



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mrs Collins

Over the past few weeks, many families may have been enjoying following the Rugby World Cup together, and today in assembly, Mr Berrett spoke to Year 10 and Year 11 students about the sport, the tournament and an opportunity to play Rugby League.

For those of you who are regular readers of the newsletter, you'll already be familiar with Mr Berrett's weekly sport reports where the efforts and triumphs of the week are celebrated in scintillating detail. Last week, you may have read about the Year 11's impressive win in their first rugby match of the season. I was lucky enough to get to watch the final 15 minutes of the match and was impressed by so many things. Firstly, the sporting skill on display – in the time I was watching, both Henry B and Louis WB made impressive runs covering more than half the pitch in a single manoeuvre. Secondly, how Year 10 students (Lucas M, Kaya F, Jack C, Lennie C, Charlie T) had stepped up to support the team and were part of the squad, competing alongside and against students

a year above them but more than holding their own. Also, there were a number of Year 10 in support on the sidelines, cheering on the Turing boys and helping provide



water whenever needed.

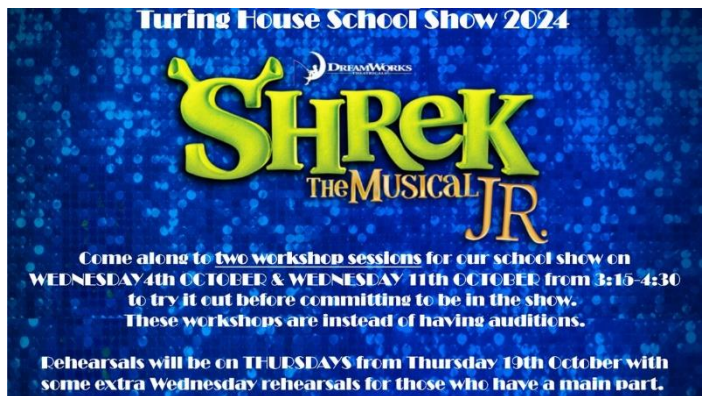
But perhaps what impressed me most of all happened after the final whistle; whilst the final scoreline was incredible (an undeniably decisive win for the Turing team), the discipline and sportsmanship with which the team shook hands with and thanked the opposition showed genuine mutual respect and a maturity that filled me with pride. Max C, team captain, finished by getting the team into a huddle for a post-match debrief and to praise the efforts of his fellow players. They listened intently and considerately to everything he had to say; afterwards, when I asked how he managed it (and questioned whether I should consider wearing a rugby scrumcap when talking to Year 11 boys to gain similar levels of captivation), he simply said, "it's rugby, Miss. It's about respect".

Their performance and conduct reminded me of everything that is brilliant about our young players, and I look forward to watching the rest of their season unfold.





Drama workshop sessions



landmarks throughout Brighton and take a “selfie” with all team members present. It was very close between first and second team. However, the winners were team D – Sasha, Katie, Ed, Zac, Nicole, Grace, Daniel, Alex and Lara. 2nd and 3rd place prizes were also awarded! Well done year 12!



Turing House Friends - Second-Hand Uniform Sale

It's time to give those donations a new home! Join us for our Second-Hand Uniform Sale on **Saturday 30th September from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, in the school canteen area. It's like a mini treasure hunt for affordable, gently loved school uniform. We have a variety of stock so there should be something for everyone. Mark your calendars and get ready to score some great deals while supporting sustainability, and raising funds. See you there!

Open Evening Thursday 28th September, early finish followed by a later start on the 29th September. Further details will be sent out shortly.



Year 12 students spent the day in Brighton last Friday. The weather was on our side, and it was a great opportunity for our Year 12 internal and external students to get to know each other better. The challenge was set to find 16 well known



Book Review – I am Malala, By Joseph, 8U

Following studying biographies in Year 7, in which we researched inspiring lives, I was compelled to read

Malala Yousafzai's children's autobiography, 'I am Malala', a decision that I certainly do not regret making. I went on an emotional rollercoaster with many twists, many turns, and a happy ending. The book explores Malala Yousafzai's tumultuous life, from her happy childhood, to her early teens where she campaigned for girls' rights, to the Taliban's attack against her, to her new life in England. No matter how hard things got, no matter how many times she got hurt, she always got back up again, remaining an inspiration to us all. She endured the conflict in Pakistan between the army and the Taliban, lived through bomb blasts, and watched her town slowly descend into chaos. Yet not once did she ever lose hope. I would highly recommend I am Malala because it is an exciting, hilarious and joyful read, guaranteed to bring out the activist in us all. In the words of Malala Yousafzai, "When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful." If this girl's heartfelt story doesn't teach you about perseverance, then I don't know what will.

