



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Headteacher's message

In the midst of conflict and uncertainty, stories of determination, compassion, and hope often rise to the forefront, reminding us of the power of humanity. **Robin Jowit, octogenarian and one of our former governors** and a committed volunteer from Kew Rotary, has been traveling through Ukraine, supporting schools and communities devastated by the ongoing conflict. His journey has been a testament to the transformative impact of charity, collaboration, and the unyielding spirit of those determined to rebuild their lives.

Robin's journey through Ukraine reflects a powerful commitment to raising awareness and providing tangible support to communities in need. From delivering laptops to championing STEM education, the efforts of Rotary and local partners are helping restore hope and opportunity to those affected by war.

As Robin continues his travels, visiting schools and meeting local leaders, his message is clear: collaboration and compassion can pave the way for

recovery and resilience, even in the face of unimaginable challenges. His journey also reminds us of how lucky we are at Turing House.



KEY DATES

27 th November	INSET day
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Why attendance matters

We aim for every student's attendance to be at 96% or above!

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!

Bugsy Malone 2025

Introducing our three Bugsy Malones!



Our school show this academic year will take you back to the roaring 20s and an age of gangland warfare and doing the Charleston in Fat Sam's Grand Slam Speakeasy. As usual, principal roles will be shared across three days of matinee performances for our local primary schools, and evening shows for family and friends. While this way of working creates more rehearsing and work for the team, it gives more of our students the chance to take on a lead role which is important to us. The title role of Bugsy Malone will be shared between Alberto, Ellis and Jack in Y11 - three students who have really impressed us over the past few years with their commitment to playing supporting roles in Matilda, We Will Rock You and Shrek. We know that whichever Bugsy you come to see will be amazing. The show will take place on 1st-3rd April - save the date!



@PERFORMING_THS

Follow us on Instagram to meet some more of the cast and see some clips from rehearsals over the next few months.

Year 12 Letter to Younger Self Poetry

Tasked with taking inspiration for a piece of creative writing from Helen Dunmore's 'Letter to my Nine-Year-Old Self', the Year 12 A Level Literature students produced thought-provoking and profound poems which I hope you'll enjoy reading.

'A Poem to My Younger Self'

I saw you in the playground
The world just flying you by.
Through the eye of the CCTV camera
I watched you on the sly.

From this perspective a disconnect emerges,
A separation from youthful dreams and ambitions
To this monotonous life I lead.

I wished to warn you of what is to come, but
questioned if you would listen.

Fearless, you swung from bar to bar,
But fear will eventually arrive.
In comes caution to take you away,
And death to scare you, to tell you to survive.

I wondered where that fear began
But already I knew the answer, expecting that
moment.

From the safety of the lens I watched on in horror
As your hand began to slip, and down you went.

You hit the ground with a thud,
Audible from this cocoon.
Screams erupted from your body
As the church bells signify noon.

That broken bone, that arm out of place
Will cause that scar.
The one that connects us both.
So farewell, my younger self, I hope that you go far.

- Zeph F

*To my younger self,
Please do not allow your childhood to slip through
your fingers.
As you question what it may be like*

to be older.

What does life hold for you?

If you waste the present

pondering about the future,

idolizing the different lives,

you might be able to live

you would be

wasting

my

past

on thoughts instead of meaningful memories.

We spend lots of time thinking about the

What ifs? Could this? Maybe I?

And it wastes the past we could have shared.

Theres a million different lives we could have lived,

a million different things that I would give

to be in your shoes.

Go and spend your time

Living in the realm of thoughts

Sitting amongst millions of possibilities.

- Erishva B

WILL YOU

To myself when I was 9.

Over all this time, we are still as fresh and bright as a lime!

Overall, we have not changed drastically, but maybe dramatically

our handwriting is still disorganised, arbitrary, wavering and crossing the supposed line.

This, which you yet to realise reflects our actions, our personality.

I may set you back in the time to come

or move you forward depending, if like or unlike me.

you use our identity to your advantage, to learn, to adapt:

Like the laptop, will you play games when we were given it at 13

or will you utilise it and browse the Web and Wikipedia like me at 16.

I have lost, and I have also gained:

friendships, money, knowledge and time.

