



EDU Bulletin

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Cover photo: Flags in honour of the Twinning of Richmond, Konstanz, and Fontainebleau
George Street, Richmond

Anglo-German Festival: Dorffest

- Mr Clements

An event that has proved to be more highly anticipated than a David Hasselhoff reunion tour - the Anglo-German festival, is nearly upon us! Designed to be part of Richmond's 65th Anniversary Celebration of its twinning with the town of Konstanz in Germany our *Dorffest* (Village festival) will take place in the grounds of Grey Court School from 12 - 4pm on Saturday 7 June 2025. (Entry is via the Sandy Lane Gate)

Planning for the event has thrown up a number of surreal moments that have included - sourcing a genuine Oompah band, trying to track down a troupe of travelling Morris dancers (I failed) and finally an email from the Head of the German school that included the line: There is the possibility of German sausage (but) Enough stereotypes."

And in case truth really isn't stranger than a bildungsroman, Mr Jacob even used the occasion of a SLT Anglo-German festival discussion to share a very discreet picture of the Jacmeister resplendent in Lederhosen whilst on a trip to Munich! Unfortunately this sight is most definitely NOT for the wider population of Ham!

And then there was this morning's conversation with Mr Nair:

Mr Nair: I have a German friend who wants to sponsor the festival.

Mr C: Great - how many Deutschmarks?

Mr Nair: No - she's baked a giant cheesecake she'd like to donate. What should I say?

Mr C: Tell her to drop it off. What does she look like?.

Mr Nair: Just look for a German lady holding a large cheesecake on Saturday around 11.

Mr C: Wunderbar.

At its heart the event is designed to celebrate the happy co-habitation of our Anglo-German community in Ham. With face-painting, music, sport, games, friendship bracelets, an affirmation mural, and a large cheesecake to keep young and old entertained, please come along from 12-4pm with your families and friends for a Kolsch lager and scone or two!

Many thanks to Ms Thomas and our colleagues from DSL who have worked incredibly hard to make our Dorffest happen!

The schedule and event plan are included here: [Anglo-German Festival](#)





Anglo-German cultural festival

Saturday 7 June 2025, 12pm-4pm
Grey Court School, Ham TW10 7HN
via Sandy Lane entrance

Grey Court School & Deutsche Schule London
celebrate the re-affirmation of the twinning of
Richmond with Konstanz.

live music, entertainment, sport, food & drink

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NEWS

KS3+KS4

Year 7

Mr Ridley

Year 7 students have returned full of energy for the final half-term of their first year at Grey Court.

It is action packed with events and opportunities. Next Wednesday sees the final events of our Sports day program, with the sprints and the relays, including the staff relay. There are many hamstrings that are already tightening at the mere thought of that race!

Next Thursday is our online parents evening, so please ensure you have booked your appointments online, using the correspondence that was sent out recently. The students will be receiving their reports with grades and feedback, so they can reflect on their efforts for the year and address the next steps that have been provided. If you have any concerns about how to book, or if you would like us to book the appointments for you if you are unable to please contact ouluduzatakan@greycourt.org.uk

This Friday saw Ms Corrigan, Grey Court's Careers advisor lead an assembly on careers. We were lucky to have a host of different guest speakers come to school and talk about their jobs from a variety of sectors, which captivated the interest of our young minds. The students had some thoughtful ,mature questions for the guests and it was a great event. Well done to Ms Corrigan and all the students that asked questions afterwards.

Deli Salad

Mood boards



7rww proudly displaying their Deli Salad Mood boards. This half-term they will design and prepare their own favourite deli salad using some of the ideas they have researched.

Ms Holmes

STEM Club trip to NPL

- Mr McCormick



On Tuesday 3 June, twenty Y7s visited the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington to learn about life as a scientist and one of the most important metrology (the study of measurement) facilities in the world.

We started our day hearing from some of the scientists working at NPL. A data scientist talked about how he uses measurements and errors through the TRUTH program to predict the weather. They use python and MatLab coding software to analyse the data.

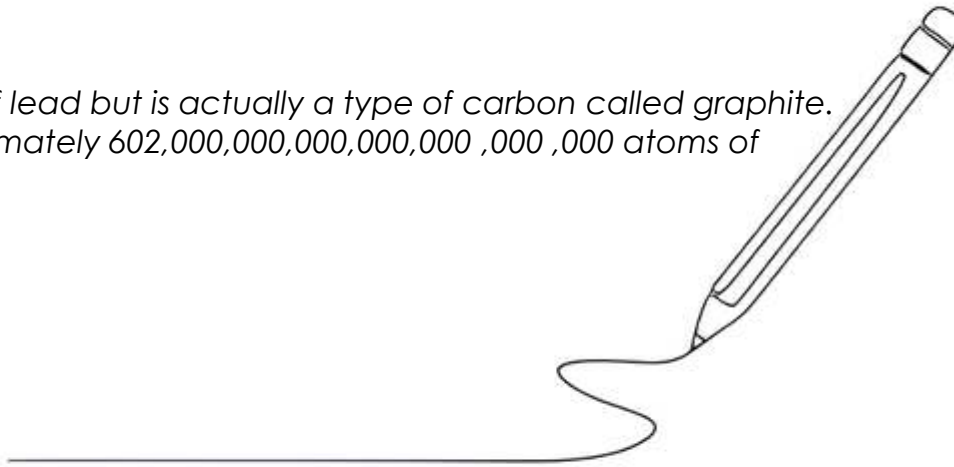
Then we heard from an apprentice and his unusual route into working for NPL. As someone who loved drama, but didn't do well at his computer science A Level and didn't go to university, he applied to lots of media based apprenticeships but was rejected for them all. He then applied to NPL on a whim and it has all worked out for him. It goes to show that there are so many routes into science and sometimes you just need to take a chance!

Next was a marine biologist who has been to Antarctica and touched icebergs (which is very cool). She works on measuring CO₂, plastic, and marine life in the oceans. We learned about how marine biology is changing to use remote controlled sensors to reduce time and money spent on research.

Our next activity was learning about all the SI units which are used to measure everything in the world. Our Year 7s were locked in an escape room and had to solve the puzzles by learning about the metre, kilogram, Kelvin, second, ampere, mole and candela.

Did you know:

Pencil lead is not made of lead but is actually a type of carbon called graphite. A pencil contains approximately 602,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 atoms of carbon which is 1 mole.



After our puzzle solvers escaped, our Year 7s got hands on understanding where these units come from. NPL's objective is measuring any quantity as accurately as possible but this requires understanding physical quantities.

Did you know:

The kilogram was invented in 1889 and was defined as the mass of a platinum and iridium cylinder kept in Paris. Each country was given a replica of "Le Grand K" but over the next 100 years, the mass of each of these replicas changed unpredictably. Some gained mass while others lost mass. This led to the current definition of the kilogram which is now based on Planck's Constant



Our final activity was looking at uses of liquid nitrogen. We started with a demonstration of what happens to a flower and a tennis ball when they are cooled to -190°C. It turns out that -190°C is very cold and makes materials very brittle which means when you hit them, they shatter into tiny fragments. We then learned of the uses of liquid nitrogen in superconductors. When some materials are cooled to -190°C, they have no resistance and therefore waste very little energy. This technology could have huge benefits but only if someone could figure out how to do it at room temperatures.

