

## Central London finish for the Tour of Britain

THE final stage of this year's Tour of Britain cycle race will end on Whitehall once again, with Westminster and the City of London providing an iconic backdrop for the action-packed finish.

Parliament Square and Parliament Street to Whitehall. Sir Peter Hendy CBE, London's Transport Commissioner, said: 'The Tour of Britain is a fantastic event and we are thrilled to be hosting the final stage in central London. Hundreds of thousands of people cycle in London every day and The Tour of Britain will provide another fantastic opportunity to encourage even more people to start cycling, after being inspired by some of the world's top professional cyclists.'

■ For more information, go to [www.tourofbritain.co.uk](http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk)

The tour is Britain's biggest professional cycle race and the UK's largest free sporting event. Stage 8 – the final section of the race – will take place on Sunday, September 22.

Starting and finishing on Whitehall, the world's top cyclists will face ten laps of the London circuit, racing along Northumberland Avenue, Victoria Embankment and Upper Thames Street to Tower Hill, before returning via

This year's Tour of Britain will begin in Peebles, on the Scottish Borders, on Sunday, September 15. There are eight challenging stages via the Lake District, Knowsley, Stoke-on-Trent, Wales and Devon, before a penultimate stage in Surrey between Epsom and Guildford on Saturday, September 21.



## Teens urged to 'Stop Think! Live'

NINE out of ten teenagers have seen friends using mobile phones while crossing the road, according to research from Transport for London (TfL).

The behaviour, identified by teenagers themselves through a facebook poll, is one in a series of distractions depicted in posters for TfL's latest teen road safety campaign – 'Stop Think! Live', part of its work to reduce casualties on London's roads.

Eight out of ten teens also said they had seen their peers walk into

the road without looking, in addition, listening to an mp3 player while crossing was another distraction mentioned.

Figures published by TfL earlier this year show that road casualties among teenagers in the capital have fallen by two thirds over the past 10 years. TfL continues to work with the police to enforce speed limits and change driver behaviour to improve road safety.

Ben Plowden, director of planning, TfL Surface Transport, said: 'We are committed to

reducing road casualties in the capital. Despite the continuing fall in the number of teenagers killed or seriously injured on the road, protecting London's young people by improving the safety of London's roads remains a key priority. The feedback from this facebook poll confirms that there is still work to be done.'

The posters are now on display across the city.

■ Find out more about the road safety campaign at [tfl.gov.uk/stopthinklive](http://tfl.gov.uk/stopthinklive)



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