

# Headteacher's Update

5th April 2019

# Literacy Focus

The literacy focus for the week is commas. They are actually one of the most difficult pieces of punctuation as there are so many uses for them and they are used so frequently.



# Happy Easter

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday; we will see you all at 8.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



#### **Forthcoming Events**

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April – Y8 Barcelona Trip 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First day of term 5 24<sup>th</sup> April – Paris Trip Meeting – Year 9 - 6pm

# Holocaust Memorial Day Trust | HMDT Blog: Learning about Rwanda 25 years on.

Thank you to Zac and Sean whose quotes about meeting Rwandan genocide survivor Sophie have been used in a HMD blog. You can read the blog here:

https://www.hmd.org.uk/news/hmdt-blog-learning-about-rwanda-25-years-on-hampton-school/

#### Year 10 parents invite

Friends of Turing House are organising an informal night out for parents of Year 10 students, Wednesday 1st May from 7.30pm at The Beach House, 92 Hampton Hill High Street. Everyone is welcome.

Look forward to seeing you there.

# Year 9 Paris Trip

Reminder to parents that all payments should have been made and copies of passports emailed in to the school office. Thank you to all those that have done this already.

The meeting for both parents and students about the trip is taking place on **Wednesday 24th April at 6.00pm** in the **Drama Studio.** We look forward to seeing you then!

#### **Fixtures**

23 Apr, 2019	Y7	Football	Hampton High
30 Apr, 2019	Y8	Football	Hampton High

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Turner who is expecting a baby at the beginning of the next academic year!

We are also pleased to inform you that we have already employed a new experienced Geography teacher who will be joining the Turing team permanently in September, who will cover Mrs Turner's maternity leave alongside other classes.

# Goodbye & Good Luck!

This week we are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Varney who is one of our Support Teachers. It is a real loss to our school that she is leaving as she has done some amazing work helping our students to overcome barriers and to progress in all areas of their development. The students have really enjoyed working with her and I am sure will miss her very much.

Miss Varney has got a new role working in supporting Mental Health; we are sure she will be brilliant in this job and wish her all our very best for the future. We want to say a big thank you to Miss Varney for all she has done for Turing House School.



For students who have been working with Miss Varney, don't worry, as well as our other support teachers, Miss Timoney and Mrs Phillpot, who you are already working so well with, we are going to be interviewing candidates after Easter to take over Miss Varney's role in school.

#### Landmark Arts Centre



Arts Clubhouse: After School Club Monday: 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Ages: 8-14 years £110 for 10 weeks (incl. all materials) Contact: Jane 07931 774 132

Using artist quality materials, the course nurtures talent and develops creative confidence. Exploring and improving all elements of art, through a wide variety of multi-media techniques.

What parents say... "He loves it! You have really captured his imagination and creativity"

"He said last night he couldn't wait to go back to school, because of Art Club"



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# AQA GCSE Religious Studies – 48 days to improve your grade

**Day 45** – Explain two religious beliefs about the purpose of families. Refer to scripture in your answer.

**Day 46** – Explain two Muslim beliefs about the Day of Judgement.

**Day 47** – Give two reasons why Christians are against Weapons of mass destruction.

**Day 48** – Give two religious beliefs about cohabitation.

**Day 49** – Give two examples of peace-making in contemporary Britain.

**Day 50** – List two conscientious objectors.

Day 51 – List two pacifists.

**Day 52** – Give two reasons why many religious people do not support violent protest.

**Day 53** – Explain Christian views on Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

**Day 54** – Explain two ways in which a worldwide Christian relief organisation supports victims of war.

# Year 7 Mensa Testing

Forty Year 7 students took part in MENSA testing this week. They completed the tricky paper under strict time conditions and their behaviour and focus were exemplary.

Well done to all who took part and good luck!

#### Year 10 GCSE Drama

Well done to our Y10 Drama GCSE class who performed for both our Y7s and Y6s at Chase Bridge Primary this week. The group have been devising a piece of theatre on the very topical theme of internet safety. Both Y6 and Y7 were impressed by the standard of performance and the content really made them consider their own social media usage.

A reminder that the school show, Seussical the Musical, will take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th June at the Mall School Theatre. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

#### Food Tech – Year 9

Colourful marinated kebabs made in Food by Y9 this week.



## Year 7 speeches

Year 7 performed some brilliant persuasive speeches in assembly last Friday. They spoke on topics ranging from animal rights to female empowerment. Thank you to all who were brave enough to come up and speak in front of your peers- those who have done public speaking will know how difficult this can be! The speakers were: Sasha G, Evie K, Sam W, Michael H, Kuzay A and Muhra S.



# Elleray Hall

On Tuesday afternoon, 40 students ranging from Year 7 to 10 gave a fabulous concert at Elleray Hall. The orchestra, choir, bands, harmony group and soloists performed a variety of different numbers to a very appreciative audience.



It was a great display of Turing House School talent and was a lovely reinforcement of the friendship which exists between us and Elleray Hall. Our students once again were a credit to the school with not only their talent but the way they interacted with the Elleray Hall members.