Will you think before you speak

Will you halt yourself and instead let out a squeak

Be quiet and meek?

Will you adapt and tweak

Will you go to the gym in an attempt to not be weak.

Will you take your medication

Will you uphold your dedication

Will you become a sensation

Or fall to digitalization

The choice is in your hands, don't change yourself

I love you.

- Thomas H

Spooky Lake Champions

Well done to the following students who took part in the Spooky Lake Month competition in Geography. Every student below scored 31/31 on the daily quiz throughout October and has received a Turing Card for their curiosity and dedication – amazing!

Congratulations to: Sophia A (7A), Jessica J (7A), Holly H (7A), Joschua L (7R), Rudy D (7N), Seth S (7N), James W (7N), Hal S (8U), Riley S (8T), Aneira E (8N), Demi R (10L), Alice D (10L) See you next October for Spooky Lake Month 2025! Miss Smith, Geography.

Rewards for positive points

On Wednesday, we had our rewards for Term 1. The top 10 students of each year group for positive points were rewarded with a 'skip the queue' card, pizza lunch, and movie (The Grinch). This new rewards system was agreed upon by our Student Council. Below is a picture of the students who stayed to watch the movie for the whole of lunch.





the Main Hall. They have been preparing one solo and one ensemble performance each, with music from a plethora of genres, from classical piano duets to heavy rock groups. There will be something for everyone and we hope to see many of you there.

Music trip

Our GCSE musicians attended a concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday to hear their set work - Badinerie by J.S.Bach, performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The students enjoyed seeing an orchestra performing live (some for the first time) as well as having their set work unpicked, analysed and performing for them in full. They were also treated to other works by Beethoven, Eric Coates and polish female composer Grazyna Bacewicz.



Our friends at Richmond Orchestra will be performing their autumn concert on Saturday 30th November, in Duke Street Church, Richmond. Mr Hunter and a number of our visiting peripatetic teachers will be performing so please do go along if you're able.



Music Notices

Our Year 11 GCSE Music students are hard at work preparing to perform their solo and ensemble pieces for their coursework submissions and their work will be performed on Tuesday 26th November at 4pm in

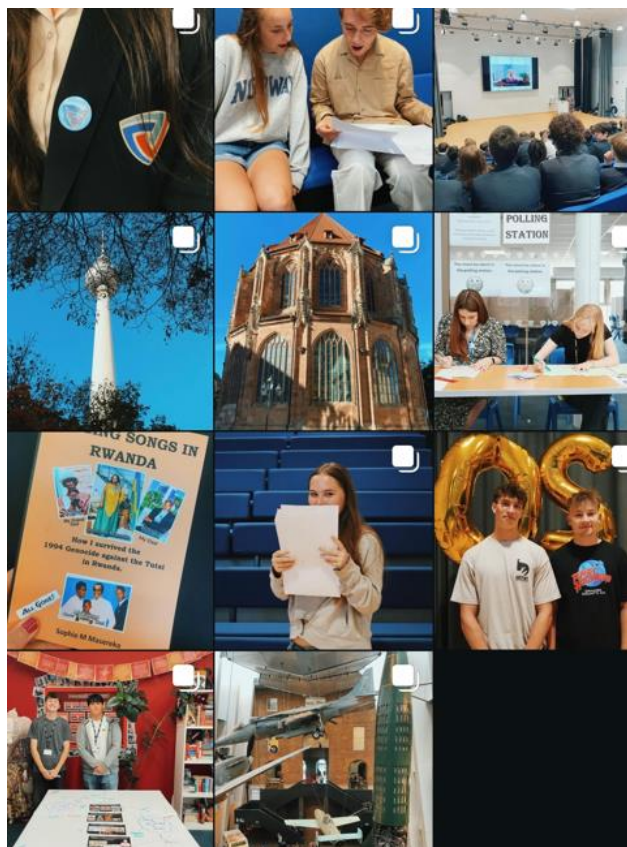




Instagram – Humanities



Please follow @humanities_ths on Instagram - we have a new profile to share photos of everything that goes on in the humanities departments with you!



Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation. It aims to help parents understand the risks regarding drug use and offers strategies for keeping young people safer. It is targeted at parents/carers of secondary school-age children.

