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There is more to Hounslow than Bend it like Beckham, Plane spotting and a quick drive to the M4 to get away for the weekend. Hounslow has a rich history and diversity that more than cements its place as one of London's great boroughs. Hounslow is a great place to teach and the culture is supported by a number of schools that stand out in rankings across the country. The access to facilities and opportunities available to students is second to none. Read below and find out what we can learn and teach others about Hounslow!

## HISTORY

Brentford is believed to have been the site of a battle between Julius Caesar's troops and the local king Cassivellaunus in 54BC. Hounslow Heath had been used as a military encampment by both Oliver Cromwell and James II around the time of the English Civil War



## ART

Hounslow's palette of famous artists includes JMW Turner, who lived in Brentford as a child. As a young man Vincent Van Gogh, worked as a Teaching Assistant in Isleworth and French impressionist Lucien Pissarro lived in Chiswick. William Hogarth spent a lot of his life here and his old house has been turned into a museum near the A4

## TECHNOLOGY

Kew Bridge Pumping Station was originally opened in 1838 and pumped water from the Thames for over 100 years going on to house six steam pumping engines as well as four Allen diesel pumps. The site is now a renowned museum and testament to the industrious age of London. Recently you will find Hounslow as the base for the likes of GSK, Sky TV and electronic games maker SEGA



## MUSIC

Hounslow deserves a standing ovation. Freddie Mercury, Phil Collins and Elvis Costello all grew up in here, Rockers Jimmy Page and Pete Townsend also spent their early years here too. Most recently Sophie Ellis Bextor, MIA and RnB star Jay Sean all call Hounslow home. I'm sure the next superstar is ready and waiting for their time to shine!