

Headteacher's Update

2nd December 2016

Jack Petchey Awards

We are pleased to announce our latest two Jack Petchey winners. Dan in Year 8 was given the award for the following reasons:

Daniel continues to be a credit to Turing House School. He is hardworking in all lessons and is described by his



peers as being selfless and kind. Daniel is an incredibly bright young man who contributes to the school's successes and prestige, being part of the winning team for the Salters Science Challenge. He continually achieves the very best grades through hard work and determination. He has been awarded Science Ambassador Status and is a founding member of the school's STEM club - another example of Daniel's support for the additional activities offered at Turing House. Overarching this huge success is Daniel's total modesty in all his achievements. Daniel 'always contributes to lessons. He is kind-hearted, modest and intelligent. Daniel is the perfect description of the perfect friend.'

Lucy in Year 7 received the award for the following reasons:

Lucy arrived at Turing House School as a shy, quiet student; she did not have a social group already from made primary school being the only one from her school. However, rather than letting that hinder Lucy's attitude was immediately one of



getting involved in everything the school has to offer. In a very short space of time, Lucy has developed immensely. No longer the shy, quiet girl, Lucy has become an incredibly confident student who is a member of the school council and took on a leading role at a recent borough event examining student voice. Lucy has been described as 'not being afraid of speaking up and trying hard at everything'. She works well in lessons, achieving particularly impressive levels in maths and science already. Lucy is kind and helpful, and a role model in all aspects of her conduct.

They now have £250 to spend on a department of their choice!

Forthcoming Events

5th Dec: A Turing House Christmas Evening, St Mary with St

Alban's Church, Teddington, 7pm

16th Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

16th Dec: Last day of term, 2pm finish

Fixtures

6th Dec: Y7 boys' 5 a side Football at Hampton High

8th Dec: Y7 boys' Rugby League AWAY v Howard of Effingham

9th Dec: Y7 boys' Basketball Tournament at Hampton High

13th Dec: Y8 boys' Football Tournament at Hampton High

14th Dec: U14 mixed Dance at Orleans Park School

Christmas Card Winner

We are pleased to announce the winner of our school Christmas card competition. Shreya's design was chosen from the many entrants to be professionally printed and will be sent to our growing Christmas card list. Well done, Shreya! A really impressive piece of work.



Shreya holding her design, with a couple of proud friends...or artistic directors as they called themselves.

Our Christmas Tree is up!



As with last year, we are happy to accept a donation for the tree if you would like it to have further life in a good home over the holiday! (Available for pick up on 16th December after school or on 19th or 20th during the day.)

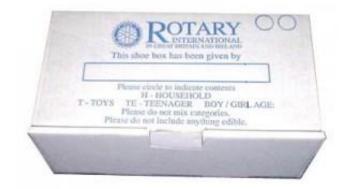
Shoeboxes

We will once again be supporting the Rotary Club Shoe Box appeal http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/. Students are asked to fill their boxes with the type of contents indicated on the box top. In the case of toys, additional information as to the suitability for boy or girl, along with age group, is also indicated.

A card with the sender's name and a photograph is also a nice thing to include.

Above all, the contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation and, especially with the toys for the children, they could quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for as very long time. Additional tutor points will be awarded for full boxes.

Last year was simply amazing; it would be great if we could do it again!



Christmas Book List

Thanks to Turing House Friends for once again organising our Christmas Library wish list on Amazon. If you would like to buy the library a Christmas present you can find it here:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3OHZ 1M6U9CLY0/ref=cm_sw_em_r_wsvg_66kpybWCV755 R_wb

Or just search for Turing House School on Amazon's wish lists.

Christmas Dinner

This year we are having Christmas dinner on Thursday 15th December, the penultimate day of term. It was very popular last year and we expect most students will want to take part. Ticket are £2.25 and should be purchased on Scopay by Wednesday 7th December. After that date we will not be able to take bookings as the food will have been ordered.

