

## GB Athletes visit Turing House



On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> October, two athletes

who have represented Great Britain visited Turing House School to speak to 8RI and the school Cross Country Team. Adelle Tracey, the British indoor 800m champion, who represented Great Britain at the World Athletics Championships this summer, spoke alongside National Cross Country Champion and 3 x British Universities Champion, Rebecca Murray.

The athletes discussed their journeys towards becoming full time athletes, speaking about their experiences at school and other challenges which they faced to reach where they are today. The students also asked questions, and were able to have photographs taken. It was a highly enjoyable experience for all, and we are very grateful to Adelle and Rebecca for giving up their time to come and speak to us. Look out for them at big competitions in the future!

## Year 9 Job Opening

Year 9 students are still able to access a unique job opportunity via Show my Homework. We are looking for a student/s to support us with the management of ICT across the school.

This paid position will follow a very formal process to give our students some experience of what it would be like applying for a job. Hopefully this will add to their careers information and guidance experience at Turing House.

All details can be found on the VLE in the area called School Council (Leadership). We hope as many students as possible will apply. Students who want to find out more can speak to Mr O'Sullivan.

## Mensa Puzzle

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Complete the square with the numbers 1 to 5 so that no row, column or diagonal line of any length contains the same number more than once. What number must replace the question mark?

Last week's answer: Cuba, Sark, Crete, Arran

## Forthcoming Events

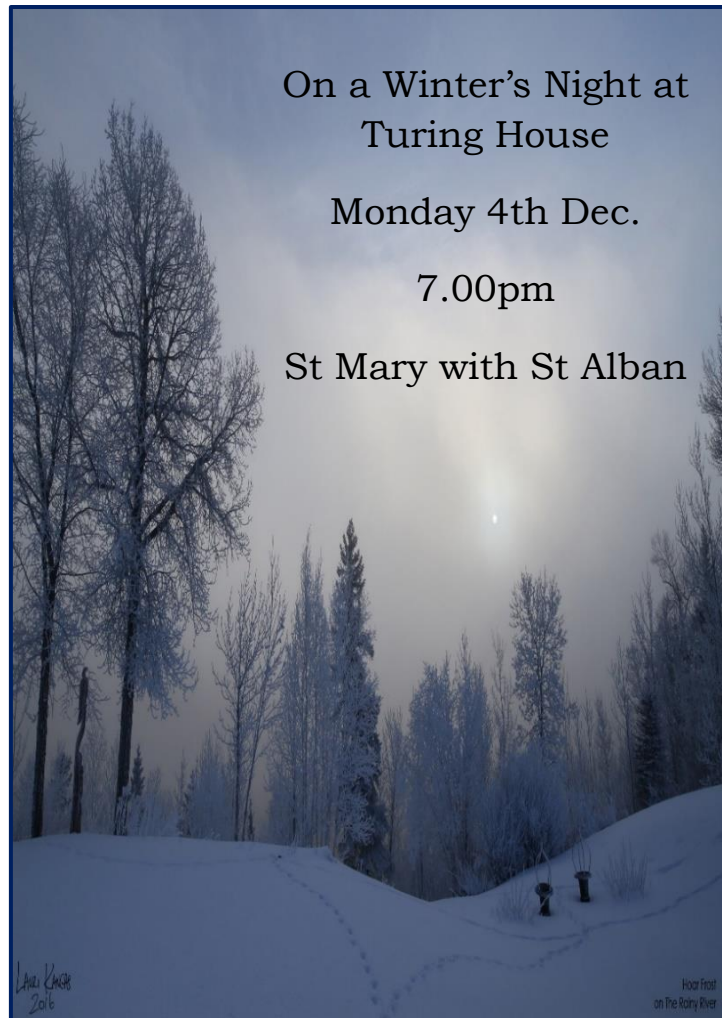
- 23 - 27 October:** Half term week
- 30 October:** INSET day – school closed
- 1 November:** THS Bake Off
- 9 November:** Y9 Parents' Evening
- 4 December:** Winter Concert
- 6 December:** Christmas Craft Fair

## Fixtures

- 31 Oct:** U13 Girls Football AWAY v Waldegrave
- 1 Nov:** Yr 9 Girls Netball AWAY v Waldegrave
- 3 Nov:** Yr 7 Boys Rugby AWAY v TBC
- 7 Nov:** Yr 9 Boys Football AWAY v TBC

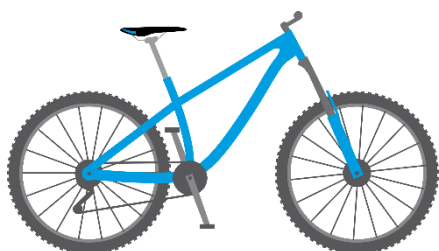
## Winter Concert – Date for your diary!

The annual Turing House Winter Concert will soon be upon us and promises to be another brilliant showcase for our talented musicians. Do put the date in your diaries!



