

31st March 2023

## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

For those of you that came to our show this week you will have been blown away by its quality. From the students on reception, to the sound and lighting team, to the backstage crew, to the actors and live band, we were treated to one of most impressive school shows in our short history. A huge thank you and well done to all those involved. Well done to Ivy for the artwork she did for the show that is now in my office!



Colin Mackinlay, our CEO, visited with his family and wrote these lovely words, summing up perfectly how good it really was.

*Your performance was genuinely spine tingling and emotional. I used to be stage crew for school shows (I once worked for a lighting company that did the Live Magic tour) and I have seen shows in every school I have ever worked in, as well as watching them in all the schools my children attended when they performed. I can say, without any hesitation whatsoever, that your performance of We Will Rock You was the best school production of anything that I have ever seen; I hope that you will treasure the memories of it the way I can still recall a school production that I was in.*

*Thank you for a truly memorable evening that made me so proud to be associated with the school.*

## We Will Rock You show



31<sup>st</sup> March - Valencia school trip

### Dates for your diary:

Year 10 exams Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Year 8 – 18<sup>th</sup> April HPV vaccinations

Careers Fair - 18<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday and Thursday night saw our annual school show, We Will Rock You.

The show featured over 70 of our students either as performers, musicians or stage crew and told the story of a futuristic world where kids are only permitted to listen to music produced by GlobalSoft and its evil owner Killer Queen, leaving Rock'n'Roll dead. The band, led by Toby R in Y12 brought the house down with Queen classics such as We Are the Champions and Crazy Little Thing Called Love. Protagonists Scaramouche and Galileo (played by Emily S, Meg D, Archie B and Joseph M) made the audience both laugh and cry with their funny yet touching love story and renditions of Who Wants to Live Forever and Under Pressure. Rebels Britney Spears (Alberto C and James C) and Ozzy Osbourne (Darcey D and Monika P) had audience members singing and dancing in their seats as they sung the famous 'I Want It All'. Joseph VW and Jack D played the funny and hard-done-by Khashoggi with confidence and flare while Killer Queen (Siana C and George E) commanded the stage with strong renditions of Killer Queen and Another One Bites the Dust. The bohemians, played by Y9-12 students, looked the part with their self-designed costumes, hilarious one-liners and strong acting and singing (and even a bit of dancing) while Y7-8 students played the GaGa kids, under control of Killer Queen opening the show with the famous Radio Gaga.

No adults were needed backstage due to the organised and militant stage crew and make-up and hair team taking control, however we would like to thank the staff who worked with the students in the lead up to the show with everything from directing and teaching the songs, to building the set and selling the tickets!

## Year 7 Art

A wonderful painting of a kingfisher by Tom W in Year 7. Great art skills, Tom!



## Books recommended by Miss Shilton

Miss Shilton's favourite books



*Educated* by Tara Westover

*Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

*Harry Potter Series* by JK Rowling

*Bear Town* by Fredric Backman

*La Nina Alemana* by Armando Lucas Corro

*Los Principes Azules Tambien Destinen* by Megan Maxwell

*The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman



## Literacy Fact - Apostrophes

### The three golden rules

1. Use an apostrophe when you leave letters out of two words joined together (a contraction)

- *I'm (I am)*
- *You're (you are)*

2. Use an apostrophe with -s to show something belongs to someone/thing (for possessives of singular nouns)

- *Harold's crayon*
- *My daughter's First Communion*

3. Use an apostrophe without -s to show something belongs to people/things – plural (for possessives of most plural nouns)

- *the girls' swing set (the swing set belonging to the girls)*
- *the students' projects (the projects belonging to the students)*

