

12th November 2021

How many book titles can you find?



Reading is the key to success for all young people. So, let's start this week's newsletter with a competition. Please enter for real with a chance to win book tokens!

Every November, thousands of people across the country put their literary knowledge to the test with the fun and fiendish [Hidden Books Game](#) – and it's back for another year!

Visit our virtual high street and take a stroll down Paradise Boulevard before picking up a sweet treat in Tara's Caramels. Turn right at the Natural History Centre and browse the titles in Richard's Books as you search for the 20 book titles hidden in the picture. Guess them all and you could win a £500 National Book Token to take on a shopping spree in your local bookshop!

Dates for your diary

14th Nov – Remembrance Day Parade
 18th Nov – Year 10 Virtual Settling-In Evening
 10th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Student Council

Our newly appointed Student Council Reps met for the first time this term on Tuesday. Being a member of the Student Council is an incredibly important position to obtain; they have put themselves forward to be part of the decision-making process in the school, especially in a year where there will be lots of exciting changes taking place.

The Council Reps were allocated to work in one of five areas: Grounds and Facilities; Student Welfare; Behaviour and Safety; Charity and Community; Learning and Engagement. Sixth Form Lead Students and Senior Prefects led each group's discussions about really important topics such as the level of challenge in lessons, how the school supports student wellbeing and the charity events in school. All Student Council Reps contributed to the conversations and presented lots of suggestions to be taken forward to the Senior Leadership Team. In the next couple of weeks, the Student Council Reps will be conducting surveys amongst their peers to gather further feedback for next term's meeting.

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.

Sixth Form applications now open!



Applications are now being taken for our exciting and ever expanding Sixth Form, for students starting in September 2022.

Take a look at the Sixth Form area on our website.

Years 10 & 11 - Need help with Spanish?

Struggling with your tenses in Spanish? Need to practice a certain skill area?

GCSE Foundation and Higher tier help and practice for Year 10 and 11: Foundation with Ms Harman, Wednesdays at 8am. Higher with Mr Devlin, Fridays at 3.00pm.

GCSE - Languages

Does your son/daughter speak another language at home? Would you like them to do a GCSE in this language?

Please email Ms Harman with their name, language and details of a tutor with whom they can complete the speaking exam. Final deadline for registering is January.

Remembrance Day Parade

On **Sunday 14th November** we will be taking part in the annual Remembrance Day parade. If you would like to be part of this parade, please **meet outside the Royal British Legion at 10am on the corner by Vets4Life.**

We will then join the very back of the parade and make our way to the Teddington Hospital War memorial for 10.45am where wreaths will be laid. Students should wear full school uniform. The service last about an hour.

GCSE & A Level Results Days 2022

After the change to this year's results days, Year 11 and Year 13 results days will be returning to being one week apart/

Thursday 18th August: AS/A level and International AS/A Level and other Level 3 qualifications.

Thursday 25th August: GCSE, International GCSE and other Level 2 qualifications.

Please bear these dates in mind when planning for any summer trips, if you have children in Year 11 or 13.

Year 8 Table Tennis Competition



This week, six Year 8 students were in action at the borough table tennis tournament hosted by Richmond Park Academy. The boys' team - made up of Zachary S. Ethan B. Barnaby S. and Freddie C. - only just missed out on a top three finish and came 4th place overall. Meanwhile, Shamsi S. and Samaira M. took first place for the girls' team!

They will go on to represent the borough at the finals against the South East of London. Well done to the students involved - a fantastic performance from all!

Christmas Lunch!

Our date for our Christmas Lunch is **Friday 10th December**. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day, so a great day for festivities! From next week on Parent Pay there will be facility to book and pay £2.50 if you wish your child to have a lunch. Please state any dietary needs for your child.

