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WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our Annual Review of 2016-17. I do hope that you enjoy both reading and looking through some of the highlights of the last academic year.

Isleworth & Syon School has a long and proud history and a reputation for the excellent level of education for boys from the local area. 2016-17 was yet another successful year in the school's history and I am delighted that the school continues to get stronger each year. At a time when the only constant in education seems to be change, I am proud that the school continues to provide some certainty and stability for local families.

The summer's examination results were testament to the hard work of both students and staff. In the Sixth Form, 55% of all grades awarded were A*/A grade for A level, or Distinction*/Distinction for those students following Level 3 BTEC courses. 69% of grades were at A*-B and 84% at A*-C. Last year's Head Boy, Maxwell Omondi, gained 3 A*s and 1 A and is off to Imperial College London to study civil engineering. Harith Hawas earned 4 A grades and will pursue law at Bristol University. Myan Kellay is off to the London School of Economics to follow accounting & finance; Cara Doyle takes up her scholarship at Guildhall to continue her clarinet and music studies; and Jamie Tilt is off to Loughborough University to study sport & exercise science.

At GCSE level, our boys again demonstrated why the school is so successful, continuing to buck the national trend by comfortably outstripping the national results for boys. Every student gained six or more passes and 20% of the cohort gained at least five A*-A grades. Two boys, Theo Mitchell-Smith and Yuvraj Assi, gained three of the new grade 9s, the maximum possible, for English language, English literature and mathematics. Grade 9 translates to being a top A* grade and it is estimated that of the 250,000 boys that sat GCSEs this summer, only around 600 gained this mark. Well done also to Tim-Frederic Volle, Mateeullah Kakar and Tom Keenan, all of whom gained at least 9 A*/A grades.

Earlier in the year, we welcomed a team from Challenge Partners for our annual quality assurance review. Challenge Partners, which has been in existence since 2011, seeks to improve school performance through peer-to-peer challenge and knowledge sharing. The review has a whole-school remit and focuses on teaching and learning, which enables practitioners to have deep conversations about the quality of learning in the school. Whilst different from other external inspections such as Ofsted, a qualified Ofsted inspector leads it and the full review can be read on the school's website.

The school was described as "outstanding" in all areas and it was wonderful to read that, "The school succeeds in dispelling the myths and stereotypes that are sometimes associated with boys' schools."

At our Senior Awards Evening for 2016-17, we were delighted to welcome former Head Boy Dr Kivraj Sabarwal, a graduate of St. George's, University of London. It was a delight to hear him reflect on his time at school and his career to date.

I am grateful to Michael Kettle, former student and the school's Communications Officer for compiling and writing this Annual Review.

Left: A artwork by Sophie Lucas (13JST)*

Thank you to Beat Creative for the design of the publication.



Euan Ferguson
Euan Ferguson



AUTUMN TERM



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

The European Day of Languages is a celebration of the 6,000 languages spoken across the world, as well as an opportunity to encourage language learning in school. It fell on Monday 26 September this year, and Miss Clerc and the MFL department organised a fun activity in school for predominately Year 7 students.

15 members of staff wore a French or Spanish sentence around their neck, with students given a sheet of English sentences - the task was to use their language skills to match the sentence to the staff member. It was fantastic to see so many of our new cohort expressing enthusiasm for the challenge and practicing their speaking skills so readily.

KEEN READERS EXPLORE SHAKESPEARE!

As a reward for an outstanding year of independent reading and/or helping in the school library, Mrs Squires and Mrs Beadle took a small group of students in Years 8 and 9 for a very special performance of classic Shakespeare tragedy 'Macbeth' at the Paul Robeson Theatre, Hounslow. The performance featured only one actor playing all the parts, and was presented by Hounslow Arts Centre in association with Contender Charlie, China Plate and Warwick Arts Centre on Friday 14 October.

It truly was an excellent performance, and the boys particularly enjoyed being given the opportunity to talk to the actor after the performance had finished. Afterwards, Jack Shiels (9D) said: "It was really good and allowed me to understand Shakespeare easily because of the way it was performed. The one-man performance was amazing and we got to ask a lot of questions about the story."



HARVEST CHALLENGE

Each year, we hold the Harvest Challenge just before the October half term break. The aim - to collect as many food donations as possible and give them to local foodbanks in order to help those that are less fortunate. The challenge was marketed as a house event, with competition between the forms actively encouraged!

The response was absolutely outstanding, with 1,323 items received in total. 7E finished as the top group with 151 donations, so congratulations to Miss Qadeer and her form! A huge thank you to all the students and parents/carers who contributed and made this our most successful Harvest Challenge ever!



“SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES”

Every year, we wonder whether the performing arts team can surpass the previous year's school production - and each time, they defy expectations. This year was no different as the school hosted an outstanding production of William Shakespeare's classic tragedy 'Macbeth' over two nights in December, along with girls from The Green School.

'Macbeth' is not an easy text by any means, and yet the full cast of over forty Isleworth & Syon boys rose to the task with considerable flair and panache, and the result was something truly magical. With a live orchestra playing original compositions, the performance had a considerably spooky atmosphere throughout which was



befitting the play's dark themes. As always, performances across the board were fantastic, but special mention must be given to Tom Keenan (11F) as the title character, as well as Sophie Lucas (13JST) and Mubanga Mulenga (11F). It is impossible to fault anyone in the company, however - there were no weak links here!

Audience response was overwhelmingly positive afterwards; one parent/carer said, "I only wish Shakespeare was like this when I was at school." A two-disc set of the performance is available to purchase from the school, including a DVD of the performance plus over 180 photographs by Mary Jennings and the collection of publicity materials. Well done to everyone involved for making the performances such a staggering success!



To view the trailer for the production, [click here:](#)



MEET THE AUTHOR: MATT DICKINSON



As part of our drive to encourage reading for pleasure amongst our students, we regularly invite published authors into school to talk to selected groups. We were delighted to welcome Matt Dickinson on Monday 21 November for the first 'Meet the Author' event of the academic year.

Matt is not just a very successful teen author but is also an esteemed and celebrated explorer; indeed, he has climbed Mount Everest on multiple occasions. As such, he was able to offer a unique perspective! In the morning, he led a creative writing session with a small group of targeted students in Years 7 and 8. Students agreed that what they had learned would serve them well in their own work!

Matt then spoke to all of Year 9 in the afternoon. The boys were gripped as Matt told some stories and showed some videos of his time attempting to conquer Everest. He discussed how he has incorporated several of his experiences into his writing - some of the stories he told were almost unbelievable!

After the talk, the boys were given the opportunity to ask some questions and delve deep into the process of writing a novel, and Matt was kind enough to stay behind afterwards to sign some books and answer queries on a one-to-one basis. Response from the students was overwhelmingly positive; Zohaib Chaudhri (9F) said, "I thought it was very engaging and captured everyone's attention with wonderful stories," while Kane McPhail (8B) and Daniel Ashton (9B) both commented that it was "inspiring".

Our thanks to Matt for taking time out of his busy schedule to come and talk to us.



YEAR 7 INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

One of the highlights of the Autumn Term comes towards the end - our Year 7 Induction Assembly. This is always a fantastic event, as parents/carers are invited to celebrate their child's first term at Isleworth & Syon. Attendance to this year's event, which took place on Friday 16 December, was absolutely excellent. A huge thank you to the parents/carers for taking the time to come along - it really makes a difference to the students.

It was a great celebration, with representatives from each form giving a short speech about their experiences. Lots of anecdotes were shared, with many focusing on September's PGL excursion. Each student made a point of thanking their form tutor for helping them to settle in, which was a lovely touch. Following the speeches, each boy received a medal to commemorate the progress that they had made. We were delighted to welcome Headteachers from several local primary schools to present these medals.

Well done to all of the boys for an excellent start to life at school.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As part of our ongoing efforts to raise money for charitable causes, we took part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16 December. It was organised and led by members of the Sixth Form Student Voice team, with boys in Years 7-11 plus staff also invited to take part. There truly was a very eclectic collection of jumpers - as you can see from the photograph right - and we were thrilled with the students' enthusiasm for alternative fashion! In all, we raised £395.48 which directly goes to the Save the Children charity - an extremely worthwhile cause dedicated to improving the lives of struggling children across the world. Thank you to everyone who took part and made a donation.



DECK THE HALLS - CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



By the last week of term, the nights have grown longer and colder, and everyone is looking forward to resting and recuperating over the Christmas period. At this point, what we need is a burst of festive cheer, and that is exactly what we got on Monday 19 December, as our annual Christmas Carol Concert blew away those cobwebs over two hours of musical jollity. Miss Phillips and Mr Rolet worked extremely hard to pull the concert together, with each of the school's eight ensembles taking to the stage at the local St Mary's Church.

Following an introduction from the Reverend Rosie Hoad, the concert kicked off with a beautiful recital of 'Once in Royal David's City' by Year 7 soloist Solomon Cameron-Murray (7E). We were pleased to then welcome jazz band, who performed 'A Big Band Christmas' and 'Pick Up The Pieces'. It was great to see a mix of age ranges in this ensemble, from recently-joined David Carter (7F), Matthew Nunan (7F) and Zaki Osahn (7B) to Sixth Form students Thomas Carter (12CDO), Cara Doyle (13JST) and Charlie Mills (12JST).

Our ukulele group is still in its relative infancy, but it continues to go from strength-to-strength under Mr Rolet's stewardship. They played a jaunty medley of Bob Marley's 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' and a new version of the classic 'Winter Wonderland' arranged by Mr Rolet.

They were swiftly followed by the junior band, made up of students in Years 7 and 8 - they gave an excellent rendition of 'Pep Rally Rock'. The juniors are led by Mr Jackson of the Hounslow Music Service, one of several peripatetic teachers without whom this concert could not take place.

Following a short Bible reading by Bryn Horton (7E), we introduced a special duet between two of our elite pianists - Sammy Standing (10B) and Gheorghe Rotaru (12RON). The speed at which their hands moved truly was a sight to behold and the assembled crowd were truly amazed.

Then, it was time for the choir. Their first performance was a toe-tapping pop music medley arranged by Miss Phillips, featuring songs by John Legend, Twenty-One Pilots and Justin Timberlake. Following this explosion of modern music, the choir boys sang a traditional Christmas anthem - Brenda Lee's 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree'.

Our Concert Band is made up of the elite musicians from across the school, and they performed three numbers during the evening. The highlight was a very special performance of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', where they were joined with a group of Year 7 students narrating the story over the top of the band's music. This was a fantastic hybrid of the spoken word and music, and it brought the house down!

Other highlights including an absolutely rocking performance of Fleet Foxes' 'White Winter Hymnal' by the guitar ensemble and a lovely strings recital of 'It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year'. We were also

privileged to introduce a special duet between Head of Music Miss Phillips and Deputy Head Girl Cara Doyle. They gave a magical performance of a Krommer Concerto on the clarinet which was extremely moving indeed. We say goodbye to Cara this year as she heads off on a prestigious music scholarship, and we know that she has a bright future ahead of her!

It was then time for the finale, as staff and Sixth Form joined forces for 'I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday'. The whole congregation seemed to be singing along, and it truly was a fitting end to an absolutely magical evening. The retiring collection of £138.65 will go to Street Child Africa. A huge well done to all of the staff involved, as well as the students - each and every year, you blow us away. Here's to next year!



To view an excerpt from the concert, click here:



DRAMA WORKSHOP - ALEX GATEHOUSE

By Finlay Fox (13TBI)

On Monday 17 October, we took part in a workshop with professional actor Alex Gatehouse. Alex is an incredibly experienced and talented professional who has experience in performing all across the country on various tours and performance. In fact, he recently toured the country with a performance based around the career and controversy of Lance Armstrong. Alex studied with our teacher Mr McDonnell at university, and then went on the study theatre at LAMDA - one of the most prestigious drama schools in the world.

The workshop began with various drama games with the purpose of giving us lots of energy for the day; each also demonstrated something clear about theatre. For instance, one of the exercises we did was called "drop the panda". In the exercise, two people had to rush into the middle from the opposing sides of the drama room and try to pick up the plush panda and not touch the other person. This exercise, as well as being incredibly fun, demonstrated the significance of tension on stage between two characters and the recurring motif throughout the workshop of the necessity of stakes in each and every scene.

After these games, we got a first look at the works of Parisian professor Phillippe Gaulie, whose area of expertise is clown performance. This may seem to be something not to be taken seriously, but was described by Alex as "the most insightful and beneficial" thing that he studied at LAMDA. We studied specifically the clown performance type of 'Buffon', which focuses upon the idea of the grotesque elements of performance. We got a sense of the three types (Child, Devil and Socialite) and then used spare items of clothing to create deformities and then show the impact that they would have on our physical performance and how they would create character. We then ended the workshop with a general question and answer session in which we asked Alex various questions about performance and how to get into the acting industry, as well as learning about Alex's experience and receiving general performing advice.

In conclusion, Alex's workshop offered a look into the nature of theatre, Buffon performance and drama theory. The workshop was incredibly enjoyable and insightful and was a truly invaluable experience for someone wanting to be an actor.

To view a video clip of the workshop, click here:



POETRY BY HEART

The nationwide Poetry by Heart scheme is a fantastic way to both engage students in poetry and allow them to develop their public speaking skills. The English department have run the programme in school for the last few years with great success, and this year the uptake was as high as ever. To take part in the competition, students must learn one poem by heart, and then recite it to their peers and the staff judging panel.

There is no doubt that this is a daunting task, but it was excellent to see twenty-one students across Key Stage 4 (plus Jack Shiels, representing Year 9 on his own) battling it out on the afternoon of Wednesday 18 January. It was almost impossible to pick a winner, so high was the standard - and the judges spent a long time deliberating. Eventually, they selected two winners: James Pusey (10E) and Daniel Vakili (10F).

Daniel then took part in the regional stage of the competition, whereby he had to recite two poems. He chose 'Ozymandias' by Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Wilfred Owen's 'The Show'. The recital was recorded and then submitted to the Poetry by Heart judges. Although ultimately not victorious, Daniel's performance was outstanding.

The excitement was not just confined to Key Stage 4, however. We also held a school competition for Years 7 and 8 on Monday 12 December. Students first took part in the form round during class time, with each English teacher nominating three students per form to progress to the final. All staff that were present at the event were extremely impressed with the bravery on display from the students, as speaking publicly is not easy! The judges declared Jack Barratt (7E) as the Year 7 winner, with Alex Lynch (7D) in second and William Sweeney (7C) not far behind! In the Year 8 competition, nothing could separate joint-winners Albert Campling (8F) and Jude Collie (8E); Ruben Lopes (8E) finished second and Dhruval Patel (8C) was third. Well done to all the boys across the school for an excellent effort!



To view a video clip of a recital, click here:



REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATIONS

Our traditions and our history are very important to us, which is why 2014 saw the launch of our World War I commemoration project (www.isleworthsyon.org/ww1), which remembers the eighty-one former students who died in the First World War. 2016's remembrance commemorations saw us take part in a number of events both in school and within the local community.

On Remembrance Sunday, Mr Fisher and Ms Squires supervised twenty students as they represented the school at the Isleworth 390 event. Now in its third year, the boys took part in a procession through the local streets, with each student wearing a sash bearing the name of an Isleworth resident who lost their lives in World War I. Jude Collie (8E) went a step further and wore a full World War I uniform (pictured). Student behaviour was impeccable - the boys were outstanding representatives for Isleworth & Syon School.

On Armistice Day, Friday 11 November, we held a short assembly for each year group, with Mr Nowicki explaining to the students the importance of continuing to remember those who gave their lives for us freedom. Adhiyan Jeevathol (13TBI) and Omar Mahfoudi (12ANO) read some short reflections of Old Isleworthians, while Head Boy Maxwell Omondi (13TBI) read a short war poem and Jonah Manning (10D) told the story of his visit to the Ypres battlefields in Belgium. The assembled audiences were also treated to a special performance by the school's concert band, who played Highland Cathedral by Roever and Korb. The assemblies ended with students laying a wreath at the base of the memorial at the back of the hall, while Matthew Nunan and David Carter (both 7F) played the 'The Last Post'. At 11.00am, a minute's silence was held.

Mr Fisher and Mr Kettle led a small group of boys to the Borough Road memorial service. Students took an active part in the service through a series of readings, while Matthew and David gave another note-perfect rendition of 'The Last Post'. It was an honour to be involved in this poignant ceremony along with a number of local schools and residents.



QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

We were delighted to host our Quiz & Curry Night on Friday 18 November, in conjunction with the Isleworth Association. The Association gives parents/carers the chance to have their voices heard through a series of meetings that take place during the school year. They also organise several social events to raise money for ongoing projects in school. The Quiz Night has been a staple of the school calendar for many years, with the recent addition of a CucinA-cooked curry making the night even better.

We were thrilled that so many parents/carers, students and visitors formed teams - there were over a hundred people in attendance! The quiz was, as always, fiercely-contested, with several staff teams who were eager to avoid embarrassment at the hand of the students present! Our thanks, as always, to Mrs Robertson for putting the quiz together and writing the fiendishly-difficult questions.



