

14th July 2023

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

We were delighted this week to hold our annual prize giving events in which we celebrate the progress and achievement of students in each of our curriculum areas. It is always a lovely way to end a year celebrating the individuals that are making every possible effort to make their education a success. Speaking of other massive success....



Dates for your diary:

Friday 21st July - last day of term

The last sports fixture of the year comes with one of the biggest victories we've seen this year. Forget the Ashes....the Year 9/10 boys won the borough cricket league! They scored 123 runs, to the other school's 78, and managed to get 9 batters out (out of a team of 11). We couldn't be prouder of their efforts and an amazing way to end our first full year with proper sports facilities!



I would like to finish this week with thanking the PE department (and all the other staff that helped) for the amazing sports day they organised this week. It is a big ask to have two-year groups off timetable to compete in a massive range of sporting activities. To see the students around the school with medals around their necks was very special. For some of the students who won events, I have never seen bigger smiles on their faces.

Lit in Colour Trip

On Wednesday 12th July, Ms Andrews and Ms Fan had the privilege of taking ten Year 10 students to Pearson and Penguin's Lit in Colour conference in London. It was an exciting day packed with inspirational speakers and poetry performances. The day started with young Poet Laureate for Birmingham reading her short story 'Belonging' which told the story of a young Asian girl finally studying a book with characters like herself in an English lesson. The keynote speech was delivered by

Jeffrey Boakye, a former English teacher turned writer, journalist and speaker. He spoke about the things that make up our identity, and inspired students to think about their purpose, their argument - what they want to get passionate about. Students then heard a lecture from Wendy Lennon looking at racism in Shakespeare's time, building on their study of 'The Dark Lady' in Year 8 and preparing them for studying 'Othello' at A-Level if they choose to do so. The afternoon consisted of a talk and workshop from presenter, actor and voiceover artist Akiya Henry, who also performed a stunning monologue as Lady Macbeth. Finally, the day ended with a range of inspiring performance poets who performed their poems on a range of topics from a first kiss to the problem of racism in the UK.

Here's what the students had to say:

'The event today was amazing; it included complimentary drinks and a free tote bag which included a book representing marginalised cultures, a notepad and more. There were amazing speakers who talked about diversity within literature; the speakers taught me a lot that I didn't know such as black British people in Shakespeare. The speakers were very charismatic and emotive, I personally loved the group activities and the humour.' Thomas

'It was a great experience that we got offered and I thoroughly enjoyed every part of the day! Each speaker was unique and changed my perspective on what literature means to each person. I enjoyed engaging with some of the speakers and listening to the poetry pieces as they were educational and inspiring.' Martha

'I really enjoyed my experience in the Lit In Colour Conference - I thought it was really interesting to learn about different people's identities and what their culture means to them.' Poppy

Here, students are photographed with Jayde David who performed her powerful poems and who they spoke to at the end.

Students were able to attend this conference for free due to the English Department's ongoing work with Edexcel and Penguin in promoting a diverse curriculum.



for new adventures elsewhere: Ms Beeharry, Mr Coombes, Ms Davison, Mrs Graco, Ms Lewis, Ms Latorre, Mrs McEwen, Ms McManus, Ms Olah, Mrs Poynton, Mrs Skinnard.

We wish Mrs Curtis the best for her maternity leave and look forward to receiving the baby pictures when the big day comes around.

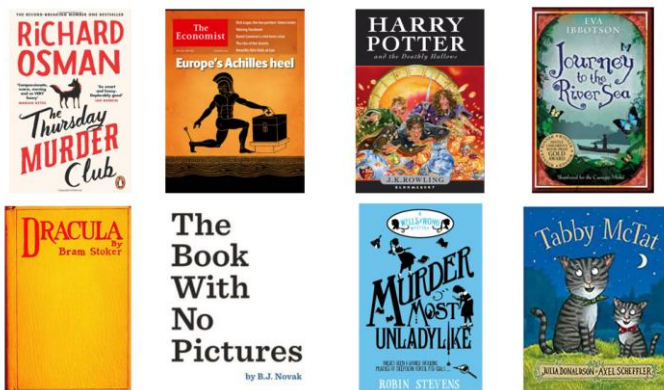
I am also delighted to welcome the following staff who will be joining us in September. These staff spent a fantastic day with us on the 3rd July. I am personally delighted to have Mrs Stewart join us as I previously worked with Mrs Stewart many years ago. She is an outstanding teacher and will bring a wealth of experience to THS. Please avoid talking to her about Arsenal!

- Mr Ahluwalia – IT Support Engineer
- Mr Baker – Teacher of Art and Technology
- Ms Haeum - Learning Support Assistant
- Mrs Hickman – Teacher of Business Studies & Economics
- Mr Hopkins – Teacher of Drama
- Mr Hunter – Head of Music
- Mr Kavanagh – Teacher of Spanish
- Mr Long – Teacher of History
- Mr McGlennan – Teacher of PE
- Mr Mohieldin – Teacher of Mathematics
- Ms Morris – Second in charge of English
- Mr Parker – Teacher of PE
- Mr Salnikov – Cover Supervisor
- Ms Stewart – Head of Psychology and Sociology
- Mr Sweeney – Teacher of Art and Technology

We also welcome back Mrs Turner and Ms Kirwan from their maternity leave and I am delighted to announce the promotion of the following colleagues:

Books recommended by Mrs Lewis

Mrs Lewis likes to read...



