



Ealing Fields News



Deputy Headteacher's Welcome

Well done everyone on making it to the end of a very long, but very exciting term at Ealing Fields. The new Year 7 students have made a wonderful start and are already leading by example in so many ways. It was excellent to watch them perform so well at the Christmas Concert with Year 8 and then, the following day, back this up with more wonderful performances to some local primary schools in the Carol Service.

In addition to these wonderful musical performances, there have been a number of sporting highlights too. The NFL team have once again competed on an international level, this time achieving bronze medals. One other sporting highlight to pick out was Ealing Fields vs Twyford in Year 9 netball: we came away with a closely fought 42-0 win!

Some other highlights from the term include the auditions for this year's school production of Shrek. Don't miss out when tickets to this go on sale! We've also held two Enterprise days where Byron and Yeats have raised just under £2000 between them for charity. We're so proud of the work our students do to give back to the community and more than half the students in Year 10 are currently undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award. There have been several other brilliant extra-curricular activities too including Drama trips

to the Bush Theatre, an Art trip to the Tate Modern and a Geography field trip. We know that many students are also starting to get excited about the 2025 ski trip too.

In addition, the students have navigated two of the four assessment points successfully. The teachers are working hard to get the Q2 assessments marked and are looking forward to feeding back to the students on how well they have done. Once again, we have secured fantastic external GCSE outcomes, and this gives us great confidence in our internal systems. The most important thing is not the grades that students are getting at this point in their journeys, but that they are doing their best and taking note of the small ways in which they can improve each time.

We hope you all have a very well-deserved rest over the next few weeks, and we look forward to welcoming students back for an 11am start on Monday 6th January. Please make sure the students can start the term well by being on time and in excellent uniform.

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2024

Monday 6th January 2025 - Thursday 3rd April 2025

Monday 6th January- All Years return

Wednesday 22nd January- Twilight (early closure)

Friday 14th February – INSET Day (school closed to students)

HALF TERM – Monday 17th February - Friday 21st November inclusive

Tuesday 25th March- Twilight (Early finish)

END OF TERM: Thursday 3rd April 2025 (Early finish)

EASTER HOLIDAYS – Friday 4th April 2025 - Monday 21st April 2025 inclusive

Geography Fieldwork

The Year 10 Geographers embarked on an exciting fieldwork trip to the River Chess, where they conducted their rivers fieldwork. The provided an excellent opportunity for students to apply and extend their geographical thinking. Despite a few students getting their feet wet (literally!). Everyone showed fantastic effort and a strong commitment to their learning.



Drama Trips

Year 10 & 11 take to the stand – Witness for the Prosecution Theatre Trip

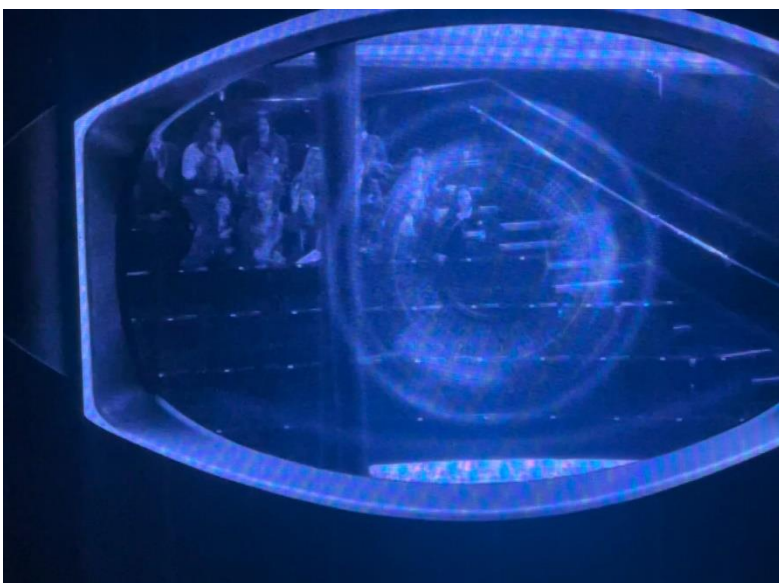
Year 10 & 11 Drama students stepped inside the magnificent surroundings of London County Hall to experience the intensity and drama of Agatha Christie's gripping story of justice, passion and betrayal in a unique courtroom setting. The students were not only audience members, but they were also theatre critics, as they were analysing and evaluating the design elements used by the designers and the vocal and physical skills used by the actors. There was certainly a lot to take in!

Bush Theatre Workshop

Following a performance and workshop at the Bush Theatre last academic year, we were kindly offered a follow-up workshop for both Year 10 and 11 Drama students. They specialised their workshop to fit what the students were currently working on in lessons. The professionals supported Year 10 to start thinking about a range of devising techniques and helped to support year 11 in working with a script. The Bush Theatre are also running a work experience program between 7th – 11th July, which is tailored for students 14+, with an interest in the performing arts industry – get involved!

