



13th January 2023

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Standing out on duty each morning in the pouring rain in January can be pretty grim. The senior staff and I trudge out each day reminding ourselves of what it was like in the sun of July and look forward to Spring. However by the end of the duty, regardless of how cold or wet it is, we tend to always feel warmer and positive due to the interactions with our students, who wish us good morning or pass with a smile or a wave. These interactions, the sense of community and feeling of gratitude makes the grimness bearable.

Monday 16th January brings us to the alleged darkest day of the year, recently called Blue Monday. The lack of daylight, the cold, the time till pay day after the additional spends at Christmas, all combine to make this day pretty miserable. But on Monday, I ask that we all make a point of showing gratitude to the people in our lives who support us, care for us or who go about their business doing things to make life that little bit better without the acknowledgement they deserve. Let's thank the teaching assistant, the site team, the postal worker the bus driver, the teacher, our friends or the members of our families who will have a brighter day knowing that they are in people's thoughts.

BEEELIEVE FOUNDATION

Blue Letter Day

Year 13 Parents' Evening – Thursday 26th January

INSET day – 20th February

Journalism Club

The Importance of Setting Goals

By Holly M (year 8)

Happy New Term to Turing and welcome, 2023!

As with each new beginning, this new year is a great opportunity to have new goals and improve for a successful new term.

The new year marks half of the academic year and is a great opportunity to improve where you need to, shed old habits and be more dedicated to your study plans.

It's a good idea for your new year's resolution to focus on improving your academic life, but why is setting a goal important?

Having a goal is good for your well-being; it is a hopeful and optimistic way to motivate you. Having a goal contributes to strengthening your mental health, and also engages you towards taking positive action.

Having a routine will help you with your studies and it is up to you what your routine is – completing homework early (and the extensions!), revising for tests proactively, having organised stationery, keeping a planner where you organize yourself on a weekly basis,

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 19th January - Year 7 Bingo night

29th/30th March – We Will Rock You school show

School Drama Production



Props wanted

We are looking for the following props for We Will Rock You in March. Please raid your attics and if you can give/lend us anything, please let Ms Scott know via the office.

- old tv (90s, early 2000s)
- video player
- OR a TV and video combi
- old video tapes
- band memorabilia (TV shirts, posters, records etc.) - nothing too precious!
- glitter ball

Blue Monday Top Tips

If you are feeling low at this time of the year, please think about these things that may help. Reward the people you know. Turn Blue Monday into charity Monday. Increase your endorphins with exercise. Get some better sleep. Give thanks to people you know. Take a break. Beat the blues with colourful clothes at home and at the weekend. Reach out for help.

If you (or someone close to you) are affected by the January blues there are a number of resources available:

- [Samaritans](#)
- [Mind](#)
- [NHS services](#)

Year 9 History

Thank you so much to our amazing Year Nine History volunteer team who helped create this new display about the history of our school!



STEM club

STEM club was back on Monday 9th January with Mrs Dippie and Mr Jacks. This week, students were learning about biology dissections. They got the chance to dissect a sheep's eye and sheep's brain! The students had lots of fun identifying the different parts of these organs.





Year 13 UCAS offers

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who have been offered conditional places at university for next year:

Special mention to Sherif N to be the first student to receive all of his offers in 24 hours!

Name	Provider name	Course name
Balrohan A	Kingston	Business Management with Professional Placement Year
	Roehampton	Business Management and Marketing
	St Mary's	Business Management and Marketing (with Placement Year)
	West London	Business Studies with Digital Marketing
Jacob A	Exeter	History
Tom D	Cardiff	Modern History and Politics
	Essex	Modern History and Politics
	Manchester	Politics and Modern History
Zoe F	Bournemouth	History
	Exeter	History with Employment Experience Abroad
	Loughborough	History (with placement year)
	Portsmouth	History
Charlie H	Cardiff	Modern History and Politics
	Loughborough	History and International Relations
	Manchester	Politics and Modern History

