



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Our remote learning and the day-to-day running of the school continues to be challenging. It is vital, however, that a school continues to keep (although difficult to do at the moment) an eye on all the normal things a school would do in a year and plan for the future. Our school community continues to grow, with 150 Year 6 students waiting in the wings for national offer day and 112 Sixth Form applications being processed. The Year 13 curriculum is being planned, governors' meetings have taken place, Year 9 Options Evening on the 4<sup>th</sup> March is being structured and of course we continue to hold our regular parents' evenings. Most exciting is the ongoing progress of the permanent site. Over recent weeks I have been involved in discussions about the interior of the building, whilst we continue to see the external structure progress. Who would have thought discussions about the colour of skirting boards would be so interesting!



## Creative Writing Competition

This year's RET Trust writing competition is taking place on the theme of Change. Write your piece of poetry or prose and send it in to your English teacher by March 3<sup>rd</sup>! Winning entries will be published in a book and we could win a visit from an author if one of our entries wins!



## History Department - Thanks



Mariyah in Year 7 kindly donated some of her Jack Petchey Award money to the History department and requested that we get some new props.

They have already been put to good use! Thank you, Mariyah!

### Dates for the Diary:

Half Term Week: 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Sir Tom Moore 1920 -2021

Our thoughts are with his family.

***"Let's not get downhearted, we will get through this, whatever is thrown at us and together we can ensure that tomorrow will be a good day."***

A true inspiration to everyone.

## Park Lane Stables still needs our help!

Located close to Turing House School, Park Lane Stables is a Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) and Pony Club centre, which offers a safe-haven for children who can be referred there by the local authority and schools. As well as offering riding lessons on a "pay if you can" basis, Park Lane Stables also welcomes those who benefit from and enjoy spending time helping with their care.

Horses and ponies are renowned for their therapeutic qualities, and during the first Covid lockdown, the Park Lane team helped combat loneliness and isolation by exercising the ponies around Teddington and Twickenham, letting residents know when to look out for them and wave. Relocation is not an option as close transport links make them accessible to those who need them from all over London.

The stables will be redeveloped as flats if they can't raise the £1m purchase price by 25<sup>th</sup> February. So far the appeal has reached over £250,000, but **with less than 3 weeks to go they need our help!**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-our-stables#start>.

## #AnInternetWeTrust - Safer Internet Day 2021

Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

This year the theme is 'An internet we trust – exploring reliability in the online world'. Students will be learning more about this topic during PSCH lessons and tutor time next week, by exploring and discussing resources from [saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk).

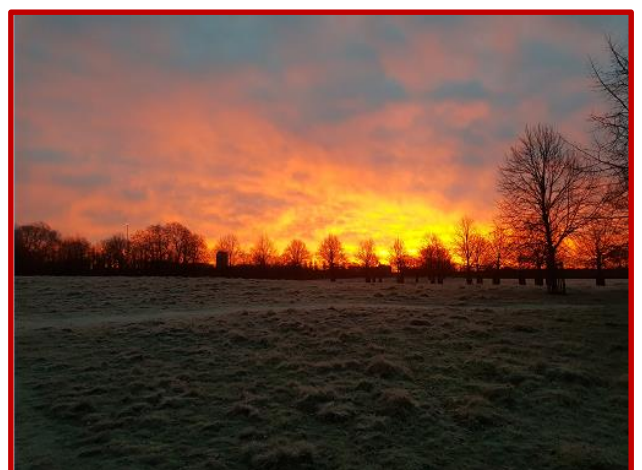
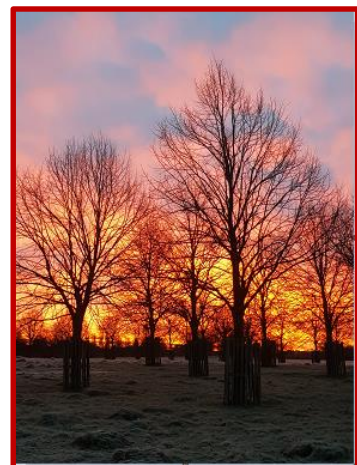
We would also encourage our parents and carers to continue keeping their knowledge updated by checking the e-safety parent guide on our [school website](#), which continues to be updated as the world around us constantly evolves!

I would like to draw particular attention to 'What to trust online' and 'Fake news – parent factsheet', which are the latest additions to the page. Safer Internet Day have also created a parents page, with support, advice and guidance, which can be found by follow the link below:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>

## Beautiful photographs

Emma Wilson in Year 8 got up very early to take these amazing photographs of Bushy Park. Well done, Emma!



