

20th January 2023

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Next Friday marks the annual Holocaust Memorial Day, the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. Each year the event reminds me of [Rudi Oppenheimer](#), who visited the school in 2015 to speak to our founding cohort. I'll always remember how engaged our students were listening to his horrific story. I particularly found it amazing how he weaved jokes into his story. The world continues to be incredibly divisive and troubled but the strength over adversity shown by Rudi, teaches us an



important lesson in being resilient and putting into perspective that our troubles might be incredibly minor to the pain other people globally

are experiencing. Thanks to all our students and staff for making Blue Monday that little more bearable with their lovely thank you letters, reflecting that through any dark times, together we are stronger. To Rudi, who

passed in 2019. I say thank you for teaching us the perspective we need.

English Poetry

A beautiful poem from Kirtan S in 7T:

Mother Nature, best teacher

Earth and sky, woods and sea are excellent school masters

And teach of us more than we can learn from books

Every single thing that mother nature has is unique and

Beautiful in this whole world.

She teaches us even more than our studies and books,

But gives us happiness and peace.

She teaches how to survive,

She teaches how to be brave,

She teaches us wise things;

She teaches how to share and give.

Mother nature is one of our greatest teachers in earth

If we surrender to the earth's intelligence, we could

Rise up like tall trees.

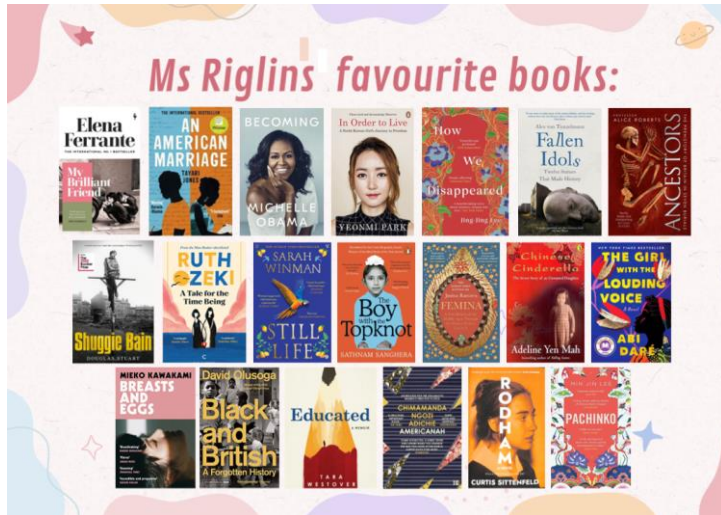
Year 13 Parents' Evening – Thursday 26th January

INSET day – 20th February

Dates for your diary:

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

Books recommended by Miss Riglin



My Best Friend by Elena Ferrante

An American marriage by Tayari Jones

Becoming by Michelle Obama

In order to live by Yeonmi Park

How we disappeared by Jing-Jing Lee

Fallen Idols by Alex von Tunzelmann

Ancestors by Alice Roberts

Shuggie Bain by Dougie Stewart

A Tale for the time being by Ruth Ozeki

Still Life by Sarah Winman

The Boy with the Top Knot by Samantha Sanghera

Femina by Janina Ramirez

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

The girl with the louding voice by Abi Dare

Breasts and Eggs by Mieko Kawakami

Black and British by David Olusoga

Educated by Tara Westover

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Rodham by Curtis Sittenfeld

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

E-Safety

Since its release 2017, the battle-royale simulator – Fortnite, has become ubiquitous in classrooms and playgrounds throughout the world. The game, which features cartoonish renderings of characters, bright colours and non-visceral consequence free violence, has had a mass appeal to children. Each Christmas another draft of young pupils are induced into its overcrowded multi-player lobbies, to the point that there is barely a school pupil in the country who hasn't owned it, begged their parents for it or played it round a friend's house. As a result, more children than ever are exposed to multi-player chatting with strangers, and financial exploitation via the game's spend-to-gain-advantage operating style. Allowing children to use real world money to gain perks and costumes. From criminal blackmailing to the coercion of nude exchanges by online 'friends' posing as children, the danger this game presents from a safeguarding perspective is clear. As an added complication, the verbiage surrounding the game used by pupils is near-incomprehensible, frustrating adepts to secure their safety. Fortunately to allow for greater comprehension of reports to staff involving the game, Internetmatters.org has published a guide to understanding the game and its terms. You can find the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming>

Art Club



Year 11 Spanish

5-a-day verbs

How can I help?