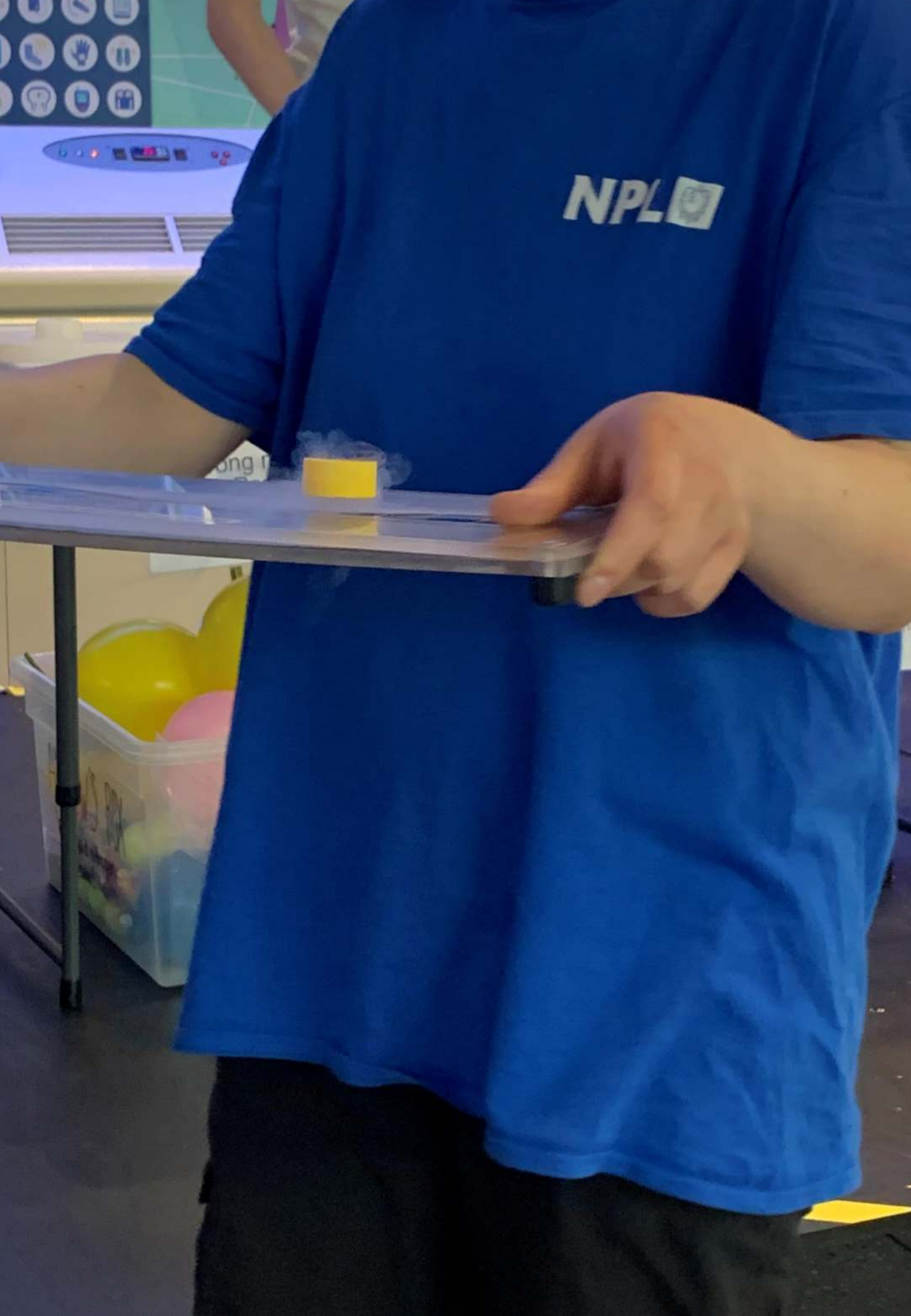
We are very grateful to NPL for hosting us, sharing their expertise and inspiring our future scientists.

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NPL 



Year 8

Ms Saccheri

Welcome back, Year 8! We're into the final stretch of the year, and there's plenty to get stuck into. Sports Day is nearly here- well done to everyone who's already been flying the flag for their House. We'll be cheering you all on next Wednesday... admittedly rooting a little louder for Spartan!

In PDW, we explored how Pride is celebrated around the world- from vibrant parades to powerful activism- reminding us of the importance of acceptance, visibility, and being proud of who we are.

A big shoutout to Aaryav, Aayuka, and Philippa for storming the leader board in achievement points this week. What a way to start the half term- keep it up!

Y German Food

Mrs Moore was delighted with the tasty treats that her Year 8 German class cooked for homework! They were tasked to cook something German, Austrian or Swiss and they made a fantastic range of food, including Pretzel, Schwarzwaldkirschtorte, Apfelstrudel, Kartoffelpuffer and Zitronenkuchen. Sehr gut gemacht!



Gretl

Gretl Hei Lam To



Frances

Frances Li



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Anna Wurster Osuna



Emma

Emma Ginnelly



Evo

Eva Fountain



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Mari Evans



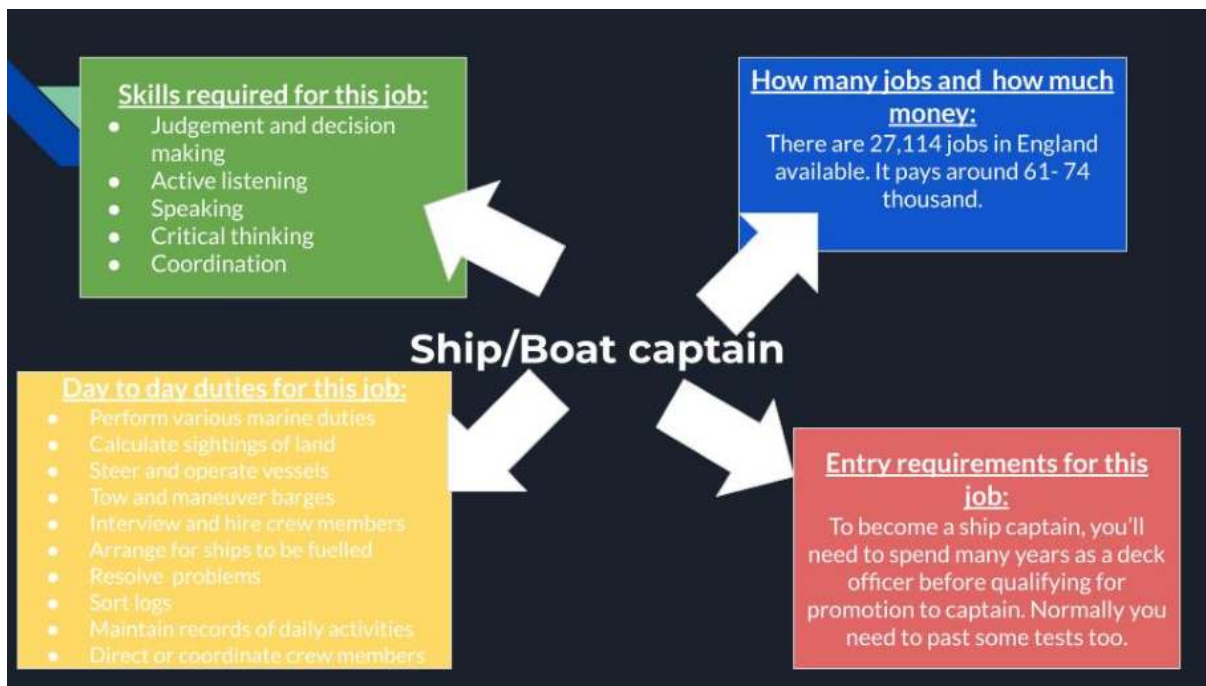
Harriet

Harriet Pidduck

Gradu8 Careers Challenge


The year 8s were working on the U-explore careers Gradu8 challenge. They had to research their career ideas by using the [Unifrog](#) website, which is a careers website we use throughout Grey Court. Students had to produce a presentation of their possible future careers and we had some fantastic work and we wanted to share some snippets from their work.

The tutors have picked their best presentations (see below). Miss Corrighan was really impressed with the quality of the work and has identified the top student presentations from each tutor group - well done a prize is coming your way: Jenson (8 Ash), Emilia (8 Beech), James F (8 Cedar), Hayley (8 Maple), Kerem (8 Oak), Aaryav (8 Rowan), Daisy (8 Willow)




Jenson (8 Ash)

Role models



Captain Steve James
Saga cruises ship



Captain Simon Moore
Master mariner

Other information
You should do the following:

- Work With Work Group or Team: Extremely important.
- Work Schedules: Regular (established routine, set schedule).
- Spend Time Sitting: Less than half the time.
- Responsibility for Outcomes and Results: Very high responsibility.
- Freedom to Make Decisions: A lot of freedom.
- Duration of Typical Work Week: More than 40 hours.
- Coordinate or Lead Others: Very important.

PI (Private Investigator)

Requirements to be a PI

1. *Good communication skills*
2. *Excellent observation skills*
3. *Good critical thinking skills*
4. *A natural inquisitiveness*
5. *Great problem solving skills*

Entry Requirements

Gcses and A levels

You must have subjects with a grade 4 or above including maths and english. There are no a level requirements to become a PI but a degree in psychology or law is useful.

Degrees and Universities

Common degrees for a PIs are Criminology, Law and Legal studies as well as Computer science and AI. Good universities that offer these courses in the UK are Longborough and Durham university



Diplomat

Entry Requirements



Skills

- Communication skills, as you'll be working across the globe with lots of different people.
- Ability to adapt to different locations and different languages.
- Fluent in the local language of the country that you would be placed in.

- In the UK, you can study any degree then get an internship to the civil service then once you have built up experience, you can later apply to the Diplomatic Service.
- Salary: Up to £88,000
- There are about 17,300 diplomatic jobs currently in the U.K.
- I plan to study politics and then join the diplomatic service and later become a diplomat.

Day to Day Life

- A diplomat's job is to represent their country's interests abroad, primarily through helping with international relations, negotiating agreements, and addressing issues. They work in embassies and with foreign governments.
- Peter Mandelson is currently the UK's Ambassador to the USA.

Marketing executive

Description

You can work at sales and marketing agencies or in the marketing teams of companies like banks, factories, etc. Your daily tasks will most likely include looking into what people like and what's popular and planning the launch of new items. Setting budgets, targets and timelines Organizing events to meet new and existing clients and attending them. Keeping track of budgets and how well the campaigns are doing and also leading a group of marketing workers. You will usually work from Monday to Friday at 9am and finishing at 5pm. Events could also be held on the weekends that include product launches or trade fair. You're main working area will usually be an office yet you may sometimes travel to places to meet with clients.