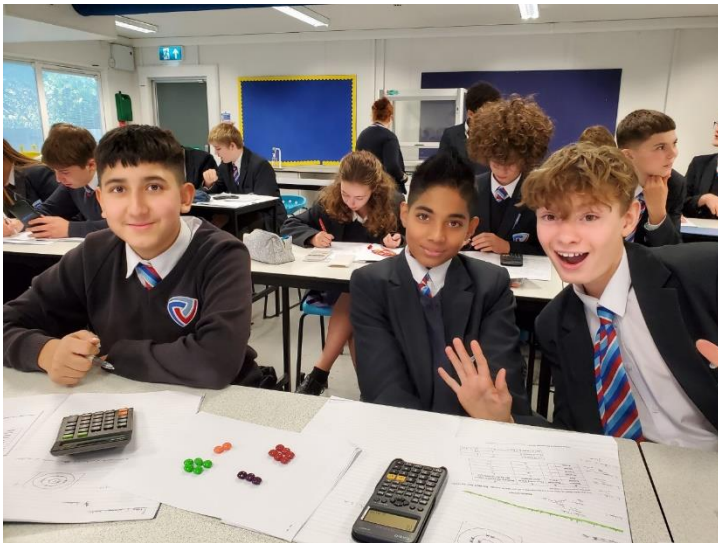
If a student does not wish to have a Christmas meal, then they must bring a packed lunch for the day as no other food will be available for purchasing; students eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with a full Christmas meal.

Year 9 Science

One of the Year 9 Science classes studied isotopes last week and as part of a practical, they had to calculate the average colour of Skittles in the individual packages.

Each group reported in and overwhelmingly the average colour was yellow - despite, there being no yellow Skittles in some packages as seen here.

Well done, Year 9!



Poppies

Joseph, Kit and Quinn (Year 8) have raised money every day this week selling poppies, wrist bands and zip pulls at break and lunch. Well done! You've have shown commitment and have done a wonderful job supporting the Royal British Legion.



English visit from Brunel University



This week in English, we had Dr Andrew Green from Brunel University come and spend a whole day with our Year 13 students, looking at their prose texts for English Literature A-Level - 'Frankenstein' and 'The Handmaid's Tale'. In the picture, students are learning from each other using this carousel activity, where they build on each other's ideas to form their arguments.

The students said: "The sessions with Dr Green were really informative and thought-provoking. It helped consolidate our learning of our set texts, with particular

Thinking of buying a real Christmas Tree this year?



We are delighted to be teaming up with Twickenham Christmas Trees, Rosebine Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, Twickenham TW2 7PR. They are part of the Christmas Tree Fund

If you purchase your Christmas tree from them this year using their website for collection, not only would you be helping out a small local family business, they will also donate 15/20% of their profits back to our school. Please make sure you select Turing House when ordering.

Any family purchasing can then make a day of visiting their beautiful Christmas tree farm to select the perfect tree and pay on arrival using card or cash.

www.christmastreefund.co.uk

focus on contexts. We particularly liked the idea that context isn't the 'side-car'; it's the 'motorbike' that should drive our essays forward. Thank you very much to Dr Green for such a useful day!"

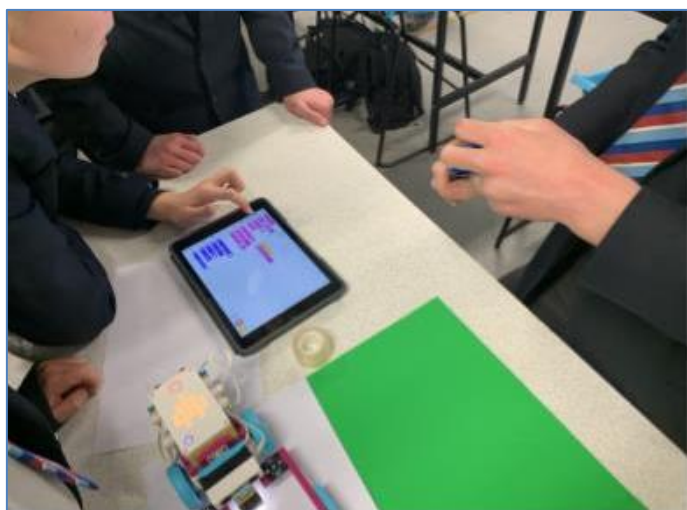
STEM Club – Hampton



Over the past few weeks, year 9 and 10 students in STEM club have been applying their fantastic problem-

solving skills to building LEGO SPIKE prime robots to search and rescue survivors of an earthquake hit island!

