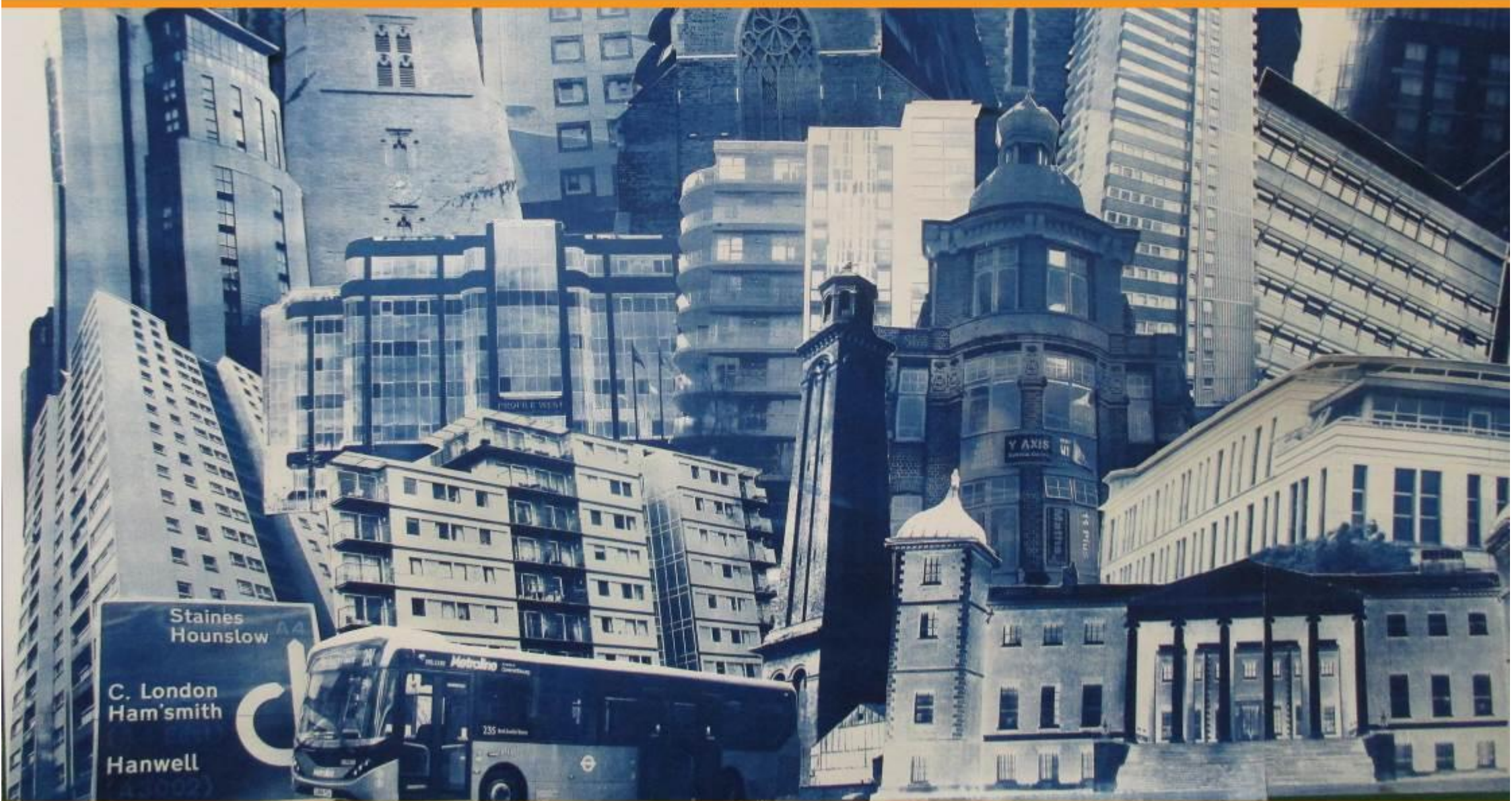




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NEWSLETTER: JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018

