

9th December 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It has been an absolute pleasure this week to take part in the KS4 assembly to award the first three Jack Petchey awards to three amazing students in Year 11. As you can see from the citations below, we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Parents, staff and students can nominate at any stage by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/AkUpz82ADH>

The Jack Petchey award is a brilliant way of rewarding students who always do the right thing or go above and beyond both inside and out of school.

Over the past five years, we have seen lots of different sides to Kaiden. Kaiden is kind, caring, and has a great sense of humour. We have seen him grow from a bright and enthusiastic Year 7 student, into the able and mature young man we see today. On top of his many academic achievements in school, Kaiden is an incredibly accomplished sportsman and musician, whose passion and drive are admirable. Kaiden does not openly talk about his successes as he is very modest, so we are really glad to be able to say how proud we are of Kaiden and all that he has achieved. In lessons, Kaiden asks very thoughtful questions and is reflective about where he is in his learning. He always aims for excellence and has the exact mindset and work ethic to achieve this. Kaiden stands out for being a dedicated,

diligent and hard-working student in every class. Kaiden is often the first student to submit his homework assignments which are always completed to a high level, reflecting the care and thoroughness he applies to his classwork too. Kaiden is a polite, modest and curious student who shows the determination required to overcome the sizeable challenges associated with GCSEs. In English his broad vocabulary facilitates perceptive critical analysis, supported by excellent understanding of writers' methods and their effects on readers, and in History his writing shines with its excellent analysis and attention to detail. He is a real pleasure to teach and his Jack Petchey achievement award is well deserved. Congratulations, Kaiden!



**GCSE and A Level Certificate collection – Wednesday
14th December 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the sixth form
common room.**

Dates for your diary:

- 14th December – School Christmas Dinner**
- 15th December – Christmas Jumper Day/Last Day of
Term (finish 12.30pm)**
- 29th/30th March – We Will Rock You school show**

Many teachers have described how from the first lesson which they taught Marsha, she immediately stood out as a gifted and hardworking student. Her creativity is unparalleled, and she has an incredible ability to craft her work with such maturity and perception; it truly is outstanding.

Teachers always say that it is an absolute pleasure to teach Marsha. She works well independently but most importantly she works well with her peers and is often called upon to give help with ideas. She is caring and intuitive and it is a pleasure to listen to and watch her interactions.

Marsha has shown a real commitment and determination this year in subjects such as Physics. She has made significant progress in the last year whilst always being caring and supportive of others. She is growing in confidence and asks thoughtful questions in lessons. She has demonstrated maturity and resilience when approaching her mock exams.

We are extremely proud of her successes, particularly her RP GCSE, and look forward to hearing of many more. We love the fact that Marsha is resilient and mature; she knows when to apologise or thank others, which is a brave quality to have. We have no doubts that Marsha will go on to do great things with her talents, hopefully inspiring others with her passion for learning. We wish her all the best for the future and hope her confidence continues to grow as she achieves and realises what an amazing individual she is.

Congratulations, Marsha. If anybody deserves to succeed, it's you. Well done!



Since the beginning of Year 7, Serine has been a model student who has always contributed significantly to the school community. She is always kind to others and shows a genuine willingness to look after those around her. She is passionate about sport and the performing arts, and is an incredibly hard-working student, who has shown great resilience over the years and worked relentlessly to make progress, even when she found work challenging.

Serine is an enthusiastic and able student who works hard. Her motivation and desire to succeed also motivates others around her. In Drama, she is a strong performer who takes feedback on board and always strives to improve. Serine is incredibly dedicated to all of her studies. She works hard inside and outside of lessons and attends homework clubs each week where she will regularly bring in questions that she has been working on at home.

We feel extremely lucky to have Serine as a student in our school. We have loved watching Serine progress in many aspects of school life and are immensely proud of the person she has become. Serine is never afraid to be anything but herself and we look forward to seeing her continue to grow and succeed in the very bright future ahead of her.



Cycling to School

Well done to all those students that have continued to cycle to school and promote active travel. Here are some reminders as the evenings continue to get colder and darker.

