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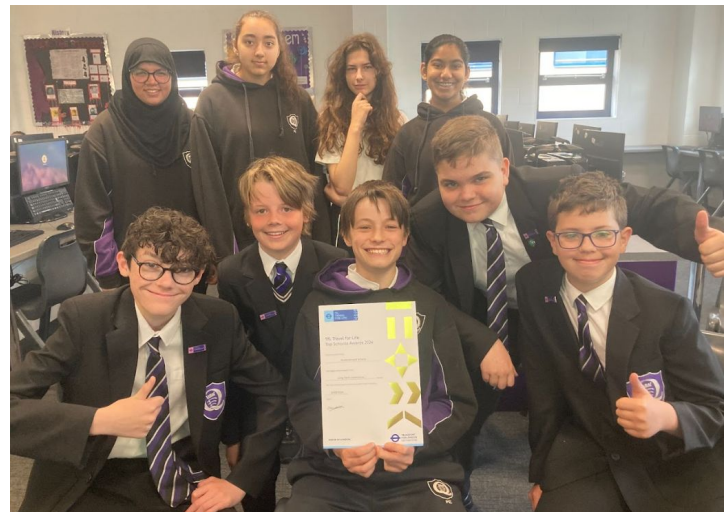
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Ambassadors for safer travel for our young people: The TFL Pioneers!

Our TFL Pioneers recently presented a pitch to Hillingdon Council, asking for money to help with their campaign for safer school travel. They were successful, securing the full amount of £575 to put towards their campaign.

With this money, our ambassadors for travel will be able to start their own podcast, in order to promote their travel campaign.

A huge well done to all the TFL Pioneers; you really are a great group of students to work with, and you really come up with the most fantastic ideas about how to tackle the travel issues that affect us on a daily basis. Thank you for all your hard work!



Mrs Oakley, *Senior Cover Supervisor*

Hitting the slopes of Folgarida, Italy



On Saturday 5th April, 48 students, accompanied by 6 members of staff, embarked on an unforgettable ski trip to Folgarida, Italy.

The trip combined learning, laughter, and lively evenings in equal measure. With the sun shining brightly over the pristine, quiet slopes, it was the perfect setting to discover the joys of skiing under the expert guidance of experienced instructors.

From beginners taking their first glides on gentle runs, to more confident skiers honing their skills, the calm and peaceful slopes provided an ideal environment for all levels. Our instructors were fantastic — patient, encouraging, and



knowledgeable — ensuring every student felt safe and motivated. By the end of the trip, many had mastered new techniques and had gained confidence on their skis, proud of their progress.

But the fun didn't stop when the skis came off! Evenings were filled with lively activities that brought everyone together. Quiz nights sparked friendly competition and laughter, while karaoke sessions revealed hidden talents, and delicious pizzas were eaten as we relaxed and shared stories from the day's adventures.



Throughout the trip, the students' excellent behaviour and their respect for their peers, instructors and the environment alike, made the experience enjoyable for all. It was more than just a chance to learn a new sport — it was an opportunity to build friendships, develop confidence, and create lasting memories in a stunning setting. We are incredibly proud of all our students for making this trip such a fantastic experience!

Mrs Carter, *Second-in-charge of PE*

Jack Petchey: an evening to celebrate Achievement Awards, for Hillingdon

The late Sir Jack Petchey, a London-born philanthropist, established his foundation to reward young people for their achievements, both in school but also outside of school, as part of extra-curricular clubs and groups. Rooted in his motto, 'If you think you can, you can', the foundation seeks to reward the efforts and resilience of young people in and around the London area, to work hard and become a thriving and proactive member of their community, much like Sir Jack himself.

As a school, we are lucky to be able to be a part of this programme; each year, we nominate six students from across KS3 and KS4, in addition to two Post-16 students, for an 'achievement award'. Besides receiving a certificate, badge and a grant to spend on something of benefit to their school and/or community, they are invited to an illustrious evening, where they are publicly honoured for their contributions, receiving a medal, awarded to them by the Mayor of Hillingdon.



