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Message from the Headteacher

The term has started well, despite the cold snap in the weather. Work is progressing on the new school building and we look forward to seeing the building taking shape over the coming weeks.

Our senior students are focusing on the summer examinations, which are now only a matter of weeks away, and our Sixth Form students are receiving offers of places at university and the next stage of education.

Attendance at the recent Year 7 Parents Evening was 91%. Thank you to all parents and carers for the great support at this important evening. There are further Parents' Evenings for Year 9 and 10 students this term and I do hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend these sessions.



This Month's Cover

The front cover of this newsletter was designed by Wazir Agha Malik (9F). He was nominated by Mr Carpenter, Curriculum Leader for art, who complimented him for his outstanding research on the artist Keith Waring. Well done to Wazir!



Get in Touch

All communications with parents/carers are electronic; please make sure that we have your most up-to-date email address on file. The methods below are the best way to keep up-to-date with the daily life of the school.

It is also far more efficient to access information via the website or Twitter account, rather than by telephone.

Website: www.isleworthsyon.org
Email: school@isleworthsyon.org
Twitter: twitter.com/IsleworthSyon
Facebook: facebook.com/IsleworthSyon
Parent Portal: <https://parent.isleworthsyon.com>
Telephone: 020 8568 5791
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News

CARA EARNS PLACE AT PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGE

Deputy Head Girl Cara Doyle has been accepted for a scholarship at Guildhall, one of the most prestigious institutions in the UK. For more on this story, go to www.isleworthsyon.org/cara.

DEVELOPMENTS UPDATE

The new teaching block has started to rise from the ground. The steel frame really does help to visualize what the new building will look like. Work is due to finish at the end of December ready for opening early in 2018.



Work is also currently taking place to replace corridor and emergency lighting with new and more efficient LED lights. This work will save the school money in the medium-term due to the energy savings that modern lighting can produce.

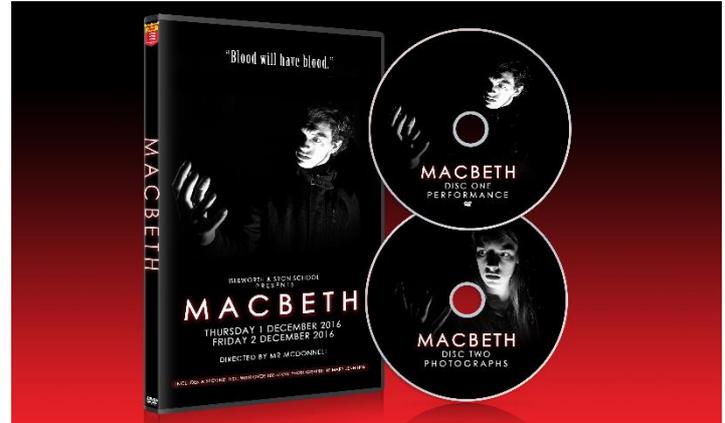
ARISE, SIR MO FARAH

We were thrilled as former student Mo Farah was awarded a knighthood by the Queen in her New Year's Honours List, following his second consecutive double gold-medal triumph in Rio 2016. This honour is richly deserved - our warmest congratulations to Mo!



SPORTS REPORT

It's been a busy month of sport in school, with lots going on in cross-country, indoor athletics and rowing. Find out about some of our successes via the website: www.isleworthsyon.org/sportsjan17.



'MACBETH' DVD SET NOW ON SALE

The two-disc set (pictured above) includes a full feature-length film of the show, plus over 180 photographs of the show and rehearsal process. It costs just £15 or 2 for £25. To get your hands on this memento, visit www.isleworthsyon.org/macbethdvd.

POETRY BY HEART

After a thrilling competition with Years 9-11 on Wednesday 18 January, Daniel Vakili (10F, left) and James Pusey (10E, right) emerged as our Poetry by Heart champions. They progress to the regional finals; for more, visit: www.isleworthsyon.org/poetry2017.



URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

A small group of students took part in Round 1 of the Urban Debate League at Chiswick School on Thursday 25 January. The boys won both debates and performed admirably. It should stand them in good stead for the next round later this term!

Reminders

CASHLESS ENVIRONMENT

Please do not send your child with cash as it will not be accepted. The online payment system (Tucasi) is easy-to-use - see www.isleworthsyon.org/cashless for more information.



