

1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

What an emotional week we have all had. Tuesday saw the final assembly for our outgoing Year 11 students. We had a lovely assembly organised by Mr Quigley with some poignant messages shared and an excellent display of the students' journey through Turing House. We would like to wish all the students the very best with their future, most of which continues to be with us in the Sixth Form. Wednesday and Thursday saw the school put on their first school show since the pandemic. The cast, band, stage managers and ticket masters all did an amazing job. Huge thanks to Miss Scott, Mrs Winch and Mr Coombes for their amazing work putting together a truly remarkable show.



Our new website has now had its official launch. Please send any queries or suggestions to the usual address. The migration of the old to new was a huge job. Lucky we had nothing else to do this year 😊.



## Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Year 11 had their leavers' assembly this week. This included a trip down memory lane with pictures throughout their THS experience.

Staff gave speeches and students were able to sign shirts, leaving messages for each other to reminisce about in the future.

Looking forward to the Prom on the 7th July now!



## Dates for the Diary:

4<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day (Transition Day for New Year 7 Sep 2022)

8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations (Catch up for Years 9 & 10)

**Goodbye to Year 11 & Year 13 students. We wish you every success in your next steps.**

**We look forward to welcoming back Year 11 into the Sixth Form in September!**

**Have a great summer!**

## GCSE History – Top Tips from Year 11

Our outgoing Year 11 students wanted to let our Year 9 students know their top tips as they begin to study GCSE History. We hope you find them useful!

Make flashcards each week for the topics you learn. It will mean that by the end of Year 10 you will have all the topics on flashcards that you memorise, leaving you more time to do practice questions.

Use Seneca

GCSE POD will help you so much!

Enjoy the experience. The content is incredible and even though you have exams, you'll have more knowledge about something than if you chose not to do History.

Focus on lessons and practise exam technique.

Make sure you understand the topics instead of trying to revise something you don't know.

Do not worry about events independently, but as part of a chain. If you know how events link together, it will be easier for you to map them and construct an answer rather than trying to remember a list of dates.

Make sure you understand the content in class instead of trying to revise on your own. It is so much easier just to listen in lesson, than try to learn something from scratch, because it doesn't stick.

Make sure to get a baseline knowledge of the subjects being studied by doing your own research beforehand.

Split each topic up in key areas and dates. This will really help you to remember what happens when rather than seeing it as one whole time period.

## Year 10 Spanish

Year 10 Spanish students have been busy preparing for their practice GCSE speaking exam coming up on the 12th and 13th July.



They have to learn a one-minute speech and prepare for the remaining 2 components: role play card and photo. Top tips: record yourself saying your speech and listen to it again and again; get someone at home to listen to you saying it out loud.



## The Geography Department needs your help!

The Geography Department would be grateful for any geographical books, maps or travel guides that you may have at home. These could be reference books on different geographical themes, or they could be fiction books linked to geography in some way.

We would also love to collect any travel agent brochures that you may have (any destinations are great) for our Travel and Tourism classes.



If you have any of the above and would like to donate them to school, please send to the main office, marked 'for the Geography department'.

## Top Tips for those doing A Level History!

Year 13 students wanted to share some top tips for those beginning A-Level History too:

- It'll be difficult, and you may not feel like you're doing well, but in my experience, the only way to do better is to relax and focus on your strengths rather than focusing on how someone else in your class is approaching their essays (even if they're doing better than you) as everyone is different.
- Start revising early and read around the subject.
- Practise forming a strong argument within your essays.
- Be pro-active with work from the start of Year 12. When writing essays, keep them stored somewhere with plans and feedback so when you need to revisit them for revision, you're saving yourself from needing to write out all your plans again.
- Play an active role in learning and revision because the teachers only help you as much as you want to be helped.
- Consistently revise and make sure that you focus on weaker topics even if it may be difficult.
- Experiment with different methods of learning e.g. Visual tasks (story boards) or note taking (Cornell notes or mind-mapping) and revision (practice questions, flashcards, mind maps, explaining to other people) to see what works for you, it won't be the same for everyone
- Don't be discouraged if exam technique isn't perfect at first or if you are finding some of the topics difficult; you will improve. Just keep practising and taking on board feedback!

## Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v Hampton High

The year 9/10 rounders team played Hampton High last week in their rescheduled and final league game. While the Year 9 girls have next year to look forward to, this was the last ever rounders fixture for the Year 10 girls and they, along with the Year 9s, put on quite the performance for one last time.

The Turing team worked brilliantly together as they denied Hampton High the win by levelling the score to finish with a draw. Well done to all involved!



## STEM Day



As part of celebrating Alan Turing's birthday on the 23rd of June, Year 7 undertook a fantastic day of STEM activities aiming to build on skills in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths areas within school.

Students were busy solving challenges in Maths, programming robots in Computer Science, code breaking experiments in science and building structures as part of an Engineering challenge in D&T.



**Year 10 Cambridge National sport grading**

Year 10 sport students are preparing for their individual sport and officiating grading during lessons.

Well done to them all for putting in so much time and effort into their preparation.



**Year 7&8 Girls' cricket tournament**

Students enjoyed their first cricket tournament of the year. The girls involved improved hugely over the tournament and were a credit to the school.

We are looking forward to future cricket games.



**Sports Week**

We are looking forward to Sports week starting on the 11th.

Students have been signing up to events in form time this week.

Please see the below timetable for information:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tug of war (Break time)	MUGA - Tug of war (Yr 7)	MUGA - Tug of war (Yr 8)	MUGA - Tug of war (Yr 9)	MUGA - Tug of war (Yr 10)	MUGA - Tug of war (Yr 12)
Basketball (tutor and breaktime)	Sports Hall – Basketball (Yr 7)	Sports Hall – Basketball (Yr 8)	Sports Hall – Basketball (Yr 9)	Sports Hall – Basketball (Yr 10)	Sports Hall – Basketball (Yr 12)
Lunch time	Sports Hall – Netball(Yr 7) Sports hall – Dodgeball (Yr 7)	Sports Hall – Netball(Yr 8) Sports hall – Dodgeball (Yr 8)	Sports Hall – Netball(Yr 9) Sports hall – Dodgeball (Yr 9)	Sports Hall – Netball(Yr 10) Sports hall – Dodgeball (Yr 10)	Sports Hall – Netball(Yr 12) Sports hall – Dodgeball (Yr 12)
Afterschool	MUGA – Football (Yr 7)	MUGA – Football (Yr 8)	MUGA – Football (Yr 9)	MUGA – Football (Yr 10)	MUGA – Football (Yr 12) Staff vs 6 <sup>th</sup> form tug of war (Yr 12)

**Congratulations!**

Robbie H. in Year7 has just passed his Grade 4 piano exam with a Merit.

Well Done, Robbie!

**Congratulations!**

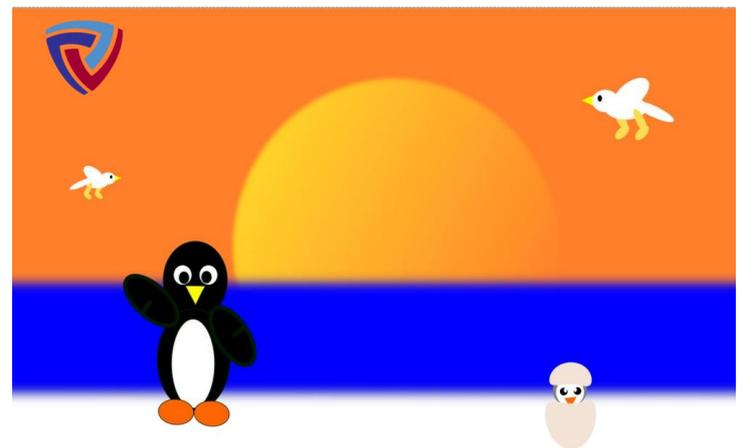
Well done to the following students who recently won a competition in their ICT classes to design new praise postcards for the school – here are the winning designs.

Some of these will be printed and used in school.

Each student will also receive 5 positive points for creativity - well done!



