

13th May 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

On behalf of all the staff at Turing House School, I would like to wish the Year 11 students the very best with their GCSE examinations that commence from Monday 16th May. We'll have everything crossed for you.

I continue to work with TfL on the 481 bus and we have had a couple of days this week where there was a marked improvement and things worked incredibly well. Three buses should be arriving in the morning between 8-8:30 and between 3-3:30 at the end of the school day. I am still in regular communication with TfL to ensure that this schedule becomes consistent.

I have been delighted with the number of students cycling to school and have recently sent out a survey to ascertain whether to buy some spare inner tubes for those students who puncture on the way to and from school. I would like to reinforce the expectation that students should wear helmets when cycling to school. Having been knocked off my bike by a car, my helmet saved me from more serious injury.

Thank you again for those parents that are respectful to the local community when coming to and from the school, particularly those that continue to avoid dropping off and picking up in Stirling, Springfield and Montrose Roads.

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

Music Trip to the West End

Some of our music students went to watch Wicked in the West End last week. GCSE Music students study the song 'Defying Gravity' from the show as part of their course and seeing the song in the context of the show was invaluable for their upcoming exam.

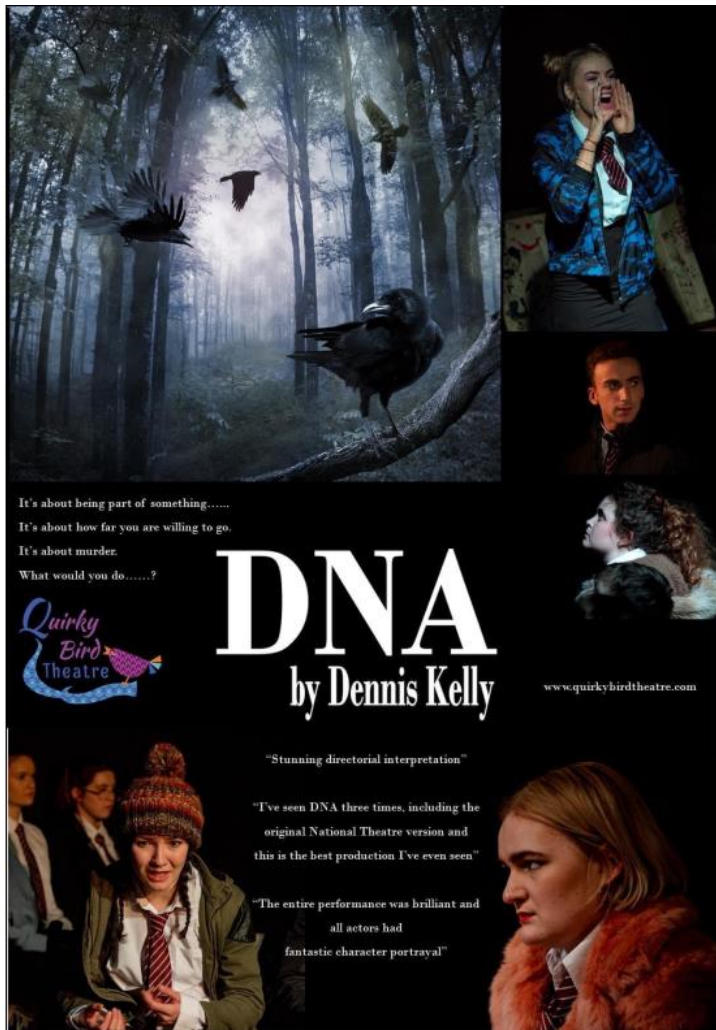


A pretty cool way of revising!

**Reminder to Year 11:
Please sign up for the prom**

DNA in Drama

Drama students from Y9-11 were treated to a production of DNA by Dennis Kelly last week. DNA is studied at GCSE and is a popular play with students. Quirky Bird Theatre Company brought along 11 professional actors and the play's director, who did a Q&A session with the students after the show.



