

## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

I'm writing to you today from home. Having managed to avoid Covid till now, it finally caught up with me a week or so ago. Being sporty and with no underlying health issues, I was confident that I would simply brush off the virus after a couple of days. Sadly, this was not to be the case and whilst I'm recovering, with each passing day this version of coronavirus has thrown something new at me.

So writing to you now with the government making changes to their guidelines, it's even more important to keep up a regular system of lateral flow tests at home. As this pandemic evolves, it's clear that society must continue to maintain vital checks to keep things like schools remaining open. I feel incredibly blessed that the senior staff at Turing House have continued to run and manage the school in my absence, but it has brought home to me how difficult it is to operate if we allow the virus into the school.

I do hope that all of you remain Covid-free over the Christmas and wish you a fun and happy break, and if you are making any New Year resolutions make sure testing twice a week is one of them. 2022 is going to be

an epic year for the school and its community so let's keep everyone safe and have a prosperous New Year.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with great fondness and sadness that we bid farewell to Mr Arib, one of our much-loved caretakers who has been with Turing House since 2018. He has been a truly integral part of the school, going above and beyond in support of staff and students. Mr Arib is not only an excellent colleague but also a role model for so many of our students in the way he treats everyone with respect, kindness and patience.

From coaching football teams and playing football with students at lunchtimes, to helping mentor individual students, Mr Arib has formed wonderful relationships with students in his time with us and I'm sure they will miss him as much as we will.

We wish him the very best and hope that he will come visit us soon in our new site.

### Dates for the Diary:

*4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Lateral Flow Testing (Yrs 11, 12,13)*

*5<sup>th</sup> Jan – School starts for Yrs 11,12,13; Lateral Flow Testing for Years 7,8,9,10*

*6<sup>th</sup> Jan – All years back in school 8.30am*

**Wishing all the Turing Family a very Happy Christmas – have a healthy, and restful holiday!**

## Textiles Club

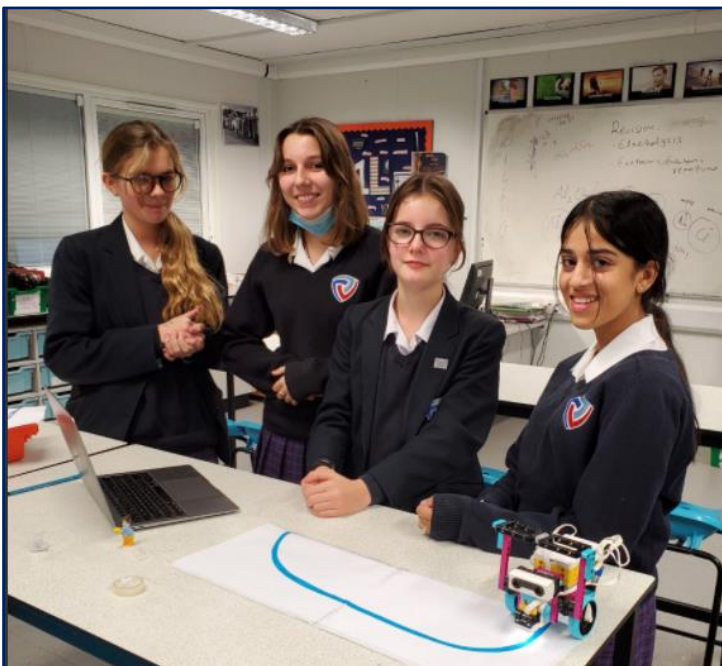
We had a lovely last Textiles club this week with carols playing and the first tote bags being completed. The students used fabric paint to create a personalised design on the front and mitred the corners on the bottom to give the bags a base.

They produced some excellent work, especially as most students had never used a sewing machine at the start of the year.



## Robotics Engineers in Year 9

This group of students confidently and proudly explained to Dr. Ratliff how they had programmed a line following robot to follow a blue line.



