

World Book Day

This week, students in Year 8 & 9 have been working hard writing reviews relating to the theme of power. In their assemblies, the English Department spoke about the power of literature around the world and throughout history. Below are some students in Year 8 presenting on their chosen books.

We have had some wonderful presentations focusing on autobiographies promoting female empowerment, the power of historical fiction and books that teach us to empathise with others.

Well done to everyone who has participated in this year's World Book Day!



Forthcoming Events

- 9th March - CoderDojo
- 14th March – Year 9 Options Evening, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
- 22nd March – Careers Talks
- 2nd April – Turing House Friends' Meeting, 7pm (Teddington site)
- 3rd and 4th April – Year 7 Parents' Evenings (Hampton site)
- 5th – 9th April – Y8 Barcelona Trip

Mensa Puzzle



In a bouquet there are three times as many White flowers as Blue flowers.

There are eight more Pink flowers than Blue and four less Purple than Pink.

There are nine Purple flowers in the bouquet.

How many White flowers are there?

Last week's answer: Miles – the last four letters are the initials of the sibling's names.

Careers Talk – Bank of England – 22nd March

You might have heard of the Bank of England but do you have an idea of what it does? Is inflation simply pumping air into a ball or can it take on another meaning? Are interest rates just a measure of how interesting Friday afternoon maths classes can be or something else impacting your day-to-day lives?

On Friday 22nd of March, we will be joined by Zandy Adjirackor, who will be speaking about the many exciting functions of the Bank of England as well as providing an insight into the life of an employee. Attend this talk and find out more on how the Bank of England has been serving the public for over 300 years by looking after the UK economy and financial system.

Fixtures

12 Mar, 2019	Y7	Football	Richmond Thames School
12 Mar, 2019	Y7/8	Netball	Teddington
14 Mar, 2019	Y9	Football	Grey Court

Engineer Leaders Award

We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in the **Secondary Engineer Leaders Awards** during the 2018-2019 academic year.

The competition will be challenging primary and secondary pupils in our region to research engineering, interview inspiring engineers and answer the question *"If you were an engineer – what would you do?"*

This is a fantastic opportunity to engage our pupils with real engineers who will convey the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in their daily lives. Pupils will be able to let their creativity run free, and draw and write about how they interpret the question and come up with inventions and ideas.

Last year over 37,000 pupils from across the UK took part in the competition. Hundreds of shortlisted entries were displayed at public exhibitions across the nation and were visited by thousands of people.

Calling all engineers!

Are you an engineer or do you have links to the engineering industry? If the answer is YES, then we would be delighted to have your help and support as we embark on the **Secondary Engineer Leaders Awards 2018-2019**.

Should you choose to help us, your involvement would be to be interviewed by a small group of students so that students can get an insight of what it is to be an engineer.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr Hatzidakis via the school website. For more information on the Leaders Awards please visit www.leadersaward.com.

Primary Engineer Programmes
...the first step



Countdown to GCSE RP – 72 Days to go!

AQA GCSE Religious Studies – 72 days to improve your grade

Day 13 – Explain the concept of denominations and give examples.

Day 14 – 'It is not always wrong to have sex before marriage'. Evaluate this statement.

Day 15 – Explain two contrasting religious views about remarriage.

Day 16 – Explain two religious beliefs about forgiveness.

Day 17 – Give two reasons why some religious people may wish to protest.

Day 18 – 'There are no good reasons for countries to possess nuclear weapons'. Evaluate this statement.

Day 19 – Give two reasons why Christians might fight.

Government & Politics Trip

On Monday the 4th of March, Year 10 Government & Politics students went on a trip to the Houses of Parliament. The students enjoyed a tour of the historic site and took part in a workshop on representation and voting. It was an informative morning with Aleezah noting, "it was extremely relevant to our course", and Jack commenting "it was highly informative".



Rushall Farm Visit

Our GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition class travelled to Rushall Farm just outside of Reading. Here they learned about soils, farming processes, animal welfare and reuse of farm waste inputs and outputs.

Whilst there, a ewe was having difficulty giving birth to a lamb; students were fortunate enough to see this lamb come into the world with help from the lead farmer. After this exciting event, students each held a lamb, making sure they didn't jump up and escape!



Ninja Cycling

On Thursday, 10 students were very lucky (depends on your interpretation!) to take part in a cycling competition at Njinga cycles in Hampton Wick. The students were put through their paces with several disciplines including a 12 minute time trial, 30 second power output and some maximal peak power efforts over 6 seconds.



There were some excellent performances throughout, particularly from Ben (10PA) who produced three efforts over a thousand watts. So he could power a computer for over 2 hours with just leg power! Huge thanks to the team at Njinga for making the school feel so welcome and giving our students a new learning experience. The offer for a free trial for THS parents still stands for those that want to see if they can match their children!



Football Win!



The Year 8 Football team beat Twickenham 6-1 this week; Henry was Man of the Match scoring 5 goals. Excellent team performance and the team's first win of the season! Well done boys!

Well Done – Year 7 Netball Team



Well done to the Year 7 Netball Team who finished 3rd out of six in their first Netball tournament this week.

Nicola Benedetti String Masterclass



The masterclass with Nicola Benedetti was an extraordinary experience for all the students, especially being put together to make such a huge orchestra on 55 minutes of rehearsal – but they rose to the challenge with aplomb!

The grim determination, expressions of concentration and absolute focus were amazing, particularly as the expectations were set high with a technically challenging repertoire. They all committed 100% and that is all that could possibly have been hoped for. What a fantastic set of performances!

A marvellous message at the end from Nicola - a lot of a successful career in music is down to luck and all you can do is control your own elements. Your technique and how you present yourself. Your quality of practice. Your nerves. The rest means nothing really – people are going to love or hate you and all you can do is your best!



Turing House Friends

Thank you to everyone who came to the Comedy Night last Friday. We hope that you enjoyed the four acts.

If you have any idea for a future event or would like to attend the next Friends meeting on Tuesday 2nd April, please make yourself known.

Year 7 Parents' Evenings

This will be held on **Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April** at our Hampton site and will enable to parents/carers to see subject teachers. In order to provide the opportunity for all parents to see some staff, the appointments are limited to 7 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.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

The booking system will go live on 8th March at 7pm.

Drama and Music appointments will be on 4th April only.

Mrs Harper will be available on both evenings until 6pm to meet with parents of Year 7 students whose child is on the SEN register. Please call the school office if you would like to book an appointment with her.

Mrs Gidlow will be available Thursday 4th April.

If you are having trouble booking online, please contact the school office.

