

6th May 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Year 7 Trip to Kew
Year 8 Trip to Bletchley Park
Japanese Exam
Visit from RET lead advisor
Vaccinations for Year 9
Visiting Author in English
Year 9 & 10 Girls Rounders
Year 10 exams
Drama and Music trip to see 'Wicked' in the West End
Year 11 and Year 13 Spanish speaking exams

The above list looks like the sorts of things a school might do over the course of several weeks. However, these things all occurred yesterday at Turing House. If you continue reading you'll see a flavour of all the other activities, events and success that our school has experienced over the academic week. Safe to say we are now settling in well to our new site with enrichment activities coming back into full swing. Once again I have been so impressed with our students this week. We had an AfC (local education authority) visit and received an amazing report. We have also received ad hoc praise from the local community, in particular, our closest neighbour (the garden centre next door), who said our students were impressive. I have been pleased with the conduct of our students to and from school, particularly the courtesy of our students at the zebra crossings, who

never fail to offer a simple wave to say thank you for cars stopping. Simply lovely. Well done!

RET Creative Writing Competition Winners

We are delighted to announce that, once again, an entry from Turing House has won the RET Creative Writing Competition! This is an annual competition where each of the five RET schools submit a selection of pieces of creative writing all based on the same theme.

Lukas Y. in Year 10 was selected as the overall winner of the competition, meaning that his entry was chosen above every other entry from all year groups in all five schools. Congratulations, Lukas!

This also means that once again we have won an author visit for the school and we are excited to plan this event!

Two other students placed in the competition: both Jack D. in Year 8 and Tom P. in Year 12 received Highly Commended awards for their entries. Congratulations to you both!

The winning students' entries will be put into a book and will be in our library soon where students can see their own work in print. This project is always great fun to run and also makes us incredibly proud of the

Dates for the Diary:

Fri 27th May – Sun 29th May – Y7 Bushcraft Trip

Fri 27th May – INSET day – school closed

Half Term – 30th May - 3rd June

School Show – 29th/30th June

**To all our Year 10, Year 11
and Year 13 students, keep
revising!**

amazing standard of work that our students can produce.

Well done to everyone who was involved in the competition!

Here is Lukas' winning entry:

The echo of shells and bursts of artillery ricocheted in my ears. For a short moment we remained still, sinking deeper into the mud, and anticipating another resounding explosion. The general was silent, his hand raised telling us to remain in our position. A muted whistle filled the air and we instinctively dived for cover, pulling our helmets close to our faces and arms to our chests. The whistle turned into a screech and the screech turned into a scream before the shell smashed into the ground causing dirt to erupt over us.

A few stood up to return fire before they were immediately annihilated by more oncoming shells. The general's lifeless body lay face up staring into the bleak sky, his eyes reflecting the inky blotches of silver cloud. Many more lay next to him, their bodies littering the floor like ants on an anthill.

The effluvia of death was all around us. The battlefield had been baptised in blood and the bitter, corrosive perfume of corpses emanated from it. Stumbling to my feet, I brushed the remaining soil off my chest. My ears were ringing with the screams of men and the acrid taste of metal filled my mouth. My steps were slow and heavy, carrying me to some unknown destination. The uneven ground was scorched with bodies that caused me to trip and stagger; the world was now a distant memory.

My feet suddenly plummeted downwards into a trench, the floor rising up at me before a pair of steady hands grabbed me, yanking me back up and shoving a gas mask over my face. "Gas incoming! When I blow the whistle, we attack!". We hunkered down as a thin green mist descended over our heads, forcing its way into crevices and crawling over us. Holding our breath and staying silent, we waited for the attack.

Heavy footsteps rained down all around us, beating in rhythm to my racing heartbeat. Sporadic barrages of machine gun fire lashed over our heads, filling the air with sharp cracks and pops. Squinting through the mask, I took aim at blurred figures, the recoil sending violent tremors through my shoulder.

One down, two more emerged out of the dense mist. There seemed to be an endless stream of enemy soldiers appearing before our eyes, we were going to be overrun.

Bodies began to fall as the attackers neared, the sandbags bordering the trench making dull thumps as bullets embedded themselves into them. Half of our remaining defence was injured or dead, I guessed majority were the latter, or at least they would be soon if we weren't able to hold off the enemy. Our situation was looking dire, and we urgently needed a way out. Many of them had families to return to, friends, they would be missed. I had no place to call home, no one would ever know I was gone.

