

# Headteacher's Update

19th May 2017

#### Meet the Teachers

On Thursday this week, we held out annual 'meet the teachers' event for next year's Year 7 students and their parents. For those of you in Year 8, you will remember our humble beginnings at Hampton Primary school with several staff and a banner! The event was again a great success, thanks largely to our incredible student helpers, with everyone really excited and positive about the adventure to come.

# Poetry by Heart

For the past two weeks, a number of students have been memorising poems in order to take part in our first 'Poetry by Heart' competition. Participants had to memorise and perform a poem, with finalists competing in front of Miss Andrews and Miss Sherry on Tuesday lunchtime this week.

We were absolutely stunned by the confidence, eloquence and beauty of the performance, with the choice of poets ranging from Michael Rosen, to Edgar Allan Poe and Shakespeare! One student even wrote her own poem to perform. Well done to everyone who took part; it was such a joy to watch.

The finalists and winners were:

Year 7 finalists - Missy, Zoe, Sadie, Narmeen, Tom D, Dante, Raisharnai.

Year 7 winners – Josi, Lilu, Freddie O & Tom G.

Year 8 finalists - Sam H, Maria, Jake S, Will H and Tarun.

Year 8 winner - Freddie M.

#### Student Feedback

We have recently completed a survey of our students in order to find out their views about our school. We are pleased to say that these are incredibly positive. As with any feedback, we will endeavour to smooth out any noted wrinkles.

	% Good or Better	
I enjoy school	91	
I feel safe when I am at school	95	
I learn a lot in lessons	97	
Adults care about me	98	
I know how well I am doing at school (assessments & levels)	93	
Adults explain to me how to improve my work (marking & feedback)	95	
My school helps me to prepare for the future	90	
The headteacher and senior staff do a good job	98	

Here are some personal comments from the feedback:

I moved in to this school without any confidence. Since I started getting used to this school, I developed my independence, knowledge and my confidence. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers who has supported me during Year Seven.

Thank you to all the teachers who has supported me during my lessons

The teachers let me express my passion towards drama and they support me through everything I do. In addition, the teachers try their best to help us will the

#### Forthcoming Events

25<sup>th</sup> May: Rehearsal for Live@The Rose at The Mall, 3.30-6pm
26<sup>th</sup> May: INSET day
29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Half Term
30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Y8 Trip to Spain 10th June: CoderDojo event at Turing House

#### Fixtures

6<sup>th</sup> June: U13 Boys' Cricket AWAY v Twickenham Academy 6<sup>th</sup> June: U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v St Richard Reynolds CC 13th June: U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v TBC

things we love doing; for example, they tell us about clubs that we might enjoy.

There is a wide range of clubs before, after and during school and they help me to participate in lots of different things such as sport and art.

There is a range of clubs that help me to have lots of fun and learn a lot.

I enjoy the extra-curricular activities, such as the school production and the wide range of sports and clubs on offer after school.

I love how certain teachers help me with the things I need more practice on but also they help me advance in the subjects I am confident in.

The before an after-school clubs are very helpful, and provide a range of fun activities, that our good for future references and are just fun to go to.

Great year overall:)

The school takes part in interesting competitions and challenges.

I love the after school curriculum

All the teachers are extremely friendly and understanding. They treat us with respect in return for ours; I know that because of the high quality of teaching provided by the school, I will be fully equipped for my life in the future.

I really enjoy school and the teachers are always friendly and happy to help.

Turing House always provides me support to achieve my goals and confidence to believe in myself.

I love school, and I want to thank all the teachers for caring about me so much and helping me prepare for my GCSEs.

I really enjoy coming to school.

I would like school better if we use more educational games (Minecraft education edition).

This school may lack lots of students but this school is one of the strongest schools I've ever heard of in the local areas of Richmond, Fulwell, Teddington, Strawberry Hill, Kingston and Twickenham.

Lovely to hear!

