

“The school’s work to promote pupils personal development and welfare is outstanding”  
 Ofsted 2016

**Head’s Line:**

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to all students and staff at The Hollyfield School and a particular welcome to our four students who joined us in our new Phoenix Provision yesterday.

I also want to start the new academic year by congratulating our students who did final public exams last term. I am delighted by the outcomes of our students and wish them all every success; it was lovely to welcome so many of our Year 11 students back as Year 12 on Thursday.

Do please see the school website for an overview of our exam results. I was particularly pleased to see a predicted improvement from last academic year with our Progress 8 score; a key indicator that all our students are making improved progress. Our school will continue to provide challenge and support to every child every day with a full commitment to ensure that every Year 11 student is at school being supported until the date of their final exam. As we say goodbye to the Class of 2019 we welcome the class of 2020!

We begin our new academic year during politically turbulent times and it is important we nurture our students to not only realise their full potential academically but also to become tolerant citizens we can all be proud of. The words above our Reception say it all:

“What happens here today changes the world tomorrow”

I look forward to working alongside everyone in our school community at the beginning of the new academic year.

**Tom Maltby, Headteacher**

**Contribution to the School Fund**

We have a revised form for the above which gives you a wide range of options to select depending on the contribution you would like to make. Please click [here](#) to view the form. Any contribution you are able to make toward the school is appreciated by all of our students and the school community. Thank you for your support.

**Year 7 & 9 School Photos**

These will take place on Tuesday 10 September at 8.30am. Year 11 Photos will take place on Thursday 19 September.

**Parents Information Evenings**

We will be holding parents information evenings again over the coming weeks. These have proved very useful and are a vital part of the schools communication with parents and so we request that you attend these sessions to ensure you are fully informed.

Topics covered include:

Learning and Teaching, Data and Assessment, Home Learning, Target Setting and much more. We will also hold a drop in session where parents can raise any issues or concerns and ask questions.

The evening runs 6.30-8.30pm, the dates are:

- Year 8 – 17 September
- Sixth Form Life & Rules – 18 September
- Year 9 – 24 September
- Year 10 – 1 October
- Year 7 – 8 October
- Year 11 – 15 October

**Early Closure – 14 November**

On Wednesday 14 November the school will close early in order to prepare for our annual Sixth Form open evening, students will be dismissed shortly after 1.30pm.



**Term Dates**

**Autumn Term 2019**

4 September to 19 December  
 (Inset Day – 4-5 Sept (5/9 except Y7, 10 & 12))  
 (Inset Day – 31 Oct-1 Nov) 1 /11 – except Y11,12,13)

**Half Term**

21 October 1 November (see above)

**Christmas Holiday**

20 December - 4 January 2020

**Spring Term 2020**

6 January – 3 April  
 (Inset day - 24 Feb except Y11 & selected Y12-13)

**Half Term**

17-21 February (see above)

**Easter Holiday**

6 April – 17 April

**Summer Term 2020**

20 April – 17 July (Bank Hol 8 May)

**Half Term**

25-29 May

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- 10 Sept - Y7 & 9 photos
- 11 Sept –Y7 CATs Mop Up Test
- 17 Sept – Y8 Parents Info Eve
- 18 Sept – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Life & Rules
- 24 Sept – Y9 Parents Info Eve

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### School Lockers – Year 7-9

School lockers will be issued to students in the coming week. If you have not applied for a locker and would like one, please ask your child to collect a form from Student Services and return it with the correct payment.

### Parentmail – Please register now

All new Year 7 parents and any other parents who have not registered for Parentmail will be sent a link to enable them to register for Parentmail. Please can I ask all parents to do this, Parentmail is our main facility for communication with you and I cannot stress enough the importance of this. We are endeavouring to use less paper communication and will rely on Parentmail to replace paper copies. Parentmail is also used to pay for school events and meals.

### Academic Tutoring Day – School Closed

This will take place on Thursday 28 November 2019, the school will be closed to students on this day for their normal timetable. However, students are required to attend a 10 minute appointment with their tutor to discuss their academic progress. Parents are invited to attend, a letter will be sent home shortly.

