

Headteacher's Update

15th February 2019

Bristol University Trip

On Friday the 8th of February, fifty Year 10 students went on a trip to Bristol University to learn about further education.



Students enjoyed a lecture on university life, a Q&A with former students, a tour of the campus, and then engaged in a subject specific workshop. We also celebrated

Anna and Sam's birthday on the day, and were also treated to an excellent rap by Neema about the day on the coach home.



Forthcoming Events

18th-22nd February – Half Term Week

Mon 25th February – INSET Day

Tues 26th February – Students return to school

1st March – THS Comedy Night 7.30pm

4th February - Careers Talk

9th March - CoderDojo

14th March – Year 9 Options Evening

Amazing History Home Work – Year 8!



Hampton Court Palace

Fancy a day out this half term? Explore the home of Henry VIII, his wives and children at Hampton Court Palace. A child ticket (booked online) is £10.70. It is particularly relevant to the historical studies of Year 7 and Year 10 students, but an excellent learning opportunity for all. If you do go, please let Ms Riglin know what you thought!



Fixtures

28 Feb, 2019 Year 9 Football Teddington

Army Cadets – Thank you

On behalf of the 196 Twickenham Army Cadet Detachment, we would like to thank every student that has signed up to starting their cadet journeys so far. Each recruit is doing superbly already and showing great initiative and determination to do the best that they can. On Wednesday 13th February, the army cadet detachment had a special visit from four fantastic regular soldiers from the Royal Engineers Regiment.

During this evening at the unit, the cadets all presented their knowledge learnt so far, and their skills in their drill and turnout. Additionally, the four soldiers shared their individual stories of how they became a soldier and their journey so far as well as their role within the Royal Engineers.



Towards the end of the evening, the cadets were given the opportunity to try out some fantastic equipment which the regular soldiers use within their everyday training and real-life duties within the army. This special equipment included night vision goggles, helmets, webbing, gas masks, assault vests and much more.

We look forward as a detachment of the Army Cadet Force to working alongside these amazing four soldiers and progressing the cadets' skills and knowledge, both within their training and within their testing through their start squads and the rank promotions.

We are excited to try out their equipment on some future weekends where the cadets can use it in action. This is such a great opportunity which Twickenham Army Cadet Detachment offers our students who have joined the Army Cadet Force, and each student of Turing House School showed full participation, were engaged throughout the evening and showed their willingness to progress as an



MENSA PUZZLE



Rearrange the letters of 'NOW BASIC DRIZZLE' to give three weather words.

What are they?

Last week's answer: 99. Each number on the left has been multiplied by 5.5 to give the number on the right.

Charity Bike Ride

Miss Parsons is doing a Charity Bike Ride raising money for three female cancer charities. She is cycling 100km through the night as part of Women v Cancer - Ride the Night London 2019. If you would like to sponsor her, please go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/miss parsons

Thank you for to everyone who has already sponsored her!

Year 10 Parents' Evening

This will be held on **Thursday 28**th **February** and will enable parents/carers to see subject teachers. 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.

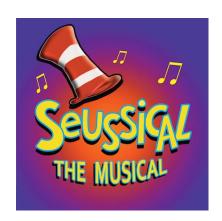
To ensure the smooth running of the evening we have set the online booking system to ensure that appointments are booked with 5-minute gaps in between. Please book your appointments here: https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

Unfortunately **Ms Harman (Spanish)** will not be available that evening; for parents of **Spanish classes 10A and 10C** who are taught by Ms Harman, if you wish to make a separate appointment with her the following week on Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th March between 15.00 and 18.00, please contact the school office.

Seussical the Musical

Our school show, Seussical the Musical, will take place at the Mall School theatre on 10th and 11th June.

There will be full day rehearsals on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June in the theatre which will be compulsory for cast members.



School Communications Provider Change

After half term we shall be changing our school email communications provider to Parent Mail. So, when you start receiving emails/newsletters from Parent Mail, please read and do not send to your junk folder!

Year 8 Tapas Trip

It began with some bread and olives, then the waiters brought out some nachos; they were very colourful because they were covered with dips and peppers.