Salaries

For marketing associate professionals the salary is £31,492. For sales, marketing and related associate professionals the pay is £42,611. £48,074 in this region of London



Requirements

There are no set entry conditions. You may need a degree in marketing or business, or experience in marketing. Another possibility is to start as a marketing apprentice and work your way up. You will also need leadership and motivational skills. Creativity and great attention to detail, good communication and IT skills and project management skills.



3. ENERGY OPERATIONS MANAGER

ENERGY OPERATIONS MANAGERS PLAN AND COORDINATE ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE ENERGY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION.



THIS MIGHT INCLUDE:

MY DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES MAY INCLUDE:

- **MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT ENERGY SITES, LIKE WHERE TO SET UP WIND TURBINES OR EXPLORE FOR FUEL RESERVES**
- **CARRYING OUT RISK ASSESSMENTS**
- **MANAGING A TECHNICAL TEAM AND SUBCONTRACTORS**
- **MEETING PRODUCTION TARGETS**
- **DOING SITE INSPECTIONS AND ENERGY SURVEYS**
- **CONTROLLING BUDGETS**
- **MAKING SURE PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND FACILITIES MEET SAFETY STANDARDS**
- **WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, BY ASKING FOR THEIR INPUT ON A NEW ENERGY SITE OR EDUCATING ABOUT RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SCHOOLS, FOR EXAMPLE**

entry requirements- General and non emergency medicine (GP)

Skills needed	education (GCSE/A levels)
Communication	7 plus in science, maths and English in GCSEs
Attention to detail	Chemistry and biology in A levels
Observation	
Adaptability	
Good knowledge	
Calmness under pressure	

Abigail (8 Cedar)

Cryptanalysts

What us a Cryptanalyst?
A cryptanalyst is a person who studies and breaks secret codes to find out what hidden messages say. They help keep information safe or uncover secret plans, often using logic and computers.

Skills required

- Advanced knowledge of mathematics.
- Broad knowledge of computer sciences, particularly network and systems analysis.
- Knowledge of multiple programming languages such as C++, C, Java, Python.
- Knowledge of homomorphic encryption and other known encryption techniques.

Cryptanalyst Education Requirements:
You need a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a relevant subject, such as cybersecurity, computer programming, computer science, computer engineering, software development or IT.

- Maths - Helps with patterns, logic, and problem-solving.
- Computer Science - Teaches how to code and understand how computers work.
- English - Helps you read carefully and explain your ideas clearly.
- Physics - Builds strong thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Languages - Useful for understanding codes in other languages.



Yung Ching (8 Elm)

Family support worker

396 in the local area of Richmond upon Thames

- to be a good listener, to understand the needs of children and families
- the resilience to build good relationships with families that may be unfriendly at first
- to be a good overall communicator, so you can have productive face-to-face conversations but also write reports accurately
- an open-minded approach, so you are not judgmental of families based on their situations
- balance, so you don't allow concern for your clients to overwhelm your personal life

Salary:
£45,260

need a qualification in
childcare, social work, social care, counselling, youth work, or education. Some roles may ask for a bachelor's degree.

Difficulties facing your clients could include:

- drug or alcohol addiction
- a parent in hospital or prison
- marital or financial difficulties
- a child or parent with a disability
- problems accessing services due to language barriers

Work in places like:

- children's homes
- nurseries
- family refuge centres
- probation services
- family community centres
- mental health services
- youth projects

Zoe S (8 Elm)

Also in 8 Elm special mentions go to Rory, Millie and Oli for some great work.

Graphic Designer

Skills:

- Creativity
- Digital literacy
- Artistic skills
- Attention to detail
- Independence

Availability:

There are currently 96,102 jobs available in the UK

Entry requirements:

- complete a foundation degree, diploma, or undergraduate degree in graphic design or another visual art subject
- complete an apprenticeship or degree apprenticeship in a design-based subject
- complete a 'bootcamp' or certificate in a graphic design area you're interested in, like UX design

Day-to-day duties:

Some examples of day-to-day duties are discussing the client's requirements and coming up with creative ideas, working out budgets and deadlines and preparing designs using specialist software

Indie (8 Maple)

Marine Biologist

What skills are required for Marine Biology?

Skills required for being a marine biologist are research skills for collecting and analysing data, attention for detail and observation skills, particularly when doing field work, communications skills including both speaking and writing for presenting findings verbally and on reports, problem-solving skills. Depending on the field work experienced and good swimming much be useful also the ability to scuba dive.



What are the day-to-day duties?

Some day-to-day duties for a marine biologist may include a mixture of laboratory work and fieldwork, this may include conducting surveys of marine species in a particular area to monitor and map populations and their species, collecting samples to take back to the lab for analysis, interviewing local fishers and other stakeholders about local marine practices, assessing the environmental impact of proposed new construction structures or developments, writing and publishing reports of your findings, presenting your findings to governments or to public agencies or at a conference



How many current jobs are available in the UK?

There are currently 36 available jobs in the UK for marine biologists. These job boards offer a range of experiences, teachings, research, positions for jobs in marine biology.

How much might you get paid?

The average salary for a marine biologist in the UK typically falls between £31,881 and £40,060 per year, with entry-level positions starting around £19,500 to £24,000. More experienced marine scientists can earn up to £60,000.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements are degrees in marine biology, marine science, Oceanography, environmental science, ecology. Many Marine Biologists have postgraduate qualifications or doctorates in these subjects too.

Is there anything else you think is important that others should know about the job?

When committing for this job I think you should always make sure that you are 100% ready and qualified because this is a big job and helps all of marine life, I also think you should be dedicated to show and with a positive attitude.

Are there role models you admire that do that job?

No, but this is one of my dream jobs because I have a strong love and passion about the ocean and the marine life and how they live and how we can help them, I also like researching and writing reports.

Hayley (8 Maple)

And special mentions go to JOSH, SAMUEL and SAKURA (8 Maple) for excellent presentations.

Veterinarian

Vets diagnose and treat sick or injured animals



How much money do they make?

Vets make £49,470 a year which is quite a lot of money. In the east of England they make £49,883. They make quite a lot of money as a lot of people have pets in England

What skills do they need for this?

- Excellent communication skills as you will be talking to a lot of different people
- Problem solving skills, to work out how to heal animals
- Practical skills to handle animals
- The resilience to cope with sad situations
- Accountability as you will be responsible for animals wellbeing
- Good ethical judgement to make difficult decisions

Working environment

At a vets' practice, you'll usually work about 43 hours a week. You could also be on call, day or night. The job can be physically and emotionally demanding. You'll be responsible for making important decisions, and you may have to have difficult conversations with pet owners. You'll spend some time working outdoors if you're treating farm animals or horses.

Cemre (8 Oak)

ILLUSTRATOR



WHAT IS IT?

You may specialise in one area of illustration, such as children's books, articles, or magazines. Everyday tasks include discussing with clients or employers, negotiations, using the right style, and drawing by hand, paint, or digitally.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

If freelance, you can arrange your own schedules and workplaces, depending on workloads and deadlines. You can be based at home or in a studio, and occasionally meet clients.

PROGRESSION

With experience and graphic design skills you could work for a design agency, publishing company or magazine.

REQUIREMENTS

- excellent time management
- attention to detail
- the ability to work to a brief
- creativity and imagination

THOUGHTS

I would like to be a book illustrator, such as for cover designs or inner illustrations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no set requirements! However, many illustrators have a degree art-related subjects such as graphic design. If you don't have a degree, you can still be successful if you have artistic skills and a portfolio, a large and strong showcase of work.

Frances (8 Oak)

Subjects I Enjoy and Their Connection to My Dream Jobs

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Maths:

- Essential for **Investment Banking**, where it's used to **analyze financial data**, make predictions, and manage large investments.
- Crucial in **Cardiothoracic Surgery** and **Neurosurgery**, where surgeons use statistics to understand **success rates, risks, and recovery outcomes**.

Biology:

- Key for **Cardiothoracic Surgery** and **Neurosurgery**, where understanding the human body, heart, brain, and nervous system is critical.
- Helps in understanding how diseases affect organs and how surgeries can repair or remove damaged tissues.

Physics:

- Important for **Investment Banking**, particularly in **financial modeling** and **risk analysis**, where complex calculations are needed.
- Vital for **Neurosurgery**, where precise calculations are used when operating on delicate structures like the brain and spine.

Chemistry:

- Essential in **Neurosurgery** and **Cardiothoracic Surgery**, where it's crucial to understand **medications, anesthesia, and how drugs interact with the body** during complex procedures.
- Helps in understanding how chemicals in the body respond to surgical implants, materials, and recovery treatments.

Kerem (8 Oak)

Kerem really linked the subjects to the careers of interest

INTRODUCTION

CAREER 1: IMMIGRATION ADVISER



As an immigration adviser, my job would be to offer advice and information to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants who wish to enter the country by obtaining the necessary documentation. I would also guide them through possible issues such as nationality, protection, employment, deportation, citizenship and certain technicalities- such as human rights, leave to enter and leave to remain. In addition, as a qualified lawyer, I would represent any clients in tribunals and sometimes in court, to explain their case if needed.



