

Holocaust Survivor Visit

On Tuesday, Turing House School welcomed Holocaust survivor Cirla Lewis. Cirla lived through the Holocaust years of the Second World War in Belgium, where she was hidden by Catholics. She recalled her experiences as an innocent Jewish child, incapable of appreciating the enormity of the tragedy unfolding around her. Her testimony was poignant and moving.



Several students reflected on her talk stating that:

"I really enjoyed listening to her story and I feel very lucky that we didn't live in that time. She told us about her very moving personal account and we learnt lots about what it would have been like to be in hiding."

"This made me feel lucky to be alive in this time. It is shocking to think that a whole part of a culture was nearly wiped out. Any person going through this is so brave. You were fighting for your life – it gives me perspective in comparison to my daily struggles. I applaud the survivors and will never forget the dead and what they went through".

"Her story was intriguing and made me now want to learn as much as I can about the Holocaust. I enjoyed her testimony very much".

"During her speech today, I felt heartbroken that she had been through so much and that many members of her family – including her father – were killed during the Holocaust. I am going to remember this lady and her story for many more years".

Trip Payment Reminder

A kind request for parents to please pay all trip instalments by the published deadlines. Unpaid and late instalments cause unnecessary delays in the planning and administration of trips. Upcoming deadlines for trip instalments are as follows:

Iceland	Y9	1st December	£75
Bushcraft	Y7	4th December	£35
Bushcraft	Y9	4th December	£32

Forthcoming Events

4 December:	Winter Concert 7pm
6 December:	Christmas Craft Fair 5.30pm – 8pm Christmas Sock Day
15 December:	Christmas Jumper Day Last Day of Term

Fixtures

9 Nov, 2017	Boys	U13	Volleyball	Orleans Park
29 Nov, 2017	Boys	U15	Volleyball	Orleans Park
01 Dec, 2017	Girls	Y8	Rugby League	Orleans Park
05 Dec, 2017	Boys	Y7	Football 5-a-side	TBC

Oxford University Visit

We were delighted to be invited back to Oxford University for a second visit on Monday. Students followed the same format as before with a tour around Oriel College, an introduction to university life, a question and answer session with some current students and a lesson in Ancient Greek!



Packed Lunches

As you may be aware we are currently trying to gain Healthy School status at Turing House. Recently you will have received a letter regarding food items that should not be put into your child's packed lunch or brought into school as snacks, such as doughnuts and fizzy drinks. Please encourage your child to make healthy eating choices both at school and at home. If you would like further information on healthy eating options, please click on the link below:

<https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/healthyeating.php>

Christmas Sock Day – 6th December

We are supporting TK Maxx to raise money for Cancer Research UK Kids & Teens on Christmas Sock Day.



Students are allowed to wear Christmas socks on this day alongside their normal school uniform. Students are asked to donate a pound (please give to your form tutor) and we will pass the money onto Cancer Research. This is not a mufti day – school uniform must be worn. Girls can wear Christmas socks over their tights if they wish.

Mensa Puzzle

What numbers should replace the question marks in the grid?

105	15	94
147	21	136
56	8	45
182	26	171
21	?	?

Last week's answer: Paper. All the others have the same pronunciation as another word with a different spelling and meaning (source, thyme, rein, sore/soar, sew)

Attendance & Lates

We are very pleased with the overall attendance of our pupils; however, we are noticing an increase in the number of students who are late to school each day. Please remember that your child is missing valuable learning time and arriving late to lesson can cause disruption to others' learning. Please instil the need for your child to be at school on time, ready to learn.

Please remember to ring the school or use the Studybugs app to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Smallpeice Trust



The Smallpeice Trust is a charity which inspires and supports young people to pursue careers in science and engineering. Every year they organise short residential courses at universities, on topics such as CyberSecurity, Marine Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Aerospace Engineering and many more, aimed at Year 8 and above. These courses are very popular and book up quickly. The first phase of 2018 courses has just been announced, and many more will be added over coming months, so if you are interested it is well worth joining the mailing list. For more information, follow this link: <https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/timetable/>

Turing House Calendars for sale

Over the summer holidays, we invited Year 9 students to enter a photography challenge, taking photographs under various subheadings such as food, sea life and adventure. We have taken a range of these photographs and created a limited edition calendar, which will be sold at the Craft Fair on Wednesday 6th December for £8. All proceeds will go towards purchasing photography equipment for the school. Congratulations to Will Whateley, Daniel Wait, Ollie Hasham, Sol Smith, Louis StJohn-Smith, Luca Deacon and Freddie Brown who all have photographs in the calendar.