# GCSE Outcomes 2017 – A Top Performing School



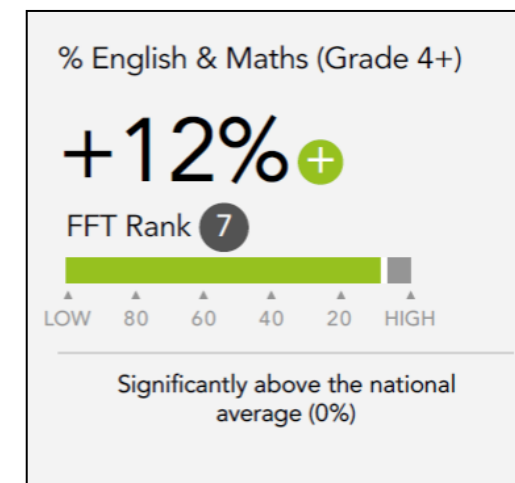
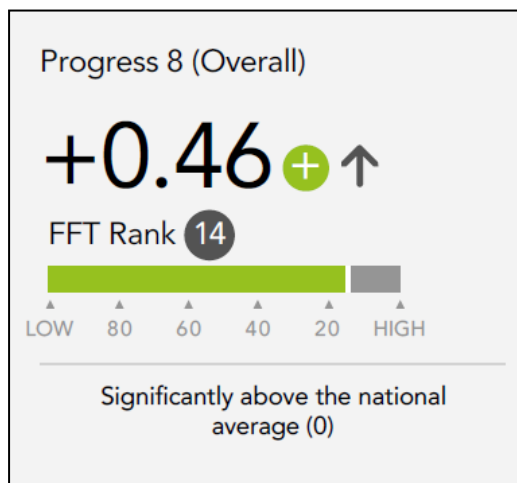
The recently published School Performance Tables demonstrate how well the students at Isleworth & Syon School performed in last summer's examinations. The data compares our students with girls and boys across England.

**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 by Ofsted to judge schools.

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. Results in almost all subjects are "significantly above average" and selected extracts for the core subjects are below. The new grade 4 is equivalent to the old C grade.

<b>English &amp; maths</b>	Grade 4 and above:	top 7% nationally.
<b>English language</b>	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 5% nationally. top 3% nationally.
<b>English literature</b>	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 14% nationally. top 7% nationally.
<b>Mathematics</b>	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 22% nationally. top 25% nationally.
<b>Science</b>	Overall: Grade 4 and above:	top 2% nationally. top 4% nationally.



Our drive to be "outstanding in every respect" focuses on developing confident, considerate and mature young men who aspire to perform well in all aspects of school. We expect all students, from Year 7 to the Sixth Form, to exhibit excellent classroom behaviour standards as we know that this will allow them to achieve similarly impressive academic outcomes.



## This Month's Cover

This month's cover was designed by Tushar Uppal (13RCA).

This outstanding cyanotype photomontage of local architecture was nominated by Mr Carpenter. Well done, Tushar!



## Get in Touch!

A key strategy for Isleworth & Syon School is the use of electronic communications. Our primary mode of communication with parents/carers is via email, so please do check it regularly and let us know immediately if emails are not getting through.

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.

Emails are sent from [PARS@isleworthsyon.org](mailto: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](mailto: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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## News

### OXBRIDGE OFFERS

Our Year 13 students have now completed their applications for Higher Education and are in the process of receiving university offers. Congratulations to Gheorghe Rotaru and Miles Clark who have received offers from Oxford University to read biochemistry and engineering respectively.



### BOROUGH POETRY WINNER

A huge well done to Naveed Safi (11D) who achieved second prize in a Hounslow borough poetry competition. The poem had to start with the phrase 'If you paint me a colour, paint me...' Naveed's piece was highly lauded by the judges!

*If you paint me a colour, paint me red  
For I have seen war  
Paint me in black  
For I have seen death  
Paint me in green  
For I have seen hope  
Paint me in white  
For I have found peace  
In this home far from home*



### BADMINTON WEST LONDON CHAMPIONS – AGAIN!



Congratulations to our KS3 and KS4 badminton teams, both of whom emerged as West London champions on Friday 2 February. The young team demonstrated great resilience and skill to comfortably win the tournament and progress to the regional finals on Tuesday 20 March. We wish them well!

### URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

A very young debating team took part in round 1 of this year's Urban Debate League at Villiers High School on Wednesday 24 January - for many students, it was their first formal experience of debating. The A team won both of their debates, while the B team lost by only one point both times!

Both teams had to prepare unseen debates on challenging motions, which included: 'This house would allow police full and unrestricted access to personal online information'. Well done to the boys for all their hard work - we await the results!

### 'ROMEO AND JULIET'

Miss Cox and Miss Hannon took over seventy students to the Orange Tree Theatre on Monday 5 February. The boys are currently studying the Shakespeare play and so seeing it live really brought the text to life and made them enthused about the play's themes!

## Noticeboard

### FROM THE METROPOLITAN POLICE

The police have informed all Hounslow schools about some problems in Hounslow High Street in the past few days. Whilst this does not involve our students, we have informed the students that a “dispersal zone” is in place. Our students have been advised that if they are asked to move on by the police, they must conform, or otherwise they may face arrest.

Part of the incident has apparently involved the seizing of mobiles from schoolchildren as they contained indecent or inappropriate images/videos. Again, we have informed our students that should they have such material on their mobiles they put themselves at risk of arrest. Any inappropriate material should be deleted permanently and never forwarded to anyone else.

We ask all parents/carers to periodically check their son/ward’s mobiles to ensure their safety.