## Form Group Distance Challenge

With nearly 200 submissions in 4 days, the competition is heating up. What a great effort from everyone so far!!

If you want to be involved (Students, Parents/ carers and Staff) please use the link below:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bCkKhyVdnEuSUFIfzQ18U7THdvUpxBLoF7\\_ekv5KbhURDFQUUIQWUpON0ZUVUtHVIVIROU3SIIxTS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bCkKhyVdnEuSUFIfzQ18U7THdvUpxBLoF7_ekv5KbhURDFQUUIQWUpON0ZUVUtHVIVIROU3SIIxTS4u)

Overall distance by form:

| Form Group | Distance (Miles) |
|------------|------------------|
| 7A         | <b>31.71</b>     |
| 7L         | <b>36.3</b>      |
| 7N         | <b>0</b>         |
| 7R         | <b>23</b>        |
| 7T         | <b>12.66</b>     |
| 7U         | <b>2.3</b>       |
| 8A         | <b>30.55</b>     |
| 8L         | <b>0</b>         |
| 8N         | <b>17.207</b>    |
| 8T         | <b>16.98</b>     |
| 8U         | <b>30.1</b>      |
| 9A         | <b>0</b>         |
| 9L         | <b>0</b>         |
| 9N         | <b>62.3</b>      |
| 9T         | <b>7.27</b>      |
| 9U         | <b>24.72059</b>  |
| 10A        | <b>149.86282</b> |
| 10L        | <b>0</b>         |
| 10T        | <b>35.9848</b>   |
| 10U        | <b>57.946</b>    |
| 11A        | <b>44.58</b>     |
| 11L        | <b>27.616</b>    |
| 11N        | <b>28.07</b>     |
| 11T        | <b>45.58</b>     |
| 11U        | <b>60.477</b>    |
| 12A        | <b>0</b>         |
| 12L        | <b>3.38</b>      |

Well done 10A! Keep up the excellent work. 11U are also doing really well and deserve a special mention.

Who is going to be the first form to reach 700miles?

## Sporting Headline of the Week

British cyclist Geraint Thomas will aim for Tour de France victory this year, according to team boss Sir Dave Brailsford. Welshman Thomas, who won the Tour in 2018, will be supported by a strong team that includes Geoghegan Hart. British team Ineos (formerly Team Sky) have won 11 Grand Tours since entering the sport in 2010.

Their dominant style of racing has become known as the 'Sky train' - an apparently impenetrable line of riders whose metronomic tempo and scientific approach beat teams more focused on a traditional style of racing.

## Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?


In the 2010 Wimbledon Grand Slam tournament, the match between Nicolas Mahut and John Isner broke the record for the longest tennis match of all time - the game was played over three days and lasted of total of 11 hours and 5 minutes.

## One million words challenge!




**Can you read one million words by World Book Day on 4th March?**

Feel like taking part in the challenge, simply email [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk) FAO Ms Andrews, for more information.



## Physics Masterclass





**Virtual Masterclasses for Students  
& FREE GCSE workbooks**

FREE booking at: <https://isaacphysics.org/events>

| YEAR GROUP | TERM                              |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|            | Spring                            | Summer                            |
| Year 10    | Sat 13 March 2021;<br>10am-1.00pm | Sat 22 May 2021;<br>10am-1.00pm   |
| Year 11    | Sat 27 Feb 2021;<br>10am-1.00pm   | Sat 24 April 2021;<br>10am-1.00pm |
| Year 12*   | Sat 6 Feb 2021;<br>10am-2.15pm    | Sat 15 May 2021;<br>10am-2.15pm   |
| Year 13    | Sat 6 Feb 2021;<br>10am-2.15pm    | Sat 8 May 2021;<br>10am-2.15pm    |

\*Year 12 Masterclasses are part of the University Subject Masterclasses  
Taster Days: <https://www undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/masterclasses>

- Masterclasses for Y10 and Y11 will have small group teaching
- Masterclasses for Y12 and Y13 will be webinars with Q&A
- **FREE** GCSE workbooks book a week before the event date to receive your workbook before the masterclass!

## Free MIND workshops for parents

**Parents Workshop 1 – Mental Health Awareness for Parents on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-workshop-1-mental-health-awareness-for-parents-tickets-126807766443>

In this first workshop you will learn more about mental health and recognise the symptoms of mental health issues in children.

