



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

I was delighted this week to meet with the six recipients of our Jack Petchey awards, having been recently nominated by the staff and students. The Jack Petchey awards are something that I really enjoy in my role as it identifies students who are genuinely doing their absolute best at school. They are role models for our school community and will no doubt be successful in life due to their 'can do' attitude. We have shared their nominations below.

### Alice - Year 9

"Alice is an incredibly independent and determined student, consistently demonstrating perseverance in her classwork and showing remarkable academic progress across the board. Her curiosity and questioning approach set her apart from her peers and confirm her status as an exemplary student. In addition to her academic strengths, Alice actively contributes to a positive classroom environment, fostering inclusivity and support among her classmates. Alice is also known for her kindness and respect towards others, often helping her peers understand and complete their work. Alice clarity and confidence in the classroom enrich the learning of all those around her. It is a shared sentiment from every

teacher and student that crosses Alice's path that she her presence makes the school a better place to be; her enthusiastic approach to life makes her a pleasure to teach and be around. Overall, Alice is



living proof that you get out of life what you put in. Her positive attitude, determination, and resilience, combined with her empathy and leadership qualities, make her a shining example of what it means to be a Turing House pupil."



### Demi - Year 9

Demi is an exceptionally kind student who consistently offers support to her peers and teachers. She has been growing in confidence and is now contributing more to class discussions, which is helping her become more independent as she progresses into KS4. Demi always tackles high-level challenges in class and strives to develop and improve continuously. When school presents its challenges, Demi is becoming increasingly more mature in her

handling of situations, and it's been amazing to watch her grow. Her curiosity in learning is evident through her questions and practical work, as she always aims to solve problems in her unique way.

#### Bella - Year 11

Bella is an exceptional student who consistently demonstrates modesty, kindness, and perseverance. She is a delightful student to teach; her diligence, creativity, and willingness to complete additional work at home have been key to her academic success. Bella also actively seeks feedback and listens to others in her efforts to make progress. We admire Bella's proactive approach to learning, notably, she has independently pursued GCSE French outside of school. Beyond academics, Bella actively participates in school life. Bella's leadership has shone through in her contributions to leading an assembly on Women's History Month, and her role in the EDIT group. Bella models our school values on a daily basis; she is an excellent role model for her peers, and we are delighted to recognise her with this award.



#### Ronnie - Year 7

Ronnie is a ray of sunshine! He lights up every room he walks into with his energy and enthusiasm. He demonstrates curiosity, leadership and perseverance consistently throughout his school day. He is kind, funny and empathetic towards others. He shows

support to his peers and is always willing to help others, including his teachers. Ronnie shows a lot of maturity around school; he balances his fantastic sense of humour with a determination to do well in his lessons. He excels in creative subjects in which he displays both promise and passion. He challenges himself and leads by example with a positive mindset, which helps to produce a happy learning environment for him and his classmates.



#### Camden - Year 8

Camden is a good natured, respectful and thoughtful student who is an absolute credit to have at our school and is extremely valued by our school community. Camden displays attributes that make him a model student at Turing House. He shows kindness, empathy, hard work and dedication daily during his everyday school life. Camden is always seeking out new challenges or ways to develop his capabilities further, continuously creating a positive standard for others to follow. Camden is well respected by both his peers and teachers, and we would like to recognise the impact that Camden has on our school, making it a brighter place to be.



Samaira - Year 10

Samaira displays outstanding maturity in her approach to learning and general attitude in school. She consistently demonstrates her dedication to her studies, modelling to others how hard work and effort reaps its rewards. Whilst not the most vocal, she strives to be the best person she can be and achieve the best results. This is seen in her application to study inside and outside of the classroom and willingness to be involved in school clubs and student leadership roles. Samaira is an absolute pleasure to teach. She is a highly capable mathematician known for her dedication, kindness, and hard work. She consistently demonstrates exceptional talent in her studies, tackling challenges with determination and a positive attitude. She is an absolute pleasure to have in lessons and an overall wonderful student. Well done for being a humble and brilliant Turing House Student.



