



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It has been great to be back this week albeit on restricted duties. It has been fabulous to see students and staff going about their business and working hard for the common goal.

Stand outs this week have been:

- The amazing work produced by our GCSE students in Technology. I have a soft spot for the guitar made by Harrison!
- The improvement in GCSE mock outcomes from Max C in Year 11.
- The outstanding results from our Year 13 Psychology students.
- Our Year 9 Football team making the quarters of the Surrey cup, after a hard fought 2-1 win against John Fisher.

Whilst quite confined to my office at the moment, rest assured that we are very busy with upcoming events and projects such as Year 9 Options, AI development, staffing for 2024-25 and our second round of mock exams.



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

**Year 9 online parents evening - 1<sup>st</sup> February**

### Shrek rehearsal schedule – Jan-Mar

Date	Time	Required
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3:10-4:30	All
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3:10-4:30	Rats, Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Dragon, Captain of the Guards, Fairytale characters, Dragon Dancers, Knights
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3:10-6:30	All
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3:10-4:30	Rats, Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Dragon, Captain of the Guards, Fairytale characters, Dragon Dancers
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3:10-4:30	All
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	3:10-4:30	Rats, Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Dragon, Captain of the Guards, Fairytale characters, Dragon Dancers
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	3:10-4:30	All
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3:10-4:30	Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Farquard
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3:10-4:30	All
<b>Half Term</b>		
MONDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> (inset day)	9:30-2:30	All
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	3:10-4:30	All
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	3:10-4:30	All
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3:10-4:30	Shrek, Fiona and Donkey
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3:10-6:30	All
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3:10-4:30	All
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3:10-4:30	All
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3:10-4:30	All
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3:10-6:30	All
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3:10-4:30	All
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	3:10-4:30	All
SUNDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:30-4:30	All
<b>SHOW – Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
You will be required to be back at school by 5pm. The show will start at 7pm and finish at around 8pm.		

Note the late rehearsals in **RED** and Sunday/Inset day rehearsals in **GREEN** – these are compulsory for all cast members, crew and band so please put them in your diaries now and save the dates. **Blue** – added Wednesdays for all cast members – please try your best to be there!

## Year 9 Aspirations Survey

All Year 9 students need to scan the QR code below and complete the aspiration survey. This is the first step towards deciding your GCSE choices. We would



like to get a sense of the subjects you are interested in studying for GCSE next year. This also helps the school with planning. The deadline for doing this is February half term.

## 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

## First Give

This week, Year 9s were introduced to the exciting new initiative that they will be taking part in during tutor time over the next eight weeks. The programme, organised by national social action charity 'First Give', aims to empower students by encouraging them to actively contribute to their communities through charity fundraising, with the hopes of fostering a sense of social responsibility, leadership and community.

Throughout the workshop, students will work collectively in their form groups to identify, plan, and execute a project that addresses a social issue that they feel passionately about. This hands-on experience will not only enhance students' teamwork and problem-solving skills that can be utilised heavily as they move forward into adulthood but will also make a positive impact in the local community.

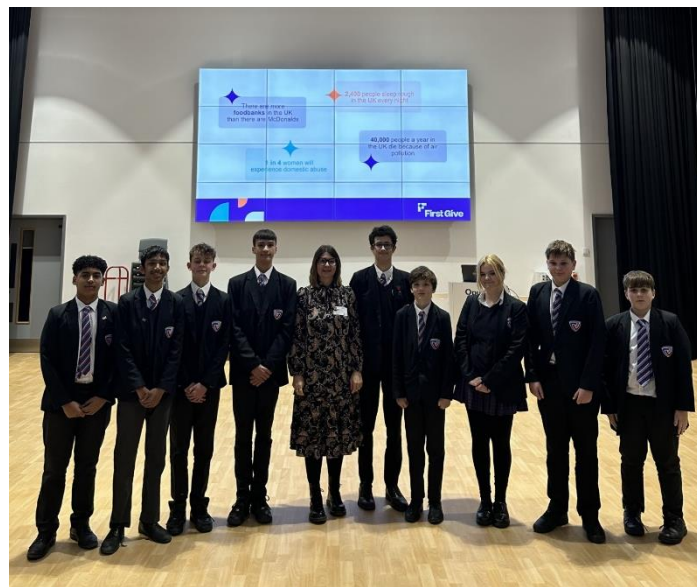
As part of this initiative, there will be a 'grand final' event held by First Give (details of which are to follow!) in which a panel of judges will assess the

projects and award the winning group will a generous donation of £1,000 for their chosen charity.


We are so excited to see students' engagement with the programme, and eagerly anticipate the creative ways students choose to partake in their social action.

