

# Headteacher's Update

29th March 2018

# Happy Easter!



We hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday and see you all at 8.30am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **MENSA Puzzle**

Find a word to fit the first clue then add one letter to give a word to fit the second clue.

What are the words?

PART OF THE FACE ANCIENT SCANDINAVIAN LANGUAGE

Last week's answer: Screen, ground and force.

#### Year 9 Exams

Year 9 end of Year exams will now take place at the end of Term 5.

# Year 9 Options

This week has been particularly busy for year 9 who have been making those all-important options choices for next year. At the time of going to press, we have managed to confirm most students' choices but will start a process of interviewing individuals in the new term to discuss these choices further. The senior staff would like to thank parents and students for their support during this process.

#### Uniform/PE Kit

Please ensure that on returning to school your child has the correct school uniform and P.E. Kit. Students are not allowed to wear any jewellery except small stud earrings: no rings, necklaces etc.

#### Much Ado about Nothing

The Rose Theatre, Kingston are putting on a production of Much Ado about Nothing, starring Mel Giedroyc (Mel and Sue).

Shows run from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May and tickets start at £12, or £8 if you're willing to sit on a cushion in the 'pit' – an area right in front of the stage! The English department highly recommend students to go and see it!

#### Forthcoming Events

16 April: First day of new term after Easter

28 April: THF Quiz Night

**4 May:** Year 7 & Year 9 Bushcraft Trip **25 May:** INSET Day (school closed)

28 May-1st June: Half Term

#### **Fixtures**

17 Apr, 2018	Y8	Football	Christ's School
17 Apr, 2018	Y7/8	Rounders	ТВС
17 Apr, 2018	Y7	Football	Hampton High
19 Apr, 2018	Y9	Football	Grey Court
25 Apr, 2018	Y9	Football	Hampton High

# Jack Petchey Awards



Our next round of Jack Petchey nominations are upon us. Before June, we need to nominate six of our students for this award. For those of you who are new to the award, here is a brief explanation.

Almost 2,000 schools, colleges and youth organisations throughout London and Essex run the scheme, which contributes millions of pounds each year. The scheme is a reward and recognition initiative that enables schools and youth organisations to celebrate the achievements of their young people as well as receive additional funding.

"We do it because we want to help young people raise their aspirations, believe in themselves and make a contribution to their society," said Sir Jack Petchey CBE.

All we need from students, parents and staff are nominations via email at the usual address for anyone you think deserves this award.

We have also put forward our nominations for the leader award, which this time has been awarded to Mrs Turner for all her work with trips, TFL, DofE and Bushcraft.

#### Celebration Assemblies

Well done and thank you to Toby Reid and Noah Rodney-Chaplin for their musical performances at our

celebration assemblies.



### Unifrog – Education & Employment

We have now signed up to Unifrog as a way to support our students' progression from GCSEs to Higher Education and Employment.



Year 9 will be the first group to go through the process and we be given logins in the new term. Unifrog is an online way of collating skills and achievements, writing applications, and finding out about progression routes and career prospects.

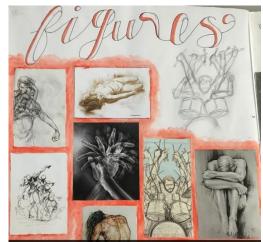
We have now logged one form 9HM, plus one student in 9WO onto the system and will complete the rest in the new term.

For more information, please have a look here <a href="https://www.unifrog.org/about">https://www.unifrog.org/about</a>. Parents will be given login details to track their children in the near future. Watch this space!

#### Art Work

Some amazing artwork from Year 9 this term!





# Sport Relief – Fun Run 2018 £421 raised – Thank you!

Results from last week's Step Challenge showed some fantastic steps and distances achieved by pupils! Our winner with a fantastic 77,675 steps was Rocco Yellen from 7KI. Well done to everyone who entered!

Ending a long week of events last week for Sport Relief 2018 was our 5K fun run, which saw all staff and students complete an extended cross-country route around Bushy Park on Friday.

Students were divided into 3 groups: runners, joggers and walkers, and set off at one-minute intervals. Walkers kept up the pace due to some very enthusiastic chivvying by several members of staff, with some other teachers rising to the challenge of running and jogging the route.

Our first student over the finish line was Jake Saunders (9HM) with a fantastic time of 13 minutes 12 seconds. He didn't rest long before starting another lap of the course! The second student to finish, with a time of 15 minutes 26 seconds, was Sonny Noble (8TU) who also completed a second lap! Olivia Garofall, our first female student to finish had a time of 19 minutes 48 seconds.





Pupils were supported and hydrated by our keen Sports Ambassadors (and Mr Jones) who rode their bikes round the course and provided students with water.



The student who raised the most money through sponsorship was Louis Woolf (7CG) with a total of £60! Congratulations Louis! As a school, we have raised a fantastic £421 for Sport Relief! A huge thank you to all students and staff, who have worked so hard to make the week a big success. Already looking forward to next year!



Congratulations to all our students and staff who completed the course; it was a fantastic effort by all.

