



16th June 2023

Message from Mrs Collins

After a month of dedication and hard work, for many of our Year 11 students, today marks the final day of their GCSE examinations (good luck to the Design and Technology students with their last exam on Monday). Year 13 also have the end firmly within their sights with just one more week to go.

We have been immensely proud of the way the students have conducted themselves, and the mature composure they have exhibited throughout the entire exam period. One of our invigilators commented today how polite, well-mannered and lovely our Year 11 and Year 13 students are and how they have thanked her at the end of every single examination.

I have spoken to students at the end of every exam, and the vast majority have come out of the tests feeling positive. I think this is testament to both how well teachers have prepared the students, but also how hard students have worked in order to best prepare, and we feel very hopeful that students will see the reward of all this hard work on results day in the summer.

Having worked so hard for so long, students will no doubt be feeling a mixture of relief, excitement and joy having completed their exams, and - understandably - many will want to celebrate. We are aware that looking

ahead over the summer months there are lots of planned meet-ups across the borough where students from Turing and other local schools will gather to celebrate their new-found freedom.

Whilst we want students to enjoy themselves, this point in the year always brings a sense of nervousness for me as Safeguarding Lead at school. The holidays are often a period where mishaps can occur, and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of some precautions that could be taken to minimise risks that you may wish to discuss with your son/daughter.

- Please ensure you know where your child is going, who they will be meeting, and what time you expect them home.
- Students should ensure their mobile phones have sufficient charge before leaving the house. It might also be a good idea to have agreed 'check-in' times for your child to send you a text update and for them to keep their location tracker on at all times.
- Students will need to ensure they stay hydrated and protected from the sun.
- Please remind your child of the dangers of open water and the many hidden risks, even for strong swimmers.

Dates for your diary:

Year 11 End of Year Prom – 30th June

End of Term – 21st July

- If a young person or their friend finds themselves in an emergency situation, please ask them to dial 999 immediately. Sometimes young people are hesitant to do so for fear of 'getting in trouble' for what they have been up to, but prompt action could save someone's life. If the situation is related to water safety, please remind students they need to ask for the RNLI.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Whilst our Year 11 and Year 13 student may no longer be in the school building, they are still part of our Turing community and our support continues, even from afar.

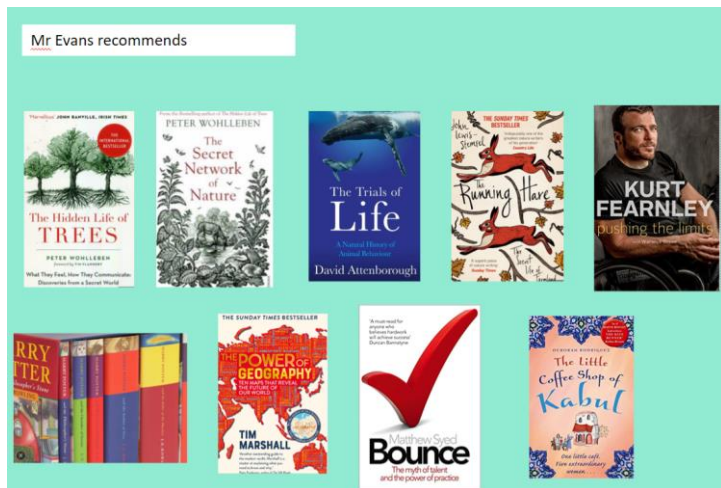
We are delighted for our students and hope that they can all look forward to a very well-earned rest and a safe summer holiday.

Mensa Puzzle

What number should appear next in this sequence?

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Books recommended by Mr Evans



The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

The Secret Network of Nature by Peter Wohlleben

The Trials of Life by David Attenborough

The Running Hare by John Lewis Stempel

Pushing the Limit by Kurt Fernley

Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling

The Power of Geography by Tim Marshall

Bounce by Matthew Syed

The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez

Non-uniform Day

Here is a picture of form 8A on non-uniform day, enjoying wearing their own clothes for the 'Beelieve' charity, the mental health charity. We raised £407. Well done everyone!



Year 8 Poetry

This half term, Year 8 students are studying poetry and this week some students produced a poem imagining a better world, in the style of Lemn Sissay's poem 'Let There Be Peace'.

Luke L wrote this beautiful poem which combines humour with a powerful message. Well done, Luke!

*In my ideal world,
I wake up in picture perfect,
Peace and prosperity:
Storms and earthquakes
Flourish to become clear blue skies.
I wake up in picture perfect,
In a world where poverty stricken poor
Becomes wealth based on who you really are,
And where helpless hunger
Becomes great food for all.*

*I wake up in picture perfect,
Where everyday annoyances,
Become everyday joys;
Scavenging seagulls
Become friendly food deliverers,
And where ferocious foxes that create havoc
Turn themselves into benevolent bin men,
That use the waste food to feed courageous cubs.
I wake up in picture perfect,
Where dangerous people
Become the dispatchers of gifts and joy,
When I wake up on our precious planet,
I think of what the world could be.*



Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh

On Thursday and Friday (8th & 9th June), 70 students in Year 9 took part in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, for their bronze award. This took place in the Surrey Hills, near to Guildford. The students had a great time and successfully managed to navigate with their maps and compasses through the countryside to get the campsite on Thursday evening. They then pitched up their tents and used gas camping stoves to cook their dinner. Luckily, the weather was dry and not too hot and the first groups began to arrive at the end point at around 2.30pm on Friday. Well done to all those who took part! Watch this space for the opportunity to take part in the Silver Award in Year 10. Thank you to the team at Alfresco for assessing the award, and the teachers who accompanied - Ms Ward, Ms Fan, Ms Winstanley and Mr Jacks.

