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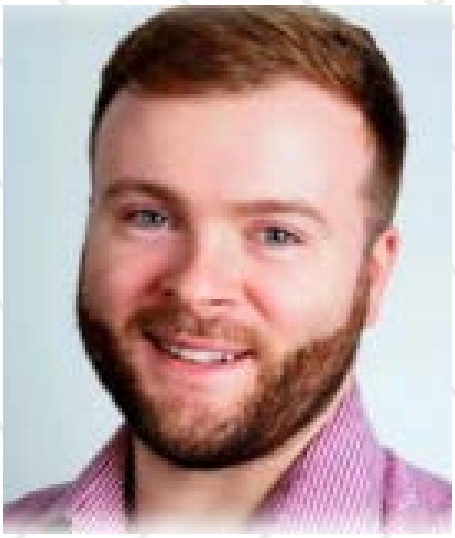
NEWSLETTER- JULY

SUMMER TERM 2025

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Welcome to the Summer 2025 newsletter for Clarendon Secondary Centre. I hope you enjoy reading about the rich experiences and achievements of our pupils this term as much as I have.

This term has been filled with learning, educational visits, and celebrations. A few weeks ago, we held a memorable graduation assembly to bid farewell to our fantastic Year 11s, where they shared their reflections on their time at Clarendon. Their hard work has truly paid off, with every student securing a place in further education next year.

An absolute highlight of the summer term was undoubtedly our fabulous production of The Lion King. I was incredibly proud of what all our pupils achieved, and the range of creativity and talent on display was truly unforgettable! A huge thank you goes to all the staff who supported this year's production, and a special mention to the show's creative director, Nicole Reece.

At the end of this term, we are also saying goodbye to a valued member of our staff. Pol Astaniotis, our DT and Art teacher, is retiring after many years of committed service to Clarendon School. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Thank you for your continued support of your children and the school throughout this year. I wish you a wonderful, restful, and sunny summer break and look forward to seeing you refreshed in September.

Best regards,

Niall Dumigan - Executive Headteacher

3CM

This term has been, as always, full of fun-packed practical learning.

We have ventured into the lab and explored ways in which materials interact when put under pressure.
We especially enjoyed seeing how a bag of water could be blocked by pencils and didn't leak when they magically pierced through.

We also had a great time at The Roald Dahl Museum; playing dress up, reading about his life, exploring the interactive reading resources and rounding off the day having a good giggle at the park making our hair stand up with static electricity from the slide.

A highlight was making Woody be as tall as Roald Dahl, with a little risky footstool from Miss Mattison.

In other subjects we have been working hard creating things with our hands and some machines Miss Mattison is quite scared of!

Now she has seen the pictures and how amazingly brave and sensible the class has been, perhaps she shouldn't be so scared anymore!

Finally a huge THANK YOU from me, Miss Mattison, to everyone who has been involved with 3CM in any way this year. It has been a wonderful one and I can only hope the children have found it as special as I have.

In the words of Roald Dahl, *"If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely"*.

3CO

3CO have been doing a selection of activities including communication work with Colour Semantics, sensory play and retelling familiar stories with the help of visual resources.

We have also been practicing fine motor skills and recording footage for use in the school production of The Lion King! Well done 3CO for a fab year of fun and friendships!

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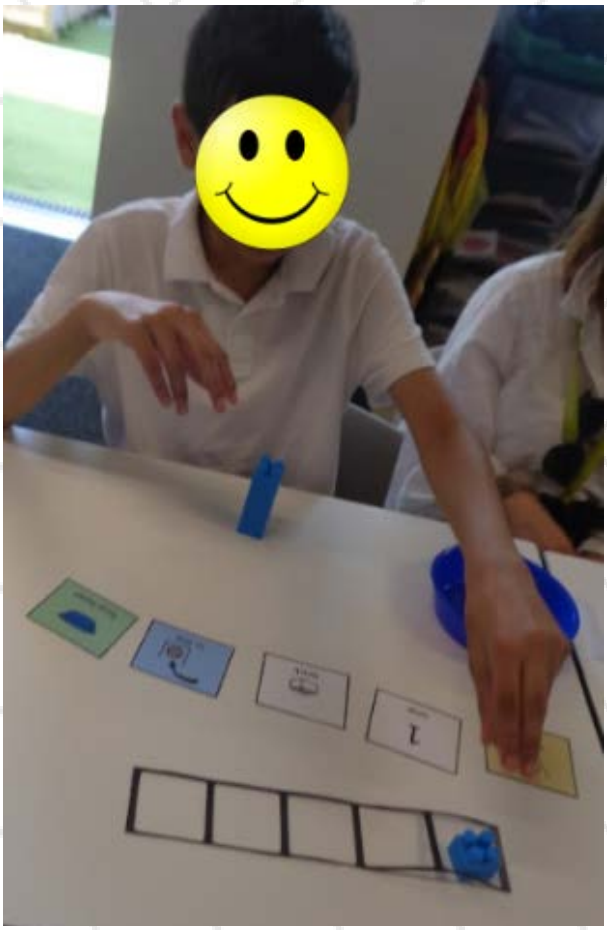

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3JG

3JG have been making the most of the lovely summer weather by going to the park for our Life Skills lessons. We have used these lessons to work on our team building skills. We even had a chance to join in games with the Year 9s. We've had so much fun.

