



The Hollyfield School e-bulletin
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“The school’s work to promote pupils personal development and welfare is outstanding”
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Head’s Line:

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been a wonderful week for our school community, at the start of the week we had our achievement assemblies for both year 7 and 8, it was such a pleasure to award our younger students their certificates for their progress and effort in their lessons. We have also been mindful at the end of this term to send many more messages home rewarding students for good effort and engagement.

It is very important for me as a new Headteacher to celebrate the successes that take place every day in our classrooms.

At the end of the week we had our annual Christmas Carol Concert. This began at St Marks Church and then moved to our school hall. This is an enchanting evening full of wonderful music and reminded me of the talented youngsters we have in our school in every year group. There are many people we should thank for a great evening, I would like to say a particular thank you to Sarah Neville and Gary Street for their organisation of this event, Graham Griffiths for making our school site look so wonderful and of course Reverend Stanier for allowing us to use the church at this busy time; the relation between Hollyfield and St Marks is a special one.

This has been a great term for our school and as we move towards the final days I would like to wish parents/Carers and all in our community a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Mufti Day

Don’t forget the mufti day tickets are available from Form Tutors for the last day of term. Tickets are £1 in advance or £2 on the gate. All proceeds will be donated to a good cause.

Last day of Term - 20 December

Lessons will take place as normal during period 1-3, students will return to their form rooms at period 4 and wait to be dismissed at 11.50am.

Students return to school on 4 January 2017.

Senior Citizen Christmas Party

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the above event, your generosity was overwhelming and our guests were delighted with the goodie bags they received. Please see page 9 for further information.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for your very generous donations to the above appeal. We have managed to fill lots of boxes which will be collected next week.

Carol Concert

Huge congratulations to Miss Neville, Mr Street and the incredibly talented performers who made yesterday evening’s carol service and Christmas Concert such a spectacular musical extravaganza. The church service, with performances from Chamber Choir, Senior Choir, Hollyfield Singers and young readers and soloists was simply beautiful. In the school hall, which was packed like never before, we heard a range of stunning performances from the Swing Band, Orchestra, Rock School and a huge number of soloists. Additionally, Mr Esmond and his ukulele group had their world premiere performance, which was an absolute delight. The parents, friends, families and teachers in the audience were absolutely blown away by the quality and breadth of performance work on display, and it was clear to all of us how much talent, love and energy had gone into making the night such a success. Well done, Miss Neville – and well done to every single one of the performers. We are very proud of you! (pictures on page 14)

Open Door

I hold Parent Clinics on Wednesday afternoon/evening during term time. These are from 2.00-6.00pm for parents/carers to speak directly to me regarding any concerns/ suggestions.

Please contact Louise Sutton to arrange an appointment on 0208 339 4500 or email l.sutton@hollyfield.kingston.sch.uk.

Tom Maltby, Headteacher



Term Dates

- Autumn Term 2017**
 4 September to 20 December
 (Inset Day – 4 Sept/30-31 Oct)
- Half Term**
 23 – 27 October
- Christmas Holiday**
 21 December-3 January 2018
- Spring Term 2018**
 4 January – 29 March
- Half Term**
 12-16 February
- Easter Holiday**
 30 March – 13 April
- Summer Term 2018**
 16 April – 19 July
- Half Term**
 29 May – 2 June (Bank Hol 7 May)

- **Stop Press.....**
- **20 Dec – Last Day of Term**
- **4 Jan – Return to School**

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HOLLYFIELD SCHOOL FUND

The Hollyfield School is here to provide an outstanding educational experience, complemented by the values that we instil in our students of self-reliance, responsibility and honesty.

In contrast with our aspirations & ambitions for your children, our public sector funding is frozen and our capital allocation funding has been slashed. Providing the best environment for learning and the best life opportunities under these circumstances is ever more challenging.

The Hollyfield School Fund has been established to enable us to advance the education and welfare of all our students. Funds raised are used to provide first rate resources and opportunities for everyone at Hollyfield School.

We have been fortunate over the years to have had a number of benefactors who have shared our vision and have generously helped us towards our goals. For example, they have provided financial support for the excellent annual school drama productions and also helped us improve facilities such as the refurbishment of our science labs. In recent years, Hollyfield School Fund monies have helped us rebuild the student toilet block and to provide a wonderful outside learning environment, The Hollywood Wildlife Garden. We are also looking forward to the internal and external refurbishment of the canteen facilities.

One of the ways in which you can support The Hollyfield School is to provide financial assistance. Your support enables the school to consider projects and equipment to benefit the students that would not ordinarily be affordable within the annual school funding.

The current suggested contribution is £30 per month, per child, or £360 per year.

For the majority of donors (who are UK residents) ticking the gift aid box will enable us to reclaim a further 25 pence per £1 from the tax office. While some families support at a higher level, others prefer to give to the school in other ways, for example, by donating their skills. Whatever donation you feel able to make is greatly appreciated and will be used to benefit all our students.

How you can contribute

- A donation form, with Gift Aid declaration follows.

If you feel able to contribute a small, regular contribution, please complete the forms and return it to the Bursar in the Finance office at school.