- Your cycle MUST have white front and a red rear light. It MUST also be fitted with a red rear reflector.
- Light-coloured or fluorescent clothing can help other road users to see you in daylight and poor light, while reflective clothing and/or accessories (belt, arm or ankle bands) can increase your visibility in the dark.
- You should wear a cycle helmet that conforms to current regulations, is the correct size and securely fastened. Evidence suggests that a correctly fitted helmet will reduce your risk of sustaining a head injury in certain circumstances.
- Please remember that cycling on the pavement is illegal. Anyone over the age of 10 can be given a fixed penalty notice if stopped by the Police.
- Avoid wearing headphones when cycling as you need to have full awareness of your surroundings at all times.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>



Christmas Library donations

Each Christmas, many parents choose to donate to the library as a way of saying 'thank you' to staff here. If you would like to donate, we are in need of more non-fiction books and graphic novels. Please select books from the following book lists. Thank you very much to anyone who gifts us a book.

Fiction: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OHZ1M6U9CLY0>

Non-fiction: <https://www.waterstones.com/booklist/3107451/viki-veale-turing-house-school-library>

Year 10 D&T Spotlight Project

Avani P worked super hard on this unique wooden shadow box, a real stand out piece!



English Poetry Trip

Review by Billy

I was taken aback by the grand scope and presentation of the lecture hall. As we sat down and organised ourselves, we had no idea about the sheer amount of knowledge that we were about to gain today.

The day consisted of numerous talks from several poets, some from our poetry anthology and some who were tasked with analysing the art, yet they were all undoubtedly masters of their craft. Every speaker brought something to the table, whether it's a different angle on something we thought we understood, or another layer of context from the poet themselves.

Without a doubt the day fuelled us with a new view of the anthology that could only be gained from experiencing being there.

I was fortunate to be one of the lucky few to be gifted the chance to talk directly to one of the poets, Patience Agbabi, creator of the poem 'Eat Me'. Even though we didn't exchange many words, it was fascinating to talk to the creator of a piece of poetry I've studied mercilessly. I was also fortunate enough for Patience to grace my copy of the anthology with her signature.

My many thanks to Turing and Mr Wood for supplying me with this experience, from valuable knowledge and context rushing into my awareness, to getting an opportunity to talk directly to the master of her craft, it was all very much worth it. And if that wasn't enough, we got McDonald's for lunch.



Computer Science Class

The Year 11 Computer Science class have been working on fine tuning their programming in python by putting the spike prime robots through their paces.



Tree Planting – message from Mr Jones

On Saturday 3rd December, THS welcomed students, parents and staff to come along and help plant trees granted to the school by the Woodland Trust. We had a fantastic 30 people turn out on a cold winter's morning and all 420 trees were planted in 2 hours! I would like to say a special thank you to the office ladies who turned out in force to support me, as well as the PTA lending a much-needed hand. Miss Riglin, yet again, was on hand to help. Thank you so much to the students who turned out. Sorry I don't know your names but your help and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated. After the planting, everyone had a well-deserved bacon roll and hot drink.

The planting took place along the back of our field and down next to the students' pathway. In 10-15 years, the field will be ringed by some of the most stunning British native trees. We had so many trees that we managed to

plant a whole load round our rounders pitch (called this but not actually a rounders pitch at all!). This, in time, will become a great hedge helping to support a multitude of wildlife.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped me make this dream and vision a reality.

A Jones

Premises Manager




Cross-Country Club

Last Friday, some of the Cross-Country club students competed at the Richmond Borough Championships. Y7 had to complete a 2.2km loop while all other year groups completed a 4.4km loop. It was a great day out, with so many fantastic performances including 4th by Holly in Y7 and Eleanor finishing 8th in the Y8/Y9 race. We are still awaiting confirmation of all the results but our Y10, Y11, and 6th form boys had their races combined and Jack, Kit and Barnaby all finished in the top 20 overall.









MUSIC CLUBS

STARTING WEEK BEGINNING: 9TH
JANUARY 2023




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
LUNCHTIME 12:50-1:15				
KS3 PRACTISE/ KEYBOARD CLUB 0.13		TURING HOUSE VOICES yr 10-13 0.13	KS3 BAND 0.13	
AFTER SCHOOL 3:10-3:55				
ORCHESTRA 0.15	KS3 CHOIR 0.13		GUITAR CLUB 0.14	

Music Clubs



MUSIC AT TURING HOUSE



I am the new Head of Music here at Turing House School and I would like to let you know of some exciting opportunities for your child starting in January.

