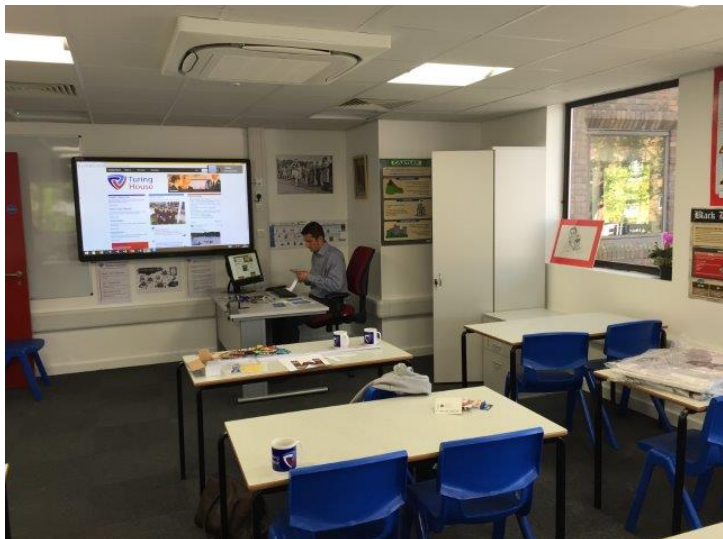


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Moving in next week



We are still all set for moving in on Tuesday next week and look forward to welcoming students to their new school building. Lessons start At 8.30 prompt so they need to be in the playground by 8.25. The gates will open at 8am.

Work is continuing throughout the site over the weekend and on Monday. The fence is to be erected on Tuesday during the day. There will be a temporary fence around the front playground to keep students safe – practical if not very aesthetic!

There will, in fact be quite a lot of work going on downstairs throughout the rest of next week and in to

the early part of the following week so we unfortunately won't have access to our school hall during that time. The building contractors operate in a segregated area of the site and there should be minimal disruption to lessons from noise.

This does mean however that students will need to bring packed lunches for another five days as we won't have the appropriate area for the preparation and serving of cold food. We do have a space for students to eat in upstairs. We decided that running the proper timetable in our own classrooms even on a partial site was better than continuing off-site – although I'm sure the students would have been happy with more outdoor activities! By being on site we have access to all our computers and classroom equipment.



Forthcoming Events

- 14 September:** Lessons at College (Uniform + PE Kit)
- 15 September:** First day at Turing House! (Uniform)
- 21 September:** First PE sessions (As well as uniform you will need the correct PE kit for your activity)
- 24 September:** School Photographs
- 24 September:** Settling-In Evening

Fixtures

- 22 September:** Girls Football (Hm) v Hampton Acdy
- 22 September:** Boys Rugby (Aw) v Christs

Travel Next week

It was great to meet so many of you last week when you brought your children on the first day but also very encouraging to see how many travelled independently to college after that first day.

If you are planning to drive your children to school then please be particularly careful about where you park or drop off. We would be grateful if you could avoid Queens Road near the school, it is very crowded and dangerous. We also ask that you do not use Teddington Memorial Hospital Car Park.

Stanley Road opposite the school generally has ample space to drop-off and is wide and clear with good visibility. The crossings to the school are very good and we will have staff on duty there at the start and end of the day as well.

However your children are travelling please do remind them to be particularly careful at that busy junction – we will be reminding them! Road safety barriers are being installed by the council next week.

Go Ape and Thames Young Mariners

Two fantastic days were enjoyed by staff and students alike as I'm sure you will agree. A selection of photos are included here to give you a flavour if you haven't seen them on Twitter or the website. For the full album please visit the gallery on our website: www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/gallery/.

Staff at both Go Ape and Thames Young Mariners were especially complimentary about our students on both days and commented on their exemplary behaviour and extremely positive attitude to the activities. Well done Turing House!



Literacy Fact

Over the forthcoming weeks, we will be including a 'Literacy Fact' for the week as part of an 'Improve Student Literacy' drive. We would be very grateful if you could discuss our inclusions at home and help us to ensure that students consider why they are using certain elements of literacy.

