



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Headteacher's message

Next week sees the commencement of our internal mock examinations. The staff at Turing House would like to wish all those students involved the best of luck. It is clear already of how committed and focused the students are. The revision for this set of exams supports the final push when the real things happen in May.

This week, it became even more evident how global communication has evolved. As a child, I remember seeing President Reagan on TV. I knew he was a former actor and had a reasonably good relationship with Thatcher. I knew very little else. The American election and its results were discussed throughout the school on Tuesday and Wednesday, and it was incredibly reassuring to see our young people taking such an avid interest in global politics. At the same time, I began reviewing a student's personal statement for their UCAS application. The student spoke intellectually about the interconnectedness of global politics and its impact on nations. This was further reflected in how many students were eager to

discuss the impact of the new president on the UK. Often, it is presumed that children are not interested in politics, but my experience couldn't be further from the truth.



Christmas Card Competition 2024



Merry Christmas
From all of us at
Turing House
School

Turing House Christmas Card Competition 2024

Your task is to design an original Christmas Card.

- The winning design will be digital, so the entries can be any size
- They **must** be a flat design (please nothing shiny and no glitter, beads, origami etc).
- You can also design it on a computer/iPad if you are tech savvy!
- Lots of positive points and prizes to be won

All designs must be submitted to Miss MacDouall, Mr Baker or emailed to art@turinghouseschool.org.uk by Friday 22nd November.



KEY DATES

w/c 11 th November	GCSE & A Level mocks start
21 st November	Year 12 Parents Evening (online)
27 th November	INSET day

Why attendance matters



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...

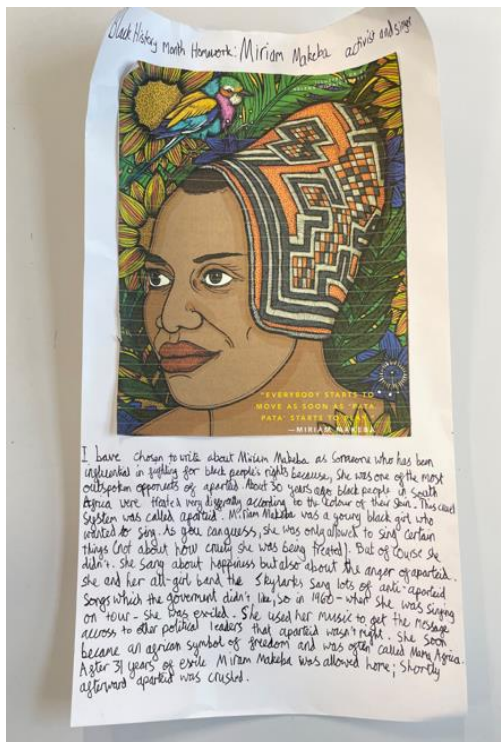
- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Gain qualifications
- Achieve
- Develop new skills
- Experience new things
- Build your confidence & self esteem
- Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences

Have the best possible start in life!



Black History Month

This year's theme for Black History Month was "Reclaiming Narratives." In the History Department, we believe that Black history should not be confined to a single month; it's an integral part of our curriculum, and we engage with it throughout the year to address historical inaccuracies and celebrate Black contributions. However, we also see Black History Month as a special opportunity to embrace a culture of education and empowerment.



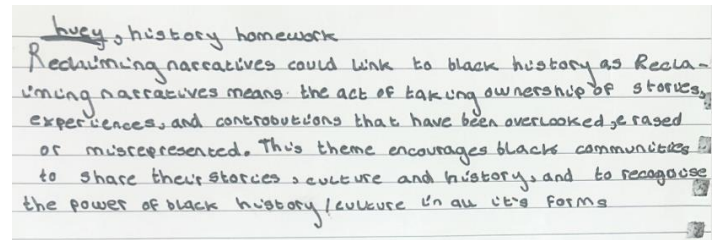
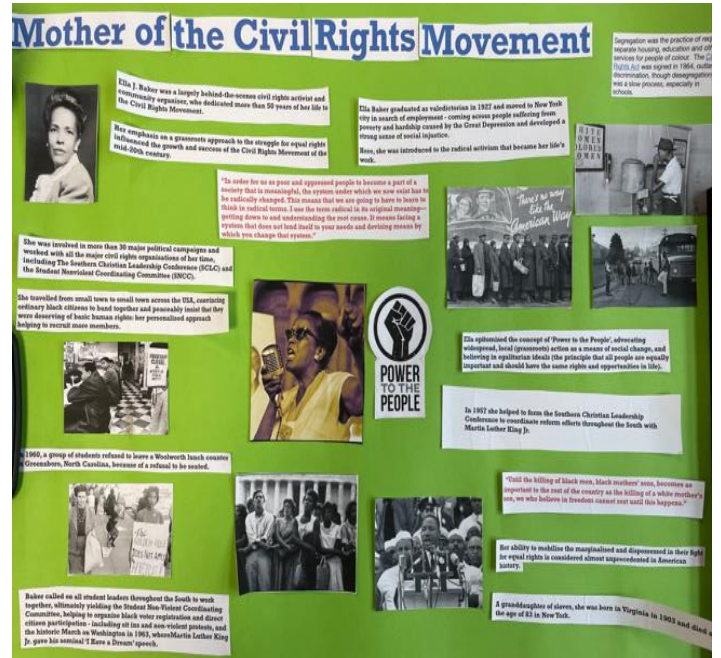
The theme, "Reclaiming Narratives," encourages us to highlight and celebrate Black excellence in all its forms—whether in the arts, sciences, politics, or everyday life. To honour

