



William Perkin
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Head Teacher's Newsletter



SUMMER TERM 2026

"I have come that you may have life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Message from Ms Newman

The summer term has been full of celebration, challenge and achievement. This year, however, it has also been marked by some exceptionally hot weather, with students and staff showing remarkable resilience and good humour throughout. I have been incredibly proud of how our young people approached the term, continuing to work hard, support one another and embrace every opportunity, even during some very demanding conditions.

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, the summer

term brings the moment they have been working towards for so many years: their external examinations. Despite the pressures, I was hugely impressed by the students' calm, mature and determined approach.

Of course, the end of the examination season also means celebrating our students' final days as members of the William Perkin community. While many of our Year 11 students will soon return to us as part of our thriving sixth form, we are saying a heartfelt farewell to all of our Year 13 students and

many of our Year 11 cohort. We marked these important moments in style with two wonderful proms, filled with joy, reflection and gratitude.

The summer term is also packed with wider learning opportunities, and this year the sunshine certainly provided a memorable backdrop. Alongside our regular events, including Celebrating Diversity Week and Enterprise Days, we enjoyed a number of summer highlights such as Founders Day, the Sponsored Walk and Enrichment Week. While the



Our 10:10 ethic

unusually hot weather tested us at times, it was wonderful to see students embracing every opportunity with such enthusiasm and maturity. The breadth of trips, visits and activities that took place during Enrichment Week was truly inspiring, and the students' energy, curiosity and engagement were a pleasure to witness. A thrilling end to a fantastic term!

House Cup competition for the term... Well done **Isambard**

1st	Isambard
2nd	Einstein
3rd	Pascal
4th	Kelvin
5th	Rutherford
6th	Newton
7th	Watt



Parent prep!

Our tips for supporting your son (s) / daughter (s) to flourish at school and live out the



Please do make sure you use the summer as an opportunity to relax, do plenty of reading and spending time as a family, recharging batteries ready for September.

Please take the time to double check which items of equipment or uniform need replacing so that all the students start the new

school year looking smart and fully prepared! If you need a reminder or to double check anything, there is a full list of uniform and equipment contained in the students' planners and also on our website.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale: Friday 4th September



This term's highlights

Huge fun has been had by all this term, getting back into the swing of trips, clubs and events.

This term students have been involved in a range of activities including the...

- * Ski trip
- * CIAG Day for all students
- * Duke of Edinburgh information evenings and expeditions (incl. Gold!)
- * Founders Day—our annual science extravaganza!
- * Y11 Celebration of Achievement Evening & Y13 Celebration Service
- * Y11 and Y13 Proms
- * Ealing borough worldwide Quiz
- * Midsummer Nights Dream theatre trip
- * Christian Union Weekend Away
- * Love not Landfill clothes swap
- * Mental Health Awareness week
- * IRIS Conference 2025
- * Jamie's farm trip for Bertha Earth students
- * Oxford Urban Fieldwork Trip
- * Celebrating Diversity week 3
- * Sponsored Walk
- * Spelling Bee
- * Elite scientists St George's and Imperial College trips
- * Opal Coast, Bushcraft and Edinburgh Trips
- * UCAS information evening
- * Window to the World of Work and IBM trips
- * Enrichment Week, including Sports Day!
- * Summer Arts festival
- * MFL primary school trips (our students teaching their students)
- * Oxbridge summer school and Trust Oxbridge Day
- * CERN Geneva Trip
- * Year 8 Careers Fair
- * Enrichment week, including Design Technology and Food Technology
- * Sixth Form induction day and Post-18 information evening
- * Meet The Tutor days for all year groups

...and much more!



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Trips and events this term: in pictures!

It has been so exciting to be able to get back to running the plethora of trips and events that we provide for our students at William Perkin.

Below, you can see photographs of students enjoying some of the highlights from the term.

Prom!



Natural History Museum



Year 7 Bushcraft Trip



Founders Day fun!





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Coming up next term

Enterprise Updates

The major Enterprise event of this term is of course the Sponsored Walk, where we decamp to Northala Fields for the day and all walk (some run!) as far and as fast as we can for charity. This year the fundraising efforts were fiercer than ever and we raised a whopping **£7,229.84** to be split equally between our link school in Mozambique, and our chosen charity for this year—Make a Wish International



We are hugely grateful for all contributions made!

Sponsored walk 2026



1st	£1322.09	Rutherford
2nd	£1304.98	Isambard
3rd	£1169.67	Watt
4th	£1140.70	Einstein
5th	£876.92	Kelvin
6th	£783.39	Newton
7th	£632.09	Pascal

Well done to **Rutherford** House for raising the most money in sponsorship—and to **7R in particular** who raised an astonishing £789!