Taking place at the Cineworld Cinema in South Ruislip, on the 30th April, the Hillingdon evening was one to remember. Joined by students and young people from across the borough, it was an evening of celebration and success, supported by proud parents and staff.

Not all of our recipients from this year were able to attend, but they all deserve our congratulations:

Achievement Award winners:

- ❖ Wiktor L
- ❖ Shivam D
- ❖ Jennah O
- ❖ Nicholas E-H
- ❖ Isabelle A-S
- ❖ Nesara N A
- ❖ Nimrut N
- ❖ Vincent Y
- ❖ Sahil F
- ❖ Samuel Z

- ❖ Miss Mangan, who received a 'Leader Award', a separate category of awards for staff and leaders



Miss Scott, Assistant Headteacher

Studying urban growth and regeneration in London's East End

As Year 12 Geographers, we had the opportunity to attend a taster lecture at Queen Mary's University of London, on 'Human Geography', specifically the regeneration in the area of Brick Lane in East London with reference to the history behind the infamous area.



In addition to this lecture, we explored the local area, uncovering many different aspects of the multi-cultural heritage by walking around and talking to the locals, and finding out about their lived experiences through our fieldwork. Although the area has gone through many phases over the years, with immigrants from across the globe settling in the area, it remains a significant hub of Bengali heritage - both the culinary history, but also the wider culture, with many shops displaying bilingual names.

Overall, this was a memorable experience for all students involved and allowed us to reflect on our work on regeneration and its effects, applying it to Brick Lane as a real-life case study.

Jessica N, Year 12 student



From page to stage: Post-16 students watch Miller's masterpiece

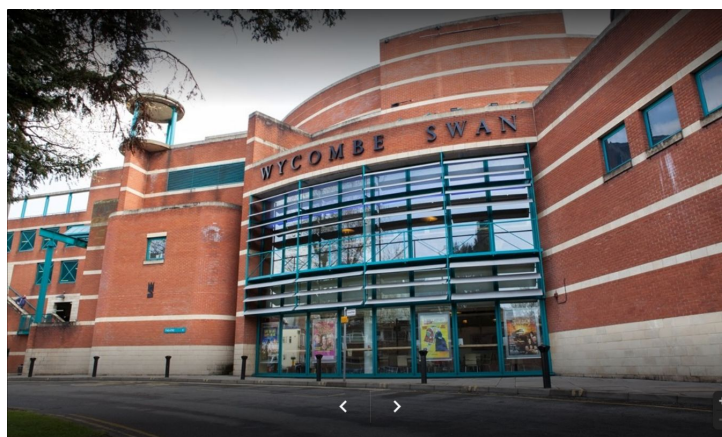
At the end of April, a group of our Post-16 English Literature students embarked upon an insightful trip to the Wycombe Swan Theatre to see a powerful production of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. The performance was brought to life by a dynamic cast, leaving a lasting impression on our student theatregoers.

The play tells the story of Willy Loman, an ageing salesman struggling between his dreams of success with the harsh realities of his life. As his mental health unravels and begins to decline, Willy's memories and regrets of the past collide with the cruel present, leading to the ultimate tragedy at the end of the play, offering a biting criticism of capitalism as well as the unachievable reality of the American Dream.