FRANTIC ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP



We welcomed theatre company Frantic Assembly for two separate sessions with drama GCSE and A level students on Thursday 20 October. The session was focused on movement, with students encouraged to throw off the shackles of 'story' in favour of something a lot subtler. The representatives from the company were extremely positive afterwards; indeed, they told Diallo Williams (10A) and Gabriel James (10F) that they should apply for their 'Ignition' youth programme next year! Diallo's take on the sessions is below.

This year we were lucky enough to get a chance to work with Frantic Assembly, a prestigious physical theatre company, during our double period on a Thursday. Firstly, we indulged in a variety of trust exercises, including allowing someone to control your movement simply through pushing their hand onto yours. Subsequently, we learnt several different lifts that were to later be implemented into our work. This led to the development of our rapidly growing skills and consequently resulted in us producing successful performances at the end of the session, in which we incorporated the lifts that we had just learned. I believe this has made our GCSE course easier as we now know how to use physical theatre effectively, specifically in devised pieces. I also feel that working with Frantic Assembly has taught us a lot and will most definitely bolster our chances of top GCSE grades.

To view a video clip of the workshop, click the icon:



HOLLYWOOD STARS VISIT SCHOOL

On Thursday 8 December, we welcomed Hollywood stars Lucas Hedges and Justice Smith into school. Justice is best known for his lead role in Netflix's Baz Luhrman-produced 'The Get Down', and will next year star in the 'Jurassic World' sequel. Lucas got his big break in Wes Anderson's 'Moonrise Kingdom', and was recently nominated for an Oscar for his stellar performance in 'Manchester-by-the-Sea'. It was therefore an absolute privilege that these two up-and-coming stars chose Isleworth & Syon as a stop on their brief tour around the UK.

The reason for their visit was as research for their new play Yen, which had a limited run off-Broadway in 2017. The play is set in Feltham, and so the actors were looking to get a sense of local culture. They had great sessions with students in Years 10, 12 and 13, discussing what it is like to grow up here, as well as fielding questions about their careers and acting processes. It was a real eye-opener for the students, and will no doubt prove very helpful as they continue their own acting careers.



YEAR 7 HAVE A WILD TIME AT PGL!

The PGL trip for our new Year 7 cohort has become a traditional part of the school calendar. All of Year 7 is invited for three days of team-building and exciting activities. Each of the Year 7 form tutors attend as well, so it is a fantastic way for the year group to get to know both each other and some of the key staff.

This year's residential took place from Monday 26 - Wednesday 28 September at the Marchants Hill centre in Hindhead, Surrey. We were delighted that 124 students took part, and it truly was a pleasure to see the students throw themselves into all of the activities with gusto. The boys undertook activities such as orienteering, abseiling and archery, as well as very wet obstacle course - there were smiles and laughs abound as the boys got extremely muddy! The boys received three fantastic meals a day, and also took part in some great evening entertainment. It was a busy and tiring three days, but all staff present reported that the boys' conduct was absolutely exceptional, befitting an Isleworth & Syon School student.



"My favourite bit was the giant swing - it was really fun and exhilarating!"
Owen Jacob (7E)

"It helped me meet new people."
Reeon Cole (7E)



"It is very enjoyable and is overall a splendid experience."
James Ellard (7B)

"My favourite activity was the big swing because it was the scariest - and I did it!"
Rafik Fellah (7B)



"It helped me to be more independent." - Hashim Mamo (7B)



"It helped me because there was a lot of teamwork in activities."
Toby Barnes (7E)

"Go, it's really fun. You'll make new friends."
Bryn Horton (7E)



"It's amazing! It will ease you into Year 7 and make you come out of your comfort zone!"
Jacob Morte (7B)

'SAFE DRIVE, STAY ALIVE'

By Samie Abudabat (12RCA), Harry Case and Omar Mahfoudi (both 12ANO)

On Tuesday 11 October, Year 12 took part in the yearly event 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive'. Attending with a selected number of Sixth Forms from the surrounding area, the event's purpose was to inform about the hazards of driving, which was important for Year 12 as we were all approaching the legal age to drive with very little knowledge on road safety.

Initially the event began light-heartedly with each school being shouted out - in true I&S fashion, however, the entire year group remained deftly silent when called out; a yearly tradition. The mood soon took a sombre turn when the lights were dimmed and a short film began to play. The film was about a young driver and his friends driving home following a night out of partying; it was paused throughout for real-life harrowing accounts. We were introduced to a lady who shared one of her most chilling memories of working as a paramedic. Visually we could see the pain of having to relive such a traumatic experience which affected everyone within the room, with silence occasionally disturbed by a gasp. The film continued detailing the aftermath of a violent road incident - this was traumatic for everybody attending as it was so relatable to the account that everybody had just heard. As the accounts from the emergency services continued, the level of visible distress across the room had increased dramatically, and we were starting to truly acknowledge the reality of these accounts.

The account that we struggled with was when an advocate for a road safety charity described the events of a little girl who was killed when she was on her way to her ballet lesson. The detached nature of the speaker was soon replaced with a sudden loving for this young girl and then a shocking revelation - he was her father. This revelation had the room taken aback and suddenly thoughts had turned to our parents and how they would cope with such a tragic event. That hit home the hardest.

The final speaker was a survivor of a car crash at seventeen years old. He was a talented, aspiring footballer; however, following the accident he had found himself wheelchair-bound. This was particularly difficult as it had represented the true destructive nature that road accidents change lives. He told us, through teary eyes, that after the accident his friends did not want to know him and his fiancé had left him. People all over the hall were in tears as they heard this man talk about the regret of that one morning. That changed his life forever, and hopefully his bravery in reliving such an experience should change ours for the better.

Overall, the event evoked some strong emotions but it was a learning experience and we are happy to have been a part of it.



'ONE NIGHT IN MIAMI'

By Mr Nowicki (Deputy Curriculum Leader - Head of History)

During our Year 13 history course, we have been studying the development of civil rights in America, starting with the central importance of the African American movement for equality. Throughout the unit we have studied the key developments that emerged, leading to the great changes that occurred during the 1960s. The developments in the 1960s saw the emergence of key figures, both in politics and popular culture. To gain a sense of the changes that were occurring in this revolutionary period, we were lucky enough to see an American play, 'One Night in Miami', that had been brought to London.

Taking place at the Donmar Warehouse on Thursday 17 November, the play looked at different aspects of the emerging black power movement. The setting was a Miami hotel room in February 1964 on the night of Cassius Clay's defeat of Sonny Liston. Four key figures met, Clay (Muhammed Ali), Sam Cooke, Jim Brown and Malcolm X. Although the reality of what was said in that room has never been known, the play helped give us a valuable insight into the feelings that were felt by African Americans at that time and the changes that were happening. And even though the setting is historic, the issues remain as timely as ever. The boys had an extremely enriching and fulfilling experience, coming back to class enthused and ready to discuss the issues that they had confronted.

'A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE'

Students taking literature at A level study lots of fascinating texts during their two-year course. One of these is Tennessee Williams' play 'A Streetcar Named Desire', a tale of confrontation between fantasy and reality. Our Year 12 and 13 students studying English language & literature and English literature were fortunate enough to attend a screening on Tuesday 8 November which brought the text to life.

This screening of the National Theatre production starred Gillian Anderson ('The X-Files') and took place at the theatre's archives in Central London. Seeing this minimalistic production gave students a huge insight into the many different interpretations of Williams' original text. We were extremely fortunate to attend this free screening, which was put on exclusively for us!

Afterwards, all of the students commented on how helpful the screening had been, as a means of seeing the very sensory play brought to life. It definitely informed students' writing in their summer examinations.



EXCLUSIVE SKYPE INTERVIEW WITH DRAMA SET TEXT DIRECTOR



Year 10 drama students were extremely fortunate to take part in an exclusive Skype interview on Wednesday 9 November. The boys' set text for study is Dennis Kelly's 'DNA', and so we were delighted to get in touch with Sean Hollands, the director of the play's National Youth Theatre production. The students had seen the production a few days earlier, and so this was a fantastic chance to delve deeper into the production. Sean very

generously volunteered his time for free, and spoke to the boys for an hour about the production, and in particular the key themes that he wanted to bring to life. The boys found it extremely useful to bounce around their own feelings about the play - which then directly fed in to their own study of the text later on. Our thanks to Sean for giving up the time to speak to the boys!

MEET THE AUTHOR: FAYE BIRD

For many years now, the school has taken part in the Hounslow Teen Read, a competition that takes place with schools across the borough and is organised by the Hounslow Library Service. The Service select a number of books for the shortlist, and students in Years 8 and 9 are then encouraged to read them, discuss them with their peers, and then vote for their favourite. It is an excellent initiative that inspires students to discover new books and authors, and then share their love of reading with boys and girls from across the borough.

This year's shortlist was announced at the Paul Robeson Theatre, Hounslow on Wednesday 16 November. The event was led by Faye Bird, a local author who won the 2015-16 competition with her novel 'My Second Life', which focuses on a condition called selective mutism. During this event, Faye spoke about her books and her process of writing. Our boys who attended found it fascinating - indeed, Benjamin Rawsthorne (8A) said that it is "quite inspirational to be able to interact with real authors", while Stanley Wheeler-Kemp (8F) said that he "enjoyed hearing about her life and her history."



FIFTY YEARS LATER, FORMER STUDENTS RETURN

On Tuesday 4 October, we were delighted to welcome former students Brian Stern and Roger Thomas into school. They were taken on a tour by another ex-student - current staff member Mr Kettle. This was their first time back at the school since they left 50 years earlier, in 1966! Brian and Roger were extremely impressed with the quality of the school facilities, and actually remarked that much of the school building was exactly as they remembered it! The photograph shows them reminiscing over the historical whole-school pictures in the main corridor, and trying to find their friends.

It was lovely to welcome back our alumni and show them how Isleworth & Syon School has developed over the last half a decade. If any other former students would like to come and visit, we would love to hear your stories! Please do get in touch.



ISLEWORTH & SYON XV - 18 OLD ISLEWORTHIAN XV - 45

In school, we maintain a long-standing partnership with the Isleworthians, based down at Wood Lane. All students when leaving the school are encouraged to join the association, which hosts a number of social functions every year and also maintains successful rugby, football and cricket teams.

One key tradition is the rugby match against the Old Isleworthians RFC. The game always sees former students taking time away from work or higher education

commitments to catch up with their former teachers and classmates. It is always a wonderful day, and this year's bruising encounter was no exception. The combined student and staff Isleworth & Syon XV were no match for the Old Isleworthians, who emerged as comfortable winners. Our thanks to everyone who took part, and well done to the Old Boys for their victory!

Find out more about the Isleworthians at <http://isleworthians.co.uk/>.



SPRING TERM

CARA DOYLE EARNS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

In January, we were thrilled to receive notice that our Deputy Head Girl Cara Doyle (13JST) accepted an offer of a scholarship from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Guildhall is one of the most prestigious music schools in the world; to put this achievement in perspective, they rarely offer scholarships of this nature, and only to those whom they deem to be an exceptional talent.

Anybody who has watched Cara perform would agree that she is indeed exceptional. Since joining the school in 2016, she has become a regular fixture in school events as part of a number of musical ensembles, including jazz band and concert band. She has performed at the Summer Arts & Technology Evening, several Carol Concerts, and in the 2015 school production of 'It's A

Wonderful Life!' - with her ensembles, as part of a duet, or even on her own in a solo.

The interview process for Guildhall was as intense as you would expect for a school with such an enormous reputation. Students were required to play two pieces to a panel of professional musicians, before then playing for each other and having an interview with the head of department. Cara gave a fine account of herself and was offered a place. She also fielded offers from several other highly prestigious schools, but eventually she went with her gut instinct and chose Guildhall. We wish Cara well with whatever comes next!

To view a short clip from Cara's acclaimed seven-minute clarinet solo at Summer Arts & Technology Evening, click the icon:



Rio de Janeiro, 20.8.16. MO FARAH (Gt. Britain) wins the men's 5000m. Photo by Mark Shearman.

SIR MO FARAH

Everyone at school was absolutely delighted when the Queen's New Year's Honours List announced that former Isleworth & Syon student Mo Farah had been awarded a knighthood for services to athletics.

Mo almost needs no introduction. He is often referred to as the country's greatest-ever long-distance runner. Following his double Olympic gold medal (5,000m and 10,000m) in London 2012, he repeated the success in

2016's Rio games - winning both distances by quite a margin! Mo has picked up countless other medals during his career, including multiple World and European Championship honours.

Mo attended Isleworth & Syon for his Sixth Form schooling, moving from Feltham Community College in 1999 alongside his then-coach Alan Watkinson, who was also a PE teacher. It was clear even at that age that Mo was destined for greatness in his chosen field, and it is a testament to Mo's hard work, drive and commitment that he has reached the pinnacle of his sport. We wish Mo the warmest of congratulations.

A LEVEL RESIDENTIAL IN PONTARLIER

From Wednesday 1 - Monday 6 February, our three A level French students visited Pontarlier on a residential trip. Here is Daniel Boyle's account of an exciting five days practicing the French language.

The French A level trip to Pontarlier on the east border of France was my first experience living with another family, let alone one who spoke a different language. Before the trip, and even the first couple of days, I was nervous to see how the rest of the trip would pan out, but a warm, welcoming host family made my situation infinitely less scary. On the second and third day we went to the French equivalent of sixth form called a "lycée", which helped me to better understand the French education system, and the similarities and differences in comparison to English schools. In the lycée, we also spent time in French lessons of maths and English, and spent time with French students which enabled me to practice everyday French in conversation, while enjoying myself.

On those days we also visited a small cheese factory (called a "fromagerie") and a cattle farm, giving us a look at life in the countryside as well as in a foreign country. On the weekend I did a range of activities, which included going to the local swimming pool and playing indoor football with another student and our correspondents. On the last day I visited the Olympic Museum in Switzerland with my host family, which I found surprisingly interesting, as well as helpful with my French reading and translation skills.



Although the trip was only five days, by the end I could feel that my French had improved, especially listening, while my confidence when speaking had also improved, when talking to the family I was staying with. I was almost dreading the outing beforehand, but I am so glad I went, and would fully recommend an exchange trip to anyone who is considering it. The best way to improve while learning a language is to immerse yourself in it, and living in a country which speaks that language is the best way to do that.

OFSTED INSPECTION

"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school. Pupils enjoy learning [and] feel safe in school. The strong commitment of staff to meet the needs of pupils is evident."

On Tuesday 7 February, we received our latest Ofsted inspection, our first since May 2013. The previous inspection graded the school as 'good', and this verdict remains following the latest visit. The letter from the inspector notes that our students "feel suitably challenged" here, and that the school continues to encourage "the development of 'courteous, respectful and calm' young men, reflecting the school's well-established values." The letter highlights some areas for development that we have previously identified in our

own planning. Although regrettable that Ofsted continues to inspect boys' schools in comparison to girls' and mixed schools, we are still pleased with the overall outcome.

Afterwards, Mr Ferguson told parents/carers, "I am pleased that the school is recognised as providing a good quality of education and how it has been noted that improvements have been made since our previous inspection in 2013." You can view the report in full via the school website www.isleworthsyon.org.

MEET THE AUTHOR: ANTHONY MCGOWAN

Our 'Meet the Author' series continues to prove popular amongst students, as they are given exclusive access to esteemed published writers. On Tuesday 7 February, selected Year 7 students attended an event with author Anthony McGowan. It took place at the Paul Robeson Theatre and was organised by the Hounslow Library Service.

It was an excellent morning for the boys, as they listened to Anthony conduct several readings from his popular books, which include 'Henry Tumour' and 'The Knife that Killed Me'. Anthony is renowned for his use of humour in his stories, and this fed into his question-and-answer session. Anthony was generous enough to give up his time to sign students' books and answer some one-to-one questions. Boys were very positive afterwards; Jonah Karapinar (7B) said, "I thought his statements were insightful; he made me consider a career as an author!"



ROYAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY STUDY DAY

Our Year 12 A level geographers were given the unique opportunity to take part in a study day at the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington on Wednesday 1 February. It was a fantastic day, with students involved in a series of lectures led by RGS employees. All of the students that were present agreed that the day was extremely worthwhile as a means of illuminating their classroom studies.



STUDENTS SPOOKED BY 'THE WOMAN IN BLACK'

There was fear in the air on Thursday 9 February as thirty drama students in Years 9 and 10 headed to the Fortune Theatre, for a chilling performance of classic horror play 'The Woman in Black'. GCSE students are required to write about texts in performance as part of their final examination, so this was an excellent opportunity for Year 10 to take notes ahead of their assessment next year, and for Year 9 to get an early sense of what is required at GCSE level - as well as experiencing a taste of culture in London's West End!

Although the boys did their best to remain nonchalant during the very scary production, there were definitely lots of gasps, followed by nervous sideways glances. The production itself was an excellent example of the genre, with lighting, sound and special effects used to excellent effect. Afterwards the boys told of how much they had enjoyed the production, and were particularly looking forward to discussing the production further when they got back to the classroom.

SPORT IMPACT WINS TENNIS AWARD

At Isleworth & Syon, we are delighted to partner with several organisations. One key partner is Sport Impact, led by former teacher Alan Watkinson. Sport Impact focuses on embedding high-quality physical education and healthy lifestyle support within local primary school. On Sunday 18 February, the organisation was the recipient of a British Tennis and the Lawn Tennis Association Award. These particular awards recognise the efforts made in developing tennis for young people.