All of the award winners receive a certificate, badge and a letter from Jack Petchey himself. They also get invited (with their families) to a huge awards ceremony at the Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond on the 4th July. Students also receive £300 to spend on something of educational benefit for the school. Jack Petchey is an amazing foundation. To find out more please click [here](#)

### 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, 6th June 2024

*"That road to VE Day was hard and long and travelled by weary and valiant men. And history will always record where that road began. It began here, with the first footprints on the beaches of Normandy" - President George Bush, on the 60th Anniversary of D-Day.*

This year is the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, the largest seaborne invasion in human history and one that led to Victory in Europe (VE day) and the defeat of Nazi Germany. We owe the men and women who took part in the invasion of occupied France, in Normandy, the very freedoms we enjoy today. This week we remember those British,

American, and Canadian soldiers who gave their lives during the landings, as well as honouring the veterans who, in their nineties and hundreds, are still with us.

A series of solemn and spectacular events honoured the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought in one of the most pivotal moments of World War II. Organised by the Ministry of Defence and the Royal British Legion, the commemorations were a fitting tribute to the heroes of the past.

For the 80th Anniversary the Sea Cadets will be the senior cadet force from the UK taking part in the parades and events. RET's CEO (and the first headteacher of Turing House) Colin Mackinlay, was awarded the extraordinary honour of being the Commanding Officer of TS Royalist, the flagship of the Sea Cadets, for these historic celebrations. Mr Mackinlay commanded the TS Royalist for the ferry escort out of Portsmouth, led the Sea Cadet involvement in both the commemorative event and the act of remembrance, and directed the TS Royalist's contributions afloat, during the ceremonies.

This year's ceremonies began on June 4th, with an extraordinary display of homage and respect. The TS Royalist led the procession, escorting a ferry carrying Normandy Veterans from Portsmouth across the Channel. This poignant journey not only bridged the generations but also served as a vivid reminder of the past sacrifices made for freedom and democracy. As the veterans made their way across the water, the skies came alive with the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight performing a flypast. Simultaneously, Royal Navy ships stationed in Portsmouth Harbour sailed in formation, their sirens sounding in unison, in a powerful display of military precision and respect.

The evening of June 5th saw the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Bayeux War Cemetery transformed with a spectacular light show. This event also featured a vigil held by Cadet Forces and

members of the Armed Forces. In a touching tribute, the names of the 25,000 fallen personnel commemorated at the cemetery were read aloud.

On June 6th, the focus shifted to the British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer, where the UK's national commemorative event took place. This solemn ceremony included the traditional acts of remembrance such as the playing of the Last Post and observing a two-minute silence. This provided a moment of grateful reflection about the sacrifices made in June 1944.

More than 1,600 members of the Armed Forces led the commemorations in France, supported by an array of military assets including a Royal Marines landing craft, five Royal Navy patrol vessels, minesweeper HMS Cattistock and three Sea Cadet vessels, as well as a stunning display by the British Army's Red Devils parachute display team.

I hope that we, as the younger generations who have benefitted from the sacrifices of D Day, will continue to learn the lessons of history, and join with the Normandy Veterans and many others in saying "We will remember them".



## Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

From Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 53 Year 10 students took part in their practice and qualifying expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The students demonstrated copious amounts of resilience, maturity and determination to navigate, cook and camp in the Surrey countryside and successfully pass their expedition. The staff at Crag and Compass, the company who ran the expedition,

were particularly complimentary of how the students conducted themselves. Here are a selection of comments from the leaders:

"The students were absolutely fabulous throughout and what great ambassadors to their school. Can't wait to work with them again."

