



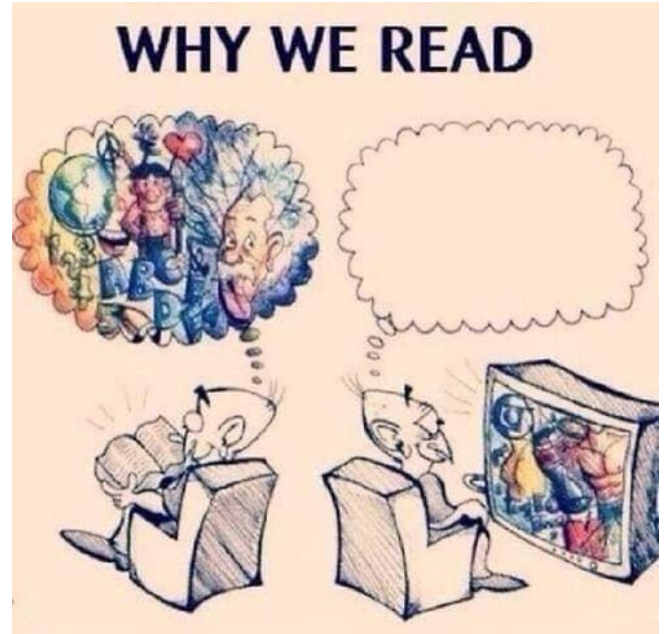
# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

A huge well done to all of our Year 11 learners for the way in which they conducted themselves during the first batch of Year 11 mocks. It was brilliant to see groups of students with detailed revision notes and cards, testing each other and generally being fantastic. They'll be doing it all again in the new year as thesecond mocks serve as preparation for the final exams in early May. Our attention now turns to our Year 13 students who start their mocks on Monday.

Our reading drive still continues at Turing, so please ensure that your children are reading as much as they can. With Christmas approaching and the latest computer games being released, don't forgot about books! If you want any recommendations please contact us for advice. I am currently reading a series of books called Savage Earth by P.T. Hylton and Jonathan Benecke; I highly recommend them!



## Mo-vember



You may have noticed that some of our teachers are growing (or attempting to grow) a moustache in aid of MOVEMBER. If you would like to donate, please scan this QR code. MO-NY thanks!





## KEY DATES

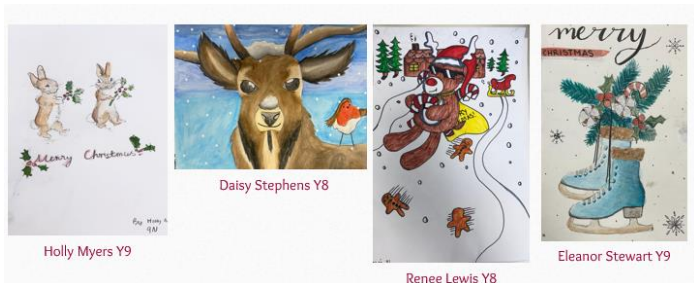


Year 13 mocks - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Year 7 Information evening (Parents only) -  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

## Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all the students who entered this year's Christmas Card competition. We had so many amazing designs – here are some of the creations.



And the winner is... **Zana, Year 10.**



## Year 7 Battle of Hastings Re-Enactment

Year 7 have been studying the famous battles of 1066 this half term and learning lots about the tactics used

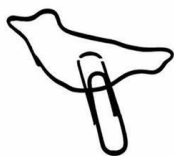


by the Anglo-Saxons and Normans in the Battle of Hastings in particular. To consolidate their learning, Mr Long and Ms Riglin's classes took to the field this Monday and re-

enacted the famous event. From the rousing speech William made to inspire his troops, to the breaking of the Anglo-Saxon shield wall by the Norman false retreat, and finally the death of Harold Godwinson - it was all acted out fantastically by our students. Well done in particular to Harvey and Demir for their leading roles!



## Year 12 Drama



### The Paper Birds Theatre Company

Year 12 Drama students took part in a workshop this week with The Paper Birds Theatre Company. The Paper Birds devise their own

verbatim theatre based on socio-political issues. Year 12 will be using the methods of The Paper Birds to create their own drama work as part of their A-Level course.

## Clubs and activities

It's wonderful to see so many extra-curricular activities happening. Walking around the school after 3pm it is a hive of activity with a lot of very happy looking students engaged in a whole range of sports, music, drama, science, and knitting to name just a few. Here are some pictures from our very popular Warhammer club run by Mr Hopkins.