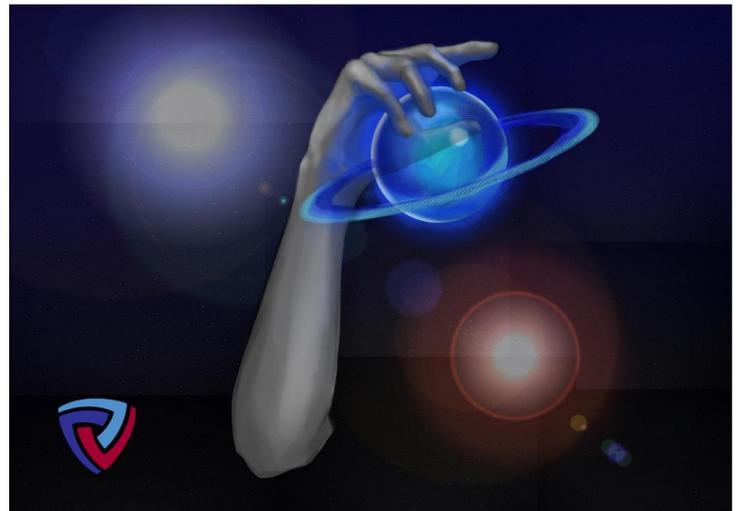
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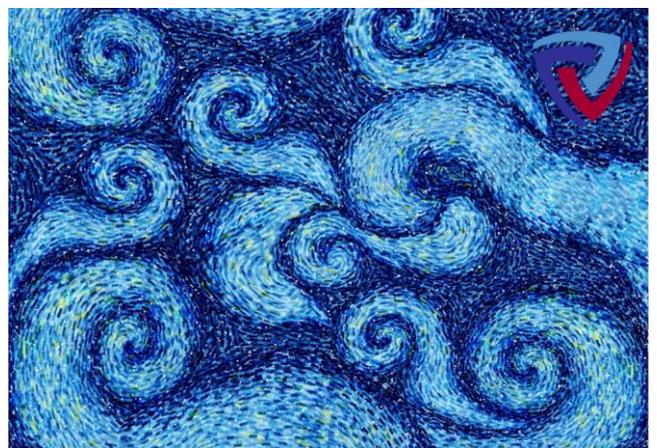
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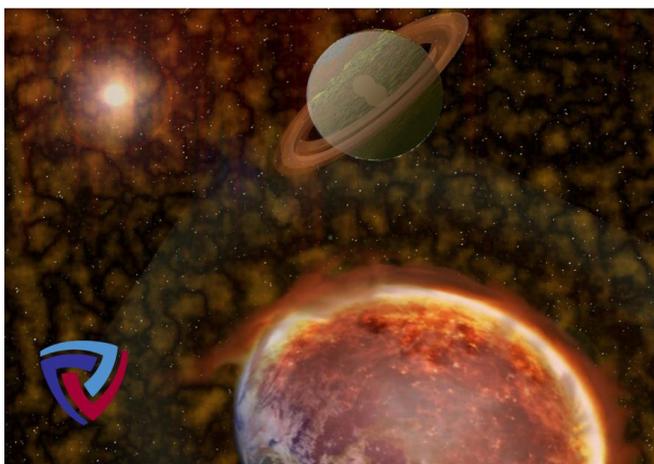
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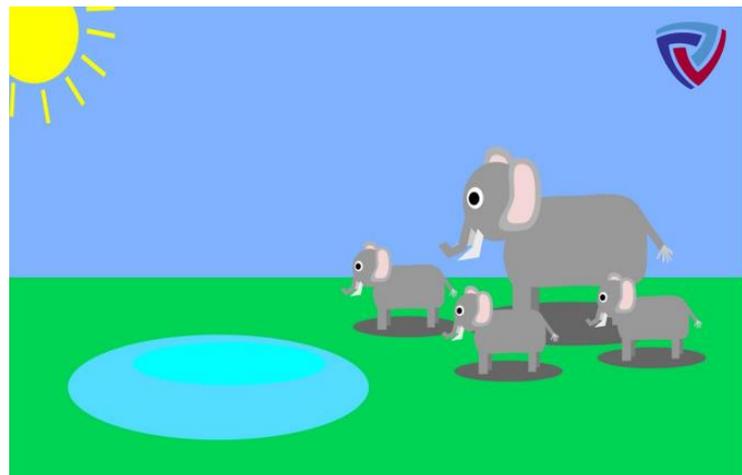
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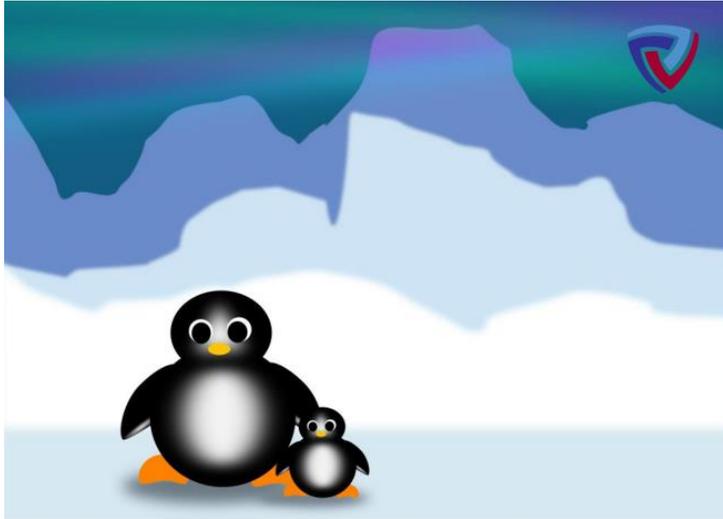
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By Poppy S. in Inkscape.

