

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Last week I wrote to you with the news that one of our founding students has been offered a place to study at Oxford University. This week we have been informed that another founding student has also received an offer from Oxbridge. I am delighted to also inform you that one of our current Sixth Formers has been offered a place at Cambridge. Well done, Jess and Jack! I am still awaiting news on two other founding pupils who had interviews which could equate to 5% of the founding cohort reaching this goal. We have had a range of other offers from prestigious universities such as St Andrews, Imperial and Surrey. All applications have now been processed with 95% of our Year 13 applying to university. Well done, Year 13!

You will have recently seen our remote Christmas concert on the homepage of our website. Please take time to watch these amazing performances. Whilst it took a while to get this loaded onto the website, the wait has been worth it as the standard and commitment is impressive. Huge thanks as always to Mrs Winch for the work she did not only rehearsing and performing, but also her work with Mr Tindill in pulling together all of the footage.

With numbers of cyclists increasing at Turing House, I thought it would be prudent to draw your attention to the changes to the highway code which creates a new hierarchy for road users. Whilst you will be aware of my interest in cycling, it is vital we all become aware of these



changes. A personal fear of mine is the fear of being knocked off by an opening car door. Please be aware that there is a £1000 fine for car users not adopting the 'Dutch Reach' resulting in someone getting hurt.

Dates for the Diary:

INSET day moves from 21st February to 25th March.

Options Evening (Virtual) 3rd Feb



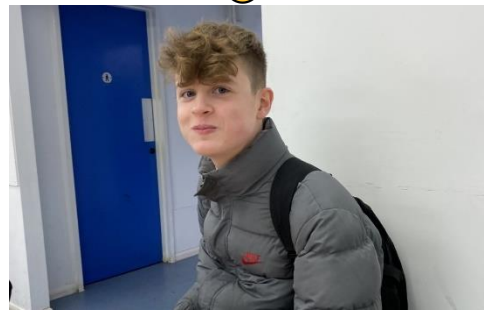
Design and Technology

In design and technology, Year 7 and 8 students have spent the last term studying Textiles. All students have learnt to use the sewing machines for the first time since the start of the pandemic and we have been delighted with the way they have worked on their projects. Year 7 designed and made a superhero pencil case, complete with a zip, and Year 8 designed and made their own scrap monsters, with many students creating their own pattern for these. We are proud to show a small selection of some of the many wonderful projects produced. All year 7 & 8 students will now move onto a graphics project in D&T to help strengthen their design skills.



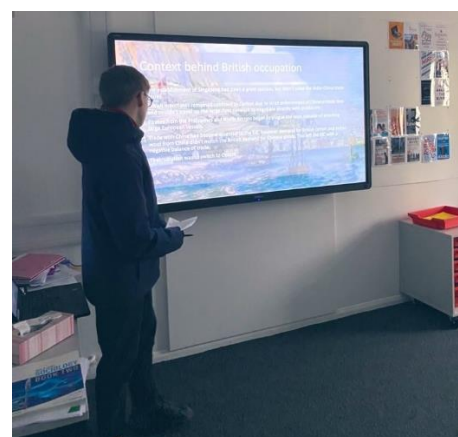
Biscuit Challenge in Year 10

Probably best not to ask! 😊



History Success

Well done to Y13 Historians for some excellent revision presentations in their history class.

