



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

As term three comes to an end, new beginnings arrive for our Chinese students. I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all our Chinese families for a Happy Chinese New Year. The arrival of the New Year is a time of great celebration, marked by festivities that are rich in tradition and cultural significance. It is a period to gather with loved ones, share in the joy of the festivities, and look forward with optimism to the year ahead.

This year, we celebrate the Year of the Dragon, one of the most dynamic signs in the Chinese zodiac. The dragon is a symbol of strength, courage, and good fortune. It is said that the Year of the Dragon is a time for innovation and growth, where boldness and resilience are rewarded. As we embrace the qualities of the dragon, let us be inspired to approach our studies and examinations with courage and determination.

We sadly say farewell to two very important members of staff this term. Mr Bamfo, one of our site staff, as he heads off to continue his studies.



We'll miss his presence around the school and his beaming smile. Mrs Fletcher heads off to pursue her passion for Spanish. The work that she had done as a

part of our PLUS team has been life changing for some of our most vulnerable students. We wish Mr Bamfo and Mrs Fletcher the best of luck.



Our skiers have been travelling through the night on their way to Austria, we wish them a fabulous time, but once again I reach out the staff taking the trip to say thank you. Their commitment to offer something extra during their own holiday time is above and beyond. Parents on pick up please thank the staff when they arrive back.

Huge thanks to the parents and carers that attended the AI briefing last night. I do hope it was useful. The repeat session will happen on the 22nd February at 5pm.

After the break I will resume my normal duties. The shoulder is healing, but I'll still need to be careful, so please encourage your children to be mindful when



queuing for lunch and getting on the bus at the end of the school day.

Finally, a reminder from me to ensure that students come back after half term fully equipped and wearing the correct uniform, this includes the rules around jewellery and footwear. For a refresher, please see [here](#). Let's keep those standards high. Have a wonderful half term.



KEY DATES

Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams – 5th February until 9th February then 20th February until 27th February

Year 13 Mock A-Level Exams – 8th February until 9th February then 20th February until 23rd February

Half Term Week – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

INSET Day (school closed for students) – Monday 19th February.

Shrek tickets

Tickets for Shrek are now on sale on ParentPay priced at £8 each. The show will take place on 25th, 26th and 27th March and features a cast, band and crew of over 80 students - a real team effort!

If your child is involved in Shrek, please look out for the information letter with important details about rehearsals.



Let there be lights

Just before Christmas the drama dept were deLIGHTed to have two new profile spotlights installed in the hall. The new build came with a basic rig of lights which we are gradually adding to in order to provide a better coverage on the stage as well as increasing our ability to teach lighting design in KS3 drama lessons and as part of GCSE and A-Level Drama. Thanks to Turing House Friends who provided a generous top-up to donations collected after last year's production of We Will Rock You meaning we could afford to install these two spot lights in time for Shrek!

We are now hoping to upgrade the lighting desk to a programmable board to allow us to do even more creative things with lighting.

Year 13 University offers

Parents of year 13

We are so proud of the University offers we have rolling in for our Year 13 Students. It's incredible to see so many offers available, this is providing our students with good options for their next step. To aid parents/carers in helping with the next steps we have representatives of Royal Holloway University hosting a parent workshop on 28th February from 17:00 – 18:00. This is a great opportunity to receive advice about the next steps surrounding University. From accepting offers, to choosing accommodation, and arranging student finance and to also ask any

questions you have. This is a valuable session to help aid the next few months leading up to A-level results day. Please add this date to your diary!!

Year 9 Aspirations Survey

All Year 9 students need to scan the QR code below and complete the aspirations 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. So far 145 students have completed this.



Coding Club

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1 Club Coding is a new lunchtime club starting after half term for students in Years 7, 8 and 9, who'd like to learn and practice basic coding. Students interested should come to room 1.12 at 12.40 on Thursdays to be allocated a computer for the session.

