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For and against: Michael Gove, left, and Jeremy Rodell, differ on the proposed Catholic secondary school

Gove support for Catholic school

Education Secretary to back council at judicial review

By Rachel Bishop

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The Secretary of State for Education has backed Richmond Council over the introduction of a Catholic school.

The announcement from Michael Gove came with the judicial review, brought forward by Richmond Inclusive Schools Campaign (Risc) and the British Humanist Association (BHA), looming.

They argue the council failed to comply with new legislation that requires an authority to invite proposals for an academy if a new school is needed.

The council said it did consider its obligations under the new legislation properly and that its decisions were lawful.

Gove agreed with the council and has applied to take part in the proceedings as an interested party.

He said when a local authority was considering a proposal for a new school it was not under a duty

to invite proposals for an academy before lawfully being able to approve the proposal.

BHA said an authority could therefore choose to ignore its requirement to invite free school proposals, and instead arrange to open voluntary aided religious schools unchallenged.

The group said councils could also agree with religious organisations to use this loophole to get around the 50 per cent exclusivity admissions rules applied to free schools.

BHA chief executive Andrew Copson said: "The coalition agreement commits the Government to 'work with faith groups to enable more faith schools and facilitate inclusive admissions policies in as many of these schools as possible'.

"It is surprising to see Michael Gove take such direct action in a contrary direction and against his own free school policy in a way that will increase discrimination in the state school system."

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Backing given to school

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In May, the council's cabinet agreed the Clifden Road site should be used for a five-form Catholic secondary school and a one-form Catholic primary school, and approved proposals for two voluntary aided schools from the Diocese of Westminster.

Councillor Lord True, leader of the council, said: "I am pleased that the Department for Education has confirmed its earlier advice that the council was entitled to approve the proposals.

"Every day this legal campaign continues, the borough will incur legal costs, which may not be fully recovered from the claimants. It is also causing a great deal of uncertainty for a large number of parents across the borough."

Lord True directly addressed the chairman of Risc, Jeremy

Rodell, in his statement.

Lord True said: "It is high time Mr Rodell showed some appreciation of the worries of those parents. He should now tell his national leaders in the BHA to stop using Richmond children as playthings in their ideological campaign to stop church schools.

"Mr Rodell and the BHA should respect the outcome of local democratic debate and send their lawyers home."

Mr Rodell said: "People can draw their own conclusions from the aggressive tone of Lord True's statement. Unfortunately, much of what he says is simply untrue or misleading.

"The impression is that he does not really care whether the council has acted unlawfully or not, provided he gets his own way.

"We have no plans to abandon the case. It is the council that has failed to compromise."

Something's wrong with street's pong

By Amy Dydych

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Business owners and visitors to Teddington High Street have complained about the foul smell wafting from the ancient drainage system.

Carmelo Mermina, owner of Ristorante Sorrento, said the smell was unpleasant for customers who came to eat in Teddington.

The 56-year-old said: "In the summer, when we have the door open, the smell comes in and the customers are complaining – they say it is disgusting."

Mr Mermina has been granted planning permission to have French doors fitted in the restaurant and feared if the drains were not fixed his business would be affected.

Jules Winstanley, who has owned boutique clothing store TCS for 16 years, said the problem had been ongoing for a



What's that smell: Teddington High Street

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decade and attributed the increased smell to the recent building works in Teddington.

She said: "Teddington has this old Victorian drain system that no one is taking any notice of. Something needs to be done, otherwise Teddington will just burst one day."

Teddington Councillor Stephen Knight said: "The council deals with the holes in

the road but if it is a blocked drain then Thames Water will have to come and fix it."

An engineer from Thames Water visited on Wednesday to investigate, but found no apparent cause for the smell.

A spokesman said: "Although there were no immediately apparent reasons for odour complaints we are continuing to look into the matter."

Primary school extension completed

More than 200 additional primary school places are available in Barnes after the completion of a £3m extension.

Lowther Primary School in Barnes can now take two forms of entry – an extra 210 pupils through the school – after the year-long project, costing £3.18m, was funded by a

Government grant and section 106 planning agreement.

The new wing is connected to the main original Victorian building and was designed by Patel Taylor Architects – the company involved in designing the athlete's village for this year's Olympics.

Headteacher Mark Tuffney

said: "Our wonderful new state of the art building provides the children of Lowther with the facilities they truly deserve."

Councillor Paul Hodgins, cabinet member for schools, said: "This is another prime example where we, as a council, are doing all we can to maximise space in our schools."