Remind your child to do their 5-a-day. Little and often is more effective than last minute cramming before tests. This should be part of your child's *daily* routine.



Language Gym, Active Learn, @SpanishGCSEonline

EASY SPANISH and

How can I help?

Ask your child to tell you what they learnt about. Being able to articulate their knowledge helps to secure this in their long-term memories.

¡HOLA!

Speaking skills

Play 'I spy' every time you encounter interesting photos. The question you can ask is 'que hay en la foto?' which is pronounced 'keh ay en la foto?' If you enjoy speaking in Spanish, you can play battleships with your child.



Vocab revision

How can I help?

Test your child on their GCSE vocab in booklet and enjoy learning some new words yourself/ recalling words you already knew.



University of Oxford applications

UNIQ is the University of Oxford's access programme for state school students. They prioritise places for students with good grades from backgrounds that are under-represented at Oxford and other universities. Every year more students from diverse backgrounds get offered places at Oxford with help from UNIQ. Applications for UNIQ have now opened and will close at 11PM on the 23 January 2023. Year 12 students should apply here: <https://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>

History

New Historical Film

We believe that many of our students and families will be interested in watching the new film which is in cinemas now, Till. Till revisits the true story of the mother turned activist whose battle for justice proved a cornerstone of the emerging American civil rights movement. Directed and co-written by Chinonye Chukwu, the film is classified as a 12A as it features "disturbing images, upsetting scenes, moderate threat". The fact that the Emmett Till Antilynching Act was passed into US law last year makes the subject matter all the more timely. If you watch it please do let your History teacher know.

Turing House takes us to Oxford University

Written by Alice D and Ida OS

On Tuesday 10th January, Year 8 students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Oxford University where we were given a short tour and had the chance to ask any questions. I was fortunate enough to be able to go and had a great day!

First, we travelled for an hour and a half coach journey, and on arrival were given a tour of the city.

Walking towards the lecture hall, we passed the copyright library, which means it has a copy of EVERY book ever published in the UK and Republic of Ireland! There are so many books that a huge warehouse in Swindon has to store most of them. Next, we wandered past Christ Church, which was where C.S. Lewis found his inspiration for 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. After walking past a few more university buildings, we reached the lecture hall.

Aaron (who showed us around) gave us a brief explanation of what a university was and what you could study at Oxford. I learnt that you only study one course at university, but in lots and lots of detail! You are allowed to switch courses when you've just started if the one you picked doesn't feel right, and 2-3 times a week you receive tutoring sessions (with a couple of other students) that are individual to what you are

studying. These can be really useful for studying and aren't graded.

Afterwards, we met 2 current students for a Q and A session. Sam (history undergraduate) went to Turing House and this was her first year at university! A question asked frequently was "Do you get any free time?" to which they answered yes, though they are expected to work for 40 hours a week. A majority of the studying is independent, so there's enough time to have fun as well. Did you know the Astra Zeneca Covid-19 vaccine was researched at Oxford?

Later on, the two students gave us a brief tour before we had lunch. It was served in a canteen and the dining hall was a smaller version of the one in Hogwarts, filled with inspirational figures and leaders of academia. Salmon, rice and broccoli was the main course with mango rice pudding for dessert. It was very tasty!

Mr Aloysius showed us around where he used to study at Oxford! It was interesting to find out where student living areas were and we even saw his old room's window! Fun fact: upon the first year of opening, the great bell in the Tom Tower used to ring 100 times every night at 12am to signify to students that the campus was closing.

I loved the experience and would be interested to look around other universities to compare what they are like. Thank you to all the teachers who came with us on the trip (Ms Riglin, Mr Stevens and Mr Aloysius)!