Good Communication Skills



Good Organisational Skills



Excellent Debating and Rhetoric Skills

SKILLS NEEDED



A Thoughtful and Considerate Approach



Great Time Management Skills



Good Emotional Resilience



IMPACTS: HOW I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In this position, I could improve UK-International relations and guide people through a major life decision, helping them to apply for immigration. Furthermore, I could defend innocent people from being denied entry to the UK, fighting for justice and fairness. Finally, I could make an impact by ensuring that everybody who requests immigration advice will be granted unbiased and correct advice.

Working areas/time

Meteorologists work different times depending on if you are a forecaster or a researcher. Forecasters work 30-40 hours a week (sometimes on the weekend), but researchers work from Monday to Friday. Offices are the main place they work, however home environments can happen, along with traveling occasionally to study the weather.

Pay

The expected pay is between £27,000 and £60,000 per year

Job availability

Though the amount of jobs can't be found precisely, there are many available.

Meteorologist

Basics

What is a meteorologist?

Meteorologists collect and study data to make weather forecasts.

What are the 2 types of meteorologist?

Forecaster:

- collect data from satellite images, radar, remote sensors and weather stations
- measure air pressure, wind, temperature and humidity
- predict the weather by analysing information and using computer programmes
- give weather information and reports to customers

Researcher:

- study weather patterns and climate change
- improve computer predictions
- use research to predict floods
- study how the weather affects the spread of pollution or disease

Skills/ requirements

To be accepted in most meteorologist businesses you need a degree in either: physics, maths, environmental studies, geography and computer science. *Many places may need a degree, however (at least) you need 2 A levels at grade C or above in maths or physics and 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including English.*

Famous

One famous meteorologist is **Amy Freeze!**

Shout out also go to the following two students in 8 Rowan: Twisha & Nell

Pediatrician

Specialist medical practitioners:

£74,979

University: four years of undergraduate education, four years of medical school (or six years at a combined university), and three years of a pediatric residency program.

Skills required

You'll need:

- strong listening skills, so you can understand and address your patients' needs
- emotional resilience
- the ability to work well under pressure
- a calm, reassuring temperament
- problem-solving and diagnostic skills
- teamwork skills, as you'll work as part of a multidisciplinary team
- strong organisation and time management skills
- a caring approach

Medical practitioners:

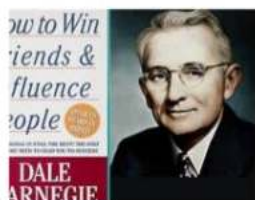
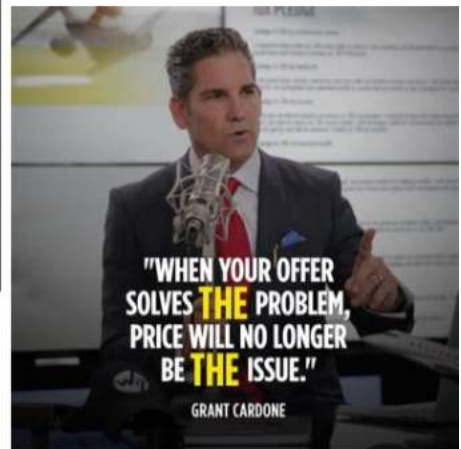
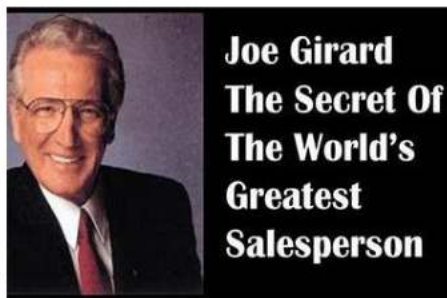
£68,236

Gcse: at least five high-grade grades (A* to B). It's highly recommended to include science subjects like Biology, Chemistry, or Physics in your GCSE choices. Additionally, strong grades in English and Maths are also crucial.

A levels: three A-levels, or equivalent, including Biology and Chemistry



HIGH VALUE SECTOR SALESMAN - PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE ME



Year 9

Ms Sutcliffe

Welcome back Year 9! A big well done to our fantastic cohort for a strong return after half term. We're on the final half term of the year but still carrying on with full steam ahead.

Special applause goes to our achievement points champions this week: Claire C, Paloma C and Milly A – clearly setting the gold standard for effort and attitude. Mr Gundry gave us in assembly with a powerful message on the environment and our plastic consumption. Expect some eco-conscious conversations at home!

Looking ahead, the End of Year Assessments kick off the week commencing 16 June. Revision booklets have been handed out and PDW sessions before the break focused on effective techniques - from flashcards to spider diagrams. Talk to your subject teachers if you have any questions.

Here's to another brilliant week - let's keep the momentum going!

Year 10

Ms Woods

First week back has been fantastic for Year 10. Students have returned with uniform almost perfect and pencil cases full!

Year 10 are currently working for a spot attendance prize which is available to all who have 100% attendance with no lates - the prize will be given next Friday for the lucky winners!

This week students have also been given a template booklet to complete to help with their EOY exam revision. We are encouraging students to plan their revision to ensure they do not leave it last minute (three weeks to go!). Please remember the exam timetable and topics have been sent out and on google classroom.

To encourage students even more so there is a 40-hour revision challenge. Students need to complete the tracker with the subjects they have studied for each hour and then ask their parent/guardian to sign it as confirmation this is true. The form with the most completed challenges will win the Pizza Party the following week!

Y10 Biology Olympiad

42,000 students took part in this year's Biology Challenge across the UK and in British teaching schools around the world!

We had five students get silver!!
This means they are in the top 15%

This is the best result we've had - well done!

A big thank you and well done to the following students who participated in the Y10 Biology Challenge

Jad Azawi
James Houlding
Nate Woodward
Freddie Quierin
Gunes Atakan
Gustav Alpsten
Camila Oliveria
Schanel Geeganage
Jenin Abo Zeniah
Fereshta Najib
Harriet Warbrick
Pablo Navas- Parejo Perez
Sara Altun
Claudia Menendez
Aaliya Raval
Mihaela Stojkoska
Kamsi Ogbu
Sum Yu Pak

Deeba Zamani
Adaa Khan
Amelie Soni
Elana Bell



Y10

Jack Petchey's *Speak Out Challenge*

Congratulations to Fereshta Najib who has been selected to compete in the 2025 Grand Final of **Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge** on **Monday 7 July** at the [Cambridge Theatre](#) in London's West End.

This year, nearly **35,000** young people have participated in Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge and she is one of the top 15 that has won a place to speak at the Grand Final.

Fereshta will be preparing for her big night by attending a preparation workshop on Saturday 28 June.

We wish her every success on the day.



Year 11

Mr Khan

Another week of exams has been completed!

Next week, the following exams are scheduled:

Biology
Physical Education
Italian
Spanish
History
Maths
Geography
Russian
Further Mathematics
Music Technology
Chemistry
Polish
Portuguese
Statistics

You should have received an email regarding Prom and leavers hoodies. Kindly ensure that payment for Prom is made through ScoPay as a matter of urgency. If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



This week in
SCIENCE



Digging Deeper

Why Plastic Pollution Really Matters

Mr Gundry

This week, I presented an assembly to Year 10 and Year 9 students in recognition of World Environment Day (June 5th), highlighting the urgent issue of plastic pollution. Next week, I will deliver the same assembly to Year 8 and Year 7.

World Environment Day is a powerful reminder of the immense challenges we face in protecting our planet, and few substances exemplify this more than plastic. As one of the most transformative materials of the modern age, plastic is valued for its affordability, versatility, and durability. Yet these same qualities make it one of the most environmentally damaging. Plastic pollution now threatens ecosystems, endangers wildlife, and poses risks to human health - impacts that will persist for generations to come, spreading across landscapes, waterways, and even the air we breathe.

Despite growing awareness, single-use plastics remain at the heart of the problem. Packaging, cups, straws, and disposable bottles offer convenience but come at a staggering environmental cost. The majority are designed to be thrown away immediately after use, yet they persist in the environment indefinitely. Every plastic bottle discarded into the ocean, every plastic bag drifting across a landscape, represents pollution that may last longer than the civilization that produced it.



Landfills overflow with plastic waste, and incineration releases carbon emissions, exacerbating climate change. Recycling is often presented as a solution, but the reality is more complicated. Many plastics are difficult or uneconomical to recycle, and even those that can be reprocessed require energy and resources, continuing their environmental toll. Globally, plastic production has skyrocketed from two million tonnes in 1950 to over 450 million tonnes today, with an estimated 11 million tonnes entering the ocean each year. The UK plays a significant role in this crisis. UK households discard an estimated 90 billion pieces of plastic packaging annually, with only 17% being recycled domestically. The country produces 2.5 million tonnes of plastic packaging waste each year, and 100% of animals washed up on British shores have plastic in their stomachs.

