



A Christmas Carol – The Old Vic

On Thursday, Y11 drama students went to see 'A Christmas Carol' at the Old Vic. Students loved the show and were impressed with the costumes and set. The show made us all feel like we were completely immersed in a Victorian Christmas - from the mince pies they gave out, to the smell of oranges and the carols played on hand bells.



We would 100% recommend it if you are looking for something Christmassy to do over the holidays. Once again, thanks to the Old Vic education schools club who provided the tickets (and a workshop on stage lighting) for free.

Turing House Friends and AmazonSmile

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Are you after some last-minute gifts? You can support Turing House Friends every time you shop at Amazon.

AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.co.uk on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping App.

When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as amazon.co.uk, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.

You use your existing Amazon account, and simply select Turing House Friends as your charity. Easy peasy.

So far you lovely shoppers have raised over **£260!** Amazing!!

Thank you so much 🙏🙏

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/about/>



Dates for the Diary:

16th Dec – End of Term (12.30pm finish)
4th Jan – Lateral Flow Testing (Yrs 11, 12,13)
5th Jan – School starts for Yrs 11,12,13; Lateral Flow Testing for Years 7,8,9
6th Jan – All years back in school 8.30am

End of Term

School will finish at 12.30pm on Thursday 16th December.

Well Done, Kane!

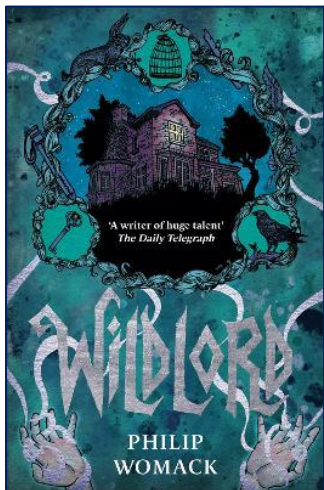
Kane in year 7 absolutely loves art and practises a lot at home. Last week he showed staff from Plus this pencil drawing he has been working on.



He did an online tutorial and got some drawing and blending tips directly from the artist. He drew this from his own head and just used a photograph to copy some more realistic details.

We were all so impressed!

Book of the Week



Readers 13+

Wildlord by Philip Womack

Tom is an orphan and as the celebrations for the end of term finish it seems he'll be spending the summer alone at his boarding school. No wonders he accepts an invitation to visit the Uncle he's never met – indeed, never heard of – despite the strangeness of the message and its delivery.

Arriving at Mundham Farm, things get stranger yet, the boundaries between this world and that of the mysterious Folk, or Samdhya, seeming to shift in the summer heat along with our outstanding of time itself.

Emagazine – Poems of the Decade conference

This week, sixth form students studying English Literature attended the “Emagazine – Poems of the Decade conference”, assisting in our study of them. Presented with great poets such as Daljit Nagra, Simon Armitage and Julia Copus, alongside speakers like Barbara Bleiman, Sarah Howe and Sarah Crown, this furthered students' understanding of these poems allowing us to link broader, more implicit themes greater than the scope we have explored so far. We particularly invested our interest in Sarah Howe's insightful dissection of “The Very Act of Telling” in poetry, built upon literary and philosophical genius Aristotle, which allows the formation of narrative poems using memories or, as Howe states a “gallery of disconnected images”.

Likewise, students also found that the interactive sessions with poets Daljit Nagra and Simon Armitage offered a detailed perspective on the poems' narratives and society, providing an exciting opportunity to ask questions to expand on the poets' intentions.

Later following this, contemporary poet Harry Baker with a performance of multiple poems, most notably, ‘The Scientist and the Bumblebee’, gave a comedic presentation of the challenge of self-acceptance, which students enjoyed and related to, ultimately enabling us to connect the themes we explored throughout the day.

By Barbana H. Year 13



The trip was very interesting; the insight that each speaker gave to their poems of choice ranged from simplistic but enjoyable in Harry Baker's case, to a complex insight that I'd never even considered in Simon Armitage's presentation.

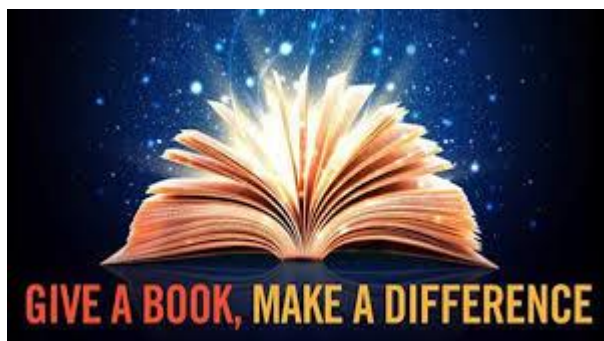
In fact, I found Armitage's speech so interesting that I googled the previous poet laureates to see if I knew any and was surprised to see that I'd heard of the previous three!