DEWALT

3MF Exploring Volcanoes and 'Extreme Earth' in Science

This term, 3FM have been diving into the explosive world of volcanoes as part of their 'Extreme Earth' topic in Science.
The class explored how volcanoes are formed, what causes eruptions, and the powerful forces that shape our planet.

As part of their learning, the students created their own model volcanoes, which they then erupted in a fun and messy science experiment!
This hands-on activity helped them understand the structure and eruption process of a volcano in a creative and exciting way

3FM also explored the advantages and disadvantages of living near a volcano. They discovered that volcanic areas can offer rich soil for farming, hot springs, and even geothermal energy. However, they also learned about the risks, such as dangerous eruptions, ash clouds, and lava flows that can affect people's lives and homes.

The unit has sparked great enthusiasm, and the class now has a deeper appreciation for the incredible — and sometimes dangerous — power of nature.

3UK

KS3 had a great time at Chessington World of Adventures. 3UK split into groups, some of us went on scary rides like Mandril Mayhem and The Vampire Ride, the rest of us went on the slower rides which were so much fun! We had the best day ever!

We have also been out and about for Geography looking at our community spaces.

We learned that our school is in an urban and residential area, but that we are lucky to have some green spaces around us too.

We also learned about life cycles of some plants and animals in Science.

3VP

A fantastic day out for 3VP at Marwell Zoo! The glorious sunshine set the perfect scene for exploring, and they certainly made the most of it. Highlights included the charming penguins, elegant giraffes, and mischievous monkeys.

Perhaps the most dramatic sighting was the rather disgruntled rhinos, who seemed to be enjoying a lively chase with the zebras and antelopes – quite the spectacle! As for the tigers, they proved a little more elusive, perhaps preferring to lounge in the back of their enclosure, wisely trying to escape the boundless energy of 3VP!

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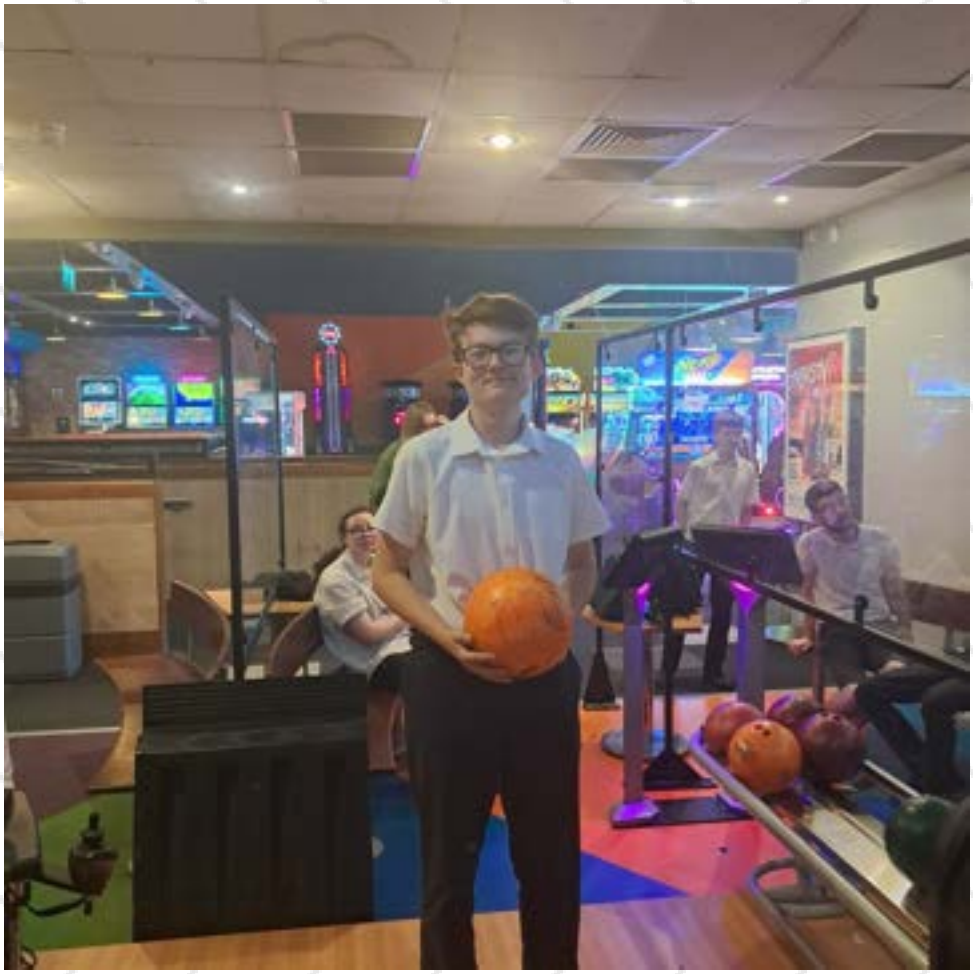
4CH

Strikes, spares, and burgers! 4CH had a brilliant day out, starting with some bowling fun at Tenpin in Feltham.

