

EEP Success

We had an amazing time and learnt so much more about robots and engineering. We were all very excited as we boarded the train and when we finally arrived, we saw the Queen Mary University looming overhead. We got settled in the hall and were quickly ushered to the welcome presentation. We learnt that lots of companies and people and worked towards making this possible.

Afterwards, we found out that our robot challenge had been moved in the timetable and we only had 10 minutes to alter it. Of course, it didn't go completely to plan but we knew that we were being very ambitious and we recognised exactly what needed to be improved.

Meanwhile, we found out that there was a piece of writing the team had to complete about a certain topic and a lot of the team focused on getting that done. We chose the topic 'how can robots help in the production of clothing, food and drink'. Another part of the team was practising the presentation about 'how can robots help humans explore'. We were ushered into the presentation room and started. Everything went smoothly and we even had time to show Eita's stop motion video.

Next up was the second chance for the robot challenge. We were more prepared this time since we had split the program into little programs so we had lots of time to

change the attachments. This time it went much better and the whole team was incredibly pleased.

Soon after, we had to hand in our blog post and the teamwork challenge began. We had to build a bridge out of Lego as a team. We only had 20 minutes and we got straight to work. The final construction part was a bit rushed and a few things fell off but all in all, we had a good design and excellent team work.

Before we knew it, the awards ceremony had arrived. We were very glad to find out that we had come second and been chosen for the wild card spot! Therefore, we will be going to the national final in Birmingham!

Sam Hardaker



Forthcoming Events

23rd March: Parents' info meeting re Y7 Bushcraft trip, 7pm
23rd March: Parents' info meeting re Y8 Spain trip, 6pm
24th March: THF Comedy Night
31st March: School closed for INSET day
3rd-13th April: Easter Holidays
19th and 20th April: School Production - Beauty and the Beast

Fixtures

7th March: Y7 Boys' Football HOME v Twickenham Academy
7th March: Y8 Girls' Netball HOME v St Richard Reynolds CC
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14th March: Y8 Boys' Football AWAY v Twickenham Academy
14th March: U13 Girls' Netball AWAY v Orleans Park

Hampton Football



The students of Turing House School enjoyed an exciting match at Hampton and Richmond Football Club on 25th February. The students formed a guard of honour before the match, clapping the players on to the pitch. Six students were then selected to take part in a penalty shootout at half time: Maggie M, Sam M, Sherif N, Jake W, Luca D and Paddy O. The students showed great composure, all scoring as the crowd cheered them. It was fantastic to be the school of the week and we look forward to continuing our links with local sports clubs.

British Cycling

Over the next few weeks, Graham Macnamee from British Cycling will be delivering a taster session to our Year 7s in groups of 15 on an introduction to cycling racing. These sessions will take place as either part of PE during lessons 5&6 or during lessons 3&4 for those who have PE lessons 1&2. These students will have PE as normal during lessons 1&2. All students in Year 7 will have this taster over a four-week block. However, if any student cannot ride a bicycle, please see Mr O'Sullivan. We are looking at an alternative session for this cohort. Students will be provided with all necessary equipment including helmets and bikes. This is a unique opportunity with students also being offered links and pathways into British Cycling accredited clubs.



More Netball Success

On Thursday, Miss Willoughby took the Year 7 netball team to a tournament hosted by Waldegrave. There were 17 teams in the tournament and as the first big tournament for this year group, there was a lot of excitement surrounding the event. Turing House played 4 matches in their pool. They beat Waldegrave B 5-2, drew with SRRC 1-1 and lost to LEH B and Grey Court by 1 goal in some closely contested and nail biting matches! Grey Court were the eventual finalists so to lose by only 1 goal to them was a fantastic achievement. Turing House only conceded 7 goals in all 4 games which is testament to their outstanding defensive skills shown by all of the team but led by Rhenice L and Leah K in GK and GD. Well done to all!



Miss Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson is now a brand ambassador for Sundried Clothing (and Zone3) which brings nice benefits such as discounts! The brand itself has a very positive, charitable ethos. Miss Wilkinson has a code which provides a 50% off all purchases and some of the money from every purchase is donated to 'Water for Kids'.

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Comedy Night Reminder



Votes for Schools

Music's influence on politics

Music has a prodigious part in politics. This is because music can be catchy and easy to remember whereas a political column is not as easy to remember. We listen to songs we like more than once but we will usually only read an article once. Music isn't just listened to by young people it can be listened to by all ages. This means bands can target everyone with a message. That is where politics loses followers. Most young people are impassive towards the subject of politics; in a song they are more likely to take an interest. When you like a song you listen to it a lot; repetition of words can make your you subconsciously believe them. There are lots of important messages in songs and when we sing them we think about them. Music can do this because of the fans. If bands believe something, then their fans will buy in to this belief. Although music influences political movements and rituals, it is not clear how or to what extent general audiences relate to music on a political level.

In conclusion I believe that songs do have great political power and can cause masses of people to believe in something. *Joe Wiggins*

Beauty and the Beast

There will be an all-cast rehearsal on **13th April**, which is during the Easter holidays.

