



Spain 2017



On 30th May, 75 students across Year 8 arrived at school at 3am, ready to fly to Malaga, Spain. Miss Monk (or should I say Señorita) had so many fantastic things planned. The best part of the trip for me was the wonderful Flamenco show with amazingly talented dancers and guitarists, and the visit to the Alcazar Palace, in which we saw a breath-taking range of architecture and colourful mosaics!



Cuando llegamos, hicimos un recorrido a pie por la ciudad. ¡El calor nos retrasó pero nosotros tuvimos un tiempo fantástico! The heat slowed us down a little but overall, we had a brilliant time exploring our new surroundings. Some other highlights of the trip:

- Our Spanish lesson where we learnt about how to pay for things in shops in Spanish. Extremely useful for the rest of the trip!
- Buying churros with chocolate; they were really tasty and nothing like the ones you can get in England!
- The amazing views on top of Las Setas (the highest lookout in town)!
- The sightseeing boat tour on the river where we relaxed and enjoyed the sights of the town (and the breeze).
- Sneakily running around to get a poster signed for Miss Monk (it took some time)!



Forthcoming Events

- 10th June:** CoderDojo event at Turing House
- 15th June:** Turing House Friends' Social, Teddington Arms, 7.30pm
- 19th June:** Careers Task Force Event for Y8 families, 7pm
- 5th July:** Summer Concert in school, time tbc
- 13th July:** KS4 preparation evening for Y8 families, 7pm

Fixtures

- 13th June:** U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v TBC
- 22nd June:** U13 Boys' and Girls' Volleyball v Grey Court



Too soon we had to pack ready for the return home, however, we came back with a ton of amazing memories! We hope that our stories and time in Spain encourage the Year 7s to go next year, a trip that just shouldn't be missed! **Sam H**



Election Special

From Monday to Wednesday, students received a steady diet of information about the main political parties and were given an opportunity to vote in our online poll. We have used this as a pre-election poll.

The results of this poll are below

- 55 Year 7 students voted
- 48 Year 8 students voted
- 45.8% of the school population voted (66.1% of the population voted in 2015)

Student perceptions of their own understanding of politics

- 6% Excellent
- 49% Good
- 39% Know a bit
- 7% Know nothing

The Result

- 60% Lib Dem
- 16% Labour
- 13% Conservative
- 10% Green
- 2% UKIP

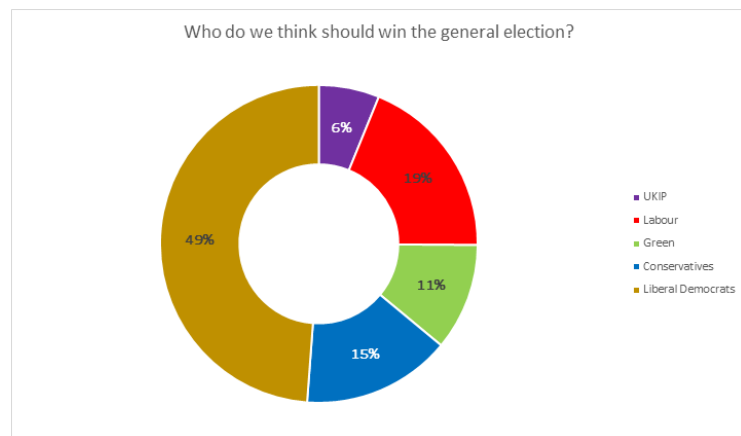
The form that acted upon their democratic right the most were 7AN who had 17/25 students voting. On Thursday, we then ran a formal ballot election with each student receiving his or her own unique ballot paper. Students were very positive about this experience with the following comments mentioned.

'It was good to give us an idea about how we might vote in the future.' **Sol**

'It was a great chance to express our opinions.' **Billy**

'It gives us a chance to actually see what type of person we are and our values.' **Ally**

94% of the electorate voted, with several spoilt ballot papers and a few absentees.



Therefore, according to our students, Turing House is currently a Liberal Democrat school.

Dates for the Diary - Year 8

Please keep the 19th June and the 13th July free. We will be running two events in preparation for Year 9, for our current Year 8 students and their parents. These events are not options evening so please do not panic.