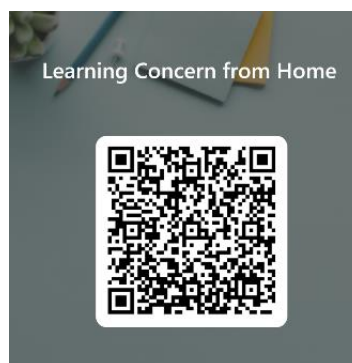
A Level Drama Success

On Thursday Y13 Drama students sat their A-Level practical exam, worth 20% of their total grade.

They performed a 45 minute group piece called The It along with a 3 minute monologue each. After dress rehearsals to Y9, and then their parents and friends, performing to an external examiner was a breeze and we're really proud of how professionally they worked during the whole rehearsal process and performances. As they all move onto further education in Law, Policing, Media, Creating Writing, Film & TV and Musical Theatre, we are sure that the skills they've learnt in drama lessons will set them up well for successful careers.



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.

A-Level Drama Trip

On Monday our Y12/13 drama students went to see Frantic Assembly's production of Metamorphosis at Hammersmith Lyric. It's great to see our Drama A-Level numbers grow - we took up the whole of row F!





Support Staff Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Technology Technician to support our Design & Technology department in all specialisms. If you are interested in this role or know someone who would enjoy this role at our school, please visit our Vacancies page on our website to apply: [Staff Vacancies \(turinghouseschool.org.uk\)](http://Staff_Vacancies_(turinghouseschool.org.uk))

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a residential course held at the High Ashurst Outdoor Activity Centre near Box Hill. Whilst it is an experience essentially to be thoroughly enjoyed, it is also a course designed to develop self-confidence, and social, communication and leadership skills. Activities include aqua sports, raft building, an assault course, and orienteering. Places on the course are open to 15–17 year-olds, and this year it is being held from the 28th July to 2nd August. There is **no charge** to participants, who have the chance to be sponsored by our local Rotary Club in Twickenham upon Thames. Our local Rotary Club usually sponsors two students, although last year they managed to obtain third party sponsorship in addition, and sent four students, including Oliver Porter from Turing House (he is in Year 13 now!). If you'd like to put in an application - see Ms Riglin. It is a brilliant opportunity well worth taking advantage of.

RYLA will help you:

- Develop personal self confidence whilst leading others
- Increase individual self-esteem
- Improve your leadership skills
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues
- Meet a wide range of young people with similar interests
- Improve career skills and knowledge and offers you a training that will be stimulating, challenging and fantastic fun.

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CHALLENGING YOURSELF
LEADERSHIP
PROBLEM SOLVING
ORGANISATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT
COMMUNICATION
SELF CONFIDENCE
KNOWLEDGE
INDEPENDENCE

How do I apply?
If you would like to attend RYLA 2024, please contact your local Rotary Club and ask for an application form.

RYLA
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Further details can be obtained by contacting Alan Wellman (District RYLA Co-ordinator)
Mobile: 07853 413877
Email: alanwellman@btinternet.com

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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2024
Sunday July 28th - Friday August 2nd 2024

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What is RYLA?

Everyone also gets a certificate when they complete the course. This can help with future job or college applications. The certificate will be presented to you by your sponsoring Rotary Club.

The final event of RYLA 2024 is the gala evening which is held on the Friday evening of the course. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Where they will learn about the events of the road year.

To give you feedback and to help you succeed skilled team leaders are always on hand to advise and support you. You will also share your experience and skills with other participants.

The Centre is a Duke of Edinburgh Award Access organisation. Candidates on Gold level can count RYLA as their residential project. Those not on Gold can accumulate credits for taking part in RYLA activities.