EMAILS

As you are aware, all of our communications are electronic this year. If you have not received emails from us, please get in touch as soon as possible. Not giving us your up-to-date email address could result in you missing out on vital information.

PARENT/CARER PARKING

Please encourage your child to travel independently - it's healthier and better for the environment!

We also ask that you do not park on the double yellow lines that are placed around the school site for the safety of students. We fully support the Local Authority's approach of issuing tickets to offenders.

CYCLE SAFETY

The school policy on cycling is quite clear, with the following conditions required to be followed:

- All bicycles must be in a roadworthy condition.
- Cycle helmets must be worn.
- All bicycles must be parked and padlocked in the bike sheds.

Your child's bike will be secured for parent/carer collection if these conditions are not followed or we witness dangerous cycling.

WORK EXPERIENCE "OWN FINDS"

The deadline is at the end of February. Please help your son/ward to engage with friends, family or other contacts in order to secure a placement. More information at www.isleworthsyon.org/wex.

TRIPS

All trips and excursions require written consent from a parent/carer via an online form. Please endeavour to complete these promptly; they are a legal requirement, and your child cannot partake in a trip without one.



SIXTH FORM DEADLINE PASSED

All applications made after Friday 27 January will still be accepted but marked as "late", meaning that we are unable to guarantee your first choice.

APPEARANCE POLICY

We continue to seek your continued support for the high standards that we set at school. The overwhelming majority of students and families are fully supportive of our policies and we thank you for this. Read more at www.isleworthsyon.org/appearance.



Coming Soon

FEBRUARY				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
30	31	1	2	3
	Isleworth Association 3 (7.15pm)		Year 9 Parents' Evening (4.30 - 7.00pm)	
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
		1	2	3
			KS4 Courses Information Evening (6.00pm)	
6	7	8	9	10
Year 11 PPEs	Year 11 PPEs Isleworth Association Event (7.15pm)	Year 11 PPEs	Year 11 PPEs	Year 11 PPEs
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
			Year 10 Parents' Evening (4.30 - 7.00pm)	
27	28	29	30	31
	Isleworth Association 4 (7.15pm)	Football - Staff v Leavers (4.00pm)		Last Day of Spring Term - students depart at 12.30pm

Student Showcase

In this new regular feature, check out some outstanding student work - this month, courtesy of the English department.

Miss Minkarious nominated the below poem; it was written as part of Ramel's studies of the novel 'Refugee Boy'.

REFUGEES

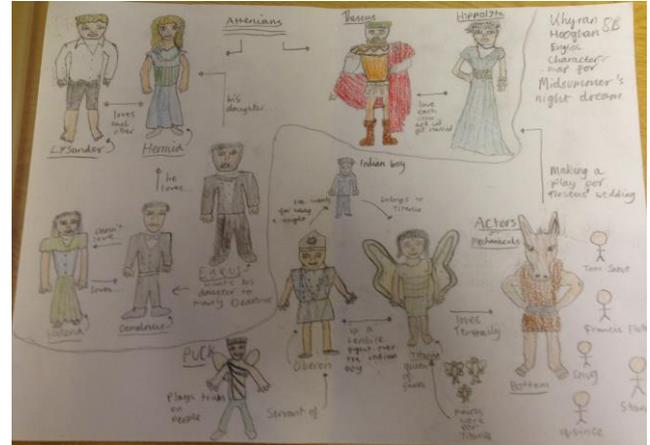
By Ramel Sales-Scott (7D)

They called me a mistake
That I was a leaf and they'll push me with a rake
Why am I the victim of hate the humans make?

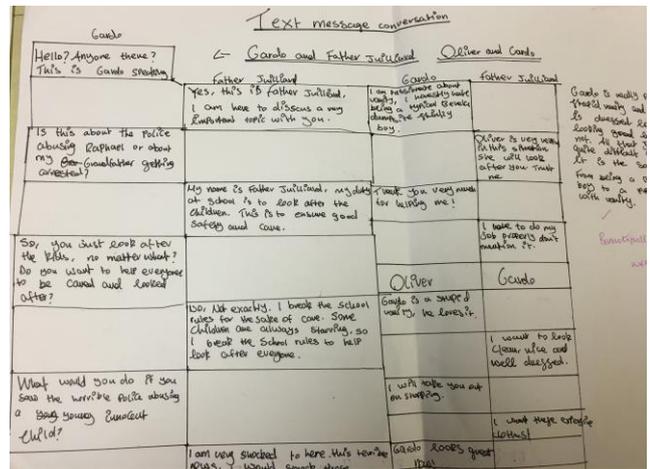
I am being kept behind a fence
With lots of spikes I'm being pushed against
They want a lot of money,
I've only got two pence.