The actual performances will take place at The Mall School, Twickenham on **19th and 20th April**. Further details to follow in due course.

MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the letters of 'HAD LEAP TO MAJESTY' to give three gemstones. What are they?

Last Week's Answer: 25

Autumn term dates 2017 - Reminder

The autumn term dates for 2017/18 have now been updated on the website to include INSET days. **Year 8 and 9** will return to start the new school year on **7th September 2017**. There will also be an INSET day on **30th October 2017**.

Request for Magazines

If you have old magazines at home that are ready for recycling, please bring them into school – especially fashion magazines/National Geographic, gardening, travel etc., that can be used during Design Technology lessons. Please hand in at the office or to Ms Parsons.

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New Cycling Partnership

We have recently become partners with Richmond Park Cyclists, a new umbrella group representing all cyclists and para-cyclists who use Richmond Park.

Ringed by a seven-mile mile road and featuring a wide variety of off-road trails, it is no wonder that Richmond Park attracts more cyclists than any other in the country. However, there has never been an organisation that could communicate between cyclists and the park's authorities - until now. Over a couple of meetings held last year, we formed our group as a means of creating a dialogue with The Royal Parks (the body in charge of Richmond Park), the Metropolitan Police and key stakeholder groups. Some of our founding group already enjoy longstanding relationships with these bodies. All of us at Richmond Park Cyclists use the park for commuting, training and leisure riding. We advocate safe, courteous and respectful behaviour and encourage everyone to abide by the Highway Code and the park's regulations.

If you want to get involved or simply find out more?
Please sign up on their website

<http://www.richmondparkcyclists.org/index.html>



First Aid Assemblies

This week students in Year 7 and Year 8 were shown the basics of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and also how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Volunteers from the year groups who had never previously practised any first aid techniques were able to successfully demonstrate CPR and use a training AED. Well done!



Girls' Netball v Richmond Park Academy

On Monday our **Y8 girls** played against Richmond Park Academy and returned with a triumphant win. The score ended up being 6-1 with plenty of great play down the court and throughout. All the girls played incredibly well to the point where it is too hard to pick out the best player. Well done girls; keep it up! **Mimi W**



On Tuesday **Y7 girls** also played against Richmond Park Academy. We had a great win with the overall score as 6-1. Our player of the match was Sophie Wan (C). The rest of the players played great and we would not have been able to win without the teamwork of our players. Richmond Park Academy were hard to beat but we managed to pull it off. **Missy D**

Maths Challenge

On 1st March, four students (Jake S, Mikey P, Rhiannon H and Maria V), partook in the regional maths finals at St Paul's. After lots of tough problems, we finally finished in a respectable 11th place.

The day consisted of four events: the team challenge, crossnumber, shuttle and team relay. The team challenge was a simple format; we were given 45 minutes to solve ten problems. We could either work all together, or split into smaller groups. Then came the crossnumber, where we split into pairs and each completed separate clues to fill in the crossword grid. However, each pair only had half the clues and no communication was allowed, so we had to use logical deduction to work them all out.

After lunch, we had the shuttle, where we had to answer questions, then pass the answer on to someone else who would use that answer to answer their own question. Finally came the relay, where we had to split into pairs and take it in turns to work out questions and pass them into the judge as quickly as possible.

Well done to all the schools that competed. Everyone worked very hard and did very well. **Jake Sanders**

Richmond Borough Swimathon

On Saturday 4th March, 3 teams of students from Turing House will be taking part in the annual Richmond Borough Swimathon at Teddington Pool. The purpose of the Rotary Swimathon is to raise money for the Rotary Club's chosen charities and to raise money for the school funds for sports equipment. Donations can be made via the following link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/turinghouse>. We wish our swimmers lots of luck as they try to complete as many lengths as they can within 55 minutes!



Richmond Borough
Swimathon

2017



Table Tennis Tournament

On 24th February 8 students from Year 8 (Billy K, Billy B, Ollie H, Max R, Harriet F, Eve W, Mimi W, Nyah P) attended the South London Schools' Table Tennis Tournament at Whitgift School in South Croydon. Stand-out performances came from Billy K (who reached the later rounds) and Harriet F and Mimi W (who reached the semi-finals). Because of this, they have been invited to the Jack Petchey Tournament in the summer. Overall, much fun was had by all at a very well-run event.



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Pieter Grobler from kode.farm computer school (see flyer above) will be assisting as a volunteer at future termly CoderDojo sessions at Turing House. His computer school is currently running an exciting competition, the winner of which will win a 10-week programming course in 2D game development, plus £100 of computing books for his or her school. The link to the competition is here:

<https://www.kode.farm/#!/competition>

Trip Payment Reminders

Y7 Bushcraft - The final instalment of £50 is due by **6th March**. Please do ensure that your account for this trip is fully paid up to secure your child's place on the trip.

Y8 Trip to Spain – The deadline for the final instalment of £50 is the end of the day today, Friday 3rd March. It is **absolutely essential** that we have all monies in by **8am on Monday 6th March**.