The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

The Economist

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by JK Rowling

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Dracula by Bram Stoker

The Book with No Pictures by BJ Novak

Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens

Tabby McTat by Julia Donaldson

Goodbye, Good Luck and Welcome

At this time of the year, I am sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to the following staff, who are leaving

- Ms Riglin and Mr Quigley will be joining the Senior Leadership Team.
- Mrs Johnson will become Head of History and Politics
- Mrs Rogers will be the Head of our new Year 7
- Ms Sabharwal will be the Head of Year 8 (current Year 7)
- Ms Loudain will be the Head of Year 11 (current Year 10)

Faith Direct Event

On Tuesday 4th July, ten Year 9 students attended the Faith Direct Event at Christ's School. The event was organised by Richmond SACRE in collaboration with Christ's School. Students spent the day at Christ's School working alongside students from across the borough. They spoke to representatives from all six major world religions and humanism. In the afternoon there was a panel discussion, with students posing their most challenging questions to all the speakers. These included 'Does God have a gender?' and 'Do religions promote the use of AI?'. The students who attended to represent Turing House did an excellent job.



six different activities and learnt lots about Horace Warpole's home, and where the first ever Gothic novel was written. Students enjoyed dressing up and creating their own gothic comics, completing a treasure hunt, a tour of the house, a drama workshop and more! They represented us really well and we loved ending Year 7 History on such a brilliant note. See you all in Year 8!

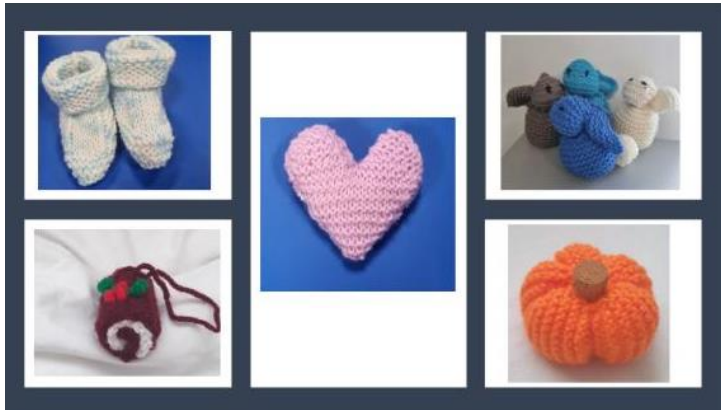


Strawberry Hill House Visit

On Thursday Year 7 historians enjoyed an exciting day out at Strawberry Hill House. Students rotated around

Knitting Club success

Much to my surprise, knitting club has been a tremendous success! We started as a small crew of wannabe makers ready to cast on and hope for the best and now we are ending the year having completed several makes and gaining new friendships. Our knitters have mastered knit stitch, purl stitch, cast on, cast off and even tried a knit-2-together to create the heart. Throughout the year we have created pumpkins, Christmas decorations, Easter bunnies, baby booties and hearts. It is amazing to think last September these students never held knitting needles in their hands and now they are coming up with ideas of what to knit next. There is a strong connection between knitting and the feeling of calm and happiness in the brain. It is a great way to unwind after a busy day at school and let your creativity flow. One of the best parts of our club is when teachers drop in to check out our projects and share our enthusiasm, often expressing their desire to join. We look forward to continuing in September and welcoming new members! Jo Beard, SEN Practitioner



Year 9/10 Girls Rounders Tournament

The combined Year 9 and 10 rounders team took part in a tournament at Waldegrave last week. Some less than favourable weather had disrupted the last remaining weeks of rounders club making practice slightly limited in the run up. Nonetheless, the girls still worked hard when striking and fielding and enjoyed the afternoon. The Turing team came in at 4th place - a modest finish to a competitive day, which provided the girls with some useful practice ahead of their borough league final. Well done to all involved!

Sports Day 2023

The penultimate week of the school year got off to a flying start as students took part in the school's first ever sports day! All students were required to take part and competed in their form groups. Students split their participation among throwing and running athletics events, team sports, and either a relay or a tug-of-war event. We were blown away by the level of enthusiasm, enjoyment and competition put on show by all the students on the day - well done to everyone! Have a look at some of the pictures taken on the day, as well as a roundup of the winning forms from each year group.





Sports Day Overall Winning Forms

7T – 1150 points

8L – 1370 points

9N – 1440 points

10T – 1260 points

You also may want to take part in this year's Butterfly Count too. Here's the link with some simple ID charts.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

Plus we've got some spaces left on a couple of walks coming up. Here's the details and links to book your place:

Saturday 15th July 2023 -1pm

**An Introductory Walk of Bushy Park,
highlighting the natural history and history**

Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/626996131307>

Friends of Bushy Park

There are so many butterflies in the park at the moment. If you wanted to see them on your own, on the map below, there are a few marked places (yellow squares with red numbers) where they've been spotted in the last few days. They like the long grass and feed on the thistle and ragwort especially. These areas are also outside of the usual deer nursery areas too. Pick a sunny time to see them as they don't like wind and rain.

Good spots to find butterflies



The key ones you can find are Skippers, Meadow Brown, Marbled White, Small Copper and some colourful day flying moths like Forester (photo in FBHP calendar this month) and Six-Spot Burnet.

Saturday August 5th 2023 – 11am and 1pm
booking required

**Butterflies of bushy park, a walk with May
Webber (from the Royal Parks)**

Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/641279322717>

Saturday 19th August 2023 -1pm

**An Introductory Walk of Bushy Park,
highlighting the natural history and history**

Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/566997082537>

Middlesex Cricket Volunteer Inspire Event

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND FIND OUT A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT BEING INVOLVED IN CLUB LIFE... AND THE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE ON US!

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VOLUNTEER INSPIRE EVENT

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20 JULY | 6PM START

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