	Reading	History and International Relations
Jack H	Exeter	Mathematics
Kit H	Portsmouth	Geography
Hanna J	Middlesex	Neuroscience
Lilu K	Birmingham	Physics and Astrophysics
	Manchester	Physics with Astrophysics
	York	Physics with Astrophysics
Leah K	Surrey	Computer Science
Jack L	Bristol	Politics and International Relations
	Southampton	Modern History and Politics
Ryan L	Kent	Criminology
	Portsmouth	Criminology with Psychology
	York	Criminology
Sherif N	Bedfordshire	Quantity Surveying and Value Engineering
	Kingston	Quantity Surveying Consultancy
	Kingston	Quantity Surveying Consultancy
	London South Bank	Quantity Surveying
	Westminster	Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management
Bartek N	York	History
Thomas P	Bath Spa	Sports Management (Professional Placement Year)
	Kent	Business and Management with a Year Abroad
	Kent	Business and Management with a year in Industry
	Oxford Brookes	Business Management and International Relations
Kai S	Sheffield	Aerospace Engineering
	Southampton	Aeronautics and Astronautics
Sophie W	Northampton	Sport and Exercise Science
	Swansea	Sport & Exercise Science
Adam W	Kent	Criminology
Samuel W	Bath Spa	History and Politics
Archie W	Uwe	Criminology and Law
	Durham	Criminology

Year 7 Boys 7-a-side football tournament

The Year 7 boys took to the football pitch this week at Hampton High, as they took part in a 7-a-side tournament. There were nine teams in attendance as schools from the borough battled it out for the top spot. The Turing team turned up with an abundance of determination and concentration as always and only lost one game by one goal. They finished third in total after putting on a very impressive display of controlled, fast-paced football. Well done to everyone involved! Read on to find out how they got on in their friendly match against Grey Court.



Year 8/9 Basketball vs Grey Court School

The combined Year 8 and 9 basketball team took on Grey Court this week to kickstart their regular borough league fixtures. The Turing team were in fantastic form on the court. A high scoring game saw them ease to a comfortable win as every player showed a tremendous work rate when in possession of the ball, while staying solid in their chosen defensive structure. They now have a little bit of time to regroup before they get stuck into their second borough fixture which is against Teddington. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys football vs Grey Court School

The Year 7 boys were treated to a friendly football fixture at home, playing against Grey Court in an 11-a-side wet and windy match. Having placed third in the 7-a-side tournament the day before, the boys were out to go one better and lay down a strong claim as one of the more formidable teams in the borough. The Turing team went two goals up, although Grey Court fought back with a goal of their own as they looked like a comeback could be possible at one stage. However, a Turing goal in the last play of the game silenced the comeback potential and the game finished with a 3-1 win. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Bingo night

BINGO

Year 7 Family Bingo

GAMES - FUN - PRIZES

Thursday 19th January, 7-9pm
 Adults £3.00, Children £2.00, Under 6's free
 Evening includes 3 games of Bingo with prizes.
 Purchase tickets here:
<https://buytickets.at/turinghousefriends/813733>



As a mark of respect, we have decided to cancel the New Year party, which was due to take place on Saturday 21st January at St Mary's Parish Hall.

Sheena had been active in the Society for some 25 years where, with colleagues, she instigated the redesign and replanting of two public gardens and relaunched the annual Teddington in Flower event, which over the years has raised many thousands of pounds for local charities.

Then in 2013, in partnership with the Landmark Arts Centre and St Mary with St Alban Church, she helped reinstate the annual Teddington Village Fair which, since then, has raised more than £10,000 – all donated to local charities.

In addition to her Society work, Sheena did much more besides, not just in Teddington but also across the Borough of Richmond. It was entirely fitting, therefore, that in 2017 she was presented with the Richmond Borough Community Award for her outstanding public service. For all of us, it was a delight to see her acknowledged for her tireless, unceasing work on behalf of the Society and the town she loved so much.

In due course, probably in the spring, we will organise a memorial event in Sheena's honour to which you will be invited. Meanwhile, we will keep you informed of funeral arrangements when they become known. Please note, once again, that the New Year party has been cancelled.

Sally Howland, Liz Waters, Andy Weston, Ann Whitfield

Book your tickets for the Year 7 Turing House Friends Bingo Night.

Will you duck and dive (No.25), or hit the floor (No.74)? Come along with all the family for a full house of fun and prizes.

Adults £3.00, children £2.00, under-6s free.

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Friends of Bushy Park Newsletter

It is with huge sadness and deep regret that we have to inform you that Sheena Harold, Chairman of the Teddington Society, died on Monday evening, 9th January, after a short illness.