



Turing House

Headteacher's Update

4th March 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It continues to be an incredibly busy time at Turing House. This week alone we have had the Year 11 and 13 mock exams, launched a ski trip, celebrated World Book Day and Matilda rehearsals continue to be going strong. Added to this, the site move is nearing ever closer with plans afoot for Easter intervention sessions and remote learning organisation for the small period in which students will be learning from home. As you can imagine, the move requires a huge logistical effort. Things such as ensuring that we have placed nearly 100 toilet roll holders was not something I envisioned I would ever be working on!

Most exciting however, was National Offer Day. Each year the nation's Year 6 students their receive letter indicating their destination for the following September. We were delighted to write to the successful students and look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks. It's also lovely to see that, once again, we are full and operating a healthy waiting list. I would like to end this week's message with a huge 'thank you' to all the staff and students that dressed up for our inaugural dress up World Book Day. Roll on next year!

Dates for the Diary:

Bike Marking – 8th March - Hampton Site only
 Walk or Cycle to School Week – 21st March
 INSET day - 25th March
 School Show – 29th/30th June

Ski Trip

Do you want to be a part of Turing House School's first ever ski trip? **Sign up quickly as places are only open for 1 week.** Collect a letter from the school office. Any questions please speak to Mr Quigley.



AUSTRIA SKI TRIP 2023
 11th February – 18th February 2023 (February Half Term)
 You could be on Turing House School's very first Ski Trip!

- Who is the trip open to? Current Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.
- We will travel by coach and ferry.
- You will get 5 days skiing in a group with an instructor.
- Breakfast and dinner is provided at the hotel with a hot lunch on the slopes.
- Evening Entertainment e.g Ice Skating, Swimming, Bowling etc

Places on the trip will be determined by:

- Experience - all experiences welcome
- Embodying the school values and positive contribution to school life

Students to see Mr Quigley & Mr Winstanley if they have any questions. Collect a letter from the office at break or lunch. Deadline to secure a place with deposit 4th March 2022.

[CLICK HERE TO PLAY LAUNCH VIDEO](#)

Bike Marking



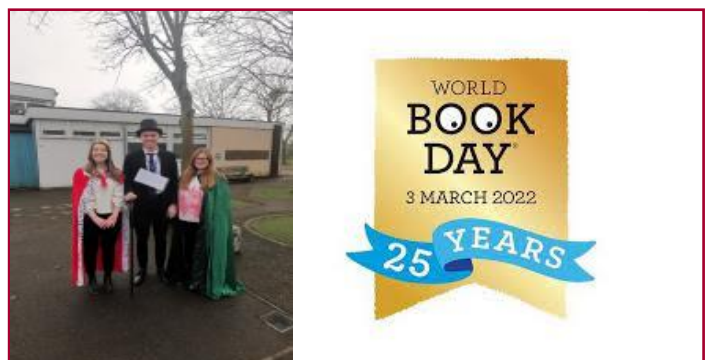
LOCK IT MARK IT

Reduce the risk of your bike being stolen

Always lock your frame and both wheels to a stand, using at least one strong D lock

Register your bike at bikeregister.com and get it visibly security marked

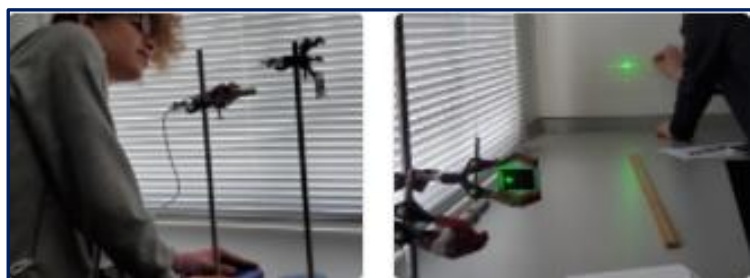
 



Bike marking will take place on Tuesday 8th February at Hampton for Years 9 - 13.

Year 12 Physics

This week the Year 12 Physics students used red and green lasers to determine the wavelength of light in Young's double slit experiment. This technique was first applied by Thomas Young in 1801 to provide definitive proof of the wave character of light. Prior to Young's demonstration, it was thought that light was composed of tiny particles.



Pictured are Mac A. aligning a red laser to provide the most well-defined interference pattern and Max R. marking the diffraction pattern of a green laser on a paper affixed to the wall.

Crown & Sceptre: Tracy Borman Online in April

Historian and author Tracy Borman will be presenting an online lecture revealing some of the most compelling episodes from her brand-new book, "**Crown & Sceptre**".

Coinciding with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Tracy takes a deep dive into the tumultuous history of the British monarchy. One for the diary on **28th April 2022 at 7.00pm. [Book in advance now](#)** (with a donation if you can).

The Big Walk and Wheel

At Turing House we are encouraging as many people as possible to take part in this year's 'Walk or Cycle to School Week' beginning 21st March.

[A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school, and that

children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.

Taking part in Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' and travelling actively to school instead of driving, is a great and fun way to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate.

More information to follow!