# Charity Cycle Ride – Miss Parsons

Thank you to all the parents and students, who have sponsored Miss Parsons; she has now reached her target!

She is cycling 100km through the night as part of **Women v Cancer – Ride the Night London 2019** and raising money for three female cancer charities.

If you would like to still sponsor her, please head to:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/missparsons



#### House of Lords visit

Five Year 9 students spent Wednesday morning in the House of Lords with Lord McConnell, Genocide survivor Sophie Masereka and Twickenham MP Vince Cable. The students presented their thoughts on the Rwandan Genocide to commemorate its 25th anniversary.



Finn and Ralph wrote reflective pieces, Charlie created a piece of art and Raisharnai and Lena created a poster on the topic.

They all presented their work with confidence and grace, and the resources which they made will now be used by schools around the country to teach of the atrocities that took place twenty-five years ago.



Enyseh Teimory who works for the charity UNA-UK stated that it was "inspiring to hear such passionate students speak about their thoughts on Rwanda, and also campaigning for genocide awareness at large. All outside the classroom!"

Mr Lawrence said "A big thank you to Turing's brilliant students for a great presentation and simply amazing art work and written responses."

Thank you to Mr Lawrence from Hampton School for organising the event.

#### Year 7 - Drama

have been learning to perform with masks in drama lessons this term. Well done to those groups who performed their pieces for staff and pupils in a special drama assembly on Tuesday. It's been lovely to see our Y7s grow in confidence this year.



## **Egg Competition**

Some of the excellent entries to our Easter Egg competition! A wonderful Einstein, Shakespeare, Darwin and Mother Teresa!



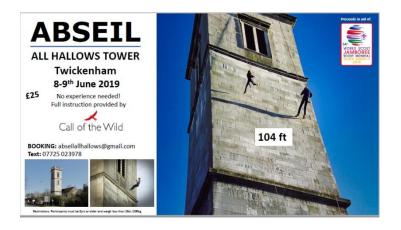
#### Junior Bake Off

Come on you budding Turing Bakers - why not apply to be the UK's Best Young Baker?



#### Abseil Experience

Are you feeling adventurous?



#### Protect and Survive: Britain's Cold War

Opening on 4 April 2019, exactly 70 years since NATO was formed, the National Archives programme will mark a series of Cold War milestones and will run until the end of November 2019, the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Mark Dunton, Contemporary Records Specialist at The National Archives and Curator of the exhibition, said: 'People will have the opportunity to explore our Cold War documents and learn more about this period of secrets and paranoia. The pervasive threat of nuclear war impacted everyday life for millions of people and this thought-provoking exhibition will offer a unique look into political and ideological tensions between the East and the West.'

An array of original documents will be on display, including political memos, spy confessions, civil defence posters and even a letter from Winston Churchill to the Queen. These documents will provide visitors with a rare glimpse into the complexities of government operations during this time of infiltration and betrayal.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a programme of high-profile events exploring the Cold War from a multitude of perspectives. Speakers will include Dame Stella Rimington, former Director General of MI5, who will discuss her extraordinary career in government and subsequent success as a writer.

To secure priority booking and be the first to obtain details of the Cold War season, sign up to The National Archives' mailing list at nationalarchives.gov.uk/coldwar.

# Food Technology – Year 7

We had our last two classes (AE3 and TE2) of Y7 cooking this term; both were fantastic and showed a real understanding of using the kitchen and the skills necessary to cook.

Both classes produced high quality work and worked together really well.

In AE3 our top chef award went to Lily for an excellent work ethic, helping her bench and for always smiling.

In TE2 our Top Chef award went to Freya for being sensible, supporting her fellow peers and for being organised.

Well done to all; they were two fantastic days of cooking, and I hope all was enjoyed at home!



#### Physics and Mathematics Undergraduate Paid Summer Teaching Internships - £300 per week

Do you know or are you a degree student in your penultimate year and considering training to teach in Maths or Physics?



Richmond Teaching School Alliance (RTSA) are offering paid internships for Summer Term 2019 The programme consists of a 4-week internship starting in June 2019. You will be paid £300 per week and have the opportunity to experience a range of activities to help you get a feel for school life including:



- classroom experience
- structured training, shadowing experienced teachers and observing lessons
- one-to-one guidance from a school based mentor for support and guidance
- opportunities to network with qualified subject specialists.

To take part you will require an A level in Mathematics (and Physics if you want to teach Physics) and be taking an undergraduate degree course in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering or a STEM related subject (50% Science or Maths).

> To apply please email rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk with an expression of interest by Friday 29 March 2019

Richmond Teaching School Alliance, Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Road, Twickenham TW2 5LH. Tel: 020 8894 3244 E: rtsa@waldegrave.org.uk website: www.waldegrave.richmond.sch.uk

# **Bristol University**

Half of Year 10 visited Bristol University this week. They toured the campus and common areas, in particular the engineering department.

In the afternoon, students split into two groups to go to two university style lectures on French spoken in Belgium, looking at Tin Tin magazines, and an Engineering lecture that used balloons to show the magnitude of earthquakes. It was a fantastic day and luckily we missed the rain!