Year 8 English - Blood Brothers

Year 8 students and parents may wish to book tickets to see 'Blood Brothers' which is on at Richmond Theatre at the end of February. Students in Year 8 are studying the play this half term.

<https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/blood-brothers/richmond-theatre/>

Holocaust Memorial Assembly

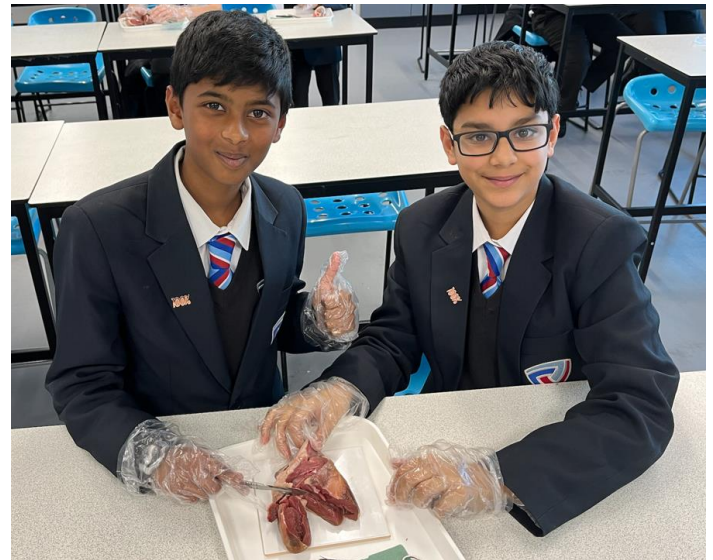
Holocaust Memorial Assembly by Toby R (7U)

This year, we will commemorate the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust. On January 24th, speakers from charity Generation 2 Generation will be coming in to Turing House School to deliver thought-provoking assemblies to all students.

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

The outline of the day can be found below:

Period	Time	Year group	Speaker	Further Information
P1	8:30-9:20	Year 8	Lesley	https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/?s=lesley+urbach#story
P2	9:20-10:10	Year 11	Maralyn	https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/survivor-presentation-summaries/#garden-er
P3	11:00-11:50	Year 9	Lesley	https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/?s=lesley+urbach#story
P4	11:50-12:40	Year 10	Maralyn	https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/survivor-presentation-summaries/#garden-er
P5	1:20-2:10	Year 7	Lesley	https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/?s=lesley+urbach#story
P6	2:10-3:00	Sixth Form	Gabriel	https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/?s=gabriel+stein



Yr 7 Boys Basketball v St Richard Reynolds

Last week the Year 7 boys got their borough basketball league off to a flying start. They took on St Richard Reynolds in a game that they were very enthusiastic for. Out of the four quarters, the Turing team dominated in the key and worked hard in defence, sticking to the man-to-man defensive strategy they opted for. At the end of the final buzzer, the game finished 22-9 in their favour - a fantastic way to start the league. Well done to all involved. Read on to find out how they got on in their additional league - the Junior NBA.

Stem Club

This week in STEM club, the students have been learning about the heart and lungs. Everyone got the chance to dissect a lamb's heart and look inside at the 2 ventricles and 2 atria. Mrs Dippie also connected a bike pump to a set on sheep's lungs, and we got to the lungs rise and inflate as they were pumped with air!



Yr 10 Boys 6-a-side Football Tournament

The Year 10 boys played their part in the 6-a-side football tournament hosted by Hampton High at the end of last week. With lots of teams in attendance, games were kept short in order to fit them all in. This made for some face-paced, high-tempo football, which the Turing team displayed beautifully at times, in very competitive matches that often finished 0-0 as teams continued to press high and search for a decisive first goal. Well done to all involved!

Yr 7 Boys Basketball v Twickenham & Villiers

The Year 7 boys were back in action on the basketball court, following on from their first win in the previous week. This time, they were fulfilling fixtures as part of the Junior NBA league which runs alongside the regular borough league. The boys took on Twickenham and Villiers in a back-to-back thriller. Hoping to build on their initial win against St Richard Reynolds, the Turing team finished with not one but two wins from two - the final results being 18-8 and 14-6 showing another great

effort. They resume their league fixtures with a match against Teddington next. Well done to all involved!