these achievements, KS4 students participated in weekly tutor-time readings, exploring the lives of influential Black figures such as Robert McNair in Science, Malorie Blackman in Literature, and Diane Abbott in Politics. This was an opportunity for students to learn, reflect, and broaden their understanding of Black contributions across various fields.

Additionally, students from all key stages were invited to participate in creative activities. They had the option to write about what "Reclaiming Narratives" means to them, create posters, tell the story of a notable Black individual or produce an article highlighting a Black figure's contributions to

literature, social justice, or science and technology, both in the UK and globally.

We received many outstanding submissions, including those by Huey C (Y8), William P (Y8), Frank M (Y7), and Sophie A (Y7).



Setting up for mock exams

Thank you to some of our Year 12s who kindly volunteered in setting up for the Mock Exams next week. A lot of preparation work goes into our more formal exams and the site team really appreciated these students' support.

Good luck to all the year 11s and 13s in your exams.



Craft Club

On Tuesday we experimented with all sorts of materials to make suncatchers. Some of the students used sequins, thread, paint, scrap paper and other flat items to laminate into shapes that they can hang for the light to shine through. On Thursday we worked



together to create a Remembrance banner by creating lots of different poppies and combining them to hang together. A real production line was formed to complete this in half an hour!

Sixth Sense

We would like to formally welcome back every year group back to school! We hope you have had a lovely half term, many of our students would have been celebrating Halloween and Diwali and we hope you all enjoyed these festivals. By the time this newsletter has been released, bonfire nights have also occurred. Now we just need to wait for Christmas!

Adding on, the US election would have been on Tuesday the 5th and we imagine many of you would have been following the news closely over the election period. During tutor, tutors put on a video to explain the US election process and how it differs from the UK. Fun fact about US elections: in 2000 it took 5 weeks for the results to be counted as the US Supreme Court had to decide if Florida, the final state to declare, could recount their votes.

Finally, next week year 13 will be undertaking their November mocks and we hope everyone will be wishing them luck.

Written by Taran V and Nicole G – Year 13

THS Friends Notices

Easyfundraising

Christmas is the biggest fundraising opportunity for us through online shopping. Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Turing House Friends at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else! Please sign up and help us raise more. #loveyourschool

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/turinghousefriends/>



THS FRIENDS

The next meeting of the Turing House Friends (PTA) will be on
Monday 11th November, 5pm
At School (Sixth Form Common Room)

Come support your school, find out more about what goes on and help build a thriving school community

Movement for Good Awards



There is still time to nominate Turing House Friends for the chance to win £1,000 in the Movement for Good Awards. So don't miss out, nominate us today!

It's one nomination per person, per charity so you can support all your favourites.

[Movement for food](#)

Sporting fixtures

Year 9 Boys Rugby v Richmond Park Academy

The Year 9 boys got their league campaign underway this week on the rugby pitch. They took on Richmond Park Academy at home. Both sides were confident with the ball in hand, but it was the Turing team who took control of the match early in the first half with some explosive crash ball tactics. However, the opposition slowly eased their way back into the game having identified space out wide. The second half went in their favour as they continued to utilise their wingers and eventually gained the lead to finish the match three tries ahead. The boys will take on Christ's School next where they will look to bounce back from this initial defeat. Well done to all involved!

Year 11 Boys Football v Christ's School

The Year 11 boys travelled to Richmond to take on Christ's on the football pitch. This was a welcomed league fixture before this cohort of students get stuck into the first round of GCSE mock exams and that attitude to playing was certainly reflected in their performance. Impressively, they kept a clean sheet for the entirety of the match. Furthermore, they

managed to create space behind the opposition's defensive line and score a number of well-worked goals to claim a convincing win which has put them at the top of the league table. Well done to all involved!