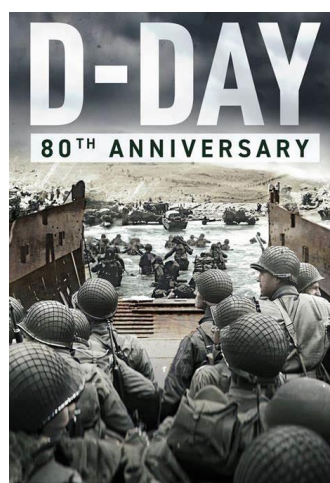
"Some of the nicest students I have ever led. So polite and kind. So many pleases and thank yous. What a delightful group of young people. Would love for them to come back and do the gold award"

"What an amazing few days spent with some fantastic and funny young people. Let's hope they go on and complete their gold!"

Massive well done to all year 10s who took part!



## D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, named 'Operation Overlord'. We learn about this event, including the planning and consequences of the invasion, in our Year 9 World War Two curriculum. If you would like to learn more about

this, please use our recommended list below:

### TV Documentaries

- D-Day: The Unheard Tapes (BBC iPlayer)
- D-Day: The Last Heroes (BBC iPlayer)
- D-Day 80: We Were There (BBC iPlayer)
- World War II: From the Front Lines (Netflix)

### Films and shows

- The Longest Day
- Saving Private Ryan (rated 15)
- Band of Brothers (rated 15)

### Podcasts

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| <b>Dan</b>  | <b>Snow's</b> | <b>History</b> | <b>Hit:</b> |
| <a href="https://open.spotify.com/episode/3a50UnbyjhVgCDRBArt5c4?si=391TmaaJRMmR9TL2LbeWWW">https://open.spotify.com/episode/3a50UnbyjhVgCDRBArt5c4?si=391TmaaJRMmR9TL2LbeWWW</a> |               |                |             |

### History Extra Podcast:

- <https://open.spotify.com/episode/4fExCx4D4dhj5v8jvu5cB7Q?si=KxaGOEOESdK4M2LeTChybA>

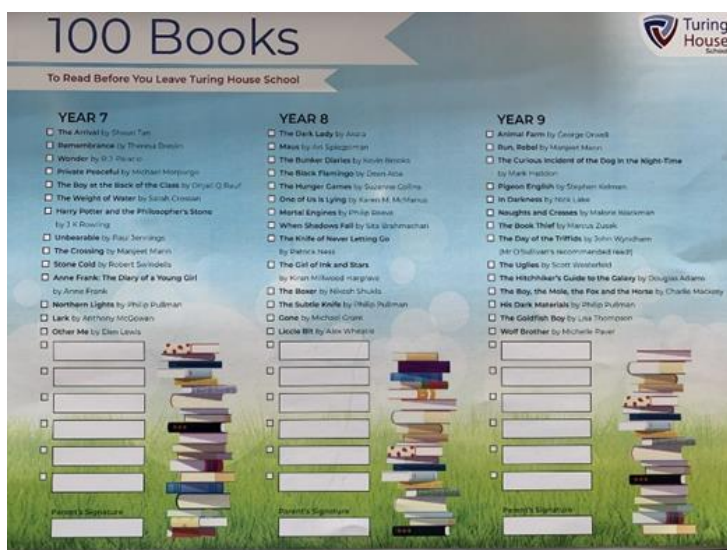


**WW2 Pod:**

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/2XjHsfGitnDVbg8aVVCmj?si=Zkt\\_P1wXQwKBWNXNWdBwTw](https://open.spotify.com/episode/2XjHsfGitnDVbg8aVVCmj?si=Zkt_P1wXQwKBWNXNWdBwTw)

**Fara Teddington supports THS with 5 for £5 books**

At our recent Year 6 'Meet the Teachers' evening for future Year 7 students, we gifted all of our new families with a '100 Books To Read At Turing House' poster, full of our recommendations of books to read in each year spent at Turing House School.



We are also delighted to share that Fara bookshop in Teddington have decided to support our project by selling bundles of five books from our selection for each year group for only £5. They have made the books we'd recommend easily identifiable and are showcasing our recommended books and reading posters.