Sport Impact won the Education Award for 2015-16 based on the tennis coaching programme and annual tennis festival that they manage in conjunction with Chiswick's Duke Meadows Tennis Club. Over 2,500 children of primary school age have received professional coaching since the project's inception in 2012, with the boys and girls responding extremely positively to the scheme. It is entirely possible that the next Andy Murray or Johanna Konta could be unearthed amongst this cohort!



The coaching year finished with the annual tennis festival in Chiswick, with nearly 550 children across 50 primary and special schools in Hounslow participating in this day-long extravaganza! The day also used 50 Sports Leaders from secondary schools as umpires. These events are a great way to nurture a love of tennis and encourage sporting participation from a very young age.

Upon receiving the award, Pete Lammas (Tennis Festival Co-Ordinator) said, "Sport Impact is extremely grateful and proud to receive this Education Award and we will continue to provide high-quality tennis coaching and competition experiences for the young people in Hounslow in the future."

'ROOM ON THE BROOM'

As part of their course, our Year 13 BTEC Performing Arts students had to create a piece of children's theatre. A requirement of the specification is for students to see current practice. As such, Mrs Davies Jones took the cohort to the Rose Theatre on Thursday 16 February to see a production of 'Room on the Broom' by theatre company Tall Stories.

Mrs Davies Jones had arranged for exclusive access to the cast beforehand, and students were therefore given the

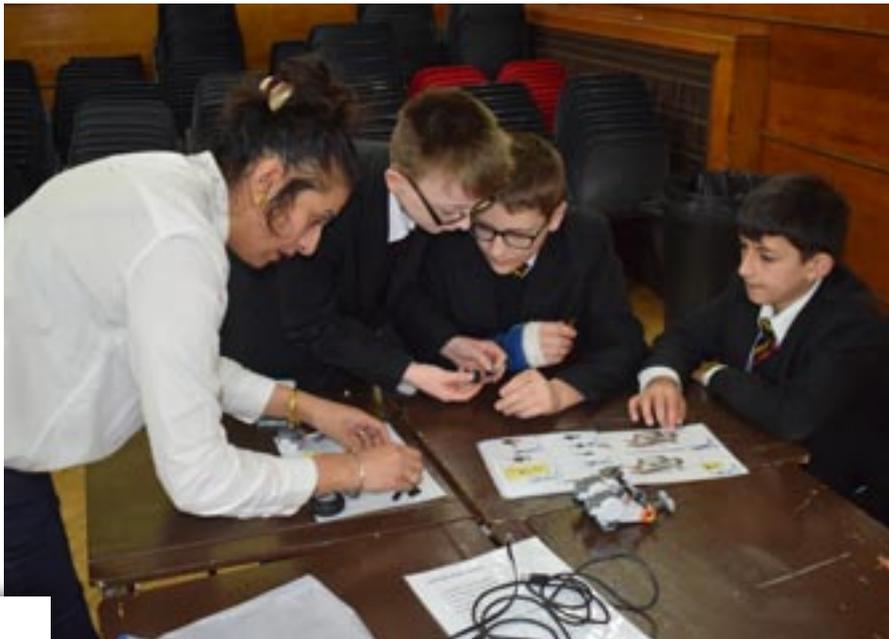
opportunity to ask questions. The cast gave practical, insightful answers that were extremely helpful for the students; the cast also took a great interest in the work that our students were doing! Questions were asked regarding characterisation, tone and vocalisation, and everyone in the group agreed that the session was hugely beneficial. The show itself was absolutely superb, and the students returned to the drama studio brimming with ideas for their own piece!

YEAR 8 LEGO CHALLENGE



Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 March saw Year 8 depart from their usual timetable to take part in the Lego challenge courtesy of the Heathrow Airport 'Learning to Work' scheme. This programme allows Heathrow to give back to the local community, developing teamwork, thinking and problem-solving skills through an engineering activity.

Students were tasked with the challenge of building a Lego robot and then programming it to navigate an obstacle course. This may sound easy on paper, but actually it required a large degree of skills from the groups of four or more. Boys really had to work together to overcome obstacles throughout the day, and it was great to see the students rising to the challenge with aplomb. Our thanks to the team for running the workshop; boys were overwhelmingly positive afterwards.





STUDENTS ROCK OUT IN LONDON'S WEST END

Thirty students had a rocking time on Thursday 16 March as they saw 'School of Rock: The Musical' in the West End. This show was well-suited to our Year 10 GCSE Music cohort, who have studied both rock/pop music and musical theatre this year. Miss Phillips also invited some keen Year 9 musicians to experience live theatre and possibly be inspired to continue the subject at GCSE.

The show was absolutely fantastic, funny and poignant in equal measure. Our students were absolutely astounded at the young cast, all aged under 14 years old and playing all of the instruments live on stage! You could see that many of our musicians were inspired by what they saw, and all in all it was a fabulous afternoon.



LITERACY & NUMERACY EVENING

The Isleworth Association also hosts a number of educational events over the school year; one such example is the Literacy & Numeracy Evening, now in its third year. Mrs Clayton (Assistant Headteacher - Literacy) and Mr Stoddart (Assistant Headteacher - Numeracy) invited Year 7 parents/carers into school on Tuesday 7 March, and we were delighted that the event was so well-attended. During the short talk, the members of staff explained how parents/carers can maximise their child's progress in literacy and numeracy. If you missed the evening, you can view some key resources at www.isleworthsyon.org/numeracy. Thank you to all the parents/carers that got involved.



WE DAY

By Benjamin Rawsthorne (8A)

On Wednesday 22 March, I was a part of a group of students that were chosen to go to an event at the SSE Arena known as WE Day. I had a wonderful and, frankly, very inspiring trip. There were lots of speeches and performances from famous celebrities.

For example, Bruce Dickinson, the lead singer of rock group Iron Maiden, told us a story about a boy who he met on tour who could speak five European languages and 14 African dialects. However, he was ending his time at school because his family could not afford to pay. In my opinion, this was one of the most eye opening speeches made at the event. Another speech that opened my eyes was

Kate Winslet's. She spoke of being bullied at school due to her size. This is quite a controversial topic at the moment so once again I found this speech very important.

As well as celebrities, we had young people trying to make an impact - an example was the CEO and founder of the Goals4Girls programme. She gave a speech about girls and sport which was very fascinating. On the whole, we all had a very good day. Now, we have to meet regularly as part of the 'Global Ambassadors for Change' group, to discuss the change that we can make locally, regionally and globally. Anyone can make a change.



SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT AT KEW HOUSE SCHOOL

The next step for the Global Ambassadors was an invitation to Kew House School on Friday 30 June for a climate change sustainability summit organised by the InterClimate Network. They invited select schools from across the borough to discuss issues important to the local community such as recycling, transport, energy use, water and food provision. The ultimate aim was to create an action plan for Hounslow.

10 Year 8 Global Ambassadors took part in the event, joined by students from other local schools, representatives of local area MPs, and climate change specialists. The event's keynote speaker was Dr Michal Nachmany, who works for the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the

London School of Economics. The boys were given the unique opportunity to ask her questions during a question-and-answer session. The rest of the afternoon put the boys into several ideas zones, where students had small workshops with influential local figures in the area of climate change, brainstorming ideas both for Hounslow and our school.

It was a fantastic afternoon, and the feedback from the organisers was very positive. Students were described as a credit to the school; well done to: Albert Campling (8F), Elliot Culling (8D), Jude Collie (8E), Akeel Shah (8D), Jawaid Shamsse (8D), Stanley Wheeler-Kemp (8F), Hayden Wilson (8F), Jimmy Winsor-Franklin (8F) and Jason Zingapan (8C).



HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR VISIT

We were once again extremely honoured and privileged to welcome Janine Webber into school on Monday 20 March. Janine is a survivor of the Holocaust, living in Poland during World War II. She witnessed first-hand some astonishing brutality from the Nazi forces, but she was eventually able to escape the squalor of the Polish ghettos and forge a new life for herself in Europe. She now visits schools across the school in partnership with the Holocaust Educational Trust, telling her story and educating students about these unspeakable horrors.

After a short lunch with some Year 12 history students - who asked some fantastic questions about Janine's life and the Holocaust in general - it was time for Janine to address Year 9. Over the course of the forty-five-minute talk, Janine discussed in detail the horrible conditions that became part of her daily life during this awful time.

It was certainly a sobering and poignant experience for everyone in the room. At the end, students were given the unique opportunity to ask Janine questions, which they did with respect and courtesy. It was a fascinating afternoon, listening to such an inspirational, incredible woman tell her story and give an insight into a very specific period in world history. As intended, this experience brought the boys' study to life in a vivid way, giving them with plenty of food for thought as they headed back to the classroom.



COMIC RELIEF

One of our key aims is to develop our students into considerate young men, and one way we do this is by holding fundraising appeals in school to benefit important organisations and charities. Comic Relief fell on Friday 24 March this year, and the House team organized a bumper bake sale in the Sports Hall. Students were invited to bring in as many baked goods as they could muster, and they certainly mustered a tremendous amount - indeed, a record-breaking haul.

On the day itself, it was absolute bedlam as students sold the goods. We were astonished by the generosity on display, as we raised a staggering £536.49. A special mention must go to Miss Amal Bolbol, mother of Anthony Di Falco (7E) - she is a professional baker who contributed an outstanding cake, which was auctioned to staff for a very generous donation. It was fantastic to see students so enthusiastic about fundraising - no doubt this money will help people in need both in the UK and abroad.



'CINÉ-MINI POUR LES JEUNES' - FRENCH STUDY DAY

Wednesday 29 March 2017 presented thirty French students in Years 8 and 9 with a fantastic opportunity - a French study day at the world-famous British Film Institute (BFI) on London's Southbank. The day was titled 'Ciné-Mini Pour Les Jeunes' - the twist? The whole day was conducted in French from beginning to end. This would not be easy for our A level students, let alone the KS3 boys, but Ms Clerc was delighted that the boys threw themselves into the task with gusto. Students took part in several audience participation activities, understanding the questions and giving strong answers in a completely different language!

The day was focused on French films, so in the morning students completed a number of interesting tasks based on some short films. The afternoon saw a screening of the very popular 'Le Petit Nicholas', which the boys really enjoyed. In all, it was a fantastic day, and we were very proud of the students for how they adapted to the day and demonstrated enthusiasm and passion for the language.



MARKETING MASTERCLASS - BTEC BUSINESS

As far as possible, we always encourage learning to go beyond the classroom and into the wider world, as a means of illuminating students' studies and bring them to life. This is particularly true for business studies, so we were very fortunate to be invited to take part in a marketing masterclass at PEI Media.

On Thursday 30 March, a small group of Year 12 and 13 students taking BTEC Business headed to the company's London Wall offices for an outstanding presentation led by Ms Sumi Sastri, Digital Marketing

Manager. Students listened to four speakers from the company, with the main focus being to show students how the content they have studied in class can deliver financial reward in the commercial world.

As the boys prepared for their externally-assessed marketing case study a month later, this was a fantastic opportunity for them to ask lots of questions to professionals in the field. Students learned a lot of excellent information about marketing campaigns and strategies which proved extremely useful.



STAFF XI 5 - 5 LEAVERS XI

Our annual Staff vs Leavers match is always a competitive affair, and this year's was fiercer than ever - as the scoreline above suggests, this was a crazy game of football! It took place on the 3G astro on Wednesday 29 March in front of a good crowd. The leavers took a quick lead after just four minutes with a tidy finish from Harneet Chagger, before Mr Milligan equalised three minutes later. It was a moment to forget for Mr McAlinden on the quarter-hour mark - a fantastic looping header, just in the wrong net! Brandon Tong made it 3-1 with a stunning strike from the edge of the box, and then Danyal Naidu piled on the misery for the staff just after half time - 4-1.

Students have won the last three games in a row, and so it would be understandable if staff heads had dropped. However, two goals in two minutes completely changed the game, courtesy of the Irish duo, Misterys Doyle and Dorris. The tide had turned, and the comeback was complete when Mr Scanlon smashed home to make it 4-4. The excitement wasn't done there, though, as Mr Tachon made it 5-4 after 80 minutes. Staff and their supporters began to dream that this could be their year, but alas, it wasn't to be - Brandon Tong scored his second of the game on 85 minutes to tie at 5-5. That was how it finished. With nine scorers and ten goals, this was one of the most lively and entertaining matches in recent memory - congratulations to both teams.





STORYTELLING

At Isleworth & Syon, we like to go into the local community as much as we can. One way that we do this is by taking a small group of junior students into local primary schools for a storytelling session. This is a very popular venture that is now in its third year!

The enthusiastic cohort headed to Worple Primary on Thursday 30 March for sessions with students in Years 2 and 5. This year was particularly special as the Isleworth & Syon group consisted of two former

Worple students, Stanley Wheeler-Kemp (8F) and Terence Dosoo (8C) - those boys enjoyed visiting their old school and catching up with their former teachers!

For the session, students teamed up in groups of two and read short stories to the Year 2 children. It was great to see our students using hand gestures and actions to engage the boys and girls and even, in some cases, making them howl with laughter. Special credit to Muneeb Hussain (8A) for bringing 'Aliens

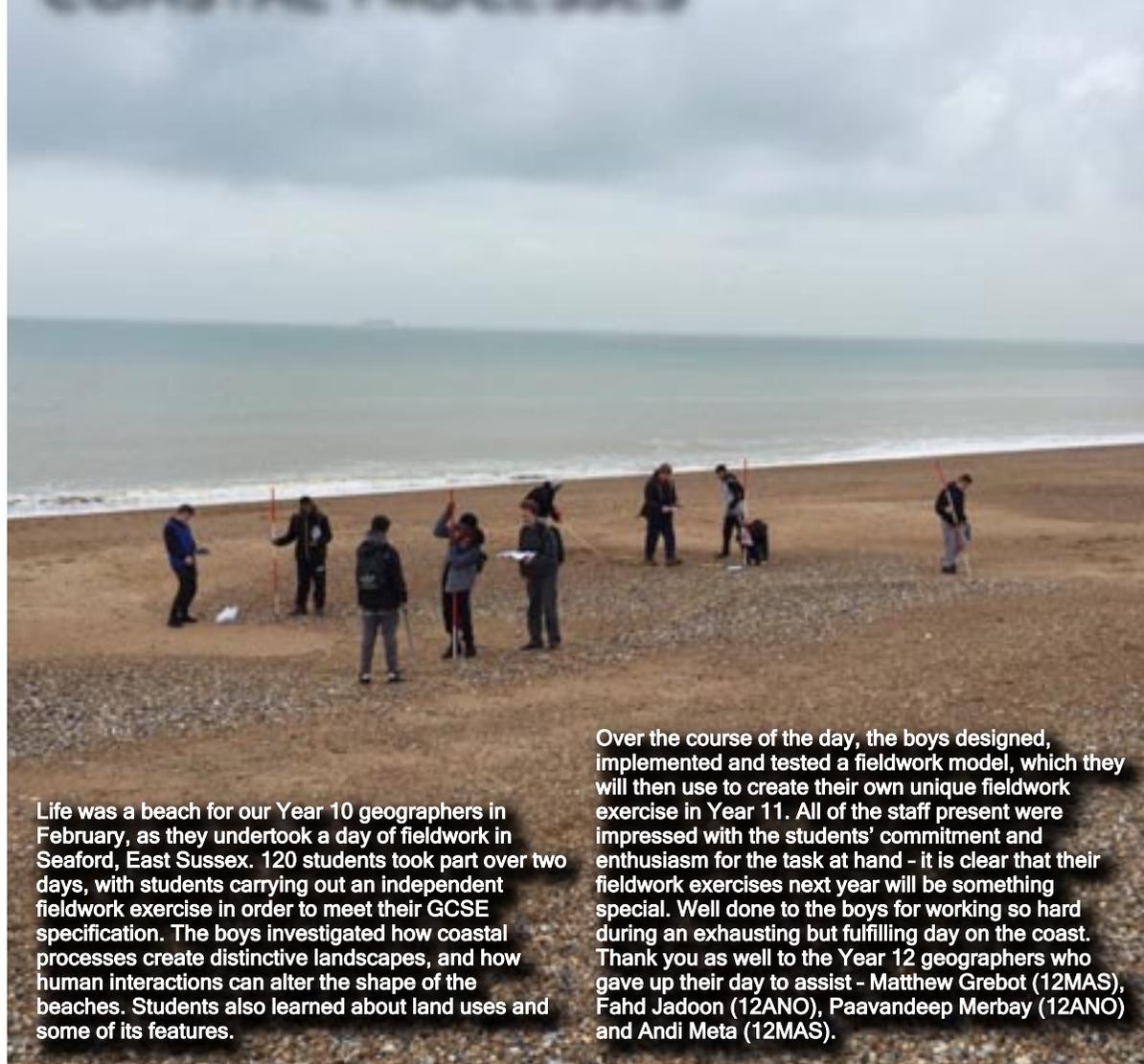
Love Underpants' to life with a pair of underpants (well, shorts) on his head! Following that, the boys had a short session with Year 5 where they talked about their favourite book and the importance of reading.