Everyone tried their best to knock down the pins and had a great time cheering for their friends. To top it all off, we refueled with a tasty lunch at Burger King, where plenty of burgers, fries, and cold drinks were enjoyed by all.

What a fantastic treat!



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4DW

Year 11 have had a fantastic final week of term, celebrating the end of an important chapter in style! After months of hard work and dedication in the run-up to their final exams, they enjoyed a well-earned break filled with memorable experiences
The week kicked off with a fun day out in Kingston, followed by a special Graduation Evening where students dressed to impress and marked their achievements with their families and teachers.

The celebrations ended on a high with an unforgettable day at Thorpe Park — full of laughter, thrills, and great memories.
Well done, Year 11 – we're so proud of you!

4HK

4HK went to Pizza Express for Katie's Jack Petchey Award trip on 23rd June 2025. The staff there provided some complimentary starters and made sure the group were well looked after.
A few would like to go back again soon!

PIZZERIA

Chessington - Rotary Big Day Out

On Wednesday 11th June, pupils in Key Stage 3 took part in the Rotary Big Day Out to Chessington World of Adventures. It was a lovely day which was largely funded by The Teddington and Hamptons Rotary Club!

Once again, a massive thank you to all parents who offered to be a volunteer on the day, and also to those who came along!
A big well done to all staff and of course, all of Key Stage 3 for such a wonderful day out!

Miss O'Neill.

Planet Doughnut
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Here are some lovely quotes from our students

- *'It was so much fun yes it was also scary but we laughed a lot'.*
- *'I am proud that I was able to cope with the crowd, busyness and how loud it was'.*
- *'I have overcome my fears of rides so now I can go on big rides'.*
- *'I really liked the trip because it was super duper fun. Thanks for letting us go there'.*
- *'I was out of school and I didn't have to do work'.*

Year 11 Graduation 2025

The Year 11 Graduation was an emotional evening peppered with food, speeches and a farewell song from staff perhaps worthy of at least the first round of Britain's Got Talent.

The students did an incredible job delivering their speeches and wowed us with their confidence, composure and memories of their time at Clarendon. Lots of lovely memories were captured by Mr Gilbert and tech support was provided by Ms Blake. Ms Bumrah spearheaded the beautiful decoration team.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and made the night so special!

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GRADUATION

Prom 2025

What a night! The Key Stage 4 prom was an incredible evening packed with food, fun, and non-stop dancing. Everyone went all out, arriving in amazing outfits and ready to celebrate the end of another school year.

The dance floor was full from start to finish, with a brilliant playlist that had everyone singing along to. It was the perfect chance to hang out with friends, take loads of pictures, and make some unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and made the night so special!

Harlequins Trip

Recently, fifteen of our pupils had an incredible opportunity to attend the Harlequins Festival in Twickenham.

It was a day packed with exciting sports activities and learning experiences.

The students participated in a variety of workshops, getting expert coaching from Harlequins coaches on rugby essentials like handling, kicking, and passing. They also learned cricket games with Surrey cricket coaches and even got to try out playing with innovative rugby robots.

Everyone had a fantastic day, and we want to give a special shout-out to Seamus and Joao, who showed exceptional effort, enthusiasm and Exceptional Team Work in every activity. A big thank you to Mr. Boylan, Miss Blake, and Miss Frampton for taking the pupils on this memorable trip!

FULLER'S LONDON

Sports Day 2025

Sports Day was a magnificent day, which was held on Wednesday 2nd of July. The day started with races, where all pupils raced together. After break-time, pupils participated in either circuit activities or a dodgeball competition.

After lunch, pupils participated in relay activities, a football competition, yoga or self-defence. The class who won Sports Day was Ms Peters class.

I would personally like to thank all pupils and staff who took part.

Mr Collins.

World Market Day 2025

Taste of the World: Clarendon Secondary School's Inaugural International Food Market a Huge Hit!

The vibrant aromas of global cuisine filled the air at Clarendon Secondary site last 9th of July, as the school hosted its very first International Food Market.

We celebrated the diverse cultures within the school community and introduced students to an exciting array of global flavours.

The market proved to be a resounding success, showing the cooking skills our students have been building during the Academic Year, exceeding all expectations and creating a truly memorable day for everyone involved.

Stalls overflowed with authentic dishes from every corner of the globe, including delicious Pao de Queijo and Bolo de Coco from Brazil, flavoursome Jerk Chicken from Jamaica, lovely Tea Party sandwiches from UK, sweet Lamingtons and Lemonade from Australia, warm Zapiekanka from Poland, tasty meatballs and cinnamon buns from Sweden, mouth watering Dahi Bhalla from Pakistan and appetizing Spanish omelette from Spain

There was a 'passport' challenge where students could collect stamps from different country stalls, encouraging exploration and learning. The event was a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone at school.

A huge well done to everyone who contributed to making this such a delectable and unforgettable day!