## Big Future Feedback

Future Foundations, who ran our 'Big Futures, event with Year 8, also asked students to complete a rather hefty questionnaire. Feedback was again incredibly positive with 79% grading the event 4 or 5 out of 5. In the week following the event, students completed their 30-day challenge sheets (please speak to them about this and see how they are getting on). We will also be spending some time working on the life maps that were completed on the day.

We have recently created a Careers Task Force - a combination of parents and staff, who will be organising events in the future to enable our students to be as clear as possible about possible future pathways.

## **Aspirations**

If any parents/carers would like to give short talks on their current jobs, it would be greatly appreciated. With our 'Big Futures' event now over, we would like to ensure that our students are getting a flavour of the kind of careers that await them. We would like the sessions to cover the journey from school to employment, progression routes and what a normal day might look like. Please contact the school in the normal way if you would like to support this: info@turinghouseschool.org.uk

It is our plan to hold an event provisionally on the 19<sup>th</sup> June to showcase certain career paths. Watch this space!

#### TFL Ambassadors



#### **Youth Travel Ambassadors**

Today our six excellent Youth Travel Ambassadors led an assembly for Year 7 and 8 pupils. The focus of the assembly was to raise awareness of road safety, particularly whilst travelling to and from school. The pupils had a great discussion about the many distractions that prevent them from paying full attention to the road as they cross.

As part of this road safety awareness campaign, there will be a competition to design a **Road Safety Oyster Wallet** that shows how to be a safer pedestrian

#### This is our chance to be creative!

Entries should be drawn by hand or produced on the computer and should be handed to Miss Garrod by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## Y7 Rugby Borough Tournament Champions!



On 12th May, our Year 7 boys' rugby team took part in the Richmond Borough schools' rugby league tournament. Due to the fact that we had not played rugby for a long period of time, we started slowly but quickly found our feet and began to play brilliantly. Drawing our first couple games, we banded together and found another gear against Twickenham, beating them by three tries. Heading into our last game, knowing this was the pivotal moment, we were fired up. We were ready. Through our skilful movement of the ball, direct running lines and clinical finishing, we beat Teddington by three tries again, concluding our day. We hope to continue our winning streak and go as far as possible into the competition. We are now Richmond Borough Champions, therefore we'll be going forward to represent the borough in the London finals. Finn W

## Summer Term Clubs Timetable

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Morning 8am	Fitness		Orchestra	Yoga	
Lunch	Choir	Elleray Hall	Choir French	ECOSTARS	Band
After	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Boxercise
School	War Hammer	Music Tech	Creative Arts	Think Aloud	Hair and Beauty
	Rounders	Fixtures	Maths in Motion	Football	
	Cricket	STEM	Drama	Volleyball	
	Table Tennis	Cycling	Rowing Reading	Dance	

## Cycle Training with Ed Woodhouse

On Wednesday, Ed Woodhouse, from the Pedal Project, ran a training session for six students who are currently not confident cyclists. The event was a great success with the majority of students becoming confident and safe on a bicycle.

## Aquathlon

There's still chance to enter the London Youth Games trials this weekend. Simply complete the online form. It's available from <a href="https://www.richmond.gov.uk/londonyouthgames">www.richmond.gov.uk/londonyouthgames</a>. The competition takes place on Saturday evening at Pools on the Park, Richmond. Although not essential, students should have elastic laces and a race belt. These are available from Sigma Sports, Hampton Wick. Any last minute queries/concerns please do not hesitate to contact Miss Wilkinson, <a href="mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk">info@turinghouseschool.org.uk</a> and she will do her very best to respond!

#### **School Production DVD**

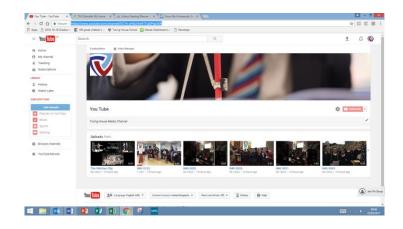
This is the last call for orders for a DVD of the Beauty and the Beast Performance, kindly produced by the parent of one our Y8 students. Last year's Witches DVDs were very popular and very high quality indeed.