## Historical Eggs

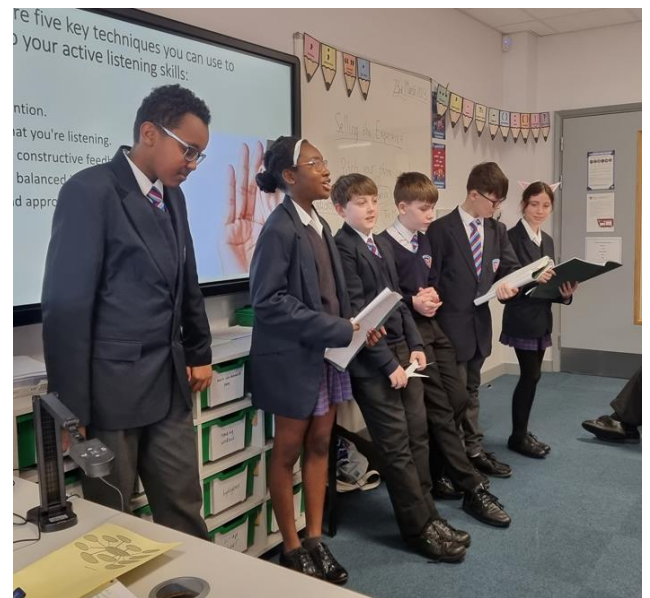
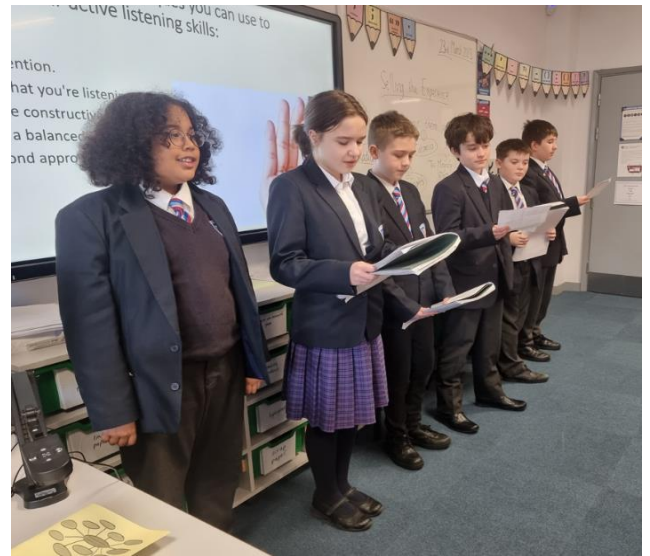


Thank you very much to all students who entered our historical eggheads competition. We had some wonderful entries. This was one of our favourites from Jakob in Year 8. Can you guess which famous historical character he has made?

## Year 7 English

Year 7 have been working in groups this term in English. Their brief was to create an idea for a new theme park with a USP, slogan, rides, food, everything you could want for a great experience. They spent time analysing websites looking for techniques and devices that writers use to persuade the public to visit their

attractions. We especially enjoyed looking at The Gnome Reserve, The Poison Garden and Crocosaurus Park! The students used the techniques they learned to plan their own theme parks, and this week they have written speeches and pitched their ideas Dragon's Den Style. Their creativity and attention to detail was impressive, as was the amount of money they were requesting from their potential investors



## Maths Challenge

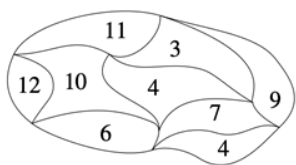
Five of our students have participated in the second round of the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. The students were presented with increasingly complicated questions, and had an hour to solve the 25 problems, without the use of a calculator, a ruler, or any other

equipment. An example question is shown below - give it a go!

John D from Year 10 has achieved a fantastic 100 points out of the possible 135 maximum, which resulted in a Merit award for him, the highest achievement at this round. Congratulations!

The diagram shows a map of a park. The park is divided into regions. The number inside each region gives its perimeter, in km. What is the outer perimeter of the park?

- A 22 km   B 26 km   C 28 km   D 32 km   E 34 km



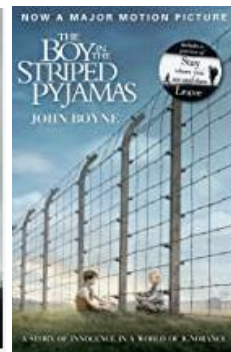
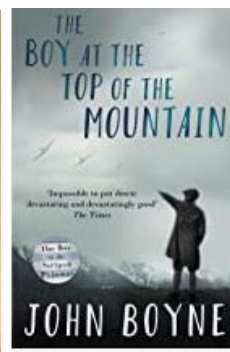
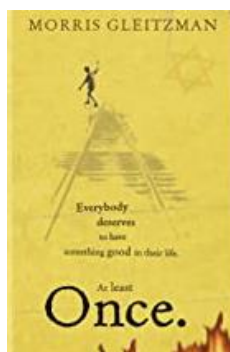
### Year 10 Geography Field Trip

