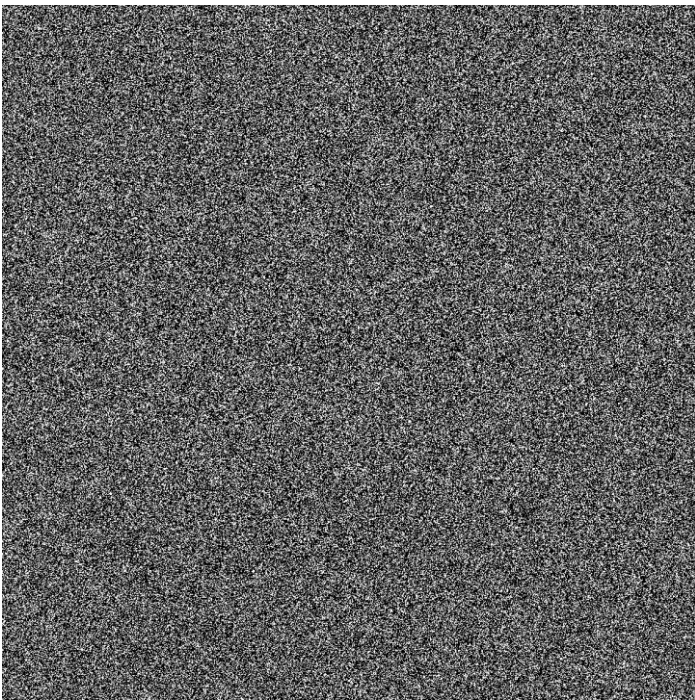




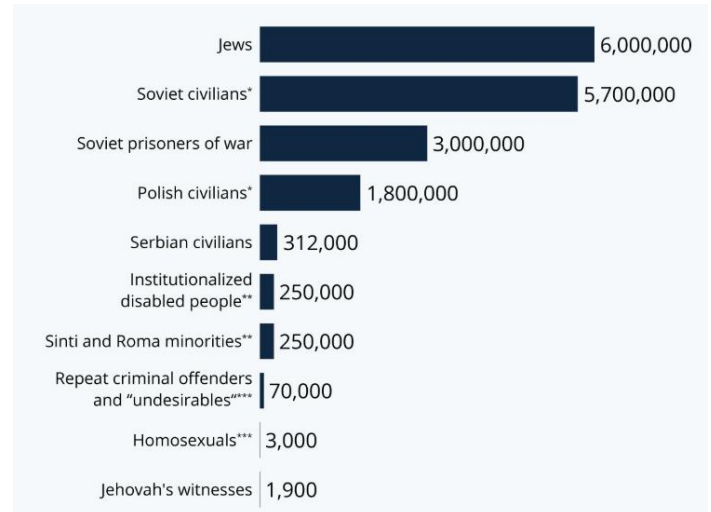
HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



A Message from Mr O'Sullivan



The image above is an AI generated image of a million dots. Seventeen of those images would represent the people that died in the Holocaust.



Over the years I have been privileged to meet survivors that have come to various schools to speak to students about their experiences. What this has taught me with any genocide, natural disaster or event in which lots of people lose their lives is that the dots must always be made to stand out and remembered as people, individuals with lives back stories and families. If they are always viewed as statistics, nothing will ever learn from the mistakes of history and we need to ensure we don't let them happen again. To give an example of this, at a previous school whilst in the role of Head of Religious Studies I met the wonderful Bettina Le Beau. During the Second World War, Le Beau was separated from her parents and was held in a concentration camp in southern France. Le Beau escaped and was helped by a family who hid her from the Nazis. Le Beau went to Britain in 1945 She worked as a model, graphologist and cabaret artist and learned several languages.

As an actress her television appearances include: The Benny Hill Show, Mrs Thursday, The Prisoner, Call My Bluff and The Golden Shot. Film appearances include My Last Duchess, San Ferry Ann, The Devil's Daffodil

and an uncredited role as Professor Dent's secretary in the first James Bond film, Dr. No. On radio, Le Beau was a regular on the BBC World Service programme *Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?*



Le Beau worked on a programme for women on radio and wrote a book entitled *Help Yourself to Happiness* and also lectured on her experience of The Holocaust. Resilience is always key. Le Beau is just one of the hundreds of thousands who survived Nazi persecution and who need to be remembered as much as those who sadly lost their lives. Throughout the school this week in our marking of Holocaust Remembrance Day, we honoured those who experienced the Holocaust, and all the family and friends connected with those people, and lives that continue to be affected by it.



