

# Headteacher's Update 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

# Message from Mr O'Sullivan

We have now completed our first full week. Bar the issues with the 481 bus that look like they are coming to a satisfactory conclusion (see letter from Munira Wilson), everything has gone as we had hoped and the school has been a delight to be in. Students have been absolutely exceptional in their conduct around the school, and learning has been at a maximum with the rhythm of school life slowly returning.

I was approached on the school gates this morning by a parent of a child at Bishop Perrin. The parent wanted to pass on how lovely our students are and how sensibly they come to school in the morning. I could not have been prouder.

I would like to formally praise the staff at Turing House who have been, and continue to be, exceptional in everything they do around the school. The quality of teaching and learning is of an incredibly high quality and their presence around the school has created a very calm and focused environment. Moving nearly 800 people through a canteen in 40 minutes was always going to be a challenge but once again the students and catering staff have been amazing. The quality of the food has been excellent. I will be writing to you all with arrangements for parents to visit the school site shortly.



A letter will also arrive with the arrangements for Years 11 & 13 regarding the exam period. All the staff wish these students luck with their ongoing and extensive revision.

# Year 11 GCSE Speaking Exams

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 11 Spanish students will be sitting their GCSE speaking exam.

All students have a 30-minute revision slot in room 1.16 before the exam begins in room 1A.

Good Luck!

#### Dates for the Diary:

5<sup>th</sup> May – Vaccinations for Years 9 and 10

Fri 27th May – Sun 29th May – Y7 Bushcraft Trip

Fri 27th May – INSET day – school closed

Half Term – 30th May - 3rd June

School Show – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June

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# Year 8 Boys Football v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 8 boys continued their football league games this week as they took on Richmond upon Thames. The home side looked to start fast as they scored the only goal of the game in the first few moments.

After the early wakeup call, the Turing team then put in a dominating display and created some promising chances but were unlucky not to find the back of the net to level or take the win. Their next game is against Twickenham in a few weeks' time. Well done to everyone involved!

# Year 7 Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Year 7 boys rugby team played the delayed final match of their league campaign against league leaders Orleans Park. With the match evenly balanced in the opening minutes, the home side fought to a 5 try lead over the next half an hour.



After some rock-solid defending and fast paced running rugby of their own, the Turing team gathered themselves and pushed back.

The match finished 6 tries to 3 to Orleans Park, however the Turing team can be very proud of their efforts, particularly towards the end of the match where they showed plenty of resilience and team cohesion to kick start a late comeback. Well done to all involved!

#### Student Sporting Success



Congratulations to Liam C. in Year 10 who was selected to represent and start for London Irish RFC U15 during a recent tournament.

Liam's team took on Harlequins, Exeter and Bristol, beating both Harlequins and Bristol and drawing with Exeter. Furthermore, Liam was playing in a new position and hopes to be selected for the next U15 match against Bath. Well done. Liam!

#### Congratulations Hannah!



Hannah's drill team made it through to the national drill competition, which is an amazing achievement. They took part in a National Competition last weekend in Cornwall at the Royal Naval base in Plymouth HMS

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Raleigh and finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of all the teams from the whole country. Well done, Hannah!

#### **Circus Skills**



On Friday last week, a group of year 7s and 8s had an opportunity to work with a trained circus skills practitioner with Anstee Bridge.



They learned how to juggle, balance and do all sorts of amazing tricks. They only had an hour but by the end, were already able to demonstrate some fantastic skills!

#### Year 10 Geography



Year 10 Geographers have this week been learning about the connected relationships that exist in different ecosystems. They then went on to construct their own food webs, considering how one species is linked to another.



# Year 7 Boys Football v Teddington

The year 7 boys football league resumed this week, with games falling either side of the Easter break. Building on their attack-focused style of play they developed last term, the Turing team put in a strong performance as they created multiple chances from start to finish, often resulting in a goal, and managed to come away with a convincing win over Teddington. Their next game is scheduled to take place next week against Twickenham. Well done to all involved!

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# Volleyball England Success

Congratulations to Ben S. and his team-mates at Richmond Volleyball Club who had a fantastically successful weekend at the Volleyball England National Grand Prix Cup Finals, with a clean sweep of wins in the under-15, under-16 and under-18 competitions, for both boys and girls. The men's team also won the National Cup, making a record tally of 7 national titles for the club this season!

Ben played a key role as Outside Hitter in both the u15 and u16 boys finals, and also got court time as a sub in the final set of the u18 final, so brought home three gold medals. Well done, Ben!



#### Ramadan



Eid al-Fitr is a religious holiday that occurs at the end of Ramadan. The meaning of Eid al-Fitr, translated from Arabic, means 'the feast of the breaking of the fast'. Eid al-Fitr officially begins once the religious authorities have confirmed the sighting of the new moon. Approximately 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide will mark Eid as the sun sets and the moon rises on the last day of Ramadan.



