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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2017

A Welcome from Mr Ferguson



Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. I hope you enjoy reading through some of the news items from our first month of term.

Before term started, we were delighted to celebrate some fantastic examination results with our Sixth Form and Year 11 students. Our Year 13 students gained some wonderful outcomes with 55% of all grades attained at A*/A grade or equivalent, a truly staggering statistic. Many of our students have now taken up places at university and we wish them well for the next stage of their education. We thank all of our departing students for their commitment, scholarship and company - all the very best!

At GCSE level, we were delighted with this year's record-breaking results. At every measure, our boys comfortably out-performed boys' nationally. Our 'Progress 8' measure was 0.66 above the national score for boys, meaning that for every GCSE examination taken our students gained about 2/3 of a grade more than their counterparts. In English, our boys scored 24% more grade 4 results than the national figure and in maths this was 10% above the national boys' score. Our science results continue to set the benchmark for local schools and there was much more to celebrate across all areas of the school. Yuvraj Assi and Theo Mitchell-Smith excelled, gaining three of the new grade 9s in English Language, English Literature and mathematics - a feat matched by only a tiny

handful of students (mostly girls) in Hounslow. It is astonishing that, out of the 250,000 boys nationally that took GCSEs, only 600 matched Yuvraj and Theo! They have demonstrated how successful students, with a great work ethic, aligned with determination and aspiration, can achieve at our school.



Last year we agreed with the local authority to open our doors to additional students to accommodate the growing numbers of students in our primary schools. We therefore welcomed our largest ever Year 7 intake into the school at the start of term. I am really pleased to see how well they are settling at school. They really have made a positive start and I trust that they will collectively aspire to be our best ever year group. I am personally looking forward to joining the forthcoming PGL residential trip which is only a week or so away - I hope the weather holds for a few more days!

We have started a fourth House, named after Robert Adam, an architect responsible for work on both Osterley and Syon Houses. Some of our new Year 7s are in the privileged position of being the very first members of Adam House.

It was a real treat to welcome back our former Head Boy (2007-08) Dr. Kivraj Sabarwal, who was our guest of honour at our Senior Awards Evening on 14 September. Kivraj reminded the students of the great opportunities that the school provides and also the real benefit of showing determination and resilience, key attributes for success at school and in the workplace.

Whilst term has only really just started, we have already had our Open Evening for prospective students for September 2018. The feedback from the visitors was excellent. I wish to record my thanks to my colleagues for their hard work and of course to all of the students that assisted on the evening. They are always outstanding ambassadors for the school and a real credit to their families. I wish all our students a very successful term.

Mr Ferguson

This Month's Cover

This month, our image is in two parts. The left-side cover image was designed by Oliver Hone (7Am). Oliver was nominated by Deputy Curriculum Leader Miss Pacwa for this stunning tonal drawing of a shell. After only a month in lessons, Oliver has demonstrated outstanding aptitude for art, picking up techniques quickly and efficiently. We decided to feature a Year 7 piece of art work this month in honour of the fantastic start that they have made. Choosing one image proved difficult, however, as Year 7 have already set an outstanding standard for the new year.

Our right-side cover image was drawn by recently-departed Year 13 student Gus Fontaine. This outstanding piece of work would not look out of place in a gallery, and so it was only fitting that we featured it as something for our Year 7s to aspire to over the next five years!