Brazil

España
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Jack Petchey Award

Clarendon Celebrates Our Latest Jack Petchey Award Winners

We are immensely proud to share the highlights from the recent Jack Petchey Award ceremony at Richmond Theatre in June, where our students, accompanied by their families and staff, received their well-deserved medals. It was a truly uplifting evening, celebrating the outstanding achievements and positive character traits of our young people.

The Jack Petchey Awards recognise young individuals who demonstrate excellent personal qualities, showing kindness, helpfulness, personal growth, a positive attitude, and acting as role models.

This year, we were delighted to see six more of our exceptional students honoured.

Jack Petchey Foundation
Inspire • Motivate • Achieve

Here's a brief look at their inspiring contributions:

- George (Summer 25) was celebrated as a most kind soul, consistently smiling and engaging, and connecting easily with both adults and students. He demonstrated impressive resilience by always trying and pushing himself, bringing joy to everyone around him.

- Emily (Summer 25) was recognised as a kind and helpful person, serving as a good role model and friend. She is hardworking and mature, always willing to help others and check on them when they are sad, alongside being clever, honest, and focused on her future.

- Katie (Spring 25) displayed an exceptional attitude during her work experience in a busy college kitchen, proactively seeking tasks and adapting impressively to a new environment. Her remarkable commitment earned high praise from the kitchen staff.

- Kieran (Spring 25) had a highly successful work experience as a teaching assistant, praised for his positive attitude, adaptability, and ability to connect with students. He was described as kind, polite, and dedicated, with his determination and passion for helping others leaving a lasting, inspiring impression.

- Christian (Autumn 24) showed incredible courage and determination on the Outward Bound residential course. Despite being scared and nervous, he participated in every activity and completed them all with a laugh.

- Rahat (Autumn 24) demonstrated great perseverance on the Outward Bound course, especially during challenging water activities. He was determined to succeed and pushed through to the end, even asking to jump from the powerboat a second time!

We are incredibly proud of all our winners, whose achievements truly embody the spirit of the Jack Petchey Foundation and the values of our school. Congratulations to them all!

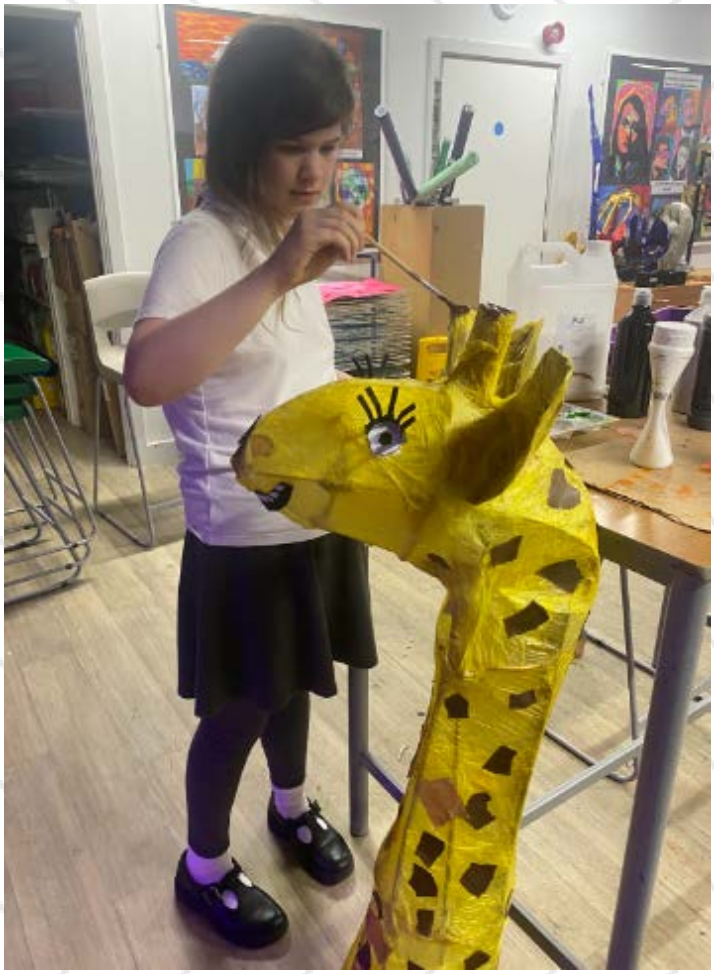
Performing Arts

The Performing Arts department is absolutely buzzing as we hurtle towards our spectacular Summer Show performances of The Lion King! Rehearsals have been in full flow, and the energy is electric. It's been an incredibly packed summer term with so many exciting things happening around the school, but the dedication to our show has been phenomenal.

We're thrilled that so many pupils participated in the prop-making workshop with the fantastic Dave Parker, creating some truly amazing pieces over three wonderfully creative days.

The costumes are coming along beautifully too, and everything is set for what promises to be a truly unforgettable show.

Nicole Reece



School Council

The School Council has had a remarkably productive year, demonstrating their commitment to improving the school environment and community. Among their notable achievements is the successful initiative to install new water fountains in the playground, providing accessible and refreshing hydration for all students. Furthermore, the Council played a crucial role in the recruitment process for new staff, offering valuable student perspectives during interviews, particularly for the vital new Family Engagement Coordinator position.