### Celebration of Learning Evening

We will be holding our annual Celebration of Learning evening on 27 November where we will be celebrating the achievements of Year 8-11, more information to follow.

### 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 or by cash via the Cafeteria. If you top up via a cash payment students should go to the Cafeteria **before the start of school (8.30am)** and hand in money in a **named envelope**, money cannot be accepted during the school day. 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.

### Surbiton Hill Road Entrance for cars

Please can I remind parents that if you drive/collect students to or from school the visitors car park/Surbiton Hill Road entrance should not be used to drop off students. This causes congestion for people entering the site, cars travelling on Surbiton Hill Road and is potentially dangerous for pedestrians.

### Permission to ride a bike to school

If you would like your child to ride their bike to school, please ensure you complete an application form available from Student Services.

### Sickness

Please can I remind parents that if your child has been absent due to vomiting, he/she needs to remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

### Open Door

Mr Maltby holds Parent Clinics on Wednesday afternoon/evening during term time. These are from 2.00pm-6.00pm for parents/carers to speak directly to him regarding any concerns/suggestions. Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email [l.sutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:l.sutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk).

## THIS WEEK.....

### TOP ATTENDERS

Attendance data will be available from next week.

### HOUSE POINTS

House point data will be available from next week.

## NEXT WEEK .....

Monday 9 September	Year 7 Assembly (Dining Hall) Year 12 Assembly (Sixth Form Common Room)
Tuesday 10 September	8.30am – 12.30pm Year 7 & 9 School Photos (Dining Hall) Year 8 Assembly (Gym) Year 13 Assembly (Sixth Form Common Room)
Wednesday 11 September	Year 12 Go Ape Trip Year 9 Assembly (Dining Hall)
Thursday 12 September	8.20-8.30am Pastoral 1 2 1 8.30am-3.05pm Year 13 Paintballing Trip and Sixth Form BBQ Year 10 Assembly (Dining Hall)
Friday 13 September	Year 11 Assembly (Dining Hall) 8.30am-3.05pm Year 12 & 13 University Fair (Surbiton High)

### FIXTURES NEXT WEEK

None.

### FORTHCOMING DATES

10 September – Year 7 & 9 School Photos  
 11 September – Year 7 CATs Test Mop Up  
 12 September – Year 13 Paintballing Trip and BBQ  
 13 September – Year 12 and 13 University Fair  
 16 September – Extra-curricular Club Begin  
 17 September – Year 8 Parents Information Evening – 6.30pm  
 18 September – Sixth Form Life and Rules – 6.30pm  
 19 September – Year 11 Photos  
 24 September – Year 9 Parent Information evening - 6.30pm  
 1 October – Year 10 Parent Information evening - 6.30pm  
 1 October – Open Day Tours – 9.15 and 11.05 am  
 3 October – Open Evening (school closes at 1.15pm)  
 4 October – Late Opening – 10.20am Registration  
 7 October – Year 7-9 Performing Art Scholars Trip  
 8 & 11 October – Open Day Tours – 9.15 and 11.05 am  
 15 October – Year 11 Parent Information evening - 6.30pm  
 15 & 17 October – Open Day Tours – 9.15 and 11.05am  
 18 October – Year 12 Readiness Report Published

21-30 October 2019 – Half Term – Year 11, 12, 13 & staff  
 21 October – 1 November – Half Term - Year 7, 8, 9, 10

## 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. Students are rewarded in their classes for a range of different behaviours, this includes engagement in learning, showing progress, contributing to learning, helping others and many more. The school also runs 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 Mr Ratcliffe (Assistant Headteacher).

Weekly updates on year group totals will published in the ebulletin.

## GENERAL NOTICES.....

### Student Services

If you change any personal information or move home, please advise Student Services as soon as possible of any new details, i.e. mobile phone numbers, contacts or addresses.

### Finance Department

#### Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals please ensure that you apply for this through the Royal Borough of Kingston council, for further details of eligibility and how to apply click [here](#). Please also ensure that if you receive free school meals you renew your application before the expiry date. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Morgan-Russell on 020 8339 4568.