Keep Safe

We have been made aware that moped riders targeted some pupils from Orleans Park School last week. Mobile phones were the intended target in two separate incidents, close to Orleans Park, at around 4:30pm. There have been two further incidents reported, in the same area and at the same time, in which adults were the victims.

Students are advised to be vigilant and keep mobile phones out of sight when in public spaces. We encourage parents to do likewise.

Christmas Craft Fair – 6th December

Just 12 days to go until the inaugural Turing House Christmas Fair opens its doors on Wednesday 6th December.

We have over 30 stall holders offering food and wines, Christmas decorations, jewellery, games and puzzles, arts and crafts and many more exciting and tantalising gift ideas.

Our very own Turing House school choir will be opening the evening. There will be hot food and drinks for all the family, so don't bother with tea at home - come and have some chilli or turkey rolls while humming along to some festive tunes.

The raffle has a fabulous selection of prizes: a family day out at the Lensbury Club, vouchers from the Attic in Teddington, Squires, Pizza Express, Cook, Teddington Sports and many more. Raffle tickets will be coming home next week in school bags and you can also guide your friends and family to buy online raffle tickets at:

<https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/thf.php>

Thank you for all the mince pie donations; we are still welcoming donations. Please bring these to Miss Parsons in food tech.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th!



Christmas Jumper Day – 15th December

On the last day of term, we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day. Students are allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper and pay a £1 to their tutor. Monies raised will be sent to Save the Children. This is not a mufti day so school uniform must be worn, with the only addition being the Christmas jumper.

E-safety

Achieving for Children have produced a useful self-help sheet for parents who wish to monitor and restrict their child's use of electronic equipment. Please see the document attached at the end of this newsletter.

Jack Petchey Awards Night



On Wednesday evening, Richmond Theatre held the annual Richmond and Kingston Jack Petchey Awards Celebration. Each of our winners were presented with medals celebrating their achievement! Well done to Maria, Will, Finn, Yasmin, Zoe, Jake and Dan.

Black Friday Shopping

Don't forget if you are shopping online in the Christmas sales, please use Easy Fundraising – Turing House Friends!

Thank you.

Rugby Win

Congratulations to the Year 8 Rugby team on a fantastic win against Hinchley Wood !



Hinchley Wood 5 – Turing House 15

Try Dive



Conor, Oscar and Huw went along for the try dive session last week. They all really enjoyed the experience! Speak to Mr O'Sullivan if you are interested in a reduced price trial session.



Cross Country

On Friday 17th November, four boys & four girls from each year were chosen to represent Turing House in the Richmond Borough Cross Country. It was a great day; each student gave it their all and ran really well, especially Jake who finished 3rd in the Year 8 & 9 boys' race. He was followed by a strong team who were not far behind. Well done everyone who took part!

By Sonny N & Joseph B.



Winter Concert

Don't forget that the Winter Concert takes place on 4th December at St Mary with St Alban Church at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sleep

