

Update from Mr O'Sullivan

Once again, I would like to thank the parents and students for the support they provided during the vaccination process. I am aware that the day for some was complex and that a third day will be booked to ensure those who have not been vaccinated will be. Please continue to contact the helpline rather than the school as we are very much at the mercy of the government plans. I would like to personally thank the sixth from who were simply awesome in supporting this process and who, in many ways, provided leadership on the day.

I am delighted to say that this week we also held 12 open mornings for prospective Year 7 students. The questions posed were really insightful but ultimately, I have a great feeling that our eighth cohort will be just as strong and inspiring as the seven that we already have.

In the News – PE Department

Year 7 Table Tennis

A table tennis tournament was held this week for Year 7 Turing House students in order to determine the year group's top players. The victors of this tournament were then selected to represent the school at a forthcoming table tennis competition on Tuesday 12th October at Richmond Park Academy. The students who have been selected for the boys team are: Veliko D, Felix S, William B-D and Keaton R-

M. The girls team so far comprises of: Darcey M, Isabelle B and Sze Ching W. Well done to everyone who attended (32 students in total) and a big congratulations to the winners; good luck at the competition!

Year 7/8 Girls Football v Teddington School

The Year 7/8 girls played Teddington School this week which sadly saw their winning run come to an end in the form of a 5-1 loss. The heavy rain and colder conditions did not help matters but the team remains positive and are looking forward to their next match!

Year 8 Boys Rugby v Teddington School

The Year 8 boys rugby team took on Teddington School in a very closely contested match, with the home team stealing the win by just one try. There was some excellent running rugby on show however; well done to everyone who played!



Dates for your diary

21st October – Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening
(for Sep 2022 intake)
22nd October – INSET day
25th Oct – 29th Oct – Half Term Week

Mock exams

Year 11 mocks
will run from Fri 19th Nov - Fri 26th Nov.

Year 13 mocks
will run from Mon 29th Nov - Fri 3rd Dec.

History Making

Britain's Lizzie Deignan won the first ever women's Paris-Roubaix at the weekend. The event has run for 125 years but Saturday saw the first addition (finally) for women. This event over wet cobbled roads is not only a test of endurance, strength and skill but also huge courage, bravery and guts. The impact of the cobbles is brutal. I am sure you will agree the Lizzie is a role model for all of us and a brilliant example for the empowerment of women. Just look at what the cobbles did to her hands.



Hammer Time

Warhammer Club has gotten off to a great start this year with a staggering 45 students keen to play this tabletop turn-based dice game.

There has also been reports from the Games Workshop Kingston Branch, that students from Turing House have shown great interest and have started to build their armies, which has led to us being invited to parade our best models and scenery at Games Workshop in November to compete against other schools in the Borough to win certificates of gold, silver, and bronze.



Warhammer club is a safe space for students to come relax, paint, read and socialise in the realms of Warhammer lore and battle.

All are welcome and you receive a free model on arrival to get you started.