Yr 8 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 8 Basketball team continued their Junior NBA league against Twickenham and Villiers. This was the final of the group stages of the league so with a place in the next round up for grabs; all was to play for. The Turing team started strong, stayed strong, and finished strong. Two wins from two once again meant that it was an overall strong performance from the boys. Well done to all involved!

Yr 8 Boys 7-a-side Football Tournament

This week, it was the turn of the Year 8 boys at a 7-a-side football tournament at Hampton High. Although we still have the Year 9 6-a-side tournament to come next week, some of our teams have come agonisingly close to finishing as tournament winners. Could the Year 8 team turn things around? The Turing team managed to beat Richmond upon Thames and Teddington by a goal, and drew with Orleans Park in a goalless game. That was enough to see them play against the winners of the other pool, Richmond Park Academy, to determine the overall tournament

winners. The Turing team worked hard to secure a 1-0 win in a very closely contested match. Well done to all involved!



positive form, managed to establish a lead in the latter quarters despite the strong Turing start. Deep into the final quarter, Richmond upon Thames edged to a 6-point lead with too little time remaining. The boys left feeling rightfully proud of themselves, however, as they pushed until the final second of the match and came oh so close to the title. Well done to all involved!

Online Mental Health Support



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the coming weeks your child may mention they have been made aware by school or a professional of a service called [Kooth](#). It provides a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners for ages **11-25 in South West London**.

[Kooth](#) offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. [Kooth](#) also has an online wellbeing team from 12pm- 10pm on weekdays and 6pm- 10pm on weekends offering 1:1 text- based online counselling via live chat or messaging.

[Kooth](#) is free to access via any internet- enabled device. Your child simply needs to visit www.kooth.com and click 'Join [Kooth](#)'. Everything is pre-moderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

[Kooth](#) will be working with all schools and professionals across 93% of the UK and growing to support students' mental health and wellbeing, both in and out of school. Alongside this, [Kooth](#) provides parent sessions, so keep in touch with the school or agencies to find out when the next ones are. I have [pre recorded](#) 2 sessions for you to watch. The 5 minute overview can be found [Here](#) and a more in-depth 15 minute recording can be found [Here](#). I have also included a selection of parent/Carer resources that can be accessed using this link: [Parents/Carers resources](#)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what [Kooth.com](#) can offer, please address them to the school. If you would prefer to contact [Kooth](#) directly, simply email parents@kooth.com.

Kind Regards

Michelle

Yr 8 Table Tennis Tournament

The Year 8s had yet more sporting action this week as they took part in the borough table tennis tournament, hosted by yours truly. Richmond Park Academy and Twickenham were also in attendance and there was a fine show of finesse and skill on all tables. Turing A team brought home the goods as they finished in first place and Turing B team finished as runners up - what a way to make a statement in the table tennis arena. Well done to all involved!



Yr 11 Boys Basketball v RTS

The Year 11 boys took part in the final of the borough basketball league this week, having finished in first place in their side of the league split. They came up against the winners of the other pool - Richmond upon Thames. The Turing team went into this game feeling confident, full of energy and determined to make THS history. The opposition, on their own strong run of

Girls Group

Girls' Group at Heatham House on Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm, where the entire space is for young women only!

It is a safe space for girls to come and engage with each other and female youth workers, to chill and chat or bake and do various other activities.



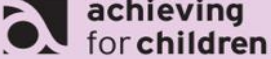
Girls group

Heatham House young women's group
for those 11 to 19 years

Thursdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm

A safe space for young women to come,
have fun, be creative and get advice and
guidance from female youth workers

Contact Meg Scott for details
E: meg.scott@achievingforchildren.org.uk
T: 020 8288 0950



Scratch - An ideal way to get started with coding and have amazing fun building video games and animations, with all the help you need. If you have done some Scratch before, we've a great choice of projects to make; or develop your own game concept with the help of our wizard mentors.

Bring a laptop or book club machine.

Micro:bit - Workshop Learn the basics of coding and physical computing in this exciting demonstration and hands-on workshop!

