

Twyford C of E High School Wider Learning Bulletin



December 2023

“I have come so that you may have life, and live it to the full” John 10 v 10

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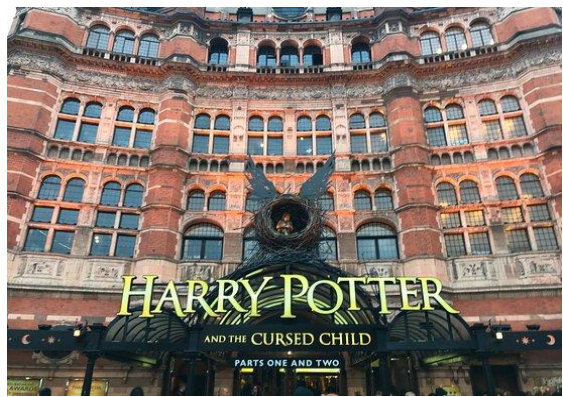


Our 10:10 ethic



KS3 Drama Trip to 'Witches' at the National Theatre

Over 70 students from across Yr7-9 visited the **National Theatre** to watch a **performance of 'The Witches'**. The Witches is a rip-roaring musical version of Roald Dahl's timeless tale, filled with wit, daring and heart. With book and lyrics by Olivier Award-winner Lucy Kirkwood, music and lyrics by Tony Award-nominee Dave Malloy, and directed by Lyndsey Turner. Students absolutely loved the performance and came away **absolutely buzzing from the experience!**



Year 10 GCSE Drama Trip

Y10 Drama students took part in an exciting backstage tour of the **Lyceum theatre** and then they watched '**Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Pt 1 & 2**'. Mr Clarke was very impressed with how engaged students were in the tour & show – **well done Y10!**





Drama



KS3 Christmas Panto

After the success of last years debut panto, we were back bigger and better this year with a cast packed full of over **60 talented Year 7s & 8s**. With a twist on a much-loved fairy-tale classic, we had an evening of Panto fun for the whole family on December 14th! **Well done to all students who took part....**

A massive thank you to **Mr Clarke (Director)** and **Ms Swadkin (Musical Director)** as well as the **house band & tech team** for providing such a fun, magical and feel good performance – what an absolute blast!



Audience reviews:

"I just wanted to congratulate you on the most terrific school production I've ever seen! What amazing performances, what incredible organisation!"

"We loved every minute of it and, quite frankly, I'm not sure the professional panto we're going to see this year will be better or even as good."

"We really enjoyed the performance, especially seeing the Year 7 and Year 8 so confident."

"It was absolutely brilliant and all the children were amazing in it."





Sports News

Athletics:

Congratulations to the Y7 & 8 boys. Both winning the Boys Sports hall **Athletics Borough Finals.**



Swimming

A huge congratulations to **Mihailo** (7W) who participated at the Ealing swimming gala in December. Mihailo won first place in all races. The time he achieved in the 200m individual medley secured him 3rd place in the UK, 100m freestyle secured him 5 place in the UK and 100m butterfly secured him 6th place in the UK. **Most impressively, the 400m freestyle secured him 1st place in the UK for boys born in 2012.**

Wow, well done, Mihailo!



England U15 Training Camp:

A massive shout out to both **Cayden Lamothe 10W** and **Ryan Kavuma McQueen 10F** who have both been called up to the **ENGLAND U15** training camp for squad selection. Ryan has now left Twyford to study full time with **Chelsea Academy** – **Good luck, Ryan.** We look forward to seeing your progress, well done!



Football:

Well done to the **Y8 boys football team** beating Alec Reed 8-4.



Interform winners Term 1:

- Y7: York**
- Y8: Truro**
- Y9: Wells**
- Y10: Joint Ripon, York & Wells**





Music



Christmas concert



On Thursday 20th November, we held our annual **Christmas Concert**. It was amazing to see **258 students** taking part in a fantastic range of ensembles. Thank you to **Ms Swadkin & the Music department** for another memorable evening of high quality music.