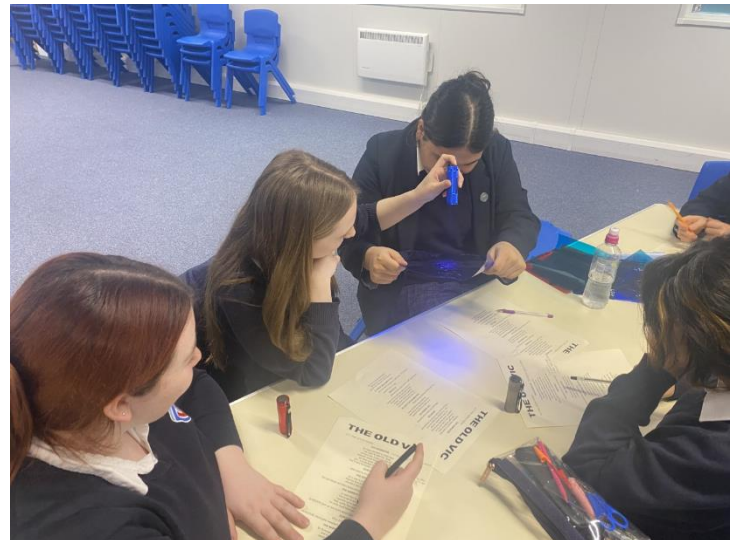
Dr. Ratliff was very impressed. They talked her through the program they had written and pointed out how they could adjust it. They were able to answer all questions and demonstrated the precision of their program. Their excitement and level of achievement was impressive. The group consisted of Poppy, Martha, Meg and Lara. Well done!

## Year 11 Drama Workshop

11 Drama students took part in a lighting workshop as part of the Old Vic schools club this week. The workshop



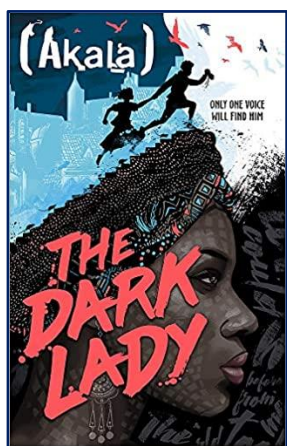
focused round A Christmas Carol, which the group saw last week.



The tutors thought the class were 'exceptional' and students agreed that they felt much more confident with the practical and written elements of lighting design for their GCSE.



## Akala in Conversation



Year 9 students and their parents may be interested to know that Akala - writer, speaker, rapper and author of 'The Dark Lady' which we've been studying - is speaking at The Southbank Centre about his novel on Sunday 6th February. If you attend, you might spot some of your

English teachers there!

More information and tickets here: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/literature-poetry/akala-conversation?eventId=887917>

## Christmas Card Winner



Well done to Emilia in Year 8 who won this year's Christmas Card competition with the beautiful design above. We love it!

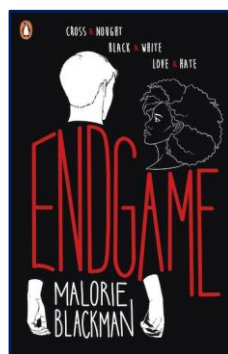
## Physics – Year 13

On Wednesday, the Year 13 Physics students created capacitors out of aluminium foil and cardboard.



They used these capacitors to calculate the permittivity of air. Featured are Will, Cal, and Daniel.

## Book of the Week



**Endgame by Malorie Blackman – Teen read**

20 years after the ground-breaking Noughts & Crosses, it has all led to this.

Relationships between Crosses & Noughts are no longer forbidden, but the life-changing story of Stephy and Callum has never been forgiven. People are more divided than ever – over race, politics and class. The first Nought Prime Minister, Tobey Durbridge, has been framed for murder, and Sephy is under suspicion. Can Callie-Rose clear the names of both her former boyfriend and her mother?

## Christmas Family Quiz

1. Traditional Christmas Trees originated from which Country?
2. Which country sends a huge Christmas tree to London every year?
3. When is Christmas celebrated in Russia?
4. Which famous scientist was born on 25<sup>th</sup> December?
5. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?
6. How many ghosts visit Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"?

7. Which popular Christmas song was played in space?
8. Name all the nine reindeer of Santa Claus.
9. In which ocean is Christmas Island situated?
10. Which Christmas movie features Swirly Twirly Gumdrops and Candy Cane Forest?



The visiting team started strong taking an early lead. Twickenham came back in the second and third quarters with some sharp shooting and fast attacking play of their own.