**Parents Workshop 2 - Managing mental health difficulties in children on Thursday 11th February at 7pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-workshop-2-supporting-mental-health-difficulties-in-children-tickets-126811497603>

In this second workshop we look in more depth at the types of mental health difficulties that can affect your child or teenager.

We also look at the available tools to help our young person with any emotional difficulties.

**Session 1 - Navigating the Children's Mental Health Maze on Tuesday 16th February, 7-9pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-carers-navigating-childrens-services-mental-health-tickets-136852015061>

An informative session exploring statutory mental health services for children and teenagers in the Richmond borough, referral routes and how they work (e.g. SPA, CAMHS), Achieving for Children and voluntary sector support.

**Session 2 - Managing Challenging Behaviour On Thursday 25th February, 7-9pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-carers-managing-challenging-behaviour-mental-health-tickets-136852859587>

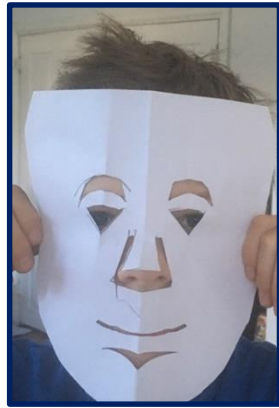
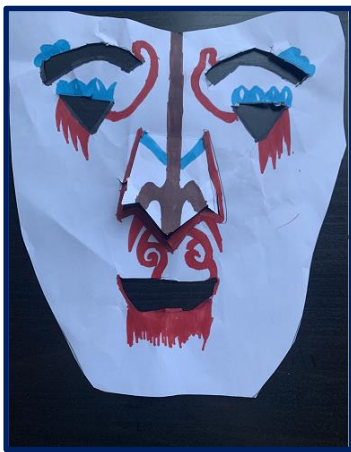
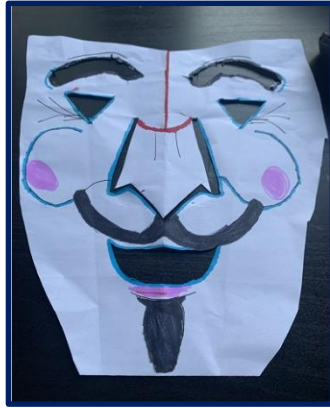
- Early warning signs when your child/teen needs additional support for their mental/emotional wellbeing and what to do
- General principles for reducing stress and building self-regulation
- Managing/responding to challenging behaviours (we will suggest a range of options and address those which are relevant to the audience).
- Improving communication

**Session 3 - Recovery and Wellbeing on Wednesday 3rd March, 7-9pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-carers-recovery-and-wellbeing-mental-health-tickets-136853704113>

## Year 7 Drama Workshop

Year 7 Drama students have been looking at Japanese Kabuki Theatre and Kumadori make-up they use to represent characters. Some brilliant work! Well done.



## Pins &amp; Needles

One of our parents runs a small business teaching sewing and knitting to children, usually at after-school clubs and holiday workshops. Since lockdown last year, they have started to sell sew-at-home and knit-at-home kits on their website [www.pinsandneedles.club](http://www.pinsandneedles.club)



When they heard about the Park Lane Stables facing closure, they decided to work with them on their #saveourstables campaign and this week launched an, "I Love Horses" sewing kit, which costs £10, donating £5 from every sale to the Stables.

Sewing and knitting are great mindful activities for children and offer calm, creative time - even more important now that children are spending so much time on screens. They are promoting all their kits this week for Children's Mental Health Week. You can see the rest of their offering here: <https://www.pinsandneedles.club/shop>

## GCSE Pod - webinars

GCSEPod and Cameron Parker, a renowned motivational speaker for schools and colleges, are running some brilliant webinars aimed at students, to support them with the issues they face during this latest lockdown. Cameron will host two fast-paced, high energy student webinars, focusing on motivation, managing stress, avoiding burnout and staying focused. Students can register for the webinars via the links below:

Student Webinar – Stress to - GCSEPod – 23rd February  
- 6pm to 7pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_D7YDLM5EQ-jRCNOJ6K47w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D7YDLM5EQ-jRCNOJ6K47w)

Student Webinar – Student Event - GCSEPod – 3rd March - 5pm to 6pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_osYf0fJXRXGIZGoINc3VaA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_osYf0fJXRXGIZGoINc3VaA)

Students can remain anonymous and parents can watch with them as Cameron makes goal setting, coping strategies and building confidence seem easily attainable.