Forthcoming Fixtures

Tues 8th Feb:

Year 7 Boys Football v Hampton High (away)

Year 7 Girls Netball v Waldegrave (away)

Year 8 Girls Netball v Waldegrave (away)

Thurs 10th Feb:

Year 9/10 Girls Football v Teddington (away)

Year 9 Boys Football v Hampton High (away)

Friday 11th Feb:

Year 7 Boys Rugby v Richmond Park Academy (away)

Year 9/10 Girls Football v Hampton High

Unfortunately, the match against Hampton High could not go ahead as the combined Year 9/10 girls football team continue to eagerly await their first fixture.

Their un-played fixtures will hopefully be rescheduled for later in the term. The girls are scheduled to take on Teddington next week: they are raring to go!

Well done to all the girls who have not been put off by postponed fixtures (or the weather!) and have been attending the training on Thursday after school with Mr Devlin.

Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball v Twickenham

Due to the wet weather this week, both netball games for Year 7 and 8 girls against Twickenham have been postponed and will hopefully be played later this term. Both teams are expecting to be back in action against Waldegrave next week.

Year 7 Boys Rugby v Christ's

Following on from the borough tournament last week, the Year 7 boys' team got their league campaign underway this week with a match against Christ's. Christ's looked to take revenge as the Turing team narrowly beat them in the tournament two tries to one.

The game was played at a ferocious pace throughout as nine tries in total were scored.

Both teams enjoyed periods of leading by one try before the other team would steal the lead once again.



Unfortunately for the Turing team, the action-packed match finished with Christ's winning five tries to four.

Despite the loss, the boys showed some real grit and team cohesion and could leave the field feeling proud of their performance.

They are looking forward to their next game against Richmond Park Academy on Friday. Well done to everyone involved.

Year 7 Remembrance

Year 7 have been reading Remembrance by Theresa Breslin in their English classes. The novel tracks four

friends and their experiences in World War 1 from 1915 through to Armistice Day in November 1918. The story raises lots of questions around the horrors of war and the role of women. When we had finished reading the novel, class 7a1 were considering the concept of remembrance and why it is still important today to remember those who have been killed in war. They analysed some war poetry including In Flanders Fields by John McRae which describes the hopelessness of war and the poppies that grew where men fell; Dulce et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori by Wilfred Owen which means "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country".



The students read the poem and its description of a gas attack and the emotional declaration that it is anything but sweet and fitting to die in war. The students were then tasked with writing their own war poem and their creativity was very impressive.



We decided to prepare a display of the poems ready for our new classroom in the new school building. The students tea-stained paper to make it look old, wrote out their poems and mounted them on the paper that they had illustrated with pictures and symbols representing different aspects of war.

We are looking forward to making our display after Easter.

Python Workshop



World Book Day – Hampton Fun!

Which book characters can you identify?



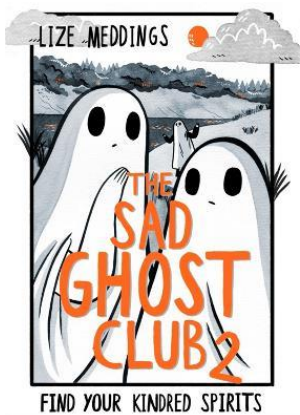
Summer Paid Internships

We are delighted to announce that Turing House will be taking part in the Summer Paid Internships for undergraduate students who are currently studying Maths, Physics, Computing or a related degree this year.

Over three weeks in the summer term, interns can earn up to £900 to support in our school or in other schools in the borough. Interns will gain school experience as a member of staff, support in lessons, help with school events and get a taste for teaching.

If you know anyone who would like to apply, please complete this **short application form** or email wta@waldegravesch.org or opta@orleanspark.school.

Book of the Week

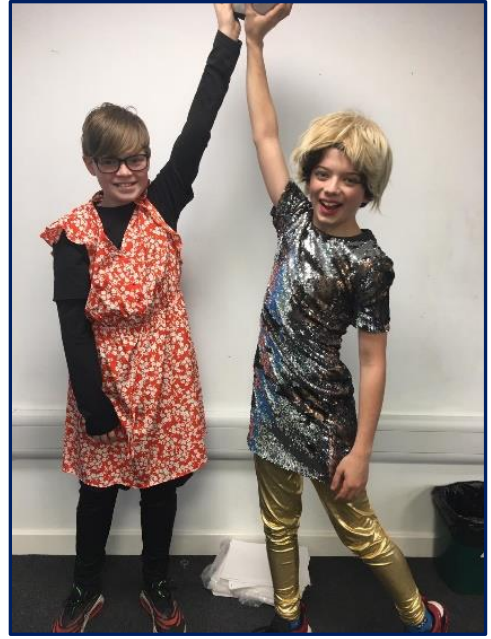


The Sad Ghost Club 2 – age 13+ - January 2022 Graphic Book of the Month

“Being around people is so hard” – a sentiment many young readers might identify with. While our two ghosts have become comfortable with their friendship, anxiety returns when a fellow lonely soul wants to join them.

“Another person is going to be even more exhausting”
 “What is this new person hates me?”







Bushey Park Girls Cricket

Registration for Bushy Park Girls Cricket Club Season 2022 is now open! BPG CC is a club for girls and women aged 7 and up, who want to play cricket in a fun and supportive environment. We train on Monday and Tuesday evenings at Bushy Park Sport Club, and play matches in softball and hardball leagues.

New joiners are welcome, and kit is provided. Further details and sign-up information at bushyparkgirls.com.