There were also several poets and poems that I had never heard of before such as Dalgit Nagra and his poem, 'Look We Have Coming to Dover' which provided a fascinating insight into immigrants and the second-generation immigrants' view of their parents' generation that came to England.

By Jake, Yr 12

Turing House Friends - Christmas Book Drive

Would you like to get Turing House a Christmas present? On Amazon you will find the Turing House Friends wish list which is jam packed full of wonderful book suggestions for the school library.



Why don't you add one to your basket next time you're shopping and give the students a Christmas gift?

Quality second-hand books also appreciated. You can drop gifts at either school office. Let's get reading!

<https://t.co/beZFLaB2Vm>

#SchoolLibraryBookDrive #loveyourschool

Reading at KS3

Many thanks to the parents of Yr7 students who responded to our survey about reading for pleasure. Please note that the survey was anonymous, so we are unable to respond to individual queries unless you identified yourself in the survey.

If you have a particular query, please do email us for the attention of your child's English teacher, and we will get back to you. Below we will answer some frequently asked questions:

Is there going to be a library on the new site?

We will have a learning resource centre where there will be a variety of books available for loan to students. English teachers will be able to advise students on what to read. We hope to grow our library year on year, as we have done since opening.

How do you share with my child the benefits of reading?

We strongly believe in the power of reading widely and for pleasure. We dedicate 20 minutes of our lesson time in English per week to silent reading, and our teachers speak to students individually about what they are reading, encouraging them to read more.

We also set reading homework every week and ask that you sign your child's reading log to support with this. We run various events and competitions throughout the year, such as our 'Million Word Challenge' and World Book Day events and author visits.

Why do you set reading homework for 20 minutes per week and not more or less?

Each subject sets 20 minutes of homework per week, with core subjects setting two 20-minute tasks. We aim to strike a balance. Ideally, of course, we would like all students to read for 10-30 minutes per day, but we recognise that for some students this would be unmanageable.

Does the school have books available to borrow?

Yes! We have plenty of books suitable for all year groups, thanks to many kind donations from parents and organisations such as Book Trust and Penguin.

If your child would like to borrow a book, they can speak to their English teacher and borrow one from the shelves in English classrooms – their teacher will make a note of this, and they are free to return it when they're finished.

Do you have a list of recommended reading?

Yes! Please see our literacy page on our website for our reading list, which includes a range of genres and age ranges: <https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/literacy.php>

How can I help my child enjoy reading?

One of the biggest barriers we encounter as teachers is finding the right book. Reading can be such a joy with the right book, where there's a story they can get into or connect with.

Try starting with audiobooks or graphic novels if they are reluctant at first. Don't be afraid to try out a few books until they find something they enjoy.

Here are some links you may wish to explore, to help you with more strategies to try.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

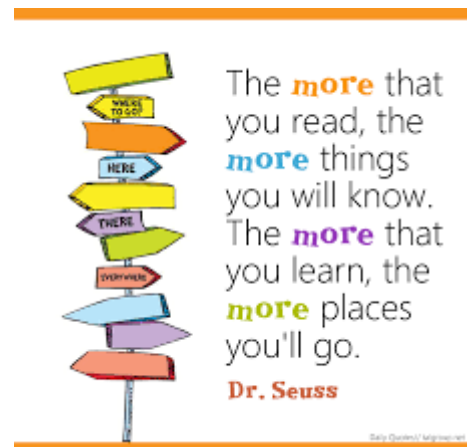
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/what-if-my-child-doesnt-like-reading/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1>

How do I encourage my child to favour reading over online gaming and using their phone?

This is a real challenge that so many parents tell us of, and I'm sure one we struggle with as adults too.

Parents who have had success with this put a time limit on screen time and encourage reading directly before bed. Science shows that this helps the brain wind down before sleep as well.

Some of the links above may help with this too.

**Forthcoming Sporting Fixtures****Monday 13th December:**

U16 Basketball Friendly v Teddington (away)

Year 7 Boys 5-a-side Football Tournament at Hampton High

Tuesday 14th December:

Year 7 Turing House 'Home Games' Table Tennis Finals (home)

Year 10/11 Girls Netball Friendly v Hampton High (away)

Year 8 Boys 5-a-side Football Tournament at Hampton High

Wednesday 15th December:

Year 8 Turing House 'Home Games' Table Tennis Finals (home)

Year 8/9 Girls Basketball v St Richard Reynolds (away)

Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament

A big well done to the Year 7 boys who took part in a basketball tournament last week at Hampton Boys School.