The Turing team managed to close out a brilliantly contested game in the final quarter, winning 33-29.

The team then played Teddington in another friendly match this week, but this time it was the home team who were off to a quick start. After being down by 14 points at the end of the second quarter, the boys dug deep to stay in the game. A comeback was brewing, but Teddington came away with a 38-30 win.

Well done to everyone involved in both games!

### Years 9 -12 Cross County Club

Last week saw the final cross country club session for the Hampton site which has been running this term before school.

Well done to all students who have motivated themselves to get up early, braced the cold, navigated through the dark, and have run, jogged, sprinted, shuffled, grafted, or simply gazed at the winter sunrise with us on Thursday mornings.



### Year 10/11 Boys Basketball v Twickenham & Teddington

A combined Year 10 and 11 basketball team took on Twickenham in a friendly match last week.

### Year 10 Boys Football v Hampton High

The Year 10 boys battled it out last week against Hampton High, who are quickly becoming our football derby side given the amount of friendly matches we've played against them this term.

It was Hampton High who came away with the win on this occasion. The match finished 3-1 to the home side but the Turing team gave a great display of effort and enthusiasm and enjoyed every minute of being on the pitch. Well done to everyone involved!

### Year 10 Boys Rugby v Christ's

A Year 9/10 boys team travelled to Christ's School last Friday to play a friendly rugby match. The game was a huge physical contest for both sides from minute one as each team fought for a strong start. At half time, the score was level at one converted try each.

The second half continued in the same cat and mouse fashion with end-to-end play. It seemed nothing could separate the two sides as the game was set to finish two converted tries each, until the Turing team was awarded a penalty in the last play.

A successful kick meant that the boys won 14-17 - a huge credit to their hard work and focus for the duration of the match. Well done to everyone involved!

### Year 10 Girls Netball Tournament

Well done to all the students who took part in the netball tournament last week. Sadly, the Year 10 girls didn't manage to come away with the result they had set out to achieve, but they remained positive and enjoyed the game experience.

They had to quickly turn their attention to their next fixture a few days later, however, when they were set to bounce back and take on Hampton High in a friendly fixture.

Unfortunately, this fixture could not go ahead but it gives the netball girls a well-deserved break.

### Year 7 & 8 Boys 5-a-side Football Tournament at Hampton High

This last week of term saw Hampton High host their annual 5-a-side football tournament for Year 7 and Year 8 boys. The Year 7 team came agonisingly close to being crowned tournament champions.

They won three games and drew two - an impressive run to not lose a game! Their excellent effort was good enough to place them in joint first position, but the Year 7 boys had to settle for second place once points difference was considered. There may have been a controversial disallowed Turing goal in one game too, but we'll say no more about the matter.

The Year 8 boys were up next and, once again, put on a fine performance and represented the school in wonderful fashion.

Despite pushing for a top three finish, the Year 8 team just fell short and finished the tournament in mid place out of eight teams. Well done to both Year 7 and 8 teams!

### A Fond Farewell to an Honorary Member of the PE Department

The PE Department would like to take this opportunity to say their own goodbye to Mr Arib of the site team, who is now moving on to pastures new. Being the keen footballer that he is, Mr Arib has helped with and led many football fixtures (as well as plenty of other sports) for several year groups, particularly this term when the fixture schedule has been jam-packed.

He will be greatly missed by us (and everyone else) and all the students who have had the pleasure of being in his company on and off the pitch - thank you, Mr Arib, for helping to raise the profile of sport in Turing House and good luck for the future!

### RET Maths Challenge

The RET Maths challenge is now open to all Year 7 and 8 students! Find and submit the task below via Bromcom.

All correct submissions are in for a chance of winning a prize. Good luck!

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## Christmas Hampers

This festive season, tutor groups across the school have been working collaboratively to collect items to contribute towards Christmas hampers for those who may require support in feeding their families over the holidays.

Turing House has been working in collaboration with The Richmond Foodbank, based at The Vineyard in Richmond, who this year alone have provided food parcels for 3,500 people including nearly 1.5 thousand children. At Christmas they try to provide extra items for those for whom Christmas is a really difficult time financially.

We have asked students to contribute a variety of Christmas food stuffs, as well as other non-perishable items to the hampers.