Last week students were designing and building the island and programming their robots to search. This week... rescue!

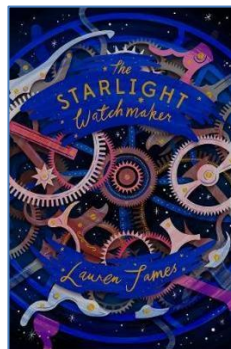


Bike Locks

Students who cycle to school must ensure they have a lock to secure their bike with (ideally a 'D-lock').

Although bike theft is thankfully very rare, it is the responsibility of the student and their parents to make sure their bike is safely secured while at school.

Book of the Week



The Starlight Watchmaker by Lauren James

A wildly imaginative sci-fi adventure particularly suitable for struggling reluctant or dyslexic readers aged 13+

Wealthy students from across the galaxy come to learn at the prestigious academy where Hugo toils as a watchmaker. But he is one of the lucky ones. Many androids like him are jobless and homeless. Someone like Dorian could never understand their struggle - or so Hugo thinks when the pompous duke comes banging at his door.

Year 7/8 Girls School Touch Rugby Tournament

Teddington Rugby Club have organised a touch rugby tournament at Bushy Park for year 7 and 8 girls on Thursday 25th November.

The tournament will begin at 12.30pm and we will be playing against other local schools. Prior rugby experience is not necessarily required - we are currently doing rugby this term in all year 7 and 8 PE lessons, so all abilities are welcome at the tournament.



If you would like your daughter to get involved, speak to a member of the PE department to register your interest.

Year 10/11 Girls Basketball v Waldegrave

The year 10/11 girls got our basketball fixtures underway with a game against Waldegrave this week, and what a performance they put on.

The girls were narrowly beaten 29-26 after suffering a heavy loss in the first quarter. However, the girls fought very hard to win the next three quarters in what was almost the perfect comeback!



Despite the loss, winning 3 out of 4 quarters is still a fantastic achievement by the team given that basketball is not something we can offer (yet!) at either site.

Well done to everyone involved for the grit and team spirit shown!

Richmond Girls Rugby - Pitch and Play



Richmond Rugby would like to invite your daughter to attend a fun rugby pitch and play afternoon at their Club on Sunday 14th November.

There will be some fun rugby coaching sessions run by Richmond Women 1st team

players and community coaches from 1pm.

They can then stay and watch Richmond Women play Bath Women at 3pm. Entrance to the game is also open to any friends/family. To confirm your daughter's attendance please email: communitydept@richmondrc.co.uk.

Netball League Results

A big well done to the netball teams who were in action before the half term.

The league results are in: a combined year 10 and 11 team finished as runners up in their league and the year 9 team finished in third place - two fantastic achievements! Not bad for our first year of school sport since you-know-what.

Well done again to everyone involved!

Rocks Lane FC for Year 7 Students

Players wanted! Come and join Rocks Lane FC U12's (school year 7) and play in the Surrey Youth League. Training takes place from 6.00 - 7.30pm on Mondays or alternatively on Thursdays 5.30 - 7pm.

Competitive matches are then played on Sundays! If you would like to join the team then please contact helene@rockslane.co.uk or 02088768330 to attend a trial.

England v Tonga - An Evening at the Rugby

On Saturday, the PE department took 40 students to Twickenham Stadium to watch the rugby match between England and Tonga.



The match did not disappoint - we witnessed a try-filled entertaining 80 minutes as England won 69-3, much to the delight of the full capacity home crowd!

Well done to all students for displaying excellent behaviour throughout the trip; we hope everyone enjoyed the experience as much as we did!



Speakers for Schools

Speakers for Schools upcoming talks – pre-registration required. Please remember you will not be allowed to miss lesson to watch these.

However, if you are free at these times then they are a valuable insight into the world of work. Also, you are able to watch pre-recorded video via the library link below.

