



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It seems incredible (and I seem to say this every year) how very, very quickly time seems to fly – and it is not just the adults who think this, or so the children tell me. Year 11 have now left, though a few still can't keep away! This week, we have signed passport photos, distributed Year Books and had some really positive chats. Year 10s are now growing up and are now out on Work Experience fortnight .

Staff tend to see this part of the year as a time when they can do lots of tidying up and planning for next year, but, as ever with Shene teachers, they are doing so many things for the children still:

The Year 9 and 10 Sports Leaders were wonderful in working with Sheen Mount staff and Ms Callaway in leading the Sheen Mount Sports Day to a great success

One of our students won the Twickenham Riverside project. The task was to create a piece of public art to be installed on the Twickenham riverside, inspired by the stretch of the River Thames that runs through the borough of Richmond (colour photos on blog)

Our own sports day was also a great success with Dragons just pipping Foxes to the winners' Shield

Eight Year 10s were publicly acclaimed for their politeness and intelligent questions when they represented Shene School at the LBRUT Question Time event

Year 10 Music students performed a concert around their pieces to an appreciative and supportive full house of peers and parents.

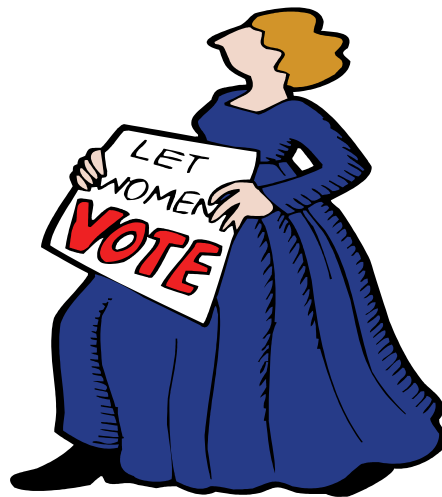
Finally, for those wanting Academy news...I am afraid I still have none since we have to wait for the Minister to sign off the all-important funding

agreement. We are working towards an assumption everything will be happening in time for September, and I am being called to numerous meetings to plan for the future. Children will be fitted for – but not receive – the new school uniform on the 14 July. As soon as we can, we will inform you about collecting these but it is likely to be at the beginning of September. As Academy news comes in, I will of course, keep parents/ carers informed.

**Lesley Kirby**  
Headteacher, Shene School

## YEAR 10 GCSE DRAMA TRIP TO THE ORANGE TREE THEATRE

On 16 June, year 10 GCSE Drama students were invited to the Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond. The visit was to see a reading of a play called 'How The Vote Was Won' which was all about women in the 1900s between 1919 and 1928 trying to get the vote. We



found the tactics the women used to get the vote very interesting.

At the end of the reading a historian talked about the history and answered any questions we had to ask. There were also students there from Whitton, HCC, Waldegrave and Christ's. Thank you to Ms Simms and Mr Walker for organizing it.

**Molly Hayes 10T2**

## ART NEWS

The Art department recently invited children from the local primary school to view our students' GCSE artwork. Below is a letter sent from their class teacher.

"Thank you for inviting us to your school to enjoy your artwork - our children were impressed with huge amounts of it and really enjoyed their visit.

I asked the children to give me some feedback to pass on and here is a selection of their comments:

*I thought the drawing was outstanding and the sculptures brilliant, I loved the sketch of London with the London eye and bus.*

*I liked the wooden bookcase because I loved the way it was carved.*

*It was good, there was really good art. My favourite piece of art was the moving model train because it had lots of features including a clock on the front that worked.*

*I liked the coffee table that had the Chelsea thing on it.*

*I liked the paintings especially the one of London. I loved the wedding cake and the doll's house with the different colours. I thought the furniture was amazing.*

*The photography room was the most interesting because there was so much to see. I liked the Simpson painting.*

*I liked the graffiti at the top of the staircase because it was creative.*

*I liked the models of the sitting people and the shoe shelf.*

*Even though all the rooms were amazing, I liked the room with the doll's house the best. I thought the exhibition was extremely interesting and you should keep it up!*

*I liked the goth picture because it had*

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*lots of good details.*

*My favourite piece of artwork was the pencil drawing of the centre of London with Big Ben and the London Eye*

*My favourite piece of art was the wire ballet class, I liked it because if you turned it around then you could see a mini show.*

*It was really interesting as the drawings told stories.*

*I liked the sketch of the 3 skateboarders walking into somewhere, it was good because they had lots of details and it looked real.*

*Most of the art was really good but I liked the sculpture and the drawing rooms the best.*

*I liked the piece with all the faces on it and the picture of Mickey Mouse.*

*I liked all of it as it was really exciting to see other people's artwork.*

*The art at Shene school was really amazing. The most exciting room was the room with the chair and the PS3 rack.*

This is just a selection of the comments - the children overall were amazed at all the work they saw, please could you extend our thanks and appreciation to all the staff and the children.

Kind regards

**Rebekah Palmer (Year 5 teacher)"**

## DRAMA NEWS

Some of our year 10 Drama students recently worked with Bounce Theatre to help write a new play entitled 'The Teenage Monologues'.

It is essentially about the way teenagers are viewed and portrayed in society. Three of our students Dily, Shauna and Sharon, also auditioned for a part in the play and got in.

They will be performing on Friday 2 July at the Arthur Cotterell Theatre in Kingston College. They will also be taking part in a Question Time-style panel of MPs and big-wigs to discuss teenagers and issues surrounding the play.

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## SCULPTURE AWARDS

The 40 Environment Trust trustees voted at their last meeting on the five finalist sculptures.

Later, Joseph Pecorelli from the Environment Trust announced the winners of the project that he ran with the Year 10 Creative and Media Diploma pupils.

The task was to create a piece of public art to be installed on Twickenham riverside. It was to be inspired by the stretch of the River Thames that runs through the borough of Richmond.

The pupils drew inspiration from areas such as the river gods and spirituality, industry, history, heritage, wildlife, environment, leisure and pleasure.

The pupils had to consider the factors involved if their sculpture won and was then enlarged and made professionally as a public sculpture on the riverside at Twickenham.



After many trips, workshops proposing ideas and judging, the winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Skye Reilly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fernanda Alves De Lima
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Laila Elsidawi

The pupils were all awarded with prizes such as portable solar chargers and a device for monitoring how much electricity they use in their home. Skye's winning sculpture, "River Goddess", was based on the river as she thought it was chaotic and empowering and, therefore, her goddess.

**Ms Jacob  
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