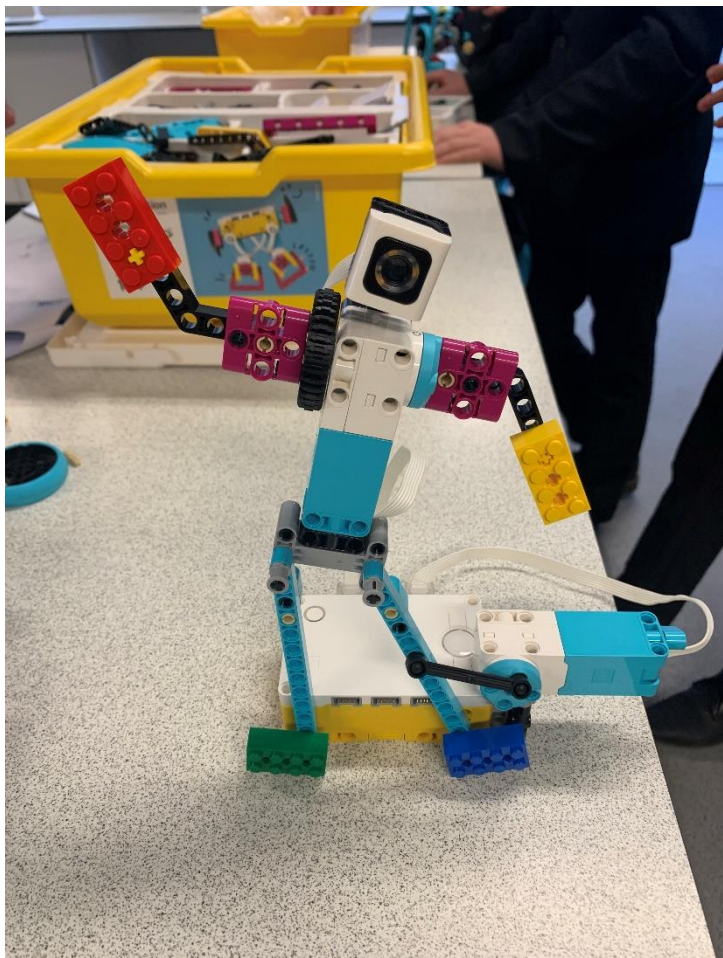


STEM Club

In KS3 STEM club we have been building a model of a transverse wave. It's taken us 2 weeks to finish, and we're very happy with how it works. This model will be used in our physics lessons, all the way up to A-level! Well done to all the Year 7 and Year 8 students who have helped us with the model.



On The Hampton site, the STEM club made some amazing dancing robots.



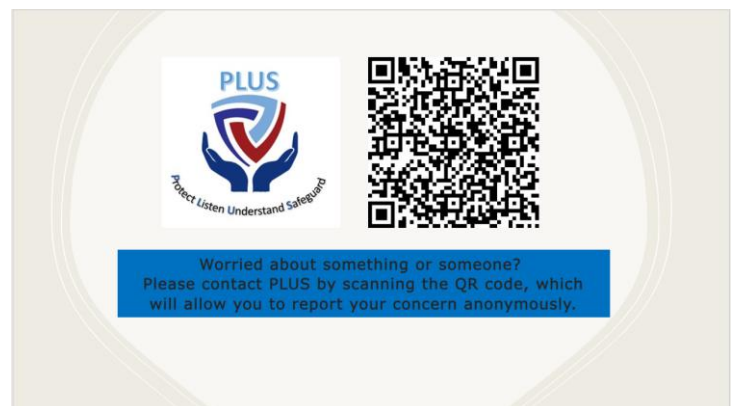
The Return of the Tapas trip

Year 8 will be visiting Bar Estilo on the 2nd and 3rd February to try a selection of tapas. We will be meeting in the canteen by 4:30pm and then walking over to the restaurant together. Unless expressed otherwise, students will be collected from the school reception at 17:45. A final letter will be sent on Friday 28th January to confirm whether students are attending on Wednesday or Thursday night.



PLUS – Re - introduction

From next week, around school on both sites you will see a new poster relating to PLUS, which will allow you to report a concern either related to yourself or a friend. All you need to do is use your phone's camera to scan the QR code, which will take you through to a simple online form to complete.



Remember – the PLUS team are here for everyone and anyone who may have a concern or need to talk. Reach out if you need us!

Young Enterprise



Calling all Year 10 students! An exciting opportunity is available for teams of up to 4 to join our Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge.

Do you have a creative mind? A business idea that you want to put into action? Are you keen to turn your £10 into more and keep the profits?! Get your thinking caps on and see Mrs Jones in H161 if you would like to take part. How it works...

1 - Here's £10!



Teams research and decide on a product or service to invest their £10 in.

2 - Getting started



Teams need to source materials or products, prepare sales pitches, and plan selling events.

3 - Keep it going



Students get their product or service ready and promote their selling events.

4 - Payback and keep the profits



At end of the Challenge students decide how to spend or donate their profit after repaying £10 pledge plus £1 legacy contribution to support the 10X bank.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. This week some of our Year 7 and Year 9 students were fortunate to have the opportunity to hear second generation Holocaust survivors share their testimony in their History lessons.

