

# Headteacher's Update

19th March 2021

# Message from Mr O'Sullivan

You will now have received your self-testing kits. If you are worried about anything, I have popped some useful information on the homepage of the school website to help you along. I do hope that the process is successful. We have recently received another batch of these tests so I can imagine this being the government plan for the foreseeable future. Over the week, I have been so impressed with how great our kids have been reintegrating back into school. As always, there have been lots of magic moments that I have heard about. One particularly impressive thing I heard this week was a fabulous music performance by Freddie and Leo. It is great to see what talented individuals that we have who are occupying their time sensibly and growing, both as members of society and in this case, musically.



# MENSA Testing - Congratulations

Congratulations to some of our Year 8 students who received certificates this week for incredibly high scores in the MENSA test they did late in 2020.

The following students had incredibly high IQs, which put them in the top 2% for students their age, eligible to be part of the MENSA society:



Luke F, Meg D, Zeph F, Eli A, Arne K, Lucas R, Antos D, Ethan D, Sam B, Slav D, John D, Isaac N, Maysaa K, Toby E, Mia O, Henry B,

Elvie T, Finn B, Joshua J, Ben H, James K, Dougie H, Barbana H, Rose S, Olivia G, Zoe F, Leah K

Furthermore, we were also very impressed with the scores of the below students, who also all had way above average IQs, and will be receiving certificates congratulating them for their efforts in the test too next week:

#### Dates for the Diary:

Escape Room Event – 20th March 2021

Last Day of Term – Thursday 1st April 2021

Return to School – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021



It's Comic Relief Day 2021!

You can watch the live show this evening (19<sup>th</sup> March) on BBC1 at 7pm



Eashan P, Josh J, Anita C, Jackie H, Stanley M, Larry G, Leo G, Evie B, Wassim H, Harry M, Toby R, S, Rocco Y, Darcey D, Jake T, Bella H, Ethan H, Lilu K, Zac

#### 2021 – Summer Engineering Course

**2021 Summer Engineering Online Courses** 



#### THE SMALLPEICE TRUST NEWSFLASH

Engineers help to change the world and solve many of the challenges facing humanity. Our summer courses let young people find out more about different engineering careers, get hands-on with interactive projects and learn live from industry experts and academics. COVID-19 means we're going virtual again this year.

The courses cover a wide range of subjects for Year 8 to Year 12. For example, with oceans covering 70% of the Earth's surface, discover how to design for the marine environment. Or see and experience how engineering contributes to a better environment, from discovering clean energy to how buildings are being designed and built. Courses are tailored for different age groups, from giving a broad overview of topics to focusing on specific areas.

For more information visit smallpeicetrust.org.uk

# Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

If ex-swimmer Michael Phelps were a country, he'd rank no. 35 on the all-time Olympic gold medal list, ahead of 97 nations.



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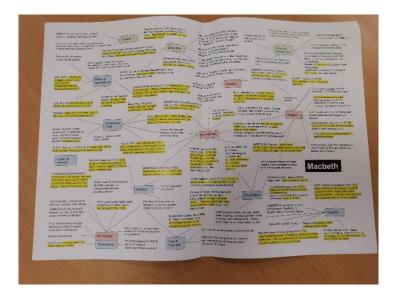


Freddie O, Luke R, Tasnuba K, Amber D, Ethan S, Geri K, Landen J, Adam W, Harriet F, Elishama A, Sarah M, Eita S, Lola VW.

Well done to everyone involved 😂

### English Year 11 Revision

Some amazing revision work from Spike in Year 11! Spike has created detailed revision sheets for each of his English Literature texts - well done!



### **HPV Vaccinations**

On 29<sup>th</sup> March, Year 9 will have the first stage of the HPV vaccination at the Hampton site.

Forms will be coming home this week; please ensure they are returned to the Hampton office as soon as possible and no later than Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

# Tudor Magnificence Online Talk

Prepare to be transported to a world of opulence and sixteenth century bling, as Joint Chief Curator <u>Lucy Worsley</u>, along with Professor Glenn Richardson from St Mary's University and fellow Historic Royal Palaces

curators Dr Alden Gregory and Brett Dolman, bring to life the magnificence of the Tudor court.

Featuring a sneak preview of Hampton Court Palace's upcoming exhibition Gold and Glory: Henry VIII and the French King, this one-hour talk will bring to life the grandeur and majesty of one of the most spectacular examples of royal showmanship, the Field of Cloth of Gold. From fountains flowing with real wine, to 36 metre tents made entirely from cloth of gold, this talk will provide you with all the inspiration you need to host your own Tudor festivities. A whopping 66,000 litres of beer were ordered for the Field of Cloth of Gold in 1520 - prepare to hear about Tudor partying on a gargantuan scale! Click below for details:

https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/whatson/tudor-magnificence-online-talk/#gs.vu8x07

### New Uniform - Stevensons

Please note that new uniform orders need to be received by Sunday 1st August to guarantee delivery before the start of term - September 2021 (stock dependent).

