

Headteacher's Update

8th September 2017

Welcome

Welcome to our new Year 7 families, and welcome back to Year 8 and 9. I hope you all had a great summer and are now ready for a new term at Turing House. Our construction partners, T&B City Works, worked hard throughout the break and have once again delivered a great service providing us with new rooms for Art & Technology, Dance, Drama & Fitness.

Thames Young Mariners

Our new Year 7 students had their induction and team building day on Thursday at Thames Young Mariners. Students travelled by coach and took part in various challenges including raft building and canoeing. This day allows both the students and staff to get to know each other and was once again highly enjoyable and successful.



Exam Success

Congratulations to four of our students on outstanding GCSE and AS results! Eita (AS Japanese Grade B), Sam (GCSE Grade A* German), Kai (GCSE Grade A* Japanese), Nina (GCSE Grade A Modern Greek). Well done we are very proud of you all!

Richmond Community Awards 2017

Congratulations to founding parent and Governor Mrs Beverley Sanders for winning a Richmond Community Award. Beverley worked tirelessly for 7 years to establish Turing House. This was not an easy task but she had the vision and tenacity to keep going when things got tough and rallied a group of parents with the right skills to make it happen.

Forthcoming Events

12 September:

Music & Vocal Assembly

13 September

Bike Marking

21 September:

Year 7 Settling in Evening

Fixtures

14 Sep: Y9 Girls' Netball AWAY v Twickenham

19 Sep: Y7 Boys' Rugby AWAY v Richmond Borough

20 Sep: Y8 Boys' Rugby AWAY v Christ's

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PE Kit

If anyone's son or daughter has experienced a large growth spurt over the summer and you don't think you will use your Turing House PE kit again, please pop it in a bag labelled for Mr Woodward. We will use this to ensure everyone has access to PE each week. Trainers are also welcome; everything will be washed. Additionally, it is always useful for a school to have spare uniform. Please hand this in to the main office.

School Fund

We could not put on a wide range of extra activities without using external providers for some of them and of course that brings with it a cost; we are very grateful for the financial support we received from you through the school fund. We would very much like to be able to maintain this level of offering, so please do support the school by subscribing to the fund — ideally, please donate with Gift Aid. Please follow the link to subscribe:

https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/schoolfund.php

Year 7 'Settling In' Evening

We are delighted with the start that our new Year 7s have made at Turing House School.

As part of their transition process, on Thursday 21st September we would like to invite all parents of Year 7 to a meeting with their child's form tutor, in order to share feedback about how they have settled in to their new life in secondary school. This is not a subject feedback evening (this takes place later in the year once students have had more time to progress in their different subject areas), but rather an opportunity to celebrate successes so far, focusing on the pastoral aspect of your child's development with us, as well as a chance to answer any questions or concerns you or your child may have.

In order to book a time slot with your child's form tutor, please click on the link on the school's website. https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

Music & Vocal Assembly

On Tuesday 12th September we are holding an extended music instrumental and vocal assembly which will include hearing from musicians on how they started out and why they play. Students can also find out what it is like to play an instrument with a view to taking up lessons themselves. There will be opportunities to try out some of the instruments during break time. This is a fantastic way to be introduced to the joys of learning an instrument and we hope that students will be inspired to do just this.

This will mean that classes expecting to do PE in the morning will only do so for 1 lesson and will only require trainers; those with PE in the afternoon will not be affected.

Show my Homework

Year 7 students all now have access to this system for all of their homework. Students have been given a slip and letter to bring home that gives you as parents access to their homework logs.

Message to parents and carers from your Safer Schools Police Officer

We are experiencing an increase of young persons' bank accounts being used for criminal activity.

Young people are being approached by criminals who are obtaining bank account and pin numbers; this is either done by force or for a financial incentive. We need your support to help educate young people around this issue.

Bank accounts are private and must only be used by the account holder. Any misuse could not only be criminal but could cause serious credit issues for the account holder! Police are working in partnership with many schools across London to combat this issue. Action Fraud is the tool to report any fraud. Thank you.