**STUDENTS** – if you are not already joining in with a club or activity, ask your carers/parents or your tutor at school to help you choose something.



## Turing Cards



This week, we launched the 'Turing Card' to recognise students that are consistently going above and beyond to conduct themselves with excellence. Mrs Lewis, Mr Parkin, Mrs Lamb, Mr Tse-Laurence, Ms Ward and Mr Kavanagh all issued their first ever Turing card to the below Year 9 students:

9A - Isla - *"For consistently turning up on time in the perfect uniform, contributing to Writing Club and particularly for her contributions to our tutor task of finding a wider range of subjects to talk about in tutor time".*

9L - Alice - *"For consistently giving their best effort across all of their classes and contributing to a range of extracurricular activities."*



In 9N, Mrs Lamb struggled to name one! Being the maverick she is, she named two:

9N - Oliver - *"For always meeting expectations and consistently modelling Turing Values including curiosity and modesty. He is polite and always strives to do his best."*

9N - Elli - *"For her incredible number of star student awards throughout the year. Elli is working exceptionally hard in lessons, displaying leadership and modesty. She is always polite and helpful."*

9T – Kara - *"For her brilliant attitude, dedication to learning and to settling in beautifully to Turing."*

9U - Naji - *"For consistently demonstrating the utmost maturity and modesty within tutor times and throughout his time at school. Well done!"*

9R – Lily - *"For being a dedicated, kind and compassionate member of the school community. Well done, Lily!"*

These students should feel incredibly proud of themselves and take pride in the recognition that their teachers are giving them as it truly is deserved. I personally am very proud as your Head of Year. Well done!

## Learning concern from home



If you are concerned about the learning needs of your child, please complete the brief survey using this QR Code or link. These can also be found on our website under 'contact us'. When you have completed the form, a member of the Learning Support Team will investigate and contact you within five working days.

## Writing Club

### The Importance of School Uniform - by Holly, Year 9

Due to the new uniform infringement system, Turing would like to remind students on why wearing the school uniform correctly and with pride is important.

There are many benefits to attending a school that takes pride in wearing a school uniform:

- 1.If you wear the same uniform every day for school you will spend less time (and money) over clean and appropriate clothes to wear.
2. Wearing a uniform with pride prepares students for their future, where in many scenarios you will be expected to dress appropriately for different environments. Our school uniform will provide an easy understanding of why and how you will be expected to dress.
3. It is proven that wearing a uniform not only increases your pride, it also improves your learning and work ethic, as wearing a school uniform creates a more serious and academic-oriented environment.
4. Most importantly, students should be understanding of the fact that not everyone can afford to *not* wear a uniform. Wearing the same thing as everyone else creates a sense of equality and cohesion, as well as increasing your confidence which is a huge part of what Turing aims to promote.

In conclusion, due to the many reasons Turing values school uniform; it is important we reflect that in the way we dress and represent Turing.

## Careers Fair 2024

**NEXT STEPS  
CAREERS FAIR**  
18th April 2024 5:30 - 7:30pm  
Years 9 - 13  
Students and Parents Welcome

**TURING  
HOUSE**

We are delighted to announce the launch of our next Careers fair for students in years 9 – 13 on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 5.30 - 7.30pm.**

We are hoping to build on the wide array of careers represented last year, where we had over 40 stands and speakers with approximately 400 attendees.

We are therefore looking for representatives from a variety of careers, and this year we are particularly interested to hear from anyone working in trades. We have already had some exciting professionals agree to join us including representatives from the Home Office and experts in the latest AI technology in education. For the first time we also have 'Global Academy' who specialise in technical and creative media education.

Are you able to help us in any way? Do you run a Company or have an interesting job that our students may be interested in? Are you willing spend some time telling them about your experience in the workplace/your career path?

If so, please get in touch with the Careers team via [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk) preferably by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Please include a brief overview of your role/ company and include your contact details. We will then contact you with further details.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

THS Careers Team

## Lessons from Auschwitz

The History Department have organised for two of our Year 13 students to take part in the *Lessons from Auschwitz* Programme which is being run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. The trip will be an incredible opportunity for two of our students to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp to afford them with a far greater understanding of the history of the Holocaust. We sent four students on the programme last year and they found the experience incredibly interesting, powerful and

educational. The programme involves more than just the one-day trip, and the full dates of the programme can be found below:

<b>Orientation Seminar (online):</b>	Sunday 25th February, 1:00pm
<b>One-day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland:</b>	Thursday 29th February, from Gatwick Airport
<b>Follow-up Seminar (online):</b>	Wednesday 6th March, 3:30pm
<b>Next Steps deadline:</b>	Wednesday 17th April

Year 13 Historians should register their interest with Ms Riglin by the end of the day on Monday.

