

Headteacher's Update

20th July 2018

Staffing Update – Goodbye and Good Luck

Goodbye and good luck to two colleagues who are leaving us this summer. Ms Seddon leaves the SEN team to start her teacher training at St Mary's in September and Ms Cogan leaves the science department for another season teaching snowboarding in Canada.

Staffing Update – Hello and Welcome

We are delighted to welcome or new colleagues in September, some who have started already and all who have visited us on the INSET day in July:

Mr Jacks Science and Head of Year 8

Ms Kornilova Science Mrs Johal Maths Mr Bridges Maths Ms Dawson English

Ms Scott Drama and RP

Ms Brennan Geography

Ms Sephton Art

Ms MacDouall Art and Technology
Ms Filipovic Computer Science

Mr Torres Spanish

Mrs Harper also joins us as an Assistant Headteacher and takes over the role of SENCO from Mrs Winch, who remains as our Director of Music and is responsible for the training of our Newly Qualified Teachers.

Forthcoming Events

20th July: Last day of term (early close)

Summer Holidays!

It has been a long, fun and eventful year at Turing House. We hope that you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you all back on 5th September.

Please help the Art Department

The Art department are in need of some objects again! We are keen to expand on the objects students can draw in lesson. If by any chance you have any of the following items to donate, we would be very grateful....

- Interesting glass vases and bottles
- Marbles
- Musical instruments
- Animal skulls/bones
- Plastic fruit/flowers
- Mirrors

Or if you are throwing anything out that you think may be interesting for our students to draw, please do get in touch. Many thanks.

Mensa Challenge

Rearrange the letters of 'CLOSE US IN' to give a connected nine letter word.

What is it?

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A Summer for Cycling

During tutor time this week we have been giving out free copies of the TfL cycle map for our local areas to those that are interested. We hope that these maps will be useful in helping our young people to plan safe cycling routes as they get out and about during the summer holidays. As always, we hope that you will support our students to ensure that they are cycling safely, wearing appropriate safety equipment and using well maintained bikes. Cycling is an excellent way to keep us fit and healthy as well as being a great method of transport that is good for the environment.

If you are interested in acquiring cycle maps for other areas of London then please visit https://tfl.gov.uk/forms/12419.aspx

Year 7 Trip to The Globe and Tate Modern

Year 7 spent a very enjoyable day in London on Monday visiting the Globe Theatre and the Tate





Modern Gallery. At the Globe Theatre, they were lucky enough to watch a rehearsal of Othello for an upcoming performance!

I really enjoyed the trip to The Globe Theatre and Tate Modern. Drama and Art are my favourite

subjects so I learnt a lot on how to improve my acting and artwork. Seeing all the pieces of art really inspired

me as I found out that art can be anything from pictures to 'pebbles' made out of fabric. I had never been to the Tate Modern or The Globe Theatre so this trip was really exciting for me. We got to eat our lunch outside and luckily it was warm and sunny so I had a great time! by Amber Dhillon 7KI



Headteacher's Summer Challenge: Y7 into 8

We will shortly be sending handing out this year's Headteacher's Challenge. See how many you can complete by September!

Year 8 into 9 Summer Photo Challenge

This summer we once again challenge you to get out and about in your local area, taking pictures of your experiences along the way. Last year saw some amazing photographs taken by our founding cohort. We hope that this year we will see some equally amazing shots from our current Year 8s, along with anyone else who wishes to share some of their amazing images.

There are two categories for the images: The Natural World and The Human World; there are many ways of interpreting these categories and we look forward to seeing the pictures taken.

Full details of the challenge will be sent home separately. Images should be emailed to info@turinghouseschool.org.uk with your full name and category entered. We would also like to create a display so images should be printed off for this in either 5x7 or 6x8 and mounted on plain card (no larger than A4).





Turing House Friends

Thanks to everyone who joined the final THF meeting of the year, where lots of successes were celebrated and plans put in place. If you have a child coming into Year 7, please pop Thursday 27th September in the diary for the Year 7 Family Bingo Evening, a great way to meet others joining the school and for your child to introduce you to new friends.

The comedy night is back with an evening to brighten things up as the dark nights draw in; keep an eye out for the date.

From September, the founding parents on the committee formally step down so maybe ponder over summer on whether you might like to step into a committee roll. There's plenty of hands on deck for events, we just need a couple of people to help take the lead. If you are interested in finding out more, send an email to thf@turinghousechool.org.uk

Finally, 50 of our parents have raised nearly £1000 for the school by signing up to Easy Fundraising - that's £20 a head. Just imagine if everyone did it how much could be raised! More details of how you can help at <u>Easy Fundraising</u>.



Year 7 English

Students in Year 7 have been studying *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, and creating their own narrative poems, using the same rhyme scheme as Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Here's Toby Gill's poem:

The Willow Whisperer

Past a tree he walked His name so posh was Klern But this was no normal tree Not even a regular fern

Neither was this a normal boy
To define; he did not know
He could speak to this tree
A conversation to and fro

For he was the willow whisperer So confused but calm,
Then he realised something:
A pattern on his palm.

It looked like the inside of a tree
When you chop it down
Across his face came not a smile,
But instead a weird frown

The pattern spread across Klern's body
Up to his own head
Over a pool of lava
He was balancing on a thread.

The pattern engulfed him;
His life was done
All was black
He was not having fun.

For he had turned into the willow
This was not a dream
He had become a tree
The stitch made the seam.



Year 8 Poetry

Year 8 students have been writing poetry, and we really enjoyed the sentiment of this one! Mums, you're amazing!

Your Mum

Your mum,
You always forget what she does for you,
Even when she gets mad and shouts at you,
But in the end,
She's the one that deserves that thank you – it's true.

Your mum,
Look what she's done,
Without her, you'd still be in pre-school sucking your
thumb,
So thank her for what she's done.

Your mum,
She doesn't want a prize, but she can give you a great surprise.

So whenever you shout or swear, Remember, your mum is always there.

By Charlie Hale & Charlie Kermack

'A Monster Calls' Theatre Trip

On Wednesday, we took our book club and reading group to the Old Vic Theatre in London to see a play adaptation of a novel we've really enjoyed, 'A Monster Calls'. The students loved the play. Bonnie said, 'I really enjoyed the theatre because it was a really good and interesting trip. I liked the play because it showed lots of mixed emotions. Even though I cried at the end it was still really enjoyable.'

Avantika said, 'the performance was outstanding. I think it was an amazing opportunity to watch a play happen. The monster was an amazing actor: he projected his voice and he showed how he felt through facial expressions.'

Timmy said 'I liked the way they showed the musicians on the stage and the way they used music and ropes as props. They used shadows and sounds to create an interesting atmosphere'.

Thank you to Miss Andrews for organising the trip.

Walk for Wildlife



Kings College London – Budding Mathematicians

Kings are running a GCSE enrichment programme for students in Year 10 next year. The course will improve your knowledge and understanding for GCSE Mathematics. It is especially useful for students who feel that they might like to study Maths at AS or A2.

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