tsz Shun C

CAREERS



Careers Briefing - 24 May 2024 Mr Poole & Miss Corrighan (Careers team)



Year 12 Work experience 15 July-19 July - Can you help?

As part of our Year 12 programme, we are seeking opportunities for our students to gain valuable work experience from 15th to 19 July. We can be flexible with these dates.

We are asking parents or your employer who might be able to offer a placement for one of our students during this period. The placement can be in any field and does not necessarily have to be directly related to the students' current studies. The key objective is for them to gain exposure to a working environment and develop a range of transferable skills.

If you have the capacity to support a student, or if you need more information about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me at rhall@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk Your assistance in providing our students with these opportunities would be greatly appreciated.

Year 10

Mr Poole and Miss Corrighan are beginning to interview students in Year 10. Students need to begin to think about their future destinations. Ideally all students should aim to gain a minimum 5 GCSEs at level 4 and above including English and Maths if they wish to progress on to an A Level, BTEC Level 3 or T Level courses. There are courses for students at college in Levels 1 & 2 which allow students time to progress up to level 3 if they don't reach the grade 4s. so we encourage students to look at the range of options.

Post 16 options - students can stay in education at a sixth form such as [Hollyfield Sixth form](#) & colleges. You can also do an apprenticeship at 16 or 18. Summer term is a great opportunity to explore these options on the college websites and attend open days:

- [Esher College](#) - **Open Evening on Monday 1 July 2024 4.30 – 8.00pm** This is the only open event for students starting in 2025. There are also tours that take place but look on their website for more information
- [Kingston College](#) Open event on 21st June 2024 11.00-14.00 - more open events in the Autumn Term in the evenings and on the weekends.

Applications - you will automatically be offered a place at Hollyfield sixth form. If you want to apply to Esher College applications open on July 2 otherwise most college applications should be made from late September and October onwards. Our advice for applications for next year is to make 2 or 3 applications. Your first choice destination but then always have at least one back up plan.



We are organising an aspirational visit to **Sussex University on 2 July for year 10 students**. This visit is an opportunity to visit a campus based university and gain an insight into higher education. Even if students do not want to go to university it is recommended that they attend to find out more about future options so they can make informed choices.

A letter was sent out about the trip: [Sussex University trip](#) but we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to go on the trip so we have included the letter. Please complete the coach payment and medical form ASAP. Please note that a student's place is only confirmed when the payment has been made and you can contact Mr Poole ipool@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Year 11s - Apprenticeships

Ofsted Good Provider

Way2Work Open Day Event 2024

You are invited to attend Way2Work's apprenticeship open day

100% pass rate

93% of apprentices progressing into a higher apprenticeship, employment or further training

Thursday 18 June
Afternoon session: 2pm to 5pm
 • Heatham House in Twickenham

Friday 21 June
Morning session: 9am to 12pm
 • Guildhall in Kingston

What is covered on the day

- Types of apprenticeships
- Experiences of past apprentices
- Benefits of an apprenticeship
- Skills you will develop
- How to sign up
- Employers you can work for

Way2Work Apprenticeships

Please reserve your ticket for the event on Eventbrite as spaces are limited! Scan the QR code

[Way2 Work](#) is a local apprenticeship provider in the Kingston area who offer a range of apprenticeships. They are having open events in June for year 11s and parents/carers to attend. See the flyer for more details.

You can start an apprenticeship at various stages but students who leave at 16 could apply to do a Level 2 apprenticeship. Another good place to find local vacancies is on: [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

All Year 11s should by now have a plan about where they want to study next year or whether they are going into an apprenticeship. If students do not have any applications for college and need some support they should see Mr.Poole or Miss Corrighan in the LRC who can help them apply for colleges and apprenticeships.



Career Opportunities bulletin for sixth formers

Year 12 will be on work experience w/c 15 July so can look at work experience OR university summer schools. **Please see the weekly bulletin below with details of work experience, university tasters, summer schools, apprenticeships, careers talks and more.** This is collated each week for YOU! [23 May 2024 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

Careers in Focus - ScreenSkills

The ScreenSkills website is a fantastic resource for any students and parents/carers wanting to research careers in UK film, TV, VFX, animation and games. It has job profiles allowing students to explore these career areas. There is a wealth of information for students to look at and we encourage anyone interested to take a look.