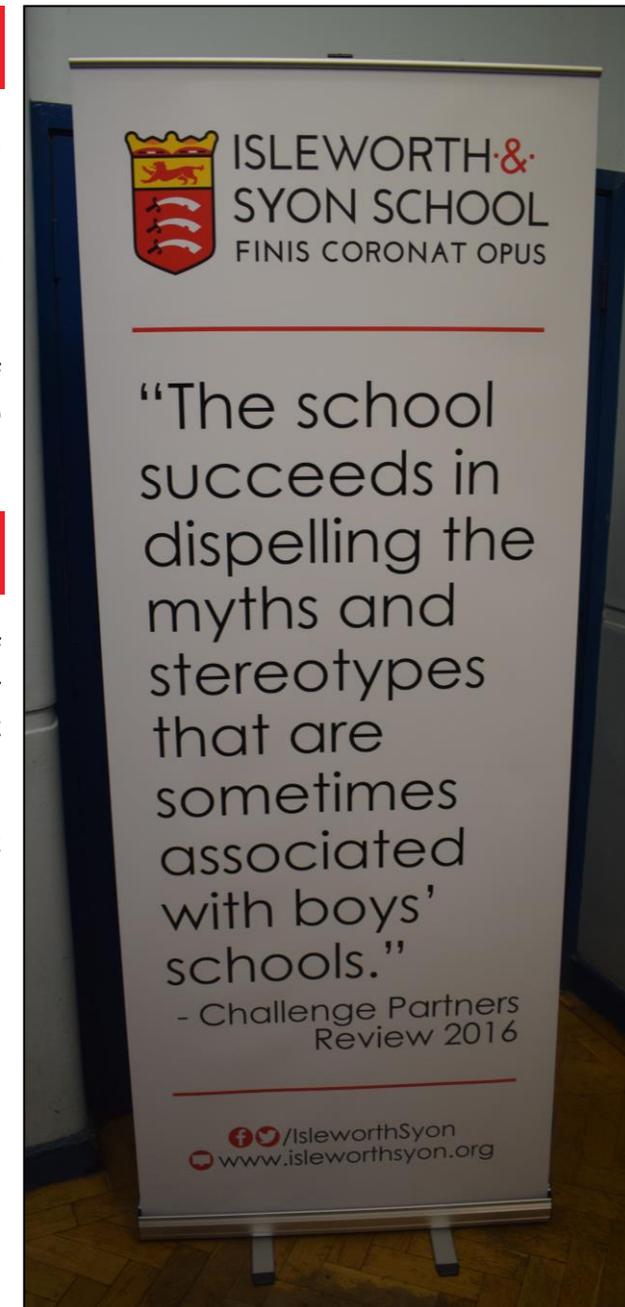
Get in Touch!

We are a forward-thinking, innovative school which uses electronic means for communications. Our primary way of getting in touch with you will be via email, so please inform us straight away if it changes. **Some mailboxes automatically filter the system-sent emails as 'spam' or 'junk', so check those folders if you haven't been receiving emails from us.** Get in touch with the school if you are having issues.

Emails are sent from PARS@isleworthsyon.org. These emails are system-generated and the mailbox is not monitored. We politely ask that you **do not reply** to emails sent from this address; if you have a query, it should be directed to school@isleworthsyon.org, at which point a member of our administrative staff will forward it on to the appropriate member of staff.

Please be advised that due to our large school body, our phone lines are often busy. It is far more efficient to access information via the website or Twitter account, rather than by telephone.

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Facebook: facebook.com/IsleworthSyon
Parent Portal: <https://parent.isleworthsyon.com>
Telephone: 020 8568 5791



News

OLD VIC SCHOOLS' WORKSHOP

This year, we have entered into partnership with the Old Vic theatre as part of their prestigious Schools' Workshop scheme. Thirty students in Year 9 are taking part and will see four theatre shows over the year, for free, and also receive a pre-show workshop. The first session - on Friday 22 September - discussed some of the play's themes and characters as well as some of the performance aspects. It greatly enhanced students' understanding of the play they saw that evening - 'The Girl from the North Country'.



MILES CLARK – ENGLISH SWIMMING CHAMPION

We were delighted to receive notice that Miles Clark (13TBI) became the English champion in the 200m breaststroke - an outstanding achievement! His time of 02:23.12 was the ninth-fastest time by a 17-year-old in Britain this year. We look forward to seeing Miles continue his success this year, as he takes part in Commonwealth Games trials for England!



HARMEET SINGH – PUBLISHED AUTHOR!

We were thrilled to discover this month that Sixth Form student Harmeet Singh has had an article published in a notable mathematics publication. You can read it [here](#). It is fantastic to see our students testing themselves outside of the classroom and exploring their curriculum passions.



ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Work continued on a number of environmental projects over the summer holiday. Our commitment to be 'outstanding in every respect' extends to the continual improvement of the school's facilities and estate. The new teaching block nears completion (see image below), while we have introduced theatre-style seating in the hall, refurbished the quadrangle and begun the process of upgrading our art and DT block. Read more online [here](#).



SENIOR AWARDS EVENING

Thursday 14 September saw 2016-17 come to an end with Senior Awards Evening, where 110 students across Years 10-13 were given subject and pastoral awards. 39 other prizes were presented during the evening. Well done to departing Head Boy Maxwell Omondi, who scooped the prestigious Headmaster's Cup for his sustained contribution to school life.



YEAR 10 – WELL-BEING SESSION WITH 'MIND' CHARITY

We welcomed representatives from the MIND charity on Friday 29 September to discuss mental health with Year 10 as part of their PSHCE. The aim is to improve the boys' psychological well-being by building resilience and challenging stigma. It was great to see the boys engaging in such a constructive and helpful way.

