



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It's that time of year again when we ask all of the school community to make nominations for the Jack Petchey Awards.



This is a chance for students to be recognised for anything their peers, teachers and parents believe that should be celebrated. We'll have three awards this side of Christmas then six before July. There is also the opportunity to nominate a leader award. This went to Mr Evans last year. The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to inspire and celebrate young people. Since 1999, over £160 million has been invested in programmes to benefit young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex. More information can be found at Home - Jack



Petchey Foundation. To nominate all you need to do is click this link or scan this QR code and make your case as clearly as you can. The staff will then decide who the final winners will be.



**Year 7 SEND information evening** – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October, 5 -5.40pm (invites sent)

**Year 12 settling in evening (virtual)** – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Year 13 tutor evening (virtual)** - Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October.



**THS – Sixth Form Open Evening  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Sixth Form Open Evening is one of the highlights of the year in which we see the process of our Year 11 students thinking about their future more seriously and ultimately taking their first steps into a wider world as young adults. We look forward to seeing our Year 11 students and their parents on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Parents and carers, please check your email from school as we have just sent out the timetable of our clubs and activities. There are so many on offer it was hard to fit onto one page! Note that there are new clubs still being added to the list, such as



Warhammer Club on Tuesdays after school with Mr Hopkins and a Pokemon Club starting on Tuesday

lunchtimes with Mr Long. We welcome all students to try our clubs so please come along and don't be shy!

## Year 7 School Disco

We held our first ever school disco last night and the Year 7s had a ball. There were some great moves on the dancefloor!



## Blood Brothers

Woking Theatre are putting on a week of shows of Blood Brothers in January, which is perfect timing for Year 8 who will be studying the play then. It's such a powerful, funny and entertaining production; we would highly recommend taking your children in Year 8 to see it if possible. There are currently lots of tickets available at £15 and £20. [Blood Brothers Tickets | New Victoria Theatre, Woking in Woking | ATG Tickets](#)

## Black History Month

[Black History Month books - Teen and YA 2023 - YouTube](#)

As part of Black History Month, Richmond libraries have put together this video with a list of recommendations of books to mark Black



History Month. The English department also recommends Malorie Blackman's 'Noughts and Crosses' and Dean Atta's 'Black Flamingo' as two of our favourites for this month.

### Ex-student's achievements

At Turing, we always love to hear from ex-students as they continue on their journeys. This week, we heard from Sean L who is studying Film, TV and Acting at the College of North Atlantic in Newfoundland; he had a remarkable weekend! Have a look at what he told us:

"I entered the AGBO No Sleep Till Film Festival, an annual 48-hour short film competition created by the Russo brothers (producers of Marvel). These people also made the 'Everything Everywhere' film which is pretty cool. We stayed up until 2am on Friday writing a script, woke up at 9am Saturday to film until 11pm and then edited and created an original soundtrack on the piano on Sunday. Absolute CHAOS! But tons of fun."

To see the final result, it's amazing to think they achieved all of this over the space of 48 hours! Have a watch for yourselves here: <https://youtu.be/iAL08jVAH7k?si=snJxb-0yJ76GoNW7>

### For families of children with ADHD

Our local group ADHD Embrace offer 1:1 Family Support sessions which are free to residents of Richmond and Kingston Boroughs. They are bookable online with ADHD Embrace Family Support for parents who want to discuss their children and ideas for specific support in more detail.

<https://adhdembrace.org/register-for-a-family-support-session/>



### Year 11 Boys Rugby v Teddington

The Year 11 boys, and some willing Year 10 students who replaced a number of unavailable players, faced Teddington in their second league match. With Teddington tipped as the team to beat this year, the Turing team were as determined as ever. The match started as an even contest with both teams capitalising on brief visits to the opposition 22. The second half started in the same fashion and just two scores separated the teams. However, it was the opposition who gained an edge in the latter stages and used that momentum to secure a victory. It's a quick turnaround for the next game against Christ's where the team will be looking to get back to winning ways. Well done to all involved!

### Year 7/8 Girls Football v Waldegrave

The combined Year 7 and 8 girls football team continued their league campaign when they played Waldegrave earlier this week. The girls were looking to capitalise on a fantastic win last week, but this time playing away from home. The match got off to a steady start as both teams hoped to settle into the game by reacting to opposition tactics on the ball. A goal for the home side suddenly opened up the game and, with the Turing team trailing, the girls didn't hold back from then on. They didn't just come back with one goal to settle the score, but several shots found the target and helped the team to establish another dominant win as the game finished 4-1. The girls will take on Hampton High at home in their next game - can they keep their winning form going? Well done to everyone involved!