With that, I knew what I had to do. Dropping to all fours, I scrambled around in the mud, pulling belts off the dead and rummaging through pockets. Pulling the coarse, leather belts over my shoulders, I dropped my gun and mounted the ladder, surveying the chaos around me.

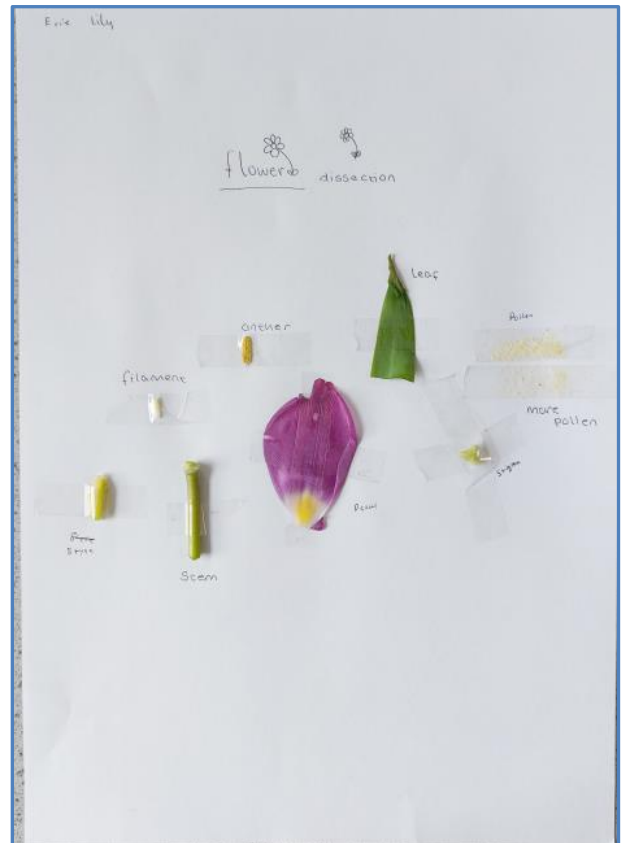
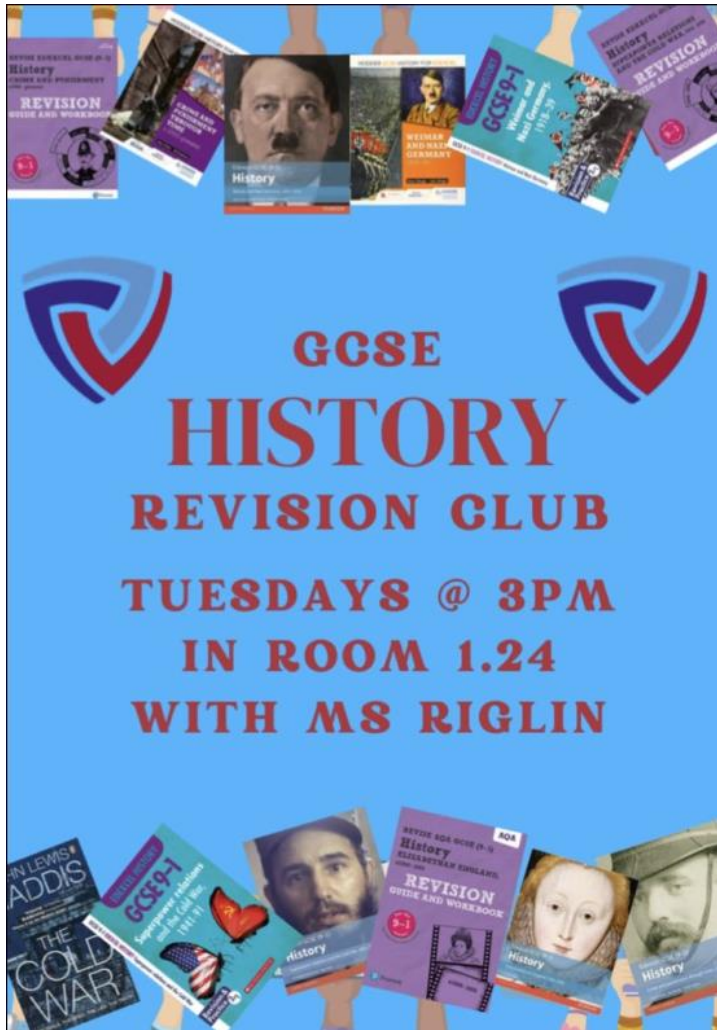
It was time.