The generosity of our students and families has been simply amazing! We had anticipated one hamper per tutor group (28 in total) however we had so much more - Turing House really went over and above.



Some of our Turing House Charity and Community Reps delivered the boxes to The Vineyard on Wednesday and they were staggered by the contributions we brought them.

You can see from the photograph just how many contributions there were! Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Alongside bringing in contributions to the hampers, we also ran an internal competition for the tutor groups for the best hampers - in terms of design and most packed. Each winning tutor group will receive an additional 2 positive points each!

Well done to the each of the tutor groups named below:

Year 7 - 7U

Year 8 - 8L and 8A

Year 9 - 9U

Year 10 - 10 L

Year 11 - 11L

## UCAS applications

This has been a big week for our Year 13s: Wednesday saw our first submissions to UCAS for university applications.

Our Year 13s have been working incredibly hard to prepare for this, both in their studies and in writing their personal statements. We hope that you will join us in wishing them all luck as they await to hear from their chosen universities.

## COP26

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Sixth Form had a day led by Mrs Turner and Mrs Kaur to consider different religious views and belief around Stewardship, which they then applied to a Model UN style conference on climate change. As part of this day, Y13 student Ethan H. gave an amazing talk on COP26 and different styles of negotiations and leadership in relation to different philosophical styles.



*Jack, Lilu, Yasmine, Patrick and Phoebe reflect on the day:* During the day we learnt about different religions, particularly exploring their beliefs about Stewardship and the environment.

We were also given a talk by Ethan on climate change and the links between philosophy and different countries' approaches to decision making, as seen at COP26; this was really informative and helped me to understand the ways countries negotiate and why they make the decisions they do.

After this talk, we were divided into groups to represent a range of different countries and organisations to debate, negotiate and come to some resolutions on climate change, environmental issues and policies. It was interesting to see the different opinions and needs of the varying countries and organisations.



*Kit, Tom, Tas. Botond, Will and Hanna:*

Some of the biggest decisions the world has to make were a real eye opener to the difficulties of politics and conflicts that occur. Stewardship is very important with the planet as it is so important to

control the use of resources we have for future generations.

### Year 7 Flamenco Dancing

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December Year 7 took part in a Flamenco Workshop where a Flamenco dance tutor visited Turing House School. Flamenco originates from the south of Spain. It was a very enjoyable experience. The girls, chicas, were swinging their hips from side to side whilst the boys, chicos, were performing stiff, swift movements. Personally, I thought it was fun and interesting. and would happily carry on into a proper career. *By Ida Year 7.*



### Sixth Form Social

This year we had the pleasure of accompanying our sixth form students to the Backyard Cinema experience in Wandsworth. Their behaviour and attitude were exemplary.

The students demonstrated maturity and consideration when using public transport and walkways. They all had fun in the immersive experience and whilst watching 'Elf', which can possibly be regarded as a Christmas classic given it was released in 2003, before our sixth formers were even born!

The sixth formers welcomed this moment to pause. It has been a very active term, both academically and packed with enrichment opportunities which have enabled our sixth form students to bond further with their friends and across year groups.

We look forward to providing more opportunities for our wonderful students.

## Year 7 & 8 Turing House 'Home Games' Table Tennis Finals

Having played the group stages of the table tennis Home Games competition last week, it was now time for the finals to determine a Year 7 and a Year 8 table tennis champion.

Well done to all the finalists - both year group finals turned out to be a fantastic event which delivered close contests in each match. The skill level and focus from everyone was excellent, proving themselves to be worthy finalists.



Congratulations to the two maiden Home Games table tennis champions of 2021: Felix S. from Year 7 and George P. from Year 8.

A special mention also goes to Year 7 student, Keaton R-M, who was on hand to replace an absent Year 8 student and managed to not lose a single game!

The Home Games competition will be making a return for other sports and year groups when we're at our new school after the New Year!

## Year 8/9 Girls Basketball v St Richard Reynolds

Well done to all the girls who played in the basketball fixture against St Richard Reynolds this week. The opposing team got off to a good start and managed to keep the Turing team at bay for much of the first two quarters.

A comeback looked like it was about to unfold from the third quarter, but St Richard Reynolds continued their good form in the final quarter and managed to see out the game which finished 20-8.