Year 10 Boys Football v Richmond Park Academy

The Year 10 boys took part in the Surrey Cup Championship against Richmond Park Academy earlier in the week. A straight knock out tournament that saw this team reach the quarter finals in the previous year, the Turing team were looking forward to getting back to hosting high level competitive matches. The boys were under no illusion that an opening round fixture would mean an easy match and they were correct not to underestimate the opposition. With two goals each deep in the second half, it looked like extra time was needed to determine a winner...until THS scored a winning goal in dramatic fashion, seeing out the game 3-2. Onto the next round. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys Football v Royal AA School

The Year 7 boys were back in action on the football pitch this week. They were competing in the first round of the Surrey Cup Championship against Royal Alexandra and Albert School. Playing away from home, the boys knew this was a tough first round draw, but they didn't let that stop them from giving their all and matching the defensive efforts of the opposition as both teams finished normal time goalless. Extra time continued in the same close fashion and so it was down to penalties to determine the match winner. Unfortunately, the Turing team

were edged out from the spot as they narrowly lost the penalty shoot-out but could still be proud of how close they came to the next round. Well done to all involved!



Sixth Form Girls Football v Harris City Academy

To add to all the Surrey Cup action this week, the Sixth Form girls were also competing in their first round of the knock-out tournament, with the help of some Year 10 and Year 11 players too. The Turing team were taking on Harris City Academy from Crystal Palace at home. The opposing team got off to a very strong start, claiming a first half win with three goals on the scoreboard. However, the THS girls refused to admit defeat and looked to come back into the game with two fantastic goals of their own. Their chances of a comeback were shattered when the away team scored a fourth goal just before full time, the final result being 4-2. Nonetheless, the girls put on a brilliant performance and showed a lot of grit. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Borough Basketball Tournament

The Year 8 boys gave us something other than football to think about this week as they travelled to Christ's School to take part in the annual borough basketball tournament. Always a competitive occasion, The Turing team came away with a modest fourth place finish. In their run up to an almost podium place, they swept aside close rivals Twickenham, came agonisingly close to winning against St Richard Reynolds which went to overtime, and suffered a heavy defeat to in-form hosts Christ's. The boys were rightfully proud of the manner in which they represented the school. Well done to all involved!

Year 8/9 Boys Flag Football v Radnor House

Back by popular demand, flag football reappeared on the fixture schedule this week, this time for the Year 8 boys. They took on Radnor House who offered a very close and good-natured game which wasn't shy of enthusiasm for this developing sport. The opposition managed to take the edge in attacking plays but the Turing team went down fighting and made sure to display some creative attacks of their own. Despite the loss, the boys claimed their own slice of school sporting history during this fixture as they became the school's first team to host a flag football match at THS. Well done to all involved!



Year 11 Boys Football v John Fisher

Out of all the matches happening this week in the Surrey Cup, this one might just have been the most dramatic. The Year 11 boys, and a few Year 10's too, hosted John Fisher in the first round of the competition. Another tough opposition to be drawn against in round one, they made their intentions clear from early on in the first half, opening up the scoring to leave the Turing back line scrambling for much of the first half. The second half saw the boys in blue come together with much more success and they managed to work their way back to finish full time with a draw. Extra time saw both teams really open up their attacking play but again THS stood strong and gave as good as they got, the result being even again so penalties were called upon. Not only were the boys down 4-1 at one stage, but they went on to win the penalty shoot-out and progress onto the next round. Well done to all involved!



U15 Football Surrey cup

The Year 10s worked hard on Tuesday coming back from 2-0 down at half time to win 3-2 in the Surrey cup against RPA. The team worked well together taking it back to basics in the second half, making easy passes to feet and reducing errors. Well done everyone involved!!

Knights Basketball

With plenty of basketball games starting this term, we wanted to advertise 'Knights Basketball' who we also use for training sessions. They run all different sessions for a variety of abilities and are a very successful basketball company. Please see their website for full information.

KNIGHTS BASKETBALL

HOOPZ INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL

Hoopz are fun, friendly, inclusive basketball sessions that support children with additional needs to play the brilliant game of basketball!

- > Learn key basketball skills
- > Play team games with creative competition
- > Experienced coaches with additional training in disability inclusion
- > Smaller group sizes = high coach-player ratio
- > Social stories for venues and activities
- > Open to children aged 10-14 in either mainstream or special education

DAY: Saturdays (Commences 9th Nov, 2024)
TIME: 10:00-11:00 AM
VENUE: Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Rd, Twickenham, TW2 5LH
BOOK: Info via QR Code

In partnership with: **RISE** (Richmond Inclusion Support Education) and **Access Sport**

CONTACT: office@knightsbasketball.co.uk | richmondknightsbasketball

Scan here for further info and bookings

