



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

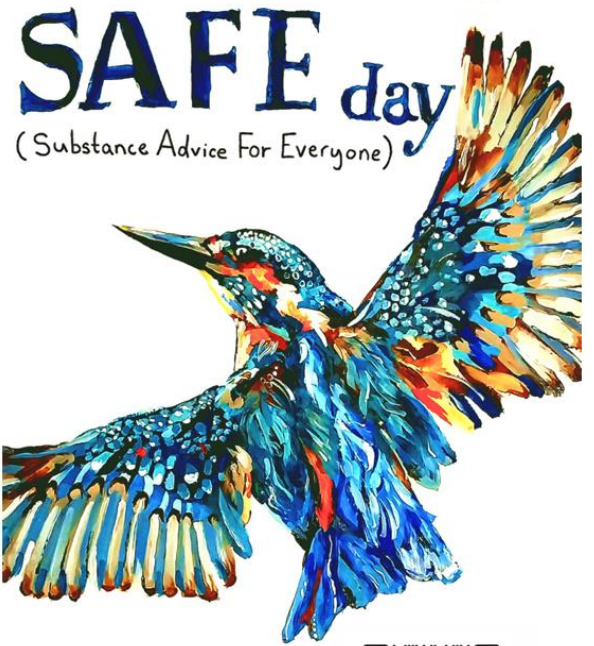


## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Substance Advice For Everyone (SAFE) Day is Monday 4 March 2024 and is for every school with children aged 11+ (including independent schools) in Kingston and Richmond boroughs. This groundbreaking event is the result of the tireless work of Lucy MacArthur, The Daniel Spargo Mabbs Foundation, Richmond Headteachers and director Stewart Sugg and has resulted in a purposeful range of resources for students and parents to receive. During tutor time on Monday all students will receive a bespoke session on substance abuse, with parents receiving a video to watch at the same time. Please do make sure that you watch the video. It could save a life.

To add context to the video, some of you may not be aware that during lockdown, Turing House lost a Year 11 student to substances. Tarun Ray was a lovely young man with a brilliant sense of humour, who had his whole life ahead of him; he was part of the founding year group in 2015, and I personally remember doing his primary transition visit whilst he was in Year 6. Tarun's mother features in the video, and her bravery in talking about her son's loss to

educate and support others should be applauded. The way we can support her, is to make sure we watch the video.



- SAFE event – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 8 Romeo and Juliet English trip – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Careers Fair – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April




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

**TURING  
HOUSE**

## Year 8 Globe Theatre workshop

Last week, we had two actors from The Globe Theatre in London come in to deliver workshops to all Year 8 students, who are currently studying 'Romeo and Juliet' in English. The workshops focused on understanding some of the key scenes and ideas in the play, and put students in the perspective of actors and characters to help them better understand the feud between the Capulets and Montagues, and the disastrous consequences.

We look forward to taking Year 8 to see the play at The Globe on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Here are some comments from the students:

'We used techniques to understand the acting style of the play. It was enjoyable because it put us in the perspective of an actor.' - Laimis

'The workshop made Shakespeare's language much easier to understand.' - Reyansh

'I really enjoyed how we can view it from a modern-day perspective. I also loved acting out the scenes of the fighting.' - Jonathan

'I really enjoyed the workshop. It helped me learn more, like how biting your thumb at someone was very disrespectful at that time.' - Ella

'The workshop taught me that it isn't just some old play, it can even relate to modern rival gangs in London.' – Rohan



## Mensa Results

Last term, our first round of Mensa testing took place. Some of our Year 8 and Year 12 cohort were invited to take part in the Mensa IQ Test. To qualify for membership of Mensa, you must demonstrate an IQ in the top two percent. If students achieve this, they will be invited to join Mensa!

This week, we announced to students who had qualified to be a member of Mensa, and we had a celebration presentation for all who took part.

A huge well done to the following who have been invited to join Mensa:

Christian D - IQ in top 1% of the country

Joseph B - IQ in top 1% of the country

Ollie H - IQ in top 1% of the country

Holly L - IQ in top 1% of the country

Freya Mc - IQ in top 2% of the country

Reyansh B - IQ in top 2% of the country

Theo D - IQ in top 2% of the country

Ella J - IQ in top 2% of the country



### 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



### Careers Fair Survey 2024

To help with planning for this event we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the online survey to help us find out which careers you would be interested in and whether you intend to come along on the day.

[Careers Fair Survey 2024](#)

### Year 7 coaching

We are really proud of Lola in Year 7. She has been helping to coach the Nelson Primary School swimming team after school so that they can compete in the Richmond Schools Swimming Gala. With her help and support, their Y4-Y6 swim team feel more confident, have improved their technique and are taking part in a sport that they would not normally have the opportunity to participate in. Lola showed great kindness, leadership and patience. The Gala took place just before February half term.

### Year 9 Drama

Y9 are studying special effects make up in drama lessons this term and are creating some scarily real looking bruises, cuts and scrapes. Look away if you are squeamish!





## Year 12 - Oxford University Easter residential programmes

Oriel College, University of Oxford, is hosting four one-night Residential Programmes which will be taking place in the college on the 25th-26th, 26th-27th, 27th-28th and 28th-29th March for Year 12 students.

The programmes on offer are as follows:

### **25th-26th March: Modern Languages and Linguistics Study Day**

For students considering degrees in Modern Language combinations and joint schools Modern Languages and Linguistics.

### **26th-27th March: History Study Day**

For students considering degrees in History (such as History or History and Modern Languages).

### **27th-28th March: English Study Day**

For students considering degrees in English (such as English Language and Literature or English and Modern Languages).

### **28th-29th March: Women in STEM Study Day**

For female and non-binary students considering degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths. Example courses include Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, etc.

