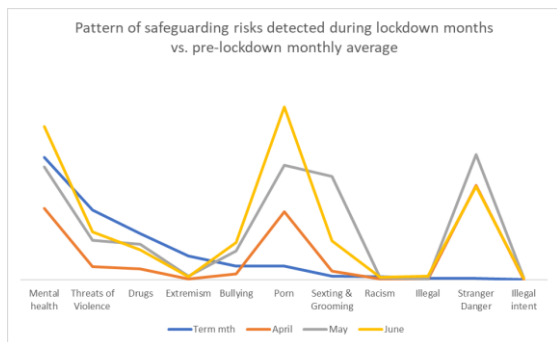


## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

People often ask what would help improve pupil progress; more staff and more funds would clearly be incredibly beneficial. However, one area that would help students to move forward with their learning is in greater regulation of their use of mobile technology and the internet.

Overarching this is the risk that some websites and social media platforms expose our young people to, particularly when teenagers are striving to fit in, be liked and find who they are.

In some recent National Data (not THS data) shown below you can see the huge spikes in the access to inappropriate materials by young people during lockdown.



The number of these issues that school staff deal with on a daily basis is most definitely having an impact on the time available to support learning, and significantly the mental health and wellbeing of our young people. This in turn affects a student's ability to move forward with their learning.

As adults we must also be in tune with the legacy that our young people are leaving online and the impact that this may have on their future. Use of derogatory language, hate talk, aggression and unkindness will never look good to a prospective employer.

So what can you do?

Year 7 parents will shortly have a session on E-Safety (details to follow), we have a webpage that offers advice and guidance on the various apps [here](#) and we also highly recommend families looking at the resources on Internet Matter [here](#), particularly the toolkits. Another excellent resource (Ollee) about responding to worries about things online is [here](#).

Ensure that you know what your child is accessing online and check the amount of time they spend on mobile devices and the internet.

### Dates for your diary

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 7 settling-In evening  
 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sixth Form Macmillan Coffee Morning  
 30<sup>th</sup> September – Virtual Open Evening for Year 7 entry Sept 2022 (current Year 6 pupils)

### School Office Numbers:

Years 7 & 8 - Teddington 0208 069 6100  
 Years 9 - 13 – Hampton – 0208 069 6101

## Year 7 Settling-In Evening (Virtual)

Our Year 7 Settling-In Evening will be held on **Thursday, 23rd September** and will enable our parents/carers and students to have the opportunity to officially meet their Form Tutor or Head of Year virtually. Each appointment will last 5 minutes.

**The booking system is now open for parents to make their booking.** The booking system will close on Wednesday, 22nd September at 12pm.

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

Further details including the link to access the Teams presentation at 5pm can be found in the email communication that we have sent to parents separately.

If you have any questions about this or require help making your online booking, please do email the school office via [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk) and we will be happy to help you.

## Year 7 - a great start!

Year 7 have settled into life at Turing House beautifully. We have been very impressed with their positive attitudes and good manners - both in and out of class. They have made thoughtful contributions in their new classes, attended their first assemblies, and have got to know their tutor groups and form teachers.

We have also received some fantastic 'Headteacher's Challenge' submissions, so if there are any final entries, then please send them our way.

Very well-done, Year 7; keep up the excellent work!

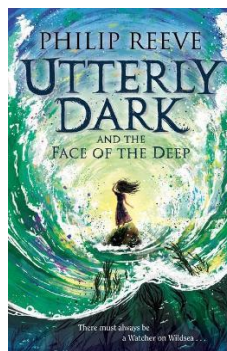
If you are struggling with any online accounts, please click [here](#) for some extra tips. Please don't worry though, we are only in our second week and these things do take time to get right. Miss Dawson - Head of Year 7

## Well done!

McKenzie and Sebastian both from Year 7 have just signed up for the Race for Life Mud Run and are raising lots of money for a Cancer research charity.

Well done; we are very proud of you both!

## Book of the Week



Award winning author Philip Reeve is gifted at creating alternative worlds which feel both comfortingly familiar and thrillingly new and original.

The watery landscape of the Autumn Isles does just that, providing the backdrop for a gusty story of powerful old magic, new-fangled science, and the perennial battle for the critical balance of power between land and the sea.

## Congratulations!

Mark in Year 10 achieved a certificate for completing a course in Engineering through the Smallpiece Foundation over the summer. During the course he focused on Environmental Engineering and built a suspension bridge, solar windmill, water filtration pump and a rescue vehicle.

We are so impressed with his brilliant work – well done, Mark!

## Duke of Edinburgh

Ethan in Year 13 completed his gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the Lake District during the summer holidays.

He 'wild camped' for 4 nights with 5 others and was singled out for praise by one of the expedition leaders. It was said that his navigation skills were outstanding.

Congratulations, Ethan – an outstanding achievement!

**MHST Workshop: Separation anxiety**

Does your child or young person really struggle to separate from you when they go to school? Following lockdown, a lot of children and young people are finding it hard to separate from parents and caregivers.

The MHST will be running a live 90-minute workshop on separation anxiety for parents/carers. The aim of this workshop are to help you identify anxious behaviours, think about what maintains these and provide you with some ideas on what you can do to help your child or young person overcome these challenges. The MHST will be running one workshop over 6 dates (please note, it will be the same workshop offered on each date). Please book your tickets for one workshop using the Eventbrite link below.