More information on the project can be found here:

[How It Works - First Give](#)



## Physics masterclass






### Virtual Masterclasses for Students & FREE workbooks Spring 2024

FREE booking at: <https://isaacphysics.org/events>

Suitable for	Topic	Date	QR Code
GCSE	Energy, Electricity, Moments	Saturday 3 February; 10am-1pm	
GCSE	Nuclear Physics	Weekly for 4 weeks, from Monday 4 March, 10.00 - Friday 19 April 2024, 17.00	
A Level	Nuclear Physics	Weekly for 4 weeks, from Monday 4 March, 10.00 - Friday 19 April 2024, 17.00	
Year 12*	Electricity: Circuits	Saturday 9 March; 10.30am-1.15pm	

\* Year 12 Masterclasses are in-person University Taster Days for Physical Natural Sciences with a university-style lecture and an admissions talk

- All other masterclasses will be webinars with Q&A
- FREE** workbooks: order after you book on the masterclass



## Learning concern from home

If you are concerned about the learning needs of your child, please complete this 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.

Learning Concern from Home



## Sports fixtures

### U15 Girls Rugby Tournament

A team of girls from a range of years took part in a 7-a-side rugby tournament last week. Organised by Rosslyn Park Rugby Club - who are aiming to develop girls' rugby within their club - the Turing team took on other teams from elsewhere in the borough. After being drawn in a tough pool, the girls narrowly lost two games and then won their third. The effort and attitude of the girls was superb which was reflected in all areas of play. Well done to all involved!



### Year 11 Boys 5-a-side Football Tournament

The Year 11 boys travelled to Hampton High to take part in this year's annual 5-a-side tournament. The Turing team put in a stellar effort to come away with a third-place finish. They lost by the smallest of margins when playing Richmond Park Academy and Hampton High but cruised to triumph against St Richard Reynolds and Richmond upon Thames. A draw against Christ's was the final result of the

afternoon. One or two Year 11 students may be helping the sixth formers out when their football fixtures pick up again, so this fixture acted as a good warm-up for some. Well done to all involved!

### Year 7 Boys Football v St James

The Year 7 boys football team took part in a friendly match earlier this week. They played against St James School at home. This was great practice for the Turing team as they have their borough league fixtures to look forward to this term. They also have a 6-a-side tournament soon so the warmup in the 11-a-side match was eagerly welcomed. For some, this was their first time representing THS and everyone impressed with their levels of enthusiasm and positive attitude. If that wasn't enough, the boys kept a clean sheet throughout the match and scored a number of well-worked goals... signs of promising things to come, perhaps? Well done to all involved!



### Year 9 Boys Football v John Fisher

The Year 9 boys took part in a crucial match against John Fisher earlier this week - this was the third round of the Surrey Cup which allows for no errors as it's a straight knockout for the losing team. This time last year, the boys bowed out of the competition in the same round. This year, however, they fought hard to see their efforts being rewarded with a 2-1 win and a place in the quarter final - a stage further than the previous year and something to be very proud of. The Turing team will take on Epsom College next in an away fixture that will see the stakes raised even higher. Well done to all involved!





### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Boys Rugby v Teddington

The Sixth Form boys got their rugby campaign underway this week when they hosted Teddington. A killer combination of ice-cold conditions and an unfortunate flurry of injuries meant that the Turing team were depleted to just nine players on the day of the match. Nevertheless, these nine were more than up for braving the cold and sought to avenge a loss suffered in the same fixture a year ago. The boys made light work of getting over the whitewash, despite conceding one try late in the first half. The second half saw them keep a clean sheet and every single conversion sailed through the posts to pile even more pressure on the opposition. One win down; Orleans Park away next. Well done to all involved!



### Connect to Tech workshop



If you are worried about the tech use of someone you know, you are invited to a free online workshop, on 24<sup>th</sup> January 6:30-8:30PM.

[Connect to Tech Workshop - Richmond Borough Mind \(rbmind.org\)](https://rbmind.org)

### 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  
 Rossllyn Park FC, Priory Lane, Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 5JH

### Rugby League Tickets offer

**THE MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP FINALS**

**SAT 08 JUN 2024**

**GET U16s TICKETS FOR ONLY £5**  
 WITH ONE FREE ADULT TICKET FOR EVERY 10 U16s  
 ADDITIONAL ADULT TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED

**CONTACT LYNDSEY**  
 ON 07958 431272 OR AT [LYNDSEY.WARD@RLCOMMERCIAL.CO.UK](mailto:LYNDSEY.WARD@RLCOMMERCIAL.CO.UK)

### Achieving for Children

Achieving for Children have shared the following opportunity with us which we think looks great! Please read the information here that they have provided and share with your child; if they decide to go, please feed back to us as we would love to hear how they get on.

## National Saturday Club Programme

The National Saturday Club programme is open to 13–16-year-olds of all abilities and in particular works to engage those who may face additional barriers to



success. It's a unique model and taking part can be a transformational opportunity for young people: you can hear from past members in this short short film. For more information and to get involved, apply via this link.

## Piano lessons

# PIANO LESSONS

Beginners · Intermediate · Advanced

**TEL: 07731957526**

WhatsApp or text for appointments

email: [inapetkova@yahoo.com](mailto:inapetkova@yahoo.com)

Suitable for 4 year olds & above

**ABRSM  
& TRINITY  
EXAM PREP**

