

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are delighted to congratulate the following on their appointment as Senior Prefects for 2014-15:

Head Girl	Eleanor Hennebry	Sport	Harriet Montgomery
Deputy Head Girl	Antonia Murray	Debating	Polly Smythe
Deputy Head Girl	Laura Newton		
Senior Officer	Kathryn Djemai	Music	Abigail Clare
Senior Officer	Eleanor Drewry	Music	Eleanor Waddington
Senior Officer	Georgina Fooks	KS3 – Yr 7 & Buddies	Siobhan Patrick
Senior Officer	Rose Hairs	KS3 – Yrs 8 & 9	Gemma Pring
Senior Officer	Claire Hunt		
Senior Officer	Ellen Lumley	KS4	Amber Roche-Whitechurch
Senior Officer	Holly Lyle	Careers	Kellie Stevens
Senior Officer	Gabrielle Morris		
Senior Officer	Lucy Rimmer	6 th Form & new 6 th Form Buddies	Harriet Gomersall
Senior Officer	Lily Wadsworth	6 th Form & new 6 th Form Buddies	Grace Paul
Charities	Elizabeth Bishop	School Council & PTA	Olivia Anderson-Lynch
Charities	Helena Dunn		
Sport	Georgina Bailey	Drama	Zoe Erxleben
		Drama	Hannah Rayner

We are very grateful to all of the girls who applied for these posts; unfortunately, it is not possible for all to be successful, but we hope that all will have leadership opportunities during their remaining time at TWGGS.

Caitlin Fearon qualifies for the National Swimming Championships! – Mrs Murray

A special mention goes to our star swimmer Caitlin Fearon, 9S, who has been selected to represent South East Schools at the National School Swimming Championships on the 28th and 29th June in Bristol (200m Freestyle and a relay). We all wish her the very best and look forward to hearing how she gets on.

Georgina Grant 11T – Mrs Wybar

Huge congratulations to Georgie Grant who won a bronze medal, representing the Thames South-East Region at the JIRR Rowing National Finals in Nottingham in late April. Georgie also achieved the fastest time in the GB time trials. We are enormously proud of her achievements, not least because she is juggling training commitments with preparation for her GCSE examinations.

Budding TWGGS Writer Amongst the Nation's Best – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

During Autumn 2013 we, along with 250 secondary schools in the United Kingdom, entered our Year 7 and 8 girls into the National Short Story Writing Competition. For several weeks our budding writers laboured, alone and with the encouragement of their English teachers, to produce a 1000 word short story under the theme of "The Mistake". Only 10 of our more than 70 fantastic entries were sent to the publishers to compete with some 2500 pupils from around the country to make it into the final, published compilation of stories.

We are pleased to announce – please note, this is no MISTAKE – that Francesca Morris, 7T, has been chosen to be one of the 20 children to have her story published in an e-book. We are extremely proud to have such a talented creative writer amongst us and hope this is maybe only the first of many competitions to be won. Well done Francesca! For those of you who like to see Francescas's story in "electronic" print, please check on www.nationalshortstoryweek.org.uk in a few weeks' time.

Drama – Mrs Davis

It has been another exciting and busy term in the Drama Department! GCSE pupils performed their Unit 3 examination pieces to friends, family and staff on the 8th and 9th May. The girls' mature and professional approach resulted in two evenings of outstanding drama. There were eight performances in total, two of which were devised by the girls in styles of their choice. One of these pieces, inspired by the visiting production of "The City and Iris" last term, chose to create a highly physical comedy aptly named, "The Unfortunate Life of Fred" which used multirole and live sound to entertain the audience. It was particularly pleasing to see such varied pieces this year, ranging from Berkoff's stylised, "Metamorphosis", April de Angelis' feminist historicisation of when women

were first allowed to perform on the public stage in "Playhouse Creatures" and Mary O'Malley's hilarious comedy, "Once A Catholic". All performers should feel proud of the sophisticated level of work produced. We wish you the very best on results day; you certainly deserve to achieve very highly!

Year 10 were fortunate enough to go and see the haunting, "Woman in Black" at the Fortune Theatre in London on 15th May. The girls were implacably behaved on the trip and assure us that, despite it being a truly "chilling" and "terrifying" experience, it has not put them off visiting the theatre in the future! No doubt they will have lots to write about in their Live Production Controlled Assessment.

Future Events:

A series of exciting workshops, led by highly experienced practitioners, have been arranged to take place over the summer in the Performing Arts Centre. These week-long events promise to extend the girls' enjoyment and understanding of drama in a highly imaginative and practical way. Pupils will be invited to take part in sessions exploring Shakespeare, Improvisation, Modern Drama and American Playwrights over Parentmail before half-term. We anticipate that places will go quite quickly as workshops have proved extremely popular in the past. We sincerely hope your daughter is able to attend; if you require financial assistance in this matter please contact Mrs Wybar, in confidence, for access via the Southfield Fund.

Congratulations to Emily Camburn – 9I

Congratulations to Emily, who has successfully auditioned again for the National Schools Symphony Orchestra; she will be attending a one week residential course at Malvern College in July.

Leavers' Concert – Mrs Waddington

This year's Leavers' Concert was organised by Senior Music Prefect Catherine Millar and took place on Thursday, 1st May. The School Hall was decorated beautifully with balloons and candles and the atmosphere was pleasantly relaxed. This concert always highlights the immense talent of TWGGS girls, and this year was no exception. There were impressive solos from singers and instrumentalists, as well as chamber music, vocal ensembles, duets, and a very enjoyable Beatles medley from our resident band 'Chip Shop Fridays'. All in all this was a very enjoyable evening and, although it is sad to say goodbye to our wonderfully talented girls, we are proud of their achievements and we know that they will be successful wherever they go. A huge well done goes to all of the girls who helped to make this evening such a success, and to Catherine Millar for all of her hard work and brilliant organisation.

Football – Mr Benford

On 7th May the U13 Football Team went to Tonbridge Angels FC to play in the Kent Finals against Knole Academy. Throughout the season we have been playing local schools in the first school league to get into the Final. We have played five matches, only losing once and obtained a goal difference of +28! The match was very exciting and ended up in a 1-1 draw. We had conceded an early goal, however in the last minute Sara Walker thumped the ball into the back of the net. Even though it was a draw, the team played extremely well; we had the majority of the possession and the best chances at goal. The game was decided on the lottery of penalties. Nejma Nassman saved three penalties, however this was not enough, and we lost 3-2. It was a great afternoon out, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The team has grown from strength to strength and are beginning to show great promise for the future. I only hope they stay together and build upon their skills. Congratulations to: Nejma Nassman, Amira Carew, Georgina Newman, Holly Challingsworth, Nancy Perkins (Captain), Imogen Ellis, Rosie Neville, Ruby Wheatly, Alice Atkins, Zaina Nassman, Charlotte van der Zanden, Maria Walker, Sara Walker and Sarah Barnaby.

This was my last football match as coach of TWGGS; it will be sad to leave as I have enjoyed coaching and managing all of the football teams over the last seven years. Looking back, I have calculated that I have refereed or managed 56 games, and run approximately 160 training sessions after school on Fridays in all weather conditions. My win ratio is around 55%, with more silverware than David Moyes! TWGGS football teams have won: the U13 Kent Cup in 2007, U13 Futsal Kent Cup 2010 and the U16 Futsal Kent Cup 2011. I have particularly appreciated working alongside Mr Smith, who has been amazing in helping me and the girls be so successful over the last few years, with his infectious enthusiasm and invaluable opinions on tactics!

Ladakh Himalaya Expedition 2015 – Lance Corporal Sophie Morris

Through the CCF, I found out about the British Exploring Society and the wide range of expeditions that it offers. On looking further into expeditions, I discovered the Indian Himalaya Expedition. This included a huge variety of unique activities, not only trekking but taking part in scientific research, kayaking across the Indus River, climbing glaciers, learning how to cook Indian food and watching meteor showers - experiences I definitely did not want to miss out on. I had to fill in a form explaining why I wanted to go, with past experiences and what I wanted to get out of the expedition, then I had a phone interview involving further questions about myself and my plans for fundraising- a part of the trip which definitely shouldn't be overlooked. Shortly after, I was thrilled to receive an email offering me a place on the 5 week trip, subsidised because I am a cadet; it is astonishing how many opportunities are

available to us as part of our CCF. We have cadets who have had trips to Canada, South Africa, Kenya and one is applying to travel down the Amazon. I am absolutely ecstatic to have been selected and cannot wait for the adventures to begin!

Duke of Westminster Award for best cadets in the country - How does it work? - Cdt Sgt Eleanor van der Zanden

After completing a BTEC award (worth 4 GCSEs) with my Air Training Corp, participating cadets are eligible to apply for the Duke of Westminster Award run by the cadet organisation CVQO. Thousands of nominations are whittled down, through a series of written essay questions sent in by each candidate and a reference written by the commanding officer of each unit. 24 cadets from across all services are selected to take part in a 4 day selection board in Somerset to compete for the final nine places. This is very competitive as the finalists all win a three week (all expenses paid) trip to South Africa this summer, including cultural and environmental projects as well as some sight seeing. After media interviews, panel interviews, debates, planning exercises and leadership tasks, the final nine are chosen. I have very recently had notification that I am one of those lucky nine cadets. I will go along to the House of Lords for the presentation awards in July, where we will find out which nominee will be named Duke of Westminster Cadet 2014. It is both gratifying and exciting. I am very much looking forward to it!

Military Skills Competition – Lance Corporal Sophie Morris

On the Friday afternoon, after having some intense drill practice, our two teams of eight cadets set off to Crowborough Camp. That evening, Colour Sergeant Lewis and I (as Section Commanders of our two teams) set off for a briefing on the weekend ahead. On returning to the billet, we passed on the information and got ready, setting our alarms for 6am! There were 15 teams competing and we were to visit 16 stands testing us on all aspects of the CCF curriculum throughout the day; it was difficult! There was only one other all-female team competing, other than our TWGGS teams, and it was a little intimidating being up against so many other very fit and strong looking competitors, but all of the soldiers at each stand were impressed with our attitude and performances. We finished mid table overall – five boys' teams were above us.... We will get them next year!

Sunday consisted entirely of the March and Shoot competition. We had to speed-march over a hilly 1.4 mile route in uniform, heavy webbing and full water bottles, while keeping in time. Our morale was great, and the other TWGGS team cheered us on as we stomped our way down to the 25m range. Slightly out of breath, we had to immediately shoot off five rounds. Shooting had let us down a little in the previous day's competition, so it was nerve wracking not knowing how well we had done. During the presentations on Sunday afternoon it was revealed that our TWGGS B team had come 2nd in the March and Shoot. That was amazing as no one thought a girls' team had any chance of out-pacing or out-shooting any of the boys' CCF and ACF teams. We only lost out to Sussex ACF by a narrow margin, and they practise this sort of event regularly! It does show you what good team spirit and camaraderie can achieve. The weekend was a huge success, and I look forward to taking part again next year.

Expedition to the Amazon Rainforest – Cadet Evie Crouch

I have been lucky enough to be selected to go on an expedition to the Amazon Rainforest, where I will be doing conservation work in the heart of the jungle and helping local communities. This once in a lifetime trip is something I never would have even heard about if it wasn't for CCF and the range of opportunities – from sky diving to adventure training – that it offers. CCF has also given me necessary skills in leadership, responsibility, discipline and fitness that I will apply to this trip. Earlier this year I was also selected for the National Orienteering Competition through CCF, and this has helped me advance, not only with my map and compass skills, but also my stamina, vital in the rainforest environment.

Year 9 Globe Theatre Trip – Grace Howis, 9W

The day was supposed to get off to an early start, however, the late arrival of the coach prevented this somewhat. Soon though, we were on our way to the South Bank and before we knew it we were disembarking and making our short way to the Globe. My first thoughts were how large and interesting the Globe looked, an amazing building. We started off meeting our guide: Simon, an actor at the Globe, took us on a tour of the theatre, including the stage, and I was surprised that it was open to the elements, just as it would have been in Shakespeare's time. As we were looking at the stage, a 'silent running' was announced: actors involved in the current production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" had started rehearsing and we weren't allowed to talk or make a lot of noise. In a drama workshop, we were each given a snippet of a script from the Tempest, the play we are studying in Year 9, and, in pairs, under Simon's guidance, we explored the different ways that the actors could interpret the script and what the language is telling them to do. After lunch, we visited the Shakespeare Exhibition, having a talk (with costumes) based on the clothes that Elizabethans would have worn when they went to visit the Globe. It was completely captivating, and Jess Sayers looked very 'interesting' as more and more layers of clothing were added to her. Overall the day was a good insight into what life is like as an actor at the Globe now and how it was back in Shakespeare's day at the original Globe.

Year 10 Theatre Trip to "Billy Elliott" – Mr Hodges

A group of 50 Year 10 girls went with the English department to see the musical "Billy Elliott" in London on 1st May, a few excited at another chance to see a show they had already enjoyed, most excited by the prospect of a great spectacle. Despite the journey itself providing high tension and drama with exceptionally slow moving (often static) traffic, only a short part of the opening act was missed and the group was smuggled into the theatre with hardly a ripple of disruption. The rest of the show more than made up for the delays: a stunning combination of song and dance. Numbers ranged from the high comedy of cross-dressing miners' sons to the tense, frustration and violence of Billy's anger at missing his big chance, all laid out against the gritty backdrop of the social and political conflict created during the miners' strike. It was an experience that was not only powerfully moving, but that also provided the girls with some insight into recent history, as well as showing them drama in action. The staff accompanying the trip all agreed that behaviour was impeccable, especially considering the terrible traffic that could not have been predicted; it was a pleasure to run the trip. Thank you very much to all involved.

Young Enterprise Scheme – Mr Sainsbury

Since November a team of 16 Lower Sixth students have been participating in the Young Enterprise Scheme, an innovative project for 15-19 year olds interested in starting up their own company. Similar to 'The Apprentice', the programme involves creating, running and liquidating a business in accordance to Government and Young Enterprise laws. Not only do participants develop vital skills in business management and marketing, but also in financing and teamwork. The TWGGS team, managed by Georgie Cotterill, started with a brainstorming session. Our product ideas ranged from dog bowls to nail painting pens but eventually we settled on personalised posters under the name 'The Pastel House'. The idea was simple: first the customers would thoughtfully choose their words through an order system, then we designed a unique poster tailored to preferences and, once the customer had approved, we had it printed and delivered to them. Within two weeks we had raised our initial share capital and had started to sell at local primary school fairs, farmers' markets and over the internet. With each A3 poster costing just £12, well below competition prices, we were making a healthy net profit margin of £8.50 per poster and still encouraging sales. So far, sales have totalled £975 which will be split between shareholders after tax and costs have been deducted.

Enthusiastic, and dressed in our smartest clothes, we headed down to TWGGS for finals night. Despite not proceeding to the regional finals, we were lucky enough to be presented with 4 of the 9 awards, namely, use of IT and marketing, best business plan and two personal achievements that were awarded to Scarlett Cureton. Impressed by the potential shown, many of our team members gained work experience opportunities in financial or marketing companies, helping them to further their interest in business. All the team has thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to thank Mr Sainsbury, Mrs Field, Royston Abernethy, Philip Ovenden and Young Enterprise for all their support.

For more information visit www.young-enterprise.co.uk or thepastelhouse.wix/thepastelhouse.

News from the German Department – Herr Link

On 10 May we had to say goodbye to our latest intern Caroline Wood who helped our exam classes with their oral preparation and was extremely supportive in this. We are already looking forward to September when Bianca Schleinkofer will join us in the same role for the three months up to Christmas. If you can offer her accommodation please contact me on german@twggs.kent.sch.uk.

On Thursday 22 May our first 2 Year 8 groups were at the Europa Centre in Hornchurch, a model village with native speaker "inhabitants" where our girls can practise their speaking skills in a supportive environment. With this practice, they are well equipped to cope on their own on a trip to Germany in the real world. The other Year 8 forms will visit the Europa Centre on 19 June and 3 July. Responses from girls are always positive and the experience demonstrates how much they have learnt at school.

Super 8 Athletics Competition – Mrs Murray

The Year 7s triumphed once against the district Athletics competition held on Monday 12th May at Tonbridge Track. Our A team came 1st and our B team came 5th out of 8 girls teams overall which is a fantastic performance. A special mention should go to the TWGGS A team who beat all the girls and the boys teams apart from Judd and were only 2 points behind their A team, an outstanding effort. The Super 8 competition involves 8 pupils in a team with all of them having to compete in a track, field and relay event. The A team has now qualified to represent Tunbridge Wells at the Kent School Games Finals to be held at Canterbury High School on Wednesday 25th June. We wish them the best of luck.

Equestrian – girls win the 80cm! – Mrs Murray

Once again, excellent results for TWGGS equestrian girls; a team of four took part in the competing at Golden Cross hosted by Buckland School. This involved: Sophia McDonald 9T, Megan Bruce-Smythe 11W, Micky Holding 8G and Emily Dodd-Pacitti 8W. Sophia, Micky and Emily were placed 4th as a team in the 70cm with Emily also placed as an individual. All four girls competed as a team at 80cm and won it! Megan and Emily were also placed individually 2nd and 4th. They all won red head collars for their ponies too! Megan was also 4th in the 1m class. Congratulations to all the girls involved.