Extra-curricular clubs and activities



If families have any old board games they no longer use, we would love them for our new Board game Club.

(chess, backgammon, monopoly, card decks etc.) Any donations from parents would be greatly appreciated! A big thank you to those families who have already donated.

Absence Reporting

A quick reminder to ensure that you contact the school in the event of any absence. Please use:

attendance@turinghouseschool.org.uk

You can also report absence using Studybugs or by calling the absence line on 0208 069 6100 – option 1.

All absences must be reported by 8.30am.



Year 8 Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Year 8 boys continued their league efforts in their second match, this time coming up against Orleans Park. Having showed great improvement in last week's game, the Turing team were hoping to go one better and secure the first win of the year. It was the opposition who got off to a flying start, however, as the boys were two tries down at half time, despite some fantastic try-saving tackles. Momentum swung the other way in the second half and the boys were quick to capitalise on their efforts to turn over the ball. They fought back and finished the match with two tries each. There were also some students in the team who were getting their first taste of competitive rugby! Well done to all involved!



Year 7/8 Girls Football v Teddington

The combined Year 7 and 8 girls football team got their league campaign underway this week as they faced Teddington in their first match of the year. The Turing team created some great chances and put some brilliant saves on show, but it was the other side who established an early lead which they managed to keep up until the final whistle. The girls have only had one chance to train together but will no doubt build on their cohesion and skills throughout the term - girls football runs every Thursday after school, all girls are welcome to turn up. Their next game is on Monday against Twickenham. Well done to all involved!



Year 12 & 13 Boys v Heathlands

The year 12 & 13 boys got off to a flying start with a win over Heathlands school in their first match of the year. There were some outstanding performances on the pitch and the students represented the school brilliantly with their conduct and manner. It was great to see a 6th Form crowd also cheering on the students.



Footballers wanted

Players wanted - Hearts U13 Girls





"nothing without great effort"

NEW players wanted	Hearts of Teddlothian Lynx's are looking for new players to join them this season in their U13s league (for girls who are going into year 8 from September 2023). We are looking for a goalkeeper and additional outfield players as we move up to 11-a-side matches. If you already play, have a passion about football, play at school and want to step up to matches or wanted to play on Saturday as well as your existing Sunday team. We'd love to hear from you.
Home ground	Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Rd, Twickenham TW2 5LH
Matches & training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning matches • Tuesday night training • Summer practice sessions – we will run some casual summer practice sessions should you want to try it out
Contact	girlsfootball@heartsofteddlothian.com

Royal Parks Advice

STAY AWAY FROM RUTTING DEER, THE ROYAL PARKS URGE VISITORS



Male deer have been busy growing this year's antlers, starting with fuzzy buds and culminating in impressive antlers that they hone to sharp points ready to defend and attack in rutting exchanges.

While a rut is spectacular to see and hear, observing at a close distance is dangerous. These antlers are as deadly as they are impressive. Please read below The Royal Park's press release:

Autumn signals a shift in deer behaviour as the rutting season kicks off in Bushy and Richmond Parks. From



September until early November, male deer will roar and clash antlers in a bid to fight off rivals and attract as many females as possible to mate with.

During this time, park visitors are being advised by The Royal Parks charity to be extra vigilant and stay well away from the deer, as the stags are pumped full of testosterone, can weigh over 25 stone and reach speeds of up to 30 miles per hour.

Visitors will notice a significant change in the deer from mid-September," explains Bill Swan, Bushy Park's Assistant Park Manager. "The first obvious change is the sound of deer bellowing in the parks as a warning to their rivals. Soon enough, the dominant male deer will start to round up the females, and fighting with other deer may ensue in a bid to hold onto their harems.

During the rut, The Royal Parks is urging people to take responsibility for their own safety by:

Keeping to a minimum distance of 50m from the deer. If the male deer seem active, then visitors should stay at least 100m away.

Always keeping dogs on a lead near the deer or walking them elsewhere.

Abiding by the British Deer Society's Code of Conduct when photographing deer.

Never getting in between two rutting deer.

The mating season also attracts photographers from the length and breadth of the country, and they too are being urged to give the deer respect and space and reminded that the 50 metre rule also applies to them.

Volunteer rangers, identifiable by their bright orange jackets, will be issuing safety advice to visitors in both parks, explaining the physical and behavioural changes that the deer are experiencing during the rut and how people can keep themselves and their families safe.

For everything you need to know about the deer rutting season, read the blog: [12 things you should know about the deer rutting season - Richmond Park; Bushy Park - The Royal Parks.](#)

To report an injury to a dog or a deer, please contact:
Bushy Park: 0300 061 2250 or
email bushy@royalparks.org.uk