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# Sheen Lionesses players wanted



# **Girls into Astrophysics**

#### Please be aware the deadline to apply is TOMORROW!

Royal Holloway, the University of Southampton, and the University of Sussex, in partnership with the Smallpeice Trust, have organised a course entirely dedicated to raise appreciation and enjoyment of astrophysics for Year 10 girls. This year the course will take place online on the 24-26th May.

The participating pupils will experience lively online lectures, exciting hands-on activities, and hear from student ambassadors about university life.

If you are interested, fill in this brief form here by the 30th April to share their motivation to attend this course and how they'd benefit from it, as well as a science teacher contact.

Dr Claudia Antolini (Royal Holloway) Dr Sadie Jones (Southampton) and Dr Darren Baskill (Sussex) will select 50 pupils to receive a special code to book the course entirely for free.

# **Congratulations!**

Huge congratulations to Josh J. in Year 10 who has just passed Grade 8 piano with distinction.

A fantastic achievement - well done!

#### **Vaccinations**

The Richmond Immunisation Team will be coming into school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May to carry out the Second HPV Vaccinations for Years 9 & 10.

Further details will be sent to parents shortly.

# Science at Heart & Lung: Imperial College

This year's Imperial College London Science at Heart & Lung Imperial College School Teams Prize will be divided into two team prizes - "Lung Disease" or "Heart and Circulatory Disease".

Imperial College London challenges you to design an ePoster which illustrates a strategy for combining hard sciences with biomedicine to reduce the number of disabilities and deaths caused by lung or heart and circulatory diseases.

Students will understand the many different jobs and skills contributing to medicine, and how scientific progress can be made by bringing different specialities together (medicine, biology and other sciences such as physics, chemistry, computers, mathematics, engineering).

Find out more at the by clicking here

Closing date for entries: Thursday 30 June 2022 at midday.

# I, Write competition - Year 10 and above

'I, Write' is a science journalism competition organised by Imperial's I. Science magazine to challenge students to not only understand the science they read, but to communicate it effectively themselves. It's an excellent opportunity to add to your CV or personal statement for university.

Students in Year 10 and above are invited to write a 300-to-500-word pitch for an article they would like to write, based on the theme "joy". The best three pitches will be selected for one-on-one mentoring over the course of a week. Mentors will guide students on how

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to research their article, how to structure it, and then how to write it in a compelling way.

Deadline for pitch ideas: Monday 2 May, midday

Finalists will be announced and assigned a mentor on Sunday 8 May. Articles will then be submitted by Sunday 22 May, for winners to be announced on Friday 27 March.

# Hounslow Whitton Cricket Club



# Friendly Community Cricket Club for all

# New Football Players needed – U12s

Whitton Wanderers are seeking new football players for their under-12s moving into under-13s for next season 22/23. For more information and how to contact the club, visit <u>here</u>.

# History Library – Books needed please



We are looking to grow our History Library. Should you wish to donate any History books which you no longer use, we would be extremely grateful. Please could they be handed to Ms Riglin in room 1.24? Thank you for your support! Oxford University Computing Challenge

# Oxford University Computing Challenge



# 2022 ROUND 1 CHALLENGE

After doing fantastically well in the BEBRAS challenge, some of our amazing students were invited to the invitation-only challenge event, "The Oxford University Computing Challenge".

The Oxford University Computing Challenge is an invitation event which aims to encourage students who have achieved a top 10% score in the UK Bebras Challenge to develop their skills further and produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems.

The following students had great success achieving distinctions and merits in round 1 of the competition! Please join me in congratulating Y9s: John D - Distinction, Henry B - Merit, Landen J - Merit, Dougie H - Merit, Daniel W - Merit, and Y13s Daniel W and Mikey P who received Distinction and Merit respectively.

# Girls Cricket Open Day

Middlesex Cricket will be hosting a cricket fun day at William Perkin School on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April for girls. Whether you can play cricket or would just like to come down and try we can cater for all ages and abilities. Parents/Guardians, please join us and watch your girls play or drop and come back and pick up later.

We have access to the nets and grass area and you are welcome to stay and have a picnic or drop and go. The event is free of charge, please see below on how to book:

10.00am–1.00pm – Primary School ages, click <u>here</u>

2.00pm–5.00pm- Secondary School ages, click here

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# **Richmond & Kew Football Trials**



# Uniform sale

Turing House Friends is organizing a 2nd hand uniform sale for Y6 students (ahead of them joining the new Turing House Year 7 cohort in September 2022).

If you have small size items, especially blazers in good condition, please send them in with your kids to drop off at school before May 12.