On Thursday our Year 10 Geographers undertook their human geography field trip to Stratford. The students were tasked with assessing how successful the regeneration of the area has been using a range of data collection methods including: questionnaires, field sketches and building quality surveys. Despite the ominous weather forecast, students and teachers put in tremendous effort and fantastically represented the school while furthering their understanding of investigative geography. The day was wholly successful with students showing a real interest in the Olympic park regeneration, especially the West Ham fans among them!



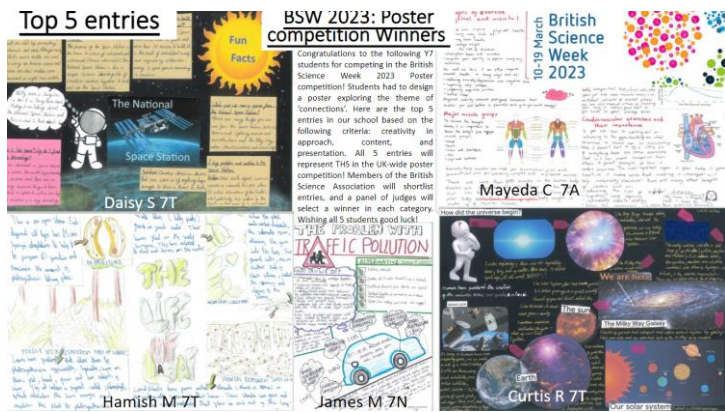
### Cross Curricular Literacy

Recommended reading for students who enjoy History & Politics





**British Science Week Poster Competition winners**



rounded off their Year 8 league and so this provided the girls with a final opportunity to test themselves against the rest one last time. Coming up against some stiff competition, the Turing team did incredibly well to progress throughout the tournament in the way that they did, representing the school in a proud manner as always. Well done to all involved!



**Year 9-11 Girls Football v Teddington**

The Year 9-11 girls football team were back on the football pitch against Teddington last week. The girls had to wait a while for this fixture, with the last few being postponed, so they were up for the match even more than usual. Unfortunately, the Turing team were missing some players on the day so they had no choice but to play 7 against 9. Playing with a player down is always a difficult disadvantage to overcome, but playing with two players down sounds like it should be impossible. Not for this team, however! They fought hard to retain the ball and close down the opposition's chances and came away with a 2-0 win - what an effort! Well done to all involved!

**Year 11 Boys Rugby v St Richard Reynolds**

After several months of delay, the Year 11 boys finally got to play their league final match against St Richard Reynolds on the rugby pitch. This game was meant to be played back in November and was rescheduled several times over since then, so the level of anticipation and excitement from both teams was massive in the build up to the day. The game turned out to be a fantastic battle right up until the final whistle, with both sides throwing everything they had to test defences. It was the Turing team who had the edge in attack, however, while staying solid in defence for much of the game. THS emerged victorious as the game finished 29-12... league winners! Well done to all involved!



**Year 8 Girls Netball Tournament**

The Year 8 girls took part in the borough's netball tournament at the end of last week, hosted by Waldegrave. The morning's events on the court



### Year 7 Boys Rugby v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 7 boys completed their league on the rugby pitch this week as they took part in a game against St Richard Reynolds at home. The visitors looked like they were set to establish a strong foothold on the game with two well-worked tries, until the Turing team exposed some gaps in defence and fought back to even the scores. The game then followed a cat-and-mouse style chase for the lead as one team enjoyed a brief period of being in front before the other would level again. The match then finished 5 tries each which seemed like a fair reflection of how even a contest it was. Well done to all involved!

### Year 10 Boys Football v Hampton High

The Year 10 boys took on Hampton High in their delayed penultimate match of their league campaign. Both teams pushed up front and saw their chances come agonisingly close at times, with the woodwork being struck on more than one occasion. The Turing team continued to battle for possession and worked hard to hold the opposition goalless by half time. Despite the close calls and chances created in the second half, neither side could find a decisive goal and the game finished 0-0. The boys were back in action the next day to play their final match; read on to find out how they got on against Richmond upon Thames. Well done to all involved!