Upcoming events:



Twyford C of E High School

Twyford Church of England High School

A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas



Tuesday 19th December 2023, 7pm
St Martin's Church



Twyford C of E High School



Music



Popular Music Competition (PMC):

On Wednesday 15th November, **we held the PMC**. Well done to all students who took part, the music college, tech team and a special well done to this years **wonderful winners:**

1st Place: 'Fransformers'

Francesca Young, Wilfie Goodliffe,
Almeria Larrington,
Leila Ferret-Govier,
Ellis Armstrong Barr



2nd Place:

Eden Leeson



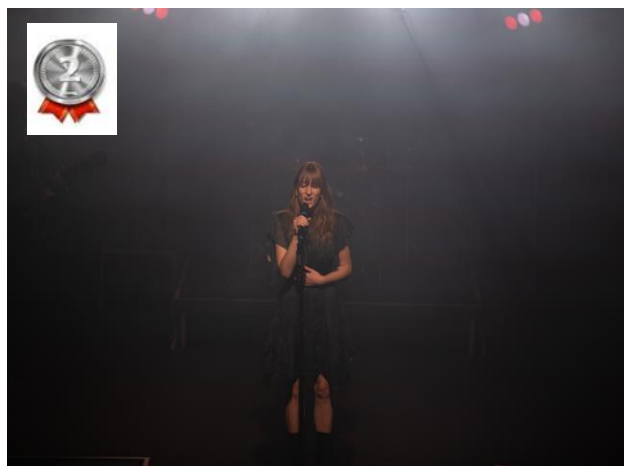
Joint 3rd Place:

'**Door Sliders**' - Ava Bulatovic,
Samy Belbahi, Thea Jupe, Sam
Brace, Lucian Caccia,
Freddie Gurung



&

'**The Weasels**' - Finley Tatham,
William Longhurst, Jasper Johnson,
Marouf Sillem, Blake Powell,
Sammy Ray Cherry





Art, Photography & Graphics



Friday - When we first arrived at Paris on Friday, we were all buzzing with excitement as we made our way to the Moulin Rouge. The Moulin Rouge was elegant and glowing with colour. We then made our way over to the Sacre-Coeur Cathedral which was beautiful, followed by a lovely dinner. (Dee Dee Mitchell 12C)

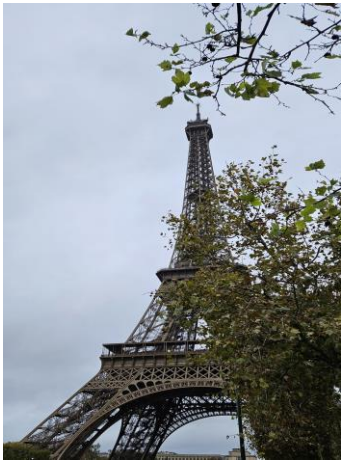
Y12 photography students enjoyed a **fantastic trip to Paris** arranged by the Art Department.

Saturday – After breakfast, we ventured out into Paris's centre making our way to the Eiffel Tower, which was quite the landmark. Despite the weather, we had a scenic walk along the river to the Musee D'Orsay, where we spent a relaxing 3 hours exploring the wide range of artists it had to offer from Van Gogh to Claude Monet. Continuing our walk along the river we had a short rest with a magnificent view of the Notre – Dame. We settled in the Pompidou area for a lovely dinner. (Mili Matthews 12F)

Sunday – We started off with a very exciting art tour in Belleville, learning about the history and hidden meanings within each piece. After lunch, we had a brief walk to the Pere Lachaise Cemetery. This was a beautiful site, full of beautifully crafted tombs as well as an underground memorial. That evening, we went to the Louvre, where we all explored endless paintings and sculptures. As the sun set and the Louvre lit up, street performers from violinists to rollerbladers, took their places. (Alex Ganne 12R)

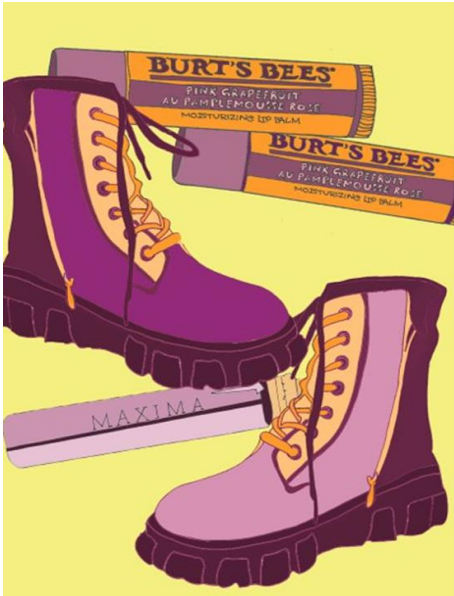
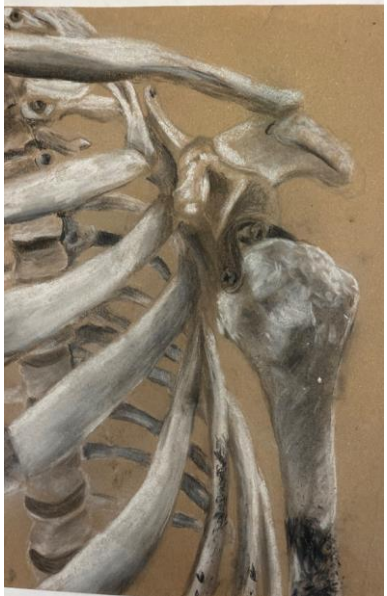
Monday: Monday was our last day in Paris & we headed off to the Pompidou Centre. The Centre houses The Musée National d'Art Moderne, the largest museum for modern art in Europe, as well as the Public Information Library and the IRCAM which is a centre for music & acoustic research. Unfortunately, when we arrived the Pompidou was closed due to strikes resulting from the Staff anxieties around the Centre's scheduled five year closure.