## Bike Marking

As the bike marking was heavily oversubscribed last week we are giving students another opportunity to get their bikes marked on 8<sup>th</sup> November from **8.30am – 9.30am.**



## Design Win! – Congratulations Jessica H.



I recently attended a design hackathon hosted by Greenlight for Girls, which our group subsequently won. Our prize for this was to be among 200 schoolgirls from across London to attend the

International Day of the Girl at the Southbank Centre. To start the day we went on the London Eye with some influential women from across many fields. Our pod included Andy Oliver (TV Cook), Hannah Witton (vlogger) and Liz Earle MBE (runs a magazine and skincare brand). We go to talk to all of these women for two rotations of the London Eye. Later our group presented our winning design to an audience on a panel including a budding astronaut! We also took part in workshops. It was a very inspiring day that everyone enjoyed very much. *Jessica H*

## Rugby Jersey Design



CBRE Rugby All Schools Initiative put on a day for 5 schools to design a rugby kit made by Canterbury. The captains and vice-captains of the Year 8/9 rugby team spent the day at Twickenham Stadium to design the kit. This will be revealed during the Six Nations match in a half time show.

## Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who entered the Freedom Poetry Competition. The standard was very high and judging them was very difficult. Well done to the winners: Spike M, Harley & Henry C & Luke W. We will be publishing some of the amazing runners-up in future newsletters.

**WINNER - Freedom by Spike M**

Marching men, exactly in sync, perfect.  
They are the engine, the lies are the fuel,  
Their leader, the driver,  
A smiling-fake, who above all, will rule,  
  
Powerless . I stand watching this monster,  
A million arms then arose,  
I turned to look at the clouds above,  
Moving steadily towards a land,  
Where free people live in perfect disorder.  
Freedom.

**WINNER - On Sunday****by Harley and Henry C**

On Sunday morning's there is no alarm that wakes me  
my house remains silent until mum puts the Kettle on  
and whisk the eggs for breakfast, then one by one we  
appear round the table

On Sunday morning's I can choose what I want to wear  
and where I want to go, I even have the prerogative to  
change my mind and throw my onesie back on and go  
back to bed if I want

Sunday afternoon's I am exempt for homework and  
chores around the house

On Sunday afternoon's there are no rules, we just have  
fun

Sunday lunch smells like roast lamb and apple pie, but  
I'm captive round the dinner table with great nanny  
Pat who smells like lavender and wants me to tell her  
all about my week at school

By Sunday evening the feeling of freedom begins to  
fade away and we can all feel that Monday is just  
around the corner, Mum is ironing the uniform and  
Dad is polishing his shoes

It's the beginning of a new week, compact with  
routine, invisible chains and restraints until its Sunday  
morning once again



**WINNER - The Ghost by Luke Wiggins**

He falls with rusted chains,  
 Enveloped in his pain,  
 He's wanting to escape  
 Escape to find his freedom,

Breathing long rasping breaths,  
 He saw the sad, sad death,  
 The serpents come to get,  
 To get him from his freedom,

It stares him in the face,  
 Pulls him to another place,  
 What's free and what is not,  
 What's not given its freedom,

They perish and they rot,  
 It binds him to the spot,  
 Here he's isolated,  
 Isolated without freedom,

For they were dammed to be,  
 Forever at the mercy,  
 Of bullets and the bombs,  
 The bombs to end their freedom...

**Jack Petchy Competition**

We are proud to announce our new competition for all Jack Petchy Achievement Award winners: a selfie competition with a difference!

If an Achievement Award winner shares a selfie on Twitter or Instagram and tags us in it (@jpfoundation on Twitter, jackpetchyfoundation on Instagram) as well as adding #inspire, #motivate or #achieve discussing how their award showed their achievement, motivates them or inspires them, they could win an iPad Mini 2!

The competition is open for the rest of the year and beyond, so there is more than enough time for your winners to think of the most inventive and creative selfies, whether it includes your award or not!

Please advise all winners of this competition and use this link for the rules

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BYtJ9LzICWw/>

**HALF TERM**

We hope that all the students have an enjoyable and restful half-term. Just a reminder that Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day and the school will be closed. See you all back at 8.30am on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October!

**Timetable Change**

All students' Tuesday timetables change after half-term. The lessons that they previously had in periods 1 and 2 will now be periods 5 and 6 and vice-versa.

Y7 students who now have PE in the morning will be swimming.

## Y9 Parents' Evening

This will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. In order to provide the opportunity for all parents to see some staff, the appointments are limited to 6 per student and will last 5 minutes. To ensure the smooth running of the evening we have set the system to ensure that appointments to be booked with a 5 minute gap.

Please book your appointments here:

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

## Turing House Bake Off

Remember to bring your entries in for the first ever Turing House Bake Off competition on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Hand your cakes in first thing to Miss Parsons!



## Spain refunds

Spain refund cheques were sent out on Tuesday this week. If you haven't already seen yours then please remember to ask your child – it should be in his/her school bag.

## Oxford University Trip

Thirty Year 9 students spent a brilliant day at Oriel College, Oxford on Wednesday. They had a tour of the University, met some Oxford undergraduates and had lunch in the college refectory (a bit like a Hogwarts experience!).



## Sporting Success!

Congratulations to all our Sports Teams on what has been an amazing half-term. They have had some superb wins against very tough opposition and should be very proud of themselves!

## Bike Permits

A reminder that if your son/daughter wishes to cycle to school, they **MUST** have a signed cycle permit by 3<sup>rd</sup> November. As the clocks will be changing over half term, it will also be darker in the afternoons when students are going home, especially from after-school clubs, so please prepare yourselves with bike lights, hi-viz and of course, helmets.

