



## Bike Mechanics

On Tuesday, Road Cycle Exchange delivered an excellent taster session to our students on basic bike mechanics. They covered: fixing a puncture, adjusting saddle height/handlebars, wheel alignment, checking brakes etc. They also showed off some very expensive mountain and road bikes that had the students and staff drooling!



## Forthcoming Events

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y7 parents meeting re new assessment methods  
**18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y8 *Blood Brothers* theatre trip, leave school at 6pm  
**4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Coder Dojo Event in school  
**6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** INSET day – school closed  
**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Half Term

## Fixtures

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y7 girls' Hockey training AWAY at Radnor House  
**17<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y8 girls' Basketball AWAY v Teddington  
**19<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y8 boys' Basketball AWAY v Teddington  
**24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Y8 Girls' Basketball AWAY v Waldegrave

Emotional Well-being

This week, Miss Willoughby delivered an engaging and important assembly on mental health, focusing specifically on our emotions. With the help of the characters from Disney's 'Inside Out', students learned about the core emotions that make up our personalities and how what we perceive as 'negative emotions' are actually beneficial. The emphasis was on ensuring that our emotions are balanced and Miss Willoughby gave practical strategies of how to keep emotionally healthy, such as the 'worry tree' below.

As we're seeing in the press, young people's mental health is becoming an increasing concern in this age of social media, exam pressures and news bombardments. Whilst academic success is important, at Turing House we also fully understand how important a student's well-being is and will continue to raise awareness and provide support for those who are feeling like they need help. Remember, one of the first steps to feeling better is talking to someone first; quite often, that could be a teacher at school. We're always here, ready to listen and help.

Year 8

Students in year 8 will receive a link today to complete a VLE questionnaire on careers and option. If parents could sit with their sons/daughters, this will enable all parties to be part of the process. There may be terminology that is unfamiliar; if possible, please look these terms up to find out more. This questionnaire will help senior staff in the planning of the curriculum and careers programme as we move forward through the school.



Y7 New Assessment System Meeting

A reminder that Mr Mackinlay be running 3 separate identical meetings for Y7 parents (plus any Year 8 parents who could not make the Y8 parents evening this week) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please do book online so that we have an idea of numbers attending.

<https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Thank you!

A massive thank you to everyone who responded to our request for support in Food Technology. We were overwhelmed with how generous people have been with offering their time! We have now arranged for four volunteers to help Miss Parsons on a regular basis. Hopefully, you are all reaping the rewards of the fantastic work that she and the students are doing in their food lessons (those bread rolls were delicious!).



**MENSA Puzzle**

What number should appear next in this sequence?

1 3 4 13 53 690 ?

*Last Week's Answer: Three. Each sector in the bottom half totals double its opposite in the top half.*

**Mensa Testing Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, over 30 students from year 7 and year 8 will take the Mensa test. This challenging examination takes around 2 lessons to complete. For all students taking the test we wish them the very best of luck and, whatever the outcome, we are incredibly pleased they have taken up the challenge.



**Mensa**  
The High IQ Society

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**Beauty and the Beast Rehearsal Schedule**

**WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSALS**

DATE	SH	WG	MO
18/01/17	Castle Servants, Chorus (INCLUDING SILLY GIRLS AND NARRATORS) (Be our guest)		
25/01/17	Castle Servants, Chorus (INCLUDING SILLY GIRLS AND NARRATORS) (Be our guest)		
1/02/17	ALL CAST (Mob Song)		
8/02/17	ALL CAST (Mob Song)		

**THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL (20 MINS ONLY)**

DATE	SH	WG	MO
19/01/17	Maurice, Beast, Belle, Castle Servants	Gaston	Silly Girls
	Belle, Beast	Maurice, Gaston, Lefou, Belle, Castle Servants	Gaston, Lefou
2/02/17	TBC	TBC	TBC
9/02/17	TBC	TBC	TBC

**Clubs and Extra-Curricular from January**

Before School	Lunchtime
<b>Monday</b>	
Fitness	Choir
<b>Tuesday</b>	
	Elleray Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Orchestra	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
Yoga	ECOstars
<b>Friday</b>	
	Band

Monday 3:15	Tuesday 3:15
Homework Netball X-Country War Hammer Rugby	Homework Music Tech Fixtures STEM
Wednesday 3:15	Thursday 3:15
Homework Creative arts Maths in motion Drama Reading Basketball	Homework Drama: 30mins Think Aloud Football Dance

## PE Kit Spares

Having noticed the incredible growth of some of our students over the Christmas break, we are making a plea for any outgrown PE kit (this includes trainers). Any spare kit we have on site ensures that everyone participates in physical activity at least once a week in school. Please bring any donations to the main school office.



## Vote for our Jurassic Garden Project!

# TESCO Bags of Help

We are delighted that Turing House's Jurassic Garden project has been placed on the shortlist to try to win funding to help us create this garden.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help initiative across England and Wales. The scheme sees three community groups and projects in each of around 200 Tesco regions awarded grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Bags of Help offers community groups and projects across the UK a share of revenue generated from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

**The public will now vote in store from 2 to 28 January on who should receive the £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 awards.**

**Online customers can take their Customer Deliver Note into store and show this to a colleague in order to be given a voting token.**

**So please do go to your local Tesco store during January and vote for Turing House's Jurassic Garden every time you shop there; every vote counts!**

**Here is a list of stores supporting our cause:**

- NEW MALDEN HI ST EXP KT3 4DQ
- HOOK EXPRESS KT9 1EL
- WORCESTER PARK EXP KT4 7NW
- NORBITON EXPRESS KT1 3RT
- TOLWORTH EXPRESS KT6 7DQ
- SURBITON HOOK RD EXP KT6 5AR
- KINGSTON THAMES EXP KT2 5EB
- HAMPTON HILL EXPRESS TW12 1NL
- RICHMOND EXPRESS TW10 7NR
- TWICKENHAM LDN EXP TW1 4BW
- ST MARGARETS TWIK EXP TW1 1RG
- TEDDINGTON METRO TW11 8RF
- WHITTON METRO TW2 7LN
- EPSOM RUXLEY LANE EXP KT19 9JS
- EPSOM HORTON EXP KT19 8SP
- EPSOM STATION EXP KT19 8EU

## INSET day

We would like to remind you that school will be closed for INSET day on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Sickness Reporting

There is now a direct link to [www.studybugs.com](http://www.studybugs.com) from the home page of the school website, to assist both you and the school office with absence reporting at this busy time of day. Please report all absences by **8.20am** and on each subsequent day of absence.