It was another lovely afternoon, with the sessions taking place in Worple's brand-new library. Feedback from Worple was overwhelmingly positive, and the Isleworth & Syon boys certainly relished the challenge. We look forward to continuing this scheme next year!

To see a video clip of the storytelling session, click here:



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHERS EXPLORE COASTAL PROCESSES



Life was a beach for our Year 10 geographers in February, as they undertook a day of fieldwork in Seaford, East Sussex. 120 students took part over two days, with students carrying out an independent fieldwork exercise in order to meet their GCSE specification. The boys investigated how coastal processes create distinctive landscapes, and how human interactions can alter the shape of the beaches. Students also learned about land uses and some of its features.

Over the course of the day, the boys designed, implemented and tested a fieldwork model, which they will then use to create their own unique fieldwork exercise in Year 11. All of the staff present were impressed with the students' commitment and enthusiasm for the task at hand - it is clear that their fieldwork exercises next year will be something special. Well done to the boys for working so hard during an exhausting but fulfilling day on the coast. Thank you as well to the Year 12 geographers who gave up their day to assist - Matthew Grebot (12MAS), Fahd Jadoon (12ANO), Paavandeep Merbay (12ANO) and Andi Meta (12MAS).

KPMG EMPLOYABILITY ROADSHOW

Being in the Isleworth & Syon Sixth Form is not just about students' time in the classroom. Indeed, we attempt to equip our post-16s with the necessary tools to prepare them for life after school, be that at university or the world of work via an apprenticeship or other route. To that end, ten gifted and talented Year 12 students were invited to take part in an employability roadshow on Wednesday 8 February at Canary Wharf.

The event was organised by the prestigious national charity Teach First. KPMG are a multinational STEM (science, technology,

engineering and mathematics) company that help businesses become better at business. This was an exciting enrichment opportunity which encouraged students to think about their futures and develop some key competencies to allow them to access the best careers in a hugely competitive job market. It was a fantastic day for the boys, as they networked with industry professionals, took part in interactive skills sessions and asked the hosts about their personal career pathways in a question-and-answer session. All of the boys found the day highly rewarding!



HOUNSLOW SPEED READ 2017

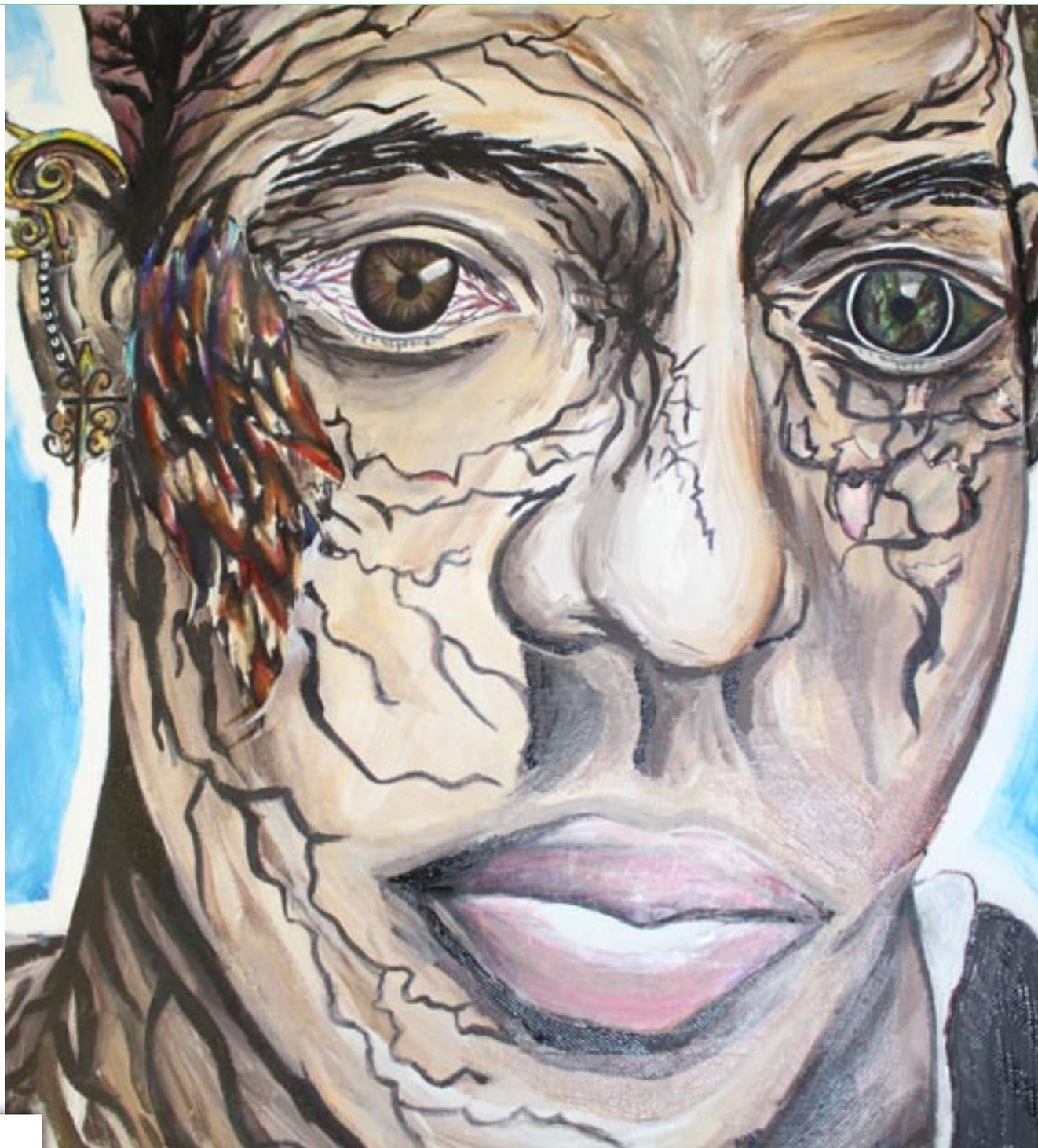
Tuesday 21 February saw Ms Squires take a small group of keen readers to the Paul Robeson Theatre for the annual Speed Read competition, organised by the Hounslow Library Service. Several other schools from the borough were featured, and the event was expertly compered once again by talented poet and storyteller Tony Dallas.

The event is a great way for students to express their enthusiasm about reading. Students have just one minute to talk about their favourite book in a series of one-to-one chats with their peers, effectively 'pitching' their book in an attempt to persuade the other person to read it. The watching crowd all agreed that our boys gave a great account of themselves, demonstrating fabulous understanding of their chosen text. Well done to Samuel Nixon (9D) for winning a prize for his presentation of Lisa Williamson's 'The Art of Being Normal'.



Curtis Christopher (9C) presents 'The Blood of Olympus' by Rick Riordan.





MEET THE AUTHOR: JULIAN SEDGWICK

This year's World Book Day took place on Thursday 2 March. To celebrate, a small group of Year 7 boys attended a Meet the Author event at the Paul Robeson Theatre, organised once again by the Hounslow Library Service. The author in question was Julian Sedgwick, and his talk was quite extraordinary. Julian's lifelong interest in the arts and culture of China and Japan has influenced much of his work, as has his fascination with performance, street art and the circus. This clearly came across during his hour with the students, as he did several complex magic tricks and even juggled swords at one point. The students looked absolutely flabbergasted!

Julian also talked about writing and his process during the lively and fascinating discussion. It truly was a memorable experience for the boys - Solomon Cameron-Murray (7E) described it as "hilarious" while Matthew Nunan (7F) said how much he enjoyed "the amount of audience participation and circus acts". It was clear that the students had a great time!



Students get their books signed!



SUMMER TERM

EX-STUDENT BEGINS FOOTBALL CAREER WITH CHAMPIONS CHELSEA

It has been a delight to track the progress this year of former student Reece James, who signed a professional contract with Premier League champions Chelsea in March. Having trained with Chelsea since the age of six, Reece left Isleworth & Syon in 2014, in order to move closer to the club's Cobham training base.

Playing either as right-back or central midfielder, Reece was an integral part of the team which won the FA Youth Cup in April, scoring a great goal in the semi-final victory over Tottenham Hotspur. Reece has trained with the first team during this season, and has also received his first international call-up with the England u18s! The future looks bright for Reece, a testament to his commitment and dedication which we witnessed during his time here. We will be keeping a very close eye on his career, and we wish him well.



Above: Triumphantly holding the FA Youth Cup!
below: Meeting his hero - John Terry!



MEET THE AUTHOR: ANDY MULLIGAN

As part of their core English curriculum, Year 8 studied the popular children's novel 'Trash' during the Summer Term. Miss Cox got in touch with the author, Andy Mulligan, to pass on students' positive comments about their experiences with the book! To our delight, Andy very kindly offered to come in and speak to 8D, which he did during period 5 on Monday 15 May. Andy spoke at length about his influences when writing the book, which is set in an unnamed third-world country and features a street child who lives as a waste picker. The boys had a great time listening to Andy's stories and then asking him questions afterwards. Our sincere thanks to Andy for taking time out of his busy schedule!



VIRGIN ATLANTIC 'BE THE CHANGE'

One of our visions at Isleworth & Syon is to help our students develop into mature, considerate and confident young men. As such, it is a pleasure to hear of students attempting to better themselves with activities outside of school. We were thrilled to hear about Arnav Gupta's (10C) success this year, as he placed in the top 50 of the Virgin Atlantic 'Be the Change' Volunteer Trip Scholarship competition. As part of the process, he had to complete an intensive six-section application including a creative project piece. With the competition open to all young people aged between 12 and 18 across the country, this is a fantastic achievement!



Shyloh McIntyre (9F) casts his vote.

STUDENTS TURN OUT IN HUGE NUMBERS TO VOTE IN MOCK ELECTION

Election fever gripped the UK once again in June, and at school we saw this as a fantastic opportunity to engage our student body with themes of democracy and politics. To that end, the week of 5 June saw students discussing election issues during their tutor time, discovering about the key debates surrounding the economy, immigration, education and many others!

7C held a full election debate on the day itself, Thursday 8 June, with one team taking the Conservative side, and the other, Labour. The motion - 'This House believes that for a strong and stable Britain, the Conservative Party should be in power.' It was clear that the boys had a lot of knowledge, both absorbed from their other sessions or independently-researched. It led to a fascinating debate. During break and lunchtime, students were invited to place their vote by completing a polling card, just like in a real election. The student turnout was absolutely outstanding, as Labour emerged victorious with a huge majority. It was a pleasure to see these young people exercising their democratic right and engaging with issues that are crucial to the state of the country.

WORLD-RENOWNED COMPOSER VISITS SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome world-renowned composer Philip Sparke into school on Friday 19 May. Philip is noted in the music world for his concert band and brass band compositions, and his resumé is extensive and impressive. We were honoured that he came into school to share his experiences with the school's concert band as well as the Year 10 GCSE Music students.

Philip is a former Isleworth & Syon student, spending seven years here between 1963 and 1969. It was a very special experience for Philip coming back to school nearly fifty years after he left it, and he enjoyed a tour around the building before his afternoon session. He took part in a great question-and-answer session with the students, where his answers were insightful and laced with humour! Afterwards, he led a concert band rehearsal - a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the students! In all, the afternoon was extremely rewarding for everyone involved; we thank Philip for giving up his time to share his wisdom with our musical students.

To view a video clip of Philip Sparke's visit, [click here:](#)



FORMER STUDENT FIFTEENTH-BEST BADMINTON PLAYER IN COUNTRY

We were thrilled to watch another former student scale the heights of his chosen sport this year. Ben Hunt left Isleworth & Syon four years ago to embark on a professional badminton career, and through a lot of hard work and commitment he has developed to becoming the fifteenth best male badminton player in the whole of England at all age ranges. In August, he won the mixed doubles and men's doubles at the Kent Senior Silver competition. The latter title was won in partnership with another alumnus, Sheunesu Kimbugwe. With the season just starting at the time of publication, we look forward to seeing where Ben can get to in the sport!

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

It was an emotional day on Friday 26 May as we said goodbye to Year 11 just before their final public examination. The majority of the boys have spent five years here, and so there was much to remember and celebrate. The presentation began with a series of funny videos captured during the year, including a very special rap!

We were delighted to welcome the jazz band for an excellent performance of the theme music from the 'Austin Powers' film series, before Mr Lightfoot began the assembly. He led with special mentions from staff, some of which were poignant. There was even a recollection from a former staff member, Miss Sheth!



After that, it was the turn of students to reminisce, as representatives from each form gave short speeches about their time at Isleworth & Syon. It was lovely to see the boys talking so eloquently and openly about the impact that this peer group has had on their day-to-day lives. Each boy without exception thanked their form tutor as well - a lovely touch which demonstrated how important the tutors are to the students.

Mr West's Sports Review covered many successes from across the five years, including the fantastic statistic that this year had been badminton county champions every single year. During the assembly, Mr Lightfoot gave out several awards; the Pastoral Leader award was presented to Arash Afraze and Allan Quarrie, who had achieved 100% attendance and punctuality since Year 7. This is a quite astonishing achievement!

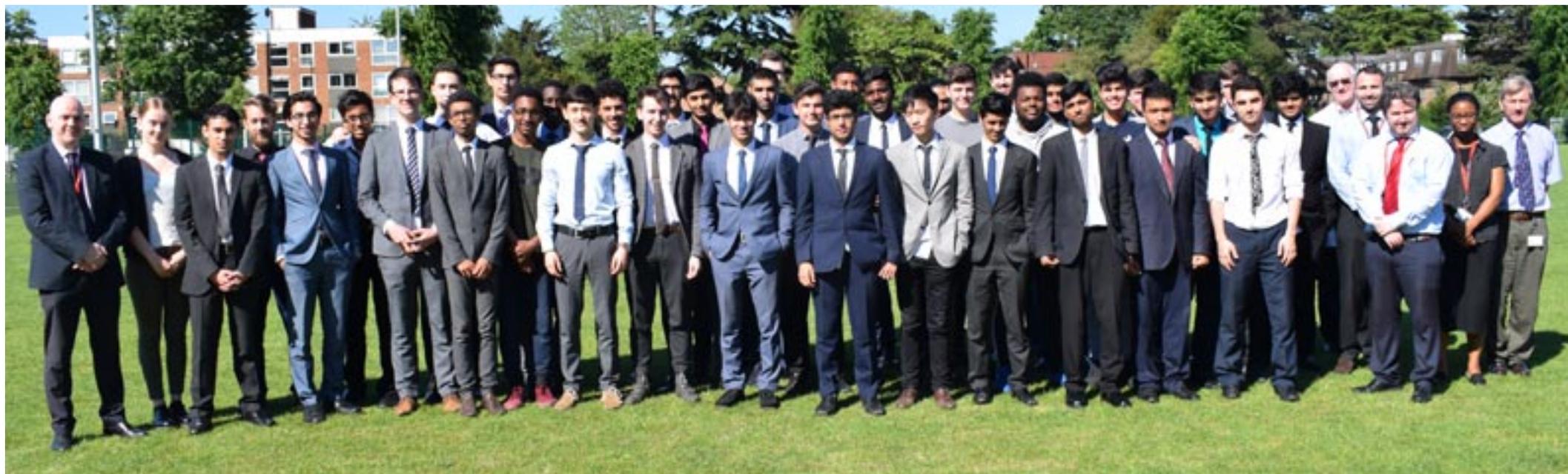
Mr Lightfoot ended the assembly with a final speech about happiness, advising students to constantly seek happiness in whatever they do; to focus on the positive rather than the negative. We wish students the best of luck with whatever comes next!



MCC CRICKET

During National Cricket Week, we were thrilled to once again welcome the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) on Wednesday 21 June. The MCC are based at Lords cricket ground and are the most active cricket-playing club in the world. Therefore, the feature carries a lot of prestige - however, our first XI were not fazed by the occasion and gave a fantastic batting and bowling performance down at the home of the Old Isleworthians, Wood Lane. The MCC emerged with a very narrow win overall, but it was a fantastic day in the sunshine.

Mr Potter organised a number of school-based activities during the week to continue to foster a culture of cricket within the school. There were catching, bowling and fielding activities, as well as some excellent games of kwik cricket. Cricket continues to develop into an area of strength within the school!



YEAR 13 LEAVERS

It was the end of an era on Friday 26 May, as our Year 13 leavers had their final day in school before heading off on study leave. It all concluded with the Leavers' Assembly in the Study Room, a thorough celebration of the students' time at Isleworth & Syon, which in many cases was seven years!

Mr Ferguson began proceedings by congratulating the students on how hard they had worked thus far, and then imploring them to carry on this mentality with whatever comes next. He told them to make sure they "give it a go", and that it is harder now than ever before with such a competitive landscape.

It was then time for the most popular tradition of these assemblies - the photograph montage. Compiled by Head Boy Maxwell Omondi (13TBI), students roared with laughter as they were shown

their Year 7 photographs along with some candid snaps from during their time in Sixth Form. It was great to see how much the students had grown during their time at Isleworth & Syon!

