

## Alumni Newsletter

# **Spring 25**

Welcome back to all our alumni. This is a bumper issue of news from across the Trust, so please forward to anyone who might be interested and encourage them to sign up <a href="https://twyfordacademies.org.uk/twyford-trust-alum-ni-form">https://twyford-trust-alum-ni-form</a>.



Dame Alice Hudson CEO

## Top of the MAT league tables

Twyford CofE Academies Trust topped the national Multi Academy Trust league tables for the overall progress of students (TCEAT Average +1.11) and also first place for the progress of disadvantaged students (TCEAT +0.69). You can view the details on **Gov.uk**.

We have held the top spot for three consecutive years now and this is a reflection of the continuous commitment from our amazing staff. Here we are celebrating this fantastic achievement at the joint SLT awayday!



#### **Fairer Schools Index**

Ealing Fields High School has been ranked 7th for best schools in London and 14th for best schools in England by the Fairer Schools Index 2025. Twyford CofE High School has been ranked 6th for best schools in London and 12th for best schools in England by the Fairer Schools Index 2025. This is a remarkable achievement for both schools.

See the Top 17 schools in London according to the Fairer Schools Index 2025 **here**.

#### **LDBS Service**

Students from across the Trust attended the London Diocesan Board for School's Annual Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The service celebrated the work of all Church of England schools in London and recognised the impact of CofE schools over centuries.

Students added their school logo and founding details to the London Diocesan Board for Schools timeline. The students thought the setting of St Paul's Cathedral was spectacular.



## **World Book Day**

Staff got into the spirit of the day by dressing up - notably Ms Trewin at Ealing Fields proving she is practically perfect in every way as Mary Poppins and Mr Alderton at William Perkin bringing some magic of his own as Willy Wonka.





#### **National Society of Education Conference**

Twyford CofE High School's Year 9 and 10 Communion Band and Sacred Choir led by Karen Gibson MBE performed at the CofE's National Society of Education Annual Conference held at Hackney Church on 22 January and we could not be prouder. You can watch their contributions in full here.



## **SIAMS Inspection**



The inspector's feedback highlights the ambition of our aspirational SMSC curriculum including RE and the Pastoral Programme - Tutor Time, Assemblies and Communions. It also captures a glimpse of the 10:10 Ethic in practice through our enrichment curriculum - notably in music, sport, debating, Duke of Edinburgh and Careers advice and guidance, recognising the part which wider learning plays in developing our students' sense of life in all its fullness.

The full report can be read **here**.

## Congratulations

Twyford alumnus Thomas Langridge (2024) won Best Animation and the coveted Student Jury Prize at the British Film Institute 11th annual Moving Image Awards ceremony for his film titled "The Landlord's Inspection". Read more and watch the film <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.





## **Shout out for German**

Our very own MFL teacher Mr Hunt featured in the German Embassy's #ShoutOutForGerman



social media campaign which ran 17-21 March. In conjunction with the Goethe-Institut UK and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) the campaign promoted German language and culture.



#### **Alumni on Screen**

Fans of Agatha Christie might have spotted a former Twyford student in the recent BBC One adaptation of "Towards Zero". Grace Doherty (2024) appears as Sylvia, Mr Treves' ward.

The critically acclaimed series "The Day of the Jackal" starred another Twyford alumna. Lashana Lynch (2006) plays MI6 agent Bianca Pullman, who is intent on capturing the Jackal, opposite Eddie Redmayne, in this Golden Globe winning production.





Two students won gold medals (for sparring) in TaeKwonDo, at the English Open earlier this month. We're extremely proud of Phoevos and Lida Koliadi!

## First Lego League regional champions

Hosted by Bechtel, we entered this competition for the first time and were amazed to be crowned regional champions.



## **Ministerial visit**

We were honoured to receive a visit from The Secretary of State for Education, the Right Hon Bridget Phillipson recently.

The visit was scheduled on the back of the exceptional results which the school achieved in the summer. We were delighted that The Secretary of State for Education could speak with some of our KS3 and T Level students about the development of soft skills across the curriculum and pastoral programmes, and also a number of our staff and Teach West London.







**Thames West** 

We have been working with the Goethe Institut to offer KS2 German lessons at Holy Family primary school and have had the NCLE film crew document our progress. Ms Lyon (*Twyford 2012*) has a starring role.

Read more about our work **here**.



Three of our Year 13 Digital T level students have secured Project Management Degree Apprenticeships with Amazon starting in September after a rigorous recruitment process.



Eight of our students joined the IBM and Natwest Group 2025 Hackathon. They learnt about stand out tools and software such as IBM's WatsonX and the Natwest accelerator. Attendees were then broken up into teams to work on a specified problem statement.







#### **Faith Designation**

Following a public consultation that took place last Autumn, the Department for Education's London Advisory Board has approved Ealing Fields' application to be designated as a Church of England faith school. The legal change will take place by September 2025.