1984 Drama Trip

GCSE Drama students were taken to see a production of 1984 at Richmond Theatre. One of the key themes in 1984 is surveillance and the notion that you are always being watched. This was brought to life the moment you walked into the theatre, with ACTUAL cameras capturing footage of us and displaying it on the screen! 1984 is the text that the GCSE students are studying and therefore they were very excited to see how it was staged and were taking notes for their own ideas which they will write about in their GCSE papers!



Christmas Concert

Monday 2nd December brought us the fabulous Ealing Fields Christmas Concert. There were some wonderful performances from a variety of students! Kicking everything off was the long anticipated premier performance from the Samba Band. The students in Samba Band performed with unmatched enthusiasm, showcasing their well-honed stage presence and undeniable joy for playing! There were some brilliant acts from large ensembles (the entirety of Year 7 and Year 8) and some smaller ensembles, with a confident and polished solo performance from GCSE Music student Sophie O'Connor on the flute. A particular highlight was the song 'Shine' performed by Y7: a sweet performance about stars and light, sung in perfect harmony. Olive and Sienna, two Year 9 music scholars, were the narrative voices of the evening and made plenty of witty comments, adding a touch more magic to the concert. To top it all off, the end of the concert asked the parents to join in the fun (making for the largest ensemble yet!) singing O Come All Ye Faithful in excellent voice. What a wonderful end to such a delightful evening of musical and festive celebration!

3D Printing Club

The 3D Printing Club introduced Year 7 and 8 students to the exciting world of 3D design and printing. The club emphasizes hands-on learning and independent skill development.

The culmination of the term's work is the 3D printing phase after the Christmas break. By then, students will have finalized their designs, ready for the exciting moment when their digital creations become tangible objects. This phase not only showcases their technical achievements but also celebrates their creativity and effort.

The club's self-paced format ensures that students can progress according to their abilities and interests. Each session provides a supportive environment where students can experiment, troubleshoot, and refine their designs. Peer discussions and guidance from the teacher further enhance the learning experience, fostering collaboration and a sense of community.

Beyond the immediate goal of creating 3D models, the skills gained in the club have real-world applications. From product design to gaming and animation, 3D modelling is a valuable tool across many fields. The club introduces these concepts in an engaging and accessible way, sparking interest in technology and design.

Aviation and NHS Workshops

Students from year 9,10 and 11 have enjoyed a variety of speakers this term to help widen their horizons of different potential careers. 34 students attended a talk from an NHS General Practitioner who advised them on how to apply for Medicine and different routes into a medical career. Another 26 students attended an aviation workshop where students met with a British Airways Captain and a Valuations officer to understand different careers in the world of Aviation. A particular highlight was the Captain showing some of the places he's flown over and offering to mentor two of our students!

5 of our students have also been selected to take part in the Fantasy Wings programme where they meet with different speakers from across the world of aviation to learn more about routes into being a Pilot. Furthermore, many students have participated in online workshops regarding critical thinking, law, social work, consultancy and a huge variety of other careers.

Community- The Mahaba Café

The Mahaba Café in Ealing is a social enterprise coffee shop that offers training opportunities to young people with special educational needs and disabilities. It was founded by Muriel Morgan Walckiers, a parent at Ealing Fields, and some other parents are also involved in the running of the café.

Earlier this term, The Mahaba Café was featured on BBC News, which gave brilliant exposure to a fantastic social enterprise that certainly embodies the school's ethos of Leading with Courage and Compassion. Please do go along to support the café if you are able and, if you would like to see the report, you can follow the link below.

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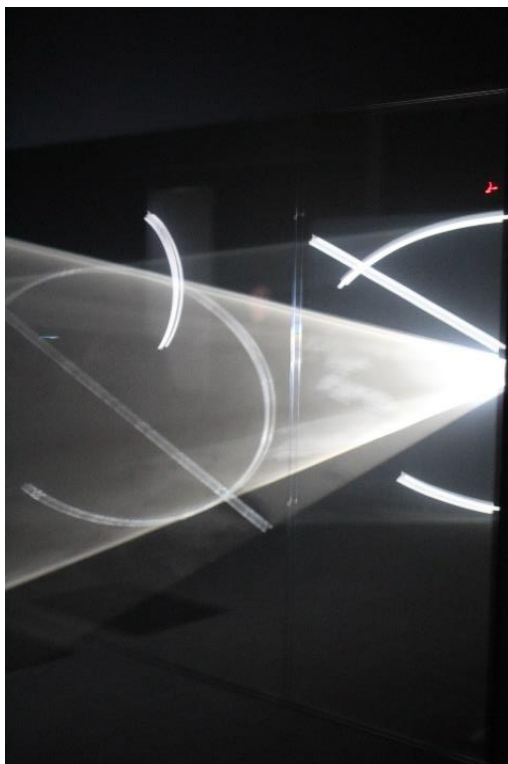
Author Visit

Ealing Fields were delighted to host the Launch of the Ealing Teen Read Award 24-25. Students from schools across the borough came to listen to last year's shortlisted author, Anthony McGowan, talk about his work. There was a lively Q&A followed by the reveal of the shortlisted titles for this year's award. Anthony kindly stayed on in the afternoon to run two workshops with some of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. A good time was had by all! We now look forward to reading, discussing and voting for the books ahead of the Final in March.



