

# Thomas Knyvett College – Weekly Newsletter

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## HEADTEACHERS LETTER

Despite the bizarre turn in the weather, students over the last two days have enjoyed a variety of in-school activities as shown by the photo montages in this newsletter. I know that many parents wonder as to why we offer days such as these at the end of the year and I am very pleased to say that the students' opportunities and cultural understanding are widened considerably by the variety of events. The Barcelona trip returned having thoroughly enjoyed their experience. This summer sees a group of students on a challenge in Malawi, something they have been working towards for two years, I expect a report for our first newsletter back in September.

This term sees the departure of a few staff; moving to new positions are Mr Blumfield, Mr Bowen, Ms John, Mrs Foley and Ms Alvarez. Not returning to Thomas Knyvett from maternity leave are Ms Razzell and Mrs Chan. Ms Oliver is moving within the Partnership to The Howard of Effingham School. We wish them well in their new adventures.

I am very fortunate in being able to tell you that we have new teachers ready to take up posts in September.

Finally, I must inform you that after many years of teaching, thirty-three of which have been at Thomas Knyvett, that Mrs Bolsh is taking a very well deserved retirement. She has given her time relentlessly over the years, offering outstanding teaching to ensure that she has brought out the best in over 5,000 students at Thomas Knyvett College alone. I know that she will remain in contact with us.

The summer holidays brings for you as parents a number of issues, not least of all how to keep your children occupied. The local bulletin released from the Council shows a number of free events which you and your family can attend, starting on Saturday with the Staines Regatta. Please follow the link for more free events: <https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=16673&p=0>

Keeping safe is another top priority, I attach a further link to anyone who wishes to be informed of the dangers of river swimming, a growing trend now that the Thames is cleaner; <http://www.river-swimming.co.uk/safety2.htm>

School reopens in September with staff training on Monday 4 September and for all students on Tuesday 5 September, Year 7 at 8:35am and the other year groups from 11:05am.

Have a wonderful summer break

*JB Marillat*

Janise Marillat  
Headteacher

## YEAR 9 PAPER WAISTCOAT CHALLENGE

Well done to 9dt3 for producing such intricate paper waistcoats.

Gemma's team were 1st.

Shannon's team came second and Zoe's team came third.

As you can see they were all fabulous.



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## DECADES DAY AT TKC

On Wednesday 19 July, students at TKC explored how times and cultures have changed since 1950, as each year group embraced the culture of different eras and participated in various activities throughout the day that allowed them to learn more about the past.



Amazon, Orion and Poseidon all went head to head in order to be crowned the champions of the day; the effort from everyone was amazing but Orion house won the competition overall and the total amount raised for Great Ormond Street will be announced on our return in September!

## MATHS CHALLENGE

Last week's solution:

Is love at first sight [fact](#) or [fiction](#)?

Trudi [Gittins](#) first met Lee Smith at a popular [cafe](#). She engaged [him](#) in [useless](#) small talk but offered [genuine](#) signs that she fancied him. She told him that she liked to [read](#) [Dickens](#) and preferred [sombre](#) rather than [gleeful](#) parties. He said he bought a brand new [car](#) [each](#) year as it helped him [relax](#). [Is](#) love in the air for Trudi and Lee?

From the passage above the hidden words are:

factor, digit, arc, minus, edge, add, angle, area, axis.

The famous mathematician was French philosopher and scientist, [Descartes](#). He developed [Cartesian](#) geometry.

That is the last maths challenges for this year. We hope you have enjoyed working through them each week. Look out for some extra challenging tasks from September 2017.

## ABSENCE CONTACT DETAILS

If your child is unwell, please contact Mrs Canton on 01784 243824 (then select '1' on the keypad which will then divert directly to the absence line) and follow the instructions, or via email [canton\\_v@thomasknyvett.org](mailto:canton_v@thomasknyvett.org)

## Dates for your Diary

21 July:	Last day of term
w/c 24 July:	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
4 September:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
5 September:	Year 7 start at 8:35am Years 8 – 11 start at 10:45am

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## WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AT TKC



Last week saw our last rewards assembly of the academic year, and students in each year group were recognised for their demonstration of our PROUD values throughout the year. Thirty students also attended the rewards dinner at Pizza Hut in Staines on Monday evening, in recognition of 100% attendance and no behaviour points throughout the whole of this year.

