

NEWSLETTER: END OF YEAR 2017-18

A Message from the Headteacher

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES

The recently published School Performance Tables demonstrate how well the students at Isleworth & Syon School performed in last summer's examinations. The data compares our students with girls and boys across England.

Progress 8 - this measures the progress from Key Stage 2 (end of primary) to Key Stage 4 (GCSE) for the cohort of students. This is the key measure of school performance used to judge school performance.

Our measure of +0.46 is statistically "significantly above national average", which is set at 0.00, and places us in the top 14% of all schools. We cannot make direct comparisons with boys' only results only at this stage. However, nationally boys are scoring -0.24. We therefore confidently expect our measure to be in the top 5% of results nationally, for boys.

Results across the board are similarly impressive and again we look forward to being able to compare our results against boys only.

English & maths	Grade 4 and above:	top 7% nationally.
English Language	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 5% nationally. top 3% nationally.
English Literature	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 14% nationally. top 7% nationally.
Mathematics	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 22% nationally. top 25% nationally.
Science	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 2% nationally. top 4% nationally.

DATA PROTECTION

From 25 May 2018, new regulations have been introduced which affects how our school handles peoples' data. This is called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Compliance with the regulation will be an ongoing process; the school has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to advise and manage compliance with the regulation. Full details of our DPO will be available on the school website soon.

We will be publicising policies, procedures and notices that are compliant with the new regulations in the coming months and will keep you informed of any developments. For the time being, your child's data will be handled in the same manner as previously and in accordance with legal principles. In the meantime, we thank you for your patience whilst we take the necessary steps set by the new legislation and guidance for handling data.

LEADING EDGE

We are delighted to announce that we have been nationally recognised for exceptional performance in 2017-18. We have accepted an invitation to join the Leading Edge network, run by SSAT (the schools, students and teachers network).



Membership of this national network is by invitation only; this follows an in-depth analysis of national attainment data from the Department of Education and Ofsted. It is exclusively available to schools that are consistently high-performing.

Current data shows that boys at Isleworth & Syon are performing well beyond boys locally or nationally, with progress data for boys being in the top 5% of schools nationally. Read more <u>here</u>.

JOSEPH ITOJE - ISLEWORTH & SYON 2011-2016

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news of Joe's sudden and untimely death due to a pre-existing medical condition.

Joseph (pictured in the front row, second left) joined the school in Year 7 from The Rosary Catholic Primary School and spent five years with us, completing his GCSEs in the summer of 2016.

He was a charming young man who really did live out the ideals of the school. He worked hard, took advantage of a range of school opportunities and became the most pleasant, mature and considerate young man that we wish for all of our boys. He was a talented artist, loved music and was also a gifted sportsman. He went off to Richmond College to pursue a sports course but he kept in close touch with his school friends.

Our sympathies go to his parents, his sister and his wider family and many friends.



William Shakespeare's The Tempest

A storm is coming. School Production -December 2018.

News

SPORTS DAY



An unbelievable time was had by all at Osterley Track on Friday 22 June, as we hosted a full track and field programme for Years 7-10. Fantastic organisation by the PE staff, and some outstanding athletics, with many school records smashed on the day! The overall result was a tie - for the first time ever! Well done to Shackleton **and** Turner! Check out the highlights on Twitter <u>here</u>.

LONDON SCOTTISH

The school has signed an exciting partnership with London Scottish FC, one of our local professional rugby teams. Currently London Scottish play in the Green King IPA Championship, the second tier of English rugby.

This new partnership aims to build on our current rugby programme and provide pathways for our players to take their game to the highest possible level. We also look forward to welcoming new players to our Sixth Form as they seek to develop their own game within an academically high-achieving school.

Extra-curricular opportunities are a key part of the culture of our school and we are proud of our long-established sporting traditions. The positive links between physical activity, academic success and well-being are well known and for this reason, we will always provide such life-enhancing opportunities for our students. Rugby has always been one of our main sports and we look forward to developing young talent through this new link.

KS3 AWARDS

Tuesday 26 June saw KS3 Awards Evening, celebrating students in Years 7-9. It was a lovely evening, with 119 students being rewarded for their hard work over the year. Well done to all of the boys - you are a credit to yourselves and your families.

Check out all of the tweets from the evening <u>here</u>.

