



Online learning at home – technology

We have been very pleased with students' attendance and engagement with our online lessons so far this term, and wanted to thank you for your support with this. Whilst we would always prefer to see our students in person and deliver learning face-to-face, we are enjoying working with them from afar whilst the situation requires us to do so.

If you find that your child is struggling to access a suitable device on which to do their schoolwork, either due to technological issues or having to share devices with other family members, please contact us at info@turinghouseschool.org.uk or by calling 0208 069 6100 and we will try and help. Thank you.

Year 12 Parents' Evenings

The Year 12 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 28th January and will enable parents/carers to have a virtual progress meeting with subject teachers. Each appointment will last 5 minutes.

The booking system will go live for parents to make bookings from 19.00 on Friday 15th January.

Please use the following link to make bookings: <https://turinghouseschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Friday 15th January – closing date for 6th Form applications

Thursday 21st January – rescheduled Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th January – Year 12 Virtual Parents' Evening

Attendance

Please remember if your child is unable to log on to lessons due to illness, a medical appointment or other reason, please let the school office know in the usual way – email info@turinghouseschool.org.uk or call 0208 069 6100.

Historical Story of the Week: Umbrellas

The idea of putting a bit of cloth above your head so that it gets wet before you do has been around for thousands of years. However, the British used to regard the idea as "too French". Nevertheless, Jonas Hanway was a British man who just wanted to stay dry. In the early 1750s he started carrying his umbrella with him, and to the shock of everyone in London, he used it. Some people were terrified of umbrellas. Coach drivers for example, saw him as a threat to their business. When it rained, people used to rush to get into their coaches and if the umbrella caught on the whole business model could be under attack. One hansom cab driver even tried to run Jonas over with his coach.

It is funny to now think that using an umbrella has become part of our national stereotype!



6th Form Applications

Closing date 15th January

Apply online now on our website

Holocaust Memorial Day Project

Turing House students are taking part in a Holocaust Memorial Day project where they are completing a creative writing piece based on fact. They are focusing on the story of the Jewish boys who were forced to flee from Nazism and came to Twickenham before the Second World War. These pieces will then be put together in a book in time for Holocaust Memorial Day in late January 2021. A copy of the book will be put online and sent to lots of people in our Borough and around the country too.

Below is Kaiden Greening's piece:

I was scared, worried, alone. Tightly, I clung onto my bag – it was the only thing left that was mine. They have stolen our homes, our synagogues, and now our families. Outside the window, waves crashed violently against the boat, rocking everyone on it from side to side, whilst the sound of crying children suffocated the air. The sea was unfamiliar like everything else around me. Where are we going? What will it be like? But one question leaves an agonizing feeling in the pit of my stomach. Will I ever see my parents again?

Kristallnacht: 9th November 1938

Shattered glass coated the concrete streets, whilst billows of smoke engulfed the buildings. The synagogue, once filled with hope and happiness, was now stained with fire. I looked at my parents. The reflection of the fire lit up their eyes, but was masked by the tears that filled them.

Erratically, I shook my head to escape these memories. I looked around. Hundreds of children, all with worried expressions on their face surrounded me. Their eyes still drowned by the tears that filled them. I didn't know where we were going. No one did...

After the long and tedious trip, we were taken to a train station. We were lead into a hall, but the number of children and the amount of noise, blurred my vision and created an even more overwhelming feeling in the pit of my stomach.

Inside the hall names were being shouted out. I couldn't understand a thing. I felt more lost, and overwhelmed than ever. However, eventually, I heard my name, it wasn't clear, but I knew it was mine. After that, a man came and greeted me, he spoke to me calmly, trying to placate me, and he said that I, along with other young boys would be looked after in a new home, in a place called Twickenham.

People kept on saying that this place would be better, but I was hesitant to believe, to hope... After a long journey, we arrived. In front of me was a house, standing next to it was some other boys who, similar to me, seemed quite timid and afraid. It seemed okay, but it was nothing like home. As I stepped tentatively inside, I was asked to bring my suitcase upstairs, another boy lead the way. Hesitantly, I plucked up the courage to speak to him. "Will we be alright here?" He nodded, but I am sure that he is not certain, how can he be – after the way we were treated back home. Lethargic and overwhelmed, I crawled into my bed. The hope that my family might return, slightly comforted me.

When I woke up the following morning, the delicious smell of cooking filled the air. It was porridge and tea. I was starving. Food before was limited. This was the first inclination that things might be better than I had thought. I finally had hope.