Tate Modern Visit

Just before the October Half Term holiday the Year 10 Art students went to Tate Modern to see the Anthony McCall exhibition. His works use light, space, shadow and movement to create environments that can be interacted with. The students enjoyed experiencing the art first hand as well as then exploring the rest of the permanent collection. This introduced them to a wide range of art across all media. Since then, students have been using these experiences to make their own work in sculpture, photography and printmaking.



Ealing Fields Sport

This is a very **bold** statement, but this term could be the *biggest year yet* for Ealing Fields Sport!!



It all started early in the term when our NFL team represented Great Britain at the European Schools Championships at Tottenham stadium. The girls played against teams from France, Germany, Spain and Austria. They did us proud and were competitive in every game they played. Great Britain (Ealing Fields) came third, and as such picked up a bronze medal.

Without a doubt, this weekend will be a day the players will remember for years after they hang up their grey and gold when they leave Ealing Fields onto bigger (but not better) things.



Although we celebrate all achievements from our students in our sports teams, we had the opportunity to recognise the students that made the most impact to their sports teams last year at our annual Sports Awards Evening. Well done to all recipients that received their award.



We then competed at the Ealing Borough Cross Country Championships where we had our best placing yet! Our boys team finished 3rd and our overall placing was 4th. It is important to note that Ealing Fields was the smallest school that attended, so you could say we are punching above our weight!

Special shout outs go to the runners that were selected to run for Ealing at the London Youth Games Cross Country

- Sidney, Joseph, Alya, Raphael, Lucas, Nancy



Sports Hall Athletics has been phenomenal this term! Over 50 students attending the club every week has made selecting teams incredibly difficult due to the level of talent available. Our four teams (Y7 Boys, Y7 Girls, Y8 Boys, Y8 Girls) all stormed through their preliminary rounds and into the Borough finals. Here, all teams fought incredibly hard for the title of Ealing Borough Champions, and three out of four teams were victorious! Well done to all students involved, and we look forward to the next rounds of the competition after Christmas!



It has been great to see some new faces in our paddle sports and rowing programs this year! These students have been training once a week, and some multiple times per week, preparing for their competitions. It has been great to hear how they are progressing! Some have now competed nationally, and even attending GB trail events! Well done teams!



A BIG shoutout to the Ealing Fields boys' football teams! The participation for boys football this year has been incredible. Having over 40 participants across both year groups attending training really shows their commitment to the sport! With an impressive 17 goals already scored in 3 matches really does show that the boys have their shooting boots on!! Well done team!



We hosted the West London Table Tennis Teams Qualifiers in November, which was a huge success. Schools from the West London area flocked to our Sports Hall to test their table tennis skills. There were some competitive matches and some excellent skills on show. Ealing Fields entered 4 teams in total. Our senior A and Junior Boys teams made it through to the semi-finals, and our Girls Team won their division. Well done to all that competed, and good luck for those players attending the individual qualifier tournament in February.



In a recent interview, Miss Finnegan described this year's netball season as a season that has gotten off to a "strong start". This could only be described as an understatement. Here are just a few highlighted. Years 7-10 have stated the season undefeated. Year 11 played in the Borough Schools Netball Tournament and placed second. U14 team won the Middlesex Schools Qualifier and will be playing in the finals in March. The same team also competed at the national school's tournament and were only narrowly knockout in the semifinals. Their last borough league fixture result was 49-0 (w) over Twyford.



- Miss Finnegan: I think we can say that is an outstanding start to the Netball season so far this year. Well done to all teams and players for representing that grey and gold so well!



VERY IMPRESSIVE



Our Rugby teams have also added to the trophy cabinet this year, with 3 of the 4 teams winning the Trailfinders Cup for their age groups. It is great to see the hard work in training paying off for all these teams. Special shout to the year 7 team, who played in the Middlesex U12 festival, and was promoted up a division. This is an Ealing Fields First!! Well done boys!



It is not only the students that enjoy winning medals and silverware, but also the teachers! It was an honour to be recognised for all the hard work we do to ensure we provide equal opportunities within our sports programs. We received an award to recognise the opportunities we provide to both our boys and girls teams, and ensure all students have equal opportunities within our programs. Thank you to the Featherstone Sport Foundation for the award.

To sign off, the PE department would like to congratulate all students that attend all our sports clubs. From us all, have a Merry Christmas, and we cannot wait to have you back on our courts/fields when we return in 2025!

