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Rosemary Brooke rounds up some of this month's highlights – from Richmond to the high seas

Golfer's paradise

With fine views and mature gardens, the resort of Quinta do Lago is one of the Algarve's most verdant retreats. Set in the grounds is this classically proportioned villa, a five-bedroom property that's completely private, yet provides easy access to Quinta do Lago's excellent golf course. It comes with a fully fitted kitchen, underfloor heating, a heated swimming pool and covered terraces to make the most of the long summers. The property can be bought fully furnished if desired. Price €4,650,000. For further information call 00 351 289 390 700 or visit www.quintadolago.com



HOME SCHOOLING

Right now, all thoughts might be firmly on the summer holidays, but it's not long before September looms. Thinking ahead – even by several years – is a smart tactic when it comes to securing your child a place at a top prep school. 'The school must come first, and then the house should follow,' says Charlie Wells, managing director of buying agency Prime Purchase. It's little wonder, then, that enlisting the help of a good agent can be invaluable in finding the perfect base for your future school run. Contact 020 7881 2388; www.prime-purchase.com

SET SAIL

Whether it's your dream to buy, build or charter a yacht, Chris Cecil-Wright's brokerage is one of the best in the business, offering sound advice, total discretion and a highly personal service. Currently for sale at €14,950,000 is Kingdom Come, a 198ft Leadship superyacht that was refurbished last year. Accommodating 18 guests with the same number of crew, her amenities include a screening room, Jacuzzi, dance floor and on-deck barbecue area. Cecil Wright also offers yachts for charter, along with advice on planning a trip, be it to the Galapagos or the best of the Med. For more information call 020 7408 1001 or visit www.cecilwright.com



INDUSTRIAL CHIC

Richmond's leafy environs, close to the river and to a variety of transport links, make it a perennially attractive location for buyers. This new development is in an atmospheric Edwardian redbrick building with views across the Thames. The former brewery is moments from the town centre and has high ceilings, expansive proportions and wooden floors. The seven apartments are kitted out with Miele kitchen appliances, bathrooms in natural stone and marble, and bedrooms with walk-in wardrobes. Call 020 7937 9600 or visit www.richmondbrewerystores.co.uk