Another area where the School Council has excelled is in brainstorming initiatives to enhance both the school day and playtime experiences. Thanks to their input, we now have focused play on Wednesdays, and exciting new activities are planned for Fun Day. As always, they have also identified a fantastic charity to receive our Mufti Money.

A huge thank you from Ms. van Manen for all the fabulous suggestions, which consistently make the school a better place.

Their dedication and proactive efforts continue to enrich our school.

Fun Day 2025!

We've seen incredible dedication and hard work from all our student representatives, culminating in a truly memorable Fun Day. From engaging discussions and impactful initiatives, our students have demonstrated leadership and commitment to making our school an even better place.

The Fun Day was a huge success, filled with laughter, exciting activities, and a wonderful sense of community. We're so proud of everything they've achieved!

It's clear their efforts made a real difference. We'd also like to extend a big thank you to all the pupils who showed respect and affection for the animals during the animal encounter, for their great participation with the magician in the entertainer session, and for being super sensible when climbing the wall in the playground. Your positive attitudes and responsible behavior made these activities even more enjoyable for everyone.

The addition of the supercars was a particular highlight, and we were thrilled to see how much the owners enjoyed the experience alongside the students. Their confidence in allowing the children to sit in and explore these incredible vehicles added an extra layer of excitement to the day.

New elections for school council will be in September. Let's see what the new team will have in store for us.....

Yoga

Celebrating Our Thursday Yoga & Movement Sessions

Each Thursday, our pupils and Teaching Assistants come together for a unique and uplifting experience: yoga and movement sessions designed to support both emotional and physical wellbeing. These sessions offer a calm and creative space for everyone to pause, reset, and connect, with themselves and each other.

Led by our dedicated Wellbeing Yoga and Movement Coach, Kelly Meadows, the sessions focus on more than just physical activity. Through a blend of movement, mindfulness, and breathwork, we explore regulation techniques, develop vital life skills such as self-regulation, flexibility, and teamwork, and encourage the values of self-kindness and kindness towards others.

These sessions are for everyone: pupils and staff alike, creating shared moments of movement, rhythm, and reflection that enhance the wellbeing of our whole school community.

Kelly also runs holiday workshops based at Clarendon Primary Centre, where children and young adults can continue to explore yoga, movement, musicianship and expressive dance through fun, inclusive activities during the school breaks.

To find out more or to book a place for your child or young person in this summer's activities, please contact Kelly Meadows on:

info@kdyoga.co.uk

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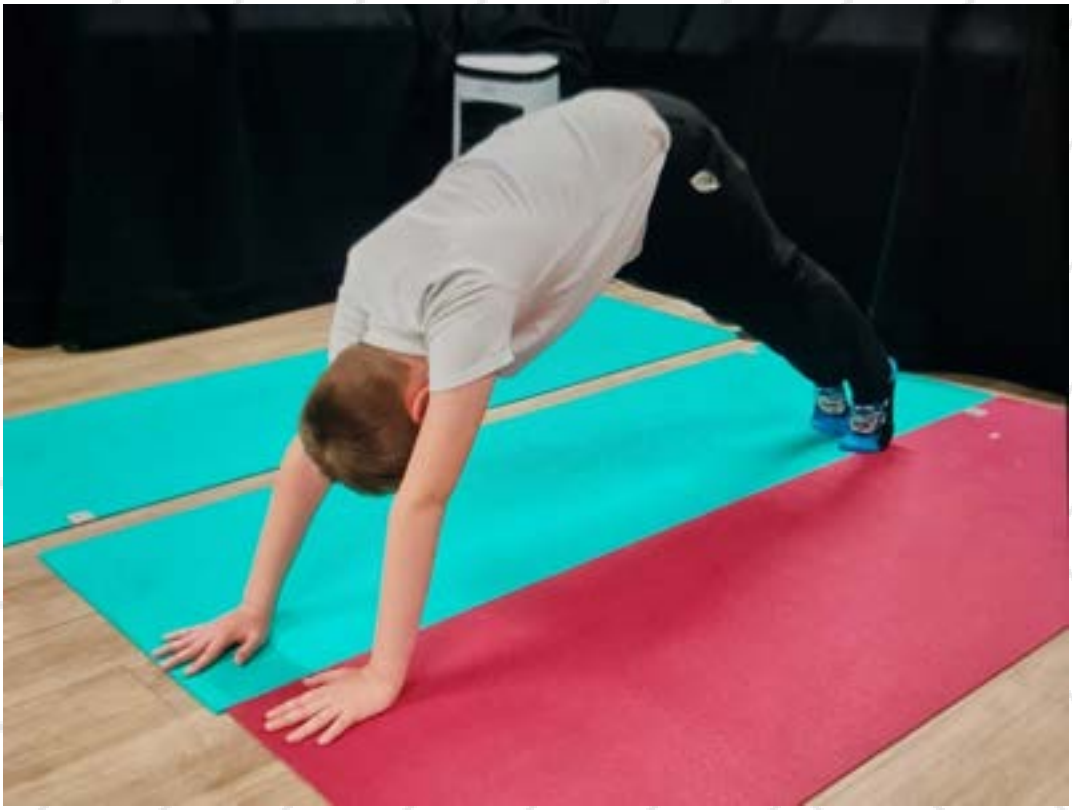


Bespoke Beheard

This term a couple of our Year 10 students have been part of a group learning to ride on the road and off-road. Exploring further territory along the River Crane; giving us some ideas for new routes for future candidates.