Thinking about the creative industries and the opportunities - the economic contribution of the UK creative industries grew by 6.8 per cent in 2022 to reach £124.6bn, according to [official UK government estimates](#). This shows this is a growth sector that has skills gaps so is an industry that needs people! Check out the website and find out more: [Roles in film, TV, games, animation and VFX - ScreenSkills](#)



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-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.

My name is Cassim and I'm the South West London engagement lead for Kooth, covering **Wandsworth, Croydon, Sutton, Merton, Kingston and Richmond**. Kooth is commissioned by NHS. I will be running a number of Parent and Carer's virtual sessions in June and we'd love to invite as many parents as possible to find out how the school and Kooth are working together to support your young person. The session/s will be on how we work with schools to support your young people's mental health and wellbeing.

As you may already know, At Kooth, we offer free support with no waiting lists. Kooth is a safe and anonymous space for young people to talk about their wellbeing without the fear of judgement. We have clinical practitioners on hand to offer one-to-one support through text-based counselling, operating after school hours, on weekends, and during school holidays. Your child or young person can access the immediate help they need without a formal referral.

Which virtual session would you like to attend?

10:00-10:40 Sunday 2 June 2024

16: 30-17:10 Sunday 2 June 2024

18:30-19:10 Tuesday 4 June 2024

18:30-19:10 Thursday 6 June 2024

If you'd like to secure your Parents & Carers Kooth info session - London spot, please complete this form.

I understand the limits that parents/carers have in attending work day sessions, so I have organised the sessions to be in the evening and on a Sunday too. I have tried to make these times as accessible for parents and carers as much as I can, so you know how schools and Kooth are working to support your young person/s.

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](tel:08001111).
- 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](tel:116123).
- Shout - Shout is the UK's first free 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. Text Shout to [85258](tel: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](tel:08082000247)/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 client-centred approach, she aims to empower children and young people to overcome challenges and thrive in their lives.

Morag Shrafeddin

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Volunteering
Kingston Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

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.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

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

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 4-11) 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/>

KINGSTON ADULT EDUCATION
Learn Achieve Progress

Take advantage of the long summer days and learn something new!

Kingston Adult Education has a packed summer programme full of creative, wellbeing, maths, English and vocational courses.

Classes take place throughout the week at various times, both online and at centres across the Royal Borough of Kingston - and some of our courses are free!

For further information, visit <https://bit.ly/KAE-Summer2024>

SCAN HERE FOR COURSE GUIDE:

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PLAY SQUASH AT THE LONDON YOUTH GAMES

SURREY SQUASH

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

KINGSTONIAN CRICKET CLUB

CALLING FUTURE CRICKET STARS

Join our junior cricket team and unleash your potential! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, all aspiring cricket boys and girls are welcome.

Please Email : Kingstonianc@gmail.com

Wed & Thu
17 April - 18 July

6:30pm - 8:00pm

KCL Sports Ground, Windsor Avenue, New Malden, KT3 5HA

[@Kingstonian_Cricket](https://www.instagram.com/Kingstonian_Cricket) [Kingstonian Cricket Club](https://www.facebook.com/KingstonianCricketClub)

HAMPTON WICK ROYAL CRICKET CLUB

HWRCC has been established for over 160 years in the stunning surroundings of Bushy Park. We take real pride in being part of the local community and welcoming all players, spectators and guests to our inclusive club, where 70% of our juniors are state-educated.

We offer junior cricket to girls and boys from age 5 upwards, with our super-friendly, ECB qualified coaches. All experience and abilities very welcome! Please see our website for how to get involved.

[TheWick1963](https://www.instagram.com/TheWick1963) [Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club](https://www.facebook.com/HamptonWickRoyalCricketClub) cricket@hwcc.co.uk
juniocricket@hwcc.co.uk

HOME START
Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow

FREE VOLUNTEER COURSE

JOIN HOME-START'S VOLUNTEER NETWORK

Do you have parenting experience and a few hours spare each week? Local charity Home-Start is offering a free volunteer training course to provide emotional and practical support to parents with pre-school children facing challenging times.