The BBC Micro:bit is a tiny programmable computer which has been stripped down to the basics. During this workshop you will learn what a Micro:bit is and what it is used for, and you will get a chance to create your own games and animations.

Micro:bits will be provided.

HTML - Learn to use HTML to structure the content of a webpage. Then change the layout of the page using CSS. For interactivity, we will use JavaScript to program how different elements of a page respond to user-interaction. Your own laptop, connected to the Wi-Fi at Richmond Reference Library, will offer the best experience in this session. We will make use of an online space so you can continue working on projects at home.

We can provide laptops but if you can bring your own please do. This will free up a laptop for those that need it.

<https://zen.coderdojo.com/dojos/gb/london/london-richmond-upon-thames-libraries>

CoderDojo



CoderDojo

The global network of free computer
programming clubs for young people

Free event open to children aged 6 and over accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Whitton Food Bank

Thanks to you all, thirty eight boxes were delivered to families we support!

To Turing House School

A Big

'Thank you'

From all of us at

Whitton Food Bank

for your recent Christmas donations.

Your donations weighed in at 401.10 kg!

These donations have been helping

people in our local community and they are very much appreciated.

	Manchester	Politics and Modern History
	Southampton	Modern History and Politics
Zoe F	Bournemouth University	History
	Exeter	History with Employment Experience Abroad
	Loughborough University	History (with placement year)
	Portsmouth	History
	Reading	History
Jay G	Loughborough University	Mechanical Engineering (with placement year)
	Sheffield	Mechanical Engineering with an Industrial Placement Year
Charles H	Cardiff University	Modern History and Politics
	Loughborough University	History and International Relations
	Manchester	Politics and Modern History
	Reading	History and International Relations
Kit H	Portsmouth	Geography
Jack H	Exeter	Mathematics
Hanna J	Middlesex University	Neuroscience
Madhav J	Northampton	Criminal and Corporate Investigation
Lilu K	Birmingham	Physics and Astrophysics
	Manchester	Physics with Astrophysics
	York	Physics with Astrophysics
Leah K	Royal Holloway, London	Computer Science (Information Security) with a Year-in-Industry
	Surrey	Computer Science
Jack L	Bristol	Politics and International Relations
	Southampton	Modern History and Politics
Ryan L	Brighton	Criminology
	Kent	Criminology
	Portsmouth	Criminology with Psychology
	York	Criminology
Spike M	Roehampton	History
Sherif N	Bedfordshire	Quantity Surveying and Value Engineering
	Kingston University	Quantity Surveying Consultancy
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More University offers for our Y13s!

Forename	Provider name	Course name
Balrohan A	Kingston University	Business Management with Professional Placement Year
	Roehampton	Business Management and Marketing
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Business Management and Marketing (with Placement Year)
	West London	Business Studies with Digital Marketing
Jacob A	Exeter	History
	Strathclyde	History
Tom D	Cardiff University	Modern History and Politics
	Essex	Modern History and Politics

	London South Bank University	Quantity Surveying
	Westminster, London	Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management
Bartłomiej N	Cardiff University	History
	Loughborough University	History
	Reading	History and International Relations
	York	History
Thomas P	Bath Spa University	Business and Management - Professional Placement Year
	Bath Spa University	Sports Management (Professional Placement Year)
	Kent	Business and Management with a Year Abroad
	Kent	Business and Management with a year in Industry
	Oxford Brookes University	Business Management and International Relations
Kai S	Sheffield	Aerospace Engineering
	Southampton	Aeronautics and Astronautics
Isaac S	Bangor University	Marine Biology
Sophie W	Northampton	Sport and Exercise Science
	Nottingham Trent University	Sport and Exercise Science
	Portsmouth	Sport Management
	Swansea University	Sport & Exercise Science
Adam W	Kent	Criminology
Samuel W	Bath Spa University	History and Politics
	Reading	History and Politics
	Royal Holloway, London	History, Politics and International Relations
Jacob W	St Mary's University, Twickenham	History
	Roehampton	History and Politics
Archie W	Bristol, the West of England	Criminology and Law
	Durham University	Criminology
	Oxford Brookes University	Criminology and Law