'PRIVATE PEACEFUL'

Rehearsals have now begun for the 2017 production of World War I drama 'Private Peaceful'. With a huge cast of talented actors from across the school, this promises to be a fantastic show on Thursday 30 November and Friday 1 December - information on tickets coming soon.

"Together We Learn, Achieve & Succeed."

MUSIC LESSONS AND ENSEMBLES RECOMMENCE



Instrument lessons and extra-curricular ensembles are returning to their [weekly schedules](#). The new focus is encouraging all students to sing in lessons to enable them to access music-making and enjoy instrument-free, fun performance. Spaces for instrument lessons are still available; contact music staff for more.

SPORTS REPORT

Our sportsmen have made a cracking start to the school year, including a 1-2-3 in the Hounslow cross-country 1600m on Thursday 28 September (pictured). For updates on the goings-on in rugby, cricket, cross-country and DofE, [view the full report](#) on the school website.



Noticeboard

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

As part of our commitment to encouraging healthy lifestyles and to reducing our carbon footprint, we have written a travel plan.

The full document can be viewed on the website [here](#).

STUDENTS CYCLING TO SCHOOL

It is pleasing to see the increased number of students cycling to school.

We ask that all parents/carers ensure that their children wear a cycle helmet to school and encourage your son(s)/ward(s) to cycle safely at all times.

There is a current fashion for some cyclists to do “wheelies” on the roads. Clearly, this is dangerous behaviour and students will have their cycles confiscated in these circumstances.

PARKING AROUND THE SITE

We would as a matter of urgency and common decency, ask some parents/carers to review their own behaviours especially in relation to dropping-off, or picking-up students at the start and end of the school day.

It is illegal to park, or temporarily stop, on double-yellow lines or the zig-zags outside the school entrances.

Please read the full letter on road safety, from Mr Ferguson, on the school website [here](#).

PROGRESS & PREPARATION DAY



This important date in the school calendar is scheduled for **Friday 13 October** and affects students in Years 8-13. More information can be found on the website [here](#).

Parents/carers have until Friday 6 October to indicate a preferred interview time at the link above. After this point, an appointment will be chosen for you.

INSET AND PPA DAYS - NOVEMBER

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Friday 24 November and Monday 27 November due to an INSET and Staff PPA Day respectively. Students are not expected in school.

Coming Soon...

Please find below a summary of the next two months in school. All events for this year can be found in the [school calendar](#) on the website. You can also view the full list of [term dates](#).

OCTOBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
			Open Morning 1	
9	10	11	12	13
	Open Morning 2	PGL (Year 7)	PGL (Year 7)	PGL (Year 7)
				Progress & Preparation Day (Years 8-11)
				Save Drive, Stay Alive (Year 12)
16	17	18	19	20
	Isleworth Association 1	Open Morning 3		
23	24	25	26	27
Half-Term	Half-Term	Half-Term	Half-Term	Half-Term
30	31			

NOVEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
			Sixth Form Open Evening (6.00pm)	
6	7	8	9	10
	UKMT Senior Maths Challenge		Year 11 Parents' Evening 1	Remembrance Day
13	14	15	16	17
	Isleworthian Association Event 1			Quiz Night (7.00pm)
20	21	22	23	24
			Friday timetable for students	INSET 3
27	28	29	30	
PPA Day				

Note: students do not attend school on INSET or PPA days.

Houses

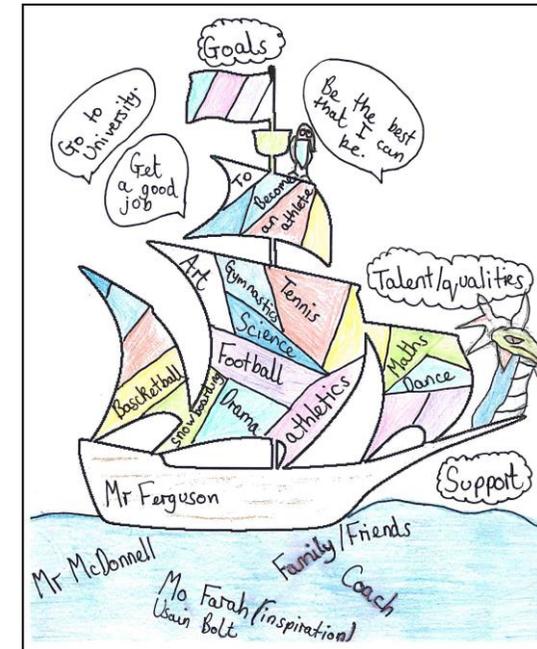
September saw the launch of our brand-new house, Adam. The house is built on the three Rs - 'Responsible, Reflective, Resilience'.