Firstly, we have strong links with Richmond Music Trust and I have been in touch with the aim to get many more students learning an instrument. Learning a musical instrument at a young age has a multitude of benefits and I am including this short video for your information; <https://youtu.be/ROJKCYZ8hng>

There are many tutors available in most instruments including: piano, guitar, drums, voice, violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn. I am attaching a link that will take you to the Richmond Music Trust information and sign up page. <https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/tuition/learn-with-us/apply-now/>

Lessons take place at school during the school day and work on a rotation basis to avoid missing 30 minutes of the same lesson each week. Tutors will be arranged depending on the demand for instrumental tuition but with the aim to start from January through to the summer term.

In addition to instrumental lessons, I am starting some music ensembles in January. I have changed the timings for these clubs as I believe it is important to start a rehearsal with all members from the beginning and to work as a committed team. This will hopefully help to build numbers and progress the skills of the ensembles. The clubs are on a separate flyer attached to this newsletter.

RMT tuition



High quality instrumental & vocal tuition, music therapy and musical experiences in and around the Richmond Borough

Which instruments are available at Turing House School?

- Brass
- Cello
- Drum Kit
- Guitar
- Piano
- Singing
- Violin/viola
- Woodwind

We offer weekly group and individual lessons on a wide range of instruments for all levels and abilities.

Please visit our website for up to date prices, as well as information on getting support with fees.

[Fees & Support](#)

Richmond Music Trust also offers a growing number of ensembles and holiday courses. For further information please visit our website via the link below.

[Apply Now](#)

[Ensembles and Courses](#)

Follow Us On Social Media:



If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Yard by emailing info@turinghouseschool.org.uk FAO Ms Yard.

TRANSITION TO TUNED PERCUSSION CLUB

An opportunity for Grade 3 Trinity / ABRSM drum and piano players – to try out tuned percussion, meet other young musicians and perform at the Royal Academy of Music.

Session Dates: Sundays: 8th, 15th, 22nd January 2023, 10am -1pm
+ Final performance at St Marks on 29th January 2023

Course to include:

- Three intensive half days with the Royal Academy of Music's Junior Academy Naxto Molins (London Symphony Orchestra BBC Concert Orchestra) and guest tutor Rosie Bergonzi who has worked with Neneh Cherry, ENO, Chineke! and for Sound Unbound (Barbican)
- A series of workshops and practical seminars exploring a range of instruments.
- The chance to play with other young musicians from across London and the South East on percussion instruments for the first time.
- Be inspired by and learn through demonstrations and interaction with professional musicians.
- Opportunity to perform at St Mark's Church, Marylebone
- An open Q & A session with John Hutchins (Director of Junior Academy) with advice on how to apply for Junior Academy in 2023, and next steps in exploring percussion further.

Requirements:

Participants must be between 11-14 years old and are working at Trinity / ABRSM Grade 3 level or above in piano or drums. We welcome applications from culturally and ethnically diverse young people.

The session will take place at Hornsey School for Girls, London, N8 9JF. Full details will be provided and travel costs covered to the site.

To book a place or for more information please contact the Participation Team on participation@ram.ac.uk Application deadline: **Wednesday 14th December 2022**

U16 Boys Middlesex Rugby Festival

Last week, a combined Year 10 and 11 rugby team travelled to Grasshoppers RFC to take part in the Middlesex Rugby Festival, comprising of six other schools. The day entailed a whole morning and afternoon of quick succession rugby games, some of them back-to-back and all of them against well-drilled teams. The Turing team were incredibly unlucky to lose a number of games by just one try, but they did, however, cause an upset by beating one team with a flurry of tries of their own. Regardless of the result, it was an effort to be very proud of. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 9 boys took on Twickenham on the basketball court last week, as part of the Dynamik competition that they are taking part in this year. By now a familiar opponent, the Turing team were able to continue their positive run as they came away as victors over a determined Twickenham side. Their next match in the

Dynamik league is against John Fisher. Well done to all involved!

Yr 7 Boys Basketball v Green School

The Year 7 boys got their Junior NBA league started earlier in the week as they took on Green School and Villiers. With this basketball league running in addition to regular borough fixtures, some of the matches offer a chance to double up in order to play two games in one night, as was the case here. The Turing team started strong against Green School but eventually the opposition ran away with a lead with little time remaining. After a short break, the boys managed to regroup as they found their form and battled to win against Villiers in an entertaining and close match. Well done to all involved!