While the issue of plastic waste is widely acknowledged, a less visible problem is the danger of reusing plastics. Many disposable plastic containers are not designed for repeated use. Over time, they degrade, shedding microplastics into food and drink and leaching potentially harmful chemicals - especially when exposed to heat or physical wear. Some plastics contain additives that can migrate into contents, raising concerns about long-term health effects. It is a misconception that all plastics are harmless if reused, and public awareness of this risk remains low. Food items should not be heated in plastic containers if you wish to avoid plastic contamination. It's estimated by some sources that we consume up to 5 grams of plastic each week (equivalent to a credit card's worth).

Plastic's impact stretches far beyond visible waste. Microplastics, tiny fragments from larger plastics or industrial processes, have been detected in some of the most remote locations on Earth. They drift through the oceans, settle into the soil, and even infiltrate the air. Recent studies have found microplastics in drinking water, food supplies, and human organs, highlighting how deeply embedded these pollutants have become in daily life. Unlike natural materials, plastic does not break down completely but instead fragments into smaller pieces, meaning that every piece of plastic ever produced still exists in some form.

Life Cycle Assessments (LCAs), taught in the GCSE chemistry curriculum, offer a framework for understanding the environmental impact of materials like plastic. They assess raw material extraction, energy use, production, transportation, usage, and disposal. One of the most significant, yet often overlooked, stages is transport. Plastics begin life as crude oil, extracted and shipped vast distances for processing, before being formed into products and transported again for distribution. Even recycling (when it happens) requires plastics to be collected, sorted, processed, and redistributed, often across international borders. This movement consumes fuel, contributes to carbon emissions, and strains global supply chains. While recycling helps reduce waste, it does not eliminate plastic's footprint.

One of the biggest misconceptions about recycling is that all plastic is automatically recyclable, but this is far from true. Many councils have strict guidelines on what types of plastic they accept, and contaminated plastic can ruin entire batches of recycling. Before sending plastic waste for recycling, it is crucial to clean it properly. Leftover food, grease, or residues can interfere with the recycling process, meaning it may be rejected and ultimately sent to landfill.

Equally, checking whether a plastic item is actually recyclable under local council rules is essential. Some plastics, particularly certain films, black plastics, and multi-layered packaging, cannot be processed by standard facilities and often end up contributing to waste rather than being repurposed. Well-meaning attempts to recycle the wrong items can cause inefficiencies and increase costs, making individual responsibility just as important as broader industry solutions. Scientists and industries are developing alternatives, from bioplastics made from plant-based materials to advanced recycling processes that break down plastics into reusable chemical components. Some countries are enforcing bans on single-use plastics, pushing businesses to innovate more sustainable packaging solutions. However, the challenge is far from solved. The sheer scale of plastic dependency means that without fundamental changes in production, consumption, and waste management, the problem will persist. Understanding the scope of plastic pollution allows for informed choices... not just in legislation and industry decisions, but in everyday actions. The problem is not merely about waste collection; it is about rethinking reliance on plastic itself. Every item consumed, every choice made, contributes to shaping a future where environmental damage is minimized. Plastic pollution is not just a local issue - it is a global crisis, and addressing it requires a fundamental shift in perspective and policy.

Find out what Richmond Council will recycle: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/plastic_recycling

Find out what Kingston Council will recycle: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/bins-recycling-rubbish/a-z-rubbish-recycling>





Grey Court School and Sixth Form presents...

The KS4 and KS5 Visual Arts Exhibition 2025

Join us for an evening of celebration in the Atrium Gallery and Sixth Form between 5 and 7pm on Thursday 19th June. Refreshments will be provided.



JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - HAM FAIR SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

An opportunity for keen young photographers to demonstrate their creativity and skill. Open to young people in Richmond Borough up to the age of 16. Photos will be displayed in the Art Marquee at Ham Fair on Saturday 14th June 2025.

We're looking for photos that are interesting and artistic, which highlight creative skills in choosing and composing pictures, as well as technical skills in using camera or smartphone settings.

TO ENTER, HAND IN TO YOUR ART TEACHER BEFORE FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

RULES

Young people, up to 16 years old, can submit up to 2 photographs that they have taken in the last 12 months. There is no theme to follow.

Photographs can be in colour or black and white, and have a gloss or matt finish.

Prints should be mounted on card or stiff paper – maximum size of entry, including mount, is A4.

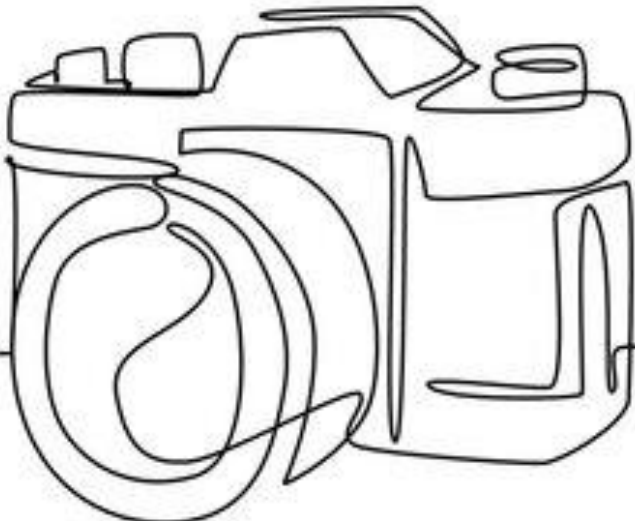
For example, a 6 x 9 inch print mounted on an A4 card gives your photo a good frame.



The photographs must be entirely your own work and not lifted from any source. Winning entries will be checked for originality. Images will be grouped according to age/year group and judged by the members of Kingston Camera Club.

Details on the back must include:
Name of author
School attending
Year group
Contact details, either phone or email address.
Title of image

PLEASE NOTE: To maintain anonymity during judging, **NO INFORMATION MUST APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF THE IMAGE.**