Staff at Fara also encourage customers to write reviews of books they particularly enjoy, and are excellent at recommending new reads. Please do pop into their store to support them and purchase some of the bundles.



**Primary School Borough Athletics**

On Wednesday, some of our Year 10 Sport studies students helped in the running of the annual Primary Schools Borough Athletics meet. They represented the school fantastically and were role models to the younger students. Our students were able to support the students during their field events, giving demonstrations and taking measurements. The Year 10s were a credit to the school, and we are looking forward to the next opportunity to work alongside schools during their sports days.



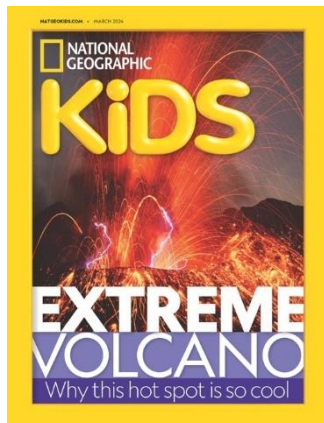
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## Geography books needed

In the Geography Department we are currently building our library of books/magazines/journals linked to the subject to support literacy and also to help inspire our students.



If you have any books that are collecting dust that you don't need at home (or know of people that might) we would be incredibly grateful for any donations.

Particular favourites of our students include books by Tim Marshall, National

Geographic, Travel Guides, student atlases, and general interest books on fascinating places.

## Sporting success

A big congratulations goes to Year 9 student Tomas S for his recent achievement on the judo mat. Tomas won the gold medal in the under 60kg category at the London Youth Games judo competition over the weekend. He saw off the opposition by winning all four of his fights to put him on top the podium! Well done, Tomas!



## Sporting Fixtures

### Year 7/8 Girls Cricket v Waldegrave

The Year 7 and 8 girls hosted Waldegrave this week in their first cricket fixture. The Turing team were first to bat, with some girls stepping up to give batting their first ever go. The number of runs scored gradually increased throughout the 10 overs before it was the opposition's turn to bat. The travelling team managed to chase down the THS score to take the win, but not before some sublime reactions under a few high balls to complete a successful catch or two. The girls have a rest for a week before taking on Teddington where they will look to bounce back with a home win. Well done to everyone involved!



### Year 9/10 Boys Cricket v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 9/10 boys were in action on the cricket pitch this week as they faced St Richard Reynolds. Starting with some strong fielding and taking 6 wickets in their bowling inning, the Turing team had 114 runs to chase down when it came to their turn to bat. With two overs to spare, the boys overtook the opposition's score to seal a victory. The boys will look to build on this momentum when they go again next week. Well done to all involved!



**Year 7/8 Boys Cricket v Richmond upon Thames**

The combined Year 7 and 8 boys were back in action on the cricket pitch this week as they took on Richmond upon Thames. The boys opted to bowl first where the opposition scored a total of 75 runs. When it came to the Turing team's turn to bat, they approached the challenge with enthusiasm and confidence as always. It was looking tight at times, but THS managed to surpass 75 runs to claim a win... and on the last ball no less! Some of the Year 8 students among the team have the Middlesex Merit Cup coming up so they look forward to facing another challenge on the green. Well done to all involved!



**Parent session – County Lines**

The MET Police Central Youth Team, are currently running a project, offering **FREE and online, parent/ carer engagement webinars** in partnership with IIVISON Trust. The sessions will give advice to parents/ carers, on how to spot signs of **County Lines, gang affiliation, grooming and exploitation**. The input will include a lived experience speaker who will explain how they themselves or their children, became involved with gangs and exploitation.

The session for the **West London boroughs** (Hillingdon, Ealing, Hounslow, Wandsworth, Merton, Kingston, Richmond, Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea, Hammersmith & Fulham) will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm – 7.30pm.**





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