U13 & U15 Boys Volleyball Tournament

Two teams - one from Year 8 and the other from Year 9 - travelled to Hampton School to take part in the borough volleyball tournament this week. Both teams came up against two Hampton teams and Orleans Park. The U15 team fell short of victory against Hampton B and Orleans, but managed to secure a convincing win over Hampton A. They finished in third place overall. The U13 team, ruthlessly blocking opposition shots at the net, lost to Hampton B but cruised past Orleans and Hampton A. With two teams tying on two wins each, first place came down to a matter of points difference. This went in favour of the Turing team as they were crowned champions! As usual, the boys displayed a

positive mindset throughout the afternoon and represented the school in exemplary fashion. Well done to all involved!



Year 10/11 Boys Basketball v Teddington

The Year 10/11 boys basketball team were back in action on the court, this time taking on Teddington. This match was the finale decider as the winning team would go on to win their side of the league, earning them a spot in the final. Fast forward through a lot of sweat and graft, to the final whistle at the end of the fourth quarter...the Turing team won! This is a fantastic achievement from a team who finished last year's league with just one win to their name. This is a credit to their hard work, passion and team development. They now eagerly await the draw for the final. Well done to all involved!

Year 10/11 Girls BasketBall v Waldegrave

The Year 10/11 girls took to the basketball court against Waldegrave in what was a league title deciding match, so it was all to play for! The Turing team didn't just make a strong start, but they managed to establish a lead over the opposition and then hold on that lead going into the fourth quarter of the game. However, the tide started to turn in these final moments as Waldegrave managed to make a last-minute narrow comeback, only to deny the girls victory in the end. A brilliant game regardless, well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 8 basketball team were in action against Twickenham again, as they were completing the second leg of this fixture - as per the Junior NBA league format, teams play each other twice. There was meant to be a second team also in attendance so that two games could get played in one night, but the second team postponed. The Turing team stormed to victory, dominating in attack and crushing hopes in defence. Onwards! Well done to all involved!

Richmond Rugby Club Christmas Camp

Richmond Rugby Club are running a Christmas multisport camp alongside their FUEL camp. It is £30 a day, and a hot meal will be provided. They provide a unique experience where young players can challenge their abilities, learn new skills, set challenges for themselves, and improve their problem-solving and leadership skills. All while being in a safe and enjoyable environment coached by DBS clear, level 2 qualified coaches. Children aged 5 - 16 can enjoy the opportunity to train. Please see the link below for the booking system. <https://www.clubs-hub.com/community-group/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=57395>

Girls Football Opportunities - Christmas

Please see the next page for some opportunities for girls to play football all for FREE.





NEW Squad Sessions
Springwest Academy **FREE**

Age: 12-16 years old

When: Fridays (excluding Friday 28th October)

Time: 16.00-17.00

Location: **Springwest Academy**
Feltham Community College, Browell's Lane
Feltham, TW13 7EF



brentfordfcst.com

Instagram Twitter Facebook LinkedIn YouTube

Squads – 12-16 year olds

The aim of this new and exciting programme is to provide girls between the ages of 12-16 with a fun, relevant and engaging recreational offer that allows them to develop themselves as much as their football skills in a safe, inclusive environment.

To Register:

<http://faevents.thefa.com/bookevent?eventID=5886>

Girls Only Holiday Camp – Gunnersbury Park

Come and join us for our **FREE** girls' football Christmas Camp at Gunnersbury Park. Our football camp is delivered by our experienced football coaches who have expert knowledge of girls' football.

The camp will include learning new football skills, playing matches, and having fun in a safe environment. No prior football experience is required. Please supply your daughter with a packed lunch on the day (no nuts

are allowed as a safety precaution). We will not be providing food on the day.







Girls Only Football Camp
Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub

Come and join us for our girls' football camp at Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub, delivered by our experienced football coaches.

Date: 21st December

Time: 10.30-14.00

Age: 6-16 year olds

Cost: **£10 deposit** (refunded if your daughter attends)

Location: **Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub**
Popes Lane, London, W3 8LQ

Scan the QR code above to register



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To Register:

<https://www.brentfordfcst.com/event/gunnersbury-girls-camp-22/>

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Amber Llyod, Football Development Manager on 07436 335938.

WHITTON YOUTH ZONE WINTER ACTIVITIES

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 11 TO 19 YEARS OLD

MONDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE




FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MATT ROACH
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Whitton Youth Zone
 1 Britannia Lane, Twickenham TW2 7JX



HOW TO JOIN AND WHAT HAPPENS ON YOUR FIRST DAY

Due to the nature of COVID-19, we are currently running a booking system on [Event Brite \(whittonyouthzone.eventbrite.co.uk\)](https://whittonyouthzone.eventbrite.co.uk).