Clubs

Extracurricular
timetable





FOR Y10

SPANISH

GRAMMAR

GRAMMAR CLUB

Y10



EVERY TUESDAY

3:00 - 3.30

IN L7

Year 7 – Year 9

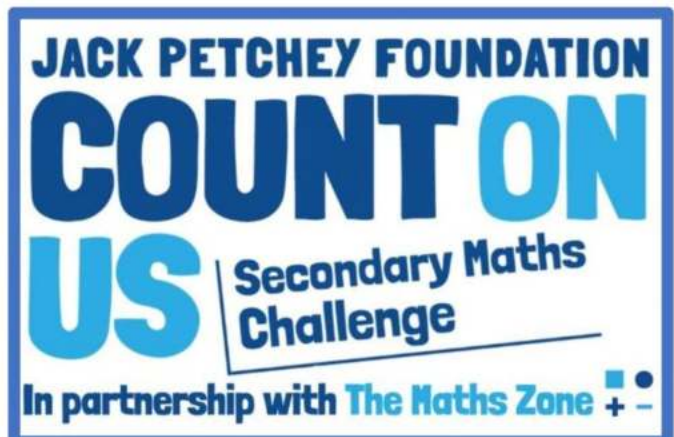


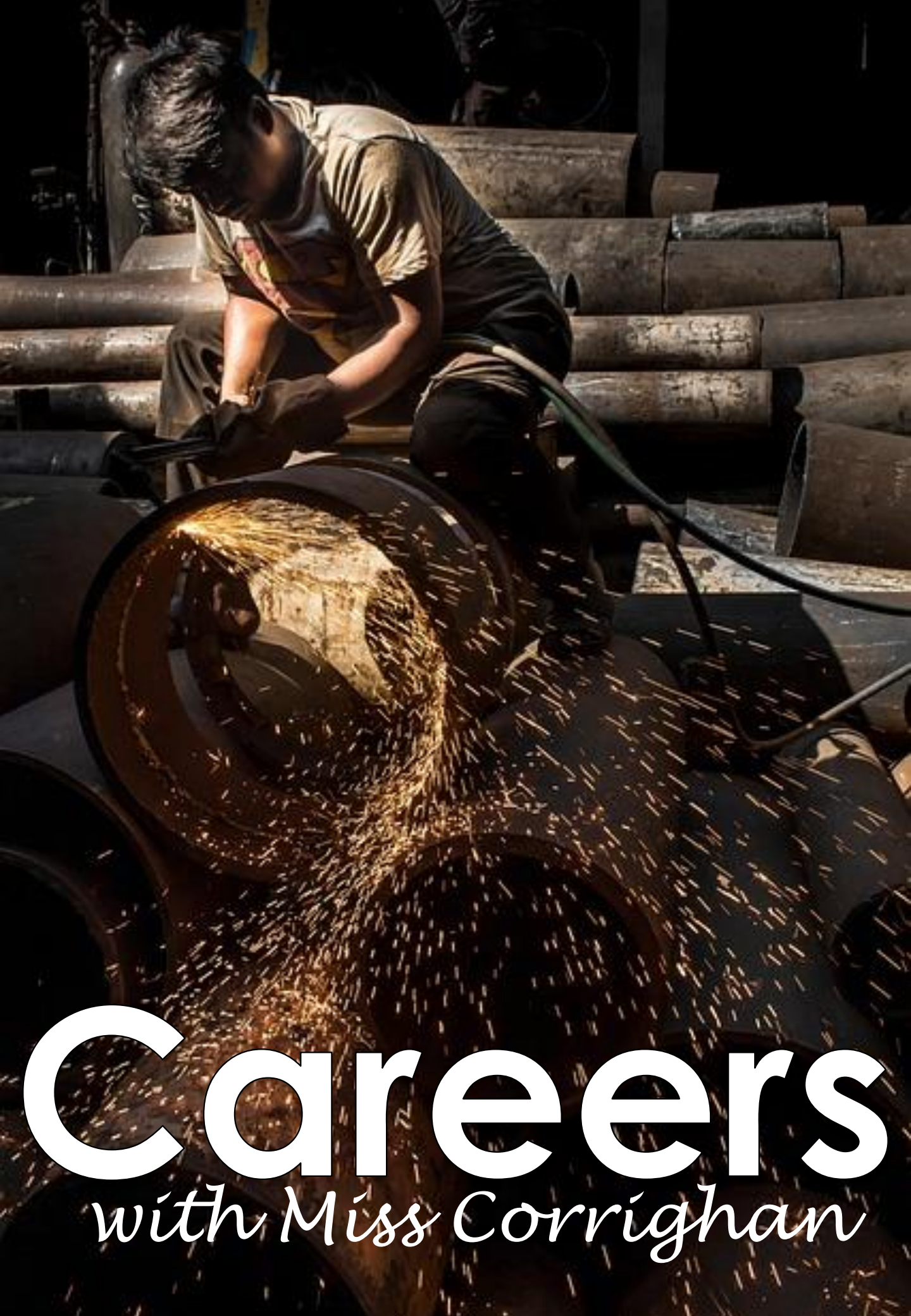
3 – 4 Every Wednesday in M5

- Opportunity to experience Maths in a different environment!
- Work in a team to solve puzzles, riddles and challenging problems!
- Opportunity to represent Grey Court in National Competitions!
- Refreshments provided!
- Please speak to Mr Lunniss or Mr Edmonds for more information.



United Kingdom
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Careers

with Miss Corrighan



Post-16 Options

As part of providing students with impartial advice and ensuring they hear from local providers, Kingston College came to speak to our year 10s during PDW this week.

The presentation went through skills, jobs of the future, and also the post-16 options available: A-Levels, BTECs, T-Levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships. For more information see: [Post 16 Options - Grey Court School June](#)

This event was the beginning of year 10 exploring the options available to them. Further events include, activities days in July. On Wednesday 9 July students will have a work-related trip, or a trip to a local college (more information to follow). On Thursday 10 July, students will attend the University of Sussex and finally on Friday 11 July, they will be rewarded with a trip to Thorpe Park. There will be 60 students on the Duke of Edinburgh Award that week and which will help develop their vital skills for the future.

College Open Events

College open events for year 10 students and parents/carers

The Grey Court Sixth Form open event will be held in November 2025 and more information on the courses on offer can be found: [Application and prospectus](#)

Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham) are holding a few open events in the summer term aimed at both Year 11 students who have not finished their applications or Year 10 students who are beginning to research different options. More to follow in the Autumn.

17 June - Open Event [Open Event sign up](#)

9 July - Parent tour [Richmond upon Thames Parent tour](#)

Kingston College has their final open day of the year on **20 June 11am-1pm for year 11 students and parents/carers**

[Kingston College Open Event](#)

More to follow in October

Esher College's open day is Monday 30 June - they host one event a year so you can sign up now if you are in year 10

[Open Events and Tours – Esher Sixth Form College](#)

Careers Bulletin

Support your child in trying out different experiences like weekend or summer jobs, internships, volunteering, or job shadowing. These opportunities provide hands-on insights into what they enjoy—or don't—and help them develop valuable transferable skills for the world of work. We want to ensure we are promoting a range of opportunities for our students to explore their career ideas.

This bulletin is produced exclusively for YOU and includes:

Work experience and taster sessions | Careers events and talks | University events e.g. summer schools and open days | All the latest apprenticeships

Sixth formers should be accessing this on a weekly basis and is posted on their google classrooms. Please see this week's opportunities bulletin so you can check out all the latest news: [06/06/2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

OPEN EVENT



Tuesday, **17 June** | 4 - 7pm

Langhorn Drive, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7SJ



Visit our open days to find out more about courses and apprenticeships

Join us to:

- Discover the range of inspiring subject choices we have to offer
- Explore our outstanding college facilities including our new STEM Centre
- Meet staff and students to gain a real insight into college life
- Join our Principal's Welcome Talk to find out more about us
- Chat with our careers advisors if you are unsure about your next steps.

Book your space in advance or drop-in on the day.



Tuesday, 17 June | 4 - 7pm

Langhorn Drive, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7SJ

Information available on:

- Access to Higher Education
- A-Levels & GCSEs
- Apprenticeships
- Art & Design
- Aviation
- Business
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Childcare
- Computing & IT
- Construction Skills & Built Environment
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering - Electrical/Electronic, Fabrication & Welding, Mechanical and our new ECITB Scholarship in Engineering Design and Draughting
- ESOL
- Foundation Learning
- Health & Social Care
- HNC Forensic Science
- Media Production & Technology
- Music
- Performing Arts & Dance
- Plumbing
- Professional Cookery & Hospitality
- Science
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism

Wellbeing



2025

June

Joyful June 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2

Say positive things in your conversations with others

3

Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4

Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5

Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6

Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7

Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8

Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9

Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10

Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11

Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12

Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13

Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14

Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15

Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16

Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17

Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18

Look for something good in a difficult situation

19

Get outside and find the joy in being active

20

Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21

Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22

Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23

Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24

Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25

Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26

Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27

Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28

Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29

Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30

Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Message from the Kingston and Richmond Youth Council

Crime and Safety Survey for Young People

We, the Youth Council, have been working with Kingston Safer Partnership, and Richmond Community Safety in developing our **Crime and Safety Survey for young people**.

We know that crime and safety is an important issue for young people, and we would be grateful for your help and support.

The survey is live from Tuesday 20 May until Monday 21 July

[Click on the link](#) to view a very short promotional video and you can access the survey link [here](#) or you can use the QR code on the next page.

As always, we really appreciate your support.

Thank you - Kingston and Richmond Youth Council



KINGSTON & RICHMOND YOUTH COUNCIL



CRIME & SAFETY SURVEY

Burglary



HACKING



Your responses
are **CRUCIAL!**

Find the survey here:



The Kingston and Richmond Youth Council have
already started making a difference:

- social media campaigns
- other podcasts to reduce stigma
- surveys to investigate problems young people may face in the boroughs

Contact us at:

info@kingstonrichmondyouthcouncil.org.uk

@afc_kryouthcouncil on Instagram



'Helping teens with...' series

Low Mood and Depressive Feelings

This webinar is intended to support parents whose teens may be showing signs of low mood or depressive feelings, which may be indicated by teens spending more time alone, and lacking in energy or motivation. It will include the signs and symptoms of low mood, and offer some practical approaches to supporting a young person who may be displaying these symptoms. It will help parents understand some of the developmental changes teens are going through, and look at strategies parents may use to help teens explore their feelings and behaviours. It will include information about when and where to get more help should this be necessary.

To book, click below

[Online event: 10 June 2025 at 6pm-7.15pm](#)

[Online event: 12 June 2025 at 9am-10.15am](#)

Self Harm and Suicidal Thoughts

This webinar is intended for parents and carers who want to learn more about how to support a young person who may be self-harming or having suicidal thoughts. It includes information on the nature and causes of self-harm, and practical ideas about how to support a young person when facing this problem and what help is available.

To book, click below

[Online event: 1 July 2025 at 6pm-7.15pm](#)

[Online event: 3 July 2025 at 9am-10.15am](#)

Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers. Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.



ADHD Embrace™

Supporting families and professionals

News and Events

[Click here](#) to read the latest news and to book events like the two highlighted below:

Children Missing Education - Sheldon Snashall, Lead Officer for Children Missing Education, AfC

17 June 2025

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM Europe/London

Over the last few years we have seen an increase in children finding it difficult to access school and this has been exacerbated following the C-19 pandemic. This webinar will support us in better understanding the guidance given to schools and Local Authorities to support these young people and to provide insights into what is happening from a national perspective but also what support is available locally.

Post-diagnosis session – Online

25 June 2025

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Europe/London

Are you the parent/carer/relative of a recently diagnosed child or teenager? If so, then our Post Diagnosis workshop provides you with the opportunity to develop an understanding of ADHD, its impact on brain function and to explore holistic approaches for managing the condition, both medical and non-medical.



Sixth NEWS Form

Year 12

TRIAL EXAMS

18 June - 27 June

These results will be used to give predicted grades for UCAS applications. A reminder that students will be given the grade above what they achieve in their trial exams. For example, BCC will become ABB.

Students will have a final attempt at improving their predicted grades for UCAS in September. Students are only allowed to pick one set of results, either the summer trial exams, or the September trial exams. They cannot mix and match.