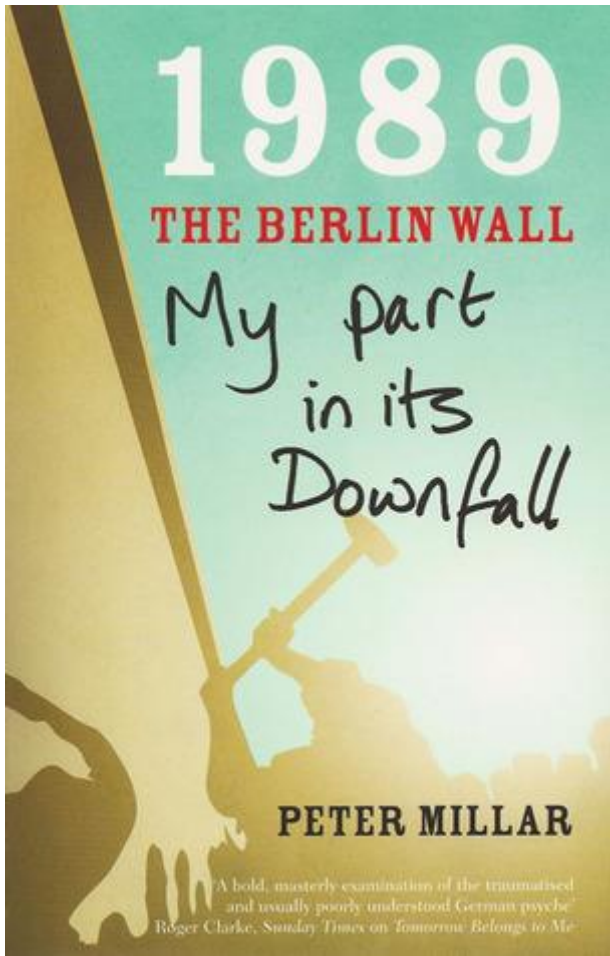


Book Review: 1989 The Berlin Wall: My Part In Its Downfall

by Peter Millar; reviewed by Siana C

The book *1989 The Berlin Wall: My Part in Its Downfall* was an extraordinary book, giving an emotional tour of this period of history from the perspective of one of the few people allowed free movement around the area. Peter Millar, the author, is a dedicated journalist with passion to see things through the eyes of the people who suffered through the years of the Berlin Wall. Studying Cold War at History GCSE, I was honoured to read a book that provided such a heart-warming story adding to my knowledge of the event of the Berlin Wall. The book allowed me to see different perspectives of each side and I had such respect for the people who lived through this and survived. It included photographs from the specific event further adding more

detail to the already brilliant story. This book is highly entertaining, and I would definitely recommend it to any history lovers! It can be found in the History Library in H3.4; just ask if you would like to borrow it!



Textiles Club.

Year 7 & 8 students in Textiles club learnt to use a variety of embroidery stitches on their sewing machines this week. They are working towards making a personalised tote bag this term and will design these next week before starting construction.



European Day of Languages Bake Off

On Wednesday this week we had our first ever European Day of Languages Bake Off. Thank you to all those who baked, bought or contributed in any way. We raised just under £100 for the MacMillan Cancer Support. Here are a few of the incredible creations that were baked.



Winner at Teddington: Alice Year 7



Winner at Hampton: Luke Year 11



Cold War-Search Competition

We had a fantastic competition this week as Max P in Year 10 created a brilliant Cold War word search which students then competed to solve. Well done to Harvey in Year 9 who won the competition, and thank you to all of our entries.



Horrible Histories Trip

We are very excited for our History trip to see Horrible Histories at Richmond Theatre next Friday. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. Students should meet teachers outside Richmond Theatre at 6:30pm. Students will receive a slip with final information about what to take with them next week in school. They should wear school uniform.



Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada,

while in Ireland and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

Please see our additional PDF with some resources you may wish to look through at home.

The History and English Department are celebrating Black History Month by launching a competition where we are encouraging you to:

1. Read a book by a black author.
2. Write a short explanation of why you'd recommend this book to others. If you've already read a book which you know you'd like to recommend, you can also write about this.

The names of all entrants will be placed into a hat and we will pick someone from that to win a very special prize.

You should email your entry to Ms Riglin (via the main office) by Monday the 18th October.

We have chosen to focus our competition on reading after we discovered that this year in America there was a wide-ranging ban on books in a southern Pennsylvania school district.

The ban, which was implemented last October by the Central York school board, focused almost entirely on titles by or about people of colour, with a lengthy list of works by acclaimed authors including Jacqueline Woodson, Ijeoma Oluo and Ibram X Kendi all prohibited.

Teachers were informed that titles including Malala Yousafzai's autobiography and children's books about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr were also banned, along with articles and videos, including a documentary about the writing of James Baldwin.

