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Dear Colleagues,

Coming Up: Have Your Say

On Tuesday next week we'll be launching 'Have Your Say'. It's the start of an ongoing conversation about our new People Roadmap. This new area of work will ensure that people are at the heart of our new five year strategy. Building on previous staff surveys, we are focusing on 6 specific areas. We have lots of ideas but we want to hear yours.

HR Manager Helen Greatorex will be kicking off Have your Say with a video and staff survey. There will be plenty of other upcoming opportunities to Have your Say too. As always, all of your comments will be read so please don't forget to keep them constructive.

TCS London Marathon 2025

We are delighted to have secured one charity place in the TCS London Marathon 2025 supporting the Field Studies Council. So now comes the next challenge: finding someone who would like to take part. Would you be interested in running 26.2 miles through London in the world's most iconic marathon? Can you commit to fundraising a minimum of £2,000? If so, please [register your interest here](#). Applications will be subject to a selection process. The deadline is Wednesday 11th September, and we'll let you know if you have been successful by the end of the month.

Farwell to Maddy Jones

Maddy Jones, Centre Manager at Juniper Hall, will be leaving us after an incredible 30 year stint. Maddy started as an Associate Tutor at Epping Forest with a passion and expertise in lichens. She then moved to Juniper Hall taking up the role of Education Team Leader and then Head of Hospitality. As a result of her exceptional attention to customer care she then became Centre Manager. Maddy played a significant part in the diversification of the business at Juniper Hall and her expertise in dealing with the needs of the more bespoke groups that visit us will definitely be missed. We all wish Maddy the very best.



Maddy, 2nd from the left, pictured with colleagues for last year's International Women's Day.

A Man who Likes Maps

It's understandable if you are trying to avoid the American Election. However, the geographers among you may be interested in this article flagged up by Charles Roper. Much has been made of the military and football coaching background of Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz but little of his being a Geography teacher. Perhaps it didn't 'focus group' too well with voters. He really likes maps, data and how they can help government make better informed and data-driven policy decisions. "A

geographically illiterate member of the United States Congress is a very scary proposition" he said. Quite. You can find out more about his love of GIS [here](#).

Special Mention

This week's special mention is for Sarah Bradford, Maintenance and Estate Assistant at Juniper who won first prize at Egham Royal Show with her Red Falstaff dessert apples grown at Juniper Hall. Sarah, staff and volunteers planted the orchard in January 2015 with Friends of Juniper Hall sponsoring a tree. All the trees are either local or old varieties of apples, pears and plums. They are now giving Juniper Hall a good supply of eating apples and the team hope to have them juiced next month.



Welcome back and Congratulations

Sara Cragg has returned as a Customer Relations Assistant at Head Office.

Sarah Wyper has been appointed the new Centre Manager at Juniper Hall, having previously been the ETL.

There will be no Catch Up next week as I am on leave, but September's Occasional Staff Newsletter will be landing in your inboxes on Monday and the Have Your Say Survey on Tuesday.

Best regards
Mark