### Year 8/9 Girls Basketball v Teddington

The combined Year 8 and 9 girls basketball team were offered a friendly match against Teddington earlier in the week, playing away from home. With the netball

season now over, and a brief break period happening before summer sports fixtures kick off, the girls were looking forward to this opportunity to compete without the pressure of a significant result. While the girls were hoping to still cause an upset with the end result, it was the hosts who came away with the win. The girls did really well to keep their heads up as they continued to apply the pressure and make the opposition work hard in all areas of the court. Well done to all involved!



### Year 10 Boys Football v RTS

The Year 10 boys played their final football game of the league, just one day after playing Hampton High. With the previous day's game finishing goalless, the Turing team were looking to put things right and make the most of playing at home for a second day in a row. It was the visitors, however, who had the edge up front as the opposition secured an early lead. The boys worked hard to get themselves back in the fight but the match finished 3-1. Well done to all involved!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Rugby v Teddington

Sixth Form boys hosted Teddington this week for their second rugby match. With both sides down on numbers on the day, the teams adopted a 10-a-side version of the game where 10 minute quarters were played. This made for a fast flowing game packed with some brilliant rugby. Despite plenty of turnovers from the Turing team, the opposition had established a 21 point lead by the third quarter. The boys did superbly to bring it back to within 2 points, but just when a comeback looked



likely, Teddington scored and converted again to secure a 28-19 win. Well done to all involved!

### Year 7 Boys Basketball v Grey Court

After finishing second in their side of the league, the Year 7 boys took on Grey Court in the basketball league play off. The Turing team appeared composed as they settled into a strong start. The opposition, however, tested THS defences at every opportunity and kept the scoreboard ticking over. By the final quarter, Grey Court had built up enough of a comfortable gap on the scoreboard and secured a 50-30 win. Despite not coming away with the win, the boys did incredibly well to make a second place play off. Well done to all involved!



### U14 Boys Basketball London Youth Games

The combined Year 8 and 9 boys basketball team took part in the next round of the London Youth Games this week. They travelled all the way to the very north of London to play in this fixture which was the semi-final, so all to play for! After a long bus journey, the Turing team got ready for their two matches. Two high scoring and fast paced games later and the boys unfortunately didn't progress through to the final on this occasion, but both matches were incredibly close with one only being lost in the last minute and a half. Nonetheless, a

fantastic achievement to get that far in a difficult competition. Well done to all involved!



### St Mary's Supplementary school for Ukrainian pupils

St Mary's supplementary school for Ukrainian pupils in Richmond is opening on Sundays, starting on April 23. The link to register is here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIOxmnxEygO\\_Vyjouu9yNhnu-Pifb5X9wtf5KDttSvbjOHRQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIOxmnxEygO_Vyjouu9yNhnu-Pifb5X9wtf5KDttSvbjOHRQ/viewform)

The English translation for your information is here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OlijR1Y80H\\_c6o018Pv1Ecms2yWpqj3IQkonDtHeBPg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OlijR1Y80H_c6o018Pv1Ecms2yWpqj3IQkonDtHeBPg/edit)

This is a great way for pupils to maintain their home language and families to get support with emotional wellbeing and practical advice. Places are limited so please get the message out to your pupils!

### Staff Car Park

A gentle reminder that parking on the school site is strictly for staff. Please don't attempt to park in one of our bays. This causes a knock-on effect and could result in a teacher being late for a lesson. Unless pre-arranged due to an injury, parents/carers should not drop off/pick up in the car park either. Thank you for your support.



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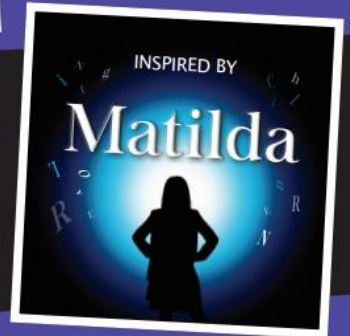
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