[Year 12 Trial exam booklet Summer 2025](#)

[Year 12 Trial Exam Timetable 2025 V2](#)

Year 12 Exam TT

DAY	Session 1	Session 2
Start	8.30am	1pm
Monday 16 June	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.
Tuesday 17 June	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.
Wednesday 18 June		Mathematics paper 1 (Pure) - 2 hrs - In Sports Hall
Thursday 19 June	English Literature - 2 hrs 30 m Physics paper 1 - 1h 30 m Sociology paper 1 - 2hrs	
Monday 23 June	Biology paper 1 - 1hrs 30m Philosophy paper 1 - 3hrs Economics paper 1 - 2hrs	Psychology paper 1 - 2hrs French Paper 1 - 1h:45m Listening, Reading & Writing Spanish Paper 1 - 1h:45m Listening, Reading & Writing
Tuesday 24 June	Physics paper 2 - 1h 30m Politics - 2hrs	History Paper 1 2h 30m Geography paper 1 - 1h 55m
Wednesday 25 June	Mathematics paper 2 (Statistics & Mechanics) - 1hr 15m	Chemistry Paper 1 1h 30m
Thursday 26 June	French Paper 2 Writing - 1h:30 Spanish Paper 2 Writing - 1h:30	Psychology paper 2 - 2hrs Computer Science - 2hr 30 m
Friday 27 June	Geography paper 2 - 1h:55m History paper 2 - 2h:30m Chemistry paper 2 - 1h:30m	Economics paper 2 - 2hrs Biology paper 2 - 1h:30

PRACTICAL EXAMS

ART: two full days (10 hours total mock exam) on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June

DRAMA: Performance of Abigail's Party (after school, date to be confirmed)

UCAS Applications

All year 12 students should have completed the Funding and Finance and Education section of their UCAS forms. Students should be completing their personal details, nationality, where they live, contact information, supporting information, 'more about you' and employment sections.

Personal details

Nationality

Where you live

Contact details

Supporting information

Finance and funding

More about you

Education

Employment

All sections of their UCAS forms need to be completed by Thursday 10th July except for 'Choices' and 'Personal Statement'. Students will be spending Thursday 10th July (activity day), completing the first draft of their personal statement. Tutors and the sixth form team will be supporting students with writing the best possible personal statement to show off their considerable skills and talents.

Students should be adding course choices as they complete their university and course searches.

UCAS Discovery Fair

On Wednesday the Year 12 cohort travelled to the University of East London for the UCAS Discovery Fair. This provided an opportunity to explore their post-18 options under one roof. There were post-18 providers offering traditional degrees, apprenticeships, careers, and more.

The aim of a Discovery event is to help students decide on your next steps. Year 12 used this opportunity to:

- Chat to unis and colleges about their courses and uni life
- Speak to employers and apprenticeship providers about what an apprenticeship is like and the options available
- Speak to qualified careers advisers about their future
- Listen to talks from experts in their fields
- Hang out with UCAS experts to get dedicated support about their options.



HOME 3-3 GUESTS

Coventry University

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Work Experience

30 June - 4 July

We are nearly there! There will be a work experience briefing on Tuesday 17 June during period 6. This is to help students plan ahead for the week of work experience 30 June-4 July 2025.

Students should all have the information on Unifrog and parents/carers can access this. Students should be contacting their placements now to say they are looking forward to the week and see if there are any last arrangements. Students will be phoned or visited by staff that week and they will complete an evaluation form to reflect on their experiences.

Please speak to [Bernie CORRIGHAN](#) if you have any questions at all and well done to all the students and supportive parents/carers for arranging some fantastic placements.

EPQ

Students who completed the sign up form have now been added to the google classroom. They have an initial application activity to complete before Activity week. Students will need to attend an assigned session in Activity week to begin preparation for their project and create their summer work plan.

Thorpe Park: Friday 11 July Activity Day

[The trip letter for Thorpe Park Trip on Friday 11 July Activity Day.](#)

The cost of the entry to Thorpe Park is £26 which must be paid by the end of the day on Wednesday 18th June. Payments for students must be made for them to secure a place. Payment is available on Scopay.

Details of activity day on Wednesday 9 July and Thursday 10 July have also been included.

Y13 Year 13

Applying for Student Accommodation

Now that you have put in your firm and insurance choices for UCAS, you will be contacted by the universities asking you to apply for student accommodation. Different universities use different selection criteria - some are first come first served and some put all applications together and allocate accommodation after a particular date. Whatever the system it is a good idea to apply as soon as you can to improve the chances of getting your preferred halls of residence. Have a look at [UCAS Student Accommodation](#) for more advice on choosing the right place for you

Sixth Form Opportunities Bulletin

Please see the **Sixth Form Careers bulletin** with more opportunities that sixth formers can get involved, this is personalised for Grey Court students and we encourage all students (and parents/carers) to check this **bulletin [06/06/2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)** **For work experience, uni events & summer schools and apprenticeship opportunities**

SPORTS

News



Congratulations



Congratulations to **Ida Teggarty-Sparks** who has qualified for British and English Swimming Nationals, to be held at Ponds Forge in Sheffield from July to August.

At the Swim England Nationals, Ida will compete in the 200, 400 and 800 metre freestyle events.

In the Aquatics GB Next Generation Summer Championships 2025, Ida will swim the 200m free relay (for swimmers aged 14-16 years).

Ida's qualification comes after two months of competing in various galas. At the SE London Summer Regionals in April-May, Ida won bronze for the 800 and 1500m freestyles, silver for the 200m relay and bronze in the 100m relay. At Guildford in March, Ida won three golds for the 1500m free, 400m free and 400m Individual Medley, and bronze in the 200m freestyle.

[Picture: Ida (left) and her teammates from Teddington Swimming Club winning silver in the SE London Regionals 200m freestyle relay. They have qualified for GB Summer Championships in July.]



Sunday 1 June: Daisy and Ruby participated in the YDL track and field event in Little Marlow. Ruby achieved a PB in 800m, and participated in the HJ, 4x100m and 4x300m. Daisy participated in the 100m, LJ and 4x100m. Congratulations, girls!

Seb, Ida and Charlie training hard during half term on a National swimming camp in Brighton.



SEA LANES

THE NATIONAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING CENTRE
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 - PRODUCE
 - THE BAR
 - THE RESTROOM
 - THE OPEN WATER SWIMMING
 - THE LIFE BUOY
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LOVE

Thursday 5 June: our Year 12 BTEC and Year 7 scholars had a very interesting talk from Sam Harding about life as a Football social media content creator!







Friday 23 May: Congratulations to Willow who won the year 9 girls inter house javelin

Inter House Results

Javelin

The javelin throw requires a combination of speed, agility, power, and flexibility to achieve a successful throw.



Friday 23 May: Superb victory for Ektor in the year 9 inter house javelin

Inter House Results

Javelin



Friday 23 May: well done to Rory who won the year 8 inter house javelin

Inter House Results

Javelin



Wednesday 4 June: Well done to Amber and Mazhar who won the year 7 Inter House javelin

