

# Twyford C of E High School Wider Learning Bulletin



## November 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



Music



**Music Events & performance this term:**

**Year 12 Showcase:**

Y12 Students had their first A-Level showcase on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Year 7 Showcase:**

Y7 Students had their first showcase at Twyford on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Acoustic Café:**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November were the auditions for the PMC. We will share highlights from the PMC in the next bulletin.

Well done to all students who took part in these events. **Ms Swadkin & Music College**



**Upcoming events:**

**Christmas Concert:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

**Carol Service:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December



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# Music



Karen Gibson MBE



## Kingdom Choir Project Launch:

We are delighted to have been invited to take part in the inaugural project led by the **Kingdom Choir Foundation**, who work to transform lives through the power of music, bringing a message of positivity and renewal to a wider audience, and impacting lives, and empowering communities.

Over the last six months, the Kingdom Gospel Choir have already had a **huge impact on gospel singing at Twyford**, with **two members of KGC running workshops** with the Twyford Gospel Choir last summer, and **Karen Gibson MBE** (the director of the choir) leading the singing at our Trust-wide communion on the first day of this academic 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.

From mid-November, **30 selected students will be working every Friday afternoon with the Kingdom Choir**, with the culmination of the project being a special performance next year. Watch this space for more information, photos and videos as the project progresses.

Click on these links to find out more:

<https://tkcfoundation.org/> <https://kingdomchoir.com/>



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**Please find updates for Rugby fixtures & tournaments from Mr Brooks:**

**Y10 &11 Rugby Trailfinders Tournament:**

Twyford won the whole tournament with a 4 try win in the group stage and a composed close out and domination in the final.

**Highlights:**

- ✓ Ernest's flying wing play - including a 50 metre try.
  - ✓ Josh's power and tenacity.
  - ✓ Henry's patience and encouragement.
  - ✓ Sobha's leadership.
- ✓ Hamoudy's power and poise.



**Y7 Rugby Grasshoppers Tournament:**

Twyford came 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall – we had a big win against Ealing Fields and a Narrow defeat to Viners.

**Highlights:**

- ✓ Harrison's Pace and Drive.
- ✓ Matthew's wing play Try.
- ✓ George S' passion and knowledge.
- ✓ George G's Organisational command
  - ✓ Freddie's tenacity
  - ✓ Suleman's calming influence.



**Y9 Rugby Grasshoppers Tournament:**

Twyford played against Ealing Fields and won by 1 try.

**Highlights:** This was Nikolas' debut and he was phenomenal. Strong in the tackle and sharp with ball in hand. Alex Hicks made a great run down the wing. Barnaby was playing as a 9 & 10 when he normally plays 2 for his club; this was challenging but he more than stepped up to the mark. Ethan and Malachi played up a year and were not out of place. Louis was intelligent in the back line at Full Back and made lots of crucial tackles and line breaks. Noah led from the front as the on-field captain. Overall very proud of the lads.







## Netball:

Well done to our **Twyford Y7 Netball Team** who played brilliantly and went on to win against Ellen Wilkinson (Win 11-2)



## The Twyford School Teams are on fire with a whopping 16-game / tournament winning streak for this month:

- 06 November 2023: Trailfinders Tournament (Year 10/11) - 1st place / 5
- 06 November 2023: Football (Year 10) - 1-0 (W)
- 07 November 2023: Netball (Year 10) - 13-8 (W)
- 07 November 2023: Netball (Year 9) - 11-6 (W)
- 07 November 2023: Netball (Senior B) - 29-4 (W)
- 08 November 2023: Netball (Year 10) - 16-8 (W)
- 08 November 2023: Netball (Year 7) - 20-0 (W)
- 13 November 2023: Trailfinders Tournament (Year 9) (W) 1st place / 4
- 15 November 2023: Football (U18 Briggs Middlesex cup) - 2-1 (W)
- 16 November 2023: Football (Year 10) - 4-1 (W)
- 16 November 2023: Netball Tournament (Seniors A) - 1st place / 14
- 16 November 2023: Netball Tournament (Seniors B) - 2nd place / 14
- 20 November 2023: Trailfinders Tournament (Year 8) - 1st place / 4
- 22 November 2023: Girls Football (U16) - 4-0 (W)
- 22 November 2023: Girls Rugby – WASPS tournament (U14) - 3rd out of 9
- 22 November 2023: Football (Year 9) - 4-2 (W)

**Well done to all the students participating** and big thank you to the PE staff for organising such a wide range of games, fixtures & competitions.

**Mr MacDonald (Head of PE)**







# Drama



It has been a fantastic, **buzzy & vibrant term in the Drama department.** With many shows, workshops, performances & extra-curricular activities, we are delighted to have such **high levels of engagement** from students.