Next they brought out some paella that was filled with meats. Once we had devoured that, they brought out croquets and fish balls which were very good. My favourite bit was the quesadillas; they were full of creamy cheese. I really enjoyed the trip to the Tapas Restaurant. **By Luke Rowe**





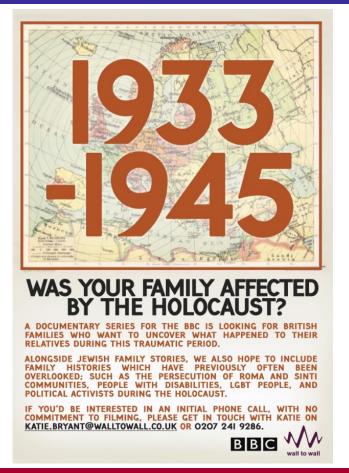








BBC looking for families



Barcelona Trip – Year 8

We look forward to seeing all parents and students going on the Barcelona trip at the **trip briefing** on **Tuesday 26th February** in the drama hall.

The briefing will start at 6pm prompt and last no longer than thirty minutes.



Comedy Night

Unfortunately, Dominic Holland has had to pull out of our night because of the recent death of his father. The Bearcat have replaced him with Ricky Grover.



You might recognise Ricky from various TV things. He is best known for appearing as a regular character on the 11 o'clock Show, for his role in Getting On and for a role in EastEnders.

We are still looking for Raffle Prizes, so if you have anything to donate please contact:

jane.barron@yahoo.co.uk

Spelling Bee – Year 7

The inaugural Turing House Spelling Bee competition took place this week at the Hampton Site. After the first round, where each Year 7 form selected a team of 3 finalists, the grand final was held in the school hall and was attended by supporters from each form and staff

alike.



After a number of tense rounds, the champions were declared to be 7EM, who impressed the judges by not

making a single mistake! The 3 champions from 7EM are: Katie Richards, Yannis Astras and Tom Marvulli.

Cycling Groups for Parents

Njinga Cycling is welcome to all levels of riders as well as those simply interested in keeping fit.

1 FREE group wattbike or yoga or S&C class per person and valid for new customers of Njinga Cycling only.

The free group class code for new customers who are parents of Turing House School: **Turing100%**

Offer valid until Friday 8th March 2019

Non-transferable and not redeemable for cash

Please see terms and conditions on our website.

If group class is cancelled within 12 hours they will forfeit their class.

All new customers will need to create an account online via www.njingacycling.com and then once an account has been created they go to purchase a single credit

Once each new customer books the group class they will be sent an email with what to bring. Essentially a water bottle, sweat towel and trainers or cycling shoes (cleated cycling shoes we allow are Look Keo or Shimano mtb mountain bike cleats only).

We also still have a few places left for our team challenge night on Thursday 28th Feb: https://njingacycling.com/blog/team-challenge-night-2019/



Well Done!

Congratulations to Fatima and Farhan of Year 8! Your design has been chosen as the winning entry by Mr Mackinlay, and your leaflet will be displayed in the receptions of both our sites - well done!



Old Mobile Phones needed!

The drama department are looking for old smart phones that don't work anymore to use as props.

Any donations should be handed in to the Main School Office at the Teddington or Hampton sites.

UKMT Intermediate Challenge



The Maths Challenge is a national competition with over 650,000 students across the country taking part. Our Year 9 &

10 Mathematicians had a great time scratching their head over some tricky puzzles and we are eager to find out the results which will be out in a month's time. Whilst you're waiting, here's a question for you to have a go at:

Each of the five shapes shown below is made from five unit cubes. Which has the smallest surface area?











Countdown to GCSE RP 92 Days to go!

AQA GCSE Religious Studies - 92 days to improve your grade

These tasks are additional to class homework and general revision for the real exams.

Challenge tasks

Day 1 – Give two ways in which religious believers help victims of war.

Day 2 - Explain two contrasting view on contraception in Christianity.

Day 3 – Explain two similar religious beliefs about war.

Day 4 - Explain two reasons why marriage is a sacred bond.

Day 5 – 'The Bible tells Christians all they need to know about God's creation'. Evaluate this statement.

Year 7 – Food Technology

We have hosted another fantastic class who all worked well together and showed a high level of skill and understanding in both practical and theory knowledge. Great at cleaning up also!

These were probably the cleanest students I've taught. It was tough to pick out a top chef, as there were many during the day.



