



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mrs Collins

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope that you were able to spend quality time with family and loved ones over the Christmas break. It's been a pleasure to welcome students back this week and watch them get straight back into school life. It has also been really wonderful to welcome back Mr O'Sullivan! Whilst his recovery is progressing enough for him to be back in the school building, he still needs to take care as the healing of his shoulder continues to be a delicate process. However, he is delighted to be back and I know he is looking forward to slowly being able build back up to full capacity.

After the eight-week half term that took us up to Christmas, Term 3 is remarkably short at only five weeks. This feels particularly pronounced for years 11 and 13, who have their second set of mock exams beginning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Y11 Parents' Evening on Thursday allowed teachers to give praise, encouragement and specific feedback on how students can best improve on their Mock 1 results, as we begin the final stretch towards their real exams.



As always, if you need any advice on how to support your child with revision, please reach out to teachers who will be more than happy to help!

## Geography Club

The amazing members of the Geography Club spent time designing a flag to represent Turing House to celebrate Antarctica Day. This day was set up to raise awareness of this incredible and fragile place, with the aim of raising awareness and celebrating the signing of the Antarctic Treaty in 1959. We then sent our flag to the UK Polar Network where it travelled with scientific researchers to Antarctica. Well - amazing news! Our flag has travelled to Antarctica with Emma Pearce, a Glaciologist.

The photograph below was taken at Halley VI Research Station on the Brunt Ice Shelf. Emma is studying ice fractures and a large crack in the ice called Halloween. More information about this can be found here <https://www.bas.ac.uk/media-post/brunt-ice-shelf-in-antarctica-calves/>



The flag was designed by students, they chose to alter our school logo to reflect colours of the Antarctic continent.



Year 9 DTP & Meningitis ACWY vaccinations – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

### Dr Frost

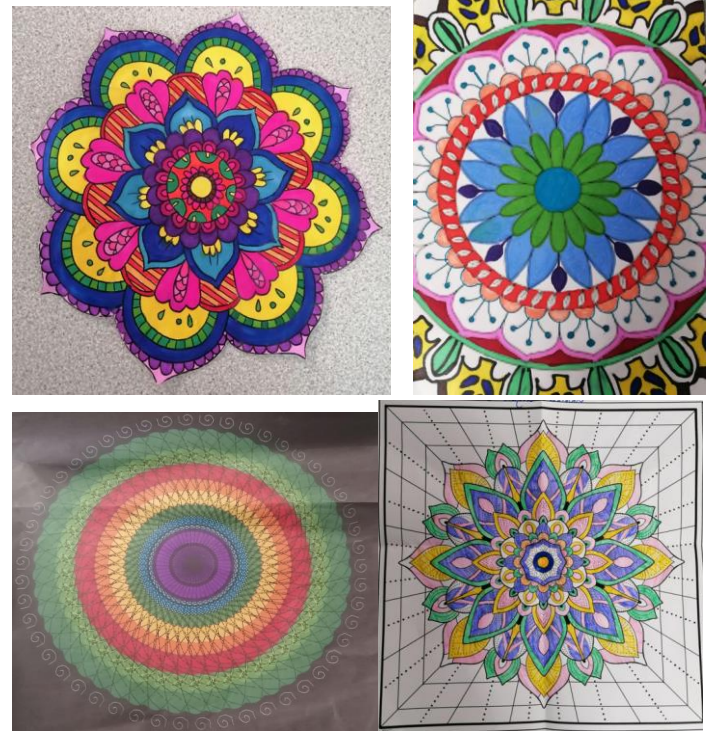
Students at Turing House have reached an exciting milestone - 1,000,000 points on DrFrostMaths.com! This is a hugely impressive number and places our school 25<sup>th</sup> on the global rankings. We appreciate the hard work that students are putting into their homework and independent revision. Thank you, parents, for continuing to support your child in their efforts with the online platform. The future is bright for young mathematicians at Turing House!



### Year 8 Mandela creations

Mrs Rogers ran a competition in Year 8 RP for students to create a mandala for the chance to go on

a trip to the Buddhist Centre Vihara in Chiswick. Some beautiful entries were received; please see below. Mrs Rogers is planning to run the trip a bit later in the year when it is a bit warmer! Well done to everyone who entered, but in particular to Lily S, Charlie L, Harry S, Esha P, Ronik P, Jamison B, Sophie M, Caoimhe M, Khairah C and Joseph B!