Visiting our Year 7 students, Sandra Miller told the story of how her Polish born mother survived the Holocaust escaping from the Warsaw Ghetto, hiding in a forest, being imprisoned, and then taking on the identity of a Polish girl and working on a farm in Germany as a slave labourer.

It was invaluable for our students to meet Sandra, and also Seymour Kelly, and we are very grateful that they gave up their time to speak with us.



Sports Update

Forthcoming Fixtures

Monday:

- Y7 Girls Basketball v Waldegrave (away)
- Y8 Boys Football v Twickenham (away)

Tuesday:

- Y8/9 Boys Basketball v Twickenham (away)

Thursday:

- Y7 Boys Basketball v Hampton High (away)

Friday:

- Y7 Girls Netball Tournament (at Waldegrave)

Middlesex Schools Cross Country Championships



Well done to Millie C in Year 10 and Eleanor S in year 7 who represented Richmond in the Middlesex Cross Country Championships this week, having qualified through their placement in the borough stages of the competition last term. The running event took place at Harrow School and was not short of stiff competition. Both Turing House students represented the school and the borough beautifully and competed well in their respective races. Eleanor competed against Y7 girls over

2.5km. The race was held at Harrow School, with the course winding its way through muddy fields. Eleanor's race was very tight but managed to sprint to the line and claim 3rd place. This was an outstanding achievement and means that she has qualified to represent Middlesex at the Southern Championships. Millie competed against Y10 and Y11 girls over 3.3km, finishing in 14th – a hugely impressive result! Well done, Millie and Eleanor!

We are also hugely proud of Mr Evans who was crowned county champion for Middlesex recently. Mr Evans is incredibly modest about this achievement, but this is huge!!



Year 10/11 Boys Rugby v Christ's

A combined Year 10 and 11 boys rugby team were invited to Christ's School to take part in a friendly rugby fixture earlier in the week. This was the first school rugby game for some time for the Year 11 students, so they were keen to get stuck in from kick off. The hosts came away with the win sadly, with just one converted try proving the difference in an otherwise evenly contested game. Well done to all involved!

Year 8/9 Boys Basketball v Teddington

Well done to the Year 8 and 9 boys who played in the basketball fixture this week against Teddington. The Turing team started strongly and did well to apply early pressure as the game started at a quick pace. The opposition, however, opted for a change of attacking tactics later in the match and eventually proved too strong on the ball. The game finished 19-35 to Teddington. Well done to everyone involved! The boys can now regroup and look forward to their next fixture against Twickenham next week.

Girls U13 & U15 Volleyball Borough Tournament

A combined Year 7 and 8 team and a Year 10 team took part in the volleyball borough tournament, competing against teams from Orleans Park, Richmond upon Thames and Waldegrave.

The U13 girls won the preliminary group stage and went on to the final against Orleans Park, who had initially beat the Turing team in the group game. With all the other teams spectating, the girls looked to take revenge in their final and, with scores level and extra time being played, secured a dramatic win to emerge as tournament victors! The U15 girls also won the preliminary stages of the competition too. They came agonisingly close to another Turing win in the final but were beaten by just one point! Well done to both teams on a great performance!



Aladdin

Below is a picture of Evie in Year 7 between the genie and the baddie. Evie starts in Aladdin at the Edmundians at Cheray Hall, Whitton until 29th January. We are very proud of her.



Please look at their website [here](#) for more information, or else email our administrator, Jayne Sims, on burnspricefoundation@gmail.com.



Burns Price Foundation

The Burns Foundation supports projects that encourage people to work together for equality, to heal divisions caused by gender, ethnicity, religion or poverty. The projects must be for the public benefit and have a community-enhancing purpose. They must benefit other people as well as the person or group applying. As a guide, successful applications are likely to focus on reparation, reconciliation, peace building, restorative justice or care for the local environment.

If any members of our community are interested here are a few important details:-

- We prefer applications from groups, but will also fund individual projects
- Projects can be anywhere in the world and can be big or small, but the applicant(s) must be in the UK, and all projects must be supported and supervised by an adult.
- Applications will be considered by the Trustees four times a year. When an application is received, we will let you know when it is to be considered.
- Grants will be made from £100 to a maximum of £5,000. This should cover the full project cost, as follow-up grants will only be made in exceptional circumstances.