# Student Speeches in English

This week in English. Year 7 students have been giving presentations on a topic of their choice, for at least one minute, in front of the whole class.

For many students this is their first time speaking in front of a group or preparing a persuasive speech; the students' presentations have been of a very high quality and have covered a vast range of subjects including: women's rights, the March for Our Lives campaign, health, ageism, bullying, inequality, Donald Trump and global warming.

All students should be very proud of the work they produced and their delivery in class! Well done from Miss Kirwan and Miss Andrews.

#### Macbeth

The Royal Shakespeare Company's adaptation of Macbeth is being broadcast to cinemas on Wednesday 11th April, including the Odeon in Kingston and other

local cinemas.

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All year 9 students and parents, please consider going to see this as it will give you an understanding of the play before you study it for GCSE.

https://www.rsc.org.uk/macbeth/in-cinemas

# Ball Boy at Twickenham

Last Wednesday, I was a ball boy at the UK Schools Rugby Finals at Twickenham Stadium. There were 4 teams playing in the U15s and U18s finals. There were about 10 ball boys. We were all given a ball and a towel. We stand on the side-line and when the ball goes off, we leave that ball and give the player our ball. We collect the balls and keep them dry. The best match was the under 15's final which was very close.

At half time we were allowed to play on the pitch. We had our own changing room and the best bit is that we walked out of the same tunnel as the players. I am trialling to be on the permanent ball boy team which would mean I would be able to watch the Big Games from the side-lines and help the England Team warm up.

It was very exciting to be at Twickenham and I hope to play for our under 15 team in the finals in a few year times.

Joshua McKiernan 8RI

# History – Year 7

This term year seven historians have learnt how William Duke of Normandy controlled England after he invaded in 1066. One of the methods that William used to keep control was the Domesday Book. Recent historical research has revealed that of the 14,783 place-names recorded in the Domesday Book, only 1,219 no longer exist. That's an impressive survival! Quiz your children on how else William controlled England to aid their revision this week!



# Colourist Marina Amaral to visit Turing House

Do you find it difficult to connect with black and white pictures from the past? After noticing that many students do, Ms Riglin has become fascinated by the work of Marina Amaral.

Colourist Marina Amaral has created 200 stunning images, using contemporary photographs as the basis for her full-colour digital renditions and bringing each of them to life in a style uniquely her own. Her book, The Colour of Time, spans more than a hundred years of



world history from the reign of Queen Victoria and the US Civil War to the Cuban Missile Crisis and beginning of the Space Age. It charts the rise and fall of empires, the achievements of science, industry and the arts, the tragedies of war and the politics of peace, and the lives of men and women who made history. Marina will be coming to Turing House as part of her book tour to talk about her work in the next academic year.

View Marina's Work and if you're interested, pre-order her book here:

http://www.marinamaral.com/portfolio-2/



# Open Day - Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital

Saturday 21st April at the ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL - Stanmore, Middlesex 1100-1500

The RNOH are opening their doors for a very special opportunity to understand about the impressive work that is being done at this hospital to innovate and improve the lives of patients.

The Open day is 4 hours long and students need to be accompanied by a parent.

#### What will be happening on the day?

All visitors will get the opportunity to:

- Visit stands showcasing various aspects of the work that goes on within this hospital and at
- Explore what goes on behind the doors of building throughout the site
- **Guest speakers:** 
  - o Professor Mark Miodownik, UCL **Professor of Materials & Society**
  - Maggie Philbin, OBE & CEO of TeenTech
  - TeenTech Ambassadors and young innovators
- **Taster workshops** in the following:
  - Clinical & Surgical skills
  - Acetabulum simulator
  - How to get a robot to play a bell

There will also be **campus tours** available.

All students are invited to attend regardless of whether they have taken part in TeenTech events - all ages are welcome.

Please complete this booking form to attend this event, more details will be sent to you upon registration.

www.teentechevent.com

#### Genocide Talk - Year 9 History

This half term in history, students in year nine have been studying the Holocaust and other genocides. On Wednesday, year nine students heard the testimony of Bosnian Genocide survivor Kemal Pervanic. Kemal is a survivor of the notorious Omarska concentration camp, which was set up by Bosnian Serb forces in the early days of the Bosnian War.

Kemal's testimony was incredibly informative and highly moving. Students were shocked to learn how Kemal's former teachers became guards at the camp in which he was held. His story reminded us of the importance of standing up for our human rights, and engaging in politics.



Kemal spoke a lot about forgiveness. Kemal said,

"I didn't decide not to hate because I'm a good person.

I decided not to hate because hating would have finished the job they'd started so successfully."

Sam Hardaker from Year 9 wrote,

"Overall, I'm sure that all of the students share the idea that this experience has been helpful and interesting for both history lessons and life. It has opened our eyes to different genocides and points of views. We would like to thank Kemal for coming in and sharing his story and Miss Riglin for organising the event."

Students wishing to learn more of Kemal's story should purchase his book - The Killing Days: My Journey Through the Bosnian War.