After a quick reflection from Maxwell (see video clip), it was time for the awards. Completely nominated by the students, there were some very funny categories, including 'Most Likely to Still Be ID'd at the Age of 30', 'Best Roadman', 'Most Annoying but Loved', and 'Best Couple/ Bromance'. This was followed by a series of sports awards presented by Mr Potter to Jamie Tilt and Prince Radhakrishnan (both 13MAS) for their outstanding services to cricket at school.

Following a short speech from Deputy Head Boy Diogo da Silva (13RON), Sixth Form Leader Mr Doyle brought the proceedings to an end. He told the students about the fine line between agony and ecstasy, telling them "even if it's tough now, it's worth it" - an inspirational message to end on. We wish every student well with their next steps, and hope that they keep in touch!

To see a video clip of Maxwell Omondi's reflection, click here:



'KICK START YOUR CAREER'

We were delighted that selected Year 12 students took part in the 'Kick Start Your Career' programme over three days from Wednesday 28 - Friday 30 June. This was an excellent cross-borough post-AS employability programme which enabled students to develop their understanding of the local job market and what employers are looking for. Students learned what opportunities exist in Hounslow, with each being attached to a local company and learning about the daily routines of the working world. Each student's company was carefully selected to align to their interests.

During one of the days, students spent the day at their company, networking with employees and taking part in a series of hands-on activities. It was clear that the students found these visits to be extremely rewarding. Afterwards, students wrote a blog on their experiences; below is an extract from Omar Mahfoudi's piece, which details part of his experiences at the NHS Community Trust.

"The first part of the day involved me listening to professionals talking about their chosen profession, I got a lot out of the talks because I found out there was more than one route into each role within the profession, clinical people could find a way into management and you didn't have to be completely academic to find a role within the NHS. I found the talk about audiology very interesting, I had very little idea about what audiologists did and to see the work they did was very inspiring, the speakers seemed very motivated and knowledgeable on the profession they had pursued. We had a chance to question the professionals and I found out that the working world is very unpredictable but very interesting."

Our thanks to the Spark organisation for setting up this fantastic event, which really got the Year 12s thinking about future career paths.

SPORTS DAY 2017

One of the pinnacles of our school calendar is always Sports Day. Meticulously organised by the PE department, the day sees students taking part in all track and field events - Years 7 and 8 in the morning and Years 9 and 10 in the afternoon. The event is run as a House event, with students competing to earn points for their house. Everybody who takes part is awarded a single point, with extra given to those who finish in the top three positions. Participation, then, is extremely important, and it was fantastic to see students enthusiastically competing throughout the event, which took place on Friday 23 June in the glorious sunshine!

Held at the Osterley track, the events really brought the best out of the boys, engaging their community spirit as well as their competitive edge! There were many school records broken during the course of the day, including a quite phenomenal 60m sprint from Josiah Wilson Kepple. We also had a unique occurrence - for the first time ever on Sports Day, we had a dead heat in the Year 8 300m, with Joey Miller (8E) and Asim Rehman (8D) inseparable!

It was a lovely day overall. Well done to Shackleton, who were crowned the overall winners.



FINAL STANDINGS

YEARS 7&8

BRUNEL	451
TURNER	423
SHACKLETON	394

YEARS 9&10

SHACKLETON	424
TURNER	390
BRUNEL	320

FINAL PLACINGS

SHACKLETON	818
TURNER	813
BRUNEL	771



INTERFORM RECORDS - YEAR 9

NAME	EVENT	RECORD SET
Josiah Wilson Kepple	60m	7.47sec*
Cadell Osborne	150m	18.44sec*
Lars-Leander Volle	300m	44.03sec
Josiah Wilson Kepple	Triple Jump	12.55m

INTERFORM RECORDS - YEAR 10

NAME	EVENT	RECORD SET
Diallo Williams	200m	24.56sec
Taylor Blakeney	300m	40.16sec*
Reece Williamson	Long Jump	6.36m*
Form 10A	4x100m	49.71sec

* Also a school record

SPORTS DAY 2017

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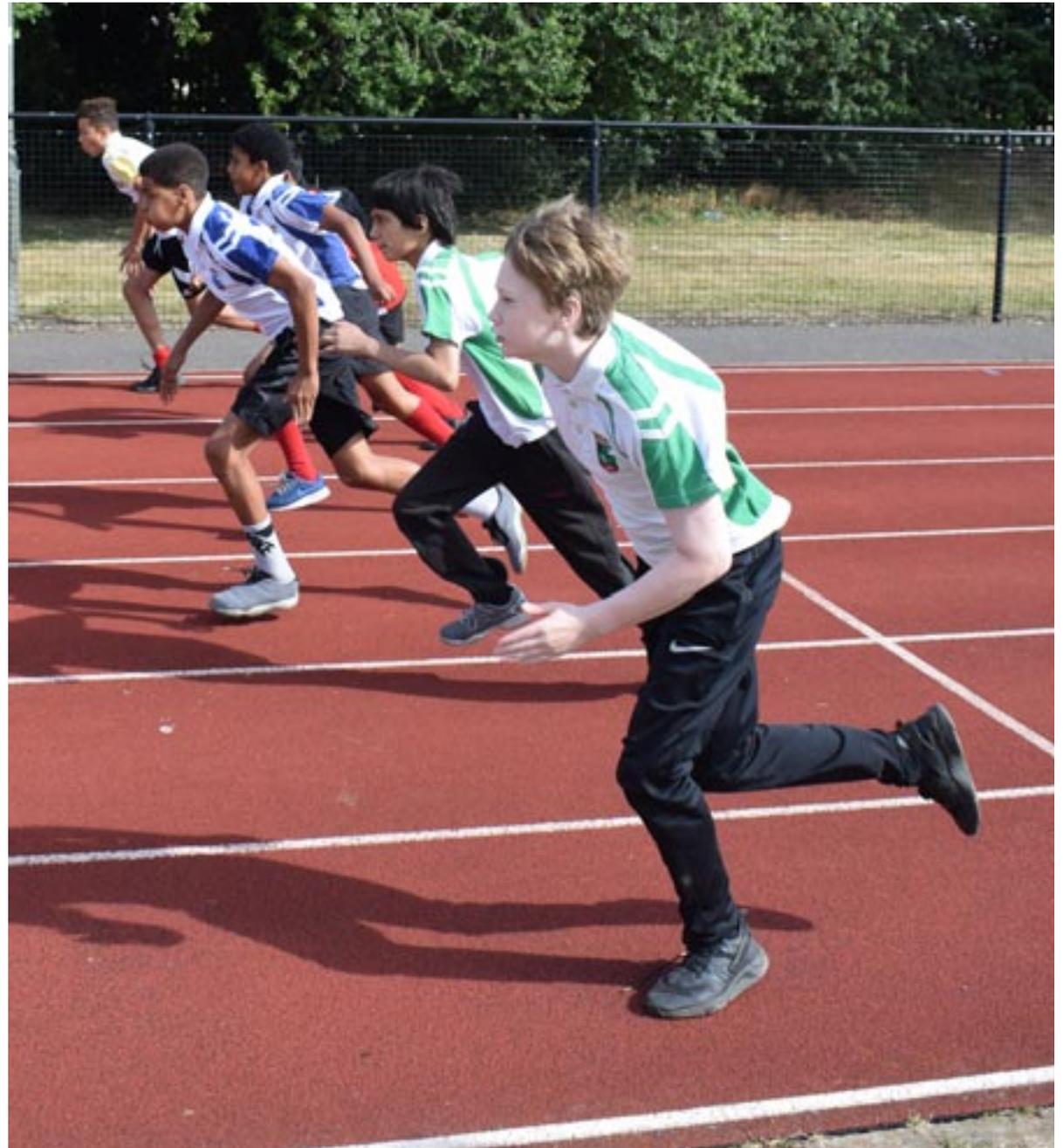


An amazing banner from 7D!



SPORTS DAY 2017

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To view a video clip of the start of the final relay for Year 10, [click here:](#)



SUMMER ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EVENING 2017

The creative and performing arts are a vital component of life at Isleworth & Syon. Through study of art, design & technology (DT), drama and music, students are encouraged to nurture their creativity and express it through a variety of different media. Throughout the school year, students are regularly given the opportunity to showcase their best pieces of work, and there is no better example of this than our prestigious Summer Arts & Technology Evening on Tuesday 27 June. The event used the 'promenade' format, with half of the audience starting in the canteen (first drama, then art, and finally DT) and half starting in the hall (music rotation), before swapping over.

The drama department produced two pieces that were of superb quality. In the hall, Mr McDonnell showed a film directed and edited to a professional standard - from the Year 8 Drama Club with the spooky title 'This School Has Eyes'. In the canteen, Mrs Beadle's Year 7 Drama Club performed their piece, 'The Resistance'. The short play focused on themes of surveillance, and was absolutely brilliant - and completely devised by the boys!

The art and DT departments showed off some fantastic work all the way from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 5. Once again, audience members were blown away with the level of work on display. Both departments work tirelessly through the year to encourage and support the boys, giving them the freedom to express their thoughts and meanings through a platform. Many of these paintings, drawings, photograph compositions, sculptures and woodworks would not have looked out of place at a gallery!

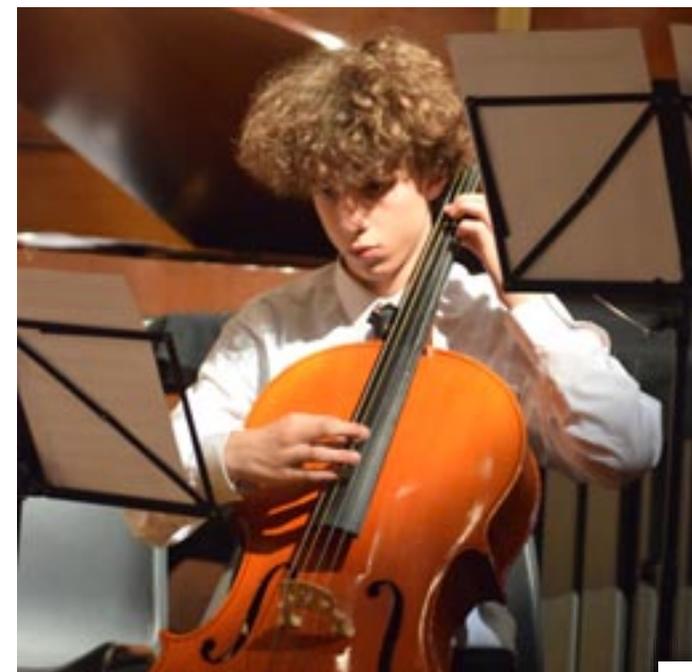
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The guitar ensemble, expertly led by Mr Rolet.



Some of the outstanding art pieces on display.



Sammy Standing (10B).

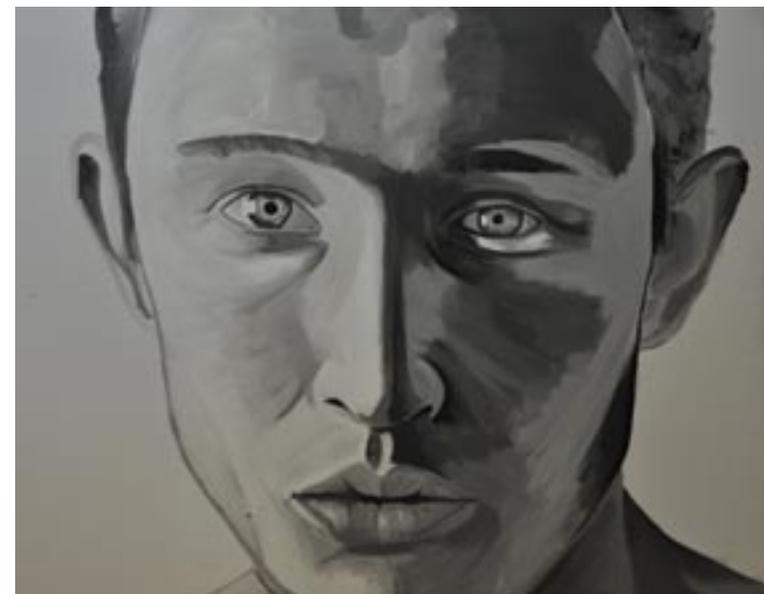


SUMMER ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EVENING 2017

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Once again, Miss Phillips and Mr Rolet managed to raise their game in the music department. With both moving on to pastures new in September, they certainly went out with a bang, producing a magnificent music rotation. Highlights included the ukulele group medley of Passenger and Rudimental, from a fantastic new arrangement by Mr Rolet; a magnificent piano solo by Sandeep Matharoo (8F); the string group's haunting rendition of 'The Hanging Tree' from The Hunger Games; and 'Instant Concert' by the concert band, which contained sections from a number of famous orchestral pieces from across the ages such as 'Rule Britannia'.

The evening concluded with a very special music concert in the hall, as both halves of the audience came together. It began with an excellent rendition of a piece from the hit movie musical Whiplash by our jazz band. Continuing the moving theme were our string quartet featuring a handful of our best string musicians, plus Mr Rolet and Miss Low from the Hounslow Music Service. They gave a lovely performance of 'Across the Stars' from Star Wars: Attack of the Clones. We were delighted to introduce a fabulous trio, consisting of Charlie Mills (12JST, vocals), Gheorghe Rotaru (12RON, piano) and Mrs Davies Jones for a beautiful performance of Bob Dylan's 'Make You Feel My Love'. After eleven fantastic years, this was Mrs Davies Jones' final ever Summer Arts Evening, as she moves back to Wales. This was a fantastic way to thank her for her service and finish her time here!



'The Resistance'.



Lorenzo Piola (7D).

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SUMMER ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EVENING 2017

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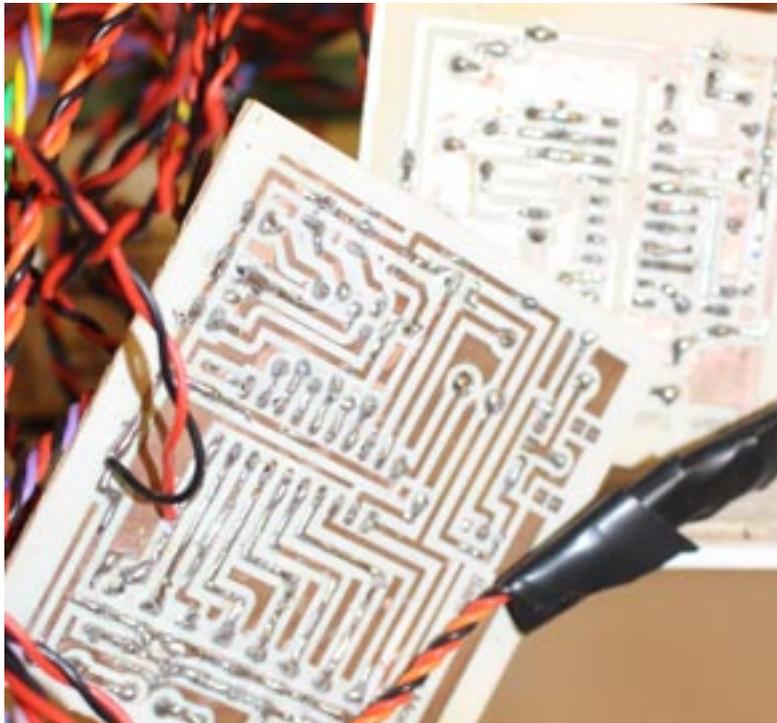
Other highlights from the concert including a quite splendid guitar performance of The Rolling Stones' 'Paint it Black', as well as the choir's lovely rendition of 'Sing' and the Sixth Form Band's excellent presentation of John Mayer's 'Gravity'. We were also lucky enough to witness two incredible solos that truly needed to be seen to be believed. Will Millett (10D) played on an instrument that not many of us had seen before, the marimba - and did a phenomenal job! Departing Deputy Head Girl Cara Doyle gave an unbelievable seven-minute clarinet solo of 'Fantasie' by Jorg Widmann. These performances took the breath away!

It was nearly time for the evening's festivities to conclude, but not before the concert band's splendid rendition of Philip Sparke's 'A Klezmar Karnival' plus a Michael Jackson medley which proved a massive hit with the crowd. The final performance was 'Mr Blue Sky' by the Staff Band and Sixth Form Band, and the two groups received a standing ovation.

Massive thanks must go to all of the staff responsible for pulling the event together - Miss Phillips, Mr Rolet, Mr McDonnell, Mrs Davies Jones and Miss Dubell (music and drama); Mr Carpenter, Miss Pacwa and Miss Blanchard (art); and Mr Scanlon, Mr Elliston, Mr Mayers and Mr Browell (DT). Events like this continue to show the wealth of talent developed and encouraged at Isleworth & Syon.



Zaki Osahn (7B, left) and Kendall Berryman (10E, right).



Outstanding work from DT...



Choir in full voice!



... and art.

YEAR 12 ART VISIT KEW GARDENS



As part of their study of natural forms, our Year 12 A level art students visited Kew Gardens on Thursday 9 March. Students were given the opportunity to work both within a team and as individuals, exploring the comprehensive grounds and galleries of this world-renowned heritage site. Imagery collected was used to inspire and generate ideas for A1-size oil pastel studies and research in books. All six students were extremely enthused about the Gardens - indeed, every single one of them stayed for an extra couple of hours once the trip was over. The visit was certainly inspirational, as students' work was absolutely outstanding.