Inter House Results

Javelin



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Inter House Results

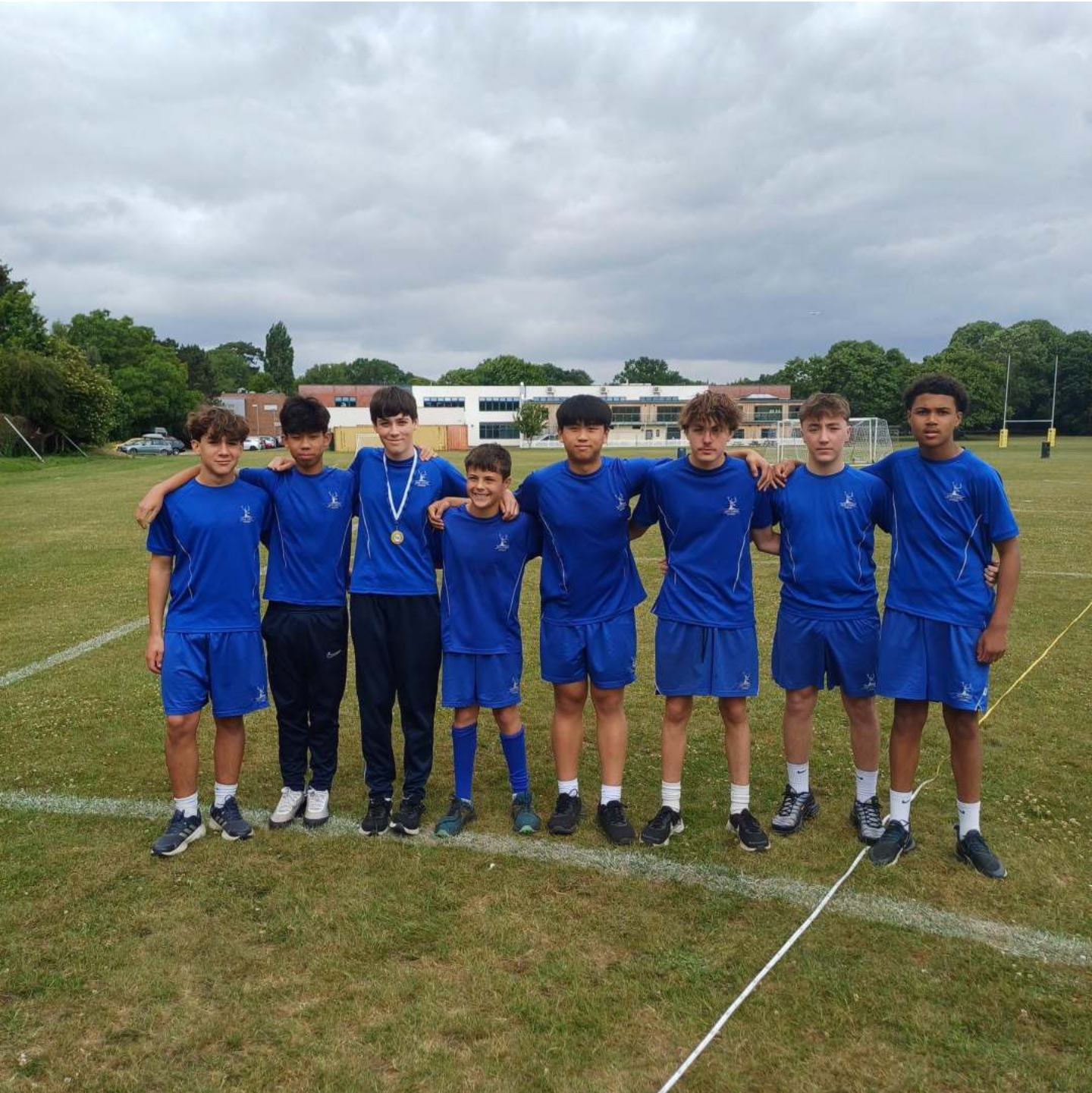
Javelin



Wednesday 4 June: Congratulations to Benji who broke the school record whilst winning the year 7 Inter House Discus.

Inter House Results

Discus



Wednesday 4 June: congratulations to Felix and Erin who won the year 9 inter house discus

Inter House Results

Discus



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Inter House Results

Discus



Wednesday 4 June: excellent victories for James and Deeba in the inter house 1500m, and Alfie in the 300m

Inter House Results

1500m and 300m



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Inter House Results

1500m and 300m



Wednesday 4 June: Congratulations to Tobias and Dylan who won the Inter House triple jump today. Well done boys

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Inter House Triple Jump Results



Wednesday 4 June: Well done to Louis, Ethan, Sydney, Mario and Emily who all won their athletics events.

Inter House Athletics Results

Olivia Green has earned this month's player of the month title for her outstanding achievements in athletics.

A dedicated hammer thrower and hurdler, Olivia continues to impress with her strength, speed, and unwavering commitment. At the English Schools Track and Field Cup Round 1, she delivered an excellent performance—throwing an impressive 34 meters in the hammer throw and clocking a swift 12.9 seconds in the hurdles.

Olivia also performed well at the Essex's Cup in the Hurdles and Shot. Her hard work and determination shine through in every training session and competition, and we're excited to see how she continues to progress throughout the season.

Well done, Olivia!



Olivia Green Player of the Month

Wai Sze Shum Scholarship Month

Congratulations to **Wai Sze Shum** who is our Scholar of the Month for May.

Wai Sze is a fantastic example of what our Scholarship programme is all about; she's dedicated, a true leader, and of course, talented. Her sporting talents spread across many different sports - most notably her aptitude for long distance running where she has performed for the school in many Cross Country and Athletics events across the year.

Wai Sze also has a talent for tennis and she is currently our #1 seed in our Year 7 Squad and produces good performances consistently in her matches.

Most of all, Wai Sze has a fantastic work ethic and is always a joy to teach. Her engagement with teachers and her collaboration with other students is something she should be very proud of.

Well done Wai Sze!



U19 Mixed Floor & Vault Regional Champions Team of the Month

The **U19 Mixed Floor and Vault Regional Champions** travelled to Stoke-on-Trent to compete in the National Finals against schools from across the country. On Sunday morning, we headed over to Fenton Manor to watch the early session and support our competitors. The U19 team competed in the afternoon. James, Will, Lily, and Frankie took to the floor, performing outstanding routines. James, Will, Lily, Frankie, and Max all competed on the vault, each scoring over 14.9 out of 16. Lily and Shakur were fantastic cheerleaders and photographers throughout the weekend. Unfortunately, Lily C was unable to compete on the day due to an ongoing injury.

The team placed **3rd in the country** in the U19 Mixed category. It has been fantastic to get our Sixth Formers involved with the elite gymnastics teams and competitions this year—we hope this continues.



Since returning from the Easter break, **Mazhar Yahsi** has truly hit the ground running with his achievements in athletics. Identified in the first week as a very able athlete, he has embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, energy, and a willingness to push himself to try new athletics events and get better at every opportunity.

Mazhar has shown exceptional promise in the field events, launching the discus a long way before moving on to what has proved to be his best event so far, the javelin, where he continues to shine in training and competition. Mazhar even asked if he could have a go at HJ at training and flew over 1.30m with ease with his first ever jump - that proves he is a talented all-rounder and has great potential to one day be a multi-event athlete.

Mazhar threw a fantastic 24.96m in the Javelin and ran a brilliant leg in the relay at the first round of the ESAA at Lee Valley, to build on his 21.10m in Chelmsford and 14.08 in the 100m at the St Benedict's event. Despite being given the afternoon off training the following day after the ESAA competition, Mazhar chose to be back out on the field, spikes on and javelin in hand, working to better his personal best. His commitment to improve and excellent work ethic will serve him well in future competitions. Well done so far, Mazhar - keep working hard, you're just getting started!



Mazhar Yahsi

Month

Alex Vermeulen Scholar of the Month

Alex Vermeulen has had an impressive month, showcasing his athletic abilities in both cricket and football. His dedication and consistent performance have made him a valuable player in multiple sports.

In cricket, Alex has represented both the U13s and U15s teams, demonstrating his versatility and skill. He has consistently contributed by scoring runs and taking wickets, playing a crucial role in the team's success. A highlight of his month was achieving a hat trick against St James Senior Boys School, an outstanding achievement that reflects his hard work and talent.

Alex has also excelled in football, particularly during the Butlins Football Tour. In the final match of the tournament, he scored a remarkable half-volley goal from the edge of the box, finishing the tournament on a high note for his team.

In addition to his sporting success, Alex has maintained a positive attitude and strong work ethic in his Scholar lessons. His commitment to both academics and athletics sets an excellent example for his peers.

Well done, Alex, on being named this month's Scholar of the Month! Your achievements are truly commendable.



TESSA Junior + Intermediate Teams

The team of the month for May is awarded to both our **Junior and Intermediate ESAA athletics teams.**

They were both victorious in the Middlesex first round at Lee Valley On Tuesday 13 May.

The Junior team finished with 418 points with Zach S winning his 100m and long jump. Lucas S won his 300m in 41.4 seconds and Liam E Hagger won his 1500m in 4:49.4.

The Inter boys team scored 491 points and were 108 points clear of 2nd place. Some of the outstanding performers were: Grindan 22.1, for the 200m, James B, 37.5 for the 300m, Robert C, 41.28m in the hammer and Ifan M, 2m 50 in the pole vault.

Both teams have now qualified for the Regional Finals in June.

Well done!



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If you are interested in signing up for the next block of The Strength Club at Grey Court School then please click the link below to register your space before we get fully booked.

If you have any further questions about the club please feel free to email Freddie on

freddie@fmfitnessclub.com

The Strength School Mission

To help reduce the growing obesity and declining activity levels of kids within the UK, by building confidence with movement patterns, educating them how to improve their understanding of strength, health & fitness and inspiring them to maintain an active life as they get older.

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24th May – Big Paddle Clean Up

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21st June – Brentford Canal Festival

Celebrate with a free opportunity to try boating and paddling on the river Thames and the River Brent!



28th June – Brentford Sprints Regatta

Come and enjoy this fun racing event for local children on the River Thames with a BBQ and stalls!



5th July – Cornish Gig Open Day

Come down and try rowing a traditional Cornish gig boat! Hosted by West London Gig Club.



23rd August – Sponsored Row

Join in with our sponsored row to Kingston to raise funds for our new Community Boat House!



20th September – The Great River Race & Open Season Celebration

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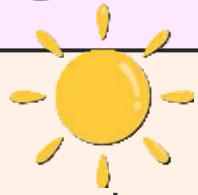
For more information, visit [kew.org/earthwise](https://www.kew.org/earthwise) or contact youth@kew.org.

The deadline for applications is **2 June 2025**.



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SUMMER 2025



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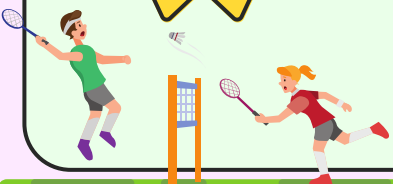


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