

Headteacher's Update

4th May 2018

Teen Tech – Best Gadget Award!

Congratulations to the students who attended the TeenTech Exhibition this week. They presented their concept — the 'Zap Card' in the Innovation Zone at the event and won "Best Gadget". The card is similar to an Oyster Card but has a solar powered graphene screen embedded and it is also linked to Google maps and TFL routes and bus times. Well done to everyone!



Congratulations Jake!

Congratulations to Jake Sanders who took part in the National Volleyball U16 Championship finals in Kettering.

The U16 team won 3-1 in the final!

Good Luck Jess!

Good luck to Jess Holmes who is playing in the National Basketball finals for Richmond Knights this weekend.

Forthcoming Events

7th **May:** Bank Holiday **12 May:** CoderDojo

24 May: Rehearsals for Live@The Rose **25 May:** INSET Day (school closed)

28 May-1st June: Half Term

Excellent Research in Year 8 RP



Well done to year 8 who have been doing some excellent research on Jesus' resurrection. This will ensure that they have deep subject knowledge for the start of GCSE course in Year 9.

Congratulations!

Well done to Louis, Luca & Sean who were 2nd in a National Hockey Competition playing for Sunbury Hockey Club



Fixtures

04 May, 2018	Y8	Rugby Union	ТВС
08 May, 2018	Y7/8	Rounders	Twickenham School
10 May, 2018	Y9	Rounders	Twickenham School
11 May, 2018	Y7	Rugby League	Twickenham School

Oxbridge Inspire

Oxbridge Inspire is a newly launched initiative to get young people into STEM. The organisation is founded by researchers from top institutions, such as the University of Cambridge, who believe strongly that STEM education can be far more engaging and relevant. Their courses are project-based and centred around topical real-world problems, such as the mathematics behind cryptography and the science and engineering of autonomous cars.

As well as delivering courses, we want to provide young people with opportunities to engage with the STEM community and contribute their ideas about real-world STEM-related problems. Therefore, the organisation is launching a STEM writing competition for 13 to 18-year-olds.

KS3 to KS5 STEM Writing Competition

They would like to receive articles about any STEM topic, but here are some ideas:

- Explaining a STEM-related project that the writer has undertaken;
- Discussing first-hand experience of STEM education;
- Sharing a viewpoint on a topical STEM-related issue;

Each article should be between 400 and 500 words in length. Anyone who enters an Oxbridge Inspire competition will be automatically subscribed to receive updates and resources, as well as being rewarded with a lifetime discount on Oxbridge Inspire courses. The winner's article will be published on their online platform.

If your students or someone they know is interested in taking part, they can <u>register here</u>.

All articles will need to be electronically submitted to contact@oxbridgeinspire.com with the subject line "Summer 2018 Writing Competition". Students may submit up to three articles. The deadline for article submission is **Friday 25th May**.

MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the following letters to give two words.

All six letters must be used in each word.

What are the two words?

ADELMS

Girls Cricket Team – looking for players

Bushy Park Girls is a local cricket club, based in the beautiful surroundings of Bushy Park that welcomes all girls aged 7-15 who would like to play cricket. They support players new to cricket as well as existing cricketers with an aim to have fun but also to develop their skills to whatever level they would like to reach.

On Monday 7th May and 14th May they would welcome any girl to come along to one of their open training sessions at NPL Cricket Club from 18:00 – 20:00 to see if they would like to join.

Further information about the club is available at www.bushyparkgirls.com.

Come on down and try cricket out!

NPL Open House!

NPL have an open day coming up on 17th May. They only have this event every other year so it is a rare occasion



for students and their families to see some amazing science in action so local. There will be a 'kid's trail' and with about 40 labs on show, talks and demos, it should be very accessible to all.

Ramadan

We would like to wish our Islamic students and their families the very best during the month of Ramadan which begins on Tuesday 15th May and ends in the evening of Thursday 14th June. During this period, these students will not eat or drink between the hours of sunrise and sunset. With long days and hot weather, this will be incredibly challenging for them. We have spoken to each student to gauge the level at which they are fasting and their intentions with regard to Physical Education.



Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and a time when Muslims across the world will fast during the hours of daylight.

Ramadan is the fourth of the five pillars of Islam.

The Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad during this month. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailut ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').

The end of Ramadan is marked by a big celebration called 'Eid-ul-Fitr', the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast.

Muslims are not only celebrating the end of fasting, but thanking Allah for the help and strength that he gave them throughout the previous month to help them practise self-control.

The festival begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky.

Please note that in accordance with national guidelines, we will be mindful of the school's duty to safeguard students' wellbeing. If the school notices signs of

dehydration or exhaustion, then we will ask if they are fasting, and advise them to terminate the fast immediately by drinking some water. Islamic rulings would allow the student to break their fast and make it up later. The guidance adds that the school should "apply judgment and common sense on a case-by-case basis".

Bushcraft - They are off!

Do have a look at our website from time to time, in particular at our Twitter feed, to catch updates from the trip this weekend!

Unifrog Reminder

Well done to all the year 9 parents who have now logged into Unifrog, our excellent careers resource. Logging in could not be simpler. Just create an account using your unique Turing House parent code.



Midsummer Night's Dream – Reminder

Year 7 parents – please remember to return the permission slips for your son/daughter to attend our screening of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on Wednesday 9th May. Thank you.

Keeping your child safe online

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! Nintendo achieving for children

World War Primary Evidence

Thank you to Sam Barnes who brought in some amazing pieces of history from his family's past. This included medals from WW1 and WW2, in addition to identify cards, one of the first ever remembrance poppies, and dressing that soldiers would use on the battlefields. Thank you so much for sharing this with us Sam!



Kemal Pervanic appeal to help build Peace Centre in Bosnia

After visiting Year 9 to speak about the horrors of genocide, Kemal Pervanic has contacted the school to ask if anyone would be able to help raise money for his charity *Most Mira*. *Most Mira* is a UK and Bosnia based charity. Their name means Bridge of Peace, and that is what they do - help to build bridges between divided communities especially in rural North West Bosnia. They are looking for our help to build a Peace Centre in the village of Kevljani, where their founder Kemal Pervanic was born:

Since 2009, Most Mira has worked with 1,000s of children and young people from Prijedor, and a



committed team of teachers, artists and activists, to run a series of successful theatre and peacebuilding projects. The young people have always asked us to be a permanent presence and facilitate year-round projects and now we have the chance to do just that. They have raised £80,000 to date and with a further £100,000 the Peace Centre will open its doors to new generations of peacebuilders and artists.

You can find out more about the charity here: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/most-mira-peace-centre/