

# Thomas Knyvett College – Weekly Newsletter

**3 WEEKS UNTIL GCSE EXAMS BEGIN**

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## SPELTHORNE COUNCIL CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

## WEST THAMES COLLEGE TASTER EVENT

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### Remembering WW1

Spelthorne Council has been holding a series of creative writing competitions to mark the centenary of World War One and recently challenged Spelthorne school students to write a letter set during the War.

Kitty from Riverbridge Primary School and Ryan from Thomas Knyvett College picked up awards for their winning letters at a ceremony held at the Council Offices on 29 March. A further 20 highly commended students also received certificates of achievement.

A book containing all the students' work has been published and a copy has been given to every pupil who took part in the competition. Their work will be on display at an exhibition being held at Spelthorne Museum from 4 – 14 April (entrance is via Staines Library).

Congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks to the 195 Staines Detachment PWRR Army Cadets for their display at the awards evening.



Ryan with the Mayor and Correen Danks from Thomas Knyvett College

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want to find out what it is like to study at West Thames College? Come to our Taster Event on Wednesday 26 April from 4:00-6:00pm to experience a class taught by our subject experts and give you a taste for studying at West Thames College.

You could have a go at modelling a monster's head, use heated styling equipment to style hair, produce music using computers, make a dog tag in our engineering workshops or take part in one of our other exciting activities.

Places are limited so register now by visiting our website [west-thames.ac.uk](http://west-thames.ac.uk)

*Ryan's winning letter below*

Dear mother,

It's hard living in the trenches I often think of you, I also wonder how you manage on the farm without me. I hate being in the trenches when rats the size of cats crawl alongside you when you sleep. Shells constantly firing when you eat, it makes you think is this the last minute, oh I hate it here. Bodies become part of the trench; I constantly wonder whether I might become part of the trench if I get shot. As I wake in the morning I often think of you and I hope you cope on the farm on your own, however I have concluded that your cooking is far greater than trench food even that farm water is better than this water. We get given stale biscuits and stale bread how awful is that? I just think the trenches is just like a dreadful hotel, on the verge of shutting down however this hotel is so boring we sit and think anxiously waiting for the command to climb over the walls of the trench to capture the enemies trench however most of the time you stare death in the face as machine guns soon mow you down. I truly wish I was at home with you, by the fire place and drinking a warm hot chocolate. Instead I sit in this cramped trench which is where I also sleep not in my own bedroom I now sleep on the muddy damp floor. You even get an invasion of lice in the trenches, which drives you mad. Some of the chaps in the trenches are nice but some men are foreign they are from other countries such as Canada, France and other countries. The one thing I know we all have in common is that we all try to keep warm as it is freezing out here. Half of the time in the trench I forget why the war even started.

How's the weather in Rutland? In the trench you can't even look at the stars at night due to all the shells that are constantly being fired, the smoke from the artillery cannons clouds the air and even your judgement sometimes as your breath in the smoky air you can't think, you can't see, you can't concentrate. One of my dearest friends Freddy Lock was diagnosed with shell shock. Shell shock is when men fear any noise and become mentally ill. I hope he recovers. Your life can turn around so quickly in the trenches. I wish I was back home, hope to see you soon.

Love from your Charlie

Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

- Joshua J. Marine

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## STUDENT WELLBEING

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) will be covering the following topics in this month's live forums.

They are taking place on the site Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30pm-9:30pm.

Please visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) to join in.

Friday 21 April: Earth Day: The Environment

Monday 24 April: Victims of Crime Project:  
Reporting a Crime

Wednesday 26 April: Multiple Sclerosis

Friday 28 April: Social Take-Over: Funny Business

## PUNCTUATION OF THE WEEK AT TKC

Ellipsis ( ... )

Ellipsis is used when omitting a word, phrase, line, paragraph, or more from a quoted passage. Ellipses save space or remove material that is less relevant. They are useful in getting right to the point without delay or distraction:

Full quotation: 'Today, after hours of careful thought, we vetoed the bill.'