House Leaders Miss Shukla (Adam), Miss Breach (Brunel), Mr Mullins and Miss Durnien (Shackleton), and Mr Chrissydes (Turner) set our new Year 7s a challenge this month, which followed on from assembly discussions.

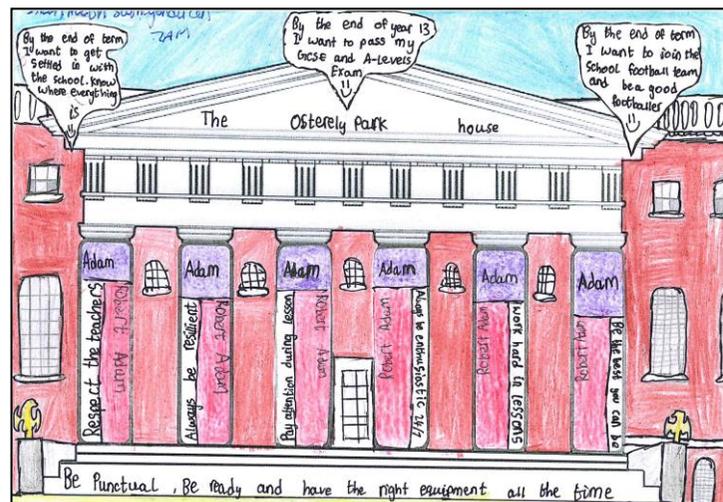
Students were asked to think about what they want to achieve over their next five years of schooling.

For the challenge, the boys were instructed to outline their goal(s) for their time in school, as well as the talents, abilities and qualities that they will bring and the support available to help them achieve their goal(s).

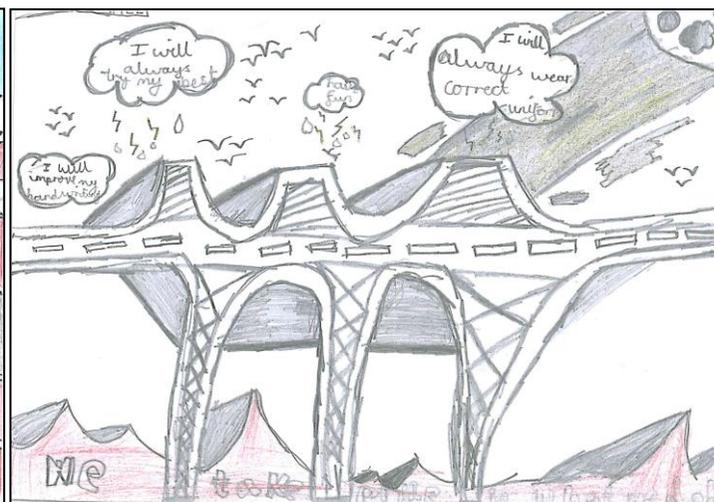
We received a huge number of entries, which was absolutely outstanding. It was excellent to see our Year 7s engage wholeheartedly with their house mottos and begin to think about how their house's ethos will influence their time at Isleworth & Syon. On this page are the four winning entries; click an image to view the full-size version!



Shackleton - Charlie Bristow (7Sh)



Adam - Shankeeth Satheyendrian (7Am)



Brunel - Asad Pal (7Bl)



Turner - Zayn Malik (7Tu)

Student Showcase: Geography

Geography!



Flags of the world Tuesday 10th September 2017

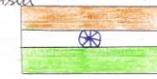
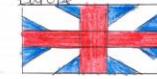
- England/United Kingdom ✓
- Wales ✓
- Spain ✓
- Brazil ✓
- Ghana/Senegal ✓
- China ✓

There are altogether 7 continents!

- Africa ✓
- Asia ✓
- Australia ✓
- Europe ✓
- South America ✓
- North America ✓

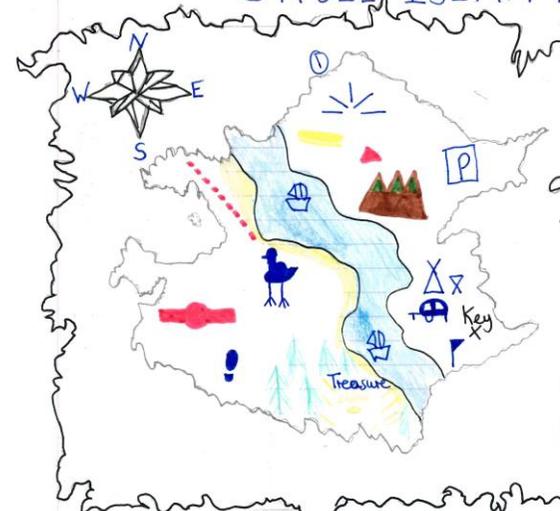
The content page is at the front of an atlas. The index pages are at the back of the atlas.