The award winners!

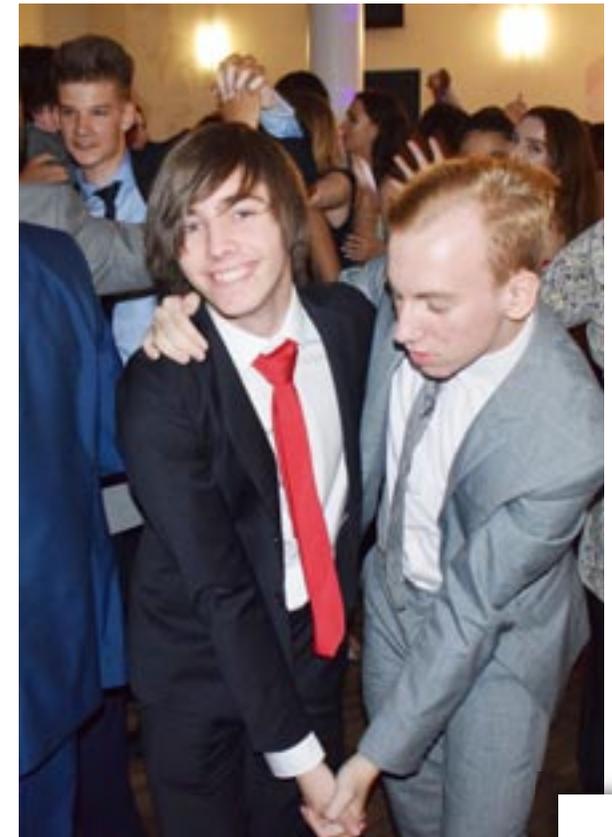
YEAR 11 PROM

After five weeks of intensive summer examinations, our Year 11 boys had earned an evening of celebration - and that is exactly what we gave them on Thursday 29 June, as we headed to Harlequins RFC for the annual Prom. The music and (soft) drinks were flowing as the boys mixed with

girls from The Green School for a fantastic celebration - complete with some over-exuberant and definitely-not-embarrassing dancing! The boys had a fantastic time letting their hair down and releasing some of their stress in a carefree environment surrounded by their friends!



Some exuberant dancing on display!



JOSIAH WILSON KEPPLER - NATIONAL CHAMPION



We were thrilled to find out in July that Josiah Wilson Kepple (9A) had become the national under-15 champion for Triple Jump.

An athlete of outstanding pedigree and potential, Josiah has regularly broken various school records during Sports Day, and we are delighted that he has proven his talent in the national spotlight. Josiah's work ethic and commitment are second-to-none, and we are all very proud of his achievement. We look forward to Josiah pushing himself next year to even bigger heights (and distances)!

Leaping for victory at Sports Day!

SIXTH FORM BALL

A regular feature of the Sixth Form is our Student Voice team - a group of six to eight students who represent the views of their peers in conversations with the Sixth Form Pastoral Team. Overseen by Mr Tachon (Deputy Sixth Form Leader), the group is a crucial part of the day-to-day running of the Sixth Form, along with the Head Boy and his two deputies.

One area in which the Student Voice team is vital is the organisation of social events. The Sixth Form were very

keen to host a Summer Ball after the conclusion of their examinations - a chance for Year 12 and 13 to let their hair down and de-stress after a very tricky period of their education. So, on Saturday 1 July we headed to Hampton Court Golf Club for a fantastic evening. Students had a wonderful time, throwing some shapes and just generally letting off some steam along with students from Brentford School for Girls! We were delighted that the event was extremely well-attended, and a fantastic way to celebrate a tough year for all involved!



CARDIFF FIELDWORK

Our A level geographers are required to complete four days of compulsory independent fieldwork investigations during the two-year course. This year, the seven students visited Cardiff, Wales, staying at the Cardiff city sleepover, attached to the Millennium Stadium. Students undertook human and physical fieldwork, investigating sand dunes and regeneration. Students also reviewed the economic development of the area and visited some unique and interesting coastal features. During the three days, they also visited Cardiff University and were given the unique opportunity to tour the building and then use their library and geography facilities. This trip was designed to equip students with the necessary understanding of fieldwork techniques to create their own investigation, which they will undertake in September as the fourth and final day of the requirements. Well done to the boys for their commitment during the excursion!

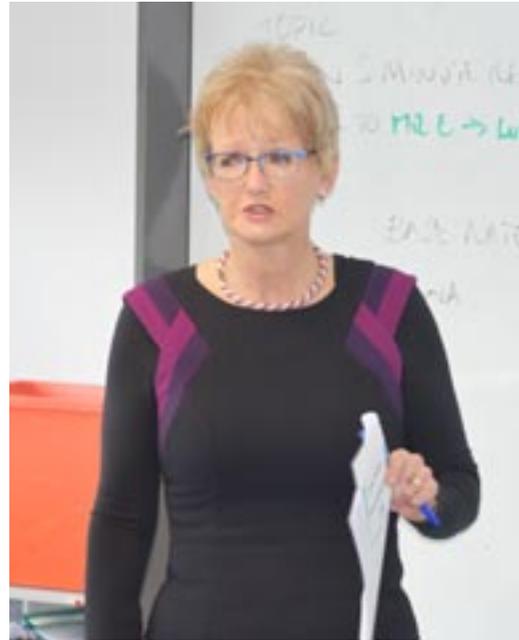


Harry Stenholm (12RON) is shown around the university.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER - ROWING

Well done to Joseph Whittaker (9F) who finished second in the London Youth Games on Sunday 9 July in his chosen sport - under-14 rowing. He rowed a distance of 1157m in four minutes - an outstanding effort. This was particularly impressive considering his training regime

was significantly impaired by a toe injury. However, Joseph demonstrated excellent resilience and self-discipline to push himself - and the results speak for themselves. Hopefully Joseph can push on as he moves into Year 10 - we're very confident that he can.



Above: Lynn Poulton, Finance Administrator at TePe Oral Hygiene Products Ltd.

Below: Steve de Looze, who works in the banking sector.

VISITING SPEAKERS INCREASE STUDENTS' BUSINESS UNDERSTANDING

The Summer Term was a busy time for our business group. As well as the marketing visit above, Mr English invited several speakers from the finance industry to talk to the Year 12 cohort, utilising contacts from his previous career. On Thursday 27 April, we welcomed Graham and Lynn Poulton into school to talk to the boys about budget planning; a week later (Thursday 4 May), Steve de Looze visited to talk about the principles of lending. These hour-long talks were a fantastic way for students to directly engage with industry and delve deeper into the topics they were studying. Our thanks to all three speakers for giving up their time; the boys were very positive about the experience afterwards, and what they had learned fed directly into their assessment a few weeks later.



WEST END LIGHTING DESIGNER VISITS YEAR 10

Following the very successful theatre visit to see 'The Woman in Black' in February, Curriculum Leader Mr McDonnell reached out to the play's lighting designer, Kevin Sleep. Luckily for us, Kevin volunteered to come in and speak to students on Wednesday 3 May.

Kevin spent one period with the boys chatting about the principles of lighting a West End production, with particular detail given to specific set-pieces in 'The Woman in Black'. This was extremely helpful for the boys, as many will write about the play's lighting in their examination next year. Our huge thanks to Kevin for giving up his time to come in - it was a privilege to speak to a professional from the industry and hear his insight.



Some of the competitors - some are missing as they were competing in a Spelling Bee!

SHOUTSOUTH! WRITING FESTIVAL

This year, we were delighted to once again take part in the ShoutSouth! Writing Festival, held over two days at the London South Bank University. A small group of keen writers in Years 7 were selected to take part in the event. Two weeks beforehand, the boys took part in an exclusive Meet the Author event to prepare for the festival. It was held at Osterley Library on Tuesday 6 June, and students were lucky enough to chat to published authors Karen Owen and Ross Montgomery. This session got students thinking about the processes of writing in order to get them ready for the festival.

The actual festival itself took place on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 June. It truly was a special event, with two days of writing workshops run by published authors including Sarah Mussi and Jamie Buxton. It truly was a special experience for the boys having access to actual, real-life writers; afterwards, Bryn Horton (7E) commented that it was great to "write your own stories with the help of published authors and illustrators".

The workshops were varied and wide-ranging. One dealt with where ideas for stories come from; the second talked about illustration as visual storytelling and how to build a character; number three discussed basic techniques of plotting a story; and the final one centred around how words convey meaning. These sessions were



Hard at work!



Jack Barratt (7E) during the drama section of the day!

not just fascinating but also very enjoyable; Ismail Amiri (7F) said that "it was the most fun in writing I've had in years!"

When they got back to school, the boys read their work to the English teachers - needless to say that the teachers were highly impressed with the boys' work. You can see Jivanjee Jivanjee's recital in the video clip by clicking the icon below. Well done to the boys who took part:

To see a video clip of
Jivanjee's recital, click here:



WIDER LEARNING WEEK

INTRODUCTION

YEAR 7

We were delighted to run Wider Learning Week once again this year, from Monday 10 - Friday 14 July. Now in its third year, the week is aimed at students in Years 7-9 and 12, while Year 10 take part in their work-related learning and Years 11 and 13 have departed after examinations.

The main purpose of the week is to offer enriching learning experiences for students in contexts both familiar and new. The activities challenge the boys and promote a wider understanding, self-discipline and independence. The week also rewards students for their hard work during the school year, with a fun programme of interesting activities. Find out how each group got on over the following pages.



What a week for our Year 7 students, as they were challenged by a varied set of activities. It began with 'Zoo Day' on Monday, as students took part in a curriculum-based rotation with an animal theme. Students particularly loved the science portion, as they were shown a number of creepy crawlies and even given the opportunity to hold some. Students were fascinated by snakes, spiders and millipedes, amongst others; they also learned some cool facts about the creatures, courtesy of the organization Zoo Lab.

The PE department ran a fantastic Health Day for all Year 7 on Thursday. The day encouraged students to get active through a series of activities, including very competitive games of kwik cricket and a bit of introductory volleyball. Students were also given the opportunity to design their own fitness drills, and Mr Mullins reported afterwards that students threw themselves into the task whole-heartedly and designed some expert drills.



Working together during the CAD CAM activity.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday involved a rotation of three different activities, with houses taking part in a different one each day. The science department organised a brilliant day themed around 'exploration'. Students spent time in the laboratory making their own energy from scratch; took part in a fascinating experiment with an iodine clock; and investigated the effect of energy drinks on a mayfly. Students also spent a day exploring nature down at Osterley Park, investigating the local environment. DT set up a fascinating day centred around computer-aided design (CAD) and 3D product design - students designed their own lamps through the computer software.

It was a pleasure to see our newest students approach the tasks with vigour and enthusiasm. All in all, it was an extremely enriching week for Year 7!



WIDER LEARNING WEEK

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YEAR 8

It was a pleasure to witness Year 8 undertake their second Wider Learning Week with gusto! They were lucky enough to take part in some fantastic activities. On Tuesday, the whole year group took part in an engineering and construction challenge organised by external company Balfour Beatty. Students were required to split into groups and assign themselves roles including project manager, designer and finance controller. They then were responsible for designing, costing and then producing several products, including a bridge made out of paper and a tower that would withstand wind. This activity asked students to work together to achieve goals, and everyone present was thrilled that the boys worked extremely well as a team!

Thursday saw Year 8 enjoy the health day that Year 7 had taken part in a few days earlier. Along with the physical activities and drills design, we were delighted to welcome the Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's

Theatre (GLYPT) to perform a fantastic play about asthma that was thought-provoking and engaging. We also welcomed a representative from the charity Mind to talk about mental health among young men - trying to break down some of the stigmas. In all, it was a fantastic and engaging day!

There were three activities taking place on rotation for the other three days. Miss Lawler arranged a fantastic trip to Thorpe Park which the boys obviously loved! Miss Davies and the business department organised a sustainability challenge, where students had to create a new invention made out of everyday components such as toilet roll holders and plastic bottles. Meanwhile, Miss Shukla and Miss Qadeer ran the very popular politics activity, with boys forming political parties and canvassing for votes, creating policies to improve school. Well done to all of our Year 8s for giving it their all throughout the week!



Andrew Wakefield (8D) canvasses for votes!



Finalising the prototype!

WIDER LEARNING WEEK

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YEAR 9

Year 9 were given the opportunity to choose one of six activities to take part in during the week. See below for a short summary of each.



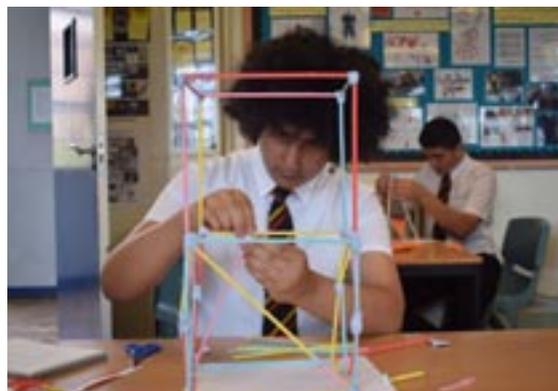
Outside the Camp Nou!

Barcelona

Twenty students in Years 9 and 10 spent Tuesday to Friday in sunny Spain. Students had two hours of Spanish lessons each morning at the Metrocultural Language School, and learning from native speakers had a real impact on the boys. The afternoon was taken up with sight-seeing, as the boys visited Las Ramblas, the La Boqueria market, the Sagrada Familia and the Camp Nou football stadium, amongst others! The boys were a real credit to the school.

Being an Architect

Twenty-two students had a fun-filled and fascinating week. One day, students visited the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) for some interesting talks and sessions. The boys got a great sense of the architectural process on Wednesday, designing their own project using specialist computer software. At the end of the week, they used all knowledge gained to build a model for a national competition. As you can see from the photograph right, the finished work was simply outstanding!



Finishing touches.

Computing

Computing students had several days out and about. Students particularly enjoyed the coding workshop at the Apple Store, learning how to program a Sphero robot! On Wednesday they took part in a workshop at Thorpe Park, looking into manipulation of digital images on 'Derren Brown's Ghost Train'. There were more robots on Thursday at Legoland, before finishing on Friday by designing their own computer game.

To see a video clip from the computing workshop, click here:



Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

Record numbers of students selected the DofE Bronze award. Check out the full DofE article on page 51 for more details.

Fishing

It was early start each day for our thirteen fishermen - 7.20am meets at school to head to five different fishing centres in five different counties. We were delighted to see former student Charlie Moore as manager of the 'Get Hooked on Fishing' centre in Northolt. Our current students did exceedingly well in some challenging conditions - Hotham Hamad (9F) and Stanley O'Brien (9C) landed some particularly enormous catches!



Hotham's huge catch!



At the velodrome.

Sports

Mr Devlin organised a wonderful week of sport. Students visited the Olympic velopark in Stratford, East London, taking part in mountain- and road-cycling and seeing some of the iconic venues used in the 2012 Olympic Games. The boys also got stuck in to indoor climbing activities, as well as getting super-competitive on the go-kart track!



WIDER LEARNING WEEK

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YEAR 12



Year 12's week was focused on the future, preparing them for life after Isleworth & Syon. Students were split into two groups on day 1, with one half hearing a talk from the RAF and the other listening to a visiting speaker from the Hounslow LEA. Both talks gave an introduction to apprenticeships and careers and were extremely insightful and helpful for the students! After the talks, students were sent away to use their own time to work on their CVs.

Tuesday focused on applying to university, with a number of visiting speakers. We were delighted to welcome back Rachel Rodipe, who left Isleworth & Syon in 2016 to study at Brunel University London. Rachel gave the Year 12s some fascinating tips for how to make the most of the freshers experience! We also enjoyed talks from online course search website WhatUni and Lesley Mortimer from Brunel.

Wednesday and Thursday were set aside for work on UCAS and personal statements, before the final day on Friday. Students visited the University of West London for a fun day of workshops and talks including sessions on student life and budgeting. For some students, this was their first experience walking around a university campus! It was a great way to end the week, with several students commenting that they felt more ready for what comes next.



Artwork by Yassin Malki (11C)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

MILES CLARK - ENGLISH SWIMMING CHAMPION



We were delighted to receive notice in August that Miles Clark (12TBI) was crowned English champion in the 17-year-old category for 200m breaststroke at the Swim England Summer National Championships. His time of 02:23.12 was the ninth-fastest time by a 17-year-old in Britain this year. This fantastic time has qualified him for the Winter National Championships in December 2017; these also double as trials for the English Commonwealth Games team, so Miles will compete against the likes of Olympic gold medalist Adam Peaty in the breaststroke events.

Miles also won bronze in the 50m and 100m and silver in the 200m breaststroke events at the Middlesex County Championships. He also won bronzes in the 100m and 200m breaststroke at the London Region Championships. In both competitions he competed in the 'open' category consisting of everyone over the age of 17. It has been a pleasure to watch Miles' success as he has risen through the school, and we look forward to seeing what comes next!

BADMINTON REVIEW

Our badminton teams have had another storming year on the court, under the tutelage of Miss George. In November, both our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 teams won the borough round of the National Schools



Our KS3 and KS4 teams.

competition - the tenth year in succession that we have been borough champions! The boys then progressed to the county round - also known as the West London Finals - which took place in Harrow in February. Once again our boys comfortably advanced! This qualified us for the London finals at Crystal Palace; unfortunately, a format change met the boys were disadvantaged and we did not progress further. However, performances were encouraging and suggest a bright future for both teams!