Tuesday 21st September 2021 (9.30am - 11am):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-21092021-tickets-170309832293>

Wednesday 22nd September 2021 (5.30pm - 7pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-22092021-tickets-170311003797>

Friday 24th September 2021 (12pm - 1.30pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-24092021-tickets-170312105091>

Monday 27th September 2021 (12pm - 1.30pm):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-27092021-tickets-170311555447>

Tuesday 28th September 2021 (5.30pm - 7pm)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-28092021-tickets-170312652729>

Thursday 30th September 2021 (9.30am - 11am):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-30092021-tickets-170313952617>

For further information, please read this **leaflet**.

**English - Year 9**

Students in Year 9 have this week started their studies of Akala's novel, 'The Dark Lady' in English. Akala is a passionate speaker, activist and rapper as well as a writer, and he also founded 'The Hip Hop Shakespeare Company' which aims to teach young people that Shakespeare is not so different to modern hip hop music.

Think he's wrong? Can you identify which of these quotes come from Shakespeare, and which come from modern hip hop music?

1. 'to destroy the beauty from which one came'
2. 'Maybe it's hatred I spew, maybe it's food for the spirit'
3. 'Men would rather use their broken weapons than their bare hands'
4. 'I was not born under a rhyming planet'
5. 'The most benevolent King communicates through your dreams'

To find the answers, watch the start of Akala's Ted talk here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSbtkLA3GrY>

**Year 7 - Thames Young Mariners**

Since our founding cohort in 2015, we have taken the opportunity to take our new Year 7 students to Thames Young Mariners at the beginning of term. Having said this, our new Year 7s faced this exciting experience under unique circumstances.

Having not had the opportunity to be welcomed into our community in school first, there were some expected morning nerves on arrival. Despite this, the

nervous smiles soon turned into confident laughter as students made new friends and got to know many of their new teachers.

We had two fantastic days of team building and had our first opportunities to make lasting memories. We were incredibly proud of the resilience our new students showed. They represented us perfectly!



**Year 12 RAG Week**

Year 12 have really embraced their first full weeks as Sixth Formers by throwing themselves into a week of fun activities.

Selecting to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Trust, students took part in a variety of different events culminating in a team building day in Brighton. The sun didn't exactly shine, but that certainly didn't stop them all from having fun on the rides on the pier and playing games on the beach!

Year 12 student, Tom P, has summed up the week below:

*"Last week the Year 12s participated in a RAG week, helping to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Trust; we were invited to participate in certain events in order to*



*raise this money. The events took place each day throughout the week, and they included: a film and pizza night, 'Sponge the Headteacher',*

*themed dress up day (we went for 'Bright Colours') and finally a trip to Brighton on the Friday. I loved the week as a whole! I really enjoyed the themed dress up day where I wore bright clothes instead of the usual dress code! I think this is a great way to raise money for charity and a great way to start 6th form!"*

We hope to raise more funds for Macmillan Cancer Trust on Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September!



**Spanish Homework Club – Years 7 & 8**



**SPANISH HOMEWORK CLUB**

Are you struggling with Spanish homework?

Then come along to the Spanish Homework Club where you can receive help from a Spanish teacher

**Y7 and Y8**

**When?**

**Wednesdays**

**8 am**

**ICT Room**

**Teddington**

**The Great Reading Race**



Students who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge need to hand their entries in to their English teacher by Tuesday 21st September to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Well done to everyone who has completed one of the reading races so far.

We are so impressed with the entries!



## GCSE History Revision Club

This will start next Tuesday at 3pm in H3.4. It will be a place to complete activities and tasks quietly with Ms Riglin there to provide explanations, guidance, and feedback on written work.

All History GCSE students are welcome.



## Our first Sports Fixture of the Year!

Sports fixtures are back for Turing House School! The Year 9 boys rugby team kicked off our fixture list with a very narrow defeat against a composed Teddington School side - the score finished 5 tries to 4.

THS were three tries down at one point, but every player remained focused and worked hard in the second half in particular. With sheer scrum dominance, plenty of big tackles and some turnovers at the ruck on show, it was clear who had the physical edge...watch this space! A big well done to all involved!

## School Sports Clubs

Well done to everyone who attended the first week of sports clubs - there was a great turn out among all years and we look forward to this continuing! If you did not go to a sports club last week but you would like to go then you still can.

All you need to do is turn up in your PE kit on the day of your chosen club(s). Speak to a member of the PE department for details on rugby, football, netball, hockey, fitness and cross-country club.

## A Note from the PE Department

It has been great to see everyone looking smart in their Turing House PE uniform during PE lessons! Please ensure that students have their names on their PE uniform (and on their regular school uniform too) and that they remember to check that they have everything when getting changed from the lesson.

## Welcome to Hut 8!

Our first set of Maths & Computing Clubs took place this week. Students explored the Collatz Conjecture, broke Caesar Shift ciphers, practised competition questions for the UKMT Maths Challenges and even played geometric tic-tac-toe!

If you would like to join for an afternoon of interesting maths and computing problems, Hut 8 is open every week: the Y9-10-11 club on Tuesdays and the Y12-13 club on Thursdays, at 15:15 in H2.7.



## Strawberry Hill House and Gardens

There will be a flower festival at Strawberry Hill House between 8th and 10th October. They have included some workshops this year and two are suitable for children: basket making and flower printing. For more information, please follow the link to their 'What's on' Page:

<https://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/whats-on/>