The content page is useful because when you need to know where the different countries are. The index pages tell you where this you contain locations/informations.

<p>India - Country Delhi - Capital 119016000 - population 304898 - Area^{sq}m Asia</p> 	<p>England - Country London - Capital 60 769000 - Population 243609 - Area^{sq}m Europe</p> 
<p>Italy - Country Rome - Capital 58977000 - population 30245 - Area^{sq}m Europe</p> 	<p>Somalia Mogadishu 637657 - Area^{sq}m 869000 - population Africa</p> 
<p>Nepal - Country Kathmandu - Capital 28196000 - population 147191 - Area^{sq}m Asia</p> 	<p>Australia - Country Canberra - Capital 20743000 - population 7692024 - Area^{sq}m Australia</p> 

CW OS map symbols Friday 29th September

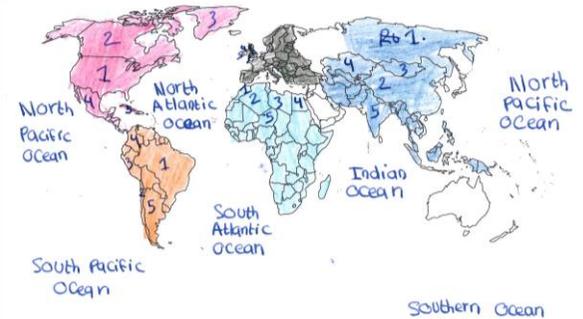
Treasure Map SKULL ISLAND



- Start at the view point get the boat across the river.
- Go to the foot path go south down the ft nature reserve go across the river to get the key.
- Then go on the boat again and go to the centre of the woods and it's there.

<p>England, Europe Capital: London Population: 59,251,000 Area: 243,609 km² Fun fact: Theresa May is the prime minister.</p> 	<p>Zimbabwe: Africa Capital: Harare Population: 12,891,000 Area: 390,759 km² Fun fact: the life expectancy age is 39</p> 
<p>Malaysia: Asia Capital: Kuala Lumpur/ Putrajaya Population: 24,425,000 Area: 332,965 km² Fun fact: Monkeys roam around everywhere and you can see them</p> 	<p>New Zealand: Australasia Capital: Wellington Population: 3,875,000 Area: 270,534 km² Fun fact: Their rugby team is nicknamed the All Blacks and before everyone they do a sunny dance called the Haka</p> 
<p>Canada: North America Capital: Ottawa Population: 31,900,000 Area: 997,100 km² Fun fact: In Canada they speak French in a lot of places.</p> 	<p>Brazil: South America Capital: Brasilia Population: 179,100,000 Area: 854,700 km² Fun fact: Brazil have won 5 world cups in football which is the most any country has ever won.</p> 

Arctic Ocean



<p>North America</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> America, Washington Canada, Ottawa Greenland Mexico, Mexico city Cuba, Havana 	<p>Africa</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MOROCCO, Rabat Algeria, Algiers Libya, Tripoli Egypt, Cairo Niger, Niamey
<p>South America</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brazil, Brasilia Chile, Santiago Peru, Lima Colombia, Bogota Argentina, 	<p>Europe</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> England Wales Scotland Northern Ireland Ireland
<p>Asia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Russia China Mongolia Kazakhstan India 	

This month, a range of outstanding student work from Year 7 geography, nominated by Miss Durnien.

Above - a great treasure map of Skull Island drawn by Charlie Bristow and an excellent country fact-file by Elliot Heath.

Left column - outstanding visual fact-file from Priyanshu Verma and a lovely map of the world's continents by Swalahdin Jivanjee.

Writer's Corner

Miss Axten nominated this beautiful piece of creative writing, submitted as part of Year 7's study of gothic horror.

'The Shack'

By Edward Astley (7Br)

The rain scattered across the meandering lane as the moon rose over the shadowy mansion that towered over the surrounding trees. The lamps, lit with fire, stalked you as you made your way down the lane. The uneven tarmac of the road glinted in the eeriness of the night. The rocks that made a base for the fence, were now beaten and mossy, giving any human or animal that walked down the lane a feeling that their visit would be made permanent.

The Shack arched over anyone at the door. Despite many lamps being lit outside, the house was cold, dark and empty. The house was three stories tall and was split into thirds - with the middle part being one story higher than the other parts.

It had eroded brick walls with a cracked wooden roof. Smashed windows had been mended by cobwebs - that had the dead owners still sitting in them.



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