



Welcome back!

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A phrase consisting of just two words but conveying a huge amount of emotion. We are all absolutely delighted to have everyone back - making noise, having fun and of course getting down to some much missed academic learning.

The environment which greeted the boys on Wednesday is slightly different – the most obvious being the ‘slice’ taken out of the playground – but, within minutes we did what we do best – and adapted!

A selection of new pupils in Years 1-7 were introduced during an outdoor assembly attended by the whole school; whilst the reception class of 2021 really got to know Miss Clark and her team for the first time.

Year 8 boys were promoted to their lofty assembly position of ‘on the benches’ and they were finally put out of their misery as we announced the initial tranche of school officers and those with special responsibilities. I am always at pains to point out to those not included in the list below – the ‘door is still very much open’.

In the mean time we congratulate:

Head Boy	Thomas Wood
Deputy Head Boy	Hamish Hall
School Ambassador	Roscoe Crockett

Prefects	George Boddy
	Enzo Manuel
	Mathew Philips
	Oscar Riddell

Drama Captain	William Thomson
Music Captain	Joseph Swan
Poet Laureate	Alf Beresford-Peirse





Along with new boys we also welcomed some new adult faces to our community.

Mrs Burnett as Head of French and Head of Year 5, Mr Satterthwaite as Head of History and TPR & Head of Year 7.



We are also lucky to have Jamie Pound (who graduated from THS to Harrow in 2016) who has returned to our shores to be a Gap Student .

In other staff news Ms Bromfield gave birth to Pippa Francesca Bromfield-Yarrow on 13th Aug, weighing in at 1.99kg (4 pounds 6 ounces in old money).

Whole family are doing well; albeit very disappointed by England's performance at The Oval.



and

Ms Whittingham is now Mrs Minter - Lydia and Jonathan tied the knot in August !



I am sure everyone joins me in sending our very best wishes and congratulations to all!



ROB THE BUILDER

No it's not a misprint - the name of the site manager for the 190 project is Rob and he is coordinating the activities that are causing much excitement for the boys as they watch goings on through small windows in the playground.

The picture below gives a flavour of the scale of the site – transformational is often over used; but, it is clear that THS will never be the same again!

Previous correspondence detailed the problems we encountered over the holidays – but, piling is due to start on Monday! This will last for approximately three weeks - it will, no doubt, be a little noisy – but it is sure to be a big attraction for the boys to watch.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The House Competition is at the core of most things here at THS and creates the perfect platform for boys to contribute to a group goal.

House Captain speeches will soon be reverberating around the hall during Friday assemblies – but they will be cajoling their charges under different house names this year.

We have decided to assign the names of our four closest bridges to our houses from now on.

Scott (Green) will now be Chiswick, Nelson (Yellow) will now be Kew, Newton (Red) will now be Barnes and Shackleton (Blue) will now be Putney.

Chiswick

Kew

Barnes

Putney



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

Reception have been settling in well this week!





Library books

We hope you all had a great summer and that your boys read lots of books! The school library display is being updated - it would be lovely if you could send in photos of your son at home with his favourite book/s from the summer. Photos can be sent to Faith.Maxwell@thsboys.org.uk. Many thanks.

Absence requests

If your son needs to be off school for any reason, could you contact Mrs Markwell for an absence request form which should be completed and returned to school to be authorised by Mr Evans. Many thanks.

Attendance

If your child is unwell please notify both the school office (secretary@thsboys.org.uk) and his class teacher as early as possible on the day for registration purposes (9am latest) either by 'phone call or email. If by 'phone, please choose option 2.

If your child has symptoms of Norovirus, NHS guidelines are to "stay off school until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days (48 hours). This is when you're most infectious".

In relation to any COVID related matters, please again contact both the school office and your son's class teacher, as above, and also our Health & Safety Officer Mr Morris (morris@thsboys.org.uk).

Thank you for your support and co-operation



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 13th	-	Junior and senior school clubs start	
	-	Reception finish (collect from Junior School entrance)	1:00pm
Tue 14th	-	Coffee in hall for Years 1, 2 and 3 parents	8:20am
	-	Years 1, 2 and 3 group parents meetings (parents to leave via Junior School entrance)	8:50am
	-	Reception finish (collect from Junior School entrance)	1:00pm
	-	Senior school group parents meetings in classrooms	6:00pm
	-	FOTH drinks in the hall	6:15pm
Wed 15th	-	Reception start full days	
Fri 17th	-	House Captain elections	10:40am
Sat 18th	-	U11 Surbiton football tournament	9:00am

Drop offs/Pick ups

Next week sees the beginning of School Clubs and we hope everyone is excited to have so many co-curricular activities available after so long without them.

Covid has taught us many lessons (and continues to do so) – some of which have resulted in a slight rationalisation of the school day.

Before school clubs start at 08.00 and the main school gate will be open for attendees between 07.45 – 08.05. All other boys should not arrive before 08.15 (registration will not begin before 08.30).

Of course if families need before school care – this is available, as a chargeable provision, from 07.45.

Years 4 & 5 are now dismissed from the Junior School entrance - as are after school clubs.

Many thanks in advance for everyone's cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend!