



Dear Parents/carers,

The half-term may have been only 23 days long, but it has been packed with good news about our students and their achievements—see latest updates below. We are also delighted to share with you that our students recently raised **£527.09 for Redbridge Foodbank** during non-uniform day in donations — a fantastic effort.



## Key highlights:

- The **Year 9 football team** (above, left) displayed resilience and skill to secure the **Redbridge Plate**, winning 4-3 on penalties after a thrilling 4-4 draw in extra time, with standout performances from Thomas, Francisco, Marley, and debutant Chase. Kajus, awarded Man of the Match for his two assists and composure on the ball, led by example in a hard-fought and dramatic encounter.
- **Year 8 and 9 students** (above, right) took part in the **Translation Bee Regional Finals** at Frances Bardsley school in Havering, performing well under pressure! The National Translation Bee is a competition that challenges participants to translate sentences from a foreign language into English (or vice versa) within a one-minute time limit. The competition helps students practise and improve their skills in vocabulary and grammar.
- Well done to all **year 9 and 10 students** who took part in a **photography workshop with Canon**, which focused on 'Biodiversity'. Special recognition is reserved for Shams M in Year 10 and his wonderful photograph and accompanying commentary.

## Key updates:

- See overleaf for extracts from the latest **Arts newsletter** and lots of summer opportunities for our students—for example, **the Creative Arts team** are also looking for any TFA students interested in joining the Tech crew—see Ms Price for more information.
- **TFA Summer Fair update:** the student and staff forums are very busy organising this special event, taking place on **Saturday 28th June 2025 from 11am-3pm**. It would be fantastic to have parents and carers involved, so if you would like to run a stall please get in touch. Please spread the word!

*With school closed for half-term next week, we wish all students and their families a restful holiday. School re-opens on Monday 2nd June at the usual time.*

Mr Ansell and Mr MacLeod  
Co-Headteachers





# ART HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Arts Newsletter, May 2025

**Canon**

This month, our Year 10 GCSE photography class and a selection of Year 9 students had the opportunity to take part in an all day photography workshop with Canon.

## Who are Canon?

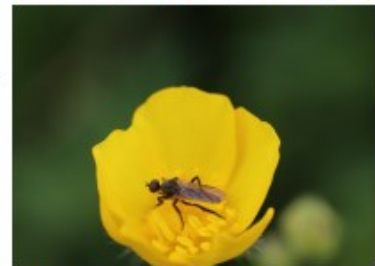
Canon are a manufacturing corporation specializing in optical, photographic and industrial products, such as lenses, cameras, medical equipment, scanners, printers.

## What was the workshop about?

The workshop theme was Biodiversity and how it affects our planet and environment. The main task of the workshop was for the students to create a photographic story around the theme of Biodiversity. Canon provide students with industry standard cameras, lenses and printer to produce their photographic work, with students having tutorials and ultimately creating a series of images using a variety of photographic techniques such as macro photography and the results were amazing! Each group selected their best image and wrote a narrative describing the image with a focus on Biodiversity which they presented to their peers. Below is the paragraph written by Shams Mahmud, along with the photograph that his group produced during the workshop. Students were given a printed image of their Final and Best photo as well as a certificate and goody bag!



Year 9 Group: Peyton, Logan and Kayden



Year 10 Group: Mason and Zahid



Our photo is on the dangers of humanity. The focus on the mouldy apple is a reference to the story of Adam and Eve and the dangers of humanity. The mould represents the taint people unintentionally adds to the world. The young child walking away is an extended metaphor of bad parenting and sin. The child is born with innocence yet still rots the apple with its understanding of the world which was given to it by parents. "You only know as much as you are taught and as a community we need to be taught better. The grey skies is an immediate reference to growth as it isn't completely dark nor light. However grey shows change and though we aren't completely good, we are trying."





Call out for

# GRAFFITI MURAL WORKSHOP

We will be having a graffiti mural workshop at TFA during the Summer term, date TBC for the end of June, but we are looking for music inspired designs for the wall near the music classroom! Open to all years and 6th Form at TFA! 20 students from the entries will get to take part in the workshop.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday 12th June, by 3pm, in RM79



**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**  
**ADULTS £2 - KIDS GO FREE**  
**ALL WELCOME!**

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## ART AUCTION @ SUMMER FAIR

**CALLING ALL CREATIVES,  
WE NEED YOU!**

**SATURDAY  
28TH JUNE  
2025  
11AM-3PM**



Please consider  
the size  
of your work  
when donating.  
We are  
looking for  
paintings, small  
sculptures,  
photographs,  
textiles OR any  
other creative  
medium!

We will hosting  
our very own  
Art Auction  
to raise money  
for charity,  
and we are  
looking for  
submissions  
and donations!

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