With ellipsis: 'Today ... we vetoed the bill.'

Although ellipses are used in many ways, the three-dot method is the simplest. Newspapers, magazines, and books of fiction and nonfiction use various approaches that they find suitable. Some writers and editors feel that no spaces are necessary.

Example: I don't know...I'm not sure.

Others enclose the ellipsis with a space on each side.

## WELL DONE TO THE CANTEEN STAFF - FIVE STARS AWARDED

The Thomas Knyvett College canteen received, for a further year, an outstanding inspection and was awarded a 5 star rating.

Congratulations to all canteen staff.



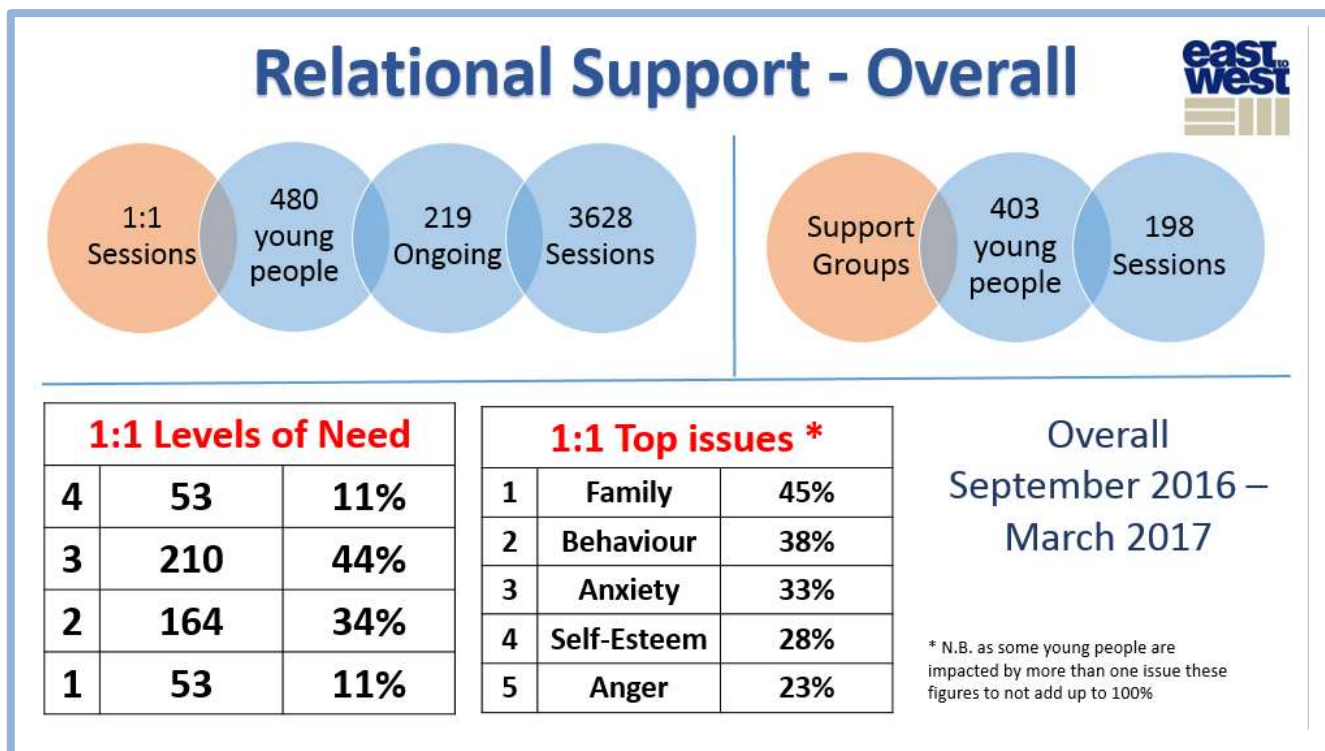
## Dates for your Diary

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| w/c 24 April: | <a href="#">Work Experience</a>  |
| 26 April:     | Young Singing Leadership Evening Workshop<br>3:30pm-4:45pm<br>(15 x Years 9 & 10 students) |
| 27 April:     | Year 8 Parents Evening   |
| 28 April:     | New Forest Training Expedition For Malawi (14 x Year 9 & 10 students)                      |
| 1 May:        | <b>Bank Holiday</b>  |
| 4 May:        | TKC Careers Fair   |
| 5 May:        | Readathon (Selected Year 7 & 8 students)   |
| 11 May:       | Year 7 Parents Evening   |
| w/c 15 May:   | <a href="#">GCSE Examinations begin</a>  |
| 16 May:       | <a href="#">Year 10 Geography Selsey Trip</a><br>45 x Year 10 students                     |
| 17 May:       | Young Singing Leadership Evening Workshop<br>3:30pm-4:45pm<br>(15 x Years 9 & 10 students) |
| 19 May:       | Legoland, Windsor Trip<br>(14 x Year 7 Goal students)                                      |
| 26 May:       | Last day of term   |
| w/c 29 May:   | HALF TERM  |
| 5 June:       | Start of term  |
| 7 June:       | Young Singing Leadership Evening Workshop<br>3:30pm-4:45pm<br>(15 x Years 9 & 10 students) |
| 8 June:       | Philharmonia Orchestra Concert, Southbank Centre<br>(20 x Year 10 students)                |
| 14 June:      | <b>INSET Day</b>   |
| 15 June:      | Natural History Museum<br>(All Year 7 students)  |
| w/c 19 June:  | Year 10 Examinations   |
| w/c 26 June:  | Year 9 Examinations  |
| 27 June:      | Brooklands College, Weybridge<br>(45 x Year 10 students)                                   |