### Learning Resource Centre (LRC)

If you are clearing out any books at home, the library are always happy to accept good condition items to add to our shelves for the children to make use of. Thank you for your support it is very much appreciated. The LRC also sells a number of school stationery items, please see the Librarian for prices.

### Links to Useful Information

[Student well-being and safety](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities – avail from 13/9

[Sports Clubs](#) and [Music Clubs](#)

[Term Dates](#)

[Key Dates](#)

[Form Tutor List](#)

[The School Day Times](#)

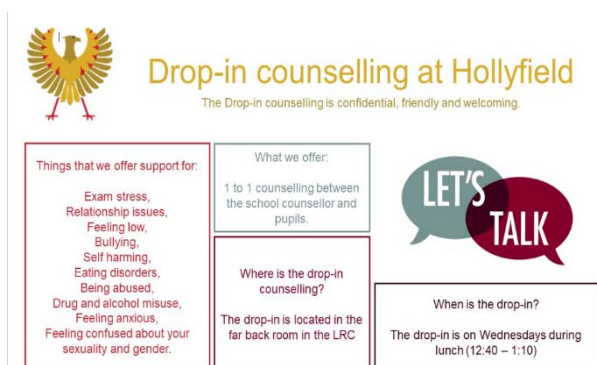
[Uniform List](#)

[Staff List](#) and [Structure](#)

[Severe Weather Procedure](#)

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[Menus & Prices](#)



**Drop-in counselling at Hollyfield**  
 The Drop-in counselling is confidential, friendly and welcoming.

**Things that we offer support for:**  
 Exam stress, Relationship issues, Feeling low, Bullying, Self harming, Eating disorders, Being abused, Drug and alcohol misuse, Feeling anxious, Feeling confused about your sexuality and gender.

**What we offer:**  
 1 to 1 counselling between the school counsellor and pupils.

**Where is the drop-in counselling?**  
 The drop-in is located in the far back room in the LRC

**When is the drop-in?**  
 The drop-in is on Wednesdays during lunch (12:40 – 1:10)

**LET'S TALK**



**SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN**  
 Is there anything you would like to talk about?

Sexual Health, Physical Health and Mental Health, Friendships, Healthy lifestyles, Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol, Worries, Relationships, KUI9

**Come along for a CONFIDENTIAL chat on a Tuesday Lunchtime based in the LRC**  
 yourhealthcare NHS providing services for the NHS



## HOLLYFIELD PTA NEWS



### **AGM – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7pm**

WELCOME BACK to all returning parents/carers and to a big WELCOME to all new Year 7 parents/carers! We hope you and your families all had a lovely summer break.

Our first meeting of the PTA year is the **Annual General Meeting next Tuesday at 7pm** in Albury, Room A1. Everyone is welcome. So please come along to meet us and find out more about what we do and about all the fundraising/social events we've held and school events we have supported over the last year – we've had a very active and successful year, culminating in HOLLYFEST in July, which in the end raised a whopping amount, just in excess of **£14,600!**

The trustees of the PTA have already agreed that the majority of the funds will be going towards the purchase of new IT for the Music department. The exact amount and other beneficiaries will be discussed at the AGM. We'd love to see you there.

### **Hollyfield PTA Facebook Page and Easyfundraising**

Keep up with PTA news and be the first to find out about our events by following 'Hollyfield School PTA' on Facebook. Please help us by liking and following our page.

While there you will find out how to get **Free Money for Hollyfield School**. Sign up to **Easyfundraising** (it only takes a minute) and when you shop online the company you shop with will donate a percentage to your chosen charity... The Hollyfield School obviously... at no cost to yourself! **So, when you are doing your shopping online you could raise money for Hollyfield School without any effort at all! How brilliant is that! Please follow the link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>**

### **Meeting dates – All welcome**

Please come along and find out how you can help support your child's school. If you are unable to attend but would like to find out what is discussed, please refer to our website where we will upload the minutes. Meeting dates for the Autumn term will be added soon.

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**THANK YOU  
HOLLYFIELD PTA**



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