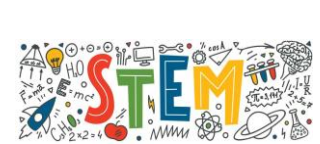
Although we were slightly dejected our moods were soon picked up as we were able to spend the time exploring the beautiful, cobbled streets that surround the Pompidou; full of vintage stores, jewellery stands, homemade soap shops, and boulangeries. This provided a perfect interlude to round off our trip. (Bella Muirhead 12T)



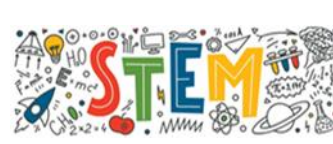
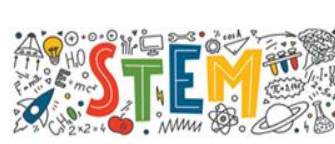
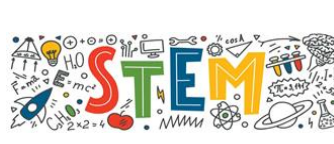
Art, Photography & Graphics

This is some the work produced this term by **Y10 Art & Graphics students**. Amazing work, well done!



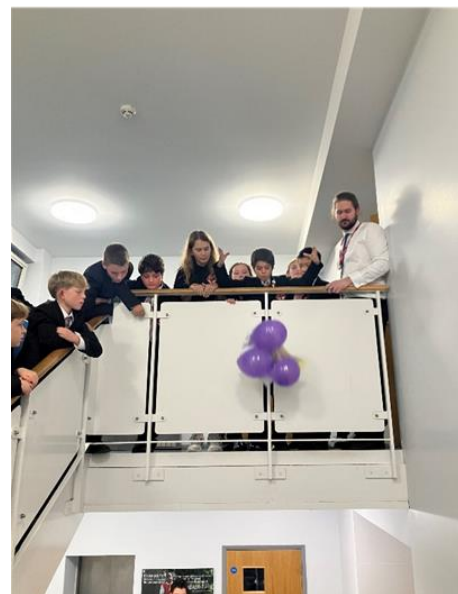


Science



STEM Interform

Y7 Teams **designed their own parachutes** to prevent an egg from breaking as it fell down the stairs. Points were awarded to the team whose parachute kept the egg falling through the air for the longest time. Well done to the winner: **Canterbury!** Mr Hepburn



Egg Drop Interform – Y7

Canterbury – 1.65 - 11 points
Fountains – 1.29 - 9 points
York – 1.35 - 8 points
Truro – 1.32 s - 8 Points
Wells – 1.24 - 4 points
Durham – 1.08 - 4 points
Ripon – 1.04 - 2 points

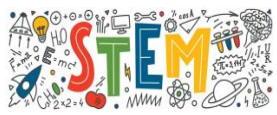


Engineering Society (EngSoc)

Students have been learning about all the types of engineering and applied science courses they can study after school and careers linked to them. This half term students have been lucky enough to go on trips to **Imperial College mechanical engineering department**, and to the **Schools Aerospace Roadshow**. At the Aerospace roadshow, students were given presentations from many companies based in West London, got to **meet a robotic dog**, try out virtual reality headsets, and see how companies are using modern drones.

