

Headteacher's Update

8th July 2016

Summer Concert

Last night Turing House students gave a magnificent performance of music, dance and drama. There were many varied acts from Star Wars and Matilda to Air on a G String and Revolting! For the first time, music composed by Music Tech club member Freddie Brown was combine with a dance choreographed and performed by Emma Bagge.



There were so many highlights to the evening but what shone through most was the enthusiasm and commitment of both students and staff to yet again put on a wonderful show. Well done to all.



Forthcoming Events

15th **July:** Last day of term, (approx. 2pm)

6th September: Y7 Start 0830 7th September: Y8 Start 0830

7th September: Y7 at Thames Young Mariners

9th September: School Photographs



Olympic Fact

The marathon may have ancient roots, but the foot race's official length of 26.2 miles wasn't established until the 20th century. The idea for the modern marathon was inspired by the legend of an ancient Greek messenger who raced from the site of Marathon to Athens, a distance of about 40 kilometers, or nearly 25 miles. After making his announcement, the exhausted messenger collapsed and died. To commemorate his dramatic run, the distance of the 1896 Olympic marathon was set at 40 kilometers.

For the next few Olympics, the length of the marathon remained close to 25 miles, but at the 1908 Games in London the course was extended, allegedly to accommodate the British royal family. As the story goes, Queen Alexandra requested that the race start on the lawn of Windsor Castle. The random boost in mileage ending up sticking, and in 1921 the length for a marathon was formally standardized at 26.2 miles.

Fixtures

12 July: Sports Day & BBQ Social at Teddington Rugby Club, 2pm – 5pm

Induction Day

We were delighted to welcome our second cohort to the school on the 4th July. Students experienced a variety of lessons taught by both our founding staff and our new teachers.









Feedback from parents, staff and students was extremely positive and we are looking forward to seeing them all again in September. We were also incredibly proud of our current students, who came in to support the day.

Mensa Puzzle

XBMFT is the code for Wales, QPMBOE is the code for Poland and JUBMZ is the code for Italy, which country is FOHMBOE?

Last week's answer; 1L on the fourth row.

Rose Theatre Concert

On the 1st July the choir took part in the Richmond performance of 'Live @ the Rose' along with all the other secondary schools in the borough. We were very impressed with the levels of concentration throughout the day and the spectacular performance that took place in the evening. Official photos can be found on the Richmond Music Trust website.

Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Tuesday 12th July at Teddington Rugby Club. All students will take part in one event each and there will also be an inter-form tug-of-war!

The club are putting on a barbecue (from 3pm) – cooked items will cost £3 and drinks and refreshments will also be on sale. We hope that many of you will join us from 2pm to watch the competition and to enjoy a social event afterwards. You are welcome to bring along other family members.

Easy fundraising

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/turinghousefriends easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for

charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra. So far the site has raised over £9 million for causes throughout the UK. Sign up



- it is easy money! £61.42 has already been raised by parent supporters to help the school! You can even download an app to make it easier.

Friends of Turing House Support the Triathlon



As the staff are taking part in a triathlon on 9th July we thought it would be a great idea if parents and students support them. To sponsor our six athletic teachers, we would like to ask you to make a small (or large!) contribution. The money raised will go towards installing new gym equipment ready for the next term. A PayPal Donation link is on our website homepage.

Fitness Week – 5 Days of Fitness

Ms Wilkinson and the staff have organised a week long fitness event with a different activity taking place each day. The sessions take place from 7.30 am.

- Monday Core
- Tuesday Legs
- Wednesday Body
- Thursday Arms
- Friday Yoga/Pilates

Headteacher's Challenge

While our new intake have the Headteacher's Challenge to keep them busy over the summer I have devised a new set of activities that our Year 7's may like to try over the summer break. We'll be handing it out next week and will also email it home.

5 pieces Fruit and Veg

All students have been encouraged to take artistic evidence of them eating one or more of their 5 a day a as part of their Technology this week. Please send photos to Ms Parsons so that she can upload them to the Instagram account.



STEM Leader Awards for THS Students

Congratulations to the six students who have been recognized as STEM leaders:

- Zach Newman Merit
- Ollie Flint Merit
- Joe Lazarides Merit
- Jamie Winks Distinction
- Freddie Martin Merit
- Daniel Wait Distinction

Exam Week

Three days of exams is quite an intense experience. Congratulations to the whole year group who responded exceptionally well to the challenges of operating in GCSE exam conditions. Students are receiving results in lessons already and this will continue next week - please do encourage them to share their successes with you! An exam report will be issued before the end of term.

End of term BBQ

After the success of our first BBQ to celebrate the end of the examination period. Students have voted unanimously to do this again on the last day of term.



End of Term Arrangements

School finishes on Friday 15th July at around 2pm. There will be normal lessons for periods 1 to 3 and then an assembly following on from the BBQ lunch.

Start of Term

Year 8 return on Wednesday 7th September. Lessons start at 0830 prompt! PE kit will not be required until the following week. Please do ensure that students have correct school shoes when they return.

School Photographs

Individual portraits and a year group photograph will be taken on Friday 9th September

Turing House Bake-Off

On Thursday 7th July students took part in our second bake off event. Over 30 cakes were presented in room 1.3 from 8.30 am. Ms Parsons added greater credibility to the event this time giving clarity to the different categories and making the whole event more professional. Commendations in the decoration category went to Freddie B, Daniel W, Antonia, Ollie W and Jamie W. Winners in this category were Billy K and Pagan. In the taste category commendations went to Phoebe H, Will W and Jake S Winners in this category were Mia C and Archie H.

The cake sale yesterday evening raised £147.60 which is being added to the "Race for Life" donations from today's run in Bushy Park.