SUMMER ARTS

One of the highlights of our school calendar is Summer Arts Evening, as the art, DT, drama, media and music departments come together for an incredible night! This year's event had a twist - a festival theme, with visitors encouraged to wander as they pleased and take in a variety of live acts and exhibitions. Audience response was overwhelmingly positive! It all ended with an incredible World Cup-themed finale featuring all 150 performers - truly a sight to behold! You can watch a clip of the performance, as well as review some of the other spectacular pieces, here.



CRICKET VS MCC

It was a treat to once again host our annual cricket match against the MCC down at Wood Lane. The MCC are one of the most prestigious cricket clubs in the world, and we are very grateful to them for giving up their time to come down. It was an excellent match, but the MCC just shaded our young team. A fantastic effort, though!

WLW 2018

The penultimate week of term was taken up by Wider Learning Week, where students in Years 7-9 and 12 were allocated a series of activities that took them out of the classroom. It was an incredible week, and students were pushed out of their comfort zone in a powerful and enriching way. There's not enough space here to summarise all the activities, so we suggest heading to the <u>school website</u> for more.



Notices

SCHOOL ALBUM

Isleworth & Syon School has released its very first music album, featuring 14 original tracks composed and performed entirely by students. The CD is called 'Playback', a title chosen by a student committee in consultation with staff.

The album project is the culmination of months of hard work by both students and subject staff. The work features students from Year 8 all the way to Year 13, and it celebrates our students' unique talents. Their individual personalities are expressed freely across all fourteen tracks, covering a wide range of genres including hip-hop, pop, rock, classical and rap.

We're extremely proud of this product - it's now on sale for just £5. We urge you to go <u>here</u> and buy your copy today!



END-OF-TERM

Thank you to all parents/carers for your support during this academic year.

Once again, we will operate a staggered start in September, so please check the image below carefully and ensure that your son/ward arrives on time and in the right place. Please do take notice of the final line.

The Summe	r Term ends on Friday 20 July	at 12.30pm. An	rangements for September 2018 m dates.
Year 7 Years 8-10 Year 11	Wednesday 5 September Thursday 6 September Wednesday 5 September	8.15am 10.45am 2.00pm	School Entrance Form Room
Year 12 Year 13	Wednesday 5 September Thursday 6 September	9.45am	Sixth Form Study Room Sixth Form Study Room

SCHOOL SHOP

The school shop has limited opening hours this summer, so please order in advance to avoid disappointment. The full opening times are shown below; it will **not be open at the start of term in September.**

SCHOOL SHOP OPENING TIMES - SUMMER 2018 AUGUST 2018 (CONT.) **JULY 2018** Mon 23 July - 8.30am to 2.00pm Tue 28 August - 1.00pm to 3.00pm Tue 24 July - 8.30am to 2.00pm Wed 29 August - 1.00pm to 3.00pm Wed 25 July - 8.30am to 2.00pm Thu 30 August - 1.00pm to 3.00pm Thu 26 July - 8.30am to 2.00pm Fri 27 July - 8.30am to 2.00pm Please note that the school shop only AUGUST 2018 accepts credit/debit cards. Cash or cheques will not be accepted. Tue 21 August - 8.30am to 3.00pm Wed 22 August - 8.30am to 3.00pm The shop will not be open at the start of term in September, so please order in advance. Thu 23 August - 8.30am to 3.00pm

APPEARANCE

Parents/carers of students in Years 7-9 have all been given an end-of-year letter in your child's report envelope. These letters are also available on the school website <u>here</u>.

Please note the following paragraph:

"We would like to politely remind all parents/carers that, as usual, the new term will start with whole school assemblies and reminders about the accepted standards including a full uniform and appearance check. To support this, if you are intending to purchase any new items of uniform or for your son/ward to have a haircut for the start of the new academic year then, please, check again the website and the published appearance policy to check the hairstyles and clothing styles that are acceptable. The school shop opening times are published on the website.

Any student in breach of the published standards at the start of term will, unfortunately, be sanctioned and may not be allowed to return to school or to lessons until the issue is corrected.

Thank you for your support in this matter and, in the meantime, we wish you a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to working in partnership again from September."

Developments

BD ARCHITECTURAL CLIENT OF THE YEAR 2018 - NOMINATION

We have worked tirelessly to ensure that all improvements to the school estate are designed for the long-term and carried out in sympathy with our current building stock, whilst also acknowledging that we are located in a conservation area. This extends from fencing to other minor developments and of course major projects like the new teaching block. We have worked with our architects, Useful Studio, for a number of years now to improve the school estate.

