



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Ramadan (Monday 11th) marks a special time of reflection, community, and faith for millions of Muslims around the world, including those in the United Kingdom and at Turing House School. This ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar is dedicated to fasting, prayer, and acts of charity, as prescribed in the Quran. It commemorates the month in which the Quran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, making it one of the most sacred periods in the Islamic faith.

Fasting from dawn until sunset is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is observed by adult Muslims. The fast includes abstaining from eating, drinking, smoking, and sinful behaviour. Ramadan is also a time for increased prayer and devotion. Muslims are encouraged to read the Quran, perform extra prayers and engage in acts of charity and kindness. It's a period for spiritual growth, self-discipline, and reflection on the blessings of life.

For Muslims in the United Kingdom, Ramadan offers a unique opportunity to celebrate their faith while

sharing the values of patience, perseverance, and generosity with their local communities. Schools across the UK play a vital role in fostering understanding

and inclusivity during this holy month. By acknowledging and supporting Muslim students and staff in their observance of Ramadan, schools can enhance mutual respect and cohesion within their diverse communities.

As we welcome Ramadan, let's embrace this time of spiritual renewal and communal harmony. It's an opportunity for all of us, regardless of faith, to reflect on the universal values of empathy, charity, and the importance of community support. As in previous years, Mrs Qureshi and now Mr Mohieldin and Ms Dar, our new Science teacher, will be supporting our Muslim community during the month. We wish everyone a peaceful and blessed Ramadan and good luck to the 100+ students and staff who will be fasting.





KEY DATES



Shrek Performances – Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th
March

Careers Fair – Thursday 18th April

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations – 25th April

Shrek Tickets

Tickets for Shrek are still 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.



Save the date – Careers Fair



NEXT STEPS CAREERS FAIR

18th April 2024 5:30 - 7:30pm

Years 9 - 13
Students and Parents Welcome

TURING HOUSE

Year 8 Theatre Trip

This week, Year 8 students enjoyed a wonderful trip to The Globe Theatre in London to see a production of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. It was a brilliant production, made more relevant to young people by setting it in modern day London, while retaining the storyline and Shakespeare's language. Students enjoyed the show and for many it was the first time they had visited the theatre.





Kew Gardens Design Project

£500 Grow Wild! Grants available from Kew Gardens.

The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew are calling on young people between the ages of 14-25 to design a project to celebrate and support native UK plants and Fungi. This is a unique opportunity to bring your own nature-based project to life. You will be taking positive action for biodiversity and your community, you will get the opportunity to connect, inspire and have fun with others and a great way to add experience to your CV, which would look great on college or university applications!

If you are interested in learning more, please click the link [Youth Grants | Grow Wild | Kew](#). Here you can discover why native species are so important, ideas of how to get involved and most importantly, how to apply for a grant for your project!

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

Learning Concern from Home

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.

World Book Day

This week, we celebrated World Book Day with a range of activities in and out of lessons. Students received their £1 book token, which can be used for £1 off a book of their choice, or to buy one of the specially created books for this year. Students have learnt in tutor time about these books, so they should have an idea about which one they'd like to read.



We also had fun with our Decorate a Potato competition for the day. The winners are Harsheen in Y8 and Caelan in Y10 for their brilliant creations. They have each won a book token to spend. Can you guess which literary characters these potatoes represent?



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](#)

Turing House Friends

A big shout out to all the wonderful local businesses and families who have supported our Comedy Night Raffle. We have some amazingly generous prizes - good luck to everyone buying a ticket on Friday night!

A reminder that doors open at 7pm, food served from 7pm, first act at 8pm.