19th June – Introduction to the world of work and careers. We hope to have several guest speakers talking through their current jobs and the journey they took to get there. We will also be looking at transferable/desirable work-based skills for our ever-fluid job market. This event will start at 7pm and last for around an hour.

13th July – Preparation for Key Stage 4 Evening – This event will be to showcase the four subjects in which our Year 8 students will start GCSEs in THIS September! We will also give a brief overview of the options process and the possible choices ahead. This event will start at 7pm and last for around an hour.

Both events can be signed up for using the usual booking system here:

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



Healthy Fortnight 12th-23th June

As a part of National Health Week (12th- 16th June) we will be holding a 'healthy fortnight'. During this period, we will be holding some specific events in order to promote healthy lifestyles. So far we have the following occurring:

- Special assembly by Harrisons, our caterers
- Ms Parsons breakfast mornings
- Bicycle smoothie maker

In the week preceding the fortnight, we will update you on other activities.

Friends of Turing House Social 15th June

Come along and catch up with other parents from across Years 7 and 8 on 15th June from 7.30pm in The Teddington Arms - we have a reserved space so you'll know where to find us. A great opportunity to catch-up with old friends and meet some new ones. All are very welcome!

Triathlon Mike

Michael Kenyon took part in his first Triathlon of the year. He has raised £80 so far but people can still donate through the Justgiving website.



His next is in Stoke on Trent in September.

<https://www.justgiving.com/MKenyon2017>

Summer Term Clubs Timetable

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

CoderDojo Event at Turing House



The third Turing House Dojo is scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday June 10th**, 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/>

MENSA Puzzle

On each row place a five letter word that will link the two given words (i.e. LUNCH – BREAK – THROUGH). When completed the centre letters of the added words will give a topical name reading downwards. Who is it?

FOLK	_____	HALL
HALF	_____	ROOM
TAP	_____	FLOOR
SPORTS	_____	BLACK
HOUR	_____	PAPER

Last Week's Answer: Football, sales and walk.

Sub Aqua

We have now received seven names to be put forward for the sub-aqua taster (Pagan, Maria, Ollie W, Eve, Sol, Ollie F & Michael). Any other students that would be interested in this taster session, please speak to Mr O'Sullivan.

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 22nd June**, 3.30pm - 6pm

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

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

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

Summer concert - Wednesday 5th July, evening, start time to be confirmed, in school

Staff Success – Mr O'Sullivan

Congratulations to Mr O'Sullivan on qualifying to represent Great Britain in the UCI World Championships in Albi this August. Mr O'Sullivan will take part in the Individual Timetrial event, which is 22.4 km starting and finishing in Albi's motor racing circuit. After a successful qualifier at the Tour of Cambridgeshire over half term, we wish him the best for this event.



Staff Success – Mr Jones

On Sunday 4th June I took part in the London 10 Mile run on the closed roads of Richmond Park. I was running in order to raise funds for my charity, The Great Ormond Street Hospital. More than 5000 people descended onto Richmond park to run the inaugural London 10 mile race. It was a beautifully organised and well run event in the gorgeous surroundings of the Royal Park.

Being few miles longer than a 10k and a few miles off a half marathon, the 10 mile distance can be a strange one but a nice stepping stone between the 2 more established distances. Being local to Richmond Park, I am used to running around there and know how hilly it can be in places, and boy was it hilly! I feel like at least 5 miles of the course was going uphill, though that was probably not the case. So the decision to go out slowly for the first 2 miles was a good one as it gave me plenty of energy in the tank to tackle the later quad and calf - killing hills. In the end I crossed the line in 1hr 19mins after a sprint finish with another racer. Of course I beat him! Just to give you some idea of my average running abilities, the winner crossed the line in 53mins!

Thank you so, so much for those of you that sponsored me on the lead up to this race. The Great Ormond Street Hospital provides such excellent care and attention for our young people unfortunate enough to fall ill. I believe all the help we can give them in order to carry on doing this job is such a worthwhile cause. My just giving page is still open for donations and you can find it at www.justgiving.co.uk/notanothercharityrun

