

Headteacher's Update

17th May 2019

Turing @ No. 10

On Wednesday the 8th of May, in honour of Sir David Attenborough's 93rd birthday, we travelled to 10 Downing Street to hand in over 1,600 letters from children across Richmond Borough who want to put a stop to plastic pollution.

We all felt extremely passionate about this. Students from across Turing House School wrote some thoughtful and very well-crafted letters as part of this campaign, and we were lucky enough to be asked to deliver the letters to Downing Street on behalf of our school.



This was an amazing experience for us. Even though it was cold, wet and cloudy, we still enjoyed every moment we were there. After passing through the security at the gates, we had our photographs taken and did some interviews for BBC Newsround. We were then able to knock on the famous door of Number 10 and hand over the letters.

It was an honour for us to take part in this incredible

experience and we are glad we could deliver a clear message from the young students of Richmond: to tell the government to



take serious action on plastic pollution for the health of our public and our planet. We can no longer stand by and let plastic waste ruining our lives and the generations to come. It's this planet or no planet.

By Katie B and Taran V

Forthcoming Events

20th May –GCSE RP Exam (Year 10) at THS Hampton site

24th May – INSET Day

27th May – 31st May – Half Term

10/11th June – Seussical The Musical!

Fixtures			
21 May, 2019	Y7/8	Rounders	Waldegrave
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21 May, 2019	Y7/8	Cricket	Orleans Park
23 May, 2019	9/10	Rounders	Twickenham School

Year 10 - Important Exam Information

Students are expected to arrive for their revision session at 8am in full school uniform at our HAMPTON SITE.

The exam will commence at 9am and last 1 hour 45 minutes. Dismissal from the Hampton site is 11am. Students are expected to then go home. Please ensure that students get a good breakfast (pre-sunrise for those fasting).

You will need:

A BLACK pen.

See-through pencil case

Bottle of water with all labels removed

Mobile phones must be switched off and left in your school bag – they are NOT allowed in the exam room.

Smart watches CANNOT be worn into the exam room. Please remove and put in your bag.

Usual exam regulations will be in full operation.

Good luck to all our Year 10 students who will be taking their first GCSE on Monday!

RP Exam – 5 Days to go!

- □ Day 95 Explain the lives of two non-violent protestors.
- Day 96 Explain two religious beliefs about what happens when a person dies. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- **Day 97** Explain two religious beliefs about reconciliation. Refer to scripture in your answer.
- □ Day 98 Give two examples of terrorism.
- Day 99 How might Utilitarianism be used to defend war
- □ Day 100 Explain the roles of two Islamic angels.

MENSA Puzzle

Pair the words to read four longer words.

What are they?

BOTTLE VERY GANG CART CAR BLUE WAY RIDGE

Last week's answer: U. Miss out five letters, then four, then three and so on.

Work Experience at Hampton Court

"Two weeks ago, I spent one week doing work experience at Hampton Court Palace. It's hard to picture this palace without the instant grand and historic imagery so closely attached to the palace coming to mind, and my time there did nothing but boost this reputation. The week consisted of many different tasks and roles, with each day placing me in a different area of Hampton Court.



My personal highlights were in the mornings when I would help open the palace before visitors were allowed in, as it gave me an experience I never normally would have had. Whilst I was there, I shadowed the Warders, welcomed and aided guests at the front gates and maintained a fire all day in the Tudor Kitchens, amongst a myriad of other things. I thoroughly enjoyed my time doing work experience at Hampton Court Palace." By Eve Winders

Many thanks to Hampton Court Palace for providing Eve with this opportunity.

Congratulations!

Well done to Kaiden Greening the Middlesex County Javelin Champion with a throw of 31.12 meters, putting him also first in London.



It was only his second competition. His team is St Mary's Richmond Athletic Club.

Citizens Project – Royal Holloway

On Tuesday, ten of our Year Eight students visited Royal Holloway to take part in the Citizens Project. Dr Claire Kennan gave students a wonderful tour of the beautiful campus and then students began filming for the University YouTube channel.



The YouTube clip is currently being edited and will go online soon. It is an excellent resource for teaching about why the slave trade was abolished.

Well done to all our students who delivered their lines so well, and behaved amazingly during the day. They are a real credit to our school.







Congratulations!

Well done to:

Ben Hall who recently passed his Grade 5 classical guitar with a merit and Kaiden Greening who passed his grade 5 trumpet also with a merit.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness weeks starts every year on the second Monday in May.

In a world that is increasingly opening up to and understanding those with mental health, we wanted to share with you some of the activities that we have undertaken in school over the course of the last few weeks.

We are working hard behind the scenes to not only allow students to understand what constitutes good and bad mental health, but to also understand how to deal with difficult periods and in turn this will to raise awareness and reduce stigma.



Our teachers have been delivering mindfulness sessions during tutor time where students learn to recognise triggers and know how to deal with situations when things get too much. This is incredibly important for our Year 10s who are undertaking exams over the course over the next month.

Watch this space for future developments on our complete Mental Health programme which will start in September 2019.

At Turing House, we are incredibly lucky to have two members of staff who are trained as Mental Health First Aiders. Mrs Gidlow (Inclusion Lead - Hampton) and Mrs Poynton (Inclusion Lead - Teddington) are both Youth Mental Health First Aid Champions.

Any student who has worries or concerns is welcome to talk to them.