We continued raising money and dedicating time and thought to our other House charities throughout the term, using opportunities such as bake-sales and pay-to-play games to give what we can, reaching out to our wider local and global communities .



Supporting people at risk of severe allergies



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WP Loves Literacy!



KS3 students had a lovely time in Summer 1 going to the Globe to see Midsummer Nights Dream. Next year we already have Matilda booked in so do get your tickets! Year 7 have also had the joy of a library form time each week this term, making the most of our library space, reading in comfort and finding books that give them joy.

We also published our final WP Times of the year – writing up about all of the events from around the school, as well as sharing our own views on things like stepping out of comfort zone.

During the heat wave we had a lot of events going on to celebrate our diverse stories, including some wonderful submissions for people writing about their home countries and own cultures & drawing themselves into classical literature. A huge well done to our competition winners: Siciid Y8, Andrew Y10, Unaizah Y9, Pip Y9.



During the week we had Puneet Bhandal run workshops for Year 7 & 8, sharing her experiences as an author, guiding them to write their own narratives & even teaching them some Bollywood dance moves! Year 10 also had the privilege of attending a workshop run by our very own Ms Davidson – who has published her very own gothic tale! Scholastic were also in showcasing some of the best books of the moment. They will be back in the first weeks of September for you to find your next favourite book to start the year off!

Most excitingly this term we have been expanding our library. In September we will be launching our new library, with over 500 new books, including genres like 'graphic novels', 'sports' & 'page to film'. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and students who donated money, books and time to help expand our library!



Over the summer there are lots of competitions that students can be getting involved with creatively. These have all been emailed to you and we would love to hear if your child is successful!



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Sports Report for the Summer term

It has been another fantastic and busy term for sport at William Perkin, with students demonstrating commitment, resilience and excellence across a wide range of activities and competitions.

Skiing

A particular highlight was the Easter ski trip to Obertauern, Austria, where 41 students and 6 staff enjoyed an unforgettable experience on and off the slopes. Alongside developing their skiing skills, students took part in a variety of activities including the alpine coaster, bum boarding, a night walk, igloo building and even attended an ice hockey match. The trip was a tremendous success and provided lifelong memories for all involved.



Handball

Our teams continued to represent the school with distinction. At the Regional Handball Finals, all four of our teams competed admirably against an exceptionally strong field of opponents, demonstrating determination and skill throughout the competition.

Football:

Football success was plentiful this term. The Year 7 Boys' Football Team were crowned league champions in their inaugural season, an outstanding achievement and a sign of great things to come. The U14 Girls' Football Team also enjoyed an excellent campaign, reaching both the Borough Final and the Cup Final.

Rounders:

In rounders, the girls achieved impressive results, with the Year 10 team winning the Borough Rounders Tournament, while the Year 8 team secured a well-deserved second place in their borough competition.

Athletics:

At the Borough Athletics Championships, William Perkin students performed exceptionally well across a range of events. We were particularly proud to see Darnell (High Jump) and Robert (Shot Put) selected to represent Team Ealing at the Middlesex Championships, with Darnell coming 3rd overall, recognising them as two of the borough's standout athletes.

Sports Leadership

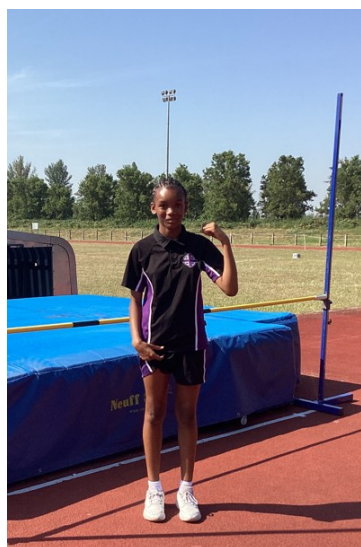
Leadership opportunities remained a key focus this term. Eight Year 9 students and eight Year 12 Sports Leaders successfully organised and delivered a sports festival for local primary school pupils at Gunnersbury Park. The event showcased their leadership, communication and organisational skills and was warmly received by all participants.

Congratulations to all students, staff and coaches who have contributed to another highly successful sporting term!

Sports Day 2026!

Of course, the big event of the summer term for us in PE is Sports Day! Despite challenging weather conditions, students in Years 7–9 approached Sports Day with enthusiasm and determination, producing excellent performances and demonstrating the competitive spirit that continues to thrive across the school.