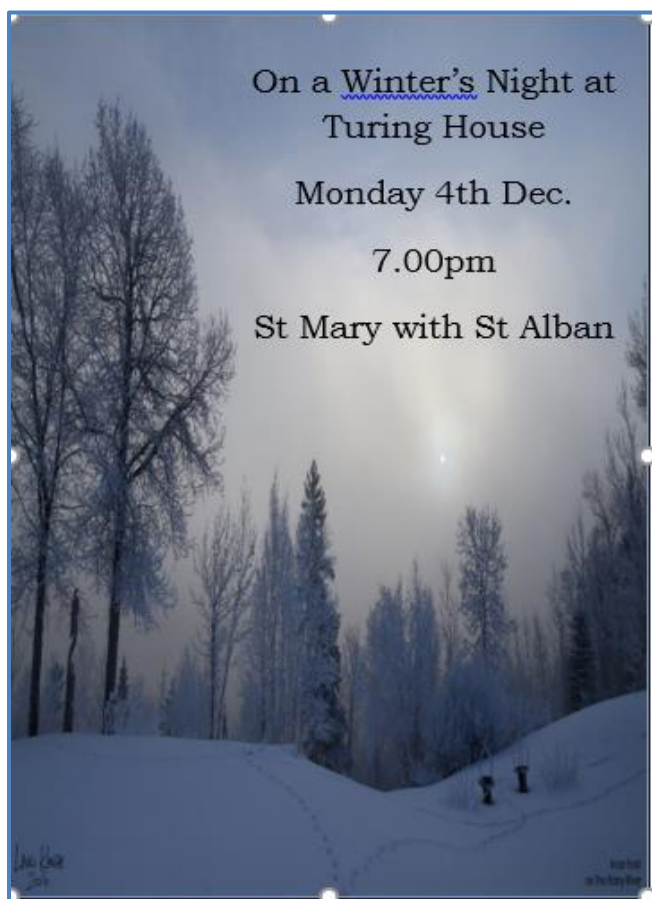
You may be aware that recently we asked our students to complete a mental health survey. Whilst we are still examining the data in detail, the clearest concern was quite alarming.

Over 50% of our students said that they had trouble sleeping. The sleep foundation has some good tips on improving sleep and recommend that students of secondary school age should have between 9 and 11 hours of sleep each night, with this reducing to 9-10 at the age of 14. The link below provides some excellent tips on improving sleep. However, what it does not mention is the link between use of electronic devices (particularly phones) and sleep.

A recent survey completed by Dr. Gregory Marcus, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, concluded that use of a mobile phone before bedtime increases the chance of taking longer to fall asleep and has an impact on having a restful night's sleep.

Therefore, if you notice that your son/daughter is struggling to sleep or waking up cranky, their phone may be to blame.

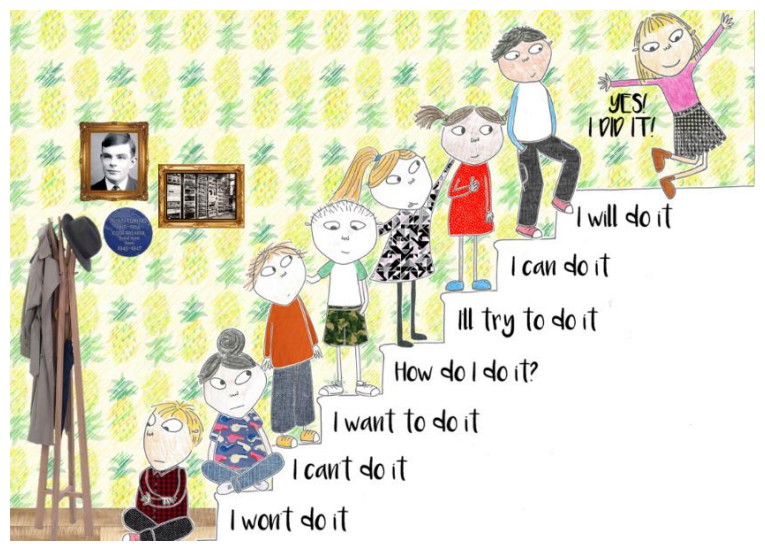
<https://sleepfoundation.org/sleep-tools-tips/healthy-sleep-tips>



Lauren Child Themed Work

Miss Parsons recently wrote to Lauren Child writer & illustrator of the Charlie & Lola books to show her the amazing work our students had done. We studied Lauren's work and created self-portraits in the style of Charlie and Lola. We received a lovely email back:

"Many thanks indeed for your email. The work is fantastic and Lauren is absolutely delighted to see this."



Setting parental restrictions on your child's kit

- 1. Tap (or click) the icon (Apple, Android, Microsoft Xbox, Nintendo or Sony PlayStation) **or** scan the QR code with your phone's camera
- 2. Follow the instructions on the website exactly — in particular, setting the age of the child
- 3. We recommend that you set the device to not allow **any** apps to be installed without your permission
- 4. Choose a strong password to protect your new settings — **not** the same as the unlocking code!



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