

# Headteacher's Update

21st July 2022

# Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It is with sadness that my last message to you this academic year is a serious one. You will be aware of the tragic loss of life of a local boy who went missing by Tagg's island in Hampton on Monday. As we break for summer, I am urging all parents to ensure that they know where their children are and what they are doing. For over an hour on Monday night, the senior staff and I were scrambling for more news about this tragic event, desperately hoping that it wasn't a member of our community; even though he wasn't, he was still a son, friend and student, and lives have been irrevocably damaged as a result of this.

Superintendent Richard Smith, from the South-West Command Unit, said: "Despite the very best efforts of all involved, we must now sadly conclude that this young boy has died. His death is a tragedy, and I cannot begin to imagine what his family will be going through. All our thoughts are with them. I know that on days like Tuesday when temperatures were at a record high, it might look appealing to jump in and cool off in rivers, reservoirs, lakes or other open water. Please don't."

The dangers are real and this week in Richmond we have seen the terrible consequences of what happens when it goes wrong. "To young people in particular, I would urge you to be the person in your group of

Wishing you all a very happy, safe and relaxing summer break.



friends who says no and reminds others about the dangers. Your intervention could save a life and save another family from experiencing such an awful loss."

Young people (like we all were once) have an aura of invincibility about them. Most young people can eat what they want without putting on weight, bounce when they fall, don't have back ache or dodgy knees. However there are some risks that are too great. We as the adults, their carers, must ensure we drive this message home.

This sort of event is not restricted to other people. It could happen to anyone. This poor young man has taken a risk and paid the highest cost for this decision. Young people make silly decisions all the time. It is the adults in their lives that must point them in the right direction. As we enter the summer break. Please look after yourselves and keep our young people safe, so we can look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Dates for your diary:

Return to school:

Year 7 & 12 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Year 8 – 11 & 13 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

# Goodbye, Good Luck & Thank you

We are sad to say goodbye to these amazing staff at the end of this year, all of whom have been invaluable to the school, particularly in this challenging year.

- Aitzaz Mirza
- Alice Velge
- Baldeep Kaur
- Emily Dawson
- James Devlin
- Marie Lomberg
- Victoria Pownall

I am sure you will all join us in wishing them the very best for the future.

## Rewards Trip

Students who have gone above and beyond expected behaviour, progress and attitude throughout the academic year were rewarded with a trip to Leisure West.



Students could choose between watching a film at the cinema or going bowling. Students thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



# Message from our Caterers - Innovate

# Innovate IFG

Currently we are reviewing our tariffs in preparation for the new academic year in September. This has proved a challenge, due to rising inflation and food costs associated with production and delivery. Therefore, we have had to make the difficult decision to raise our tariffs across the range to just below 2.5%.

We have a tricky period to navigate but we will continue to serve food of the highest quality, at the best possible pricing and to not alter portion sizes or reduce our menu range.

# Year 12 Trip

Year 12 English Literature students enjoyed their trip to see *King Lear* last week, at Shakespeare's Globe.



They enjoyed the comedic elements, the beautiful setting, and the eye-plucking scene! This was great preparation for their study of Shakespearean tragedy.

# **History Reading**

In the History department we are working hard to try and further develop a culture of reading amongst our History students. Should you be having a clear out this summer and come across any History books you don't use any more, we would really appreciate using them in our History Library. Thank you in advance!

Furthermore, all of the below books are great historical fiction reads which parents, carers and older students may enjoy this summer. Let us know if you'd like any age-appropriate recommendations for your child.



## Sports Week – Year 12 Results

The Year 12 students had to wait a little longer for their sports day, which they took part in on Monday this week. The day saw a fantastic effort from all students involved as 12A battled it out against 12L in dodgeball, basketball, tug-of-war, netball and football. 12L managed to take the win across the first four events, despite the fight that 12A put up each time.

Not to be completely whitewashed however, 12A took



the win in the football as it came down to a penalty shoot-out.

The 6<sup>th</sup> form students were also given the opportunity to finish their sports day with a staff v 6<sup>th</sup> form tug-of war contest. Having narrowly lost the staff v 6<sup>th</sup> form netball match before the May half term, the Year 12 students were out for revenge... and they got just that!

The staff team lost all games in a best-of-three match, giving the 6<sup>th</sup> formers the bragging rights for now.

Distraught with the defeat, rumour has it that Mr. Quigley has just purchased a gym membership!



# Sports Week – Year 7 – 10 Results

Last week saw our first ever sports days at our new school. Form groups of years 7-10 were assigned a day to battle it out against one another across various events.

The tables below show where each form group placed for each event, as well as their overall finishing position.

Well done again to everyone who took part, a big thank you to the year 10 Sports Studies students who provided their helpful assistance throughout the week, and well done to 7L, 8L, 9T and 10U!