They also had a chance to practise their geographical map skills and artistic prowess throughout the day by completing various tasks and activities. Most importantly, however, they were able to really immerse themselves in nature and take a break from usual classroom settings.



We would like to thank the support from parents for helping to facilitate our trip to Kew Gardens.



Kew Gardens – Year 7 Trip

On Thursday the 5th May, we took our wonderful Year 7s on what was not only their first school trip as a year group, but also the first trip from our new site! The visit to Kew Gardens was a great success with both staff and pupils making the most of the pleasant weather.

Pupils were given the opportunity to learn more about the natural world and the processes behind the ecosystems that surround us.



Turing House Friends - keeping in touch

Did you know we have a number of Year-Group WhatsApp groups to help parents stay in touch with each other? It's a great way to put a shout out for missing PE kit, ask about homework, or seek info on school trips. Someone has usually got the answer!

We have groups for Y6 (joining in Sept'22), Y7, Y8, Y9, and Y10. If you would like to join, then drop us a line and we'll send you a joining link.

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Well Done, Dougie

Dougie is raising awareness and fundraising for The Dogs Trust as the volunteering element of his D of E Bronze award. He held his first event on Sat from 10am-1pm, selling bags of doggy biscuits which he baked this week.

Brisk trade (even before the stall opened) and lots of donations as well, meant he raised £140.02 in just 3 hours! His assistant, Luna, helped to draw in customers.



EPQ Success

Congratulations to Cal and Ethan in Year 13 who completed their Extended Project Qualification last Friday. For just over a year, the boys have been working on developing a mini dissertation on a specific area that they are passionate about. They had to develop a thesis, carry out extensive research and conduct interviews, and even build (in Cal's case) a product. The final part of the qualification took place last Friday with the boys presenting their projects to a Year 12 audience. The skills obtained during this project will stand them in excellent stead for university. Congratulations, both of you!

Cal: The modernised iPod: an investigation into the effect of cyberaddiction and a possible solution to mobile phone addiction.

Ethan: Will Climate Change in the Arctic be the most significant factor leading to an increase in geopolitical tensions between Russia and the remaining members of the Arctic Council?



Student Health Crisis – Youth Sports Trust

Charity calls for urgent action to address children's health crisis. A children's charity has warned that childhood inactivity and loneliness is on the verge of becoming a 'new pandemic' as new research reveals parents are increasingly worried their children are growing up spending too much time online and not enough time with friends or playing sport. The research, commissioned by the Youth Sport Trust and conducted by YouGov, shows 83% of GB parents are concerned that children are spending too much time online and not enough time with one another. The findings also revealed that 80% of parents say that cuts to PE, sport and break times in school have a negative impact on young people's wellbeing.

Today the Youth Sport Trust has launched its new long-term strategy 'Inspiring Changemakers, Building Belonging'. It said it will be vital to inspire 'changemakers' - the teachers, young people, organisations, families and influencers — who can reach a generation of young people to ensure that by 2035 all children grow up knowing how to balance the demands of the digital age. It wants every young person to learn in a healthy way what belonging really feels like, and for young people to have a positive personal identity which comes from play and sport.

Alison Oliver MBE, Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust, said:

"We are staring in the face of a 'new pandemic' of increasing rates of self-harm and children struggling in a digital age. Urgent action is needed.

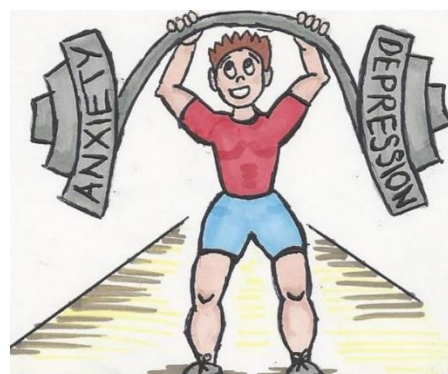
"Children's social and emotional wellbeing is in decline, and the findings today show there is a real concern from parents that their children are not getting enough play and sport. We know that unhappy, unhealthy children don't learn as effectively. If children don't learn we won't have a society fit for the future. When children play and are physically active, they are happy, healthy and achieve.

