

# Headteacher's Update

10th September 2021

#### Welcome back!

Welcome back to what will be an exciting year at Turing House School, during which we will finally move into our permanent site. The top floor of the site now has painted walls, and carpets will go in on this floor in a few weeks. We are still currently on schedule for our move in February which means the process of planning the move has already begun.

The additional classrooms at Hampton are all up and running with the new Tech room looking particularly



impressive. Students have settled in well with really high standards and engagement in learning which is lovely to see. Nicest of all has been the in-person assemblies for every year group - our first since the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020! The club timetable is also nearly finalised.

I am sure you are all aware that that we have now moved to a new management system in the school called Bromcom. Bromcom will now replace some of our current systems which we feel in the long run will be better for parents, to provide greater information about their children in school. Below you will see a graphic of what Bromcom will replace. In brief, it will reduce the number of platforms that parents and students will need to access. This will also be better for the environment, as all school reports can be sent electronically through this system. As you can imagine, a system like this will need a period of time to work to its full capacity so please be patient with us whilst we transition. If you or your children have any issues with logging in, please reach out via the school office and we'll help get this solved. All students, apart from Year 7 whose details will be following shortly, will have been given their login details and we will run drop-in sessions for students who are struggling. Please be aware that this is how students will access their homework so please ensure students can login.



New Bromcom "MyChildAtSchool" system will replace Parentmail and Classcharts









Letters, Announcements, Attendance, Behaviour, Calendar, Timetable, Reports, Permission Slips, Contact Info

#### **COVID TESTING**

Your child will be coming home with a box of Lateral Flow tests – enough for the next three weeks. We strongly encourage you to continue home testing twice a week (Wed and Sun) for the month of September, which will be reviewed by the DfE if it is to continue further.

#### **School Uniform Grant**

Hampton Fund supports families on low income with grants to help with the cost of school uniform. To apply, please follow this link School uniform grants available now - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

#### Announcement from the PE Department

Last year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, students were required to arrive at school in their PE kit on the day of their timetabled PE lesson.

This year, <u>students must arrive</u> in <u>regular school</u> <u>uniform</u> and will then change in and out of their PE kit at the start and end of the lesson in the changing rooms.

The Turing House PE uniform is stocked by Stevenson's, and School Days.

For prices, sizes and other information, please visit their websites: www.stevensons.co.uk or www.schooldaysll p.co.uk. Alternatively, second-hand items may also be available at: www.oldschooluniform.co.uk.

#### Sports Clubs and Fixtures

Sports clubs and fixtures are back! Keep an eye out for the release of news and information regarding forthcoming school sports clubs and competitive fixtures - this will be coming soon.

We hope you are as excited as we are to be competing against other schools in the Borough!

#### Secondhand Uniform

Friends of Turing House can arrange for second-hand uniform to be distributed to families who may benefit – please email info@turinghouseschool.org.uk if you would like to receive some items of the uniform which can then be collected from the school office.

#### Turing House Humanities Twitter

Please follow @Humanities\_THS on twitter for updates and examples of brilliant work from the History, Geography, Travel and Tourism, RP, Politics, Psychology and Sociology departments.

#### History Films and Books

If you have watched any brilliant historical dramas, documentaries or films, or read any brilliant historical fiction or non-fiction that you believe others may enjoy, please email us to let us know and we will share your

recommendations in the school newsletter and on our twitter page.

You can contact us by emailing the school office and asking for your message to be passed onto the History department.

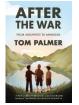
Over the summer, we have discovered some things which we think our students and their families may enjoy. They include:

A Whitechapel Jack the Ripper walking tour - <a href="https://www.viator.com/tours/London/Jack-the-Ripper-Tour-with-Ripper-Vision-in-London/d737-23256P1">https://www.viator.com/tours/London/Jack-the-Ripper-Tour-with-Ripper-Vision-in-London/d737-23256P1</a> - thank you to Ms Greening for recommending - this is linked to our GCSE History specification too.

Fallen Statues: Twelve Idols That Made History by Alex von Tunzelmann - thank you to Ms Woodcock for recommending - this may be of particular interest to our

A-Level students.

The Happiest Man On Earth by Eddie Jaku - this is a brilliant book which a wide range of our students would enjoy.



After the War by Tom Palmer - we have several copies of this powerful book which are available for any of our Year 7 and Year 8 students to borrow from our history library in G1.

#### Parent Pay/Free School Meals

Please make sure that you have opened a Parent Pay account for your child and keep it topped up regularly.

If you feel you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please follow the following link to apply: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/free school meals

Please let us know if you require any help to do this.

Our new catering company, Innovate, has taken over the catering provision at Turing House - menus will be sent out for you to see what is on offer. So far, the response has been very enthusiastic! They will also be holding tasting days next week!