Flinging myself over the wall, I broke into a sprint dodging gunfire and running parallel to the trench. Soldiers gazed in shock as I ran, desperately flinging belts with grenades attached at the enemy, dropping them into their trench. The explosions were already starting, with a store of artillery shells exploding leaving a deep scar across the trench.

My supplies were dwindling, and I took a few ragged breaths before a neat and tidy screech made impact with my chest. My heart felt like it had burst open, and I collapsed onto the floor. My vision was fading, and as I pulled my gas mask off, I heard a faint whistle.

The tide was changing.

GCSE History Revision Class



Year 7 Science

In science lessons, Year 7 have been learning about flowers in preparation for our trip to Kew Gardens.

We dissected tulips and identified all the parts of the flower.

The students enjoyed practising their dissection skills and they produced some great work.

NPL Visit

Andrew Hanson, who is an outreach manager for the National Physical Laboratory, paid Turing House School a visit on Friday 29th. The visit was to show some of our students a hydrogen fuel cell powered car.

The hydrogen fuel cell car has an electric engine which is powered by an electrochemical reaction. The fuel cell contains a simple membrane blocking combination of both hydrogen and oxygen.



Electrically charged parts of the atoms diffuse through the membrane and electrons take 'the long way round' via an electric circuit. The product of the reaction is water, meaning no pollution.

Great news for the environment and fascinating information for our extremely bright students who made evident their excitement through so many brilliant questions. Invented independently in 1839, today there are only around 70 of these cars in the UK so this was an amazing experience for some of our year 7s and 6th formers.



Year 7/8 Girls Rounders v Grey Court

The year 7/8 girls experienced their first ever rounders fixture this week as they took on Grey Court in the opening game. Grey Court proved to be a well organised side who were sharp under the high ball, but the Turing team came away with some positive game experience which they will look to build on.

The girls have their second rounders game next week when they travel to Richmond Park Academy.

Well done to everyone involved! Keep an eye out for results from the senior girls' rounders team too as they also start their competitive league this term.

Year 12 Five Aside Football

The Year 12 boys were treated to a borough-wide football tournament this week which took place at St Richard Reynolds.

The tournament came in the form of five-aside football, making for a fast pace and energetic spectacle across all games. By the end of the tournament, the Turing team finished in a respectable mid-table position - they drew against Christ's and fought hard for a deserving victory over Waldegrave which, ultimately, saw them take fourth place out of eight teams.

Well done to all involved!

Congratulations

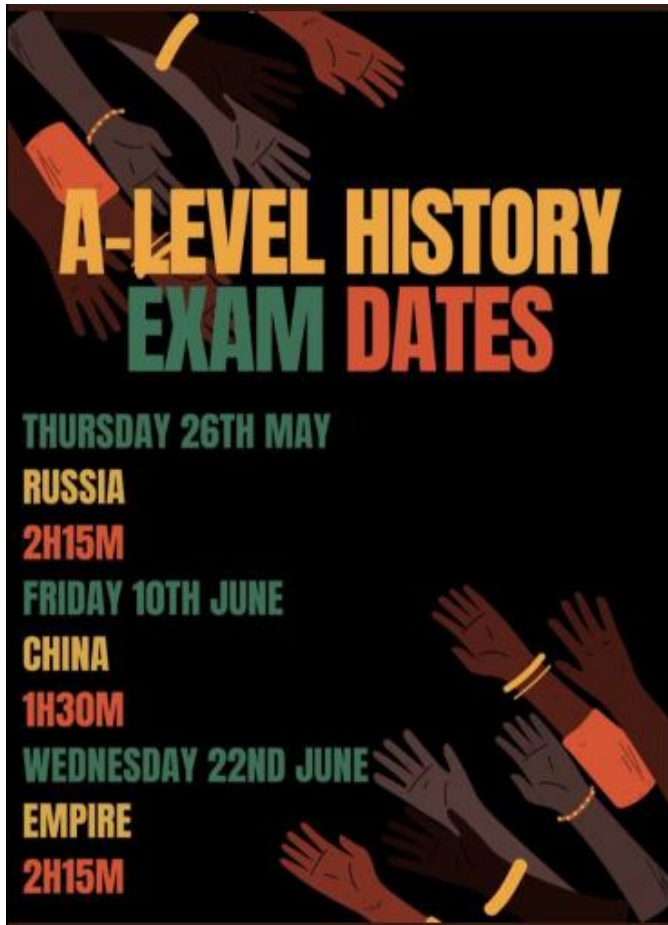
Huge congratulations to William SJS in Year 8 who over the Easter holidays wrote and self-published a short story!

