



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

For those of you wishing to know what the latest on our Ofsted report, the draft report arrived on my desk this week. This has now been sent back with my comments and we await the final verdict shortly. Two highlights shone for me this week. I don't often get a chance to get out and watch out students on the sports field, however I shifted a few commitments around in order to get out and see our Sixth Form and Year 11 girls take on Harrodian. For those of you unaware, this is an independent school in Barnes. I was completely blown away by the quality of our team. I witnessed impeccable first touches, brilliant attacking play and the desire to go



Figure 1 The arrow shows how far out Chloe was!

past the opposition. The wonder goal from Chloe was a standout, but each player shone. Sadly, we lost on penalties but each student can hold their head up high. They **were** the better side. My second area of pride is in relation to the



school bus at the end of the day. As bus number three arrived, I asked Harvey and Max in Year 11 if they could manage students as they load onto the bus. I do this every day and sometimes students in their desire to get home can be exuberant. It was great to see these two young men being assertive, kind and confident in managing this process for me. Well done, boys!



As a gentle reminder to all of our parents and carers, parking, dropping off on school site is not allowed, unless permission has been given for a specific reason. We have also narrowed down to a very small number of parents who continue to drop off on the

double yellow lines in Montrose Avenue then complete a U-turn back onto Hospital Bridge Road. Please avoid this as it puts the safety of our students at risk and leaves me dealing with complaints.



Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day in support of Anti-Bullying week.

Friday 17th November – Christmas Card competition deadline

Wednesday 22nd November - 2024 Ski trip online information evening (5-5.45pm)

UK Parliament Week



This week we have been celebrating UK Parliament Week! UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is an annual event,

spreading the word about what Parliament is, what it does and how you can get involved. Each year group has been delivered a bespoke tutor programme this week, with activities including:

- Assemblies
- A whole-school vote on the proposed changes to A Levels
- What’s in the news literacy session
- Careers in Politics
- Who is our MP session in which Munira Wilson has answered some questions from our students
- A politics quiz

Our Key Stage 3 Politics Club has also been busy thinking about why learning about Parliament is so important for young people. Well done to Harsheen and Eva for a fantastic poster!



Anti-Bullying week



To help raise awareness of bullying, Odd Socks Day will take place on Monday 13th November, the

first day of Anti-Bullying Week. Students can come into school wearing odd socks and help celebrate what makes us all unique!

Christmas Card Competition

Calling all budding artists out there!

Design an original Christmas card by Friday 17th November to be in with a chance to win our yearly Christmas Card competition. See your design made into a card and get bonus points too!

Here are a couple of lovely examples of winners from previous years.

Merry Christmas



Turing House School



Happy Christmas from all of us at Turing House School

Shrek update

Meet our Shreks! With Scottish accents having been approved by Ms Scott, James and Joe will be sharing

the role of Shrek in our annual school show. The show will be held on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, and Wednesday 27th March - save the date to come and watch. Tickets will be on sale on Parentpay nearer the time.



Year 8 English

Year 8 have been writing poems on the theme of identity, linked to their study of 'The Dark Lady' by Akala in English lessons.

We loved these poems:

Born in England , that's where I'm from
My home, my school, my friends are here
And here is where I belong.
A wave, a smile and a cheer
That's all I need today.
I'm a student, a daughter and a sister
As sunny as daisies at the end of May

I'm as loud as a bang, but as quiet as a whisper
I like singing but not dancing
Diving into a good book
Looking at the stars, glancing
At the moon – take a look.
So many things I like to do,
And music is what I listen to.
by Caoimhe

Believe in yourself
and what you can be
and not what others
think that you are.
Believe in your dreams.
and don't listen to
others - they're just being mean.
Someone called me dumb
I know that's not true-
I know I'm smart
Just like you
by Brogan

Quiet and subtle said my mother
Born in a country that I love
My big sister treats me like a little brother
My motherland is warm like a glove
Home of my grandparents, home of my cousins
I see myself as a 'cyclor'
Travelling tens and dozens
My grandad is more of a hiker
Sometimes I dream
About our planet
Full of oceans, lands full of green
As I write this sonnet
I think to myself
You can only be yourself
by Laimis

Sports fixtures

Year 10 Boys Rugby v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 10 boys rugby team hosted St Richard Reynolds at the beginning of the week in a rescheduled fixture they had been eagerly waiting for. With a brilliant contest unfolding, the game was a

tale of two halves with the Turing team only trailing by one try at the break. In the second half, the boys came agonisingly close to equalising on two occasions but it was the visitors who managed to run away with the victory as they turned up their efforts in the last 10 minutes. One year ago, this same fixture finished with THS failing to score and the opposition delivering a record defeat - the fact that the boys dominated this time round for large parts of the match in possession as well as in defence shows just how much they have improved. Well done to all involved!

Year 10 Boys Rugby League Tournament

London Broncos Rugby League Club hosted a tournament on our rugby pitch, which saw THS and three other Year 10 teams play against one another. Despite a different code of rugby, the Turing team were looking to make amends for the defeat they incurred on the previous day in their union fixture. The boys came out firing on all cylinders, showing that they possessed the ability to switch from union to league seamlessly. They put on a seriously impressive performance in all three games and finished second after very narrowly falling short to the eventual tournament winners. Well done to all involved!



Year 7/8 Girls Football v Hampton High

The Year 7 and 8 girls took on Hampton High this week on the football pitch. Two fantastic finishes, one in each half of the game, were enough for the Turing team to ensure their winning streak continued as they came away with a 2-0 win. The girls finished the match feeling somewhat dissatisfied with their performance, having created more chances than the score suggests. This mindset gives you a good indication of why their results so often reflect success as the team search for

perfection every time. Their next game is against Richmond upon Thames on Monday. Well done to all involved!



