



Year 8 Poetry

Year 8 students were given the task of writing a poem from the perspective of a phone in the style of Sylvia Plath's poem 'Mirror'. We have loved reading students' poems and wanted to share them with you!

Reilly

I've been on for hours straight.

I'm overheating like a roaring fire

His thumbs crashing down on me like a wave

In a storm. His concentrating face intimidates me.

He's draining all my life, I'm at 20%,

But he's storming through like a cheetah catching its prey.

Enis

I'm loud and sometimes proud,

I make noise and I'm a toy.

If you want, I can go bright,

If you want, I can go dark.

I travel like a suitcase

People need me just in case.

Ned

I'm a library, a source of information,
Like a mother, I feed you with content.

Bing!

On! I shout

You glance and try to resist,

But eventually you lean in and search.

Off!

Darkness until late.

With weary eyes and messy hair,

I am a connection to the people you love

And an essential piece of information.

You laugh and smile at my jokes,

You ask me for help when you're stuck,

And don't thank me when you're free.

I am your alarm

Your first light in the morning and your last at night

I am your favourite friend,

But you continue to replace me. I am your life.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Please remind your child to bring a
mask into school each day!

Thank you.

Site Update!



Great progress is being made on the new school building and playing fields!



Honouring our Heroes – Design a Stamp!

Royal Mail have announced a competition for children between the ages of 4-14 to design a new stamp which honours the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

If you are interested in entering, please go to H2.3 to collect an entry form template and further information.

Please submit your entries to Miss MacDouall by Friday 21st May.



Museum of London – Free tickets!

The Museum of London and the Museum of London Docklands are getting ready to re-open from Wednesday 19



May, if permitted by the government! Free tickets are available to [book now](#) until 5 September 2021.

The best news is that they have extended our **Dub London: Bassline of a City** display at the Museum of London until 5 September 2021 and our **Havering Hoard: A Bronze Age Mystery** exhibition at the Museum of London Docklands until 22 August 2021. Your exhibition entry is included in your free general admission ticket.

Sporting Headline of the Week

Wimbledon will stage matches on its traditional rest day on the middle Sunday of the tournament from 2022. The Grand Slam will instead be played over 14 consecutive days, with All England Lawn Tennis Club chairman Ian Hewitt saying this was possible because of better grass-court maintenance.

Organisers also revealed they are hoping to have fans at a minimum of 25% capacity this year. Ticket prices will stay at 2020 levels, with prize money yet to be decided.

Community Activity for Spring and Summer 2021

Richmond Rugby are excited to announce the latest Richmond community initiatives for the upcoming months, proudly supported by club partner [Community Group](#). Summer term activities will be free and available to everyone and will include fitness sessions, walking rugby and youth club.

Click on the link for more information.
<https://www.richmondrc.co.uk/news/new-community-activity-confirmed-2611279.html>

Cycle the Month

Miss Dippie has decided to cycle 200 miles a month to raise money for prostate cancer research.



Please click on the link below to get further information.

<https://cyclemonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/cycle-the-month-challenge-200-miles-upping-th>

Message for Year 11s from Kingston College

If you are in Year 11, applications are still open for September 2021 start courses. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to ensure you are offered a place on the course you are interested in.

Our next 'live' Virtual Open Event will take place on Saturday 22nd May 2021, 10.30am to 1pm - please use the link below to register now.

[Kingston College - Virtual Open Event Webinar Registration](#)

You will be able to have a look around the College, register for live webinars with our subject tutors and hear from some of our students about life at our College.

Pupils and their parents will also have the opportunity to join additional live webinars including: Meet the Principal, the Application and Admissions Process, Additional Learning Support, Employability and English & Maths.

Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

Until 1850, golf balls were made from leather, stuffed with feathers.

Oxford University – History Skills Workshops

The History Faculty offers free online History Skills Workshops to state secondary school, sixth form and FE college pupils in years 10-13 from across the UK.

Each workshop has four aims:

To inspire your curiosity about the past and enthusiasm for studying history.

To develop your abilities to analyse primary sources in depth.

To help you to develop the analytical, critical, and imaginative skills that Russell Group universities look for in applicants for humanities degrees.

To inform and encourage you to consider applying to read history at Oxford University.

For more information click on the link below:

[Online History Skills Workshops | Faculty of History \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as our entrants to the RET Creative Writing Competition:

KS3:

Emilia & Luke

KS4:

Beth & George

We were so impressed with the number of wonderful responses that were entered. Special praise goes to the following students who produced some lovely work:

Jana, Beatrice, Iris, Landen,

Grace, Jessica, Luke, Kartar, Shamsi.

Post-18 Pathways

What do you do when you change your mind from your initial next steps? Hop on a boat and sail around the Greek Islands, of course!

Link for Post 18 Pathways:

<https://www.turinghouse6th.org.uk/?p=2585>

Positive News from a Sixth Former

This week, Alicia reflects on the loss of an unsung hero.



It's very saddening to hear that Michael Collins, aged 90, passed away on Wednesday. Whilst unjustly known as the 'forgotten astronaut' he had arguably the most important job during the Moon landing. He kept the

command module flying while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon.

"From his vantage point, high above the Earth, he reminded us of the fragility of our own planet and called on us to care for it like the treasure it is," Biden said in a statement.

It's deaths like this that remind us to remember and appreciate all unsung heroes especially during these times, who contribute both on a great scale, but a personal one too.

Book of the week – A girl's guide to being Awesome by Suzanne Virdee



Teenage life doesn't come with a rule book, so here is the next best thing. Let's face it: growing up is confusing. You're expected to get good grades at school, maintain an insta-worthy social life and somehow also hone a range of life skills which you definitely don't

want to ask your parents about...

This book is here to act as your go-to guide on everything from social media to sexting and from body image to self-esteem. Acting as your personal cheerleader, this book will teach you everything you need to navigate your teens with sass and style. Remember, there is nothing more awesome than being you.

Turing House Friends – Easy Fundraising

Summer term competition – win £250 for Turing House Friends

Can you help? If we can get just three new people to sign up to **easyfundraising** to support Turing House Friends **before 31st May** we're in with a chance of winning £250. Once we have three new supporters, we will automatically be entered into the draw.

It's simple and only takes 2 mins to sign up!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/turinghousefriends/?invite=25NTVM&referral-campaign=s2s>

How does easyfundraising work?

easyfundraising turns online shopping into funding for Turing House Friends.

Instead of visiting a retailer's website directly, you access it through the free **easyfundraising** website or app instead, and when you buy something, the retailer will send us a free donation based on how much you spend, at no extra cost.

There are over **5,000** retailers willing to give donations, including **Amazon, Deliveroo, Clarks, eBay, Just Eat, M&S, Etsy, John Lewis, Argos, Waitrose, H&M, Asos** and lots more.