

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

In our second week back from the summer break, school is in full swing and there is a buzz in the air. Teachers are busily planning extra-curricular activities which will be beginning from next week; watch this space for all the details. I have had a look at the list and there is an exciting range, something for everyone.

As we go about school business, our thoughts remain with the Royal Family as they come to terms with their loss. The students have been very interested in the historic proceedings as we witness the start of a new Carolean age. The school will be closed on Monday as the nation pays its last respects on the occasion of Her Majesty's funeral. We will recommence school as usual on Tuesday.

Our new year 7 cohort are already really impressing us with their excellent attitude to learning and their general approach. They are already following our Turing values, being incredibly excited for their learning as well as being polite and cheerful. At the top end of the school, our year 11s are knuckling down on their journey to their GCSEs next summer, whilst our sixth formers are starting this next stage of their education with a year 12 RAG week including pizza and film night, dress down day and a trip to Brighton.



## Attachment Aware School Award

We have always prided ourselves on the knowledge and care that we provide for our most vulnerable students and now we have the badge (or rather shiny plaque) to prove it!



The virtual school is the conduit between children in care and their education. They have been running an 'Attachment Aware School Award' to enable schools to demonstrate their commitment to nurturing practices to help students who have experienced trauma. We have worked hard to meet the criteria for this award, such as creating our own therapeutic space.

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March – We Will Rock You school show**

**Year 7 Teambuilding Day**

Year 7 enjoyed a day of teambuilding on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. Students had to work together to complete a number of challenges that required good communication and leadership.



Everyone showed excellent resilience and patience completing difficult tasks. It was a really fun day and an excellent opportunity for the new students to get to know their peers.

Well done year 7!

Special mention to the outstanding Site Team on the day barbequing in the rain to feed 165 hungry students!



**Student Success - Rugby**

Congratulations to Josh H., Reuben M. and Tee-Jay B. in Year 11 who were recently successful upon attending a trial with London Irish Rugby Club.

This has allowed the boys to be part of the Club's Developing Player Programme for their respective age groups, which will give them access to high quality core skill development sessions run by London Irish Academy coaches.

The trial saw a huge number of players in attendance but only a small amount of selection spaces were available, making this achievement even more impressive. Six Year 10 students have also had their trial for the same programme and will hear soon if they have been successful. We will keep you posted. Well done!

**European Day of Languages**



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September the Languages department will be holding our European Day of Languages Bake Off. We would love to see as many students as possible get involved, so please encourage your child to bake something creative. European theme and no nuts!

We will be collaborating with the Sixth Form Macmillan Coffee Morning on this day; all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Look at the photos below from last year to inspire you.






**Macmillan Coffee Morning**  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
 Main Hall and Playground  
**CAKES AVAILABLE from 50p**




**NO ONE SHOULD FACE CANCER ALONE**


## Black History Month Competition

Calling all students to take part in the Black History Month competition.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMPETITION**

October is Black History Month and we want to use it to celebrate important people and events in black history.

To help mark the month we would like students to design landscape posters about amazing black people to be displayed in our classroom doors.

All entries must be handed to Ms Riglin in 1.24 by Thursday 29th September.

Your poster can be about a famous black person or someone from your family.

If you link your poster to a certain subject - e.g. you pick a geographer, musician, athlete etc - it will be displayed in the relevant department (Geography, Music, PE)

## School Show announcement!



We are delighted to announce that this year's school show will be **WE WILL ROCK YOU!**

Over 80 students have signed up to take part and rehearsals started this week where we started learning the title song.

'We Will Rock You' features the music of Queen and is set in a futuristic society where music has been taken over by GlobalSoft, run by the Killer Queen. It tells the story of a boy, Gallelo, and his rebel friends who must discover the secrets of music in the past in order to defeat GlobalSoft and play their own music.

The show will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023- save the date!

## Spanish Club

Are you in Year 7, 8 or 9? Would you like to improve and practice your Spanish whilst having fun?



From next week our Year 11 Spanish ambassadors, along with Mrs Harman, are running Spanish club on Wednesday lunchtime in room 2.06.

## GCSE Spanish Club – starts 4<sup>th</sup> October

GCSE Spanish club

- Starting 4 October in 2.06 with Mrs Harman every Tuesday 3:00 – 3:45

## TFL STARS PROJECT – GOLD LEVEL AWARD



We are really pleased to announce that once again Turing House School has been accredited as a **Gold Level School** as part of the Tfl STARS Project.

STARS – Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe

STARS is TfL's accreditation scheme for London schools and nurseries. STARS inspires young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling.

STARS supports pupils' wellbeing, helps to reduce congestion at the school gates and improve road safety and air quality. After our move to our permanent site last academic year, we have continued to run a large number of initiatives to encourage travel to school that is sustainable and responsible.

Each year we survey student and staff travel habits and look at ways to move to more sustainable and active travel methods. We will shortly be doing our autumn survey for this academic year.

Being a Gold accredited school puts us amongst the top 10% of London schools. We strive to set high standards to inspire others to transform travel habits; we look for ways to engage the wider community to promote best practices and see a measurable reduction in the number of journeys made by car every day.



Unfortunately, the heavens opened on the student's arrival! The heavy rain did not dampen spirits and students managed put up their tents and cook their dinner using camping stoves.



On the Saturday, the weather was much better, and by 4.00pm, all students had successfully arrived at the end point in Epsom and had therefore passed their expedition. Congratulations to all that took part!

School Sports Clubs started!

School Sports Clubs – Term 1			
Clubs run 3.15pm – 4.15pm (except for Cross Country Club)			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Y7-8 Boys Basketball (Sports Hall)	Y9-10 Boys Basketball (Sports Hall)	Y7-8 Boys Rugby (Field)	Y7-8 Boys Football (Field)
Y9-11 Boys Football (Field)	Y7-13 Judo (Gym)	Y9-11 Boys Rugby (Field)	Y7-13 Girls Rugby (Field)
Y7-13 Girls Football (Field)	Y7-13 Cross Country (Reception at 7am)		Y7-13 Table Tennis (Sports Hall)
Y7-13 Netball (MUGA)			

To attend a club, you will need your PE kit, appropriate footwear and a water bottle. You can get changed in the PE changing rooms at 3pm.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 56 Year 10 students embarked on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the Surrey Hills.

Students navigated around Box Hill, eventually arriving at the campsite on Friday evening.



individual, self-motivated learners. Takeaways from the students were that they are determined to stay on top of their work and will engage in super-curricular learning in order to extend their knowledge of their subjects, outside of their specifications: great start to the academic year!




Maths Club

**hut8 DrFrost**  
Get support with your Maths homework and revision on the DrFrost website!  
Mondays & Thursdays, 3pm 🕒

**hut8 Coding**  
Learn to code, create games and play with your friends!  
Open to ALL 👤  
Room 1.12 📍  
Thursdays, 3pm 🕒

**hut8 Competition**  
Solve puzzles, discuss famous problems and prepare for the UKMT Maths Challenges!  
Mondays, 3pm 🕒  
Open to ALL 👤  
Room 2.16 📍

**hut8 Algebra**  
Prepare for the L3 Algebra qualification!  
By invitation only 👤



**All the clubs at THS Maths!**



Year 12 Elevate Workshop

As part of the Year 12's transition into the Sixth Form and KS5 learning, students took part in a workshop on Monday deliver by Elevate Education. Students were introduced to a number of smart learning techniques and time management skills as they prepare to become