The term concluded with our most talented athletes representing William Perkin at the Trust Athletics Competition, where they once again performed strongly and represented the school with pride.



Final House Interform Standings:

Newton	211 (7pts)
Pascal	188 (6pts)
Kelvin	172 (5pts)
Einstein	171 (4pts)
Rutherford	166 (3pts)
Isambard	160 (2pts)
Watt	124 (1pt)



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Science at William Perkin this term

In Science this term we have had a wonderful array of trips, events and achievements to celebrate.

The Bertha Earth students in Y7 spent a week at Jamie's Farm getting in touch with nature and developing a deeper understanding of how to interact with the natural world in a positive and sustainable way.



Elite Scientists visited St Georges School of Health and Medical Sciences where they presented their research findings on their project.

They also enjoyed a tour of the campus and a visit to the anatomy room and a paramedic simulation. As a result of their project, they have been awarded IRIS School Researcher certificates and in some cases Bronze CREST Awards.



At KS5 more students than ever took part in the Chemistry and Biology Olympiads and were very successful. We also had a fantastic Physics trip to CERN in Geneva where students could deepen their understanding of particle physics and be exposed to a range of potential scientific and engineering careers. During this visit they also visited the United Nations, went on a boat trip, swam in the lake, went bowling (teachers won!) and had a cultural Swiss experience listening to the accordion whilst eating fondue.



Last week, on Founders Day students all got to experience a range of different science-based activities. All of you saw the Key-note speech and Science Show in the PC, and then in groups some of you experienced taking part in a plants and pollinator survey or astronomy, looking at the sun and Venus, or some of you took part in an activity learning about (and making) snot, sick and scabs. The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine also came in with some giant mosquitos to teach you about malaria.

In sessions on Animals and on Biomimicry students (and teachers!) got to have fun with animals...



Have a wonderful summer from the science department!



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Languages at William Perkin this term



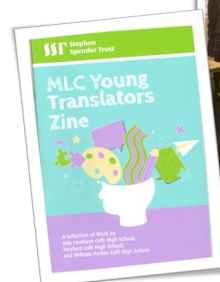
Bonjour! Hola! Hallo! A poem this term, to celebrate all things MFL...

What a term we've had in MFL this year,
With languages, laughter and moments to cheer!

The Trust Spelling Bee put our skills to the test,
Our pupils were brilliant and gave of their best.
Twyford may have won it and stolen the glory,
But next year's competition could tell a new story!



Our Year 9 leaders were eager to teach,
Taking French and Spanish far into their reach.
At three local primaries they proudly took part,
Sharing languages, knowledge and plenty of heart.



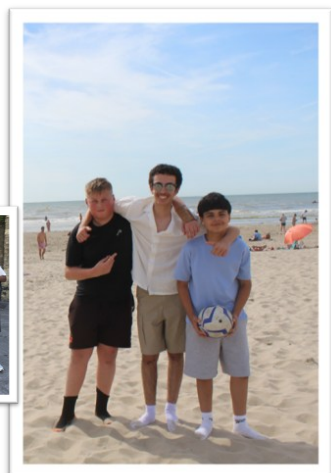
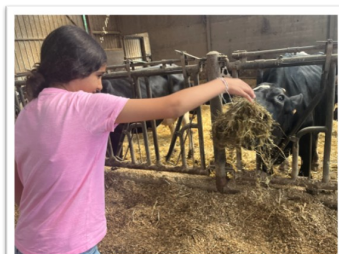
Our Zines were presented with poems inside,
Translated by pupils with talent and pride.
Each page was a showcase of language and art,
With creativity shining from every part.

The Stephen Spender Prize gave translation its place,
With Polish in the spotlight and culture to embrace.
From competitions to classrooms, from journeys to prose,
We've seen confidence, curiosity and achievement all grow.



Then off on our travels for Enrichment Week fun,
To the Opal Coast's beaches and the Rhine in the sun.
New places, new cultures and memories to keep,
With adventures and learning woven in deep.

So here's to a term that has flown by so fast,
Filled with language and learning, and memories to last!





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Year 10 and 12 Work Experience

Our Year 10 and Year 12 students completed their week of work experience in the workplace between 6th and 10th July, and it was a fascinating glimpse of the realities of working life for all. Workplaces visited included...



Celebrating Diversity Week: summer term

This terms' celebrating diversity week (theme: celebrating our diverse stories) culminated in the popular 'cultural showcase', where students showcased their national dress or national flag. I am sure you'll agree they looked stunning!