In recognition of our work we were recently shortlisted for the BD Architectural Client of the Year Awards for 2018. The shortlisted clients were:

Stanhope - a property developer, whose recent works included work on Finsbury Circus (London) and the repurposing of the BBC Television Centre in White City. London Borough of Southwark Education Department for their work on high quality architecture in their schools.

Arrant Land - a developer focused on some prestigious new housing units. Sports Scotland - for delivering excellent sporting facilities across Scotland. Isleworth & Syon School

The judges said, "Headteacher Euan Ferguson has championed good design through a number of improvements to this boys' school in the London Borough of Hounslow. These include an extensive refurbishment of the humanities wing of 12 classrooms and social spaces, completed in 2014, plus a new standalone building to accommodate growing pupil numbers. Both projects are designed by Useful Studio, which is also drawing up designs for the refurbishment of the Art and DT block."

The awards ceremony was held at the Westminster Plaza Hotel in mod-April, hosted by TV presenter, Mark Durden-Smith. The London Borough of Southwark were the eventual winners of the category. It was, however, very rewarding to be on such prestigious short-list and is recognition for our strategy and recognition for the work of our architectural team.

NEW TEACHING BLOCK

The new teaching block is, at last, nearing completion. We expect to be moving into the new premises during the summer holiday, so that the brand new facilities can be used for lessons next term.

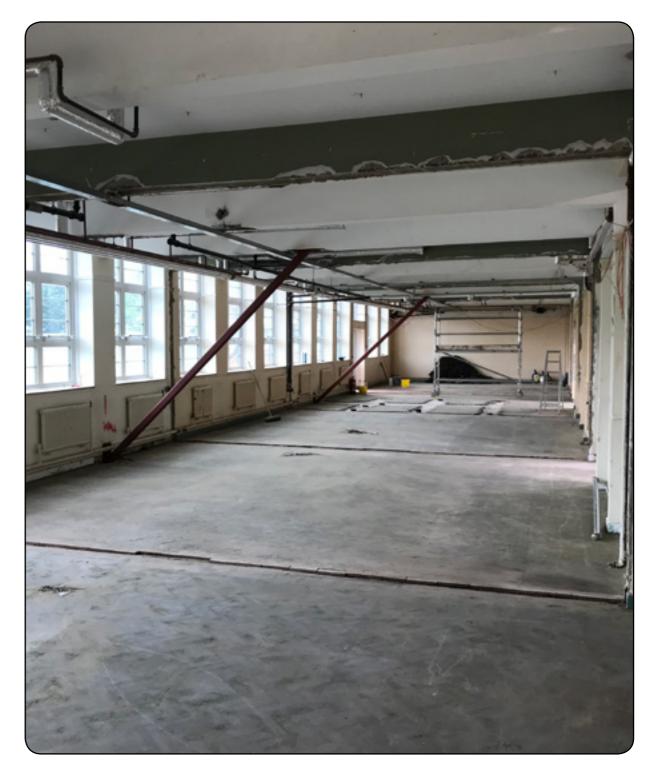
The new rooms will be equipped to ensure the very best teaching and learning environment. They will have state-of-the art touchscreen technology, carefully controlled under-floor heating and a ventilation system to ensure the very best air quality at all times. The block will house English and mathematics classes.

ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY BLOCK

The windows and doors in the Art & DT Block are now being replaced. This is the second phase of improvements to the facility and will mean that the rooms will retain the excellent natural light that the design affords, but the new technology glazing units will vastly improve the thermal behaviour of the building. This work will be completed during the summer holidays.

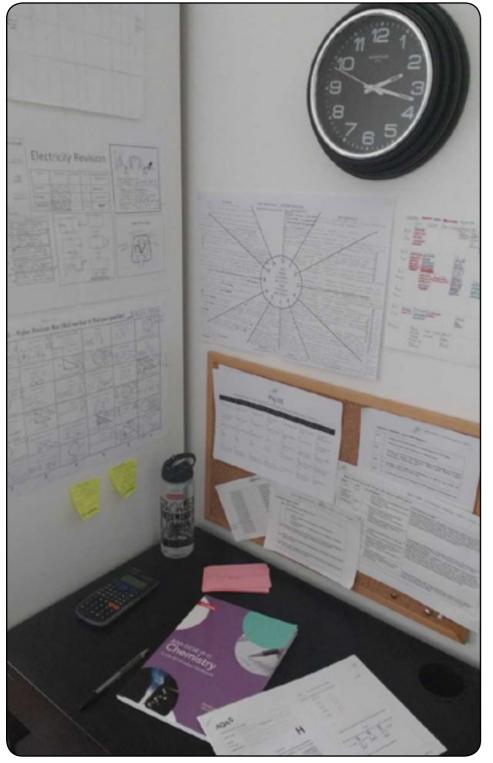
NEW SCIENCE LABORATORIES

Work has just started on the conversion of our old English classrooms (rooms 124-129) into four brand new science laboratories. These new labs will allow us to improve the already impressive science facilities and ensure that science education continues to be the very best in the local area.