#### History of the Navy



Older History students who have been enjoying BBC's latest drama *Vigil* may enjoy our A-Level History course

which in Year 13 covers a unit on the changing role of the Royal Navy 1768-1914.

#### **Changes in Student Details**

Please ensure that you inform the School Office if there have been any changes to your child's details.

We need to make sure that we have the correct information i.e. contact details, medical needs, dietary requirements etc.

Please email or call the school office.

# Are you interested in continuing your education post-18? Would you like a taste of a university lecture?

Ms Andrews has signed the school up for a free trial of Massolit. It's a site with lots of mini 'lectures' from various universities around the UK.

It is mainly for use by Sixth Formers and Y11 students, however it will certainly interest many other ambitious students.

The topics include Literature, History, Philosophy, Sociology, Psychology and Politics. We have until Sep 21st for the free trial, so get logged on and explore the site. Please let Ms Andrews or your form tutor know what you learn!

Instructions for logging in:

Username: massolit@turinghouseschool.org.uk

Password: september21freetrial

#### Student Absence/Enquiries

With the swap of year groups on each site, parents for years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 please need to ring the Hampton site with absences / general enquiries on 020 8069 6101.

For parents from year groups 7 & 8, please ring Teddington site on 020 8069 6100.

Thank you.

#### Thames Young Mariners – Lost Property

**Lost property** from Thames Young Mariners – includes swimming costumes, lunch boxes, water bottles, new PE kit!

Please collect from the school office at Teddington.

#### Please name clothing and property

Please make sure that your child's clothing and property is clearly marked with their name so that we can easily re-unite lost items to their owner.

#### Codebreakers Wanted!

Interested in codebreaking? Love maths puzzles? Want to create computer games? Then Hut 8 is for you! Our new Maths & Computing club is starting next week!

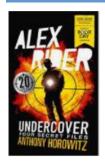
If you are in years 9,10,11, then the Red club is for you, every Tuesday at 15:15 in Hampton room 2.7.

If you are in Sixth Form, then come to the Blue club, on Thursdays at 15:15 in Hampton room 2.7. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Olah.





#### Book of the Week



Alex Rider – Undercover – by Anthony Horowitz

Go undercover into the secret world of teen super-spy Alex Rider in this explosive collection of adrenalinefuelled adventures.

See Alex take action against an imminent disaster, discover the truth behind the death of his parents and get inside the mind of his arch-rival, Yassen Gregorovich.

#### School Show!

School show rehearsals will start Tuesday 14th for Years 9-13 and Tuesday 21st for Years 7&8 in the Drama Room at their own site.

Please come along for a trial session on these dates to see if it's for you! The school show will be Matilda!

Look forward to seeing you. Miss Scott

#### Music Club!

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After the darkness of no music, clubs are

- Monday lunchtime, Hampton: Girls Harmony
- Tuesday before school, 7:30am, Hampton: Orchestra
- Wednesday before school, 7:45am, Teddington:
   Choir
- Thursday before school, 7:30am, Hampton: Chamber group
- Thursday lunchtime, Hampton: Boys harmony
- Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes, Hampton: Bands
- Friday lunchtime, Teddington: Bands.

All are welcome. If you are in Year 7 or 8 and want to join the orchestra, come to the Hampton site to attend the rehearsal in the morning after which you will be taken back to the Teddington site.

If there is a music club you would like to start, please speak to Mrs Winch.

Look forward to seeing lots of you at all the clubs and to lots of great performances!

#### The National Connections Project



We're delighted to have been accepted into the National Connections project with the National Theatre for the second time.

The project will give a group of our Year 10-13 students the chance to rehearse a brand-new play, before performing it in the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith under the supervision of a director from the National Theatre and a technical team from the Lyric.

Students in Years 10-13 are welcome to come along to a taster workshop after school on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the drama room to find out more about the project.

Unfortunately, Covid stopped our last groups of National Connections participants from completing the project (we were one day away from performing in the Soho Theatre when theatres were ordered to close in March 2020!), so we're looking forward to seeing another group taking part!

#### **Road Safety**

Please could you remind your child that they must use the designated road crossings outside of school when leaving and arriving at school each day.

At Teddington especially, there is traffic coming from lots of directions. They must wait for the green man to appear before starting to cross. Students should not be talking on their mobile phones or listening to music when crossing as this is a distraction that could result in a serious accident.



Please also remind students that are cycling that they should be wearing a helmet.

#### Careers

The Careers Department at Turing House School are looking for volunteers from our parent body or further afield who would be willing to give a short careers talk about their role. We are looking for representatives from all areas of work. At present this would be pre recorded and delivered to students during our PSCHE and tutor sessions. If you would like to get involved please complete the engagement form and we will contact you with more details.