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School Fund Update

Our Governing Board operates School Fund in order to fund projects over and above what Government funding makes possible. It is built up from financial donations from parents.

We all know that funding for schools is under severe pressure: at William Perkin, we are so fortunate to have our wonderful building. However, there are always further needs in a school, which the School Fund can kick-start and support:

- In the first few years, we leased and resourced the school's first minibus; we contributed to the new Sports Pavilion and the school's bid for a cricket square: this has led to the much larger investment by the England Cricket Board in the Wilf Slack Centre. We also made significant contributions to setting up the library in the LRC.
- In 2019-20 and 2020-21 we made a major contribution to the Sixth Form extension. The Trust and the school funded the construction work, but the School Fund contribution supported the fitting out of this spacious study centre.
- In 2021-22 we funded equipment for the Duke of Edinburgh award programme, team kits for girls' and boys' school sports teams, and soft seating for the library space.
- In 2022-23, we funded the purchase of new, durable picnic tables for the outside playground and we renewed the distinctive picture wallpapers around the school, which look absolutely lovely and have greatly enhanced the school environment!
- In 2024-25, the school fund made a contribution towards the cost of our fantastic new Shade Sails, protecting the Cricket Square and spectator area, which will be installed during the summer term.
- In 2025-26, the school fund has paid for the upgrade and refit of our food technology room, which is enabling the school to launch Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE from September 2026, offering a different and exciting qualification for students passionate about cookery and nutrition

2026 is the National Year of Reading and, as such, our key mission for the School Fund this year was to raise funds to further improve our school library. We wanted to expand our offer to ensure the selection we offer means every single child at William Perkin, from their first day in Year 7 to their final day in Year 13, would be able to loan a book from the library that meets their needs, stimulates their interests and ignites their passion. Thanks to your generous donations we have been able to significantly expand the selection of books on offer and also invest in new shelving. **Thank you so much!**

Regular generous giving by you, our parents and carers, means that the School Fund can thrive for the benefit of all students and, during this coming year, help us create more exciting projects.

If you do not already contribute via the School Fund but would like to support our fundraising this year, regular or one-off donations can be made online by visiting the School Fund page on the school website (under About Us) Please be sure to select William Perkin School Fund to ensure your donation supports the correct school. We also strongly encourage you to complete the Gift Aid form if you pay UK income tax. By doing so you will add 25% to the value of your donation.

If you have any queries concerning donating to the School Fund please contact our School Fund administrator on schoolfund@twyford.org.uk.





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Oxbridge and Admissions Day for Year 12

On Monday 29th June Twyford hosted the Trust Oxbridge and Admissions Assessment Day for Year 12 students from William Perkin and Twyford applying for the most competitive university courses.

As part of this, we were delighted to welcome Dr Azmi Rahman, Dr Petros Spanou and Saffron Hooghan Cormican, all from the University of Oxford.

The academics led subject-specific admissions sessions for students considering Oxbridge applications and this was followed by a lecture in their field. These were fascinating and for those applying for medicine, included learning about knee replacements; those looking to study humanities were given a lecture on the Crimean War and were able to handle original newspapers from the 1860s. In the afternoon students were divided into subject-specific workshops to support them with preparation for competitive university admissions assessments such as the UCAT, ESAT and TMUA.



Have you considered a career in teaching?

Train to Teach with William Perkin and Teach West London from September 2027!

Thinking about a career in teaching? Train to teach with Teach West London and our partner schools across West London. Whether you're a graduate, teaching assistant, parent returning to work or considering a career change, Teach West London offers high-quality, school-based teacher training with expert support throughout your journey. If you, or someone you know, has the potential to become an outstanding teacher, we'd love to hear from you. Find out more by calling 020 3301 3180, emailing ITT@teachwestlondon.org.uk, visiting our website or registering your interest. [Teach West London](#)



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SESSION DATES — JULY & AUGUST 2025

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All sessions 9:00am – 1:00pm

The Prosper Project

The Proper Project is a local charity that empowers children and young adults aged 5 to 25 from underserved communities. They focus on keeping kids safe, sparking a love for learning, guiding them through life challenges, and building career skills.

They offer a fantastic summer programme full of exciting activities including cookery, sports, art and competitions, with food provided daily. **And most of it is FREE!**

See their website for further details and to sign up!

<https://theproperproject.org.uk/events>



You decide the programme. The first session is a co-design day — young people choose what the summer looks like. Baking, football, arts, cooking, competitions — it's up to you.



Free nutritious meal every day — no exceptions.



Designed by young people. Year 10 students co-designed this programme earlier this year.

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