## Music Awards



Well done to Lily in Year 7, who competed in the pianoforte section of Kingston-upon-Thames Festival of The Performing Arts, where she won a Gold Medal, 1st place with Distinction in the Exam Music Grades 4 & 5 class, and two Very Good (Merit+) marks in Jazz, Blues & Rock 12 years & under and 20th Century: 17 years and under classes.

## Sports fixtures

### Year 9 Boys Rugby League Tournament

The Year 9 boys took part in the regional stages of the annual London and Southeast rugby league tournament, representing Richmond. As ever, some serious competition from the other teams meant that the Turing team had to be on top form in order to compete with the best. Heads almost dropped after suffering three narrow defeats in a row, only to turn the tide and find their rhythm during the remaining three matches. With this being their only exposure to rugby league this year, the boys can be proud of their performance and the way they picked themselves up

from the opening games to just missing out on third place overall on points difference. Well done to all involved!

### **Year 7 Boys Football v Epsom College**

The Year 7 boys hosted Epsom College in the Surrey Cup. Like most fixtures for this year group, the boys are made to wait until later in the year for their regular football league to commence, so this game was a welcomed opportunity to play together for the first time. The Turing team searched for that first goal and didn't stop pushing up front, but the defence stood firm and the visitors netted their chances to ensure victory. The effort and heart from the boys could not be faulted, but they were beaten by a team who had the edge up front in structure and physicality, giving them some key areas to target for next time. Well done to all involved!



### **Year 9 Girls Netball Tournament**

Earlier in the week, the Year 9 girls travelled to Christ's School to take part in the borough netball tournament. The Turing team managed to finish fourth overall after a tough afternoon of back-to-back games. With lots of wet weather disrupting much of the netball schedule this term and last, the girls have not had many opportunities to play together so far this year. However, the team still showed positive signs of progress as their work with coach Ellis Tuohy of Green Jaguar Fitness is paying off. Thank you to Sixth Former Abby P, who has also been helping to support and umpire. Onwards and upwards! Well done to all involved!



### **Year 7 Boys Rugby League Tournament**

The Year 7 boys got their first taste of school rugby this week as they took part in the borough rugby league tournament. Unfortunately, the tournament only comprised of THS and Richmond upon Thames due to clashes with other fixtures, but it meant that the Turing team could throw everything they had into their one match. An entertaining cat-and-mouse style of game played out - as one team scored, the other would quickly come back to hold level again. The Turing team showed brilliance on the ball as they exploited gaps and played much of the game in the opposition's half. It was the other team who scored in the last play of the game to claim the win, but the boys can be very proud of the level of enthusiasm and grit they showed. Well done to all involved!



### **Year 9 Boys Basketball v St Bonaventure**

The Year 9 boys basketball team had another big game to play in the Dynamik League earlier this week. They took on St Bonaventure at home, who provided the Turing team with quite the challenge as they looked to have the physical edge between the two sides. However, the THS boys remain unnerved as

their wealth of experience proves crucial in every game they play. They remained composed, calm and deadly in the key as they attempted to chase the opposition's narrow lead deep in the latter stages. In the end, the boys fell short of closing the gap on the scoreboard as the away team won 56-78, but the determination they showed was nothing short of stellar. Thank you to Sixth Form student Adam P, for his help with the umpiring too. Well done to all involved!



## Free School Meal Eligibility

Students whose family is receipt of certain benefits may be eligible to receive Free School Meals. A full list of these benefits can be found in this link:

[Free school meals - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames](#)

If your child does **not** currently receive Free School Meals but you think they might be eligible then please complete the eligibility checker here <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If your child is eligible then you will be able to print a certificate of eligibility and send it to us via [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk).

Families of THS students who are already receiving FSM need take no further action.

## Barracudas



Barracudas are launching their lowest rates with their **Early Booking offer**, saving up to **£79 per week!** Parents can also benefit from our low deposit rates, so they can secure their child's place for just £10 a day or £25 a week and pay the rest later.

**Not only that, but on top our lowest prices, they're also offering an additional £10 off any full week bookings with the code SCHOOL10.**