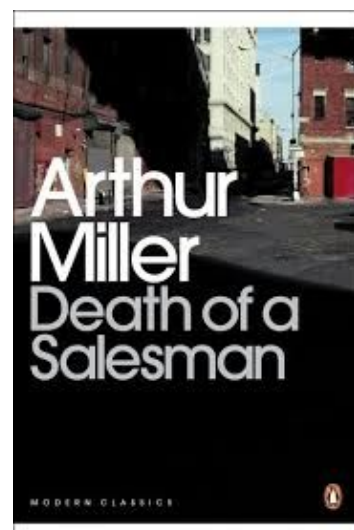
For many of the students attending, it was the first time experiencing the culture of live theatre - and the performance did not disappoint. In what has been described as a 'raw, timeless and deeply moving' masterpiece, the haunting portrayal of Willy Loman brought to life their set A Level text in

an invaluable way. The cleverly staged flashbacks were emotionally charged, and the production as a whole offered a gripping interpretation that certainly sparked much discussion and debate from our students on the return home.

Mrs Miller, *Head of English*



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Brilliant Minds Battle: the UK Maths Challenge

The UK Mathematics Trust is a charity, founded in 1996, with the noble aim of advancing the mathematical education for our young people. They promote the use of problem solving through mathematical enrichment activities.

Each year, they run the UKMT Maths Challenge, for individuals to compete against each other. They divide the competition into categories: senior, intermediate and junior competitions. Each category is asked a series of 25 multiple choice questions at an appropriate level of challenge relative to the age of the participants. The highest-scoring students are then invited to take part in follow-on rounds.

Here is an example question from this year's paper, if you would like to try it:

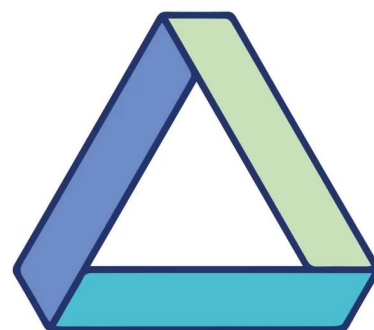
10. The prime factorization of 2024 is $2^3 \times 11 \times 23$.

How many two-digit numbers are factors of 2024?

A 2 B 4 C 6 D 7 E 8

Our Year 12 and 13 mathematics students participated at the senior level, with great success! We had so many award winners - too many to mention here! Well done to all participants, and congratulations on your achievements.

Miss Karadia, *Second-in-charge of Maths*



UK Maths Trust

Year 12 silver awards	Year 13 silver awards	Year 12 and 13 gold awards
Abirujan P; Sarangan M; Seth R; Denis-Andrei N; Akshai U; Anjali K; Isha D; Isaac L	Mohammad A; Mihaly D; Samuel P; Fortune M; Raghav J; Safenth S; Tashreef H; Reshikeshan J; Shreyas P; Zenel P; Anushan P; Abdul A; Shivam D.	Year 12 - Mohammad J Year 13 - Daniel M; Shlok P; Rudra S.

Young minds tackle tough problems too: our youngest students rise to the challenge

Not only did our senior students compete, but from Year 7 to Year 10, lots of students took part, with great success. Here are just some of our winners!