#### THS Careers Engagement Form

Any questions, please contact me on: h.brennan@turinghouseschool.org.uk

Thanks in advance

Miss Brennan (THS Head of Careers).

#### Celebrating Success

Please let us know if any of your children achieved anything great, or did anything cool over the summer holidays. We are always keen to celebrate student success, no matter how small, and share this in the school newsletter. Please use info@turinghouseschool.org.uk

#### Saturday at 9pm!



Emma Raducanu has made history by becoming the youngest British tennis player to reach the US Open final in the Open era.

The 18-year-old from Bromley beat Maria Sakkari of Greece in straight sets in New York in the semi-final.

Raducanu is ranked 150th in the world - her opponent was 12th - and this is only her second grand slam. It was the first time she had faced a player in the world top 30.

But her debut at Wimbledon, where she became the youngest British woman in 42 years to reach the fourth round, left no one doubting her.

Tune in on Saturday night and cheer on our latest sporting star.

#### Clubs

On the next page you will see the clubs that we already have in place for our Autumn term, with more to be announced. The year teams and club leaders will be speaking to the students about specific arrangements. Please note any specific start dates.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs (Hampton) Autumn 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Music Club: Orchestra, 7,30 a.m.		Music Club: <b>Chamber Group</b> , 7.30 a.m.	<b>Fitness Club</b> : Yr10 - 13, 7,45 - 8,15 am
Music Club: <b>Girls Harmony</b> , lunchtime,	A Level History Book Club, 8.15 a.m. H162, Starts 14/9/21	(National Connections Project) (starts 22/9/21) 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. Drama Room	Music Club: <b>Boys Harmony</b> , <b>Lunchtime</b>	
Football, Yr 9 -13, 3.15 - 4.15 pm	Club: <b>Hut 8 - Red</b> (Maths), start date 14/9/21, 3.15 - 4 p.m. Years y9,10,11, H2.7	Music Club: <b>Bands</b> , Lunchtime	Club: <b>Hut 8 - Blue</b> (Maths), start date 16/9/21, 3.15 p.m 4 p.m. Years 12, 13, H2.7	Music Club: <b>Bands</b> , Lunchtime
	Whole School Show Rehearsals,  Matilda Jnr. Years 9-13, 3, 15- 4, 30 Drama Room (starts 14/9/21)	(National Connections Project) (starts 22/9/21) 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. Drama Room	Club: <b>Maths support,</b> Start date: 16/9/21, 3.15 - 4 p.m., Years 9,10,11, H1.3	1
	Creative Writing Club, H3.1, all years welcome, 3.15	<b>Rugby</b> , Yr 9 - 11, 3.15 - 4.15 pm	Spanish Intervention - yr10, Starts 16/9/21, 3 p.m., 4.4	
			Spanish Intervention - yr11, Starts 16/9/21, 3 p.m., 4.3	
			<b>Table Tennis</b> , Yrs 9 - 13, 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. Starts 23/9/21	
			STEM Club, 2.1, Yr 9, 3.00 p.m.	
			Debate Club, H3.1, all years, 3.15 pm	

## Extra-Curricular Clubs - (Teddington) Autumn 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	" Music Club: Orchestra, (Hampton) 7.30 a.m.	Music Club: <u>Choir</u> , 7.45 a.m.	<b>X-Country</b> 7.00 - 7.45, yrs 7-8, Starting 23/9/21	Music Club: Bands, lunchtime
Rugby - Yr 7 & 8, 3,15 - 4,15	Whole School Show Rehearsals, <u>Matilda Jnr</u> . Years 7 + 8, 3.15 - 4.30 Drama Room (starts 21/9/21)	<b>Spanish Club</b> , Yrs 7 & 8, 1.3, 12.45 p.m., starts 23/9/21	<b>STEM</b> Club, 1.8, 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. Yr 7 & 8	
Club: <b>Maths Support</b> , Start date 13th September, 3.15 - 4 p.m., 1.2, Year 7 +8	<b>Art Club</b> - years 7 + 8, 3.15 - 4.00 p.m. (3.1) (starts 21st Sept)	Warhammer Club (starts 15/9/21) 3 - 4 p.m. Art room - 3.1 - all yr groups welcome (no sprays / pliers)		Music Club: <b>Bands</b> , Lunchtime
<b>History KS3</b> Club, G1, starting 20/9/21, 3.00 p.m.	<b>Hockey</b> (externally provided), Yr 7 - 11) 5 - 6 p.m.		<b>Reading club</b> , 2.4, 3.00 - 3.45 p.m. Yr 7 & 8	