Students entitled to free school meals will be issued a ticket automatically. No other lunch options will be available that day so if your son/daughter is not having the meal, please ensure that they bring a packed lunch. They will of course be most welcome sit at the dinner table and eat with everybody else!

A Turing House Christmas

Please join us at 7pm on Monday 5th December at St Mary's with St Alban's in Teddington. Turing House Friends are providing refreshments and there are Christmas treats prepared by Miss Parson's Turing Elves available too!

Food Technology – Miss Parsons

I have been extremely impressed with the level of maturity students have shown in their cooking during their assessments this week. The first four groups to take part in Food Technology have shown a real passion for the subject, and I would hope you have been able to enjoy some of the food they have made. Next week three more groups are starting Food Technology; these are 8A1, 7DV and 7CU. Should you want any help in the kitchen, or would like to know what key skills students have learnt in their first unit in Food Technology, they should all be able to complete the following:

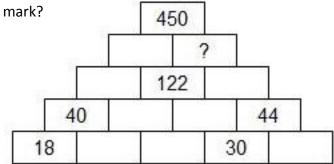
- Preparing vegetables, including peeling and dicing
- Chopping an onion using the 'hairy bottom' method
- Safe use of a hob
- Safe use of an oven with the use of an 'oven buddy'
- · Weighing and measuring
- Seasoning food.

Now that we have a food room we have been able to run some extra-curricular activities. This week I have had 12 students help me make some Christmas delights that you can purchase at the Carol Service on Monday. We have on offer Sweet Snowballs and Christmas Pudding Crispie Cakes; they will be available for a minimum price of £1 for four in a bag. I will also have on offer a bundle of ingredients plus a recipe that you can take home yourselves and try out. This would not have been possible without the Turing House Elves: a massive thank you goes to Botond 7BA, Tom G 7CU, Migena 7CU, Sophie 7GA, Lily 8DA, Billy 8EM, Ollie F 8DA, Ben 8DA, Leo 8DA, Albie 8DA, Mimi 8PA and Phoebe 8WG.



MENSA Puzzle

The sum of each two adjacent blocks gives the number above. What number should replace the question



Last Week's Answer: Absolute.

Road Safety - Bicycle

If you a thinking of getting new bicycle lights for the winter months, a flashing front light (movement) attracts the eye, so a blinking light is easier for cars to spot, particularly when most drivers are looking for the double headlights of a car. We are also delighted to announce that on the 10th January (3:15pm - 4:15pm) https://roadcycleexchange.com have very kindly agreed to run a taster mechanics session 'Looking after your bike' for our students. Road Cycle Exchange, based in Kingston, is quite a new shop where you can buy and sell great used bikes with confidence and ease. All of their bikes are fully traced and serviced. If you are interested in taking part in this session, sign up with Mr O'Sullivan & bring your bike in on the day.



Gillian Lindsay – Sky Sports Challenge





Mr Day

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mr Day at Christmas. Mr Day was a founding member of staff who is relocating to the Chichester area. In his time at the school, he has ensured that our students have not been deprived of any sporting opportunity and has developed an innovative and interesting curriculum.

As a form tutor, he has loyally looked after DA, narrowly missing out on the form cup in our first year. As a member of staff he will be sorely missed due to his sense of humour, hard work, dedication and flexibility.

We wish him the very best in the future but we'll see him again as he has kindly agreed to come back for our trip to Spain.

Science Trip

30 students from Year 8 attended an inspiring science event and listened to a number of famous speakers, including Lord Robert Winston.



Admissions Consultation

Have your say on our website: www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/consultation.php

Bushcraft Trip & Spanish Trip Payments

Y7 Bushcraft - the first instalment of £50 is due to be paid via Scopay by $\mathbf{5}^{th}$ December

Y8 Spain – the next instalment of £60 is due to be paid via Scopay by **9**th **December**