## Historical Story of the Week: When the White House burned!



In May 1814 the Americans raided Port Dover, Ontario, where the British had stocks of grain.

In response, the British Governor of The Canadas (British colonies in Canada) retaliated.

Troops led by Major General Robert Ross headed to Washington DC and raided the White House (then known as then Presidential Mansion) before setting it on fire. In the end, what stopped the rampage was a tornado that hit the city and put out the fires.

## Fit Camps World FREE online event



FitCamps World Online Dance Fitness and Pilates Celebration is Back February 27<sup>th</sup> coming to you at home.

Let us lift you in Lockdown at the FitCamps World online fitness event. Join the thousands who are part of the FitCamps World Family created by Lydia Campbell.

Top International presenters around the world teach fabulous sessions on Zoom & Facebook live. With over 25 sessions to choose from, this can help to lift your spirits and get people moving.

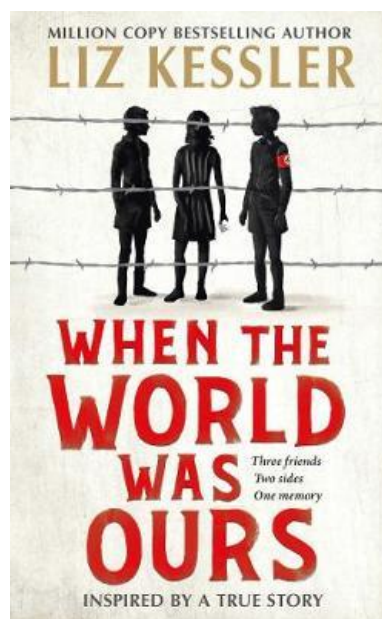
This is a FREE event with the option to purchase a FitCamps World Event Catch-up pass for 3 weeks after.

The link to book is: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?lr=u7rjpkasab&oeidk=a07ehj07p3a61d298b9>

## Book of the Week

13+

Readers



A powerful and heart-breaking novel about three childhood friends living during the Second World War whose fates are closely intertwined, even when their lives take very different courses.

## Positive News from a 6<sup>th</sup> Former

*The lovely Mia Campbell is this week's contributor:*

The recent passing of Captain Tom Moore has given us the opportunity to once again celebrate his contribution to the NHS Charities Together campaign. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, just a few weeks before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Captain Tom started his walk for the NHS where he aimed to walk 2500 meters around his garden to raise £1000 for the campaign because he felt the NHS "deserve everything that we can possibly put in place". His endeavour brought huge attention and the goal of raising £1000 was quickly raised to £5000 and then £500,000. By his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday he had raised £30 million from over 1.5 million people across the world. After he completed his walk, he encouraged people to continue to donate online or to the Captain Tom Foundation. The funds raised were used to buy packs for NHS staff, devices to allow patients to communicate with their families and friends as well as community groups to help further support patients. Captain Tom acted as a beacon of hope amongst truly tragic times; he brought people closer together and made real change for the NHS and patients alike. Even after his passing, he has continued to inspire optimism and unity through his foundation and the message that he has come to represent.

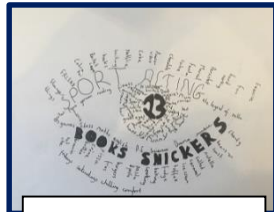
Art Gallery

The Year 8s have been working on an Identity themed project. The last two weeks they have been creating artwork using text also known as Micrography.

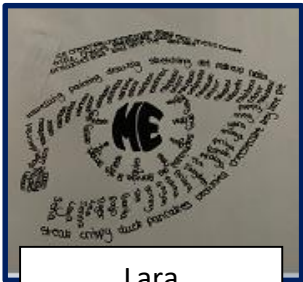
For one piece, they drew a facial feature and used handwritten text to add tone to it. They have also created a piece of art in the pattern of a fingerprint using words and quotes that are personal to them.