After a superb display of ball handling skills and teamwork, the Turing team finished in third place which is a fantastic achievement! Well done again to everyone involved and well done to Tate K. who was our player of the tournament and got a special mention by the organisers as one of the rising stars of the event!



DrFrostMaths

Many students have been working extremely hard on DrFrostMaths to complete additional study this term.

Huge congratulations to those who have made it into the Top 10! Keep an eye out for awards in next week's celebration of achievement assemblies!

Placing so far:

1st Luke R.

2nd Elizabeth C.

3rd Barnaby S.

4th Kimberly W.

5th Amy H.

6th Marley A.

7th Sanjith S.

8th Mahadullah H.

9th Robbie H.

10th Rayanne A.

Year 10/11 Girls Basketball v Twickenham

Congratulations to the Year 10 girls who played in the basketball fixture against Twickenham this week. The girls put on an excellent display to secure a 20-7 win! Well done to the whole team and well done to Abby P. for being awarded player of the match!



A special mention must also go to Year 10 Sports Science student, Barnaby S.

Barnaby has been refereeing many of our junior and girls' basketball fixtures and has been doing a brilliant job officiating. Thank you and well done, Barnaby!

U13 & U15 Volleyball Tournament

Some of our volleyball players were treated to a tournament this week at Hampton Boys School.

The under 13 team were unable to secure the win they were hoping for but put in an excellent display of effort and enjoyed the experience.

The under 15 team (pictured) outplayed their opponents - Hampton Boys and Grey Court - in their matches and came away as tournament winners! Two impressive wins over two strong sides is a brilliant achievement.

Well done to both the under 13 and under 15 teams!



Year 10 Table Tennis Tournament

The Borough stages of the table tennis tournament took place this week at Richmond Park Academy for the year 10 students.

Darcey W., Evie K., Abby P. and Riley F-L, were representing team Turing for the girls. The boys team comprised of Luca C, Sam B, Lukas Y and Freddie W.

On this occasion, the Turing teams were not able to come away as tournament winners, but everyone can be proud of their positive attitude and determined effort shown on the day. Well done to all involved!

Stevensons Christmas Update

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Our stores and distribution centres will be closing over the festive period to allow our staff to spend some time with their friends and families. Most will close between **Monday 20th December and Monday 3rd January 2022**

If you are planning to visit any of our branches over the festive period, please check our opening times before you set out.

ORDER ONLINE FOR DELIVERY BEFORE TERM STARTS

You will need to place any online orders before **Wednesday 15th December** to ensure in stock items are dispatched before the festive period.

While closed we will continue to process online orders, however due to the time of year and how Christmas bank holidays fall it may take up to 14 days for orders to arrive with you.

Year 7 & Year 8 'Home Games' Table Tennis - Group Stages

The Year 7 and 8 students got our first ever Home Games underway as they competed against each other in a table tennis tournament. The idea of the Home Games is that, throughout the year, students battle it out to see who can be crowned the year group champion for a chosen sport, starting with table tennis.

There was a huge amount of interest in this tournament - a massive well done to everyone who got involved and took part in the group stages, the effort and enthusiasm on the day was superb!

Congratulations to the following students who progress through to next week's final:

From Year 7 - William B-D; Sahil K; Freddie K-S; Wesley W; Joseph S; Felix S; Veliko D; Alfie F. From Year 8 - Ethan B; George P; Marcus N; Kaya F; Barnaby S; Zachary S. Well done, all!

A shout out must also go to the following students for their organisational help: Conal A, George P. and Samuel M. from Year 8 and Elli C. from Year 7.



Year 8/9 Girls Basketball v Waldegrave

The Year 8 and 9 girls came up against a strong Waldegrave side in a basketball fixture this week. The Turing team was convincingly beaten by some organised defence and quick counter-attack from their opponents, but the girls remained positive, kept their heads high and are keen to go again!

Well done to everyone involved.



Year 11 Sixth Former for the Day

On Wednesday this week, Year 11 took part in Turing House Sixth Former for a Day.

Students were provided with an opportunity to select different courses to trial at Post-16 level as well as benefiting from the luxury of following the Sixth Form dress code, using the common room and having a free period in their school day.