We have had several students this year representing Hounslow in the London Youth Games - well done to Satchin Mankaleswaran (9D), Hussain Qurashi (9D) and Harry Williams (9E). Badminton continues to be one of our key sporting areas, with Miss George running after-school clubs on Monday and Tuesdays - open to all students, beginner or otherwise. This year, former student Benjamin Vertkin proved a great help in running these clubs while on his gap year, so our thanks to him. We hope that the boys continue their progress next year!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

By Mr Fisher (Deputy Headteacher)

Such is the business of schools that, in these times of results, goals and targets, it is always tempting to put to one side the delicacy and sensitivity of the work we do to nurture and grow our students into young men. With this in mind, we are fortunate to have work experience in our curriculum.

In July 2017, a school record 135 Year 10 students from 168 found their own placement for two weeks. Experiences ranged from being a mechanic in a garage, a dental assistant, and a geo-physicist at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington; another student innovatively managed to secure a placement in Dubai. Throughout their placements students undergo work shadowing, engage in workshops and are exposed to employability masterclasses. At the end of the

placement every student has a battery of new skills to input onto their curriculum vitae; some even have sector specific quotes about their individual performances. On this latter point, one student stands out. Manraj Rai (11E), having worked for two weeks at the De Vine restaurant in Tower Hill, was the winner of the 2017 Carillion Work Experience trophy; his employer feedback included - "I would highly recommend Manraj for further work experience placement. His attitude to learning was exceptional and his behaviour throughout was outstanding. It was an absolute pleasure teaching Manraj about the business. I wish Manraj all the best in his career." Suffice it to say that Manraj, his family and our school community are extremely proud of such feedback. This is why we continue to enhance our careers and employability offer.

Marlon Mallory (10C, left) and Troy Prince (10C, right) coached football with former staff member Howard Newton (centre).



Soufian Najeeb (10C) at Genesis.



Yousuf Elenany (10E) in Dubai!



Jake Bowden (10E) hard at work during his placement at JRT Signs.

WILL MILLETT - ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

In recent years, we have been extremely proud of our record of placing students in some of the top performing arts universities and colleges not just in the country but in the whole world, including RADA, LAMDA, Bristol Old Vic, Guildhall and the Royal College of Music. We were delighted to discover this year that one of our students is already attending one of these prestigious institutions - four years early! Will Millett (10D) has spent the whole year studying at the junior college of the Royal College of Music (RCM) each Saturday morning.

Will has completed a full-day timetable throughout the year, with sessions on theory, harmony, choir and ensemble. His time at the RCM has continued his impressive development in his chosen discipline of percussion. Will is already a grade 8 and continues to improve, performing in a prominent role during RCM's Percussion Festival during the summer term. Will's success is no surprise to those who teach him, as his commitment and dedication shines through in rehearsal. Indeed, Will appears in four separate ensembles at the Summer Arts & Technology Evening, as well as performing a fantastic solo on the marimba (see video). Will is going to continue with the RCM next year, and we know he will go from strength-to-strength.

To see a video clip of Will Millett on the marimba, click here:



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

It has been another fantastic year on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, expertly run by the PE department. We are proud to remain the only school in the local area which offers the Gold award to our senior students, and continue to encourage as many students as possible to take part in this enriching experience.

We offer three levels: Bronze (Year 9), Silver (Year 10) and Gold (Year 12). The award is split into several sections:

1. Volunteering (six months for Bronze and Silver, twelve months for Gold);
2. Learning and demonstrating a new skill
3. Physical recreation (such as a sports or gym activity)
4. A week's residential experience away from home (Gold only)
5. Expedition.

Students complete the expedition in school and the rest of the sections independently.

Mr Gaskell led over seventy students in the Bronze award. Throughout the year, the boys take part in a variety of different training exercises after school, including basic camp craft and map reading. We were pleased to see an excellent regular turnout from boys to this training. This was designed to prepare the boys for their assessed expedition, which took place in Dorking and Boxhill during Wider Learning Week. Students acquitted themselves well, demonstrating good reading of maps! Several groups met their objectives to a great standard.

The Silver award consisted of 16 participants from Year 10. Their practice took place in Chiltern Hills, while the assessed saw them heading to Corfe Castle in Swanage. The weather was on the boys' sides, with fantastic conditions and lots of sunshine, particularly in Swanage! This allowed for good walking and views. Most of the students' goals were linked to coastal erosion, creating a great cross-curricular link with the geography field trip to Seaford from earlier in the year. Mr West complimented the boys on their brilliant campcraft!

Mr Adams supervised the gold award, which contained a larger-than-usual group of Year 12s, which was extremely encouraging. For their practice expedition, they stayed in Ullswater, Lake District for five days and four nights. Like their silver compatriots, they also had great weather throughout. Half the group summited Helvellyn, while the other half ascended Catsycam. Mr Adams was extremely positive, and all bodes well for their assessed expedition to the Brecon Beacons, taking place in September 2017.



SPORTS TEAMS

It has been another very successful year for our sports teams led by staff in the PE department. Our extra-curricular sporting provision continues to be outstanding, with staff putting in many extra hours before, during and after school to encourage our boys to incorporate physical activity into their regular daily life.

It is clearly paying dividends when it comes to our teams. In cricket, there was a huge amount of success during the year, with Mr Potter relentlessly promoting the sport particularly amongst the lower years. He has run extremely successful early morning sessions, starting at 7.30am, which have been very popular. He has been ably assisted during the year by Sixth Form students Jamie Tilt and Prince Radhakrishnan (both 13MAS).

At 11-a-side level, both our Year 8 and Year 9 teams finished as borough champions, while Years 7 and 10 were narrow runners-up. It is a fantastic achievement that every single one of our cricket teams reached a borough final! In the 8-a-side format, our Year 8 team were the standouts, achieving borough and then county success. They qualified for the South East of England finals in Essex, but they were unfortunately rained off. There is a bright future ahead for this side!

Well done to our rugby boys for another very successful season. We were delighted that our talented Year 9 team, led by Mr Mullins, won the Middlesex Schools U-14 Plate at the Allianz Park Stadium after a bruising and dominant performance - the first Isleworth & Syon team in some time to win at this level! This was followed by Year 9 winning the Tiffin 7s and Year 7 finishing as narrow runners-up in the Isleworth 7s.



Together in the cricket ranks.

The school has a long-standing pedigree in athletics, and this reputation was only enhanced this year. Our Year 9 boys finished as borough champions, while Year 8 were runners-up and Year 7 finished in the top 5. In the borough 8s competition, our combined Years 9 & 10 team finished as runners-up, which qualified them for the South of England National Athletics Finals. A fantastic performance saw the team finish fourth! A number of school records were broken this year, including an outstanding time of 48.97s for our Year 9 4x100m relay team of Paulo Belchior (9B), Eddie Imarayiosa (9B), Cadell Osborne (9E) and Josiah Wilson Kepple (9A).



An outstanding Year 9 rugby success!

At cross-country level, a special well done to Oliver Marti (8B), who competed in the Year 9 race for Hounslow at the county cross-country competition and finished in the top 30! More individual success came in the form of county success for Paulo Belchior and Reece Williamson (9B), who are now Middlesex champions at 300m and long jump respectively!

The borough success continued in football, with a very talented Year 9 team achieving a fantastic victory! Across the year groups there has been a sustained improvement this year, and with our top-class facilities now including state-of-the-art goalposts on the 3G astro, the boys will only improve next year!

Across the other sports, we had a successful table tennis year, with an all-Isleworth & Syon semi-final in the borough tournament at Key Stage 3. Our 'A' team won the whole competition! In the KS4 competition, the boys were unlucky to be runners-up. In basketball, our Year 9 boys finished as borough basketball runners-up, only beaten by an excellent Lampton team. We continue to have a number of boys who excel at rowing, training before school with our fantastic rowing machines in the gym. Along with Joseph Whittaker (see article on page 43), well done to Harry Rumball (11A) and Cody McHale (11E), who won bronze and silver respectively at the London Youth Rowing Championships in October.



Our successful rowers.

As you can see, the school has earned sustained success in several sports during this academic year, an achievement which must not be understated. This is a testament to the hard work put in on the training pitch by students and staff alike.



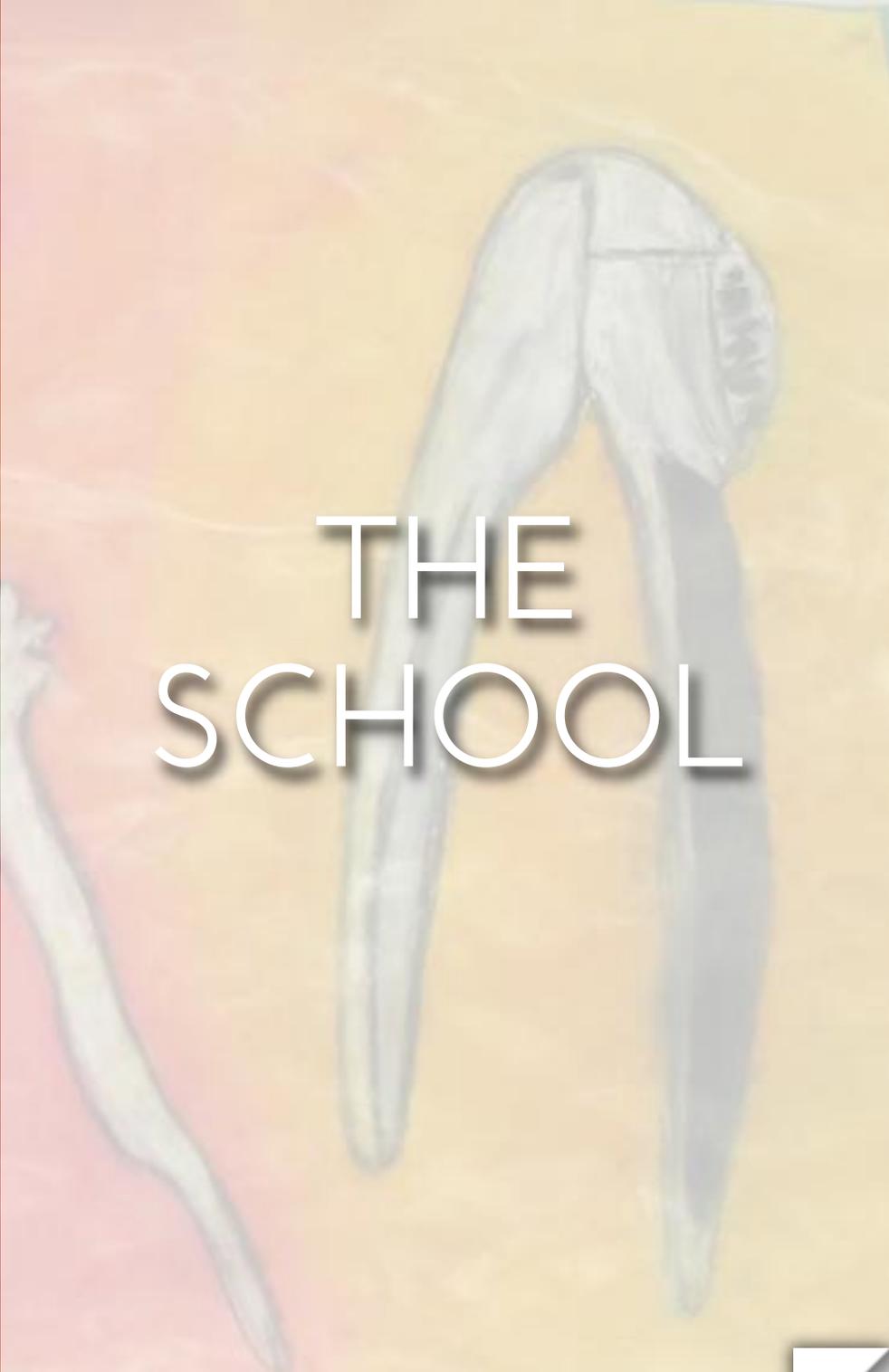
Well done to the football boys for their borough success!



DEBATE MATE GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

It has been another successful year for our debaters, expertly led by Miss Cox and Miss Shukla. The group has had a consistently good turnout, driven by a dedicated core of students in Year 10. The staff were also impressed with the amount of junior students attending, with many brand new debaters boosting the ranks over the year. The group will continue next year and we predict that it will continue to flourish!

They will have a lot to live up to, as this year was flush with success. We once again competed in the Urban Debate League, with round 1 taking place at Chiswick School on Wednesday 25 January and round 2 at Alex Reed Academy on Monday 27 February. Our boys excelled themselves, to the extent that they placed third in London and fifth in the entire country after the first round. The boys also entered the Debate Mate Cup, held at the University of Westminster on Wednesday 26 April. Again, it was a great performance, with each team taking part in two debates. Between the three teams they contested six and won four. We wish the team all the best next year!



THE SCHOOL

Artwork by Kacper Cisowski (11F)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

Facilities

Work started on the new £7 million teaching block in the summer of 2016 and has continued throughout the year. We anticipate that the 20 new rooms will be open to students early in 2018 and will provide a very modern and impressively-equipped learning environment for our students.

After years of lobbying, we were very grateful to the Local Authority for extending the teaching block project to include a refresh of the main quadrangle and the installation of a lift in the main part of the school. The lift will mean that the school is now fully accessible for disabled students and staff, or for those people who may be temporarily incapacitated.

We also secured a grant of £530,000 to refurbish our art & design technology block and the first element of this work, new roof and roof-lights, was completed this summer. The façade of the building will be replaced in the spring and then internal redecoration will take place to complete the project next summer.

Some tiered theatre seating has been installed in the school hall. The seating allows 196 people to sit in comfort, which will be useful for school events, assemblies or for the hire of the school hall.

We have also started to renew the school's CCTV system with state-of-the-art high definition cameras. The CCTV is both an assistance to our security and also helps with monitoring the daily use of the school. As part of the commitment to reducing our energy costs we also completed a year-long project to replace the corridor lighting with LED lights, significantly lowering our energy expenditure and ensuring that maintenance costs are also reduced.

Future Developments

Planning is underway for further developments, including the remodelling of the English classrooms to create four brand new science laboratories. We anticipate that this work will be completed by next September. We have also started to plan for the conversion of the School House, to bring this former residential property into the functioning estate of the school.



The new quadrangle, with lift also visible.



*Top right: The new build at the beginning of the project.
Centre right: By the start of the Spring Term, the shell had begun to develop.
Bottom right: At the time of publication, it starts to resemble a full building.*



COLOURS TIES 2016-2017

Colours can be awarded in a number of areas of school life. The colours take the form of a flash (to be sewn on blazers) or a tie. Ties are awarded for exceptional performance over a period of time and are awarded on one occasion. The award of Colour Ties to first-time recipients, is recorded here.