Year 9 Poetry

Inspired by themes of prejudice that Year 9s have been exploring within their English Literature unit, Samaira, Shamsi and Romy wrote this amazing poem that highlights microaggressions within society:

WHERE ARE YOU REALLY FROM?

Where are you really from?

Here, all my life.

England is my home.

Really, it is.

Everyone just assumes

all my life.

Really, they do.

Even you.

You don't know where I'm from,

or where I've lived.

Unless you've seen my skin.

Ready to assume

England is not my home.

All my life,

lived only here

Loving my home.

Yet you make me feel unwelcome

From where I was born.

Really, you do.

Obsolete ideas tell me

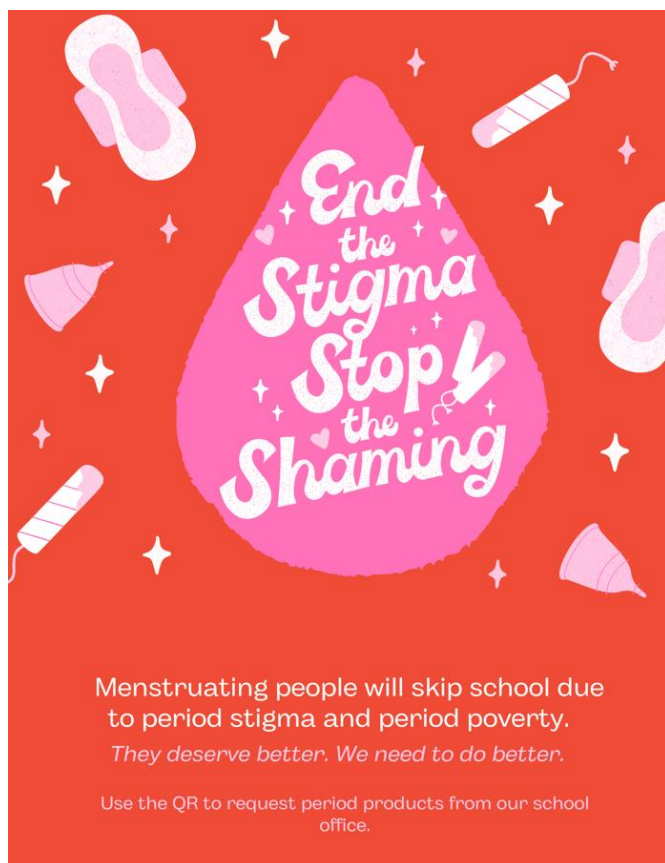
my home is the colour of my skin

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End Period Poverty

Statistics suggest that more than 52% of teenagers miss school or college due to their period, with 1 in 14 citing the fact that they either cannot afford or do not have access to sanitary products. At Turing House, we believe that everyone should have fair access to their education, and we want to do everything we possibly can to ensure barriers such as these are removed.

Following on from Mrs Curtis' assembly on Period Poverty earlier this term, we are further promoting free access to sanitary products through the school, however, we would like our students to inform us as to what products they would like us to provide. The poster below has recently been displayed on the back of toilet doors with a QR code, through which students can suggest sanitary products for us to purchase, as well as request a 'Period Pack', should they require it. Please encourage your child to use the facility if necessary, so that we can support their learning further.



Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v Twickenham

The Year 9 and 10 girls played their final rounders match of the league last week as they faced Twickenham. Twickenham got off to a flying start as they opened with batting, managing to score 10 runs. However, the Turing team were determined to chase that score when it came to their turn to bat. They managed to score 17 runs which is a reflection of their improvement over the term. The girls now await their play-off opposition in the coming weeks. Well done to all involved!

Year 9/10 Boys Cricket v Orleans Park

The Year 9/10 boys played their penultimate match on the cricket green last week, taking on Orleans Park away. The home side won the toss and managed to score a huge 143 runs in 15 overs, leaving the Turing Team with plenty of work to do when batting. Never deterred however, the boys were up for the challenge and produced some stunning striking performances of their own. After 7 overs, THS were sitting at 70 runs so the possibility of catching the opposition was still on. With one over spare, the boys managed to surpass Orleans' 143 runs and the job was done. Their next

match is against St Richard Reynolds. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 7/8 Boys Cricket v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 7/8 boys cricket team took part in their last league fixture, hoping to finish on a high. They faced a strong St Richard Reynolds team at home and were bowling first. The Turing team kept the visitors to a minimal number of runs with some fast paced bowling, until the seventh over when the batting team found their groove. The boys weren't able to chase down St Richard Reynolds' run score, but they showed vast improvements in their fielding skills. Well done to all involved!

Summer Fete and Dog Show

**The Princess Alice Hospice
Summer Fete
& Dog Show**

Live Music | Fun & Games | Fine Foods | Dog Show | Artisan Stalls

Sunday 25 June
10:30am - 3:00pm

Sandown Park Racecourse
Fete is £3 entry (Under 5s FREE)
Dog Show competitors – advance online registration
£5 per category (£7 on the day).

www.pah.org.uk/fete
or call 01372 461808

New Venue

Princess Alice Hospice

Year 7/8 Girls Cricket Tournament

A team of Year 7 and 8 girls played in a borough-wide cricket tournament last Friday, competing against six other teams. The girls were exceptional and displayed brilliant skills across all aspects of fielding, bowling and batting. The Turing team faced a tough opening match, but it allowed them to practise and be prepared for the rest of their games. The girls bounced back and finished the tournament in second place! Well done to all involved!