Webinar Details:
 Date: 27 November
 Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30pm
 Platform: **Zoom**

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/>

I'd wish I'd known Webinar

Over the years, we've been fortunate enough to have collaborated with the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation and its founder, Fiona, looking at how we can work together to keep our young people safe from the risks of drug use.

On Wednesday 27th November at 6:30pm, there will be an online talk for parents/carers run by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation, exploring the risks and challenges, as well as providing practical advice on how we help keep young people safer. Details for joining the Zoom meeting are below.

"I wish I'd known" has been commissioned by the public health team in Kingston and is being run by the

Sporting fixtures

Year 8 Boys Rugby League Regional Tournament

Last week saw the Y8 boys head to St James School to take part in the rugby league regional festival, having finished first in the borough festival. The boys were up against some stiff competition in the form of Hemel Hempstead and then Howard of Effingham. Both games were closely contested as the Turing team beat Hemel Hempstead but lost by just one try to Effingham. That set them up for a play-off match with hosts St James which went to golden score. The boys refused to suffer defeat and defended on their own try line like their lives depended on it. Six tackles later and the boys won back possession, worked their way

up the pitch, and scored the winning try to end the afternoon on a dramatic, well-earned positive note. Well done to all involved!



Year 11 Boys Football v Ashcombe School

With the aid of some Year 10 students, the Year 11 boys took on Ashcombe School on the football pitch in the second round of the Surrey Cup. The Turing team initially found it difficult to keep pace with the physicality of the opposition, a strong sporting school with successful footballing history, and by the end of the first half they found themselves 3-0 down. They came out strong in the second half and found the net quickly with a high press, but unfortunately further attacking efforts were thwarted. The game finished 4-1 but the students should be proud of their effort and showed great determination and heart in the second half, dominating play and possession. They now look ahead to the final game of the season to see if they can win the South Richmond league.

Year 7 Football v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys were back in action on the football pitch earlier this week. They made the trip across Hospital Bridge Road to take on Twickenham. The close proximity of the two schools, along with the competitive nature of both, always means that Whitton bragging rights are up for grabs when these two sides meet in any discipline or year group, and makes for a great sporting spectacle. That was no different for the young Turing team on this occasion - they were determined as ever to restore winning habits and couldn't wait to get back to playing under the watchful eye of Mr Cowan who has been leading this team. THS managed to net not one but two goals before half time to give them a reasonable lead. The

opposition scored quickly in the second, but cool heads prevailed as the boys stuck to the game plan and found a third goal just before full time to take a 3-1 win. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 & 10 Boys Rugby League v Teddington

The Year 9 and 10 boys took part in two respective rugby league games this week, both against Teddington. Playing at home, the two Turing teams enjoyed switching codes where they aimed to drive the ball up the pitch in attack and win possession back after six tackles in defence. The Year 9 team fought hard to achieve a very close win while the Year 10 game was even closer as it finished in a draw. Both teams played brilliantly and there should be some more rugby league to come in the new year. Well done to all involved!



THS Students at the London Youth Games

A massive shout out goes to the strong contingent of THS students who competed in cross-country at the London Youth Games last weekend. They were selected to represent the Borough of Richmond and helped them to 3rd place overall in both the male and female team competitions which is a fantastic achievement. This was a great warm-up event for this



week's cross-country event too. Well done to all involved! A full breakdown of the results can be found using the following link.

Year 10/11 Boys Basketball v Richmond Park Academy

The combined Year 10/11 boys' basketball team travelled to Sheen to face Richmond Park Academy in their borough league match up this week. The boys might have been shielded from the bitter elements that could be felt outside, but they sure did create a storm of their own on the court. Playing with a zone defensive strategy, the Turing team dominated with their counter attacks after a series of successful steals and blocks that could be seen in all quarters. The final quarter saw the boys open up further offensively, taking their chances to deliver shot after shot as the match ended 61-48 to THS. They next take on basketball heavyweights, Christ's school. Well done to all involved!