The Year 9's have been given the opportunity to do our introductory mechanics course, which gives them a taster that can help them decide whether they want to choose mechanics as an option across Year 10 and Year 11.

Nico, from Orleans Park School, did his City and Guilds L2 qualification with us last year. He has stayed on as a volunteer, helping service our school and staff bikes, and customer bikes too.

BESPOKE be HEARD

The offer from Bespoke Be Heard:

- **15%** discount for **all parents and siblings** of children within the academy for *services, repairs, parts, accessories & clothing*

- **10%** discount for **all parents and siblings** within the academy for *second hand bicycles*

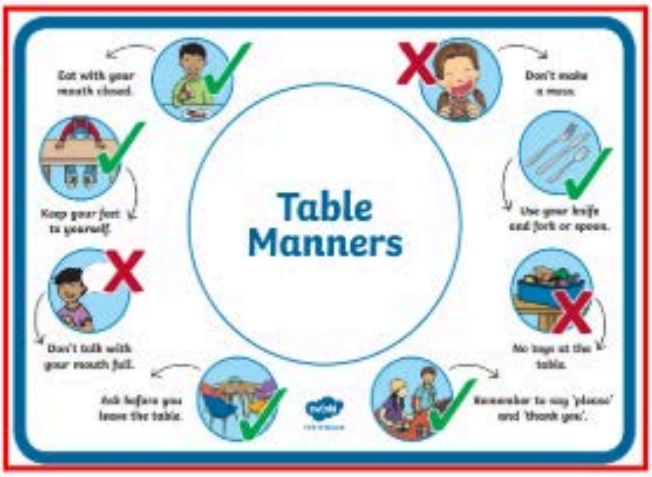
- Trade price for **all students** within the academy for *second hand bikes, parts, accessories and clothing* and ***free services*** *and* ***repairs***

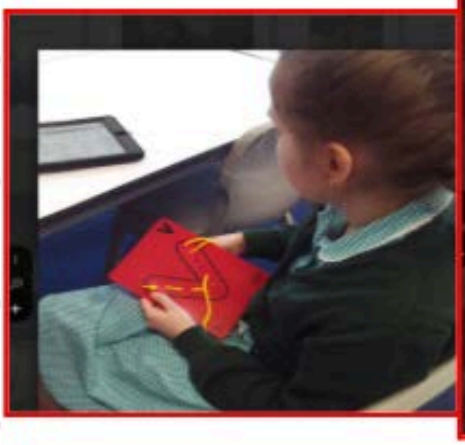
Occupational Therapy

Welcome to our news, we have been busy. During the summer terms we introduced a new community topic with some of the students that consists of road safety, navigation and community skills.

In addition we have continued group sessions with regulation activities, sensory toolkit, independence in the home, life skills, games, and fine motor activities as well as lunch club and sensory circuit.

Here are some pictures of the different activities





Next academic year we plan to follow similar themes to this year to help students access their learning to their best potential, including sensory toolkit bags for the classrooms.

From the occupational therapy team at Clarendon secondary school we wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing the students upon their return in the new academic year. Should you wish to contact us, please email the school.

Jessica Brown, Highly Specialist Occupational Therapist.
Matilda Hillman, Occupational Therapist.
Jo Mohammed, Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Family Engagement

Dear Families,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Family Engagement Coordinator. It's been a busy and rewarding start, and I've really enjoyed getting to know many of you already.

Over the past few months, I've had the pleasure of supporting families with a variety of needs, from accessing resources and navigating applications for transport, DLA, writing supporting letters, to signposting local events and workshops that support children and parents.

I've also hosted two coffee mornings. At the Secondary site, we welcomed guest speakers from the Richmond Mental Health Team, the Independent Travel Training Team, and Skylarks Charity, who shared fantastic information and answered parent questions. At the Primary site, I held a Girls' Puberty and Periods coffee morning, where our school nurse gave a very informative and supportive talk.

These events are just the beginning, we're building a strong foundation for ongoing support, connection, and information sharing.

If you'd like help with referrals, forms, or just want to chat about what's available, I'm here for you.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch, I'm always happy to help

Julie Malak

Safeguarding

Supporting Your Teen on Social Media

As your teen steps into the digital world, knowing how to guide and support them can feel overwhelming. That's why Media Smart, in partnership with TikTok, has created 'Teens, Social Media and You' a new film-led campaign with free resources to help parents and carers navigate discussion about online safety, digital wellbeing, and responsible social media use. Download the free guide and watch the films today HERE.

It can be hard to keep up to date with the latest social platforms used by young people. Internet Matters produces helpful guides to the most popular ones and it would be useful for all families to be aware of Discord as it is particularly popular with the gaming community, but is now used more widely by a lot of young people. Like with most of these platforms, Discord has some positive features, but also poses some specific risks which families need to be aware of to avoid potential risk of harm. The guide can be found HERE.