Summer Science Exhibition – Royal Society

Discover a future vision of wooden skyscrapers, four-legged robots and cosmic civilisations at the 2019 Summer Science Exhibition.

Join the exhibition for our free, week-long festival celebrating the cutting edge of UK science. With a packed programme of thought-provoking talks, jaw-dropping demonstrations and entertaining performances alongside 22 exhibits of hands-on science and technology, there's something for all ages.

A special evening opening of the exhibition will be held on Tuesday 2 July for adults only, with additional talks and workshops in a relaxed atmosphere. Head on over after work, grab a drink and explore the future.

Families can explore the exhibition at their own pace during the weekend, with a dedicated children's area in the cafe for younger members and exciting shows for all ages.

Find out more here: https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/2019/summer-science-exhibition/

Miss Parsons' 100km charity bike ride

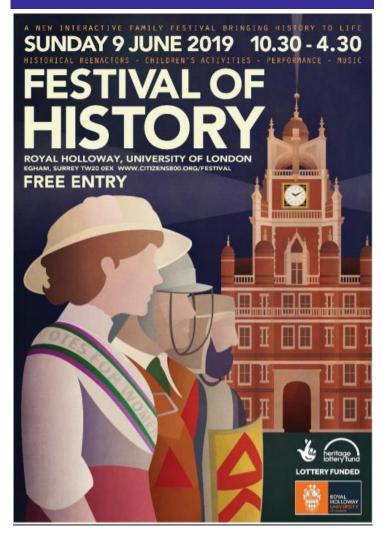
It's just over a week before Miss Parsons cycles 100km for female cancer charities. The ride starts at 9pm so Miss Parsons will be cycling well into the night and into the early morning. So far over £500,000 has been raised by everyone cycling in the event. If you would like to support Miss Parsons you can donate here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/missparsons

Thank you to the parents and students that have shown their support already! To have already reached over the target will keep Miss Parsons pedalling!



Festival of History



Skills London 2019 – Year 10

Skills London is the UK's biggest jobs and careers event for 15 - 24 year olds and their families taking place on 15 & 16 November 2019 at Excel London 2019 from 9.30am - 4.00pm.

This two-day event provides young people with the opportunity to find inspiration and make that life-changing connection, while enabling organisations to spark a connection with their future talent.

skillsLondon 2019

You are cordially invited to Royal Holloway's Festival of History, 10.30am – 4.30pm on Sunday 9th June 2019

The Festival of History is part of Royal Holloway's Citizens project, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The last in the planned series, 2019 is set to be our biggest Festival of History yet with a packed programme.

Guests can look forward to seeing:

- The Sussex Yeomanry Cavalry, demonstrating mounted skill-atarms from the Napoleonic era
- · The Royal Warwickshire Regiment of the First World War
- Sergeant Garrett and his dog Gaia will show visitors the varied roles that dogs have played during armed conflict across the 20th century
- See a full size replica First World War biplane and hear tales from its crew.
- To mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, visit our Second World War encampment and see a Spitfire
- Enjoy a selection of history inspired performances within our North Quad and Picture Gallery
- Listen to talks by leading academics, including Dr Miranda Kaufmann talking about Black Tudors
- · And much, much more....

We look forward to welcoming you to Royal Holloway for what is set to be a truly memorable day out.

For more details visit www.citizens800.org/festival





Oxplore

Oxplore is an innovative digital outreach portal from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions' it aims to engage those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and draw on the latest research undertaken at Oxford. Oxplore aims to realise aspirations, promote broader thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity.

The Big Questions reflect the kind of thinking students undertake at universities like Oxford. Everything on Oxplore draws on the University of Oxford's expertise in everything from archaeology to zoology to offer approaches to challenges and questions underpinned by the latest thinking and research. Sound good? Have a look here: https://oxplore.org/about

History Revision – ALL Years

Ahead of the mocks there will be some extra revision sessions in G1 for History students.

Tuesday 21st May

8.00-8.25am - <u>Year Ten</u> Crime and Punishment Revision Session (as usual).

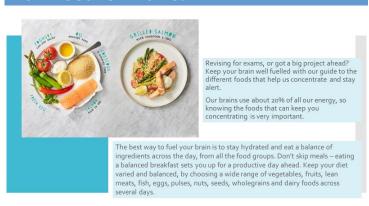
Wednesday 22nd May

8.00-8.25am - <u>Year Nine</u> Cold War Revision Session. Year 10 students are also welcome to attend as they are also preparing for a Cold War exam. The session will be focused on the beginning of the Cold War for the Y9 exam in particular.

Thursday 23rd May

8.00-8.25am - <u>Year Eight</u> drop-in clinic. Come to ask Ms Riglin for guidance on revision, ideas for how to revise, or any individual queries about the history end of year exam.

Brain Food for Exams!





Thank you

A massive thank you to the families who donated, and to the Jack Petchey Foundation which helped to fund our new history library.

Furthermore, a special thank you to Mr Jones for collecting, painting and mending the bookshelf.



Students are now welcome to borrow books; please just remember to sign them out and back in.

We will also soon be setting up a catalogue of all the books we have on the Teddington Site, so that students on the Hampton Site can request and borrow books too. If you have any historical books lying around, please feel free to donate them, we will make sure they are put to good use!

In Memory

All of us at Turing House were so sad to hear of the passing of Rudi Oppenheimer. His visit to THS was incredibly powerful. @HolocaustUK



Volunteer Fair 2019

Thursday 6th June 2019, 2pm-6pm at RHACC



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