| 28 June:      | Brooklands College, Ashford<br>(30 x Year 10 students)                                     |
| 28 June:      | Big Bang Fair (All Year 9 students)  |
| 28 June:      | Year 11 Prom, Holiday Inn, Shepperton  |
| w/c 3 July:   | Year 7 & 8 Examinations  |
| 4 July:       | National Enterprise Challenge, Telford (6 x Year 10 students)                              |
| 4 & 5 July:   | Induction Days   |
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| 5 July:       | Maths Inspiration, Guildford<br>(30 x Year 9 & 10 students)                                |
| 11 July:      | Awards Evening Years 7-10  |
| 12 July:      | Strodes College (50 x Year 10 students)  |
| 16-19 July:   | Spanish Trip to Barcelona<br>(Year 7 & 8 students)   |
| 18 & 19 July: | Summer Production  |
| 19 July:      | Activity Day   |
| 20 July:      | Sports Day   |
| 21 July:      | Last day of term   |

# HOW EAST TO WEST SUPPORT THE STUDENTS AT TKC

As ever, the work that East to West provide for our students at TKC proves to be invaluable in supporting our young people to bring out the very best in each and every one of them.

Below are some figures to indicate the great work that was done last term by East to West and the kind of issues they support with.



## Relational Support Overall

| Supporting Young People |     | Lead Relational Support       | Hours |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-------|
| Female                  | 248 | School Connection             | 538   |
| Male                    | 240 | Supporting Individual Staff   | 73    |
|                         |     | Staff Engagement              | 226   |
|                         |     | Inclusion Meetings            | 45    |
|                         |     | Additional Student Connection | 222   |
|                         |     | east to west liaison          | 208   |
|                         |     | Larger Group Input            | 143   |

Wake up every morning with the thought that something wonderful is about to happen.

– Anonymous



## MATHS CHALLENGE

Julia thinks of a number.

She then does the following operations:

Multiply by 3, subtract 3, multiply by 2 then add 54 (in that order).

She finds that the number she ends up with is 12 times her original number.