Our Extra-curricular Clubs and Activities

Before school:

- Mon
 - Yr 8,9&10 Boys Basketball
- Wed
 - Grade 5 Music Theory
- Thur
 - All years Fitness
 - Cross Country Club, 7-7:45am

Break times:

- Mon
 - Library reading club, all welcome
- Tue
 - Fantasy Football Club, r1.01
- Wed
 - International club r1.14 for multi-lingual learners
 - Pokemon Club, r1.24, all welcome
- Fri
 - International club r1.14 for multi-lingual learners

Tutor time:

- Wed

- Grief Group, Ms Riglin's office
- Thu
 - EDIT club (Equality Diversity and Inclusion Team)
 - 6th form common room – currently full but speak to Mrs Collins if interested

Lunch Times

- Mon
 - Grade 8 and 9 Spanish club, r2.04, year 11 students
 - Dragon's Den Club 2.07 for years 10 & 11
 - Board Games Club, Enigma room, all welcome
 - Book Club all welcome 1.11
 - Y8-11 dance club with Emily in sports studio
- Tue
 - Code & Game. Scratch code, learn to code, create, adapt and play each other's games, r1.12
 - Craft Club, in Enigma, all welcome
 - Psychflix- Psychology film club, r1.07, A Level students
 - Library reading club, all welcome
- Wed
 - Turing Writers' Club, both KS3 & Ks4, r1.18
 - Library reading club, all welcome
 - RP club, room 1.05, year 10
 - Lego club 1.17 KS3
- Thu
 - Craft Club, in Enigma, all welcome
 - Embroidery Club, r1.15, Open to all
 - French Club r2.06, all welcome
 - Music Tech Club (0.14), all welcome
- Fri
 - Pride Club, r1.22, anybody
 - Film club Rm 1.08, (KS3)
 - Chess, r2.01, all years

After School

- Mon



- Yr 10-11 Netball (+9s if missed Weds) (MUGA)
 - All years Judo Club (Gym)
 - Yr 7&8 Boys' Football (Field)
 - Warhammer Club, 3-4:30 0.03
 - Spanish intervention for selected students in year 11, r2.05, Wednesdays 3.05pm
 - Band Club, 3-4pm r0.13 and Music department practice space
Open to all pop musicians (voice, piano, drum kit, guitars)
 - Geography Newsletter Club, 3-4. r1.03, for anyone interested in geography / writing / journalism!
 - Dr Frost Maths, 3-4pm, 1.12, All students
 - GCSE Art & Photography Coursework Club, 3pm-4:30pm, r1.21
 - Y8-11 dance club with Emily in sports studio
 - Homework Club, r0.17, 3-4pm
 - STEM Club, Room 2.16
- Tue
 - All years - girls' rugby (Field)
 - Yr 10&11 Boys' Football (Field)
 - Yr 9 Boys' Football (Field)
 - School Show, 3-4:30 in the main hall (now full)
 - History and Politics Club, 3:00, 1.24, KS3
 - Ks4 revision club for history and politics; 3pm r1.25
 - All Years Table Tennis club (Sports hall) After Christmas
 - Homework Club, r0.17, 3-4pm
 - Wed
 - Yr 10&11 Boys' Rugby (Field)
 - Yr 7-9 Boys' Rugby (Field) (external)
 - Pins and Needles Sewing Club yrs 7-10 (costs applicable)
 - Wellbeing Wednesday, r0.L, drop in session
 - Yr 7-9 Netball (MUGA)
- Homework Club, r0.17, 3-4pm
 - Thu
 - Yr 7-11 Girls' football (Field)
 - Yr 7&8 Boys' Basketball (Hall) (external)
 - Art Club, r1.22, mainly ks3 but anyone
 - Stage Combat Club, Main Hall, 3:15pm - 4:30, all years, working towards a public performance
 - Dr Frost Maths, 3-4pm, 1.12, All students
 - GCSE Art & Photography Coursework Club, 3pm-4:30pm r1.21
 - Song writing club, 3pm r0.03
 - Turing Singers, 3 - 4pm r0.13, open to all
 - Knitting Club, 3pm, r1.16, all welcome
 - Y7 dance club with Lily (starts after Xmas) 3-4 in drama studio
 - Homework Club, r0.17, 3-4pm
 - Fri
 - Orchestra (0.14) Open to all instrumentalists