Make sure to book your place before turning up to the youth centre.

Any new young people who attend the youth centre for the first time will be asked to fill in a membership form with emergency contact details etc. We ideally want a parent or guardian to fill this in for young people under the age of 16, however young people 13+ can fill in their own forms and will contact parents to check the details. Young people under the age of 13 without a membership form filled in from a parent or guardian can not remain onsite. Membership is free and sessions are free unless otherwise stated.

Membership forms can be emailed to parents if requested.

Once you have booked your place and filled in a membership form you are ready to go and take part in a wide range of activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MONDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER
OPEN DROP IN	OPEN DROP IN	OPEN DROP IN	OPEN DROP IN
Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm	Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm	Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm	Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm

ACTIVITIES

ART
 Come and take part in a different art activity each day, ranging from card making, painting, fabric art and much more.

We ask that young people bring a top that they don't mind getting dirty. We will try to keep everything clean however sometimes accidents happen and we don't want young people to ruin their clothes.

COOKING
 Come and learn some amazing cooking skills from our amazing youth workers. Some call us 'Jamie Oliver' and 'Mary Berry' but we are looking to help young people create their own healthy meals and snacks.

DROP IN
 A daily drop-in session for young people that provides a safe space for them to come and chat to youth workers and take part in activities. Young people will have access to activities such as cooking sessions, music production, art workshops, gardening, healthy relationship and lifestyle discussions, fitness and the gym, and more.

Young people also have the chance to speak to youth workers about their problems, college life, friendships, relationships, lifestyle choices, university planning, and more.

GYM
 Come and improve your fitness, our youth workers are also personal trainers and will put you through your paces in a some fun workshops. Bring a bottle of water and dress appropriately.

MUSIC PRODUCTION
 Have an ear for music and want to explore it a bit more? Get down to our studio and learn how to build a song from start to finish, music production, beats, rap, singing, rehearsing and learn some new skills.

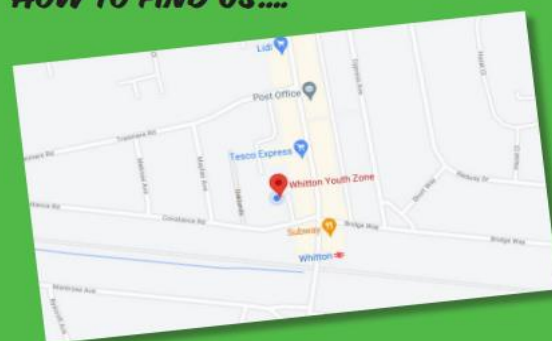
PHOTOGRAPHY
 Do you have a creative flare for photography? Come down and show us how it's done. We will have a photographer coming down to give some hints and tips to get the best photographs possible.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE YOUTH SERVICE

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on everything that is happening.

- Instagram**
 @afc_whittonyouthzone
 @afc_heathamhouse
 @afc_hamyouthcentre
 @afc_powerstation
 @afc_southsideyouth
 @youth_outloud
 @albany.outdoors
 @thelighthouseproject_afc
- TikTok**
 @afc_youthservice
- Website**
https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/young_people

HOW TO FIND US...



Nearest train stations:
 One minute walk from Whitton Station

Whitton Youth Zone
 1 Britannia Lane TW2 7JX

SWR December strike action

South Western Railway (SWR) is urging customers to only travel if absolutely necessary from Tuesday 13 December to Sunday 18 December due to the planned national RMT industrial action.

Customers should expect severe disruption on strike days. Significant parts of the SWR network will be closed entirely and those trains that are running will be far less frequent and much busier compared to normal.

On Thursday 15 December and Sunday 18 December, the knock-on impact of the strike days means first trains will start much later than usual across the network and are likely to be very busy – customers are asked to avoid these if they can.

SWR's reduced timetable will run from 07:15 to 18:30 on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14, Friday 16, and Saturday 17 December and will consist of:

- Four trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Windsor & Eton Riverside
- Two semi-fast trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Basingstoke
- Four trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Woking
- Two fast trains per hour in each direction between London Waterloo and Southampton Central

Trains will not stop at all the stations on these routes. There will be no SWR services across the rest of the network.