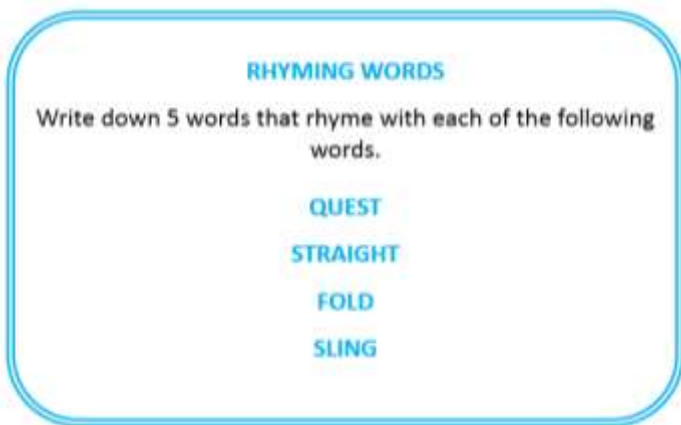
What was Julia's original number?



Last week's solution:

1. Length = 4 cm, width = 3 cm
2. Length = 9 cm, width = 8 cm
3. Length = 14 cm, width = 11.5 cm
4. I could only find one solution for a square of sides 2 units. Nobel prize winning thinkers out there may have other solutions.

## LITERACY CHALLENGE



Rhyming words from last editions newsletter:

HEAT:

meat, meet, greet, feet, seat

EMOTION:

potion, notion, motion, lotion, commotion

GRIME:

time, lime, rhyme, thyme, sign

QUOTE:

boat, goat, moat, dote, smote

## ABSENCE CONTACT DETAILS

If your child is unwell  
please contact Mrs Canton  
on 01784 243824

(then select '1' on the keypad which will then  
divert directly to the absence line)

and follow the instructions  
or via email  
canton\_v@thomasknyvett.org

## PARENT FORUM

The Parent Forum can be found on the homepage on the VLE, each week various members of staff will post a different topic for discussion. Just click on the Parent Forum button (image below right) and reply to the post from the school.

This week's topic is:



What events would you like the PTA to host that you would be interested in attending?

Success comes in cans; failure in can'ts

– Wilfred Peterson

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## PE DEPARTMENT CLUBS

| TIME            | MONDAY           | TUESDAY                        | WEDNESDAY        | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY               |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| LUNCH           | Badminton<br>CSP |                                | Badminton<br>ABL | Cricket<br>HBO/ABL |                      |
|                 | MUGA - ABL       | MUGA - HBO                     | MUGA - HBO       | MUGA - CSP         | MUGA – ABL<br>Hockey |
| AFTER<br>SCHOOL |                  |                                |                  | Rounder's<br>CSP   | Cricket<br>ABL/HBO   |
|                 | Meetings         | Athletics<br>ALL PE Department |                  |                    |                      |

If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.

– Nora Roberts

## SPORTS FIXTURES

| Month | Date | Fixture         | Year Group        | - Vs -         | Venue                    |
|-------|------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Apr   | 24   | Football Finals | Year 9 Boys       | Matthew Arnold | Matthew Arnold/T Knyvett |
|       | 25   | Football Finals | Year 8 Boys       | Matthew Arnold | Matthew Arnold/T Knyvett |
|       | 26   | Football Finals | Year 8/9 Girls    | Matthew Arnold | Matthew Arnold/T Knyvett |
|       | 27   | Football Finals | Year 7 Girls      | Matthew Arnold | Matthew Arnold/T Knyvett |
| May   | 3    | Athletics       | Year 10 League    | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 4    | Rounders        | Year 11           | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 10   | Athletics       | Year 9 League     | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 11   | Rounders        | Year 10           | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 17   | Athletics       | Year 8 League     | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 18   | Rounders        | Year 9            | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 24   | Athletics       | Year 7 League     | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
| June  | 7    | Athletics       | Spare League Date | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 8    | Rounders        | Year 8            | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |
|       | 20   | Athletics       | Year 9/10         | To be arranged | Jubilee High             |
|       | 22   | Athletics       | Year 7/8          | To be arranged | Jubilee High             |
|       | 29   | Rounders        | Year 7            | Bishop Wand    | Bishop Wand              |

## TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

Please note these dates are subject to change.

HALF TERM 29 May 2017 – 2 June 2017

END OF TERM 21 July 2017

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