### PARKING AROUND THE SITE

Despite constant reminders, a few parents/carers are still parking on double yellow lines when dropping off or picking up students at the start and end of the school day. We ask you all to conform to the law and put children’s safety first.

### APPEARANCE POLICY - HAIRSTYLES

Please refer the school website to view the school’s Appearance Policy. In particular, please pay attention to the section on hairstyles, an extract of which is below.

*“Hair should be conventional in style and in length (above the collar and no shorter than a blade 2) and should not be artificially coloured, “spiked” or contain styling products. Excessively shaven hair (below a blade 2/where skin on head is visible), shaved eyebrows or any shaven fade/step/lines/patterns/fashion trims/high tops/low tops/shape ups are not acceptable.”*

To further secure full engagement with our published policy, House Leaders will be running a four-week Uniform Challenge next half term. The particular focus will be on hairstyles, socks and shirts. We expect all students to comply and to demonstrate outstanding standards.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

A selection of the positive feedback from the community can be seen below.

From a parent, prior to a family move out of the area:

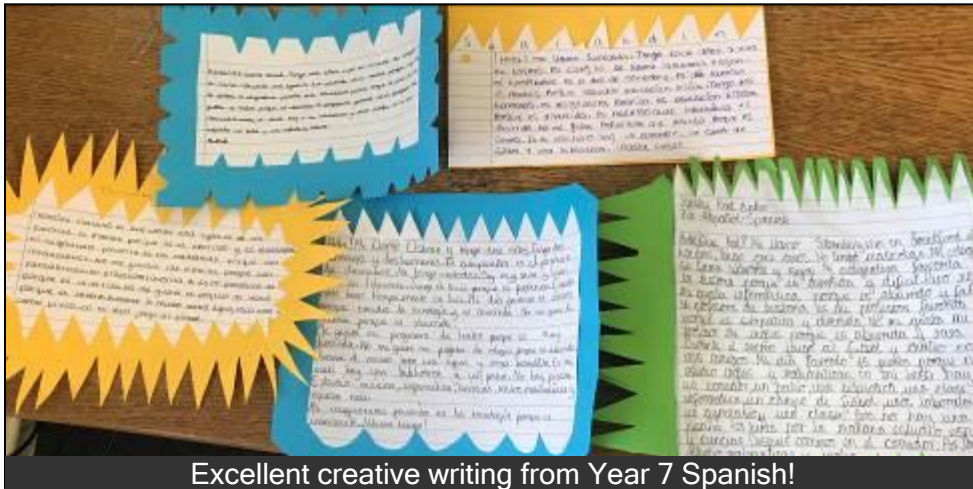
*“Thank you for all your support and professionalism shown and most importantly the educational knowledge and wisdom instilled into my son whilst at your school, much appreciated.”*

From a local resident:

*“Yesterday two sixth formers came to our front door to see if we could help them. They had noticed a dog in a locked car parked in front our bungalow... The two lads were very upset and came back after the school day finished... The police were very impressed and agreed that they acted in a perfect manner.”*



# Student Showcase



Excellent creative writing from Year 7 Spanish!



An outstanding model of a volcano by Priyanshu Verma (7Sn).



Masks from Year 7 Spanish!



During the geography lesson, he demonstrates the volcano's eruption!

# 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. Please note that the dates for the current school year are available [here](#), along with draft outline dates for the academic years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21.

FEBRUARY/MARCH				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 Feb	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	1 Mar	2
			Y9 Imms	Y9 Imms
			KS4 Courses (6.00pm)	
5	6	7	8	9
Y11 PPEs	Y11 PPEs	Y11 PPEs	Y11 PPEs	Y11 PPEs
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
	Y11 Parents' Evening 2	Staff v Y13 Football (4.00pm)	Last Day of Term	Easter Hols

APRIL				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Apr	3	4	5	6
Easter Hols	Easter Hols	Easter Hols	Easter Hols	Easter Hols
9	10	11	12	13
Easter Hols	Easter Hols	Easter Hols	Easter Hols	Easter Hols
16	17	18	19	20
Students return				
23	24	25	26	27
			UKMT Junior Maths Challenge	
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## Writer's Corner

*Miss Axten nominated this great piece of creative writing, written as part of an English lesson. Year 10 were tasked with writing to describe or narrate.*

### 'The Backstreets of Shibaya'

By Jude Maddock-Youngs (10A)

The sushi shop was located in the backstreets of Shibaya, near the station. The neon sign lit up the surrounding street in orange, white and green, bathing the graffiti-stained walls in harsh light.

Through the dirty glass window a tank of fish could be seen. Fred Nickolson trudged down the alleyway, passing groups of rough sleepers trying to shelter from the rain that was falling lightly. Nickolson kicked at a bundle of wires and metal; the remains of an appliance that had given up and was useless. His informant was in a sushi shop just ahead, and it was nearing the arranged meeting time. Nickolson stepped over the door step and entered the over-lit, dirty store.



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