Young people need guidance as they navigate their way through a culture that promotes values that are not always positive or productive. Rotary can assist young people in making decisions that will have an influence on their personal development. For young people to choose the best path towards constructive citizenship requires encouraging them in activities that build their confidence and self-esteem. This will provide them with the vision to identify how best to apply their own potential for leadership and ability to work as part of a team. This course is great fun, very energetic and immensely challenging.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is an intensive programme for young people in both physical and intellectual terms. It is open to boys and girls within the age range 14 to 18 years of age. You should enjoy participating in team and social activities and learning the essential skills you need to survive as a leader. Rotarians recognise that today's young people will become tomorrow's leaders and wealth generators. Preparing those future leaders is a significant task. A club supported and encouraged both by Rotary International and Rotary District 1145.

The course is fully residential, fully funded by Rotary over 5 nights starting on Sunday afternoon and finishing Friday evening. Candidates must arrive between 1pm and 4pm on Sunday and be collected by 1pm on Friday.

We will send a programme for the week and a list of things you will need to bring with you.

You will receive 3 meals each day prepared by the well-equipped kitchen that can cater for most dietary requests.

To apply for this course you simply have to complete a RYLA 2024 application form and return to your local sponsoring Rotary Club.

Activities will include assault course, orienteering, all day map reading/walking, aqua sports, raft building challenge & many more.

Sports fixtures

Year 10 Boys 5-a-side Football Tournament

This year's round of 5/6-a-side football concluded for the boys at the end of last week with the Year 10 boys taking to the pitch. They played a round robin format where they overcame Twickenham, Christ's and hosts Hampton High, accumulating an impressive 10 goals from three games and conceding zero - a reflection of the boys' work rate and determination to achieve tournament success. A 2-0 loss against Richmond upon Thames and the same result against Richmond Park Academy meant that the Turing team had to settle for third place overall, but the tournament was enjoyed by all and the boys came away feeling rightfully proud of their performance. Well done to all involved!



Y7 Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Year 7 boys travelled to Orleans Park earlier in the week to get stuck into their first match of the borough

league. While an away game limits numbers due to the available minibus seats, it is fantastic to see so many Year 7 boys willing to represent the school on the rugby pitch. Rugby training continues for all every Wednesday after school. The Turing Team played in dominating fashion in the first half as they kept the opposition pegged back in their own half, but then only to give winning hopes away in the second. They'll get the chance to go again after the half term break as well as participate in some rugby 7's. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys Basketball v Teddington

The Year 7 boys were back in action on the basketball court this week. This time they made the journey to Teddington where a team full of promise awaited. The Turing team were going into the match full of confidence after success in their last match and they were hoping to build on this momentum to continue a winning run. The match began to play out in an even cat-and-mouse style where one team enjoyed a marginal lead before the other team regained control of the scoreboard. In the second half, the opposition immediately picked up the pace in attack and began to establish a lead that became harder to chase. It wasn't to be in the end as the home team won the match with a dominating second half performance, but the boys will regroup and get another chance to shine soon. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys Football v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys kicked off their league campaign this week as they hosted Twickenham in their first match on the football pitch. The Turing team looked in control of the match from start to finish as their composure and accuracy was reflected on the scoreboard. The match finished 3-0 to the home side, making for the perfect start while keeping a clean sheet. Their fixtures will continue after the half term break when they wait to find out who they will take on next - can the boys go two from two? Well done to everyone involved!



Year 9 Boys Basketball v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 9 boys played one of their final matches in the basketball borough league earlier in the week. They made the journey to Richmond upon Thames where a hotly contested match got underway. The Turing team settled into the game, showing great levels of patience as they initially read how the opposition were playing and reacted appropriately. Their response was to dominate possession in order to restrict the home team and deny their attacking intent as much as possible. It was a clever strategy that paid off as the boys came away as winners at the end of four quarters, putting in a marginal gap between them and the other team from the second half onwards. Well done to all involved!