	Basketball	Tug of War	Netball	Dodgeball	Football	Finishing Positions	
7A	4th	2nd	3rd	4th	3rd	1st	7L
7L	1st	1st	1st	5th	4th	1st	7U
7N	2nd	4th	4th	3rd	2nd	3rd	7N
7T	3rd	5th	5th	1st	5th	4th	7A
7U	5th	3rd	2nd	2nd	1st	5th	7T
	Basketball	Tug of War	Netball	Dodgeball	Football	Finishing Positions	
8A	5th	2nd	4th	5th	4th	1st	8L
8L	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	2nd	1st	8N
8N	1st	5th	1st	1st	3rd	3rd	8U
8T	2nd	3rd	5th	2nd	5th	4th	8T
8U	4th	4th	3rd	4th	1st	5th	8A
	Basketball	Tug of War	Netball	Dodgeball	Football	Finishing Positions	
9A	5th	3rd	4th	1st	5th	1st	9T
9L	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd	1st	9L
9N	4th	4th	3rd	5th	1st	3rd	9N
9T	1st	2nd	1st	4th	2nd	4th	9A
9U	2nd	5th	5th	2nd	5th	5th	9U
	Basketball	Tug of War	Netball	Dodgeball	Football	Finishing Positions	
10A	5th	4th	3rd	4th	3rd	1st	10U
10L	4th	1st	5th	3rd	1st	1st	10T
10N	1st	5th	2nd	5th	4th	3rd	10L
10T	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	5th	4th	10N
10U	3rd	2nd	4th	1st	2nd	5th	10A

## Year 8 - Mensa

Congratulations to many of our Year 8 students who scored exceptionally well in the MENSA test this year. The below students scored an incredibly high IQ score, which rates them in the top 1 or 2% of the population.

Most people have an IQ of between 85 and 115.



Well done to: Josh A., George A., Arthur C., Jacob C., Leon G., James C., Max S., Will P., Beatrice P., Shamsi S.,

Mariyah S., Oliver C., Joseph McL., Abigail W., Lucas R., Ethan B., Charlie C.

Well done to the other Year 8 students who also took the test. We are very proud of all their scores!

Quinn W., Emilia S., Iris W., Hena L., Arda A., Andre A.,

Zara A-A., Noah S., Jana K., Alice V., Ethan L., Samaira M., Kierat S., Ethan R., Colby G., Zain S., Oscar S., Mansour W.

# Spanish during the Summer

Ideas to keep your Spanish alive over the summer break:

## **Recommended podcasts:**

Beginners (Year 7-9) <u>A–Zero to A–Hero</u>.

Intermediate (GSCE) News in Slow Spanish

Advanced (A Level) Españolistos

## **Recommended Apps:**

Chatterbug

Duolingo (for anyone that doesn't already have it)

Recommended websites:

Language gym

Active Learn

Quizlet

## Lyrics Training

Make MAGDALENAS (Fairy cakes)	Write a DIARIO en español	Draw a painting like PICASSO	Eal some chorizo	Walch una PELÍCULA en español y COME PALOMITAS	Learn some flamenco steps	Sing UNA CANCIÓ en español	Do a virtual tour of the Prado Museum LINK TO MUSEUM
Write a poem in Spanish	Make some paella	Label the furniture of your house with post it notes in Sponish	Do a virtual four of Madrid LINK	Do some research about Machu Picchu in Peru	Speak Spanish in front of the mirror for 5 minutes everyday	Draw lhe Sagrada Familia in your copy.	Visil The Nou Camp Barcolona football stadium online LINK
Draw a comic and write the bubble speeches in Spanis	Do some ZUMBA in Sponish CACHUMBALERA ZUMBA	Watch a Sponish series in Nelflix and do a summary in Sponish	Play SPANISH LOTERIA with your friends via Skype	Do a book review in Spanish	Learn 5 new Spanish words and slick them in the fridge with post it notes. Read them every time you open the fridge	Watch Spanish cartoons DIBUJOS ANIMADOS LINK POCOYO	Text / Email your friends in Spanish
Teach your parents or siblings a new Spanish word every day. Be lihe leacher for 5 minutes a day	Read this blog about Mexico LINK MEXICO	Watch this video on how to prepare MEXICAN TACOS LINK TACOS	Look for a Spanish menu in a restaurant in Spain.	Visit the IGUAZU FALLS in Argentina LINK CATARATAS	Draw a plan of your house and label in Spanish	Do a video about your RUTINA DIARIA in Spanish	Read these reviews about a restaurant from Madrid <u>RESTAURANTE</u> <u>MADRID</u>

# Heathfield Sports Day

A group of students from the Year 10 Cambridge National Sports Studies class attended the sports day at Heathfield School



The students were required to help officiate, score, judge, lead and assist with the smooth running of the primary school's day-long multi-sports event. Our students received some fantastic feedback in relation to their positive attitude, professional conduct, and level of engagement - well done to all involved who represented Turing House and the PE Department with such brilliance!