Sports fixtures

Year 7 Boys Rugby v St Richard Reynolds

After a lengthy wait, the Year 7 boys managed to play their second borough league game on the rugby pitch earlier this week. With the first match ending in defeat, the Turing team were out for redemption. The first half saw a very even battle play out as both teams tested one another in all areas of the pitch with some excellent rucking and offloading on show. THS were up by just one try at the break, but it was in the second half where the boys really put their foot down. Despite a try from St Richard Reynolds early on in the second half, a dominant performance ensured that the opposition struggled to get out of their own 22 at times and the boys were quick to capitalise on their field position. Three lengthy, powerful breaks and some accurate passing to accompany each try meant

that the final result was 4 tries to 1 to THS. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Basketball v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 7 boys continued their league action on the basketball court this week as they hosted St Richard Reynolds. The opposition proved to be deadly sharp around the key and they had the Turing team chasing the scoreboard in each quarter. However, despite having only two substitutes, the boys battled very hard over four quarters and were seriously impressive with their level of fitness and determination. For the first three quarters they managed to finish with just one score separating the two sides each time, keeping them well and truly in the game. The final quarter got the better of them as the match finished 25-18 to the away team but the THS boys could be immensely proud of their efforts. They now take on Orleans Park in the third-place play-off match. Well done to all involved.





Year 10 Boys Rugby 7s Tournament

It was the turn of the Year 10 boys to take part in this year's annual rugby 7s tournament hosted by Orleans Park. The Turing team faced off against Orleans A team and Windsor Boys in their pool of three. Orleans A got the better of them, but the boys proved a point against Windsor, setting them up to play the teams who also finished second in their respective pools. Things went a little south at that stage as injury took a firm hold of THS, but those who were able pressed on. The Turing boys lost narrowly to London Oratory and John Fisher but finished on a high by beating St Benedicts. They were forced to play their last two game with no substitutes and they played them back-to-back so their resilience was admirable to say the least. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 Boys Basketball v Christ's

Having had the Year 10 boys take on Christ's in their league final last week, the Year 9 boys were doing exactly the same this week. Playing at home, the winner of the match would be crowned borough champions for the year and the boys were excited to get stuck in. It was clear from the off that these two teams were desperate to win. Neither side were willing to concede points easily and as the match unfolded across four quarters, the score remained close - both teams were still in with a chance of victory right up until the last few minutes of the match when Christ's only just managed to edge out the Turing team as they snuck away with a 32-27 win. The boys were bitterly disappointed as they gave their all, but they could be extremely proud of their performance and second place achievement. Well done to all involved!

Year 9-11 Girls Football v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 9-11 girls got their football fixtures underway mid-week as they hosted Richmond upon Thames. Despite the energy from the girls, it was the away side who started strong with a goal to the visitors. With that being the score at half time it was still very close until some tired THS legs caused RTS to break through the line and find the back of the net on a couple of occasions in the second half. The Turing

team managed to get one back with a stylish solo effort, but the match finished 4-1 to the away team. The girls have two games to look forward to next week when they take on Hampton High and Teddington which are both away games so they will be looking to upset the home sides and return to school with the win. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 Boys Football v Grey Court

The Year 9 boys took on Grey Court away on the football pitch earlier this week as part of their borough league fixtures. The match began in fairly even fashion as both sides pressed but defended well. Grey Court, however, managed to make the most of two particular chances that caught the Turing team napping and saw the opposition go into the break 2-0 up. The boys fired one into the net to put them back into the race before the home side netted again to confirm a 3-1 loss for THS - a score that doesn't reflect the even match that played out for much of the game's duration. Next up is Teddington so they are now focusing on putting the away-day curse to bed and returning with a win. Well done to all involved!

Year 10 Boys Football v Grey Court

While the Year 9 boys were playing Grey Court away, the Year 10 boys were playing the same opponent but at home. The boys didn't manage to stop Grey Court from securing a double victory over both teams as the Turing team couldn't be faulted for effort but found themselves lacking in organisation in some areas in comparison. The visitors showed no mercy when exposing some gaps and it was just one of those afternoons where THS couldn't quite find the target to get them into the match, despite some creative chances being made up front. They will get another chance next week, however, when they travel to Teddington to right some wrongs. Well done to all involved!



External clubs & adverts

Easter Rugby Camp

Contact, non-contact & touch rugby games
All abilities and strengths catered for
Boys and girls both welcome

2nd April to 4th April
9th April to 11th April



Children Aged 5-16
From 9:00 to 15:00 each day
Members and non-members welcome
Strength and conditioning for u13+

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