U15 Girls 6-a-side Football Tournament

A strong squad of girls from Year 9 and 10 and below were given the chance to show what they are made of in the 6-a-side version of the game. This tournament was hotly contested with ten other schools from across the borough in attendance, all battling for the top spot and bragging rights for another year. The Turing team emerged victorious against Twickenham and Christ's, drew against Orleans Park but lost to Waldegrave and Grey Court. A modest result but a brilliant show of determination from these girls as always. Read on to find out how the Year 7 and 8 girls got on at their 6-a-side tournament. Well done to all involved!

U13 Girls 6-a-side Football Tournament

The Year 7 and 8 girls took to the 6-a-side stage for their turn at the football tournament at Hampton High. This team have built up winning ways in previous matches so they know all about performing under pressure and battling high expectations. They came up against Christ's, Richmond Park Academy, St Richard Reynolds and Grey Court. The Turing team drew each one of their games which reflects the high level of close competition, but also very impressive to not lose a single game. In the end the final standings came down to points difference and the girls could be very proud of their third place finish. Well done to all involved!



Sixth Form Boys Basketball v Richmond Park Academy

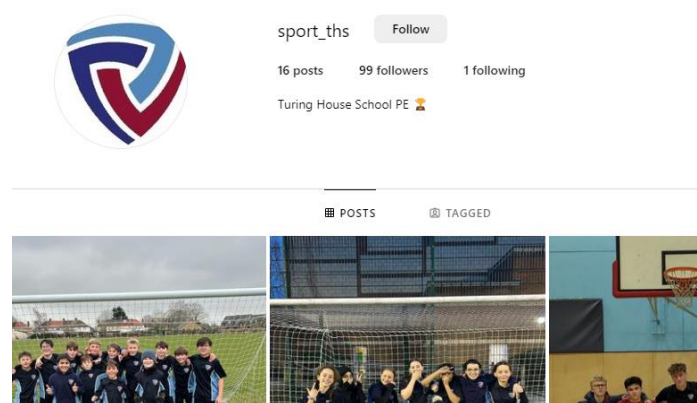
Just five dedicated Sixth Form boys faced Richmond Park Academy on the basketball court, playing at a neutral ground due to mock exams making indoor playing space unavailable. It was at this neutral venue

where the Turing Team fought tooth and nail to secure a huge win against a very organised team, 35-23 the final score. With only 5 of the team fit, students had to play every minute of the game. Everyone played their part: Georgie was a layup machine; Adam was the tactical master; Sam was unstoppable with his rebounds; Rhys gave a master class in screening; no one was getting past Zech in defence. Two more wins will see the boys being crowned borough champs. Seriously impressive efforts all round, well done to everyone involved!



THS Sport Instagram Page

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Turing House Friends Comedy night

Get ready to laugh your socks off at our upcoming Comedy Night on Friday, March 8th! We've got a fantastic line-up of comedians guaranteed to tickle your funny bone. Plus, keep those laughs fuelled with a fully stocked bar and delicious street food available. Acts supplied by the wonderful Bearcat Comedy Club and food from the delicious BurmaShack. We'll be running a raffle with some amazing prizes, so buy a strip of tickets on the night and wear your lucky socks! If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, then please get in touch! It's the ultimate recipe for a night of fun and laughter while raising much needed funds for the school. Please support this first big social we have held at the new site. **Get your tickets by clicking here.**

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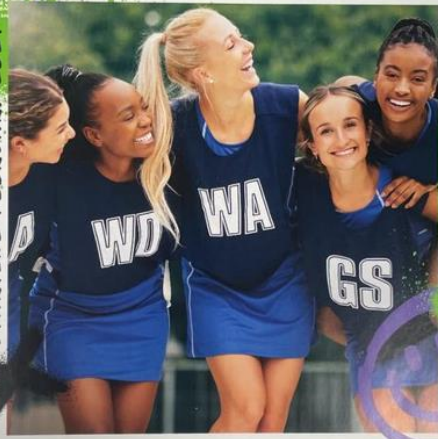
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Cash & Card Payments will be accepted on the night

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