U12 Netball – in the top 4 at County Finals! – Mrs Murray

The U12 Netball squad competed in the County Tournament at the end of March last term. After a long season of training, the girls were very much up for the challenge and excited to experience their first County Tournament. In the first round, TWGGS dominated the matches beating Townley 9-1, Darrick Wood 13-0, John Wallis 17-0, Chatham 12-3, Weald 4-1 and Haberdashers 11-0. The girls' play was progressing really well throughout the day; listening well to coaching from Mrs Murray and working hard to apply the tactics needed. This paid off again in the knock out stages; in the second round TWGGS came up against Simon Langton and won 13-0 and in the quarter-finals against Highworth TWGGS won 16-3.

The semi-finals saw TWGGS drawn against local rivals TGS who were exceptionally strong and agile around the court. TWGGS did well to keep the pressure on, however a few turnovers and excellent shooting from TGS saw TWGGS lose 6-1. TGS went on to win the County Championships and TWGGS should be very proud of their achievements to finish in the top 4 schools within the County. Congratulations to Olivia Moran – Captain, Hannah Carey, Daisy Alexander, Rachel Moran, Izzie MacNutt, Flo Byers, Jasmine Lewtas, Rosanna Crotty and Alice Atkins.

National Schools' Biathlon Final - London Aquatics Centre – Mrs Murray

After fighting their way through the qualifying rounds earlier this season, seven TWGGS athletes made it through to the finals of the National Biathlon Championships. 1600 competitors between 9 – 18 years old, took part in the championships at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 5th April 2014; this marked the first day that the park was open to the public. Olympic diver, Tom Daley was there to meet the athletes and kicked the day off with some dive practise to inspire the competitors. The younger athletes tackled a 50m swim and an 800m run, while the older age groups swam 200m and ran 1600m.

The TWGGS Under 12 team was made up of 4 athletes: Jasmine Lewtas, Rachel Moran, Olivia Moran, Abigail Johnstone. Even though some of the girls were expecting to finish closer to the top of the individual table and felt that they didn't give their best performance on the day, the team finished an impressive 3rd overall, giving TWGGS a first bronze team medal in this sport at this level. Representing the Under 15s: Lucy King Powrie, Charlotte Scholes and Rosie Fenton. The girls faced some really tough competition in their event, competing against many of the country's most talented swimmers and runners. They finished a respectable 6th overall and the 2nd best performing state school in the country.

Well done to all the girls who, once again, have shown great commitment and talent in a sport in which TWGGS is beginning to develop a strong reputation at a national level. Mrs Murray would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Fenton for her hard work organising the teams for this event.

TWGGS 1st and 2nd at the District Tag Rugby Festival – Mrs Murray

TWGGS took 3 teams to Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club to compete in the Secondary Schools Tag Rugby Tournament. The tournament has been re-established onto the calendar with the aim of promoting the game for young girls in the area. The girls had a lot of fun and backed this up with some impressive results against TGS and Skinners Kent Academy. The Year 8 A team finished 6th overall and the Year 9 A and B team both qualified, for an all TWGGS final. It was a very close game indeed with both teams scoring 8-8 at the end of game whistle. So a golden try was the only way to decide the winners. The B team put the As under a lot of pressure and were so close to getting to the try zone within the tag allowance, however a turnover near the back of the pitch and quick sprinting from Ellie Searby across the length of the pitch gave the As the all-important try they needed to secure the win. Well done to all the girls involved:-

Year 9A team – Molly Sacker – C, Rosie Fenton, Rae Franklin, Lucy Edwards, Ellie Searby, Charlie Scholes, Lydia Woodcock.

Year 9B team – Neve Hemsley – C, Sophie Cherry, Emily Cullen, Lauren Levine, Charlotte Moran, Grace Howis, Grace Rhoden

Year 8A team - Livi Green – C, Freya Zaborski, Bea Turner, Izzie Kidd, Lily Montague, Amira Carew, Sophie Terrell.

Mrs Murray would like to thank Mark Davey and Andie Parry from TWRC for their help with coaching some sessions this year to help prepare the girls. TWGGS are looking to develop rugby further next year, and are looking for extra help to help run a more permanent club. If any parents or family friends have an interest in coaching rugby, then please get in contact with the PE Department.

Tea in the Park in aid of Ghana Education Project and Hospice in the Weald – Mrs Robinson

Ghana Education Project is holding an Afternoon Tea with Fizz in the Molyneux Park Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd June; part of the proceeds will be donated to Hospice in the Weald. There will be mellow musical entertainment and an excellent tea! The event will be held in a marquee so no need to worry about the weather. A lovely event for all generations, please contact Julie Robinson (GEP Trustee) if you would like tickets. Full details are on the attached flyer.