6 Feb	Y9 online Parents evening
14 Feb	End of term – usual time finish
24 Feb	Inset Day

History Club

Here is an article written by some students in KS3 History club about Holocaust Memorial Day, which was on Monday.

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day commemorating the victims of the Holocaust. The Holocaust was the genocide, primarily of European Jews, as well as other groups like the Romani, Slavs, disabled people, political opponents among other minority groups. Holocaust Memorial Day is held every year on January 27th, the date of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and 2025 was the 80th anniversary of this liberation. Survivors spoke to world leaders to warn against the danger of rising antisemitism around the globe.

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day this year, we had an assembly held by our history teachers and some sixth formers. The message of the assembly was to learn about what has happened in the past so that we are equipped to combat rising hate and discrimination. The sixth formers spoke about their experiences, having visited Auschwitz-Birkenau, telling us about everything that they had seen and learned. They spoke about what the prisoners' experience was like from the moment they disembarked the trains, through to the rest of their experience of the camps, however long that may have been. The overall message was that it is everyone's responsibility to prevent atrocities happening at the earliest point possible, and by knowing what could happen, we better understand why it is so important to act.



At Turing House School, we learn about the causes and events of genocides. We learn the Holocaust, as well as other genocides that have happened since, such as the Rwandan, Bosnian and Cambodian genocides. The reason it is important to learn about genocides that have happened in the past is because if people are educated about them, it lowers the chance of those atrocities from happening again.

By Elijah, Roan, Nikita, Kirtan and Sandy

Why attendance matters

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



If your child has a minor illness and no immediate appointments at your GP surgery, there is a free NHS service where you can get access to healthcare advice



at your local pharmacy. Please click on the link below for more details:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/>

Charity Bake Sale



9R's Charity Bake sale was a huge success! The students have been working hard to make money for their Charity Fundraiser for a local Charity called 'With You'. With You are a Charity that support people struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

The students worked hard over the weekend baking, and they sold out in just 20 minutes.

Their grand total was £118.67. Well done to Libby, Caoimhe, Josh, Will, Harry and Ayo from 9R for helping to make this event so successful. And thank you to everyone who bought something to help raise money for a really important cause.



Music updates

Year 8 are learning to play the acoustic guitar. They're exploring the music of Bob Marley, whilst learning simple chords and strumming techniques.



No Larkin About

No 'Lark'in About: On Mondays during tutor time, a group of Year 7 students read Anthony McGowen's coming-of-age novel 'Lark' with older Reading Ambassadors who support their younger peers by clarifying meanings, asking questions and ensuring reading accuracy. This follows the success of a comparable project last year which culminated in a pizza and 'meet the author' evening. Thank you to all participants for your efforts.



Year 10 Future Frontiers Mentoring & Work Experience Program

This week a small group of Year 10 students took part in our new mentoring and Work Experience program at AXA UK in the city. This is their second week of a four-week program that involves them working one to one with trained mentors from AXA to help support our students with their next steps decisions post 16 and enabling them to make links in Industry with experts who can support them in their chosen field of interest. Week one was a getting to know each other session.

All students were inspired by visiting professional offices and seeing what the real world of work actually looks like. They are enjoying working with their mentors who have volunteered their time to support our students.

The last week is an exciting one for this group as they will have to interview an expert professional in the field they are interested in working in, to find out about their career pathway and experiences of the roles they do. This is a big step for some of our students but they are rising to this challenge well and are discovering many new skills and talents along the way.

We are excited to see how this enterprise progresses. Future Frontiers will be following up with our students in year 11 to provide in-school careers advice to students and parents alike. Hopefully this will help these students gain valuable insight into the world of work. The Careers Team



Craft Club

On Tuesday, we made books with watercolour paints and fine liner pens and designs included mandala themes and rainbow. On Thursday we made beaded charms, using wooden, glass and letter beads to create a design. Most students then used these as phone charms! As always, we would be very grateful of any donations of craft materials that are no longer needed or wanted.



Arkwright update

Following a rigorous process, Nico V in Year 11 reached the final round of the Arkwright Scholarship application and had his final interview on Monday.

Out of 1500 applicants in the UK, Nico was one of the impressive 557 students who were selected for interview. Nico was interviewed on his wind tunnel project, his passion for engineering and his extra-curricular activities to see if he could make the cut to become an Arkwright Scholar. Nico has been an excellent representative for Turing House and we look forward to hearing an update from the Smallpeice trust in March to hear how Nico did!

Careers Fair 2026



Calling all Volunteers: The Turing House Careers Fair 2025 will be on Thursday 13th March 5.30 - 7.30pm.

We are excited to launch our THS Careers Fair for 2025. We are hoping to build on the wide array of careers represented last year, where we had over 40 stands and speakers with approximately 400 attendees. We are therefore looking for representatives from a **variety of careers**, and this year we are particularly interested to hear from anyone working in trades. However, all volunteers are welcome.

Are you able to help us in any way? Do you run a company or have an appealing job that our students may be interested in? Are you willing spend some time telling them about your experience in the workplace/your career path? Feedback from last year's volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. If you would like to volunteer again this year, please do get in touch.

You can email the Careers team via info@turinghouseschool.org.uk preferably by the 7th February 2025. Please include a brief overview of your role/company and include your contact details. We will then contact you with further details.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sports Update

Sandown Ski Practice

On Tuesday of this week, 27 of the 52 ski trip students took to Sandown Ski Centre in Esher for an hour and a half practice session with an instructor. Students

started the process of getting use to ski boots, came to grips with the equipment and we're introduced to the basics on skis. All students seemed to enjoy the practice session and hopefully this will prove beneficial when it comes to hitting the slopes in Italy in a week's time!



Year 7 Boys Football v St James

While basketball and eventually rugby tend to dictate the Year 7 sports fixture schedule this term, a team of boys were treated to a friendly football match this week. Playing at home, they took on St James Boys' School from Ashford and showed no sign of any footballing enthusiasm fading since the Christmas break. The Turing team stormed to a 4-0 win over the opposition after putting in a very impressive performance in defence. There were two penalties in the game that were awarded to THS and both opportunities from the spot went begging, giving the away team a lift in hope of a comeback. However, a strong Turing effort elsewhere in the match meant that chances were created and converted into goal scoring moments, and they did plenty to build on their lead. Well done to all involved!



Year 10 Boys Football v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 10 boys took to the football field again in their borough fixture line-up. They hosted Richmond upon Thames, playing with a slightly reduced squad as one or two were missing on the day. Did that deter this group of hard-working players? Not in the slightest. The Turing team have built a reputation for stepping up to the call when potential questions are asked of them - last week, they suffered a defeat to RPA and it could be forgiven for one or two questions arising in relation to their team cohesion coming into this game. This week, they were determined to answer any questions clearly, letting their performance do the talking. That was certainly the case as the boys kept a clean sheet to record an impressive 3-0 win. Job done. Well done to all involved!



Song writing mentoring sessions

SONG WRITING AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS MENTORING SESSIONS

with **Janette Mason**, Artist In Residence, composer, producer and arranger.
& **Juliet Roberts**, songwriter, vocalist and soul music Diva.

1st & 2nd March
2-5pm
The Exchange,
Twickenham



Join these two outstanding industry professionals for a weekend of mentoring sessions exploring song writing, story-telling, song structure, melody and harmony plus performance skills including vocal and mic technique.

There will also be an opportunity to perform live with **AYRA** – Janette and Juliet's original nu- soul project at their headline Concert for **International Women's Day on March 8th**.

Followed by an informal concert at:
The Exchange Cabaret Room
2nd March, 7-9pm

Bring along an original song for constructive feedback plus the tools to develop your music and artistry **or** if you prefer, bring along a cover song to perform and get help with your performance skills.

Everyone is welcome.

Limited number of spaces so please book in advance.

- Workshop dates 1st & 2nd March, 2-5pm
- Informal concert open to friends and family 2nd March, 7-9pm
- Open to all ages and standards
- Fee £95 for two days (see QR Code above)

For more info please contact:
janette@janettemason.com

Richmond's Community Heroes Award

RICHMOND'S COMMUNITY HEROES AWARDS 2024-25



NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY HEROES AWARDS ARE OPEN!

Help us recognise the incredible locals who go above and beyond to make Richmond upon Thames and their community a better place.

Make your nomination online at richmond.gov.uk/community_heroes_awards
Call 020 8891 7955 or email events@richmond.gov.uk for more information, or to find out how to get a physical nomination form for return to Communications Team,
Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ.

Nominations close Wednesday 26 February 2025





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- 22 March
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