ACADEMIC

Year 9

Waleed ALDILLAMI
Thomas BEAGLEY
Max CADOGAN
Zohaib CHAUDHRI
Aleksander DERKACH
Mustafa ELHASSAN
Khyle ERESE
Sameh ESMAILZADAH
Marwan HASSAN
Arjun HEER
Archie HORTON
Adil HUSSAIN
Eddie IMARAYIOSA
Max JENKINS
Joshua JULLADO
Sameer KHAN
Zain KHAN
Morgan LAWRENCE
Philip LISIEWICZ
Jude MADDOCK-YOUNGS
Dae'Von MCDONALD
Archie MCGLYNN
Samuel NIXON
Cadell OSBORNE
Hussain QURASHI
Charlie RYAN-EDWARDS
Ziad SAGAR-OURIAGHLI
Rohan SAGGAR
Mohamad SHEIKHNOOR
Jack SHIELS
Thomas SKINNER
Taran SYAN
Umar VOHRA
Lars-Leander VOLLE
Joseph WHITTAKER
Josiah WILSON KEPPLER

Year 10

Jamil ADEN
Munir AHMADI
Mohammed AHMED
Alec BRUNDLE
Yousef ELENANY
Uvindu GUNATILAKA
Anas IBRAHIM
Nasr KHIRI
Antonio MONTEIRO KUMAR
Samuel NORMAN
Amrithesh PANDA
Shaan TAILOR
Maksymilian SZEJKO
Daniel VAKILI
James VAN ZYL
Max WOOLFORD

Year 11

Sakaria FARAH
Rehan NAGRA
Daniel PRICE
Allan QUARRIE

Sixth Form

Shaunde BLACKWOOD
Alistair BRUCE
Cara DOYLE
Jack GILL
Omar HABIB
Sophie LUCAS
Anuvir MANN
Amandeep RAI
Rafael COLMENARES RODRIGUEZ
Ahmad HUSSAIN
Ghazi ZAHER
Cieran BALL
Alex BILBIIE
Mouhamed KAHBOUB
Jahi LAING
Charlie WEBB

ARTS

Year 9

Nikolas BARTCZAK
Curtis CHRISTOPHER
Axel DE SOUZA
Erikas DEBOLSKIJ
Khyle ERESE
Sameh ESMAILZADAH
Archie HORTON
Bleron HOXHAIJ
Joshua JULLADO
Sameer KHAN
Nathaniel LEWIS
Cipriano LORETO KUMAR
Jude MADDOCK-YOUNGS
Wazir Agha MALIK
Archie MCGLYNN
Shyloh MCINTYRE
Jack MILLER
Gianmarco PALMA
Suraj PATEL
Wiktor PELCZAR
Ben ROBERTS
Ziad SAGAR-OURIAGHLI
Hamza SALEH
Hamish SHARP-MCCLYMONT
Jack SHIELS
Hari SIDHU
Thomas SKINNER
Lars-Leander VOLLE
Harry WELLS
Joseph WHITTAKER
Josiah WILSON KEPPLER

Year 10

John ALVARAN
Keiron ARMAAH
Lewise DAROT
Kacper DZIENISIK
Warren FERNANDES
Uvindu GUNATILAKA
Arnav GUPTA
Ross MCQUEEN
James PUSEY
Diallo WILLIAMS

Year 11

Razi MAKAME
Cody McHALE
Tsema REWANE
Harry RUMBALL

Sixth Form

Cara DOYLE
David LEONARD
Sophie LUCAS
Jack WIGLEY

CITIZENSHIP

Year 9

Maseh ABDULWAHID
Humayun BAJWA
Ryan BHATOWA
Max CADOGAN
Zohaib CHAUDHRI
Curtis CHRISTOPHER
Axel DE SOUZA
Sameh ESMAILZADAH
Benjamin FRYE
Taran GREWAL
Marwan HASSAN
Adil HUSSAIN
Joshua JULLADO
Ahmed KALAIR
Nathaniel LEWIS
Philip LISIEWICZ
Filipe LOPES CARVALHO
Jude MADDOCK-YOUNGS
Shyloh MCINTYRE
Billy MWANGI
Samuel NIXON
Wiktor PELCZAR
Henry RATHORE
Ben ROBERTS
Charlie RYAN-EDWARDS
Ziad SAGAR-OURIAGHLI
Jack SHIELS
Thomas SKINNER
Taran SYAN
Lars-Leander VOLLE
Josiah WILSON KEPPLER

Year 10

Zain BHATTI
George EVANS
Anas IBRAHIM
Liban NOOR
Manraj RAI

Year 11

Farhad AHMED
Max BRYAN
Jordan EDMUND
Abderrahman KAHBOUB
Qaiser KHAN
Tyler LANGAN
Theo MITCHELL-SMITH
Munibullah QURASHI
Lewis ROBINSON
Luke SHORT
Merlin ZYWICKI-THORNTON
Sixth Form
Diogo DA SILVA
Cara DOYLE
Omar HABIB
Maxwell OMONDI



COLOURS TIES 2016-2017 continued

PROGRESS

Year 9

Daniel ASHTON
Huzaifa ASLAM
Humayun BAJWA
Thomas BEAGLEY
Fabio DE STEFANO
Monish GANORKAR
Hubert GRZELAZKA
Archie HORTON
Adil HUSSAIN
Ahmed KALAIR
Ali KHAN
Philip LISIEWICZ
Filipe LOPES CARVALHO
Jude MADDOCK-YOUNGS
Archie MCGLYNN
Lewis MCLAUGHLIN
Voison MONTEIRO
Ziad SAGAR-OURIAGHLI
Jack SHIELS
Thomas SKINNER
Farhan TARIQ
Lars-Leander VOLLE
Joseph WHITTAKER
Josiah WILSON KEPPLE

Year 10

Mohammed ABDULLAH
Mohammad AMIR
Kendall BERRYMAN
Yousef ELENANY
Izhaaq GEELLE
Isa KHAN
Maxim KIM
Lucas McPHERSON
Muhammad MIAH
Yusef MOUSSA
Samuel NORMAN
Amrithesh PANDA
Vibodha WELAPURA
KANNANGARAGE
Parsa YAGHOUTI HASSAN KIADEH

Year 11

Muhammad ALHINDI
Hadi DABBUR
Sakaria FARAH
Fabian HUTAN
Mateeullah KAKAR
Daniel PRICE
Sameer RASHID
Dani SAAB
Suleman SAJID
Karan SARNA
Sevak SOHI
Ayub SUGGULLE
Bartosz WIELOCH

Sixth Form

Mohamed ALSIDDIEG
Jamie BAINS
Alex BILBIIE
Cara DOYLE
Louis HEATH NICHOLLS
George HOUNSLOW
Myan KELLAY
David LEONARD
Sophie LUCAS
Calvin TWIST
Jordan WILTSHIRE

SCHOOL

Year 9

Mohamed ABDULLAH
Daniel ASHTON
Thomas BEAGLEY
Ryan BHATOWA
Zohaib CHAUDHRI
Khyle ERESE
Sameh ESMAILZADAH
Theodore GOODMAN
Taran GREWAL
Adil HUSSAIN
Joshua JULLADO
Gem-Xenos KWAH-DRISCOLE
Cipriano LORETO KUMAR
Jude MADDOCK-YOUNGS
Billy MWANGI
Samuel NIXON
Gianmarco PALMA
Wiktor PELCZAR
Tawheed QURAIISHI
Ziad SAGAR-OURIAGHLI
Jack SHIELS
Hari SIDHU
Thomas SKINNER
Parth VERMA
Umar VOHRA
Lars-Leander VOLLE
Harry WILLIAMS
Josiah WILSON KEPPLE

Year 10

Munir AHMADI
Silvio BELSITO BRIGHT
Carter BRERETON
Alec BRUNDLE
Alfie DENNIS
Cosmin IONITA
Shaan MAHAL
Ross MCQUEEN
Aadi MUDHAR
Amrithesh PANDA
Kacper PIASECKI
Naveed SAFI
Jagraj SIDHU
Alex SPAHIA
Maksymilian SZEJKO
Arian ULLAH MOHAL
Vibodha WELAPURA
KANNANGARAGE
Diallo WILLIAMS

Year 11

Tarq ALJAMMAL
Ali AL-SKAFI
Yuvraj ASSI
Rajdev CHANA
Eduardo DA SILVA
Joshua HUDNOTT
Imtiaz IMTU
Seweryn LASTOWSKI
Ayub MOHAMED
Ian MWANGI
Allan QUARRIE
Lewis ROBINSON
Karan SARNA
Sidhant SHORI
Bartosz WIELOCH

SPORTS

Year 9

Paulo BELCHIOR
Max CADOGAN
Zohaib CHAUDHRI
Monish GANORKAR
Archie HORTON
Ahmed KALAIR
Morgan LAWRENCE
Nathaniel LEWIS
Dae'Von MCDONALD
Lewis MCLAUGHLIN
Cadell OSBORNE
Jack SHIELS
Thomas SKINNER
Joseph WHITTAKER
Harry WILLIAMS
Josiah WILSON KEPPLE

Year 10

Ghaleb HARB
Ismar HEDER
Isa KHAN
Troy PRINCE
James PUSEY
Naveed SAFI
Reece WILLIAMSON
Jerome WILLISTON

Year 11

Halid ALI
Ethan LLOYD BROCKWELL
Aaron MAHER-MURPHY
Archie TRUMP

SUBJECT & PASTORAL AWARDS

YEAR 10

Yahye Abdirahman	EAL
Mohammed Ahmed	Physics
John Drexler Alvaran	Pastoral Award Year 10, Geography
Silvio Belsito Bright	D&T: Product Design
Kiran Bhurtun	French
Carter Brereton	Business Studies
Alec Brundle	D&T: Electronic Products
Lewis Darot	Music
Alfie Dennis	Physical Education
Patryk Dolecki	English
Yousef Elenany	History
Sam Ghanem	D&T: Product Design
Arnav Gupta	Chemistry, Drama, Spanish
Ghaleb Harb	ICT
Asad Kapadi	Brunel House Award, Business Studies
Tyreek Kasim	Geography
Maxim Kim	Biology
Shaan Mahal	Art, Chemistry
Aaditya Mudhar	Drama, Media Studies
Ali Nasiri	Economics,
James Pusey	French, History, Mathematics, Physics
Shaan Raza	Shackleton House Award
Dara Razaghi	Biology, Mathematics
Naveed Safi	EAL
Jamie Salter	English
Samuel Standing	Music
Maksymilian Szejko	Media Studies
Tariq Tahimi	ICT
Daniel Vakili	Economics
Alan Wali	Turner House Award, Pastoral Award Year 10
Vibodha Welapura	D&T: Electronic Products
Kannangarage	
Alexander	Physical Education
Whelan-Mensah	
Diallo Williams	Spanish
Parsa Yaghouti	Art
Hassan Kiadeh	

YEAR 11

Jordan Ako	Music
Tarq Aljammal	Economics, ICT
Ali Al-Skafi	D&T: Electronic Products
Varun Alvakonda	Mathematics
Yuvraj Assi	Physics
Joshua Bavin	Media Studies
Kacper Cisowski	French
Deven Clarke	Pastoral Award Year 11
Ben Crittenden	Art
Roberts Darzins	Physics
Sakaria Farah	English, Geography, History
Oskari	D&T: Food Technology, Media Studies
Gibson-Wadsworth	Media Studies
Ali Harb	Chemistry
Saif Hassan	Economics
Joshua Hudnott	Pastoral Award Year 11
Fabian Hutan	Geography
Tom Keenan	Biology, Drama
Agha Khan	Turner House Award, D&T: Electronic Products, Music, Triple Science
Amaan Khan	Business Studies
Kordian Koziel	Brunel House Award
Kieran Liu	Shackleton House Award
Razi Makame	Art
Cody Mchale	Physical Education, D&T: Food Technology, GCSE Academic Excellence, English, Mathematics, Spanish, Triple Science,
Ethan Mitchell	Drama
Theo Mitchell-Smith	ICT
Mubanga Mulenga	French
Haleem Pall	Biology
Muhibullah Quraishi	Business Studies
Samim Rahmani	History, Physical Education
Alfie Thomas	Chemistry, Spanish
Taz Van Dyk	
Tim-Frederic Volle	

YEAR 12

Mohammed	ICT BTEC
Abdul-Rasul	
Samie Abudabat	Business Studies
Daniel Boyle	French
Samuel Cadogan	Economics
Khallis Ebanks	Physical Education
Liam Garlinge	ICT BTEC
Nicholas Halpin	French
Hasseeb Hussain	Pastoral Award Year 12, Physics
Edrin Kalyango	History
Manahar Kumar	Pastoral Award Year 12, Mathematics
Mohan Kumar	Biology, Economics
Omar Mahfoudi	History
Andi Meta	Business Studies, English, Geography
Nizar Mneimne	D&T: Systems & Control, Physics
Abdelrahman Moussa	Biology, Chemistry
Gheorghe Rotaru	Chemistry
Sagar Sapkota	ICT
Harmeet Singh	English, Mathematics
Harry Stenholm	Geography
Tushar Uppal	Art, Physical Education
Aman Verma	D&T: Systems & Control, ICT

YEAR 13

Jamie Bains	English
Dragos Alexandru	ICT
Bilbiie	
Diogo Da Silva	Pastoral Award Year 13
Isaiah Dash	Drama
Cara Doyle	Pastoral Award Year 13, Biology, Music
Thomas Egan	Art
Finlay Fox	Media Studies, Performing Arts
Harith Hawas	Chemistry, Physics,
Adhiyan Jeevathol	Biology, History, Extended Project
Myan Kellay	Mathematics
David Leonard	Drama
Sophie Lucas	Performing Arts
Jonathan Martinez	Mathematics
Da Cruz	
Charlie Mercer	English
Mahomed Naidu	Business Studies, History
Maxwell Omondi	Physics
Bhavesh Patel	ICT BTEC
Lahibullah Quraishi	Chemistry
Prince Radhakrishnan	Physical Education
Taranvir Samra	ICT
Jamie Tilt	Physical Education
Dino Velagic	Business Studies, Media Studies,
Samuel Willingham	ICT BTEC

OTHER AWARDS



SPORTS

HIGHER SPORTS LEADER AWARD

Prince Radhakrishnan

SPIRIT OF DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Ross McQueen

DAWES CUP

Reece Williamson

FARAH CUP

Taylor Blakeney

PREM GEORGE BADMINTON CUP

Harry Stenholm

BOB EDMONDS CRICKET CUP

Prince Radhakrishnan

FOOTBALL SHIELD

Jack Torbett

ROBBIE JONES RUGBY CUP

Rafael Colmenares Rodriguez

PAUL PAYNE CLUBMAN CUP

Aaron Maher-Murphy

BARRY GOLDSBY CUP

Jamie Tilt

SKY SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Miles Clark

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

GCSE

Ali Al-Skafi
Yuvraj Assi
Sakaria Farah
Joshua Hudnott
Mateeullah Kakar
Tom Keenan
Agha Khan
Samim Rahmani
Tim-Frederic Volle

A LEVEL

Shaunde Blackwood
Alistair Bruce
Harneet Chaggar
Cara Doyle
Finlay Fox
Jack Gill
Omar Habib
Harith Hawas
George Hounslow
Adhiyan Jeevathol
Myan Kellay
Sophie Lucas
Anuvir Mann
Mahomed Naidu
Maxwell Omondi
Amandeep Rai
Jamie Tilt

OTHER AWARDS

continued

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

Thomas Egan	Art & Design
Bhavesh Patel	BTEC ICT
Jamie Tilt	BTEC Sport
Dino Velagic	Business
Finlay Fox	Drama & Theatre Studies
Ryan Braby	Economics
Mahomed Naidu	English
Jonathan Martinez	Extended Project
Da Cruz	
Maxwell Omondi	Geography
Adhayan Jeevathol	History
Dragos Alexandru	ICT
Bilbie	
Maxwell Omondi	Mathematics
Finlay Fox	Media Studies
Cara Doyle	Music
Sophie Lucas	Performing Arts
Omar Habib	Physical Education
Adhayan Jeevathol	Science
Lahibullah Quraishi	Science
Gurpreet Sagoo	Science

PROGRESS AWARDS

Fabio De Stefano	Year 9
Kareem Zeido	Year 11
Jordan Wiltshire	Year 13

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Muhammad Miah	Year 10
Kurt Thornton-Lane	Year 10
Sam Davis-Slade	Year 11
Lee Henesy	Year 11
Charlie Webb	Year 13

PTA SHIELD

8E represented by Abdulrahman Elmouniery

LIBRARY AWARD

Gheorghe Rotaru

VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Rafael Colmenares Rodriguez

DAWES WORK SALVER

Joseph Mott

CARILLION WORK EXPERIENCE TROPHY

Manraj Rai

BEATCREATIVE ENTERPRISE TROPHY

Myan Kellay

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Taz Van Dyk

DRAMA CUP

Sophie Lucas

JOHN TAYLOR MUSIC CUP

William Millett

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

James Pusey
Samuel Standing

PAUL MCLOUGHLIN POETRY PRIZE

Daniel Vakili

DEBATING CUP

Alan Wali

MR & MRS MORLEY CUP FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Amaan Khan

BOSELEY ESSAY CUP

Farhad Ahmed

THE ISLEWORTHIAN (1947) TROPHY - SENIOR

Sevak Sohi

THE ISLEWORTHIAN (1947) TROPHY - SIXTH FORM

Jamie Tilt

THE ISLEWORTHIAN (1947) TROPHY

Prince Radhakrishnan

CALDICOTT LAKE SCHOLARSHIP

Harith Hawas

TRANTER CUP FOR ENDEAVOUR

Lee Henesy

JACK CHAPMAN CUP

Charles Mills

HEAD BOY AWARD

Maxwell Omondi

HEADMASTER'S CUP

Maxwell Omondi



The Paul McLoughlin Poetry Prize Trophy



SENIOR AWARDS EVENING

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The 2016-17 academic year came to a fitting end on Thursday 14 September 2017 as we hosted our Senior Awards Evening to celebrate students in Years 10-13 that had achieved sustained success over the course of the year. We were delighted to present 110 students across the four year groups with subject and pastoral awards. A special mention must be given to Year 11's Kaiser Khan and Theo Mitchell-Smith who both received four of these awards apiece, a phenomenal effort. Both boys were among our top performers at GCSE level.

39 other awards were presented during the evening including certificates, cups, trophies, awards and scholarships. Well done to Maxwell Omondi, who won a staggering seven awards over the course of the evening! He was the recipient of the most prestigious prize of all, the Headmaster's Cup, awarded by Mr Ferguson. He said that Maxwell was the only choice for the award,

such was his contribution to the school community during his seven years here.

Our special guest for the evening was Dr Kivraj Sabarwal, a former Head Boy of the school who is now a specialist in radiology at East Surrey Hospital in Redhill. We were delighted to welcome Dr Sabarwal back to school; he gave a short address at the close of proceedings reflecting on his time here and then encouraging the students to continue the hard work and never forget where they come from.

It was a fantastic evening which demonstrated once again the sheer breadth of talent on offer at the school. One of our key drives at school is to give students the opportunity to succeed in their chosen field, and our sustained success in sports, performing arts, academia and others across the year shows beyond doubt that Isleworth & Syon is the best choice for local boys.



Thank you to Dr Sabarwal for generously giving his time.



Mr Ferguson and Maxwell.