Richmond Safer Schools Officers 020 8247 581

Clubs & Activities

Our Term 1 club timetable has now been finalised and starts next week with several additional clubs being offered later in the term. We were really pleased with the uptake of clubs last year and the extremely high level of involvement in school sport. We hope that all students will take part in at least one extra-curricular activity this year and will be actively encouraging them to do so.

Before School - 7.30

Tues	Fitness
Weds	Orchestra
Thurs	Yoga
Fri	Choir

Lunchtime

Mon	Harmony Group (Year 8)
Weds	Boxing
	Elleray Hall
Fri	Band (Year 9)
	Bench Ball

After School - 3.15 to 4.15

Mon	Drama
	Homework
	Rugby
Tue	Creative Arts
	Duke of Edinburgh Award (Year 9)
	Fixtures (Years 7 & 8)
	Homework
	Maths in Motion
	Music Tech
Weds	Dance
	Homework
	Netball
	Poetry
	Reading
	STEM
	X Country
Thurs	Fixtures (Year 9)
	Football
	Homework
	Think aloud
Fri	Hair styling

MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the letters of 'CAPABLE MAGIC HUNK' to give a famous building. What is it?

The Turing House Summer Challenge Reminder

Some amazing entries to our competition so far. There is still time to enter. Submission of entries by: Monday 11th September 2017. All entries should be submitted to: competition@turinghouseschool.org.uk

You should also submit a printed copy for judging. This should be clearly labelled with your name and the category entered. This is a photography competition, so consider the method of presentation for submission.

Some incredible entries received so far:







Swimathon

Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the Rotary Club's Swimathon event last term. Lots of money was raised which has been given to charities and we, as a school, have received £144 to spend as we wish. Ms Wilkinson and Mr Woodward have already got some aquatic themed ideas in mind! Watch this space!

Following on from the photo competition set by Mrs Turner, students have the chance to enter their pictures of the environment into another fantastic competition. See Ms Wilkinson or have a look online – www.unearthed.nerc.ac.uk

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Year 9

You should have received your welcome email over the summer; if you were expecting one but have not received it then please see Mrs Turner (Miss Garrod) as soon as possible. Training will begin on a rota base throughout the academic year as per the club register. More information on collecting evidence and uploading it to the online site will be given at the first training session.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Sherry and Ms Garrod, now known as Mrs Collins and Mrs Turner!

Farmers Market

A Farmers Market will start here at Turing House this Sunday (10th) from 10am to 2pm.

You can expect to find: fresh fruit and veg, free range meat, eggs and poultry, artisanal London bread, fish straight from the coast and much more.

Miss McLoughlin runs a Marathon

You can help Miss McLoughlin raise money for this great cause by donating directly to her fundraising page https://www.justgiving.com/Sinead-McLoughlin. Just Giving sends your donation straight to the British Heart Foundation and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. Thank you for your support.

Staff Success



Congratulations to Mr O'Sullivan who represented Great Britain at the UCI World Amateur Time trial championships in Albi in France. He finished 38th in his age category and was 7th home from 18 British riders.

Bike Marking

On the 13th of September, the Metropolitan Police will be in to offer free bicycle marking for our students. This will take place during the day from 8am. Please ensure that if you are cycling to school you wear a helmet and make yourself visible with a rear 'flashing light'. Marking will take place pre-school and at break and lunch.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please make sure that you let us know in advance for medical appointments. Absences due to ill-health on the day should be reported before 8.00 ideally using the Study bugs App or website:

https://studybugs.com/

We recommend that you use the App which is easily downloaded for both Apple and Android devices.

If a student is absent and we have not received notification, then you will receive an automated text or phone call from Truancy Call.

Rugby Winners

After being the Rugby League winners of the London Borough games for Year 7, we will be going through to the London and South East Schools League this term - potentially moving on to Nationals if we win it.