**Year 8 Boys Football v Teddington**

The Year 8 boys got their football league underway with a home match against Teddington. The Turing team found themselves on the back foot not once but on two occasions as they trailed by a goal before levelling the score. They then had to work hard again as the opposition put themselves back in the lead, but the boys refused to accept defeat as they scored to put them back in the game. Both sides fell short of finding a winner as the final score was a 3-3 draw, but it was a brilliant show of resilience. There was no time to dwell on the result as the team then played their next game the very next day. Read on to find out how they managed against Hampton High. Well done to all involved!

year; a team who don't take losses, or draws for that matter, lightly. How do the Year 8 boys come back from a draw to make a statement in their campaign? They don't concede a single goal and make the most of several chances in their next game. That's exactly what they did against Hampton High as the final result was 4-0 to the home side. They're also thinking of trademarking the "point the badge" photo pose. Up next is Richmond upon Thames next week. Well done to all involved!



**Year 8 Boys Football v Hampton High**

Having played Teddington the day before, it was a very quick turnaround for the Year 8 boys who were back on the pitch, this time playing at home against Hampton High. Although they could be proud of their efforts, it's fair to say the Turing team came away from the previous game feeling slightly disappointed. This was a team who reached the borough final last

**Sports Clubs**

**Teddington Rugby Football Club**  
YOUR CLUB

**Teddington RFC** are recruiting new players for our **Boys Under 14 (Year 9)** section for this season!

We run 2 teams playing in the Middlesex & Surrey leagues, playing each Sunday at Bushy Park, and training midweek.

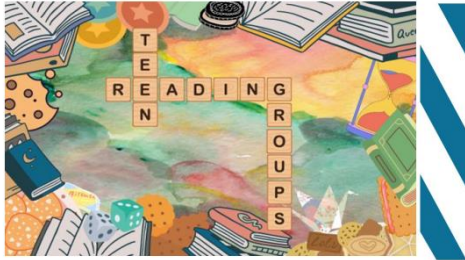
Experienced or no experience – we welcome all!  
Free taster sessions before signing up

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Notices

Please see this wonderful offer by our local library in Whitton. We want to really encourage you to try to take your child along to support their love of reading. It looks like a fantastic opportunity to go once a month to explore the joy of reading. As I am sure you are aware, the more students read, the more they can excel in their school studies, and therefore in their onward lives. Too good an offer to miss!



### Teen Reading Group

Meet other booklovers and discover great titles together

New monthly sessions for 11–14-year-olds. Discover new titles and fantastic authors, find inspiration for writing your own short stories and poetry and make friends too.

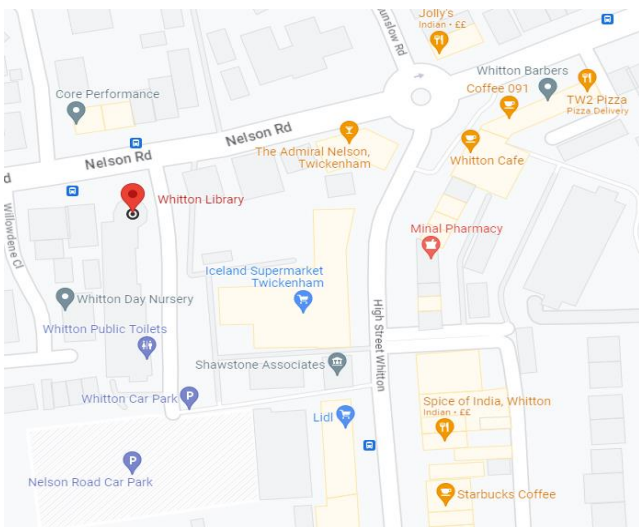
Celebrating the love of reading and a wide variety of genres, sessions are relaxed and social. Biscuits and drinks will be provided. Sessions will take place once a month during term time for one hour.

First Monday of the month  
4.00pm – 5.00pm

Whitton Library  
141 Nelson Road, Whitton  
TW2 7BB

To find out more about Richmond upon Thames Library Services visit: [www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries)

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### Autumn 2023

Saturday 14 October 2023, 10am-2pm  
Wednesday 18 October, 2023 5-8pm  
Tuesday 14 November 2023, 5-8pm

### Spring/Summer 2024

Wednesday 6 March 2024, 5-8pm  
Thursday 25 April 2024, 5-8pm  
Tuesday 18 June 2024, 5-8pm

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