Ghana Education Project Newsletter

Please "control click" on the following link to access the Ghana Education Project Newsletter:

<http://www.ghanaeducationproject.org.uk/newsletter-march-2014.html>

Latest News from the PTA

The TWGGS Charity Auction, sponsored by Spa Oil Services, was held on April 25th and raised a fantastic £8,500! Of this, 30% will be donated to support the building of a science block at the girls' senior school in Nwkanta, Ghana, and the remaining 70% will go to the school (via the PTA). Thanks go to all the auction attendees and bidders, the PTA helpers and the Ghana Education Project helpers and supporters, who all played a valuable part in achieving this fantastic total.

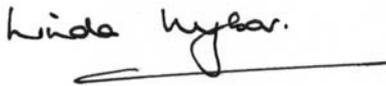
We also held a very successful jazz night jointly with the sixth form charity and music prefects; 50% of the profits will go to the Ghana Education Project (the charity prefects' choice for last term) with the remainder going to TWGGS via the PTA. Thanks go to the sixth-form prefects for their hard work in this.

The PTA's primary target is to raise £40,000 towards the long-overdue refurbishment of the netball/tennis courts (also used for CCF, cheerleading, outdoor PE lessons and hockey practices). We look forward to welcoming you to our final fundraiser of the year - the 'Round the World in Eighty Questions' quiz on July 4th, so please save the date and watch out for the application forms after half term. Our quizzes are always popular and often oversubscribed, so we would ask that you get your application forms in quickly to avoid disappointment.

The PTA school uniform stocks are very low, so can we ask all parents to send in any outgrown good quality, clean dresses, skirts, jumpers, logo'd blouses and TWGGS tracksuits? These can be left at reception. Thank you.

Finally, as half-term approaches, the public examination season has begun in earnest, and I should like to wish all girls in Year 11, L6th and U6th the very best of luck. Their teachers are in school to support and advise, if needed, even during study leave. We wish them all every success!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Wybar." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mrs L Wybar



Tea in the Park

in aid of Ghana Education Project
and Hospice in the Weald

Sunday 22nd June 3pm to 5pm

Please join us for an Afternoon Tea with Fizz
in the Molyneux Park Ball Marquee

Delicious tea, sandwiches, scones and cake
served with a glass of bubbly

Mellow musical entertainment

Tickets £15 a head

Under 11's £5.00 per head

11-17 years £12.00

Contact Julie Robinson on robinson4@tesco.net

to order tickets

All profits to the Ghana Education Project
and Hospice in the Weald



DRAMA WORKSHOPS SUMMER 2014

Specialist drama summer schools offering an understanding of the process within a rehearsal room in taking a play from the page to the stage. These will be led by two established professionals, an actor and a director with 35 years combined working experience between them. This includes many years with The Royal Shakespeare Company, The National Theatre, Shakespeare's Globe, Donmar Warehouse, West End and Broadway.

Shakespeare in Performance (21st to 25th July) For pupils in Year 8 and up.

A mixture of classes and rehearsals of short scenes from Shakespeare, investigating the text through group and individual exercises. The aim is to demystify Shakespeare, exploring his language by unlocking the secrets of both verse and prose. The course concludes with a presentation of work-in-progress scenes.

Faster, Better, With Meaning... (28th July – 1st August) For pupils in Year 8 and up.

Improvisation in the theatre – using various games and exercises designed to build confidence in performance and auditions. This week will include exploration of narrative drama, character development and relationships, comedy, tragedy and genre theatre. This culminates in a team-based improvisation competition.

Approaches to Modern Drama (4th to 8th August) For pupils in Year 9 and up.

A mixture of classes and rehearsals of short scenes from some modern (20th Century) texts concluding with work-in-progress scene presentations. This will elaborate on contemporary approaches to script and performance in today's rehearsal rooms.

American Greats (11th – 15th August) For pupils in Year 10 and up.

An examination of two of the greatest American playwrights of the 20th Century and their contribution to the manner in which a modern actor approaches the text. Both Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams shaped theatre narrative on both sides of the Atlantic, demanding a search for truthfulness that redefined 'acting' in the modern sense of the word.

All workshops run Mon to Fri, 10-4, in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) at TWGGS. □ The cost for each week is £140 per person. □ For more information or to book your place Telephone: 07806 439186 or Email: act2013@virginmedia.com