Year 9 bronze awards	Year 9 silver awards	Year 9 gold awards
Anaya T, Zayan B, Shaneya B, Swara D, Sara D, Sebastian K, Khadija M, Edward P, Anah R, James B, Gaurang D, Maahi P, Daniel Q, Sebastian M, Nishata P, Janav N, Shaan S, Dhruv P, Rushika S, Santhos K, Ismail J, Vivin K, Sophia C and Lewis M	Sajin E, Ashvika N, Hasan R, Krisha K, Noah L, Mirthiga R, Shivam P, Aditya K, Anaya P and Lewis C	Rohan K
Year 10 bronze awards	Year 10 silver awards	Year 10 gold awards
Rebecca W, Hana H, Nashita T, Alexander N, Parv P, Bilal C, Arjun B, Asmi J, Shan J, Kyran M, Menuhan J, Keerthanaa S, Laksha J, Iyaz M, Lukasz C, Dhurha J and Alfie T	Dhairya D, Grace N, Hamzah P, Jamie-Louise B, Jessica B, Kanishan M, Arygaran S, Cherie N, Mahi P and Charlotte T	Nitya, Alfie, Kirthesh, Abdul-Kareem
Year 7 bronze awards	Year 7 silver awards	Year 7 gold awards
Mohan G, Aurav J, Amber M, Ziyad A, Hamed N, Saachi P, Stefan G, Shivam K, Diya P, Ishaaq C, Caio C, Ayyub Yaseen B, Somia K, Nabeel O, Jacob C, Keval P and Farzad P	Vinushan K, Liam K, Rokisan R, Joel B, Yohaana C, Aryan M, Vinosh N, Aashni G, Faiza R, Aneesa R, Sakshana K, Aaron V, Ryan G and Xavier G	Darsh B, Lakshan L and Kian K
Year 8 bronze awards	Year 8 silver awards	Year 8 gold awards
Shayan I, Adshajan S, Aarush G, Ella G, Saisharan S, Navya S, Niamh B, Jashwini A, Alicia C, Abhinaya V, Izabela B, Aisha S, Haley P, Shuayb A, Taylor C, Aaron H, Helena M, Nicholas E and Kanthavi S	Harini S, Khairunnajah S, Mihika S, Marco T, Jenna M, Marcella B, Maya C, Rakshika S, Selin K, Anaiya S, Arnav B, Aron S, Prisha V, Khairunnisa' S, Reyansh V, Sujivan Charles J, Yaksh P, Thanusia K, David C, Thomas P and Zaki A	Mathias A, Victor Z, Wassim E, Avineesh K, Kamal C, Kanisha S, Dilaxan S, Shruti A, Ismail B, Rylee L, Charlie R and Sathvika S



Inside the V&A: a journey through Art, Design, and History

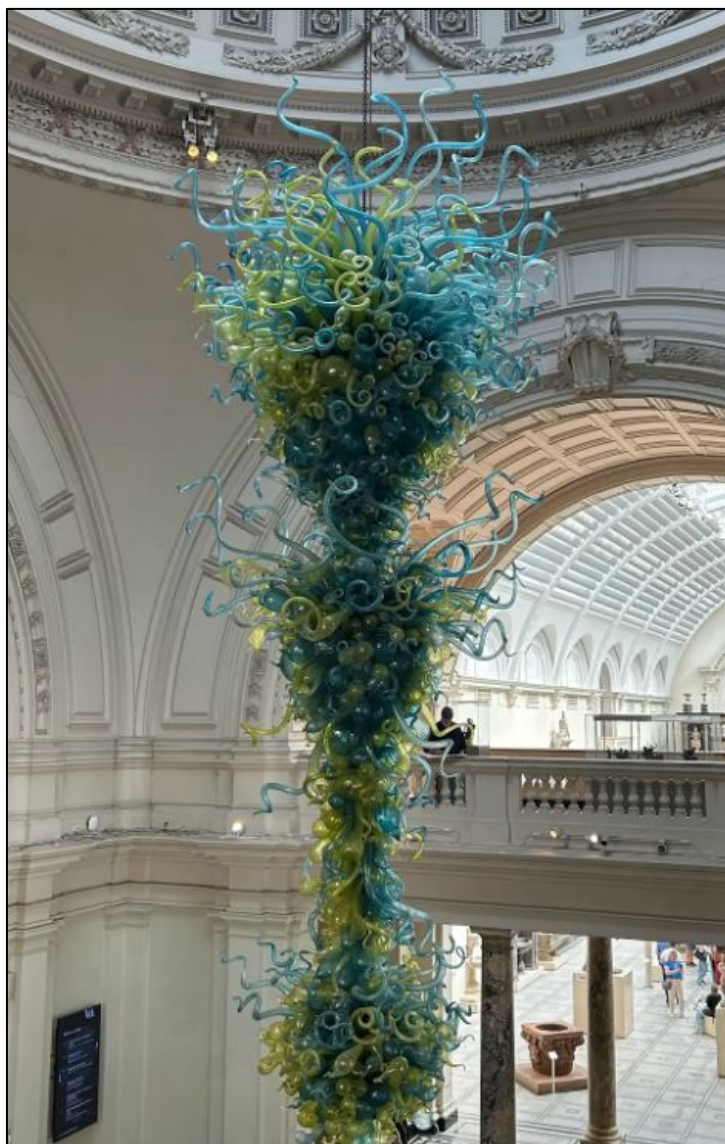
Last week, our Year 10 textiles students took a trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum, to explore the history of textiles and costume through the ages. It was a memorable and exciting experience for all the students.



