

Welcome back and thank you for joining our Alumni Programme.

It's been interesting to find out what paths you've ventured down since leaving a Twyford CofE Academies Trust school. As our 10:10 ethic teaches, it seems that you certainly have become the best version of yourselves.



*Dame Alice Hudson
CEO*

In this issue we'll give you a round up of what has been happening at each of the schools over the past term and news about the Trust itself. This will be a termly newsletter and we hope to cover a range of subjects in each.

Do encourage others to sign up <https://twyfordacademies.org.uk/twyford-trust-alumni-form> and email alumni@twyfordacademies.org.uk with any suggestions for future items.



In the past year we've been working with Oak National Academy to provide online curriculum resources for secondary English.



The project has been headed by Sam Barnsley, former Deputy Headteacher at William Perkin. Over 500 lessons are now published and he's supporting Cam Academy to deliver MFL resources in the coming year.

The Department for Education publish league tables based on GCSE results and, for the second year running, we came out top multi-academy trust.

In England there are 3367 state non-special schools and Trust schools rank as follows:

- Ealing Fields 15th
- Ada Lovelace 17th
- Twyford 22nd
- William Perkin 152nd

We also rate as the top performing MAT for the progress of disadvantaged students (+0.73)



Teaching School Hub

One of the most significant changes for the Trust in recent years has been the development of Teach West London, our teaching school hub.

In 2021 we became one of 87 centres across the country to

provide every school in England with access to a local centre of excellence for teacher training and development. Teach West London covers the London boroughs of Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow.

This was followed by becoming an accredited centre for initial teacher training and in September Teach West London will be welcoming the first cohort of primary and secondary trainees (photos below) to work in over 70 local schools, including those in the Twyford CofE Academies Trust.



In the light of national teacher recruitment issues we are delighted to start in such a strong position.

If you or any of your family and friends are interested in joining the teaching profession check out <https://teachwestlondon.org.uk/initial-teacher-training>. We're always glad to welcome alumni back as staff.

You'll be able to spot some of our teachers in the videos on the Teach West London website too.



Sacred Choir

Twyford CofE High School has been extremely fortunate to work closely with Kingdom Choir Foundation over the last year. The Kingdom Choir have become a household name as they shot to fame in 2018 after singing at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, and have since sung at the Queen's Jubilee and King Charles' Coronation celebration concerts. They frequently appear on Songs of Praise and Britain's Got Talent.

Since November, 30 specially selected students rehearsed every Friday afternoon with the Kingdom Choir, forming a new gospel choir called 'Sacred', with the culmination of the project taking place on Monday 27th May at the Barbican Centre, where Twyford students performed on stage with the Kingdom Choir as part of their 30th Anniversary concert.

Karen Gibson MBE says: "Without confidence, we cannot achieve positive change, neither individually nor communally. Through the work of the foundation, KGC help people explore and realise their potential by expressing themselves in new and experimental ways", and the project will help our students develop singing and performance skills alongside building their confidence, oracy, listening and teamwork.

Staff News



Paul Stanton (Deputy Head of Sixth Form, PE teacher and Examinations Officer) is retiring from teaching after 39 years at Twyford.



Jeremy Milnes (Cover Teacher) is also retiring after being part of Twyford for 15 years alongside his career as TV and radio presenter.

2014 Leavers Reunion

On 1st June former students and some staff met at the Drayton Court in West Ealing.



We'd be happy to feature other reunions in future issues so do get in touch with us by email: alumni@twyfordacademies.org.uk



Ada Lovelace is proud to be lead school for the Thames West Language Hub - one of 15 nationally funded by the Department for Education and lead by the National Consortium for Languages Education tasked with re-energising language learning in state-maintained primary and secondary schools across England.

The Languages Hub programme focuses on French, German and Spanish learning as they make up over 90% of GCSE entries. It also recognises the value of home, heritage, and community languages, signposting to supporting materials and good practice, and working with supplementary schools.

So far this has given our students the opportunity to participate in Sommerfest at the German Embassy, a translation project with the Stephen Spender Trust, the Internationale Deutscholympiade as well as helping researchers from UCL.

Find out more at <https://www.thameswestlanguagehub.org.uk/>



Our first T-Level cohort have packed so much into this year!

The Digital T-Level students have been fortunate to have completed work placements at Cisco and IBM. Further placements at Amazon are scheduled for the Autumn term. Our students have also attended workshops by Capgemini and thanks to our close relationship with IBM for SkillsBuild they were able to join their Think London conference as well.

