



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Happy New Year to the Turing House family. I do hope that the Christmas break was a good one, and that the year has started positively. I am now fully recovered from Covid, but it lasted longer than I had expected.

I have been really impressed with the commitment to mask wearing from the students. Please continue to support the school in ensuring they come to school with a mask. Staff will continue to remind them as ultimately, we must do everything in our power to keep the school open and learning occurring. Staff absence has been minimal but my experience would say that this comes in waves so we must continue to be cautious. Grey Court School are running a vaccination hub this weekend for those that are interested.

There is a huge buzz around the school at the moment, not only about the move but about the commitment and enthusiasm coming from those students approaching GCSE and A level exams in the summer.

Year 11 are fully focused and working hard, Year 13 have university offers coming in and Year 10 are taking their RP exam incredibly seriously. If parents are looking at ways to support their children through the revision process, I came across this device recently. If there was

ever a device that was designed to help students stay focused when revising this was it.



Ending on a positive note, I have been

receiving calls and emails recently from our founding year group that left us at the end of Year 11, updating me on how they are doing. I was thrilled to find out that one of our ex-students has been offered a place to study History at Oxford. It was lovely to hear from the family who were thankful for the impact Turing House School had on preparing Sam H. for this amazing achievement. Well done, Sam!

### Dates for the Diary:

14<sup>th</sup> January – Deadline for 6<sup>th</sup> Form applications  
26<sup>th</sup> January – UCAS deadline for applications

**Wishing all the Turing Family a very  
Happy & Healthy 2022**

## A small glimpse of the new site!



## Congratulations Year 13 – UCAS offers

Huge congratulations to all our Year 13 students who have already submitted their UCAS applications for University. We have had lots of exciting offers rolling in – here are just a few:

Ethan H – Glasgow, Newcastle, Southampton & St Andrews to study Geography.

Jack L. – Birmingham, Bristol, Southampton to study Politics/History.

Dan W. – Imperial College, Southampton to study Computing.

Cal W. – Surrey to study Mechanical Engineering.

Mia C. – Glasgow, Herriot Wyatt, Plymouth to study Psychology.

Lara H. – Bath Spa, University for the Creative Arts to study Fashion Business & Management.

Millie P. – Portsmouth to study Law with Criminology.

Congratulations to all our students who have received offers.

Deadline for UCAS applications is 26<sup>th</sup> January.

## Careers Talk



Before the Christmas break, the science department were delighted to welcome Dr Alexander Gormley in (virtually) to host a careers talk regarding careers in Dentistry and Medicine, and his experience of applying and studying for a degree in Dentistry, to some of our Year 11 students.

The talk was incredibly informative and engaging. The students listened intently and posed many thoughtful questions to Dr Gormley.

If you have a career in the sciences and would be willing to share your experiences with our students, then we would love to hear from you! You can get in touch by emailing the school FAO Mr Hall.

## Christmas Family Quiz - Answers

1. Traditional Christmas Trees originated from which Country? **Germany**
2. Which country sends a huge Christmas tree to London every year? **Norway**
3. When is Christmas celebrated in Russia? **7<sup>th</sup> January**
4. Which famous scientist was born on 25<sup>th</sup> December? **Isaac Newton**
5. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'? **Charles Dickens**
6. How many ghosts visit Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol"? **Four**
7. Which popular Christmas song was played in space? **Jingle Bells**
8. Name all the nine reindeer of Santa Claus. **Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen & Rudolph.**

9. In which ocean is Christmas Island situated?  
**Indian Ocean**
10. Which Christmas movie features Swirly Twirly Gumdrops and Candy Cane Forest? **Elf**

## History Competition: The Big Oxplore Essay Competition is Back!

A popular essay competition for secondary school students has returned.

The overarching theme this year is: Do we need laws to have morals?

Students aged 11-18 are invited to write a 750-word response to one of the following essay titles:

*How effective do you think punishment is in shaping and changing our behaviour?*

*Is there ever a moral justification for trophy hunting?*

*Do we need laws to have morals?*

There are two age categories: 11-14 and 15-18. One winner and one runner up in each category will win a £100 or £50 Amazon gift voucher respectively.

There is some guidance on how students might frame and structure their essays. [Click here](#) to get started.

All entries should be emailed to [oxplore@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oxplore@admin.ox.ac.uk) by 11:59 pm on 16 February 2022. Entries will need to include your name, school year and the name of your school.

If you would like any help with an entry, please speak to your History teacher.

We would love to see some winners from Turing House!

## Sixth Form Applications - DEADLINE

The deadline for applications is midnight on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Make sure you send your application in as soon as possible.

Application forms can be found on the school website.

