



TGAW NEWS

RHS MALVERN SPRING FESTIVAL



This year the theme for the Malvern Spring Show was Great Britain. This got STEM club thinking of British engineers and so they decided to design their garden based on Isambard Kingdom Brunel's Clifton suspension bridge. Students from STEM club created the garden using recycled materials from the new extension to build the bridge and the gorge, and then a variety of blue flowers to create the river.

The garden was awarded merit by the Royal Horticultural Society and we were runners up in our use of recycled materials.

Photo Credit: RHS Malvern Spring Festival 2018

L to R Miss Tyler, Harry Chevassut, Blue Peter Gardener Chris Collins, Alex Day and Cayden Gale.



Student Voice Survey

We asked students for their reviews of TGAW. Here's what they had to say!



You get a real sense of family here. Everyone is included and everyone is together. Big school, well decorated and it has positive vibes. I feel I can talk to the teachers and really trust them. The teachers respect children's opinions. I like the teachers. They don't teach in a boring way. They make it exciting. There are lots of opportunities in period 6 and SAS and the school offers a lot of school trips as well. There is always a friendly face to help you when you're struggling with school work. The teachers always do what's in the best interests of the students at all times. Virtually everybody is nice here.

L to R Tom Robinson, Lucy Alexander, Dan Banks, Henry Bullett

The TGAW Young Enterprise team called *Hidden*, consisting of 11 Sixth Formers, set out to raise awareness of bullying inside of school by selling their t-shirts with an anti-bullying logo on. The company raised money over the course of the year and has donated a portion of this to Place2be run by Lucy Alexander. Her presentation on how bullying affected her son had a huge effect not only the *Hidden* members but on the entire school, which is why they decided to donate some of their profits to her cause. The Academy will hold an annual *Hidden* day to continue the campaign.

Friends of TGAW Mexican quiz Friday 8th June 7.30 pm

Beat the Teachers at our quiz evening. Entry is £2 each and there will be a prize for the best dressed Mexican. Teams of up to 8 people. Register your interest at friends@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Do you have a passion for great education and for taking TGAW forward to an outstanding school?

If you are interested in being involved in agreeing the school's objectives and targets you could become a Parent Governor on the TGAW governing body. It is a rewarding role and one in which you will get to know the school better and have an influence on your child's future. The application form is available on the website or at Reception. Closing date Monday, 4th June.

Cycling to School

If your child rides a bicycle that is great! Bike riding is good exercise and it can give your child a sense of independence. However, **a bike is a vehicle and not a toy.**

Everyone needs to know how to ride safely.

There are three important things to keep your child safe:

1. Have your child wear a helmet every time he or she rides a bike—no exceptions
2. Teach your child the rules of the road to keep him or her safe while riding on the street
3. Make sure your child's bike is in good working order.



Be aware.
Move with care.

watchtheroad.org

Road Code of Conduct for TGAW Students

Every day the Academy receives emails and phone calls from the public critical of the behaviour and recklessness of some TGAW students who cycle to school. The communications can be angry but some express genuine concern about the danger in which students are putting themselves. Here is a snap shot of the points raised which have to be answered by the Academy:

As I drove towards the railway bridge on Bilford Road this morning there were approx. 10-12 students (year 8 boys I think) dangerously cycling down the steps from the retail park, onto the pavement and then weaving in and out of the cars along the road, which was very busy. Cars were forced to stop and there was a real 'gang' feel to the group. Not one of these students was wearing a helmet and I'm surprised an accident wasn't caused at this very busy time of the day.

I just wanted to get in touch to express my concerns about the safety of some of the boys cycling to school and the danger they are causing to themselves and to other road users. I waited at the lights under the railway bridge this morning and watched 4 boys on bikes come through with the traffic. However one lad wheeled the whole way through and got dangerously close to the cars. Once the lights on my side turned green I went through the bridge but had to stop halfway to avoid 3 more lads on bikes coming towards me having gone through a red light. Only a couple were wearing helmets and none of them followed the basic rules of the road. I am very aware how busy that stretch of road is in the morning and always take extra care but these cyclists are taking huge risks with their own safety. I'm sure you will have had other people contacting you about this issue and I know that while students are making their way to school they are not the school's direct responsibility. I'm also sure you already do a lot to ensure your students' safety but I just wanted to highlight the fact that the situation with cyclists seems to be getting worse at the moment and they need to be safe when travelling to and from school.

Please could you canvass your students and make them aware that although they might think they can rely on the cars and lorries to simply avoid them, they are putting themselves and other road users in danger by messing around.

All children who cycle should be aware of the dangers that are there and how they can prepare themselves for the ride. Also, children cycling to school must wear cycle helmets – they do save lives.



We regularly raise this issue with students in assemblies and Tutor Groups but need parental support. We have made a log of which children cycle to school and which wear helmets. Permission to cycle may be withdrawn if the bicycle is being ridden inappropriately or unsafely. Not only does this bring the Academy into disrepute but it would cause huge distress to the whole community were there to be a serious accident.