**Mr Clarke (Head of Drama)**



## LAMDA



### LAMDA: Y9 Julius Cesar Performance

October saw the annual return of **LAMDAs Shakespeare Schools tour** to our year 9 Drama students. A real highlight for all involved, our students get treated to a Shakespeare classic, performed to them by talented actors currently training at LAMDA on their BA (Hons) Professional Acting course. This year we got to watch an **adaption of Julia Caesar** and students commented on how amazing it was to see and be so up close to professional live theatre in their classroom!

### Monologue Masterclass:

A Level Drama students were visited by professional theatre maker, **Louie Keen from The Bush Theatre.** He delivered a masterclass to our students, based around performing and **understanding classical monologues.**



### National Theatre Trip:

A Level Students visited the **National theatre** to watch Lucy Prebble's critically acclaimed play in a bold new production **directed by Jamie Lloyd: "The Effect"**. It was a very thought provoking play. *"An exhilarating play which gives an insight on the effect of medication on the messiness of love."* (Carolina Garcia - Year 12)





# Drama



## Y11 West End Workshop & Theatre Trip:

Our Year 11 GCSE Drama students took to new heights this term! As part of our Twyford Partnership with ATG West End, our students took part in a **workshop run by an industry professional** based around movement and ensemble. Exploring physical theatre techniques, our students created stories about a young person who learns to fly and some of them... "actually did by the end"! **Students loved having the chance to develop their performance skills** and can't wait to use what they've learnt in their upcoming practical exams. The day was made extra special, as following the workshop, our students got the chance to watch: **"Ocean at the end of the Lane" in the West End** – it was a stunning production.

## Twyford Male Ensemble:

Our **Twyford Male Ensemble** returned this term with a brand new production: **"Cloak & Dagger: A Murder Mystery"**. This time though, they took over the Drama studio and converted it into a functioning Jazz Bar. With a live on stage band, audiences became fully immersed in the world of Arthur Larger. But not everything went to plan, as our landlord had chosen that evening to announce he's moving to Italy to open a new restaurant and bar with his latest conquest - Delilah from the Brewery. The problem is, he hadn't told his current partner, Stu Unning, who was on holiday with Arthur's son, Moretti Lager. But when they returned unexpectedly, everything changed! Did our audience manage to help PC World in working out who is behind the murders and help him get a promotion at the same time? **The answer? Some of them did!**

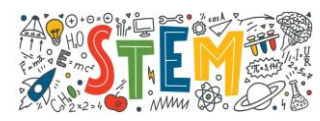


## **Upcoming events & trips:**

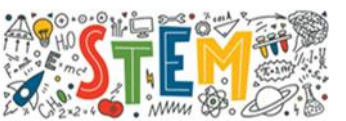
- KS3 Panto: Jo White & The Seven







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## Completed Y13 Gold CREST Projects

Y13 Students presented their work at the **Blackett Lectures theatre, Imperial College London:**

- **Sivad, Ranali, Chloe, Marina** - being brave enough to start the presentations off and having really clear descriptions of their experiments synthesising bioplastics
- **Dana and Megan** - having a really impressive experimental aim and researching it in such an interesting way that they had loads of questions from the audience (using banana skin to test whether bee venom could prevent skin cancer)
- **Blake, Chloe, and Ally** - discussing the trouble of getting a representative sample & engaging the audience in this
- **Massa and Aya** - Being so positive in their presentation and explaining why they really wanted to research how effective suncreams are
- **Alex and Louise** - For managing to answer more audience questions than anyone else really impressively
- **Naomi, Honey, and Ahmed** - A really interesting discussion about what they found out about vaccine uptake in different communities in Ealing
- **Oliver, Fahad, Georgie, and Wilfred** also completed a project on how far a ball can be fired mechanically. **Katie, Elodie and Maddeline** completed a great project building wind turbines with different shapes on the sails. **Emma, Viona, and Leon** also completed the award after with an investigation into electronics.

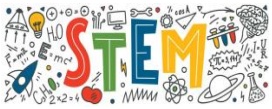
Well done to all students who took part & completed their award. **Mr Hepburn**

## Y9 F1 in Schools

Y9 students involved in the **F1 in Schools project** have started engineering drawings of their model car. Once these are finished, they will be cut at UCL laboratories and raced against other schools in West London. We will keep you posted on our progress.