Applicants are asked to state a course preference on the application form. These programmes are designed to support Year 12 students from non-

selective state schools in the UK who are considering degrees at highly selective universities like the University of Oxford. Participants will avail of subject sessions, applications workshops, and opportunities to work with academics at the University of Oxford. All expenses (accommodation at Oriel, meals, and activities) are funded. Reasonable travel costs to Oxford to attend a residential programme will also be reimbursed.

Applications are open until **March 9th at midnight**.

For more information on selection criteria and to sign up, please see the Easter residential website here: [www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/study-with-us/outreach-and-schools-liaison/what-we-do/events-and-prizes/easter-residential-programmes-for-year-12-students](http://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/study-with-us/outreach-and-schools-liaison/what-we-do/events-and-prizes/easter-residential-programmes-for-year-12-students).

If you have any questions about the programmes, please contact [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk).

## Sports fixtures

### **Year 7 Girls Netball v Twickenham**

The Year 7 girls got their borough league underway on the netball court. They made the short trip across the road to take on Twickenham. The Turing team showed a lot of promise, with much of their training clearly paying off in many areas of the match. However, the opposition managed to obtain a lead that left THS chasing in the third and fourth quarter. The girls put in a stellar shift to stay in the fight, but Twickenham finished as winners with a 7-point lead. Next time! The girls have a little bit of time before their next match against Christ's where they'll be looking to get that first win under their belt. Well done to all involved!



### Year 8 Boys Rugby 7s Tournament

The Year 8 boys kicked off this term's round of rugby 7s as Orleans Park School host the annual tournament for each year group. This was the first time THS have entered a rugby 7s tournament, so students were looking forward to taking part in this new opportunity on the pitch. The Turing team had to stay warm and motivated during and in between games as a cold and windy day was determined to deliver a physical and mental battering. It wasn't just the tough elements that the boys were up against - they were drawn in a difficult pool and put in two gutsy performances against Orleans A team and London Oratory. In the afternoon, the wind picked up and motivation dropped a little before the boys did their best to pick themselves back up to face St Richard Reynolds, Orleans B team and John Fisher B team. One unidentified student was quoted saying, "I didn't know 7 v 7 would involve so much running", which perhaps captures the mixed emotions experienced on the day but it's a tournament that was well received overall. Well done to all involved!

### Year 7-10 Girls Rugby 7s Tournament

A strong and enthusiastic squad of 11 girls made the brief journey to Orleans Park School earlier in the week to take part in their rugby 7s tournament, representing THS in 7s for the first time. Eight teams were in attendance which made for a round robin

format of seven 12-minute games, providing the girls with plenty of opportunity to showcase their skills in this smaller sided version of the union game. The Turing team grew into the tournament with each game they played and as always, approached every challenge with a sense of determination and enjoyment. It wasn't all smiles laughter for this team however - there were displays of some serious speed and ferocious defence which made for a fantastic team effort by all. Well done to all involved!

### Sixth Form Boys Football v Kingston Academy

The Sixth Form boys were back in action on the football pitch this week, this time travelling across the borough to take on Kingston Academy. Having been narrowly edged out to a strong RPA outfit in their previous match, the Turing team were looking to take no prisoners on this occasion. Despite the determined approach, the match played out in an evenly contested manner as both sides struggled to break through the defence and find the target. It was the THS team who eventually scored early in the second half which proved to make all the difference in the end as the boys went home with a 1-0 win. Well done to all involved!

### Year 9 Boys Basketball v Christ's

The Year 9 boys took part in their borough league final on the basketball court earlier this week, playing away to Christ's. By the end of the four quarters the winning team would be crowned champions for the 2023/24 year so all was to play for. The Turing team did what they do best which is play free-flowing and fast-paced offensive basketball, converting ball possession into scoring opportunities and often adding two points onto the scoreboard at a time. Equipped with national players, the opposition wasn't going to let the away team ruin their title defence, however. They were simply too strong on the day despite the excellent performance from THS and came away with a deserving win. Well done to all involved!



**Year 9 Boys Football v Epsom College**

The Year 9 boys had been eagerly anticipating this week for a while - it was the quarter finals of the Surrey Cup, already going one stage further in the knockout tournament than last year's efforts. This time, they were visiting Epsom College - an outfit who are ranked in the UK's top 5 sports schools. This didn't deter the boys for a second, however, as they accepted the challenge that lay ahead. By the half time break the Turing team were only a goal down, but the second half didn't quite go to plan and the opposing team found ways to open up the THS defence and end Surrey Cup semi-final hopes for the away team. Despite the loss, the boys can be proud of their performance. Well done to all involved!



**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 are 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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## BE A PART OF OUR CHOIR

We're excited to confirm that the RMT Choir is back! Weekly rehearsals will start in the Summer Term, and we are offering two free taster sessions in March.

FREE Taster Sessions - attend one or both:

- Thursday 7 March
- Thursday 21 March

4.30 – 6.00 pm  
The Exchange, Twickenham  
Year 5 – Year 7

For more information, please go to:  
[www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk](http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk)



## THIS GIRL CAN

**CALLING ALL GIRLS IN YEARS 7-12**

Teddington Athletic is committed to continue to develop the female game, supporting girls to be physically, socially and emotionally well. We are proud to have over 200 girls playing/training with the Club.

A number of our senior teams are looking to add players to their team next season. If you have some football experience (club/school/social) and would like the opportunity to play more regularly, we would be pleased to welcome you on board.

The club delivers weekly training sessions and home matches are played at either Bushy Park or St Mary's Sports Ground, Teddington Lock on a Sunday.

**Interested in joining a team? Please contact  
Samantha Roff Girls Football Development  
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