Huge congratulations to everyone who has shown Pride, Respect, Open-mindedness, Unity and Determination in all aspects of school life throughout the year, we look forward to seeing more of this next year from all of our students and celebrating in the successes of each and every one of them.



## PIXLEDGE APPRENTICE AWARD WINNERS

We had the privilege of accompanying sixteen PixlEdge Apprentice Award winners to Charters School in Sunningdale last week. They are the first of their kind and we are very proud of them! All Year 7 students have been working independently, trying to complete ten tasks - two for each of the PixlEdge values: Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. Students have been ridiculously busy, without the assistance of teachers! Activities included: creating, leading and marking a tutor quiz for a term, organising a cake sale for a charity, creating a YouTube video and teaching a Year 6 class at their primary school. Each task had to be typed up and evidence uploaded on the system so that it could be verified by staff.



Year 7 students who have not completed the Apprentice Award this year will, no doubt, complete it next year but these sixteen students have put TKC on the map!

Well done to all sixteen winners: Jacob, Eloise, Lily, Griffin, Janna, Katherine, George, Daisy, Aya, Jake, Manha, Claudia, Fungma, Ellie, Serena and Thomas,

Summertime is always the best of what might be.

- Charles Bowden

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# CISCO 'PATHWAY TO YOUR FUTURE' WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME, 13-17 NOVEMBER IN BEDFONT LAKES, FELTHAM



Cisco have offered TKC six places on the 'Pathway to Your Future' work experience programme in November. This will be for Year 10 students (current Year 9 students). Three technical places and three business places are available.

Online applications are now open and will close on Saturday 30 September 2017. Any current Year 9 student (Year 10 from September 2017) who would like to apply should do so at:

<https://www.ciscofeedback.vovici.com/se/705E3EE8311EAF7E>

The programme offers a fantastic opportunity for students to develop core employability skills such as:

- Presentation and interview skills
- Communication and influencing skills
- Confidence
- Team work
- Problem solving

In the technical stream, students will also have an introduction to:

- Cybersecurity & ethical hacking
- Software development – python programming
- Networking – switching and routing
- Number systems & IP addressing
- The roles in Corporate IT
- Life as a customer facing engineer

In the business stream students will also have an introduction to:

- Sales & marketing
- Workplace resources – how we manage our buildings
- Corporate legal
- Corporate finance
- Human resources

During the week students will have the opportunity to talk to senior executives, as well as current Cisco Apprentices and people on the Graduate Programme.

Please see Mrs Barber or Mrs Manning in the LRC if you have any questions or would like further information.

## YEAR 8 & 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 'STEP INTO THE NHS SCHOOLS' COMPETITION

For the last three weeks all Year 8 and 9 students have taken part in the 'Step into the NHS schools' competition. There is much more to working for the NHS other than being a doctor or nurse. In fact, there are more than 350 different careers in the NHS and with that many careers on offer there is a job to suit anyone, no matter what your interests and skills are. That is where the 'Step into the NHS' competition comes in. The PSHE lessons asked students to choose an NHS career that interests them and create a job description and an advert to tell their friends and other young people about it. Students worked either on their own or in teams of up to four.

Joanna and Liza from Year 8 are this year's winning entry and received a £25.00 Amazon voucher! Their chosen career was a Clinical Scientist, they produced an interactive poster that included suggestions and information about what the job entails.