Mon 15th November 2-3pm

Be part of the story: careers in VFX with Industrial Light and Magic - For KS3

Hear from one of the world's leading VFX companies! Our panel will be sharing the magic behind the work they do and their top tips for getting into the industry. Click [here](#) to register

Tues 16th November 10-10:45am

Work/Life Broadcast: Moving the Needle - For KS3

We are excited to welcome back our panel from Moving the Needle! This time, we will be joined by Karen Emanuel, CEO, Key Production Group and Jenni Cochrane, CEO & Co-Founder, Getahead & Founder & CEO, Work Inspired.

They will be speaking about their experiences of working in the music industry and will be reflecting on the changes they have seen throughout their career about how the music industry responds to mental health. Click [here](#) to register

Advanced registration**Mon 22nd November 10-10-10:45am**

Work/Life Broadcast: Paul Farmer, Chief Executive, Mind - For KS4

Join us for a Work/Life Campaign Broadcast with the Chief Executive of Mind! Mind provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. Paul will

be speaking about his role at Mind and the role that charities like Mind play in society.

Click [here](#) to register

Tues 23rd November 2-3pm

Work/Life Broadcast: Jeremy Thomas, Author, Award-winning TV Producer & Mental Health Campaigner

For KS4 -What is mental wellbeing and how can we stay mentally healthy and get the best out of life? We are delighted to welcome Jeremy Thomas who will be speaking about his career journey and experiences of dealing with depression.

Click [here](#) to register

Mon 29th November 10-10:45am

Leadership with Matt Hyde, Chief Executive of The Scout Association - For KS3

Do you want to develop your leadership skills? Want to learn more about how you can get involved with volunteering opportunities? Maybe there are some extra-curricular activities that you haven't heard about before. Don't miss out on our broadcast with the Chief Executive of The Scout Association!

Click [here](#) to register

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Celebrating Achievement

As part of our new rewards system, we need your help in designing the certificates issued for Bronze, Silver and Gold awards!

See the poster below for how you can take part - a huge 30 Positive Points are up for grabs for the winning designs!



Certificate Design Competition!

We would like you to submit your designs for each of our certificates (Bronze, Silver and Gold). These can be hand-drawn or designed on a computer.

The winner of the competition will receive an instant **30 positive points** for their effort!

All submissions should be uploaded through the following link (or QR code), or via the School Office on either site. Make sure your name and Tutor Group is attached.

Competition deadline: **Wednesday 17th November 2020**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bCkKhyVdnEu5UFI-fzQ18b8JZ...EEEm6-xywapUQVFBWE02UyJKRURXOVRMMUW...ODAwRy4u>



History visitor

Judith Hayman gave a PowerPoint presentation to Turing House students about her Jewish mother's experiences in Nazi-occupied Austria during World War 2.

Three students, Taran V., Zac V. and Anton G. who had a particular interest in the subject, followed this up with a Q&A session with Judith.

All three boys thought it was vital to study the Holocaust and genocides in general so that lessons could be learned and history does not repeat itself.

Anton was particularly keen to learn the lessons of this period of history as he had two great grandparents who served in the German army during the last World War.

Taran was fascinated to learn how people could have so much hatred for people they perceived as different. He said: 'Learning about the Holocaust is shocking and sad but we have to study it.'

Zac felt being taught about the Holocaust and genocides was different from other subjects 'because of the impact it can cause'.

Replying to how she felt about sharing the family Holocaust story Judith said: 'It would be nice to think that anti-Jewish racism had gone away but a recent YouGov poll shows that 12 percent of British adults have entrenched antisemitic views.'

When asked how genocide could be defeated the speaker said that education could not solve all problems, but it was a good start. She spoke of the danger of conspiracy theories being passed around online. Judith advised: 'Mix with as many people who are different from you as possible.'

Following the Q&A session Judith Hayman wrote to Ms Riglin: 'The questions were profound and showed a concern for humanity that was heartfelt. It was interesting that they could learn from studying the Holocaust and strive to make a better future.'