The story is about a haunted art shop. It even mentions Mrs Hughes, one of our former English teachers. It's available to purchase from Amazon [here](#), and will also shortly be available in our lending library too.

Well done, William! We are so proud of you!



GCSE & A Level History Exam Dates

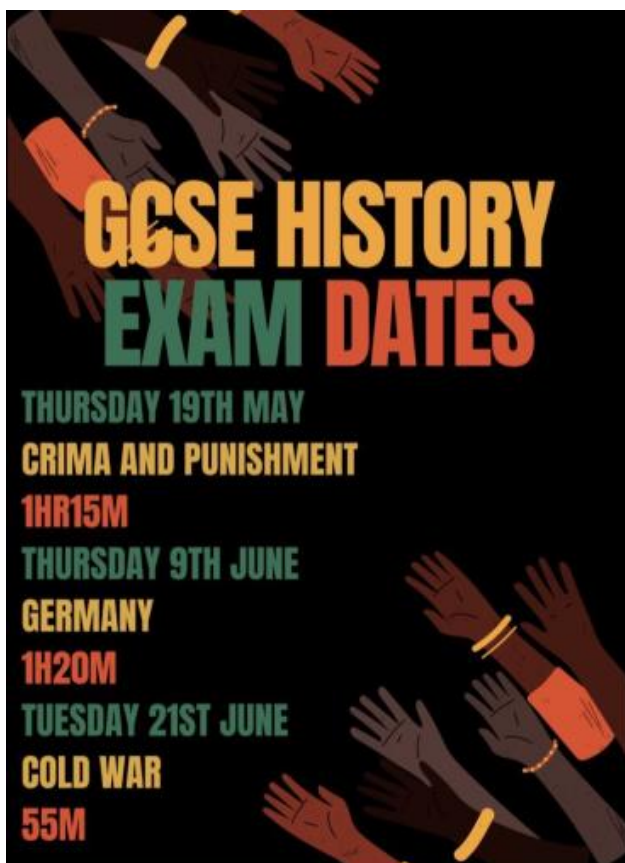


**A-LEVEL HISTORY
EXAM DATES**

THURSDAY 26TH MAY
RUSSIA
2H15M

FRIDAY 10TH JUNE
CHINA
1H30M

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE
EMPIRE
2H15M



**GCSE HISTORY
EXAM DATES**

THURSDAY 19TH MAY
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
1HR15M

THURSDAY 9TH JUNE
GERMANY
1H20M

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE
COLD WAR
55M

Year 12 English

Year 12 English students this week have been deepening their poetry comparisons by making 'secret strings', finding the connections between the poems they've studied and making links between them.



Great work, Year 12!

Oxford University Trip

By Joseph M.

On Wednesday 4th May a selected group of students from Turing House School went to Oxford University for a trip. It was a long coach ride to and from Oxford which was enjoyable. On arrival we were greeted by a member of the University called Aaron who led the tour and trip throughout the day.

First, we went to a lecture room at Oriel College which is one of 39 University Colleges in Oxford all part of Oxford University.

He explained about Oxford and what it meant to go to a university and what is involved. Then a student of Oxford University did a Q and A session with us and then we left for the tour of Oriel. We saw the site and learnt plenty information about it too. Then we all went to the Oriel's dining hall and had lunch.

Afterwards, we left for a tour of the city of Oxford and saw more of the University in the city.

We saw The Bodleian Library where it had a copy of every book ever published whether that was The Hungry Caterpillar or The Hobbit.

We even managed to see many locations of past Harry Potter movies like the set for the hospital ward in Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets, which I found interesting.

After a brilliant day we headed back to the coach for the long journey home. Overall, I found it an amazing experience where we were able to learn about university life and the city of Oxford.



Hampton Court Artisan Festival

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from making beaded bracelets to painting and mastering the art of making pom-pom keyrings. There really is something for all the family!

Further details can be found [here](#).

History Book Club

A-LEVEL HISTORY BOOK CLUB

**MONDAYS @ 8:15AM
IN ROOM 1.24
WITH MS RIGLIN**

KS3 History Club

KS3 HISTORY CLUB

**MONDAYS @ 3.15PM
IN ROOM 1.23
WITH MS LAMB**

Isleworthians FC Trials for U13 Girls

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U13s
Current Year 7

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