## Design & Technology

After a very long wait to have workshop facilities, there has been great satisfaction in Year 7 and 8 this week as we have completed our first projects made of wood.



Year 7 made a sweets dispenser aimed to promote London Zoo and Year 8 made a passive speaker inspired by Jon Bugerman. Student have learnt to use the belt sander, fret saw and pillar drill as well as files, coping saws and tenon saws.



We are very proud of the effort students have put into their work, and the progress they have made since the start of the term.







# Stevensons Uniform update

Appointments can now be booked for new school uniform for September.

Make sure you book well in advance.

# Matilda Photos!

Year 10 Photography students, Evie & Ned, took some amazing photos of our latest school production!















## Year 8 Sports Bulletin

At the start of this year, each tutor selected a Sports Captain to represent them. The Year 8 sporting captains met with Mr Evans to discuss how they could increase awareness of sport in Year 8. Mr Evans and the captains came up with the idea of writing a termly sports bulletin.

The group came up with many ideas, including the 'sporting champion' section, 'in the spotlight' and 'what's on next term'. Throughout the year, the sporting captains have taken more and more ownership as Mr Evans' guidance has decreased.

We would like to share the term 6 bulletin with you (sent along with the newsletter email) as it has been completed entirely by Marley S., Conal A., Ollie H., Samuel M. and Freddie C. They interviewed their peers and staff, planned times to write each of their sections and presented it to each tutor group in Year 8. The bulletin is attached to the newsletter – enjoy reading it!

Well done!

# Congratulations Sam

Congratulations to Sam who is the first ever student from our founding cohort to receive a confirmed Oxbridge official offer after receiving her amazing IB grades.

Sam studied the IB at Key Stage 5 and is going onto read History at the University of Oxford. Sam will be focusing on medieval history and gender history in her first term.

Sam first thought about applying to the University after visiting Oriel College in Year 8. This is a school trip which we have continued to run due to its success.

Hopefully Sam will be the first of many! We can't wait to hear about Sam's History degree and visit her on our next school trip to the University of Oxford.

In the meantime, catch Sam volunteering at Ham House! Well done, Sam; we are so proud of you!



## Kids eat free for summer!



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022

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#### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022

#### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays

#### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

## SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend

## MARKS & SPENCER CAFE

Likely But Not Yet Announced

#### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

## MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

#### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

## CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays

## SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

## ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto

## FARMHOUSE INNS

Likely But Not Yet Announced

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# Richmond RFC Multi-Sport Summer Camp



# Big Butterfly Count 2022!



The butterfly count, which is run by the butterfly Conservation Society, is a citizen science project to help our understanding of the changing butterfly population. It is run from the 15th of July to the beginning of August

this year and only takes 15 minutes of your time sitting and observing what butterflies you see. It's a bit like The Great Bird Watch!

It's equally important to record that you haven't seen any butterflies just as much if you had. Over the last 40 to 50 years, we've seen a massive change in butterfly numbers and species, with about 2/3 of the species in decline. You can get involved by clicking on this <u>link</u> and you can download a free identification sheet.

## **Richmond Parks Activity**



# Brentford FC – Girls Football opportunities

Wildcats -5 - 11 year olds

Weetabix Wildcats involves non-competitive football sessions for girls who want to give it a go for the very first time or want to play with other girls their own age.

Most importantly, Weetabix Wildcats is all about having loads of fun and meeting new amazing friends. Sessions take place at Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm, Open to girls aged 5 to 11 of all ability levels, Each session is £3 per week.

Please click here to Register.

We have some new wildcats sessions starting in Southall and Bedfont very soon!

Squads - 12-16 year olds

The aim of this new and exciting programme is to provide girls between the ages of 12-16 with a fun, relevant and engaging recreational offer that allows them to develop themselves as much as their football skills in a safe, inclusive environment. Sessions take place at Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Open to girls aged 12 to 16 of all ability levels, Each session is £3 per week.

Please click here to Register.

# <u>Girls Only Holiday Camp – Bedfont Sports Club/</u> <u>Gunnersbury Park</u>

Come and join us for our **FREE** girls' football camp at Bedfont Sports Club/Gunnersbury Park . Our football camp is delivered by our experienced football coaches who have expert knowledge of girls' football.

The camp will include learning new football skills, playing matches, and having fun in a safe environment.

No prior football experience is required. Please supply your daughter with a packed lunch on the day (No nuts are allowed as a safety precaution). We will **not** be providing food on the day.

Date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Gunnersbury) and Friday

26<sup>th</sup> August (Bedfont)

Time: 10.30am to 2pm

Age group: 6 to 16 years old

Cost: FREE

**Address:** Gunnersbury Park, Pope Lane, W3 8LQ / Bedfont Sports Club – Bedfont Rec Ground/Hatton Rd,

Feltham TW14 8JA

Please click here to register.