Each DVD costs £5. Please order using the link below.



#### You Tube

We have now created our own You Tube Channel. We have begun to upload videos of past and recent performances and hope that this will grow in the future. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1h-py8x24nHTTnjDPxp50A">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1h-py8x24nHTTnjDPxp50A</a>



## CoderDojo Event at Turing House



The third Turing House Dojo is scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday June 10**<sup>th</sup>, and we have some exciting activities planned. As well as making basic games and animations in Scratch, students can develop their Python coding skills, create their own website, design an online platform game, or even programme a robot! Many of these activities require no previous experience, and grown-ups are welcome to join in too. Find out more, and register for the Dojo mailing list here:

https://turinghousecoderdojo.wordpress.com/take-part/

# London Youth Games- Upcoming Trials

If any students participate in any of the following sports, we would encourage you to attend trials to represent Richmond in the London Youth Games.

Aquathlon (Years 7-11) - Saturday 20 May @ Pools on the Park

Football (Years 8 & 9) - Wednesday 24th May & Wednesday 7th June @ Lincoln Field

Netball – (Years 7 – 9) – 24 May @ Old Deer Park

Volleyball (Years 7-13) – Boys Tuesdays, Girls Wednesdays @ Teddington Beach Courts

We are also still looking for girls Table Tennis and Badminton players. All ages!

All further details and information on how to sign up can be found on the full document and at <a href="https://www.richmond.gov.uk/londonyouthgames">www.richmond.gov.uk/londonyouthgames</a>

#### MENSA Puzzle

Two cars are hired to escort two groups of friends to the same destination. The first car sets off 10 minutes before the second car and both cars travel the same journey. If the first car travels at 45 km/h and the second car travels at 90 km/h, how many kilometres from the starting point will they draw level?

Last Week's Answer: Happy New Year. (Z = 1, Y = 2 etc)

#### **BBQ** in School



Our caterers, Harrisons, will be running a BBQ for the students on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. It will cost **£2.25** and students should purchase a token in the usual way at the tills. Please

ensure your child has enough credit on their Scopay account so they won't miss out on this popular occasion.

# Musical Events during the summer term

Several musical events will be taking place during the summer term. If your child is taking part in any of these, then please make a note of these dates in your diary:

#### Live@TheRose -

Rehearsal: The Mall - Thursday 25th May, 3.30pm - 6pm

Rehearsal: The Mall - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 3.30pm - 6pm

Concert at the Rose Theatre - **Thursday 29**<sup>th</sup> **June** - all day and evening concert

**Richmond Prom Orchestra** - rehearsal at St Richard Reynolds – **Wednesday 21**<sup>st</sup> **June**, 12pm

Performance at St Mary's College in Twickenham – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, afternoon rehearsal and evening concert

**Summer concert - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, evening, start time to be confirmed, in school

## Basketball Training Thursday

Basketball club has started up again on a Thursday after school. We are very lucky to have an experienced National League coach to deliver the sessions. The students had a great time and are excited for the next session.



# Y8 Cricket v Christ's

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, Turing House Year 8 Cricket team came up against Christ's School in a league cricket match. We batted first. The two Jakes opened; they were both rather unlucky not to score more runs, however Hashim stepped up to the plate and managed to earn us a total of 66. It was then down to our bowling and fielding which would decide the match. Despite some brilliant bowling throughout, the extras ultimately cost us the match as we lost 66-67. Hashim gets the MVP due to his all-round contributions to the team, being a key figure in both bowling and batting. *Max R* 

# Charity Run in aid of Great Ormond Street



Our site manager, Mr Jones, will be running to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. On June 4<sup>th</sup> he will be taking part in the London 10. This is a ten mile run around Richmond Park. If you feel like

donating to this worthy cause, his Just Giving page is:

www.justgiving.com/notanothercharityrun