## GCSE Pod - Free Student Workshops

Have you just got your mock results? Now is the time to build back your knowledge and confidence even STRONGER!

This webinar will cover an introduction to GCSEPod and discussion of these topics:

Forgetting – Why do we forget and how does this help us remember? How can GCSEPod help you to remember more?

Procrastinating – Should we procrastinate and how does this help us learn? How can GCSEPod turn procrastination into productivity?

Failing – Is failing bad and how does it help us succeed?

Register for the free workshop online here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_es8QNJwmQn-zc3cG5e\\_imA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_es8QNJwmQn-zc3cG5e_imA)

## Update on South Western Railway services from January 2022 onward

The onset of the Omicron variant has led to, and is continuing to cause, a shortage of staff across our business – from drivers and guards to engineers and controllers. These staff shortages have inevitably had a significant impact on our services, leading to short term cancellations.

As a result, they will be introducing a new, consolidated timetable from **Monday 17 January 2022**.

From the beginning of January through to the introduction of the new timetable on 17 January, our services will still unfortunately be subject to short notice cancellations or alterations. Please [check to see if your planned train is running](#) as close to your time of travel as possible.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this situation will cause.



Holocaust Memorial Day Event

Sunday 16th January 6.30pm (UK) G2G Presents: Holocaust Memorial Day Event. The Promise - Dr Eva Schloss MBE with grandson Eric. Book your place [here](#)

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**“Children I promise you this. Everything you do leaves something behind: nothing gets lost. All the good that you have accomplished will continue in the lives of the people you have touched”. (Erich Geiringer, May 1940)**

Those words spoken by Eva's father, inspired her to tell her family's Holocaust story, writing and travelling the world and, in particular, showcasing her brother, Heinz's art and poetry. Her grandson Eric, like a link in this chain, is now working with G2G to present his grandmother's story.

[www.generation2generation.org.uk/events](http://www.generation2generation.org.uk/events)

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**ORA SINGERS**  
 Composer Competition

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022 COMPOSER COMPETITION ARE NOW OPEN!**

Are you interested in composing?

The award-winning **ORA Singers** has opened their third national Composer Competition, a **FREE** scheme aimed at developing the skills of young composers.

Enter for the chance to become a Finalist or Apprentice in the Composer Competition!

**10** Finalists will each receive **10 hours of one-to-one mentoring** from **industry-leading** composers, who will help them write a **new choral piece** as part of the Competition. Finalists will be invited to join ORA Singers in a **Workshop** mid-way through the Competition, where they'll sing through their sketches and offer tips and advice with a **professional composer!** At the end of the Competition, ORA Singers will record and perform each Finalist's completed piece to a **panel of experts** at the **Competition Final Concert**, and the winners will be announced!

Young Aspiring Composers - ORA Singers Composer Competition

The award-winning vocal group, ORA Singers, has launched its third national Composer Competition – a free scheme aimed at developing the skills of young composers from UK state-schools.

The Composer Competition sees 10 Finalists receive 10 hours of one-to-one mentoring from industry-leading composers, who will help them write a new choral work which will be performed and recorded in concert by ORA Singers.

The 2022 Competition will also see up to 40 Apprentices gaining unmissable insight into the world of composition through a series of online masterclasses.

Applications are now open [here](#)

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The health and safety of our students is our first priority and we have extensive measures in place to ensure the children attending are safe, while maintaining a fun and engaging environment for all. All teachers are DBS checked.

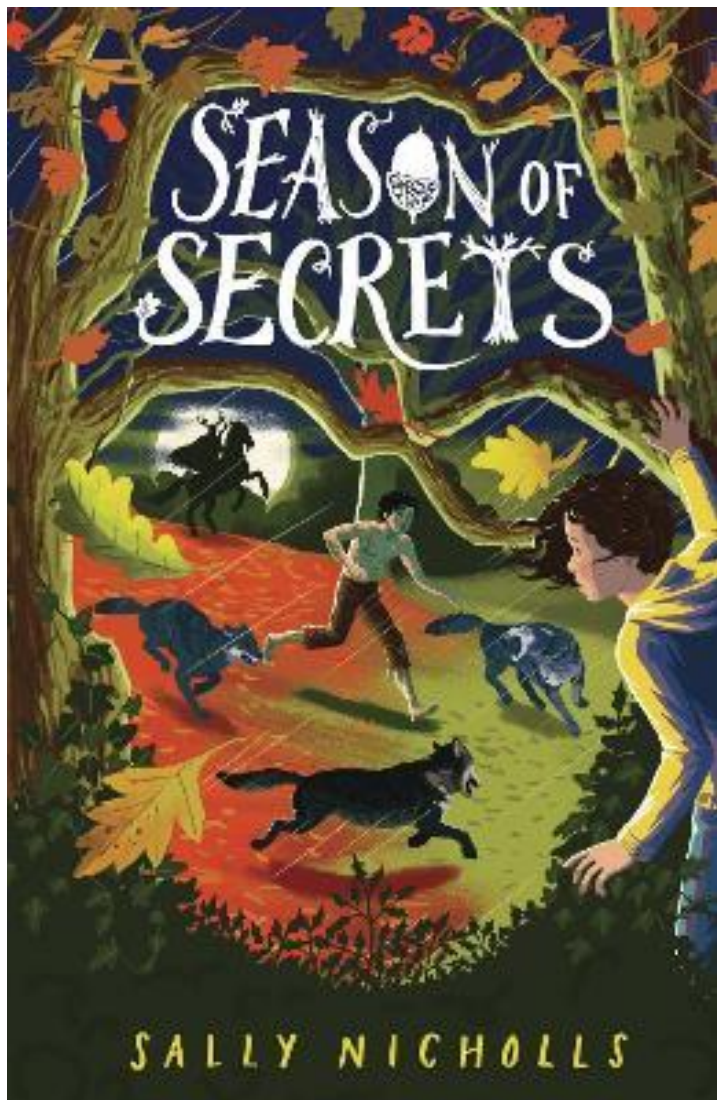
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## Book of the Week