The Science T-Level students have participated in research with Imperial College London and have also been engaged in placements within the NHS and pharmacies.

If you are interested in knowing more about T-Levels or able to offer placements please check out <https://adalovelace.org.uk/tlevels/employer-information>





Sporting Success

A team of Ealing Fields students represented the United Kingdom in a game of flag football against Germany. Students from Years 7-9 beat the German team at the Tottenham Hotspur stadium in London in October.

Ealing Fields are also winners of the inaugural New York Jets and Chicago Bears NFL Girls Flag League.

Our students have also enjoyed significant success in the London Youth Games in sports such as netball and table tennis.



At Ealing Fields we are fortunate to have a stunning Grade II listed building at the heart of the school which can be hired for community use. Contact lettings@ealingfields.org.uk for details



Did you know?

2024 marks 25 years since Dusty Springfield died and we have a green heritage plaque on the wall outside to mark the site where she attended school (at the time St Anne's Convent School).



2021 and 2022 Leavers Reunion

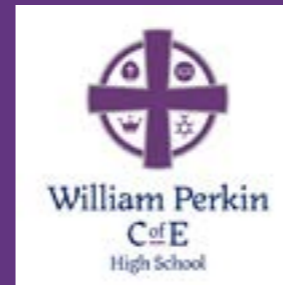
On 14th June we welcomed back students from our first two year groups to the school.

As they have reached the end of sixth-form or college it was great to see them all again and find out their plans for the future.

Almost 90 students joined us for drinks and nibbles in what we hope will be an annual event.



Do encourage others to sign up to our Alumni Programme <https://twyfordacademies.org.uk/twyford-trust-alumni-form> to be notified of further events.



Wilf Slack Cricket Centre

The Wilf Slack Cricket Centre, launched in partnership with Twyford CofE Academies Trust and Middlesex Cricket, opened in April 2022.

Named after Middlesex cricketing great Wilf Slack who tragically passed away at the age of just 34, this fantastic facility boasts four indoor lanes, video technology and analysis, bowling machines, a coaching suite and gym facilities.

The Centre aims to provide opportunities to member of the local community, providing an environment for the next generation of cricketers to develop and thrive in the game.

It enables our students to benefit from the Elite Cricket Academy and coaching from former England cricketer, Sajid Mahmood on the William Perkin site.



Founders Day Fun

Organised in collaboration with Big Bang at Schools the day was packed full with events, activities and lectures for all year groups.

Y7 took part in a Shelter workshop sketching and constructing their ideas for a 5-person home. Students in Y8 and Y9 had an Astronauts & Rockets workshop with one lucky student trying on a spacesuit. Y10 took part in a Structural Engineering workshop and were put to work making a secure bridge out of books, rubber bands and straws. We even had a visit from an electrical engineer from McLaren Automotive.



RAF Big Band

Earlier this year William Perkin hosted the RAF Central Band and what a day it was!

60 wind, brass and percussion players from across the Trust had an incredible day which started with a concert by the Central Band of the RAF which all William Perkin Y7 and Y8 students could enjoy.

This was followed by sectional side-by-side rehearsals and culminated in a joint concert at the end of the day to students, staff and families. This was a spectacular opportunity for our musicians!





Work Experience at Amazon



25 students from Trust schools participated in Amazon's Step Up work experience programme - the first they have ever run globally - at their UK head office. Teams of students built their own app using AI generator software which they learnt to programme.



The Dragon's Den presentations on the apps they'd designed showed quite how much they'd absorbed during the week. It was also great to see how much these students had grown in confidence through this very professional experience.

If you or your company are interested in offering work experience opportunities to our students in Y10 or Y12, please contact the CIAG leads (details on the school websites).

School Fund

Many of the enhanced facilities in our buildings and opportunities we offer Trust students wouldn't be possible without significant contributions from the School Fund, built up from financial donations from the great majority of parents.

In the last decade the School Fund has contributed well over £1m towards the cost of major building and IT network projects.

At Twyford generous giving has played a vital part in alterations to the sports hall to enable it to be used for other events and paying for increased access to Wasps sports pitches.

William Perkin's School Fund resourced both the library in the LRC and a new kiosk in the cafe extension.

Ealing Fields uses School Fund to supplement government funding for books, school trips and other extras that make such a difference to our students.

Ada Lovelace has invested in a school garden and creating a place for quiet reflection.

Could you support your old school by donating to the School Fund? Please see <https://twyfordacademies.org.uk/donations> for details.