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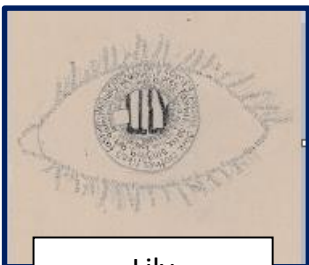
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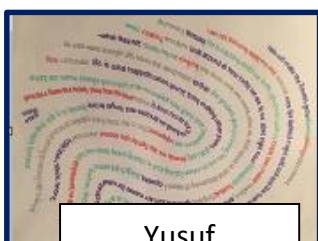
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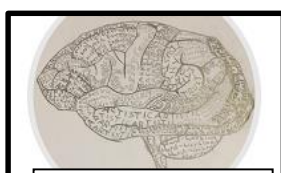
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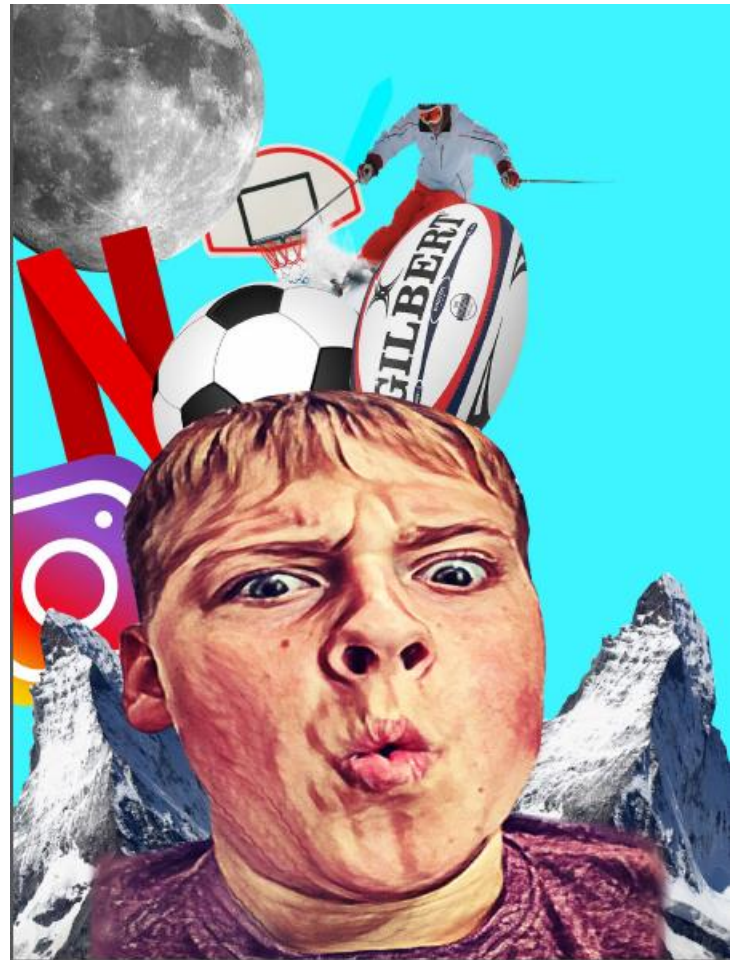


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Harvey's Corner



Harvey, our in house professional artist (you can buy his work on Etsy [here](#)), has recently broken his leg. He continues to produce excellent art work even though he is not as mobile now. We thought it might cheer him up if we popped his latest piece into our newsletter. Get well soon, Harvey.

Sustrans Big Pedal – Date for your Diary

The number of children and young people who were physically active fell during the 2019/20 academic year in England, as first storms and then the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic restricted the type of activities available. The figures, published today in our latest Active Lives Children and Young People Survey covering the 2019/20 academic year, show 44.9% of children and young people (3.2 million) met the Chief Medical Officer guidelines of taking part in sport and physical activity for an average of 60 minutes or more a day.

Get ready for the Big Pedal, find out more [here](#).

## National Apprenticeship Week

A blue-themed poster for National Apprenticeship Week. At the top left, it says 'YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' in white text on a blue background. Below that, 'National Apprenticeship week' is written in large white letters. The date and time, 'Monday 8th February 3pm - 5pm', are in a white box. A central white oval contains text about 12 apprentices from big brands. Below that, a white box says 'Open to all year groups in Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13'. Two white boxes with checkmarks list benefits: 'Opportunity to ask questions and find out about other young people's career journeys' and 'Learn about different types of apprenticeships, some myth busting and a few prizes along the way!'. At the bottom, a white box provides the registration link: 'https://www.research.net/r/NAW2021'.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

# National Apprenticeship week

**Monday 8th February  
3pm - 5pm**

We will be hearing from 12 different apprentices from some of the biggest brands on the planet! Each apprentice will give a short 10-minute snapshot on what they do, their career journey to date and why their apprenticeship has been the best route for them!

Open to all year groups in  
**Y10, Y11, Y12 & Y13**

- ☑ Opportunity to ask questions and find out about other young people's career journeys
- ☑ Learn about different types of apprenticeships, some myth busting and a few prizes along the way!

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