## Hula Hoop Challenge

Miss Dippie is going to attempt the hula-hoop for a month challenge (that's 15 minutes a day) to raise some money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

She is very keen to support Macmillan who do an amazing job looking after cancer patients and their families when it is needed most.

If you are able to support, her in any way, please click on the just giving link [here](#).



## Girls Rugby League Taster Sessions

Elmbridge Eagles Rugby League Club are offering girls in years 7-11 an opportunity to try rugby league. No experience is required but a desire and open mind to learn one of the most skilful team sports is.

Rugby league is played in this region for girls from April to July. Details can be found below.

**Venue:** Old Cranleigh Sports Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0HB.

**Session 1:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm - 8.15pm.

**Session 2:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10.30am – 11.30am.

These sessions will lead into games on Saturday July 9th and 23rd for U12s, U14s and U16s. Anyone interested should email [Kevin@elmbridgerl.com](mailto:Kevin@elmbridgerl.com) or call 07720 805834. The club website is [www.elmbridgerl.com](http://www.elmbridgerl.com).



## Free History Day Out: Marble Hill House

A must see for all historians!

A day out at Marble Hill is a real treat as this beautiful Palladian villa is set in 66 acres of outstanding riverside parkland near Richmond in West London. The Marble Hill Revived project is complete and the house is open to explore from Wednesday to Sunday. Visitors can discover a taste of Georgian life through the freshly conserved interiors and interpretation.

Marble Hill was built for Henrietta Howard, Countess of Suffolk, a remarkable woman of letters and friend of

some of England's greatest writers. The house and gardens were planned by fashionable connoisseurs, including the poet Alexander Pope, and were intended as an Arcadian retreat from crowded 18th-century London. There can be few places in England that better evoke the atmosphere of Georgian fashionable life.

Explore the beautiful parkland and take in the idyllic landscape on a picnic or dog walk with family and friends.

You don't need to book your free ticket in advance for the house at Marble Hill, but you will guarantee entry by booking online ahead of your visit.



Teddington Hockey Club



All ages, abilities  
boys & girls, and  
non-members  
welcome!

**Hockey Camps**

**July Morning Camps:**  
9.30-12.00  
Tues 19th  
Wed 20th  
Thurs 21st

**July Day Camps:**  
9.30-12.00 12:30-15:00  
Tues 26th  
Wed 27th  
Thurs 28th

**August Day Camps**  
9.30-12.00 12:30-15:00  
Tues 9th  
Wed 10th  
Thurs 11th  
Tues 23rd  
Wed 24th  
Thurs 25th

£25 per am/pm session  
£50 Full Day  
bring pack lunch  
Teddington School,  
Broom Road

Queries: [thsummer@gmail.com](mailto:thsummer@gmail.com)  
Bookings: [www.teddingtonhockey.club/hockey-camps](http://www.teddingtonhockey.club/hockey-camps)