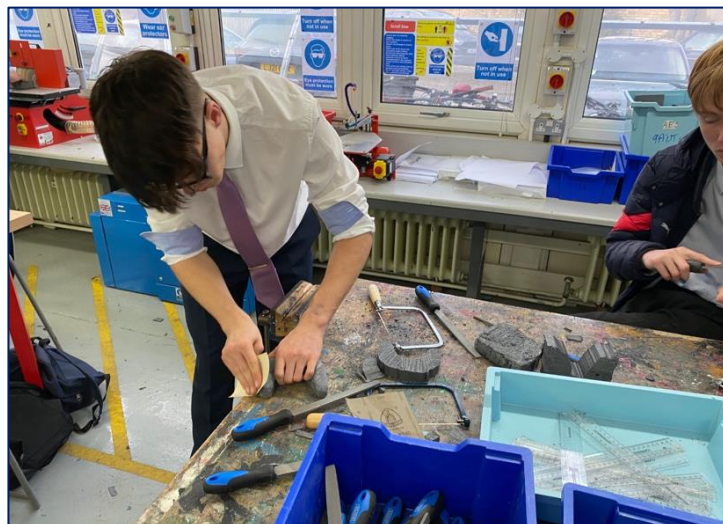
The atmosphere on the day was really buzzing; the staff loved sharing their subjects with the students and the

students really stepped up to the challenge presented to them in the taster sessions.

Student Feedback:

'The Sixth Form Day really helped me to understand what subjects I wanted to pursue. I personally really enjoyed Psychology and Sociology and now I think I have a firm decision on taking them next year. All the lessons were enjoyable and I'm glad that I got the opportunity to attend them all.' **Charlie, Yr 11**

'The day gave me a good idea of what Sixth Form is really like. It also helped me to firm up my subject choices: I found Psychology particularly interesting and enjoyable.' **Tom, Yr11**



'Sixth Former for a Day gave me a detailed insight of A-Level learning; we took part in really helpful tasks that helped me to confirm my choice for Sixth Form.' **Abbie, Yr11**



'The day really helped me to make a final decision about the subjects that I want to take.' **Monika, Yr 11**



In a different class, another group of promising physicists were able to succeed in wiring circuits to light the LEDs. Well done, Sara, Fatima, and Amy.



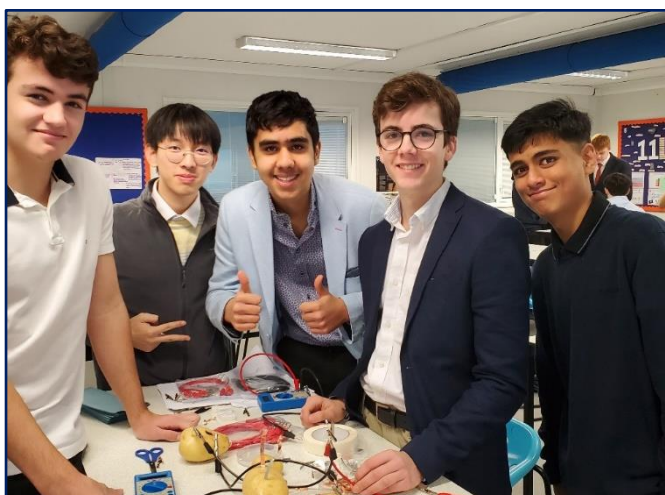
Also successful were Jack, Sanjith, Caiden, and Benediktas.



Physics SFFAD update:

Sixth Formers for a Day - The first group of Year 11s who were able to adjust the cathode and anode material and potato ratio to light the LEDs. George, Thomas, Wassim, Oliver and Farhan.

A valuable lesson they learned was that if something stops working at A-level, you must fix it. Amy managed to fix the air-track car so they could continue looking at collision dynamics, with Fatima and Sara helping.



The students also used parallax to determine distances to the stars. Calculating astronomical distances is a part of the astronomy unit in A-Level physics. Mr. Hall can be seen helping one of the groups with the calculations for this.



It was a really lovely day, and we really hope it helped to inform students of their Post-16 learning options and gave them a sense of what life would be like at Turing House Sixth Form.

We hope to see many of you next year!

Applications are still open – please see the Turing House Website for more information.

Celebrating Achievement Competition Winner:

We received lots of lovely certificate designs for our new Bronze, Silver and Gold positive points award competition.

The Heads of Year and Mrs Curtis had a very difficult decision to make in deciding upon a winner, however, after much deliberation, the decision was unanimous: congratulations to Shamsi S. 8U for your three winning designs! 30 positives points are on their way to you! ...maybe that's enough to earn you one of your own certificates!