Mr Hepburn & Miss Hamilton





Science



CREST Awards

I'm really proud to see all the students becoming so enthusiastic about **green science solutions**. Research has progressed and we have successfully **produced fuels from fruits** that have been burned. We'll now refine this process to produce the most fuel and see if we can add any oxidants to maximise the heat generated. The year 10s have also progressed and now have a **working waterwheel** which they are adding a generator to.

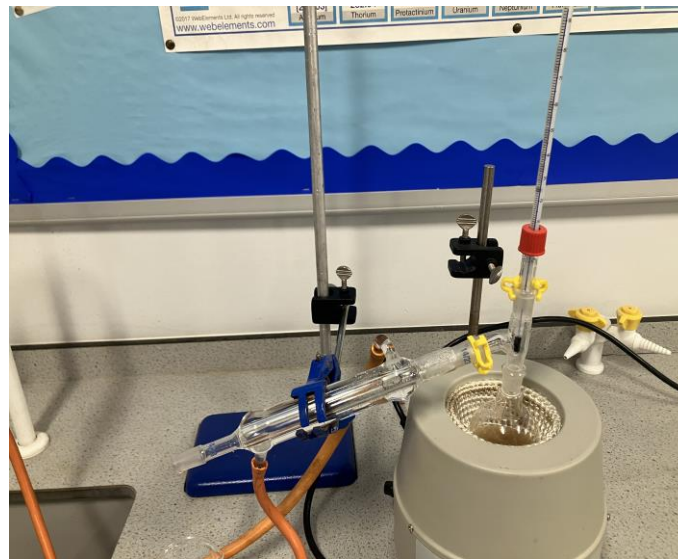
Mr Hepburn

UCL Robotics

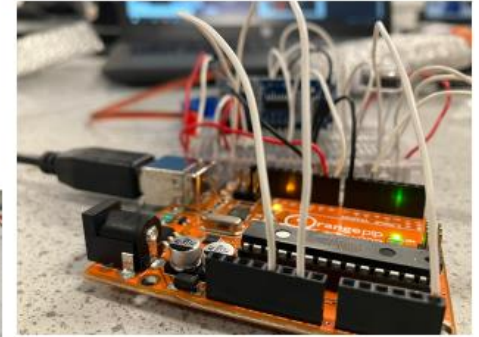
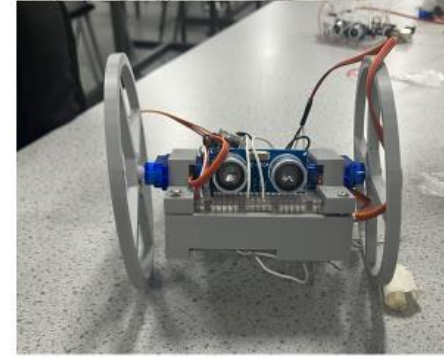
Former Twyford student, **Dr Thomas Gilbert**, returned to give a group of year 12 students a master class in **electronic engineering**. Over a fortnight, students learned to build electric circuit boards, programme and Arduino processor, and finally used this to **build a robotic car**.

Well done especially to:

- Marios
- Rachel
- Mandeep



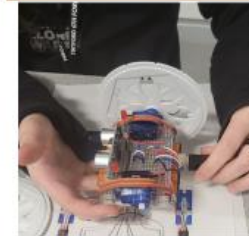
UCL Robotics Programme 2023



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- Martin
- Veronika
- Samy
- Oliver
- Elodie



Silver Award:

A huge well done to students who have completed their **Silver Award:**

- **82 students now in Y13 received** their award at our awards evening in November
- **74 students in Y12** have started their D of E for 2023-24
Miss Esprit (Silver D of E Coordinator)



High School



Bronze Award:

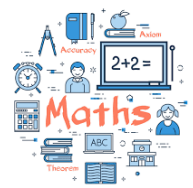
A huge well done to students who have completed their **Bronze Award:**

- **117 students now in Y11** received their award in our awards evening in November
- **126 students in Y10** have started their D of E 2023-24
Miss Helsdon (Bronze D of E Coordinator)





Maths Tutoring Club has been going from strength to strength this term – with around 10 sixth formers usually turning up to help Year 7, 8 and 9s with their Maths work. We had around 25 students turn up last session which was a great turn out and shows students are really taking their Maths work seriously in the lead up to Q2! Miss Purdy



Well done to all Heads of House, House Captains and students who took part in our annual **House Christmas Cake decoration** Competition. We had a special guest, **Mr Santa Jones**, as our judge this year. Well done to Ruby Khan in 12F for winning the competition.
Miss Simpson