They explored a range of displays, from the stunning jewellery exhibits to the range of impressive sculptures. Even the rooms themselves were sumptuous and richly decorated with luxurious fabrics and furnishings.

Many students were inspired by the theatre and performance section, enjoying the familiar musical theatre costumes and detailed set designs that sparked ideas for their own projects.

The museum's vibrant atmosphere, with its colourful exhibits and unique pieces - like a jellyfish chandelier! - and a funny monkey picture, all added to the enjoyment. It was a genuine mix of fun, inspiration, and creativity, making for a fantastic day out.



Miss Keyes, *Teacher of Textiles*

Fun, food, and giving: Eid fair raises money for a good cause

On Thursday 3rd April the Post-16 Charity Eid Fair was held, in order to raise money for the Post-16 chosen charity, The British Red Cross. Organised and led by our enthusiastic Sixth Form students, led by Asad P and Adeel OA, we raised an incredible £1,221.22, thanks to the support of our school community and a fantastic contribution to The British Red Cross Gaza Appeal, and increasing this year's total amount raised by our Sixth Form to £1479.75.

The event took place after school, with students taking the time to set up the hall with decorations and stalls. The fair started with a beautiful talk from Asad, who welcomed the students and staff to the event, reiterating the importance of charity and giving. It was a lively and heartwarming event, filled with a wonderful variety of food stalls and a fantastic selection of homemade dishes, all generously donated by our students and their families. The pudding stall was especially popular. The thobe stall proved to be a big hit, offering beautiful traditional garments alongside a wonderful range of fragrant perfumes. It was wonderful to see students queuing for the henna stall and buying art designed by the students.

Fun and laughter filled the air as everyone enjoyed the games and activities, making the day truly memorable. We are so proud of our Sixth Form students for their dedication and hard work, and grateful to everyone who contributed, donated, and attended. The event was such a success that we hope it can become an annual part of the school calendar, with our Year 13 already volunteering to come back in the future to help.

All our students demonstrated the Queensmead value of kindness and their selfless support for charities will make a real difference to those in need.

Thank you to all those who came and the staff who supported the event. Over the next few weeks, we hope to round off a truly successful year by raising more money for charity with a 'teacher v Post-16 students' sporting event!

Miss Horal, *Teacher of History and Charities' Coordinator*



Young athletes shine: running, throwing and jumping to glory!

On 20th May, Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Hillingdon Borough Athletics Competition.

It was a fantastic day out for the students and they all worked incredibly hard, representing the school very well. Several students made it through to the finals of their respective events and a few came back with some silverware!

For their first ever Borough Athletics competition, the Year 7s had a fantastic debut:

- Omar H – 1500M – 3rd place
- Jayden HDP – Long Jump - 2nd place
- Elijah W – 100M – 2nd place
- Devina G – Javelin – 3rd place
- Kassidy, Tyreeq, Omar, Elijah – Relay – 2nd place

The Year 8s were returning for their second competition but also did very well, getting into the final for a few events, but unfortunately not always placing, due to a few injuries and fatigue.

- Tiana B – 200M – 1st place
- Tiana B – Long Jump 1st place
- Annaliese M - 100M – 1st place

Overall, our students were phenomenal ambassadors, making the school very proud. We now look forward to see who qualified to represent Hillingdon at the Middlesex Championships.

Mr Bilal, *Teacher of PE*