"There is compelling evidence for the case for more play and sport in children's lives and pockets of inspiring practice, but more drastic change is needed, and we know we can't do it alone. Today we begin a rallying call to inspire more changemakers on this mission. Daily physical activity, play and the development of physical literacy should be an integral part of every childhood."

The research among UK parents of children aged 18 and under carried out by YouGov found:

- 83% of parents are concerned that children are spending too much time online and not enough time with one another
- 81% of parents are concerned that young people aren't getting enough physical activity
- 80% of parents say that cuts to PE, sport and break times in school have a negative impact on young people's wellbeing.

Over the next 13 years of its new strategy, the Youth Sport Trust will dramatically change its approach to support those most in need. Starting locally and building momentum, it will galvanise and inspire changemakers to transform attitudes, improve practice and drive policy change. The charity hopes that together the power of play and sport can be harnessed to build belonging for a generation, improving their health, fostering inclusion and developing character and leadership.



To read the new findings and strategy in full visit here: [here](#). Schools, families and organisations can also start to take action by signing up to the Youth Sport Trust's National School Sport Week campaign this summer

The 47th Theatre Visit at the Old Vic



GCSE drama students visited the Old Vic this week to watch a performance called 'The 47th'.

'It's not a game for gentlemen we're playing, Political and civilized. This is Historic.'

It is 2024 and as America goes to the polls, democracy itself is on the brink. Who takes the White House – and at what cost?

The team behind the multi award-winning King Charles III reunite as Rupert Goold directs the world premiere of Mike Bartlett's viciously funny 'The 47th', a chaotic glimpse into the underbelly of the greatest political show on earth – the next presidential race.

With Bertie Carvel as Donald Trump, Tamara Tunie as Kamala Harris and Lydia Wilson as Ivanka Trump.

The play comes highly recommended, particularly when Donald Trump drove a golf buggy onto the stage!

Apprentice for a Day



Over recent weeks we have been running a careers enrichment programme in which students applied to take on roles within the school. This week saw the first Headteacher apprentice. Luke, in Year 11, managed to take a break from his GCSE preparation to work with Mr O'Sullivan for an entire day.

Luke got to experience life as the headteacher through a range of activities. Once the Year 11 and 13 exams are finished, another group will take on this role.

Well done, Luke!

