

Hard to believe we are at the end of another term, enjoying some fantastic music at Christmas concerts and celebrating the season at carol services.

On behalf of all the staff and students at the Trust, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



*Dame Alice Hudson
CEO*

Please forward to anyone who might be interested and encourage them to sign up <https://twyfordacademies.org.uk/twyford-trust-alumni-form>.

We also welcome suggestions for future items so email alumni@twyfordacademies.org.uk.

Earlier this month the Department for Education released national performance tables based on Summer 2024 GCSE results (Progress 8 scores) and, of the 16 mainstream high schools in Ealing, Trust schools ranked as follows:

- Ada Lovelace 1st
- Ealing Fields 2nd
- Twyford 3rd
- William Perkin 5th

These scores are exceptional placing all 4 schools comfortably in the top 5% of schools in the country, with Ada Lovelace achieving 12th place and Ealing Fields in 18th place out of 3000+ schools. This rate of progress reflects the dedicated hard work of our students, supported by their teachers and parents.

We are also proud of our work to support disadvantaged students to make exceptional progress as this has been a major drive for us. Nationally, disadvantaged students do not make as much progress as their peers, and we are delighted that across the Trust the progress is positive. Our work on ensuring disadvantaged students make exceptional progress was noticed particularly by Ofsted in their recent visit to Ealing Fields.



Teaching School Hub

It has been a pleasure to see the progress our primary and secondary trainees have been making in their placement schools this term. The initial teaching training delivery team have been hard at work recently with our Intensive Training and Practice (ITaP) weeks.

Primary ITT Phase Lead Liza Hooper started the week with a deep dive into explanation and modelling techniques. A couple of days were spent observing expert practice and trainee Raul who was at Hillingdon Primary School said, "The teachers demonstrated very good examples of teaching in the classroom, using effective techniques whilst modelling and explaining the concepts very well. I managed to see every year group in the school and get a good understanding of how the structure of the school works and how key techniques such as modelling works in various ways." Read more [here](#).



Nicola Fish, Teach West London's ITT Phase Lead for Secondary said "We're pleased the ITaP week provided our secondary teacher trainees with a focused, hands-on opportunity to master metacognition and retrieval practice. With these tools, our trainees are now better prepared to empower their students to take ownership of their learning, setting the stage for success in the classroom and beyond!" Our trainees reported a wealth of learning from the week and welcoming placement school environments. Full story [here](#).

Recruitment for 2025 start is already live so if you or any of your family and friends are interested in joining the teaching profession, check out teachwestlondon.org.uk/initial-teacher-training.



Twyford
C of E
High School

The Marriage of Figaro

In October our GCSE and A level music students explored the opera with singers from [The Mozartists](#) company. They took part in a workshop and learnt to sing some of the main arias. This was followed by attending a rehearsal and concert at Cadogan Hall before a final workshop session to compose their own response to the opera.



Black History Month

Adopting the national theme of Reclaiming Narratives, students produced a performance showcase aiming to recognise and correct some of the narratives associated with black history and culture.



Staff News



Revd George Meyrick

Has been appointed to a joint role of part time chaplain at the school and vicar of St Martin's Church. We are excited that this joint role brings the opportunity for the school and the church to strengthen its working relationship.

Revd George and his family will be moving into the vicarage in the new year and he will start at Twyford shortly after.

Did you know?

Winnie the Pooh is connected to Twyford. The world famous teddy bear was "born" in the soft toy factory of J.K. Farnell & Co Ltd adjacent to The Elms building in 1921. Their Alpha bear was purchased in Harrods by Daphne Milne (wife of author

A.A) for their son Christopher Robin's first birthday, which inspired the well-loved books. An Ealing Civic Society green plaque was unveiled in 2012.





We were delighted to host the book launch of *“Wuschel auf der Erde: A New Adventure in Learning German”* in conjunction with Goethe Institut on 14th November.

Along with celebrated illustrator Axel Scheffler we welcomed guests including German ambassador Miguel Berger and Minister for School Standards Catherine McKinnell. Several local primary schools joined us for an exciting session run by Goethe Institut staff and live drawing of Wuschel and fan favourite The Gruffalo.

The event was featured in [The Guardian education section](#) and on [ARD television](#) in Germany.



T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Our Year 13 Digital T Level students have just finished their 9 week work placement at Amazon and the final group of Science T Level students have completed their Lesley Brent Laboratory placements. They are now looking towards their next career steps and we are pleased to report students are holding offers to study veterinary nursing, dentistry and computer science at university. Many students are progressing through the recruitment process for degree apprenticeship programmes at Cisco, BBC, Amazon and Sky - a testament both to the quality of the work placements during their course and the employability skills they have learned.

We are getting ready for the first Y12 placements and launching Accounting T Level in September.

If you would like to be involved in offering a work placement please [contact Mr Knox](#)





Representing Great Britain

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.

An exciting day the team will remember for many years to come.

Author Visit



We 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 (winner of the 2020 CILIP Carnegie medal for Lark), 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.



Equal Access School

It's not just the students who win awards. Mr Tootel and Miss Jennings recently collected a prize on behalf of the PE department, recognising the opportunities we provide to both our boys and girls teams, ensuring all students have equal opportunities within our sports programmes. Thank you to the Featherstone Sport Foundation for the award.





William Perkin
C of E
High School



Steplab

Having run an Instructional Coaching programme since 2018, and having worked with Steplab since its inception, William Perkin has now been recognised as a national centre of excellence in Professional Development and the use of Instructional Coaching for teachers to improve teaching and learning.

Instructional Coaching is a way to support teachers to make a change to habits in the classroom. It involves one teacher working with another teacher, to help them take small, personalised steps to improve their practice.

Being a Steplab Coaching Hub means that we'll be opening our doors each term for school leaders who want to learn about Instructional Coaching, Steplab and implementation. [Find out more](#) (and spot former Twyford Assistant Headteacher Mrs Townsend!)

Science Specialism

The [Institute for Research in Schools](#) (IRIS) is a national charity that supports students to complete their own STEM research projects. This year, we are working with IRIS to undertake our own research and contribute knowledge to the wider scientific community.

This year, our students are exploring a project researching the Synaesthetic elements of Non Synaesthetic Year 7-9 students.

The project launched with an online session for our Elite Scientists with a researcher explaining synaesthetics.



In a further session they recorded their basal brainwaves and then recorded their brainwaves in the midst of Vanderbilt perfume while sculpting shapes out of modelling clay.



Sporting Success



One of our students came 11th in the British trampoline championships.



NFL girls team won the London competition.



10 students took part in borough cross country race



From the archive - Christmas concerts



Twyford Christmas 2013



Twyford Christmas 2014



William Perkin Christmas 2014



William Perkin Christmas 2017

Please support Football Project at Ada Lovelace

Are you a football fan? Did you enjoy using the AGP at William Perkin?

We will be changing the school's grass pitch to create a safe, all-year round and inspiring facility installing a new 55m x 37m Community 3G Football Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP), including new perimeter 4.5m high fencing and 1.2m high spectator fencing, new LED floodlighting, goal storage, sports and maintenance equipment for use by the school and community partners.

Planning permission has already been granted for this project and we have received generous grants from the Football Foundation and London Marathon Foundation, however the school needs to make a further contribution to unlock this funding. The project is endorsed by the London Borough of Ealing, Middlesex FA, QPR, Acton & Ealing Whistlers FC, Pitshanger FC as well as the local Primary School partnership, Willow Tree. We are also working with local primary schools and sports charities.

Could you help by making a one-off donation to the Ada Lovelace School Fund? Please see twyfordacademies.org.uk/donations