For Parents - Holiday Conversations

The holiday period is an ideal time for parents to sit down with their children, play their games and use their apps to get to know the endless fun but also the potential risks. Conversations can be difficult, especially if the parent isn't a user of tech, but conversation is the most powerful risk mitigator of all.

So where do parents start?

The NSPCC have put together a fabulous page full of information such as:

- Age appropriate conversations taking into consideration different ages.
- Resources such as tips and quizzes.
- An understanding of some of the risks.
- And tackling difficult conversations.

You can find the page HERE.

New TikTok Features

Reccently, TikTok released some new features which will help with supervision. These new features include Time Away, a feature to decide when it's time for children to take a break and a recurring schedule.

There's also a feature which allows parents to see who their children are following on TikTok.

More information about these new features can be found HERE and the full range of
TikTok Family Pairing features can be found HERE.

More Concerns with Roblox

As one of the more popular games with all age groups, particularly younger children, Roblox is getting its fair share of negative press lately.
Most recently (13 April) Revealing Reality have released results of their investigation called 'A Digital Playground - The Real Guide to Roblox'. As part of this investigation the researchers created multiple accounts pretending to be persons aged 5, 9, 10, 13 and 40+ in order to explore the safety settings and the user experience which included:

- Adults and children can easily interact.
- Easy access to highly suggestive environments, including participation in adult-themed conversations.

You can read the full report HERE, which was then followed up by two articles in The Guardian HERE and HERE, the latter of which is the experience of some parents and their own child's use of Roblox.

Internet Matters

Internet Matters have come up with some useful resources and tools to help support children's online safety:

- Supporting neurodivergent children & young people
- Supporting neurodivergent children who play games online
- Downloadable activities
- Interactive tools
- Top apps for kids to have balanced screen time this summer
- How to help kids build tech skills on a budget
- Apps and platforms safety hub
- Online safety leaflets and resources

Keeping Children Safe Online - Tips from the Children's Society

Young people now have more ways to connect with other people online – from school group chats to TikTok videos. But this can also put them at risk of grooming and sexual exploitation. Online grooming crimes against children have increased by 89% in six years.

To help keep children safe while still enabling them to enjoy their time online, we've put together some tips for parents on keeping children safe in the unpredictable online world.

- Open up: Create a space where your children can come to you when they're ready and not feel judged. You can learn more about what might be bothering them and how you can keep them safe.
- Get involved: Set up your own accounts and connect with your child, if they feel comfortable.
- Set boundaries together: Come to an agreement on privacy settings with your child, where they feel listened to and involved.
- Discuss the aims: Talk to your child about online risks

Click HERE for more useful tips and information

Lighthouse Project

This is a group for young people with neurodiversity aged 11 to 24 years old. Based at Heatham House, we have the use of all the amazing facilities from outdoor sports areas to art rooms and video games. Each week we play team games and often get our heads stuck into group art projects and more. The Lighthouse Project is a wonderful safe space for socialising with like-minded young people and gaining advice from youth workers.

This is a closed youth group so before attending lighthouse we ask that contact is made with staff for a discussion around the young person's needs and to answer any questions you may have. We also have a membership form for Lighthouse that collects some more information about the individual's additional and medical needs in order for us to understand how we can best support your child.

The sessions are every Thursday evening 6:30 to 8:30pm* for mixed ages 11 to 24 years and involve activities such as; games, quizzes, sports, art, tie-dye, movie nights and much more! We also go on occasional trips and run great holiday programmes.

**Please note that during the summer holidays the sessions will be running on Mondays 6:30-8:30pm.*

Please email Meg to discuss further: meg.scott@achievingforchildren.org.uk

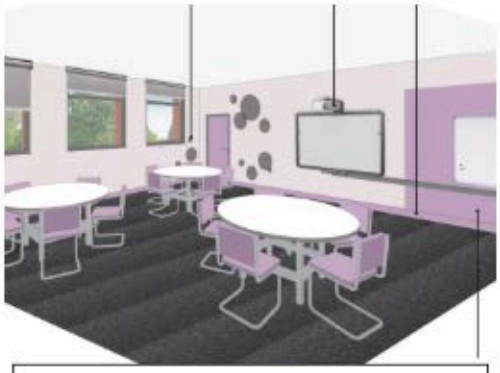
Notice Board

New build updates:

Dear Parents,
We're thrilled to share another brief update on our new school building. The project continues to move forward at an impressive pace, and we're on track for a September 2026 opening.

Over the past year, we've completed detailed designs and engaged Kier Construction to finalise plans. Groundworks and foundations are already underway and Richmond Council is poised to provide the final sign off this month, which will give Keir the green light to begin main construction works.

We're so excited to see our new school take shape and can't wait to welcome our pupils to this incredible new learning environment. We'll continue to keep you updated on our progress!