The school's curriculum, described as "highly ambitious" by Ofsted, will continue. We will still be funded in the same way. While the feedback was very supportive, we acknowledge that a range of views was shared. What was clear is that Ealing Fields is a school that means a great deal to a huge number of people, and that is something that we only ever want to build upon.

## **Ofsted Inspection**

The school has received the final report from its Ofsted inspection in December 2024.



This was an inspection of the school which was judged good for overall effectiveness before September 2024 and evidence gathered during this ungraded (section 8) inspection suggests that the school's work may have improved significantly across all areas since the previous inspection.

The school's next inspection will be a graded inspection. The full report can be read <a href="here.">here.</a>

#### **Careers Fair**

Over 50 exhibitors joined our careers fair and they were extremely complimentary about our students, particularly how well prepared they were. If you would like to support our Careers Information and Guidance team please email <a href="mailto:jeustace@ealingfields.org.uk">jeustace@ealingfields.org.uk</a>



## **Sporting Achievements**

Our **trampolining** teams won borough championships in all three categories (Novice, Intermediate and Advanced).

U14 **netball** team qualified and played at the Middlesex U14 Netball finals tournament. They were the only state school in attendance. This is a massive achievement for a school of our size.

Our SportsHall **athletics** team (indoor track and field for 9-12 year olds) represented Ealing at the London Youth Games finals narrowly missing out on medals.





Excitingly Ealing Fields students represented Great Britain at the international NFL Flag Championships in Orlando, Florida in February. **Flag football** will be included in the 2028 Olympic Games and is one of the fastest growing sports globally.





## **Sporting Success**

When the Lionesses hosted World Champions Spain at Wembley on 26th February, gaining a hard won 1-0 victory, our eyes weren't just on the football game. Two of our students, Sienna Sargent (below R middle) and Victoria Rudz (below L front) were flag bearers and ball girls for

the match.

Victoria is the current England and Chelsea goalkeeper for U15 team, and recently played in the East Mallorca Girls Cup against Barcelona, Real Madrid and Manchester United where she was voted player of the tournament. We hope to see her play at Wembley one day.





## Science Specialism

Our project researching the Synaesthetic elements of Non Synaesthetic Year 7-9 students has continued this term. One session had music as the input and poetry as output, then glucose as input and drawing/dance as outputs recording brain waves all the while. Another involved visual mindfulness and origami, dance and percussion.

Krisztina Losonci came in to help the students analyse their data and convert it into mini graphs, so that they could see which wave was the majority wave, and the extent of the gamma wave. They have now started work on the 3 posters they have to make to present them at the IRIS Conference on 25th June 2025.





## THE GREAT **EXHIBITION** ROAD FESTIVAL

Our Elite scientists are also creating a poster about sickle cell anemia for the **Great Exhibi**tion Road Festival 7-8 June and were joined by Dr Linda Van Keimpema from Imperial College recently.

Put the date in your diary for this free event and pop along and say hello to Ms Kapila and William Perkin students.





Returning to the classroom - but this time as teachers - can be a full-circle moment for many aspiring educators. We interviewed two Twyford CofE Alumni who have chosen to train with Teach West London.

Read on to discover their journeys and what advice they have for others considering a career in education. (Full interviews on our <u>blog</u>)

**Eddie Rowe** attended Twyford Sixth Form from 2015 to 2017 before completing an art foundation course and studying Fine Art at university.



"After university, I worked in various jobs, including as a teaching assistant in a local primary school. I loved that experience and enjoyed connecting with the children. This experience made me seriously consider a career in teaching, and for a while, I was torn between Primary and Secondary education. I'm glad I chose Secondary, as it allows me to use my art specialism.



I first heard about Teach West London through a family friend who teaches at one of the Trust schools. Knowing the high level of professionalism and teaching quality I experienced as a student in the Trust, I assumed the teacher training would be just as rigorous and carefully structured as the lessons I once received. After researching the program and attending induction days in the summer, I quickly saw that my assumption was correct! The support and structure provided by Teach West London have been fantastic."

**Mae Templar** attended William Perkin from 2014-2021 before studying neuroscince at UCL

"I chose to return to the Trust to train to teach because I felt I'd had really good examples of what makes a good teacher and I thought, if I could become a biology teacher half as good as the teachers I had, I'd be happy,

A big highlight of my training year so far was meeting my year 7 class particularly because I can remember how daunting it was to start secondary school. I feel we're learning together, they're learning how to settle into William Perkin and I'm learning how to forge my identity as a teacher in the school that I used to go to.

If I were to give some advice to other alumni thinking about training to teach it would be to choose Teach West London - you'll be in safe hands. The support they provide for trainee teachers in the Trust is great and as they're all connected you get four different tiers of support from the different schools. All of the trainees are good friends as well, the community is a real thing and you meet some great people."

Train to teach with us in September 2025 - apply now!