Thankfully, last month, the school board voted unanimously to reinstate the list of books immediately.

We think it is important to think carefully about what happened and get reading some amazing literature.

We have already shared some of our recommendations with students in assembly and tutor time.

Old Vic Project

We're delighted to be working with the Old Vic again this year as part of their Schools Programme. This week our Y11

drama students took part in a workshop where they were learning how to prepare and perform monologues, and next week some of our drama and history students from Y11-13 will be going to the theatre to see Camp Siegfried.



Jockey Debut

Huge congratulations to Louis in Year 11, who competed in his first competitive horse race!



Camber Sands – Geography News

On Tuesday 5th October, some of our Year 13 Geographers spent the day at Camber Sands, collecting data for their NEA. It was so great to be back out in the field, getting practical experience of different fieldwork techniques.

Ethan was investigating sand dune succession and Aimar was looking at the effectiveness of coastal management.

We had great weather, and a really great day! We look forward to our next day of fieldwork on 11th October, this time in Guildford Town Centre.



Vocabulary Quiz!

Do you know the meanings of these weird and wonderful words? Test yourself at home and look out for the answers in next week's newsletter.

1. The space between your eyebrows is called a ...
2. The way it smells after it rains is called ...
3. The prongs of a fork are called...
4. The day after tomorrow is called...
5. Finding it hard to get up in the morning is called...



Basketball Notice

KNIGHTS COMMUNITY OPEN SESSIONS

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN AT OUR COMMUNITY OPEN SESSIONS. PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME. OPPORTUNITY TO BE SELECTED FOR THE 2021/22 RICHMOND KNIGHTS TEAMS.

EAST BOROUGH OPEN SESSIONS (CHRIST'S SCHOOL, RICHMOND, TW10 6HW)
 U10 BOYS & GIRLS (YR3-5): TUESDAYS, 5PM-6:15PM
 U12 BOYS (YR6/7): TUESDAYS, 6:15PM-7:30PM

EAST BOROUGH OPEN SESSIONS (GREY COURT SCHOOL, HAM, TW10 7HN)
 U14/16 BOYS (YR8-11): FRIDAYS, 5PM-6:15PM

CENTRAL BOROUGH OPEN SESSIONS (ORLEANS PARK SCHOOL, TWICKENHAM, TW1 3BB)
 ALL GIRLS OPEN SESSION (YR4-9): FRIDAYS, 5:30PM-6:45PM

WEST BOROUGH OPEN SESSIONS (WALDEGRAVE SCHOOL, TWICKENHAM, TW2 5LH)
 U8 BOYS & GIRLS (YR1-3): MONDAYS, 5PM-6:15PM
 U10 BOYS & GIRLS (YR4-5): WEDNESDAYS, 5PM-6:15PM
 U12 BOYS (YR6/7): WEDNESDAYS, 6:15PM-7:30PM
 U14/16 BOYS (YR8-11): WEDNESDAYS, 7:30PM-8:45PM

BOOKINGS & FURTHER INFO:
WWW.KNIGHTSBASKETBALL.CO.UK

'Cycle 2 School'

Congratulations to Tomas in 7L for winning the 'Cycle 2 School' challenge. He has done his year group proud and has won a £20 voucher to spend at Teddington Sports. Well done, Tomas!