Season of Secrets written by Sally Nicholls

11+ Readers

On a wild and stormy night, Molly runs away from her grandparents' house. Her dad has sent her to live there until he 'Sorts Things Out' at home now her mother has passed away. In the howling darkness, Molly sees a desperate figure running for his life from a terrifying midnight hunt.

But who is he? Why has he come? And can he heal her heartbreak?

## Year 7 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys basketball team got our fixtures underway for this term with a league game against Twickenham last week.



It is safe to assume that the boys have not allowed themselves to become rusty over the festive period as they cruised to a thumping victory over their opponents. They started strong and showed no signs of slowing down from there.

Well done to everyone involved on an impressive win on day one!

## Year 8/9 Boys Basketball v Hampton High





A combined Year 8 and 9 boys basketball team were in action this week against a determined Hampton High side. The boys displayed some great teamwork and fought hard to produce a 31-27 win.

With the game hanging in the balance at the end of the first three quarters, the boys did well to stay focused and apply pressure at the right times.

Well done to everyone involved!

### Year 7 Girls Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 7 girls began their league campaign this week with a basketball fixture against Twickenham. This was the first ever game of basketball for some of the girls and they were fantastic in all quarters.

The team had no substitutes on this occasion, so they had to work extra hard with no rest! The game finished 18-10 to Twickenham but the girls showed great intent to counterattack and apply pressure in defence.

Well done to all five girls on a great effort!

### Year 7 Boys basketball v St Richard Reynolds



The Year 7 boys basketball fixtures continued this week with a game against St Richard Reynolds. Having soared to a convincing win over Twickenham last week, the boys pulled off a second victory with the game finishing 18-6 to team Turing. The boys worked well together on the court and look forward to their next game against Teddington. Well done to everyone involved!



### Forthcoming Fixtures

- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 7 Girls Basketball v St Richard Reynolds (away)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 7 Boys Football v Twickenham (away)

### Grey Court School Vaccination Centre

**COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (12 TO 15 YEARS)**

Across South West London there are a number of opportunities for 12 to 15 year olds to receive a Covid 19 Vaccination.

**SCHOOL POP UP CLINICS – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

You can book an appointment to attend a pop up clinic at **Grey Court School** in Ham on: **Saturday 15 January or Sunday 16 January** below.

You will need to create a **Swiftqueue** account: Please ensure that you put your child's details into the fields for Name and Date of Birth.

📍 Grey Court School, Ham St, Ham, TW10 7HN  
(Please note that there is no parking available on the school site)

[Book an appointment at Grey Court School pop-up](#)

**TEDDINGTON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CENTRE (Hospital Hub + with doctor on site)**

Appointments and walk-in vaccinations: Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 4.30pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 9am - 3.30pm

Walk-in or book via the **National Booking System** (below)

📍 18 Queen's Road, Teddington, TW11 6LR (behind Teddington Memorial Hospital)

**WALK-IN CLINICS**

[Find a walk-in clinic near you](#)

**BOOK AN APPOINTMENT ON THE NATIONAL SYSTEM**

[Go to the national system](#)

**IMPORTANT INFO**

It needs to be 12 weeks between a first and second dose, and if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 they need to wait for 12 weeks until they have their vaccine.

All 12 to 15 year olds will need to be accompanied by an adult with parental responsibility.

Please note that Grey Court School are NOT able to help with bookings; please see link above to book a vaccination.