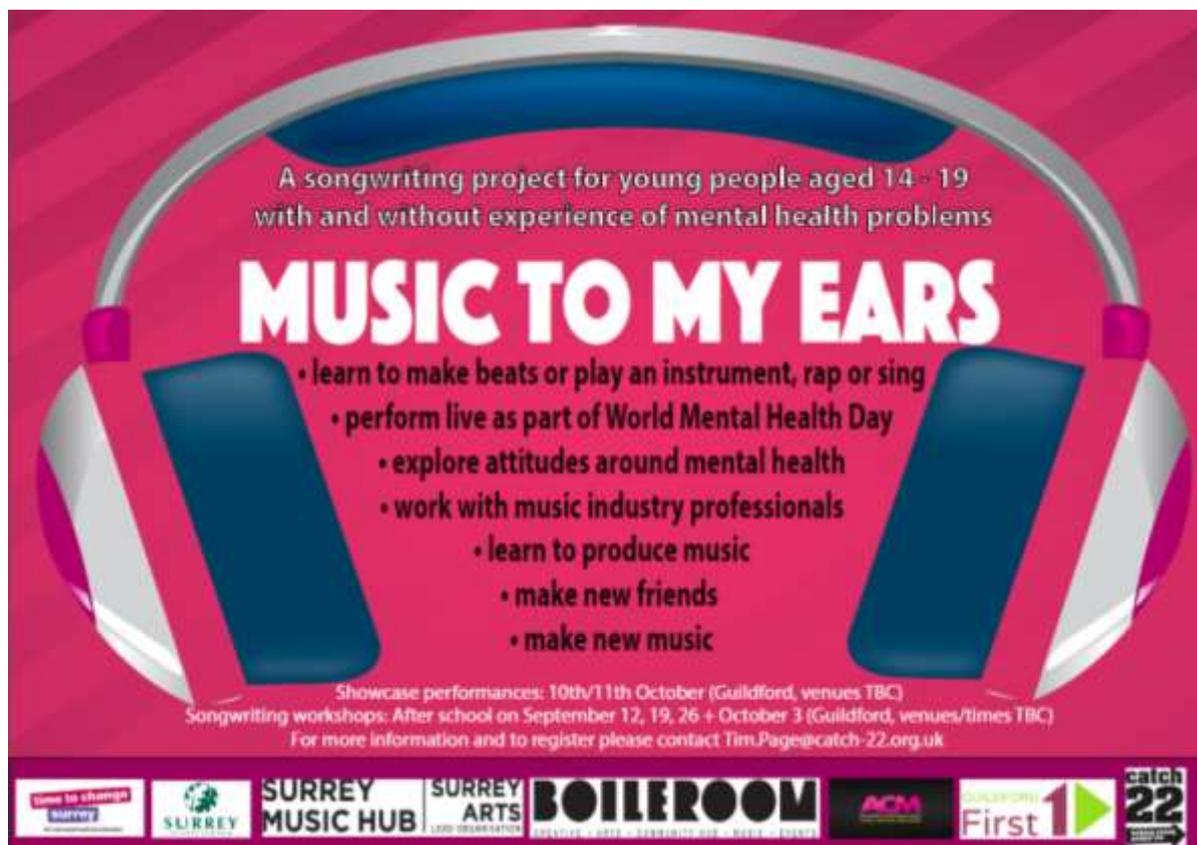
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# MUSIC AND SONG-WRITING PROJECT

Below is a flyer for a music and song-writing anti-stigma project (starting mid Sep), this pilot, the song-writing sessions & performance will run in the Guildford area and the age for interested students is 14–19.

Sessions will be run by professional staff with song-writing, music production/industry, youth work and substance misuse experience, currently working for Catch 22 Substance Misuse Services on a wider music project together with Surrey Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services.

If you require any further information please contact Maya Twardzicki - Public Health Lead, on 0208 541 7800 or Tim Page at [Tim.Page@catch-22.org.uk](mailto:Tim.Page@catch-22.org.uk)



## TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018

**Please note these dates are subject to change:**

AUTUMN TERM 2017	4 September 2017 – <b>INSET DAY</b> 5 September 2017: Year 7 start at 8:35am Years 8 – 11 start at 10:45am
HALF TERM	23 October 2017 – 27 October 2017
END OF TERM	21 December 2017
CHRISTMAS BREAK	22 December 2017 – 2 January 2018
SPRING TERM 2018 STARTS	3 January 2018
HALF TERM	12 February 2018 – 16 February 2018
END OF TERM	29 March 2018
EASTER BREAK	30 March 2018 – 13 April 2018
SUMMER TERM 2018 STARTS	16 April 2018
HALF TERM	28 May 2018 – 1 June 2018
END OF TERM	20 July 2018

Holidays are about experiences and people, and tuning into what you feel like doing at that moment. Enjoy not having to look at a watch.

- Evelyn Glennie