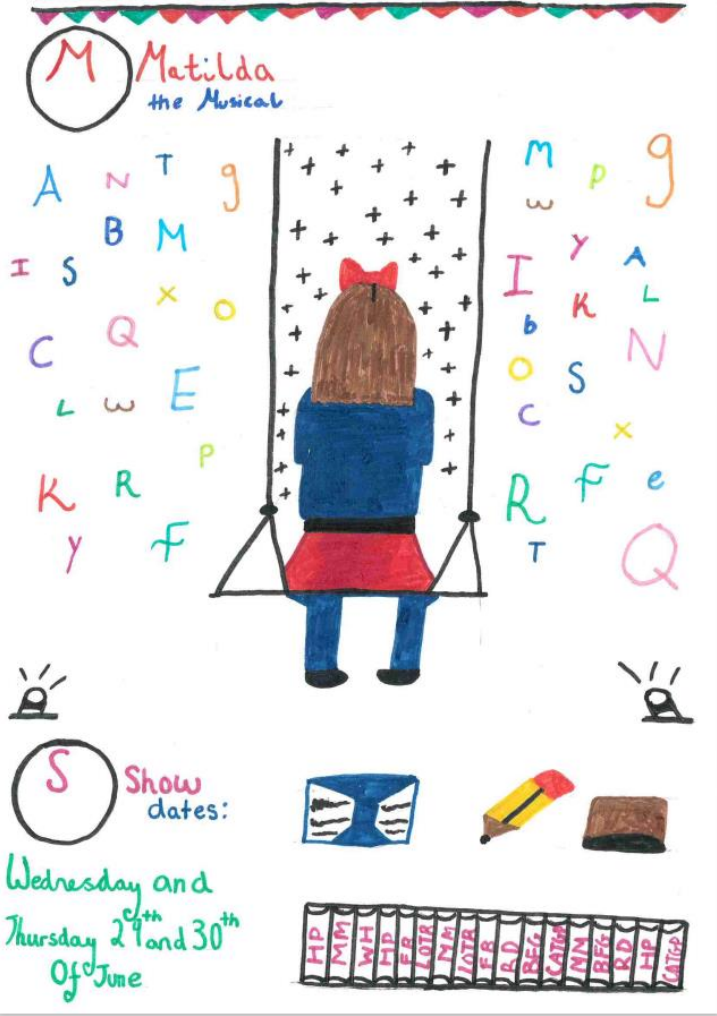
Supporting your child during exams

Sleeping well, eating regular healthy meals and relaxing are important for everyone's wellbeing.

Encourage your child to stick to healthy routines and to make some time for activities they enjoy – such as exercise, doing something creative, getting fresh air, seeing friends (playing in person or online) – as this helps reduce stress.

For further help and advice from Young Minds please click [here](#).

School Show - Matilda



Details of how to be obtain tickets for this brilliant event will be sent home to parents shortly. Save the date!

Year 7 & 8 – DT lessons

Year 7 and 8 had a fantastic time in D&T this week with their very first experience handling the tools. In Year 7 we practised cutting plastic with a coping saw then finishing it with a file and wet and dry paper to build their skills towards making a sweet dispenser with the London Zoo theme.

Year 8 are making a passive speaker this term, so they practised cutting wood with both a tenon and coping saw then finishing the edges of their work before using the cordless drill. The photos below are of 7a/Dt2 in action.



Prop needed for school show – please



Does anyone have an old standard lamp they no longer need (it doesn't need to be in working order, or even have a shade)?

The drama dept would like if you do!

Please get in touch with Ms Scott if you can help.

Basketball Club

Basketball Club will be starting from Monday 16th May for all students, and will take place straight after school. This will be run by a local club, Knights Basketball, who are a very well established club.

The first session will be free and from Monday 23rd May onwards this will then become a paid club, where students need to sign up online and a payment of £5 per student is required. More details regarding signing up and payment will be made available after the free session on Monday 16th.

Student Success - Gymnastics

A big congratulations goes to Sam C. (pictured third from left) in Year 8 who competed in the London Gymnastics Championships over the weekend.

Sam, representing Heathrow Gymnastics Club, competed in the under 14 year old category and finished in third place overall, having taken second place in the floor and pommel events and third place on the rings. Well done, Sam!



Student Success - Football

Stanley J. in Year 7 topped off his weekend with an impressive achievement of his own. While playing in his under 12s match for AFC Wimbledon against Chelsea, not only did Stanley score a hat-trick, but he became the first every player of any age to do so at Plough Lane (the home of AFC Wimbledon - the new stadium was built in 2020)!

Certainly a record to be proud of and furthermore, he has recently been offered a two-year contract to stay at AFC Wimbledon until at least under 14s. Well done, Stanley!



Author Visit for Year 9 Students

Last Thursday, all Year 9 students listened to a talk from the author Bali Rai, whose works include 'Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story', 'Rani and Sukh' and 'City of Ghosts'. Bali spoke to the year group for an hour and covered key issues such as the need for more diversity in literature and missing voices from history.

Year 9 students were really engaged in the talk and had lots of interesting questions for him at the end. Some students were also involved in a creative writing

workshop that followed, where Bali explained the importance of engaging your readers with unanswered questions and writing with emotion. Overall, the day was a great success, and it was fantastic to have Bali in. He was really impressed with our beautiful new site and praised our year nines for their engagement and behaviour during the talk. Well done, Year 9!

Bali was also kind enough to do a book signing during lunch time for students. If any students forgot to bring in their book and would still like it signed, they need to let their English teacher know and Bali will kindly send over a signed book plate for them. This needs to be done by the 20th May.