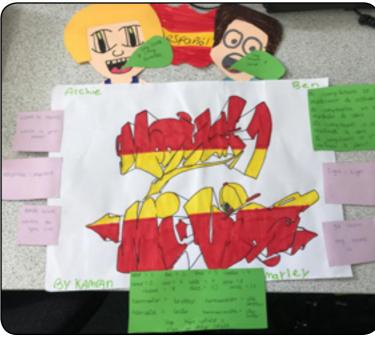


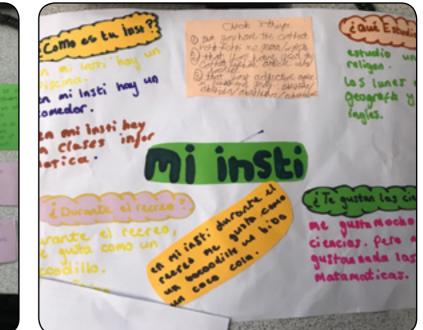
Student Showcase

Here are some outstanding examples of revision from this year, including knowledge organisers (clocks), playdoh, posters and flashcards. We attempt to embed revision strategies from Year 7 onwards as a means of preparing students for later on in their studies.

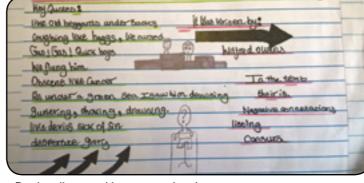


An outstanding set-up here - this is a student who is ready to revise.

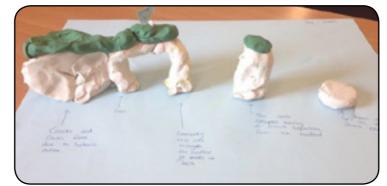




Brilliant posters from Spanish by Year 7 here - breaking the information down so that it is easy to recall later!



Dual coding - making connections!



Using play-doh to engage creative and practical thinking!



Outstanding geography flashcards!

Coming Soon

Please find next year's term dates below. Students **will not** be required to attend on INSET, Curriculum or PPA days, or Bank Holidays. Some senior students may be expected to attend school on Curriculum Day. Download these dates <u>here</u>.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Autumn Term 1 Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October

HALF TERM Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October

Autumn Term 2 Monday 29 October - Thursday 20 December

SPRING TERM 2018

Spring Term 1 Monday 7 January - Friday 15 February

HALF TERM Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February

Spring Term 2 Monday 25 February - Friday 5 April

SUMMER TERM 2018

Summer Term 1 Tuesday 23 April - Friday 24 May

HALF TERM Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Summer Term 2 Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July

SUMMER HOLIDAY 2019

Monday 22 July - Friday 30 August.

Arrangements for the start of Autumn Term 2019 are still to be confirmed.

Notes

Monday 3 September - INSET Day Tuesday 4 September - INSET Day Wednesday 5 September - Year 7, 11 & 12 return Thursday 6 September - Years 8-10 and 13 return Friday 23 November - INSET Day Monday 26 November - PPA Day

Notes

Tuesday 23 April - Curriculum Day Monday 6 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Writer's Corner

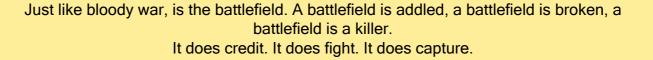
Miss Hannon nominated this great piece of creative writing, written as part of an English lesson. Year 9 were tasked with writing poetry about war.

'War, Violence, Death' By Tinashe Chituku

Because I could not command for war, It did kindly command me. I don't like the fact that it, Learned to command before it knew how to fight. It does command, it does fight, Should it also enlist?

A belligerency, however hard it tries, Will always be armed. A belligerency is thorny, a belligerency is bristly, A belligerency is burry, however.

Don't believe that combatants are amicable, Combatants are hostile beyond belief. Are you disheartened about how truculent they are? Does it tear you apart to see the combatants so uncongenial?





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