Year 10/11 Girls Netball v Twickenham

They Year 10/11 girls netball team made the short trip to Twickenham to play their league fixture. The weather forced the match inside but this did not dampen the spirits of the Turing team as they were ready to get stuck in regardless of playing conditions. A low scoring game was a credit to the defensive play of both teams, but it was the opposition who had the edge in attack. The girls kept on pushing forward with the ball and showed great determination to stay in the match, but the final score finished 11-4 despite gutsy THS efforts. They were then given a second chance to prove themselves as they took on Waldegrave at the end of the week, results on that game to follow. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Table Tennis Tournament

Four Year 8 boys took part in the borough's annual table tennis tournament, representing THS and testing their skills against other competitors. With all

four students making a very strong start in the tournament, the Turing team had made their winning intentions clear from the beginning - they meant business and were hoping to make the most of the home venue advantage. When all was said and done, the boys battled their way to second place which they can be very proud of, as this is always a highly competitive fixture. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football Tournament

Orleans Park hosted a new tournament which gave second teams in the borough the chance to perform in a competitive environment on the football pitch against one another. The Turing team lost narrowly to Richmond Park Academy and Orleans Park, but came back against Christ's to avoid a third loss and salvage a draw instead. The final results do not reflect the effort and enthusiasm that was on display all afternoon from the boys - they left with their heads held high and even more appreciation for the real winner of the day...football. Well done to all involved!



Sixth Form Girls Football v The Harrodian School

The Sixth Form girls had reached the quarter final of the Surrey Cup where they met the Harrodian School at home. The opposition posed a formidable challenge - an independent school known for its footballing success and they had already toppled some giants in the school football game to get this far in the competition. Nonetheless, perseverance, leadership and creativity are among our Turing values and the Turing team embodied those values on the pitch in spectacular fashion. The girls came from 2-1 down to 2 each in extra time after what may well be the best individual goal we see all year. A statement was made with the leveller, tension increased, hopes raised, and we headed into penalties. Sport can be a cruel mistress, and unfortunately it was the opposition who came out of the penalty shootout as victors. The girls, however, can be immensely proud of their performance. Well done to all involved!

ADHD Embrace



If you have a family member with ADHD, this may be of

interest to you:

ADHD Coaching – what does it involve and benefits to children and young people

About this Event

Students with ADHD have unique strengths and challenges that require personalised support strategies. Coaching involves working with students to identify areas of difficulty, build on existing strengths, create action plans, and set achievable academic and personal goals. This seminar will cover:

- What is ADHD Coaching?
- What can you expect from an ADHD coach supporting your child
- What are the potential benefits?
- Difference between coaching and tutoring
- How can ADHD coaching support a child to develop their executive functions?

About the speaker

Tamsin Crook, Career Management and Coaching, with a focus on ADHD

Online information

Registrants will be emailed the Zoom dial in details on the morning of the webinar.

Pricing & Assisted Places - *We charge a modest amount for our seminars in order to help us cover our costs, yet we also want them to be affordable to as many people as possible. We have a limited number of assisted places for those suffering financial hardship. To apply for an assisted place, please get in touch with us outlining your circumstances at jenny.c@adhdembrace.org*

When

14th November, 2023 from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Email: info@adhdembrace.org

[Book now](#)

Hampton Wick Cricket Club



Hampton Wick Royal CC has a thriving juniors section that caters for children aged 5 upwards. This year we have set up a girls section and are looking to grow it. We have entered the Middlesex softball league and Surrey hardball league for girls and hosted a Surrey SMASH event at the club, with a number of clubs from across Surrey attending.

HWRCC won both the u10s and u11s events.



All ages and standards are welcome.
Training takes place on Sundays at Esher College starting 14th January 1-3pm.

Bushy Park
off Park Road
Hampton Wick,
Kingston-upon-Thames
Surrey KT1 4AZ
<https://hwrcc.co.uk/>

For more information in joining the junior section contact James Watson: j.watson@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk



Hampton Wick Royal
Cricket Club



Try it! Cricket Sessions

Even if you've never played cricket before, come along to our fun and friendly taster sessions! Run by Level 2 qualified coaches, you'll get a chance to have fun, try out new skills, make new friends and see if cricket is for you in a no-pressure environment! Open to children of all ages, girls and boys.

Details:

Venue: Tiffin Boys School Sports Hall, Queen Elizabeth Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT2 6RL

Dates: Sundays 21 Jan, 28 Jan, 4 Feb, 11 Feb

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Cost: £5 per session, payable on the day. Come to as many or as few as you like! Suggest indoor trainers & comfy sports clothes.

Contact: juniorcricket@hwrcc.co.uk for more details or with any questions!



London Irish

The poster features a background image of a rugby player in a green jersey running with the ball. At the top left, there are social media icons for Instagram (@LIFoundation), Facebook (@LIFoundation), and X (@LIFoundation), along with the website address www.londonirishfoundation.org. The London Irish Foundation logo is prominently displayed in the upper left. A QR code is located in the upper right under the heading 'BOOK HERE:'. The main title 'HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP' is in large, bold letters. Below it, the date is 'WEDNESDAY 20TH OF DECEMBER 2023', the time is '9:00AM - 3:00PM', and the age group is 'U12 - U18'. The location is 'LONDON IRISH RUGBY CLUB, HAZELWOOD, SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX, TW16 6QU'. The cost is listed as 'EARLY BIRD SALE UP UNTIL 24/11/23 OF: £40' and '25/11/23 ONWARDS COST OF: £50'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION Please contact johnny.ohehir@londonirishfoundation.org'.