# Sporting Headline of the Week

Tiger Woods has returned home and will work on "getting stronger every day" following the car crash that left him with significant injuries. The American golfer, 45, needed surgery after suffering a fractured leg and shattered ankle in the crash.

The 15-time major champion was moved to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for follow-up procedures on 27 February. Woods, who was recovering from back surgery at the time of his accident, was found unconscious and with his face and chin covered in blood at the scene.

# Ready4Rugby Tournament in Richmond for years 7-13

On the first Friday of the Easter holidays, 3x Ready4Rugby tournaments are running for years 7 -13. This is a great opportunity for players to get together and throw a ball around and is open to boys and

girls. For more information about Ready4Rugby, visit the website

https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/playing/ game-on/ready-4-rugby. Below are the links needed to book a slot in the tournament.

Years 7 & 8 bookings. 9am - 11am: https://www.clubs-<u>hub.com/richmond/index.cfm?eve</u>nt=event&eventId= 35299#.YFDCi0ieQbk

Years 9 & 10 bookings. 11am - 1pm

https://www.clubs-

hub.com/richmond/index.cfm?event=event&eventId= 35300#.YFDCy0ieQbk

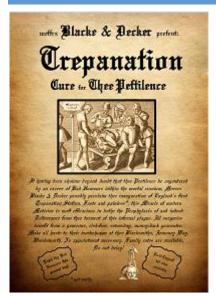
Years 11 -13 bookings. 2pm - 4pm: https://www.clubshub.com/richmond/index.cfm?event=event&eventId= 35301#.YFDC8EieQbk

#### Art

My picture is meant to be of Amanda Gorman the poet who totally stole Biden's inauguration. I was inspired by Van Gogh's "Self Portrait". This is my first attempt at pointillism and took me about three hours to complete. By Maya Mensah Gibbs 7N



#### Black Death Poster



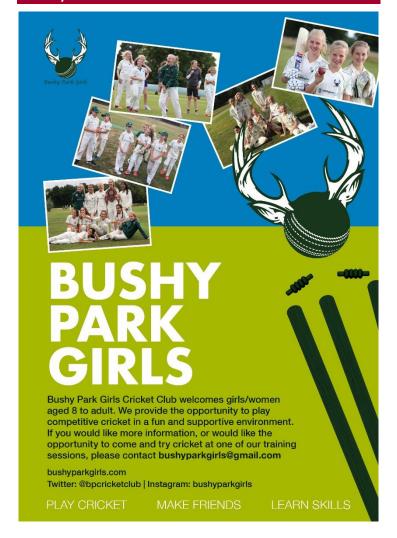
Well done to Maya on creating this brilliant Black Death poster. Did you know - at the time of the first Black Death outbreak very few people would have been able to read her poster?

The printing press had not yet been invented, and it wouldn't have

been practical to have printed her poster using wood blocks.

Well done, Maya - we loved this piece of work!

# **Bushy Park Cricket for Girls**



# Four Students Win Awards in the Lower Sixth British Physics Olympiad

Four Turing House students have won awards in the British Physics Olympiad's Senior Physics Challenge held this month for the Lower Sixth year group. Daniel Wait won a Gold Award, Archie Hale won a Silver Award, and William Whateley and Cal Weyland-Oliver both won Bronze Awards.

The Olympiad is designed to push students and encourage them to aim high in physics, allowing them to participate in a national competition taken by the most able physicists of their own age in the country. They are participating in an open competition without the concern about a bad result following them around.

The competition looked for quick thinking and fluency in a range of the topic areas questioned. There are a number of puzzle-like questions which required the students to do small manipulations at speed. About 5270 students participated from 380 schools.

Well done, boys!

## Historical Story of the Week

This 14th-Century African Emperor Remains the Richest Person in History.

Musa became ruler of the Mali Empire in 1312, taking the throne after his predecessor, Abu-Bakr II, for whom he'd served as deputy, went missing on a voyage he took by sea to find the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. Musa's rule came at a time when European nations were struggling due to raging civil wars and a lack of resources.

During that period, the Mali Empire flourished thanks to ample natural resources like gold and salt.

And under the rule of Musa, the prosperous empire grew to span a sizeable portion of West Africa, from the Atlantic coast to the inland trading hub of Timbuktu and parts of the Sahara Desert.

As the territory grew while Musa was on the throne, so did the economic standing of its citizens.

Year 7 History students will learn more about this topic in class later this year.



# Post-18 Futures

Thinking of a career in media? Perhaps marketing and advertising is your thing? Read this week's Q&A to find more:

https://www.turinghouse6th.org.uk/?p=2563