Most Efficient Team awarded to Evie, Sadik, Freddie & Kaiden!



Best Team Work awarded to Zach, Jack, Jamie, Mark!



Top Chef awarded to Tom!







Tennis Coaching



Turing House School -Afterschool Tennis

The England Sports Group is pleased to announce that we are running an afterschool tennis club with Turing House School.

Since 1991, under the Tennis England banner, we have become one of the best specialist junior sports coaching companies. Our focus is on coaching children and giving them the best possible environment in which to succeed. Our lessons are not only about mastering tennis but gaining 'Life Skills Through Sport'.

Course dates, times and cost

Monday 4th March - Monday 25th March - 4 weeks

Monday 3.45–4.45pm Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 Coaching is run by England Sports Group Coaches

£28.00

There are rackets available, if players do not have their own.

Once you have made the booking online you need to log into your account to update Emergency Contact Details, Medical Issues & to give consent for pupils to make their own way to and home from the venue. From your confirmation email, there is a link to set up password from your account.

Location

The class takes place on the tennis courts at NPL Tennis Club, Queens Road, Teddington, TW11 OLZ. When you arrive at the entrance to NPL (National Physical Laboratories) on Queens Road, follow the sign posts to NPL Sports Club where you will see the tennis courts.

How to book and pay

To secure your child's place, please visit www.englandsportsgroup.com and under Schools Book now, choose the School and in Term, choose Spring Term C1 2019 to make a booking online.

If you are unable to book online, please call England Sports Group on 0800 043 0707.

History Presentations – Year 8

Year 8 students doing wonders in history presenting their homework project. We all loved hearing their stories and interviews. Keep up the good work!





Rwandan Genocide Survivor

Rwandan Genocide Survivor Sophie thanked Turing House School for all of the thank you letters she was sent. She said: "I went through every letter. They inspired me, and will help me to carry on telling my story." She wrote back answering the questions students asked:

1. One who did not write their name asked: What happened to the killers after genocide ended?

All of them went to Zaire (a neighbouring country); later some were able to return to Rwanda; others went to other countries around the world.

2. Luca thanked me for singing, also he specifically asked me to thank my husband for his speech.

I made sure I told my husband about this.

3. Jamie asked: did you hide in a bush? Were you bitten by snakes?

Answer: at the beginning, I hid myself in the bushes, then later the government ordered to cut off all bushes so that we don't hide. So being in the city, bushes were few, after cutting them off; we had a neighbour who gave us a room in one of his unfinished houses that he was building. Yes I was bitten by snakes - my legs were swollen but healed eventually without treatment and the wounds were healed.

4. An unnamed student asked, which month did you leave Rwanda to survive?

It was in June (I don't know yet the date as I did not know days or date) I only found out in news how people who were rescued from St Paul cathedral were taken after 62 days from when genocide begun, and we were taken on a safe land but inside Rwanda.

5. Rahmatollah asked: how old are you and your mother?

I am 48 and mother is 81.

6. Sonny said: please come back again and he said he will visit Rwanda one day.

Tell him that Rwanda today is a peaceful country and beautiful country to visit; we have many touristic things to see: we have gorillas, we have the safari park to visit and other interesting places to see. We eat only organic food there. Don't forget to visit the Rwanda genocide commemoration.

8. Narmeen asked me when I came to live in England.

I came in 2000. I did not know English as I was French speaker before. She asked me whether my kids like going to Rwanda. Yes they love going there; they have made friends over there.

9. Sam asked how I got water to survive.

I remember touching water two days after the genocide started and the day I was rescued after 62 days. Between then there was not water. There are reasons that I did not get water:

- 1. We used to fetch water, we did not have water in our home. So being Tutsis we could die on the way if we went to look for the water.
- 2. The water around the city was cut off; people went far away to fetch water.
- 3. We were hidden water or food were not priority. We were waiting to die every moment. I cannot remember hunger or thirst! All these were miracles from God. But others died by starvation. For me I was reserved to survive, and after surviving I went for many health checks and found I did not have any illness in me. I thank my God because if I was sick I will not be able to go around to speak.

Half Term

Well done if you have persevered through this epic newsletter - a lot of exciting things happening at Turing House! Hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Half-Term.

See you on TUESDAY 26th February at 8.30am!