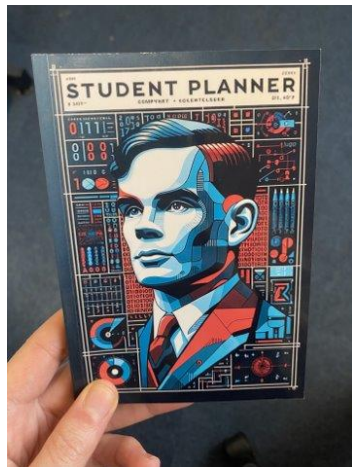
### Planners Pilot

As we embark on a new year, we are also launching an exciting initiative for our Year 7 students and some other groups across the school. We are trialling the use of an academic planner, which we hope students will find to be a valuable organisational tool, encouraging and fostering their independence in managing their school responsibilities. These planners have been carefully designed to include essential features such as students' individual timetables, informative pages about the school, a weekly spread for planning, and additional educational content. We hope that these planners will greatly assist our students in staying organised and engaged with their learning.

It is important to note that there is no requirement for family members or students to sign the planners, and the school will not be signing them either. They are intended solely as a means to support our




students' organisational skills. Furthermore, the planners do not replace the Bromcom platform for managing homework assignments. Bromcom is where all assignments are explained clearly, and the planner does not have the space to do that.



We appreciate the support of families in encouraging students to utilise their new planner effectively. If the pilot proves successful, we will consider extending the use of these planners in the next academic year!

If you have any questions about the planners, please send a message to Ms Riglin via the main office.

### Turing House Friends



**Turing House Friends Social**  
 7pm, Monday 22nd January 2024  
 The Fountain Beefeater  
 Corner of Sixth Cross and Staines Road, Fulwell

Come and meet other THS parents and support the school by being part of the Turing House Community

### Calling all aspiring doctors and dentists

**For aspiring Doctors: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:**

Saturday 13th January, 9:30am - 3pm  
 Sunday 14th January, 9:30am - 3pm



**For aspiring Dentists: FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry conference dates:**

Sunday 28th January, 9:30am - 3pm



Students and parents can register for free at this link:  
 Medicine: <https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-ucas-conference/>

Dentistry: <https://dental-mentor.org/get-into-dentistry-ucas-conference/>

All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-12 / S3-S5 / NI 11-13 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Tactically choosing universities
- Personal statements
- UCAT
- Medical & Dental school interview skills
- Medical Leadership Programmes
- Awards Programmes
- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Building a CV
- Applying for scholarships

Medical Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shry7MZYtt3MGPjvO>

Dental Registration Link:

<https://airtable.com/appgXnyzN5ZD9lwk6/shrBuiR7SBACc19kE>

### ADHD Embrace



The local group ADHD Embrace are offering more support to families with members who have ADHD this term. The first is useful for adults who think or know they have ADHD but also useful to parents of older children.

16th January 2024 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM  
 Europe/London



David Levy, Founder, ADHD Counselling UK

[Book now](#)

Sports fixtures

**Year 8/9 Girls Basketball v St Richard Reynolds**

The combined Year 8 and 9 girls had one last basketball match left to play which had been rescheduled from last term. They hosted St Richard Reynolds and both teams were determined to finish the league with a win. The Turing team looked to counterattack and play the ball into the key as quickly and often as they could, but it was the visitors who made the most of their ability to win rebounds and convert possession into points to emerge victorious. Well done to all involved!

Girls' rugby



# GIRLS RUGBY TASTER SESSION

**JOIN US FOR A GIRLS RUGBY TASTER SESSION BEFORE ROSSLYN PARK VS RAMS**

**SATURDAY 20 JANUARY**

**11.30AM-1.30PM**

**ROSSLYN PARK FC**

**GIRLS IN YEAR 6 - YEAR 11**

**OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES**

**FREE ENTRY TO WATCH 1ST XV GAME FOR PARTICIPANT AND TWO ADULTS**

Contact [greg.sendell@rosslynpark.co.uk](mailto:greg.sendell@rosslynpark.co.uk) for further details/to confirm attendance

web: [www.rosslynpark.co.uk](http://www.rosslynpark.co.uk) tel: 0208 876 1879  
Rosslyn Park FC, Priory Lane, Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 5JH

Boys cricket

## PLAY CRICKET FOR RICHMOND BOROUGH IN THE 2024 LONDON YOUTH GAMES

*This is a great chance to represent Richmond Borough in the 2024 London Youth Games U13 Boys' indoor cricket tournament.*

**ELIGIBILITY**  
Training and selection is open to all boys that live or go to school in the borough of Richmond-Upon-Thames.  
Players need to be under 13 as of 1st September 2023 i.e. Year 8 and below.  
Players should already have played cricket either at school or club and be of a good ability.  
Players that are currently part of a county squad are not eligible.

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<http://bit.ly/RichmondLYG>

**TRAINING DATES & TIMES**  
January: 19th and 26th  
February: 2nd, 9th and 23rd  
Time: 18:30 – 20:00

**AVAILABILITY**  
Players that are selected for the final squad, need to be available on the weekends of 24th and 25th February and 24th March 2024.

**COST**  
There is no charge for the training

**VENUE**  
Tiffin Girls School (indoor sports hall) Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 5PL

**COACHES**  
Training will be led by experienced ECB cricket coaches

**MORE INFO**  
For more information contact:  
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OR  
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