Proposed Classroom Design

Exterior drawing

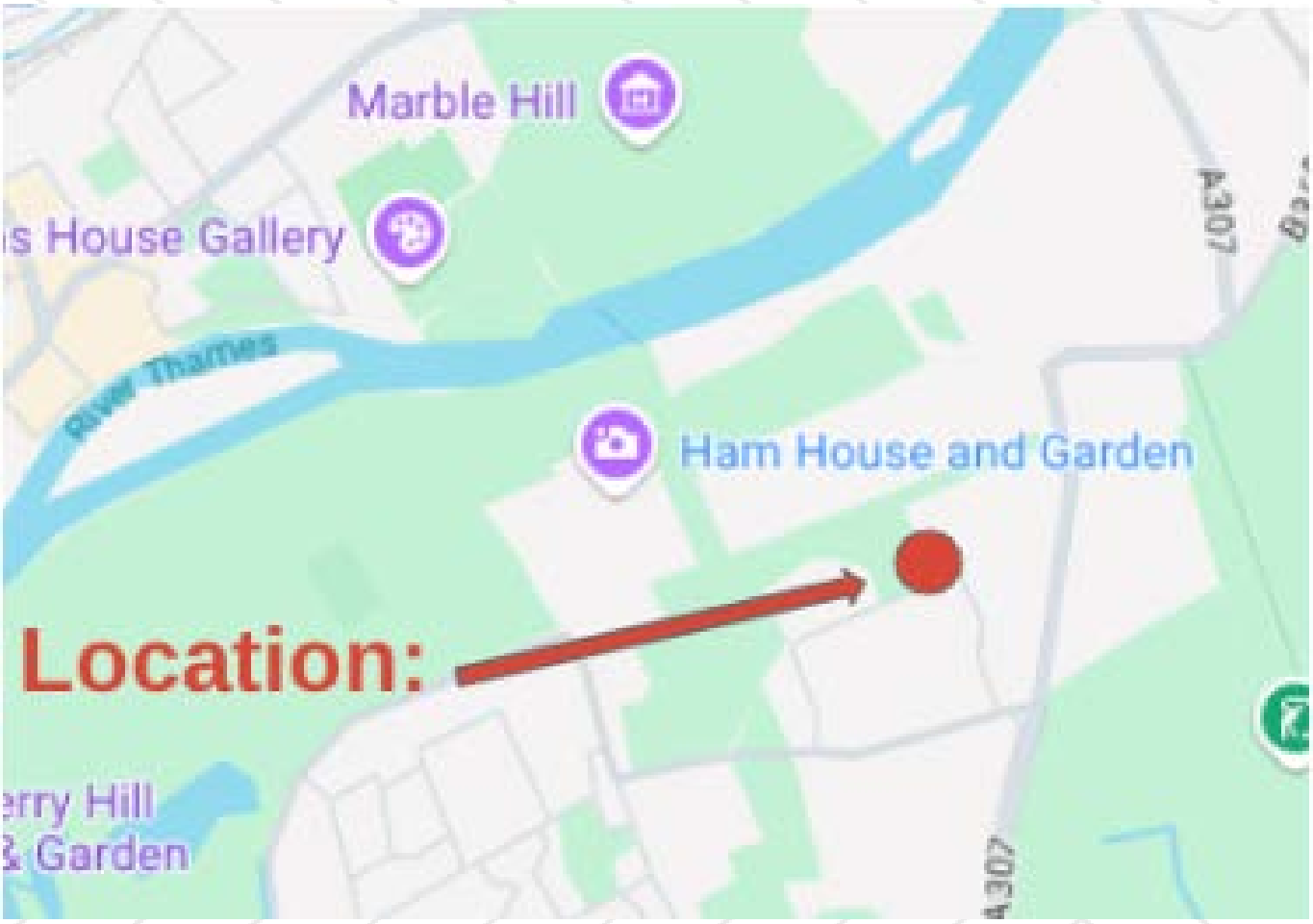
Reception

Building work has commenced!

Notice Board

Where will the new centre be located?

The new Clarendon centre will be our first centre south of the River Thames, beautifully situated in Ham on the riverbanks. Pupils who attend will be immersed in nature, enjoying stunning views of the local area from the upper floor. This new centre will be co-located with Strathmore School and The Russell School, and there will be opportunities for the three schools to share resources, further enhancing our pupils' experiences.



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Competition time!

We don't yet have a name for our new Clarendon site, and we would love some help from current pupils, staff and parents to help us find an appropriate and welcoming name for the new centre. Some ideas that we as a leadership team have had so far include:

- Clarendon Meadlands Centre (the new centre is on Meadlands Drive)
- Clarendon Riverside Centre
- Clarendon Kingfisher Centre
- Clarendon Beacon Centre

If you think you can do better, please click the link below, or scan the QR code and send us your suggestions.

We will use this information to compile a final shortlist in the Autumn term, and will invite everyone to vote on the final name.

LINK TO THE COMPETITION

Scan me!

Autumn Term 2025

INSET days:	Monday to Tuesday, 1st - 2nd September (school closed to pupils)
First day of term:	Wednesday, 3rd September
Half Term:	Monday, 27th October – Tuesday, 4th November
INSET days:	Wednesday, 5th November - Friday, 7th November (school closed to pupils)
	(Pupils return on Monday, 10th November)
Last day of term:	Friday, 19th December - 1.30pm