Places: Lowther Primary School in Barnes

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In brief

ROADS CLOSED: Two cars suffered severe damage after crashing into each other at a junction, causing road closures and bus diversions. The accident, at a junction between Waldegrave Road and Claremont Road in Teddington on September 29, saw Teddington Park Road and Waldegrave Road closed. No arrests were made.

CLASS ACT: Orleans Primary School in Twickenham has been awarded the British Council's International School Award. The award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education. The school's international work included projects at schools in India, Kenya and Spain.

START ME UP: Any budding entrepreneurs can attend a free networking event at One Kew Road, Richmond. The event, on Tuesday, October 9, from 6pm to 7.30pm organised by Start Up Britain, will feature talks and information about business and free muffins will be provided. To register for the event, visit startupbritainrichmond.eventbrite.com.

ELECTION DAY: Children will represent their primary schools in the annual Pupil Parliament competition on Thursday. The children will stand for election as the pupil mayor and deputy mayor of Richmond at the council of offices in York House.

A top talk

An activist and author will speak about her childhood in apartheid South Africa at Twickenham library.

June Bam-Hutchinson will give the speech from 3pm on Saturday as part of black history month.

A number of other events take place in libraries across the borough to mark the celebration.

For more information or to book places on any of the events, visit richmond.gov.uk/libraries.

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Obituary Notice

HARRISON JUNE MADELEINE

Née Hussey

Wife of Ronald Ernest Harrison, late of Onslow Road, and Hornchurch Close, Richmond, Surrey.

Passed away on 20th September 2012, aged 87 years, at Frome, Somerset.

Funeral service at West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington, on Wednesday 3rd October at 11:30 am.

Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Dorothy House Hospice. may be sent to: William Adlam Funeral Service, 68A Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1NH. 01373 452100.

WADDON CHRISTINE MARGARET

Dearest Sister of Brian, Mother of Caroline and Stephen passed away 23rd September 2012.

Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels, Barnes, Monday 8th October at 2p.m.

Family flowers only.
Donations to be confirmed.

JARDINE BERNARD

Beloved Father and Husband of Maureen, died peacefully on 26th September, aged 84.

Cremation at Randalls Park on Wednesday 10th October.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to The National Ankylosing Spondylitis Society.

STELLA IRENE MUNFORD

Sadly passed away on the 23rd September 2012.

Funeral Service to be held on the 12th October 2012, 11.40a.m. at Hanworth Crematorium

ELSIE CASEY "ELLIE"

Remembered with love by family and friends on the first anniversary of her death

26 March 1930 - 9 October 2011

CATLING ESTELLE HELEN

Aged 84.

Passed away peacefully on September 27th after a short illness.

Sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral to take place on Wednesday 10th October 2012 at 2.20p.m., Kingston Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Princess Alice Hospice or PAWS c/o Frederick W Paine 020 8977 1527

In Memoriam

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Anniversary

New look:
Teddington School
opened in
1962



Celebrating with reunion

By Rachel Bishop

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Turning 50 is something some like to forget, but Teddington School is making sure everyone gets involved in its celebrations by inviting past and present students to its birthday party.

Former students who attended the school in the swinging 60s, are invited to join the party first, with 70s students following an hour later.

The decade slots will continue throughout the day to give past pupils a chance to catch-up before meeting current students.

Current pupils will be on hand to answer questions about what life is like at the school in Broom Road at the event on October 20.

An exhibition of photos, cuttings and anecdotes from the school's history will help stimulate memories of life and experiences at Teddington School in earlier days and in its former buildings.

Headteacher Richard Weeks



Modern: The school library

said: "We look forward to welcoming back former staff and students to share memories, catch up on news and celebrate the achievements of the Teddington School community past and present."

The school, which opened in 1962, has 1,140 pupils from 11 to 16 and was completely rebuilt in 2010.

For more information about the event on October 20, visit teddington.richmond.sch.uk or email pta@teddington.richmond.sch.uk.

Those from the 1960s are invited to arrive at 1pm, 1970s at 2pm, the 1980s at 3pm and those from the 1990s at 4pm.



New crop: Noughties pupils celebrating A-level grades

Anniversary

Blind association turns 90

Richmond Association for the Blind turns 90 this month, celebrating in style with an afternoon tea party on Saturday, October 6, at St Mary's Church

Hall in Twickenham.

Fellow 90-year-olds will join in the celebration and cut the cake, guide dogs will be on duty and there will be music.