Finally, another huge congratulations to Landen J. (pictured with Bali Rai) whose fantastic piece of creative writing (that previously won the RET Creative Writing Competition) enabled us to have this amazing visit.

Well done, Landen!



Anstee Bridge

More wonderful creativity with Anstee Bridge this week!

The sun was shining so the group of year 7 and 8 students, along with Anstee Bridge staff, went outside to work on their terrariums.

You can see the beautiful results they achieved below:



Well done, Emilia!

Emilia S. in Year 8 was awarded with the 'Chief Scouts Gold Award' which is the highest award a Scout can earn.

It's really an incredible achievement and to receive it she needed to complete all nine of the Challenge Awards & six Activity badges.

Emilia is the youngest ever known by the Hampton Hill 1st Sea Scouts leaders to be awarded with this award. We are all very proud of her!



Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v Grey Court

The senior girls got their rounders league underway last week with their first game against Grey Court. With a slightly depleted squad, it was a tough game to open the competitive league with as Grey Court had the numerical advantage.

This meant that the Turing team had to work extra hard especially when fielding and, despite not managing to come away with the win, the girls did a fantastic job at covering additional space at base and out wide.



Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys Football v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys came up against new neighbours Twickenham this week in their football league fixture. The Turing team showed some real attacking intent from kick off which, ultimately, paid off as they came away with the win.



Despite some super saves from the Twickenham keeper, not only did Turing manage to finish their scoring opportunities but they did so without conceding a goal. Well done to all involved!

Year 7/8 Girls Rounders v RPA

The combined year 7 and 8 girls team travelled to Richmond Park Academy this week to play their second rounders fixture. The Turing team were up against some organised fielding from the home side who came away with the win, but the girls showed some promising progress in such a short space of time. Their next game is against Teddington next week. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football v Twickenham

After the Year 7 match, the Year 8 boys also took on Twickenham in their football fixture. The Year 8 team matched the standard set by the Year 7s in the previous game as they also managed to keep a clean sheet for the whole game.



The Turing team had to work hard to keep their composure when under pressure from the defence, but they also created plenty of chances and managed to find the back of the net on several occasions.

Well done to all involved!

Guitar Club



The Royal Parks Nature Roadshow

With the climate crisis more urgent than ever, The Royal Parks' Learning Team and partners are playing a vital role in raising awareness and encouraging individuals to do all they can to be a hero for nature.

In the UK, evidence shows that many children spend as little as 16 minutes in nature a day. By spending less and less time outdoors, children are becoming increasingly disconnected from nature, despite the huge number of benefits of nature for children.

People of all ages, abilities and backgrounds come to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and learn about the wildlife and natural environment of the Royal Parks through hands-on experiences. The Royal Parks believe that getting children and adults outside and interacting with the environment helps build respect and appreciation for the natural world.

They have a wide range of educational opportunities for all ages at their learning centres throughout the Royal Parks, including Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, The Regent's Park, Greenwich Park, Bushy Park, Richmond Park, St James's Park, The Green Park and Brompton Cemetery.

The Royal Parks endeavour to take people on a journey from exploring and understanding to ultimately valuing and caring for the parks and, more broadly, nature. This incredible journey of discovery can start at any age. To this end, they have a Nature Roadshow.

WHERE: Woodland Gardens, next to the Pheasantry Café,

WHEN: Tuesday 31st May 2022 from 11am to 3pm.

WHAT: storytelling, arts and crafts, bug hunting, nature and so much more.

HOW: Just drop in!

Find out more [here](#):

Teddington Athletic



THIS GIRL CAN

**EXPERIENCED PLAYERS REQUIRED
YEARS 7 -11**

Teddington Athletic is a Football Club committed to the development of girls' football.

The club currently has 17 girls' teams registered for next season and we are looking for experienced players to join our existing teams.

We have teams competing at all levels in the Surrey County Women & Girls League, including in the highest divisions.

At Teddington Athletic, girls really CAN

Join us for competitive football, in a supportive environment.

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