I have no destiny
No one will invest in me
I go to houses and ask if I can be a guest please
All this horror and fear
That I'm constantly near
With all these gunshots I hear
Sometimes I wish I could just disappear

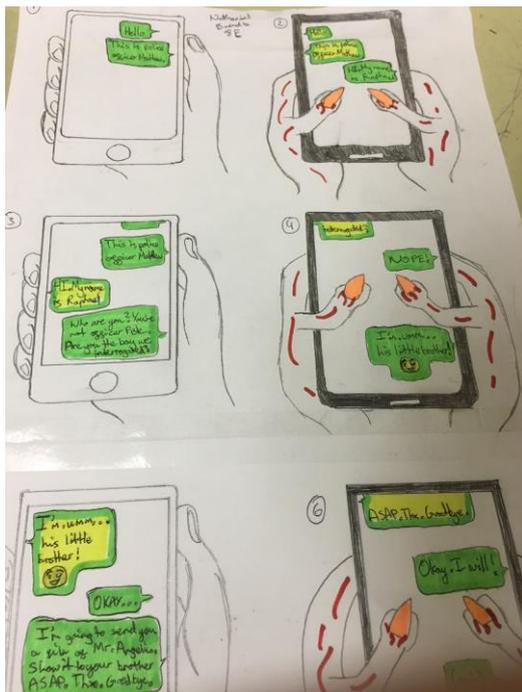
No-one would give a thought
There's probably ten diseases I've caught
I know my life will be short
Thanks to the war they've brought.



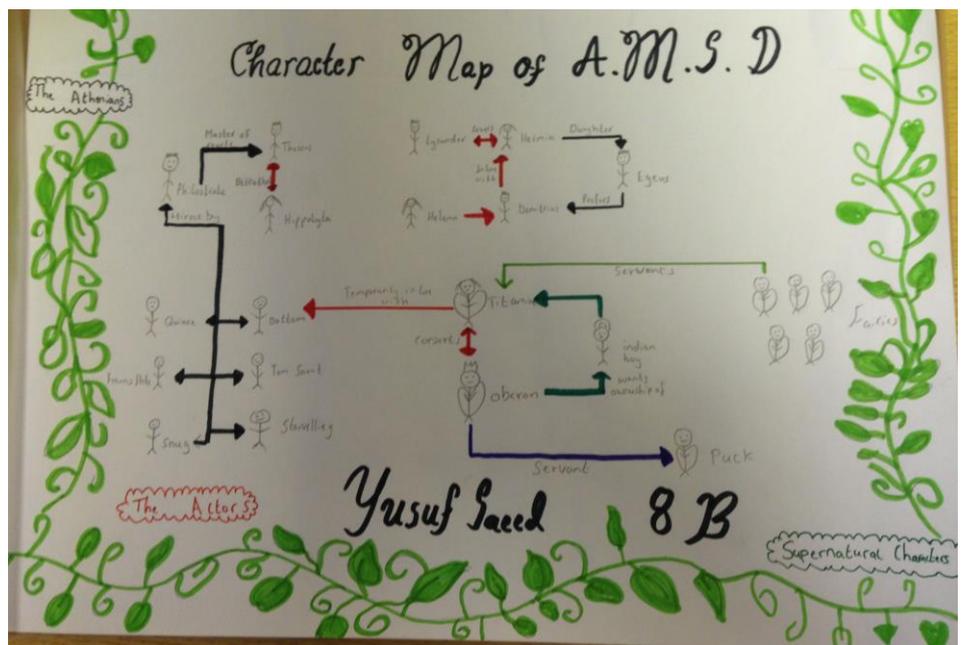
English - Khyran Hooghan (8B)



English - Abdulrahman Elmounieri (8E)



English - Nathaniel Buendia (8E)



English - Yusuf Saeed (8B)



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