Sporting Headline of the Week

Tottenham have become the first Premier League club to offer their stadium as a venue to roll out the Covid-19 vaccine. The Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in North London will provide an open space for the NHS to administer injections.

Spurs allowed their 62,000-capacity stadium to be used as an outpatients unit for North Middlesex Hospital during the first lockdown last year. Championship club Wycombe Wanderers have also offered the use of the function rooms at their Adams Park stadium as a venue for vaccinations to be carried out.

The Turing House Lockdown Distance Challenge - Update

Students, staff and parents/carers are currently in a competition to see which group can cumulatively complete the distance of 1083 miles the quickest. This is the distance of crossing Great Britain at its furthest points (John O'Groats to Land's End).

The task can be completed using any of the following three methods:

- Walking
- Running
- Cycling

The graph below shows the total submission from each group. Well done to all involved, we have had nearly 200 submissions in 9 days.

Below is a table showing the current distance totals for each group taken on the 13/01:

Year 11	80.38
Year 12	0.00
Staff	368.88
Parents/ carers	473.08

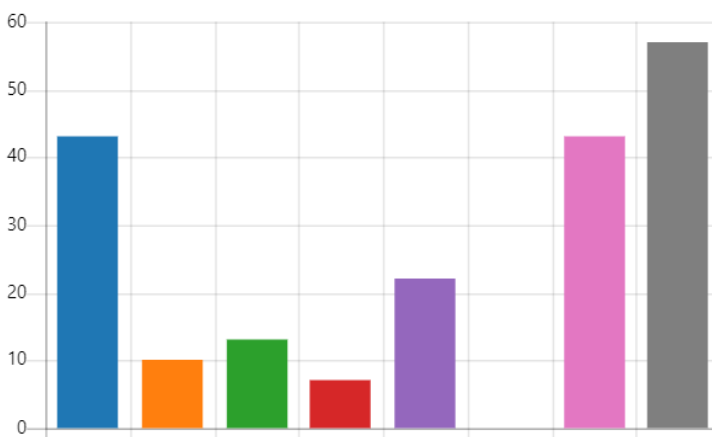
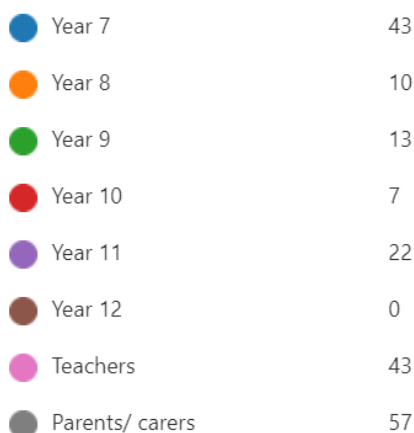
Well done to parents/carers who are currently leading the way, closely followed by staff. Year 11 have also surged up the ranking into 4th place, just behind the mighty Year 7s leading the scoreboard for the year groups.

Please submit your scores using the link below and remember, you can submit as many times as you want throughout the competition.

Please remember parents and carers, you must use your child's login to access the form.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bCkKhyVdnEuSUFi_fzQ18U7THdvUpxBLoF7_ekv5KbhUMFNrvkxSVFRYRzdXT05BUfHaV1NVTvRBSC4u

Group	Distance (Miles)
Year 7	182.91
Year 8	55.20
Year 9	70.42
Year 10	27.52



Shout outs to the students, parent and staff leading the way with submissions and miles:

Meg Delaney

Mrs Delaney

Mr Delaney – Gold star for family fitness

Mrs Harper

George Brookman

Mrs Brookman

Mr Brookman – Gold star for family fitness

Mariyah Sheikh

Mrs Dietz

Ralph White

Mrs McEwen

Georgia Bools

Mrs Kirk

Mrs Gumpert

Bartu Gultekin

Richmond Victorious in Virtual Cross Country

The Nike x LYG Virtual Cross Country got London moving as 3,894 young Londoners took part in the first virtual event of the new London Youth Games' season.

Running to earn points for their boroughs, participants competed across four different age groups in male and female competitions, completing a set distance and submitting their time via the London Youth Games' website.

Boroughs scored points for participation numbers and top 50 finishes.

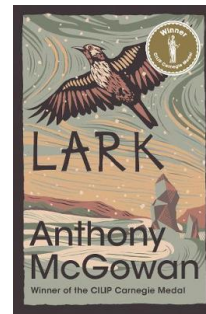
Richmond came out on top as the winning Borough – congratulations to everybody who took part!

Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

With the possible exception of athletics, wrestling is recognised as the world's oldest competitive sport. Cave drawings of wrestlers have been found dating as far back as 3000 BC. The sport was introduced into the ancient Olympics in 708 BC.

Book of the Week



This award winning book is especially suitable for students with dyslexia or for reluctant readers. (13+)

Cleverly set within a gripping adventure, Lark is a deeply touching story of the special bond between brothers. Older brother Nicky narrates the story of the day he and younger brother Kenny set out on a simple day out on the moors.

The simple walk which begins in a light hearted way soon becomes a deadly dangerous adventure as the weather conditions close in.

The Litmus Creative Writing Project 2021

Trinity College are delighted to launch The Litmus – an opportunity for year 9-11 students currently attending state school in the UK to submit a short piece of writing of under 500 words in poetry, prose or any other format (including artwork) based around a theme for publication.

THIS YEAR'S THEME: THE GREEN LIGHT

Are you a writer? Do you want to write? If YES: good. Continue reading this message.

Are you in year 9, 10 or 11 and interested in writing fiction, or non-fiction, or poetry, or maybe graphic novel writing, or blog writing – or writing and storytelling in any shape or form you like?

compare universities they may have received offers from in order to decide upon their Firm and Insurance choices. 'Meet the Russell Group' will also support Year 12s as they start to make initial decisions about where they would like to study in 2022, and the courses they may be interested in. Year 11 students are welcome to join if they are interested in exploring their future options too.

For the first time, we will be offering a live Parent and Teacher Support webinar from 18:05 – 18:30 in the evening, and we have extended the event until 19:00 to give you extra time to receive answers to any questions you have from university representatives, admissions teams and student ambassadors.

For more information about the Russell Group universities, UK University Search and the 13 live webinars taking place throughout the event, please explore the tabs above. We look forward to welcoming you to a spectacular event on Wednesday 10 February.

[HTTPS://RUSSELLGROUP.VFAIRS.COM/](https://russellgroup.vfairs.com/)

Year 12 BAME ACCESS DAY

Are you in Year 12, attending a state school, and wondering whether Cambridge is the place for you? If so, then this BAME event for students identifying as Black, Asian or from a Minority Ethnic group might be for you!

Pembroke College is delighted to be hosting an event specifically for students from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups who are currently under-represented at Cambridge and in Year 12. The event itself is being organised by the College's undergraduates and aims to give prospective students a fuller understanding of the university, Pembroke, and the city, through a range of different online sessions including:

Admissions Talk by Pembroke Admissions staff

Interviews Information session

Student led sessions designed to give you an insight in to being a Cambridge student

If you are interested in attending, please see the further information below; we hope to see you at Pembroke soon!

Date

Monday 15th February 2021

Cost

Free! This event will be delivered online.

Applications

To apply, please complete the following application form by no later than 8am on Friday, 29th January 2021

<https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/study-here/access-and-outreach/events-prospective-students/year-12-bame-access-day>

Calling All Young Composers!

The New Directions Composition Competition exists in order to encourage young people, from all walks of life, to create music and to explore the possibilities of communication and creativity that music can bring.

The competition is for anyone below the age of 18. You may compose in any style or genre (a song, an instrumental work, a piece on Logic, hip-hop, ambient etc.). The more inventive the better!

All the information needed can be found in the PDF shown, or interactive versions can be found below. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at

robinsoncollegemusicociety@gmail.com.

Key Dates:

Deadline for Submissions: 19th March 2021 (14:00)

Results: 7th May 2021 (20:00)

Find out more here:

<https://robinsoncollegemusicociety.co.uk/outreach/projects/>

Studying History at Cambridge University

This year, the Faculty of History is running a series of events for students from all over the UK who are thinking about applying for history. When you register for your chosen event, you will receive two video links:

1. A short video giving an introduction to the newly reformed History degree ("Tripos") at Cambridge, which will replace the old degree from 2022 onward
2. A mini taster lecture from one of our academics (different one each session!)

You'll be able to watch both in advance of the live session, and we encourage you to send in your questions about either video. During the live session, lecturers will be available to give answers to any submitted questions, as well as answer further questions from attending students.

Sessions:

Our sessions take place at 5-6pm UK time on the following Thursdays in February and March:

4 February 2021 - Taster lecture in American History

25 February 2021 - Taster lecture TBA

18 March 2021 - Taster lecture TBA

SIGN UP HERE:

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