Interested? Contact Erin Laybourne
erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161.
Registered charity no: 1108975.

HAMPTON WICK
THURSDAYS, 9TH MAY - 20TH JUNE
(NOT HALF TERM 30TH MAY)
9:45AM - 2:30PM

If you have some free time, 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 erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161.

NEW JUNIOR ZUMBA STUDIO CLASS

TO BOOK, VISIT SURBITON.ORG

FOR 11 - 15 YEAR OLDS

SATURDAYS 11:45-12:30

CHILD FRIENDLY ROUTINES BASED ON ORIGINAL ZUMBA CHOREOGRAPHY



Patient Experience Volunteer - Patient Partner; Patient Experience Committee (PEC)

ABOUT THIS ROLE:

Kingston Hospital is committed to working in partnership with patients, families, and carers in a transparent and open way. We are looking to recruit new Patient Partners to our Patient Experience Committee. This is a voluntary role. Our Patient Partners have expenses reimbursed and this can cover cover costs if needed.

The Patient Experience Committee is made up of people with a shared interest in ensuring that patient experience insight is at the centre of work to design, deliver and improve services. PEC members include:

- Senior doctors, junior doctors, nurses and allied health professionals from the hospital as well as representatives of teams such as patient experience, quality improvement and volunteering
- Nursing leads from the hospital
- Our local Healthwatch partners, Kingston Hospital governors and Patient Partners.

The meeting is chaired by Nichola Kane, Chief Nurse for Kingston Hospital and HRCII and attended by KHFT / HRCII chairman and other non-executive KHFT board members.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING:

As a PEC Patient Partner you will attend quarterly committee meetings. These last two hours and are currently virtual meetings on MS Teams. Your role will be to:

- Consider the evidence on the quality of patient experience and examples of experience initiatives brought to PEC. Ask questions about how the hospital is responding to these and ensuring they are impactful.
- Be prepared to share your thoughts in a challenging yet constructive way in a meeting that involves people from a range of professional backgrounds.
- Read papers that have been circulated in advance of meetings and take part in a short pre-meeting briefing with a member of the patient experience team.
- Be prepared to put forward your ideas of how patient experience can be improved across the hospital.
- Support other patient experience related initiatives led by the patient experience team if you would like to do this.
- Participate in reflective sessions with other Patient Partners to discuss common themes and priorities that you have identified.

Other essential tasks

- Commit to being available for mandatory training and meetings.
- Follow hospital policies and procedures as covered in your training.
- Maintain the confidentiality of the PEC meeting, its members and content always (and any pre and post meetings you take part in).



- Tell us if something concerns you or if you need further support and information to carry out your role.

As the role develops there may be opportunities to get involved in other activities to support patient experience, for example being involved in improvement projects as a patient partner.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- A curiosity and interest in how patient, carer and service user voices are heard and responded to at Kingston Hospital.
- We are looking for people who are able to listen to complex information and make rational and objective comments and challenges by asking good questions.
- You will need to have an awareness of the range of experiences and perspectives that different people within our community might have and a preparedness to think about issues from different perspectives. For example, the perspective of people that find it difficult to access health services because of socio-economic issues, existing health conditions or accessibility needs amongst other things.

- Meeting dates for 2023:-

- 22nd October
- 30th December

WHAT SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ARE HELPFUL IN THIS ROLE?

- Understanding of and a broad interest in Kingston Hospital and the experience of care and treatment of patients and service users.
- Confidence to communicate well verbally with people at all levels of the organisation about strategic issues, as an advocate for patients.
- Able to understand and evaluate a range of written information and evidence.
- Empathy skills - the ability to see things from patient perspectives as well as that of the Trust.
- An ability to remain objective.
- Ability to plan time to prepare for meetings and attend them.

WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

- You will be part of a committed, multi-professional committee who seek to improve patient experience.
- Learn new and develop existing skills.
- Support your personal development and confidence.
- You will be making an important contribution to your local community throughout your volunteering journey at the hospital.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS / COMMITMENT:

- Over 18 years of age
- DBS check
- Have attended/completed all mandatory training including:
 - The volunteer induction
 - Patient Experience Induction Session
- To live our values through your volunteering role at Kingston Hospital:

IF YOU HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH.

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