Fact 1 Colons:

Colons are used for lists and explanations.

Lists – The colon is used to let you know that a list is about to begin. You will need the following ingredients: a large egg, 200 grams of flour, 250ml of milk.

Explanations – Colons are used to divide a sentence where the second part of the sentence explains the first part, or tells you more about it. The office was empty: everyone had finished their work and gone home.

Settling in Evening

We're looking forward to seeing you again at our "Settling-In Evening" on 24th September.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your son or daughter's form tutor for a short discussion and the aim is for you to have met each other and shared a little bit of information about how he or she is finding their first few weeks at Turing House.

Students are encouraged to attend (in uniform) and I am sure that you will take the opportunity for a look around – they can be your guides.

Mr O'Sullivan, Ms Sherry, Ms Winch and Miss Wilkinson will be present and we will be very happy to talk to any of you.

The evening starts at 16:15 and goes on until 19:20. The appointment booking website is now operating: <https://turinghouseschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

Virtual Tour of the site

We are in the process of producing a virtual tour of the site as it currently looks and hope to have it on the website this weekend so that you can have a sneak preview!

Extra-curricular

Please remind students to return their extra-curricular choices on Monday so that we can get the lists up-to-date and make sure that staff are ready to get activities off to a flying start.

Teams

As you can see from the fixtures that we know about already there is very little time to get our first teams together. Any student who would like to be in a team should speak to Mr Day on Monday when they are in his PE lesson.

Show My Homework

Students will have had a little homework set today and some more on Monday. We will start to set more once they are in school properly and build up to the full homework timetable fairly soon. You should have received a copy of this on Tuesday.

Homework will be available to view online here: <https://turinghouse.showmyhomework.co.uk/>. We will shortly be providing you with a login so that you can see your son or daughter's homework in detail.

Sickly

Attendance has been great so far but we know that students will get bugs from time to time. Please do make sure we know about this as soon as possible. Ideally we would like you to use the "Sickly" system at <https://www.sickly.org/> to notify us of absences. Not only does it help the team in the admin office but teachers will immediately know that someone is off sick.

It is possible to use the website to notify us but the App that you can install on a smartphone or tablet is much easier to use.

School Photographs

A photographer is coming to school on Thursday 24 September to take individual portraits and tutor group photographs. Proofs will be delivered back to school and sent home for you to choose what you would like to order. All our students already look exceptionally smart but I know there will be some extra hair brushing and polishing on that day!

Prospectus Photographs and Open Days

We will hardly have moved in before Open Day for next year's intake will be upon us. A photographer is visiting us at Richmond College on Monday to take some pictures in the classrooms and the PE lessons for us to use in our prospectus. We will also be asking for student volunteers to help on Open Evening either as guides or to be in classrooms with teachers to talk about life at Turing House. Letters will be sent home soon about this.

Bushy House

You may remember that a long time ago we had hoped to be located in Building 2 at NPL. Next to Building 2 is Bushy House which you can see when you walk past in Bushy Park. This month there is an opportunity to visit this historic local building - we hope that some of you and your families will want to look around. We would be very happy for any budding reporter to write a short article about the house for us to publish!



On Saturday 19 September, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) will be opening Bushy House and gardens to the general public as part of Open House London weekend.

Bushy House was built by Edward Proger, probably around 1664/5. From 1797, it was the residence of William, Duke of Clarence (later William IV) and his mistress Dora Jordan.

Visitors will have the opportunity to visit various parts of the house, and the beautiful gardens, home to a descendent of Newton's apple tree. There will also be displays on the role of NPL during WWI and the 60th anniversary of Louis Essen building the world's first accurate atomic clock.

Access to Bushy House is via the Queens Road Gate, TW11 0EB.

Please note that there is very limited access for wheelchairs and no dogs are allowed (with the exception of guide and assistance dogs).

Entry is free and registration is not required.