Hereford Mappa Mundi

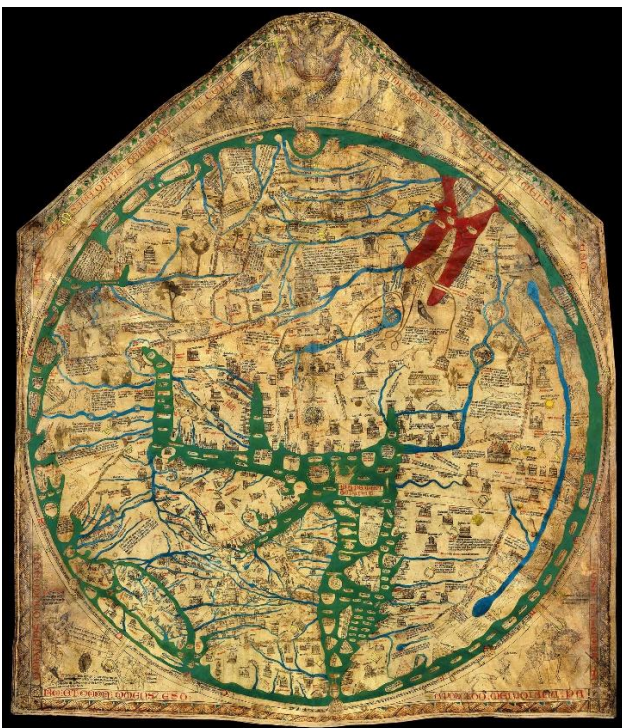
Hereford Mappa Mundi, is one of the world's unique medieval treasures. Measuring 1.59 x 1.34 metres (5'2" by 4'4"), the map is constructed on a single sheet of vellum (calf skin). Scholars believe it was made around the year 1300 and shows the history, geography and destiny of humanity as it was understood in Christian Europe in the late thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries.

The inhabited part of the world as it was known then, roughly equivalent to Europe, Asia and North Africa, is mapped within a Christian framework. Jerusalem is in the centre, and east is at the top. East, where the sun rises, was where medieval Christians looked for the second coming of Christ. The British Isles is at the bottom on the left.

It is fascinating! You can explore it online here: <https://www.themappamundi.co.uk/mappa-mundi/>

Mappa Mundi Exploration | Mappa Mundi Hereford Labyrinth. In Greek mythology the Cretan labyrinth was built by Daedalus to contain the Minotaur, a bull-headed, man-eating monster. The myth tells how King Minos pledged to appease the Minotaur's voracious appetite by regular offerings of seven young men and women, but Theseus entered the labyrinth and heroically slayed the monster.

www.themappamundi.co.uk



Space week update.

Space week is well underway, and Year 8 and 9 students have been enjoying their science lessons this week exploring all things space. They have performed some



‘Astrochemistry’ by growing crystals, become space suit materials engineers (pictured above) by testing how different materials are affected by impacts, they have explored the question ‘are we alone in the universe?’ and investigated orbits around planets.

Remember there are still plenty of events taking place until the 10th of October, so be sure to search ‘World space week events UK’ to find things to get involved with and don't forget to follow @WSW_UK to keep abreast of goings on.

There is still time to submit your poster or essay about an inspirational woman in the space industry to one of the science teachers!

Year 8 Globe Trip



Trips are back everyone! Huge thank to Miss Kirwan and the English department for being the first department to take out a year group since the pandemic. Full report will follow next week. Well done, Year 8.

We loved taking Year 8 to the Globe Theatre to see ‘A Midsummer Night's Dream’ this week and were so impressed with their behaviour. Well done, Year 8!

Zachary S: I enjoyed the play because of the funny costumes and roles the characters had. They play made me feel excited because of all the fun music and dancing.

Joshua J: I enjoyed the play because it was very interactive. The play made me feel happy because of all the comedy!

Charlie C: I enjoyed the play because it was crazy and weird. Something I learned from the play is not to walk into a forest full of fairies...



Anstee Bridge Book Launch



Huge congratulations to our colleagues at Anstee Bridge who have just launched a book called HOPE. The children at Anstee Bridge wrote and illustrated the book and all year 2 children in Kingston and Richmond will receive a copy. Their Patron, Dame Jacqueline Wilson, wrote the forward.



Board Game Club

Boardgame club! Just bring a game or choose from the ones we already have or cards and join in. Come and play boardgames. Games played could be more complex games - but really it depends what people want to play - it could be anything from a light card game to a heavy strategy game.

Wednesdays, Hampton, 3.00pm, Room 163