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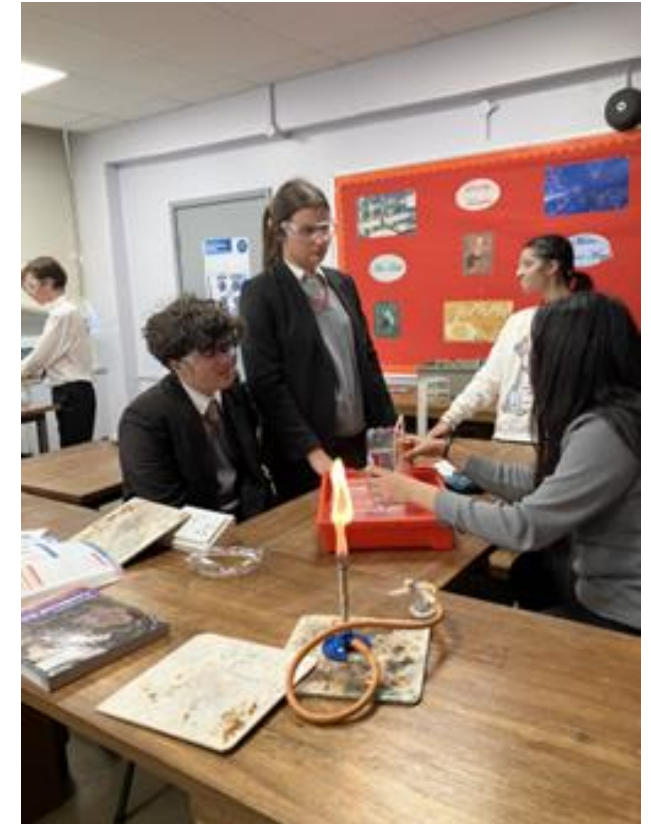
## STEM Interforms

- This Term we held the Y10 **Hydrogen Rocket Interform**. Well done to **Fountains** who came 1<sup>st</sup>.
- STEM Interform** for Y8, 9 & 12 will take place next half term, as well as the eagerly awaited **Y7 egg drop!**



**Hydrogen Rocket Interform - Y10**

Ripon / Fountains – 4.10 m - 23 points
Truro – 1.02 - 16 Points
Fountains – 0.30m - 17 points
Canterbury – Fired it into Isam - 13 points

## Y10 Silver CREST

Three **Y10 Silver Crest Award groups** have started with research into their projects:

- Making a generator from a water mill
  - Producing biofuels
- Making a turbine powered and hydrogen powered model car

We will keep you updated with their progress. **Mr Hepburn**







# Maths



## UKMT Senior Maths Challenge:

Of the 74 Sixth Form students taking the challenge, 67 (91%) gained a medal.

### Year 13:

- Gold: 5 students (16%)
- Silver: 15 students (48%)
- Bronze: 10 students (32%)

**Medals: 30 out of 31 students (97%)**



### Year 12:

- Gold: 4 students (9%)
- Silver: 16 students (37%)
- Bronze: 17 students (40%)

**Medals: 37 out of 43 students (86%)**



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All gold medallists have also been put forward for the follow-on rounds. Eight students will take the Senior Kangaroo Challenge with **one student, Georgie Kelly**, invited to the first round of the British Olympiad which is a tremendous achievement. **Mr Harris**



## Twyford Chess Tournament:

The Twyford Chess Knockout Tournament has been running now since 2005. This year's tournament finished in the summer term. It was won for a second time by **David Misakyan (11R)** who beat **Kayden Tan (9F)** in the final. The other semi-finalists were **Marcello Gramigni (10Y)** and **Moustapha Kanaan (11T)**. Thanks to everyone who took part as nearly 40 students played in matches that started back in January. In addition over 80 students attended Chess and Draughts Club throughout 2022-23. Lastly, we had a chess match against Bishop Douglass R.C. High School in July with whom we drew 6-6. This involved the four semi-finalists from the tournament along with **Gabriele Palmer (13D)** and **Aron Haxhij (10C)**. Of these six, **Moustapha** stood out, managing to win both of his matches. **Mr Palfreyman**



# Wider Learning



It is fantastic to see wider learning in full force this term. There are **98 clubs on offer for Y7-13 students.**

We do take registers for all clubs and share WL engagement in the progress review each week.

The **Wider Learning engagement Data for Q1** is looking positive:

**Y7: 92%**

**Y8: 92%**

**Y9: 74%**

**Y10: 54%**

**Y11: 74%**

**Y12: 52%**

**Y13: 20%**

Students will receive a **WL summary** with their Q2 reports.

**Term 2:** I will send out the Term 2 Extra-Curricular timetables before the Christmas holiday.

**Miss Adams**

Year 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Chess, Table Tennis, Football	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess
Lunch (1:30-2:00pm)	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess
After-school (2:30pm - 4:30pm)	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess

Year 10	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Chess, Table Tennis, Football	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess
Lunch (1:30-2:00pm)	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess
After-school (2:30pm - 4:30pm)	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess

Y12 & 13	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Chess, Table Tennis, Football	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess	Table Tennis, Football, Chess
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