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## Message from the Headteacher

We eventually received the final report from Ofsted this week following the short inspection last month. Please do read my covering letter and the report, which can both be found [here](#).

In the final run-up to the public exams we request that all parents/carers take responsibility for ensuring that your son/ward is working extremely hard over Easter. A letter to parents/carers of Year 11 students is [here](#). Please do read it and act on the advice contained in it.

Parents/carers may be aware of the media attention around education funding. I have written to all parents/carers to outline the significant issues that schools across the country and in London are currently facing. You can read my full letter [here](#).



## This Month's Cover

Each month, the art department selects an outstanding piece of classwork or home learning to be featured on our front cover.

This month's cover was designed by Jawaid Shamsse (8D). He was nominated by Miss Pacwa for this beautiful piece of home learning.

Well done, Jawaid!



## 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.

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## News

### MILES CLARK

We were delighted to receive word that Miles Clark (TBI) will be taking part in the Team GB Junior Swimming Trials after Easter. We wish him the best of luck as he pursues a professional career in the pool!

### HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR VISIT

We were privileged to welcome Holocaust survivor Janine Webber into school to tell her poignant, heart-breaking story to Year 9, in order to inform their studies of the atrocities. The boys were given the opportunity to ask questions at the end, and were extremely engaged with what they heard.



### MARKETING TRIP – PEI MEDIA

On Thursday 30 March, a small group of the Sixth Form BTEC Business cohort were lucky enough to visit the offices of PEI Media in London, where they reviewed a successful marketing strategy. The day fed directly into their classroom studies, and the boys were fascinated to hear about how a real-life campaign was brought to life.

### JAGRAJ SIDHU - FOOTBALL

We were delighted for Jagraj Sidhu as he took part in a prestigious football tournament in the United States this month. Jagraj is a highly gifted footballer, and he represented his former football club at this competitive tournament. Jagraj's performances throughout were excellent - surely it won't be long until the scouts come calling!

### WE DAY

As part of the 'Global Ambassadors for Change' programme, we took a group of students to the SSE Arena Wembley on Wednesday 22 March, to be part of the WE Day event.

The boys heard from a number of speakers, including actress Kate Winslet and activist Malala Yousafzai. It was a fantastic day, and each of the fourteen students present were extremely inspired to make a change!



### COMIC RELIEF

After an outstanding effort from students and parents/carers, we raised a whopping £536.49 from our Comic Relief cake sale.

A huge thank you to those who donated baked goods.



## YEAR 8 LEGO CHALLENGE

Our Year 8s had an amazing STEM day with representatives from Heathrow Airport this month, as they built and programmed lego robots and then navigated them around a difficult obstacle course. It was a pleasure to see the boys working together so effectively!



## SPORTS REPORT

Following their fantastic victory in the West London finals, our badminton teams took part in the county finals during March. Find out what happened, plus loads more from the world of Isleworth & Syon sport, in the latest instalment of the monthly Sports Report: [www.isleworthsyon.org/sportsmar17/](http://www.isleworthsyon.org/sportsmar17/).

## STAFF V LEAVERS



Our annual Staff versus Leavers football match was a thrilling affair on Wednesday 29 March. The Year 13 Leavers stormed to a 4-1 lead by half-time, and the game seemed to be over. However, an incredible staff rally in the second half led to a massive turnaround, making the score 5-4 - before Brandon Tong equalised with five minutes to go. The match was drawn; a fitting result for an amazing match. Well done to all who took part!

## STORYTELLING

A small group of avid readers in Years 7 and 8 headed to Worple Primary School on Thursday 30 March to run a storytelling session with pupils in Years 2 and 5. The boys read stories to the Year 2 students, demonstrating creativity and flair to leave the audience spellbound. They then discussed why they love reading with the Year 5 students. It was a lovely afternoon as the boys gave back to the local community.

## SCHOOL OF ROCK

Thirty students rocked out at the 'School of Rock' musical in London's West End on the afternoon of Thursday 16 March. This was the perfect show for our Year 10 GCSE Music cohort - who are studying rock/pop music and musical theatre this term - while it was also a great opportunity for some of our keen Year 9 musicians to experience live theatre and possibly be inspired to continue at GCSE level. The show was outstanding, and everyone came away feeling thrilled with what they had seen.



# Reminders

## MODERATION DAY

Tuesday 18 April is a Moderation Day, with students not expected to attend school unless they have been specifically targeted for moderation. The Summer Term begins on Wednesday 19 April at 8.25am.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

We are continuing to make the large majority of our communications paperless through the use of email. We politely request that parents/carers do not respond to the system-generated emails (sent from [pars@isleworthsyon.org](mailto:pars@isleworthsyon.org)) as the mailbox is not monitored; if you have a query, please direct it to [school@isleworthsyon.org](mailto:school@isleworthsyon.org).

## EXAMINATIONS SEASON

The main written examination season will begin very soon after Easter. Students in Years 11-13 have already received their timetables for their summer public examinations. Years 7-10 will sit internal examinations under examination conditions during May and June - Year 9 have received their timetable; Years 7, 8 and 10 will follow. Year 12 students in subjects where there is not an external examination will receive an internal examination timetable for June.

All timetables are published on the school website at [www.isleworthsyon.org/examinations](http://www.isleworthsyon.org/examinations).

## REVISION

As the examinations draw closer, it is critical that students use their holiday to revise effectively. Please do check out the collection of extremely useful revision resources at [www.isleworthsyon.org/studyskills](http://www.isleworthsyon.org/studyskills).

## PARENT/CARER PARKING

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

Parent/carers must not park on the double yellow lines around the school site. These are there for the safety of students and it is illegal to park on restricted areas.

## APPEARANCE POLICY

Please ensure that your son/ward follows the Appearance Policy on return to school after the Easter break. In particular, students should not have a fashion haircut in the hope that it will grow over a two-week break and be appropriate for school.

Appearance checks will take place at the start of term, as usual, and it is expected that every single student will be ready for learning. Should a student be sent home, this will be to rectify their appearance prior to return to school.

Please note that members of the senior team will make these decisions but they will not enter into any debate about our expectations.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM

If your son/ward:

- needs to take painkillers in the morning, please make sure he has taken these before he comes to school so that he will be ready for learning when he arrives.
- needs tissues during the day, please make sure he has a supply with him.
- has a minor wound which requires covering with a plaster whilst at school, please make sure this is done before he leaves home.

Please however continue to contact welfare with any concerns or changes in medical circumstance (temporary or permanent of any student).

# Coming Soon

APRIL				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
3	4	5	6	7
Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday
Revision sessions (Years 11-13)	Revision sessions (Years 11-13)	Revision sessions (Years 11-13)		
10	11	12	13	14
Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday
17	18	19	20	21
Easter Holiday	<b>Moderation Day (students do not attend unless targeted)</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>	Raising Standards Evening (Year 11) (6.00 - 7.00pm)	
24	25	26	27	28

MAY				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
<b>May Bank Holiday</b>			Year 8 Parents' Evening (4.30 - 7.00pm)	
8	9	10	11	12
Year 9 Core Examinations	Year 9 Core Examinations	Year 9 Core Examinations	Year 9 Core Examinations	Year 9 Core Examinations
15	16	17	18	19
Public examinations begin				
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1 Jun	2 Jun
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term





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