

# Headteacher's Update

## 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

After and long and hugely exciting term, I would like to wish the school community a lovely half term (and Jubilee celebrations). The staff in the school have been so impressed with all year groups taking exams. I would like to personally thank them for their commitment and professionalism during this period and wish them the best of luck with the next tranche. Our lower school students have also been a fabulous credit to the school this term. Year 8 in particular have really raised their game since we have moved. Well done, Year 8.

We continue to develop systems and practices as we change from two sites to one, including the exciting launch of our new school website. Photography was taken on Tuesday and Wednesday this week so we hope for a premier sometime in the new term. Once this gets released, please reach out to us if you think there is a particular piece of information that would be useful on the new website.



Dates for the Diary:

Half Term – 30th May - 3rd June

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

## **Parent Governor Elections**

We are seeking nominations for a parent to stand for election as Parent Governors of (RET) Turing House School.

There is one vacancy, to begin from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2026. Nominations must be returned by midday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Please see the attached documents for further information.

#### A Level Geography Residential

Our Year 12 Geographers are currently in the South Downs completing their geography fieldwork, which will prepare them for their NEA write up, which is part of their overall qualification.





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They will be designing and completing fieldwork on coastal environments, urban studies, and water and carbon fieldwork. They got off to a great start on Thursday with their beach profiles and investigations into the coastal management.



#### Book review by Ms Riglin

The Phantom Paint Pot by William SJ-S

William's debut novel The Phantom Paint Pot is a short story, based in 1920s New York around a haunted art shop. Its creepy plot gave me the chills throughout and it surpassed my high expectations.



The way the book is designed and the images in it are also very unique and add to the story.

I would really recommend the book to anyone looking for a new short story to enjoy this half term.

I would also like to thank William for signing my copy well done, William!

#### Great Western Railway celebrating Pride

Great Western Railway is celebrating Pride month with a difference as it toasts Trainbow's second birthday.

With local pride events across the region being cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, GWR is teaming up with Network Rail to celebrate Pride virtually.

Trainbow, the Intercity Express Train specially designed to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, made its first journey on 7 June 2018. It was named after Alan Turing, one of our 100 Great Westerners.



Turing, born in London, was responsible for the breaking of German ciphers in World War Two.

He was convicted for his sexuality in 1952 and received a posthumous pardon in 2013, when the "Turing Law" was passed to pardon all gay men convicted in the past.

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Trainbow was named in Alan Turing's honour on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at Paddington Station. "Naming Trainbow after Alan Turing is the most fitting tribute to one of our most recognised Great Westerners".

This is a double celebration of both the LGBTQ+ community and the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, with Turing being instrumental in the war effort.

#### THS Staff v Sixth Form Netball Match

Last week, a team of sixth formers took on a group of staff members in a heated netball match. The sixth formers dictated the flow for parts of the match which was played at a relentless pace in each quarter, reinforced by their accurate passing and high-tempo



strategy. The staff members, however, were able to match each conceded goal with a score of their own and it was them who had the last say in the game - two lastminute goals ensured victory for the staff who promise to never let the sixth formers forget it.

It was a fantastic effort by all; well done everyone involved!

This was the first ever staff v sixth form match and hopefully the first of many. The focus will change to volleyball after the half term where another grudge match will unfold towards the end of the term. Team staff go into the volleyball competition 1-0 up in games overall; the sixth formers will be looking to seek revenge.

#### SIX History Trip

On Tuesday night 60 Turing House History students met at the Rose Theatre in Kingston to watch an epic performance of *Six: The Musical*.

It was an incredible show, and we will most certainly be running this trip again.



Comments from students on the night included:

"I am worried about writing in my English GCSE tomorrow as my hands are so sore from all of that clapping."

"That was the best sing-along performance I have ever been to in my life." "I loved everything about the show!"

"That was epppiiiicccc!!"

"It made me think about the lives of Henry's wives in a way I'd never considered before."

Thank you to all of the staff and students who attended the trip; well done all!

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## Year 12 Biology Students visit Kew Gardens



On Thursday 20th May, the Year 12 biology students visited Kew Gardens with their teachers Mr Evans and Mr Jacks.



The students took part in sessions with Kew scientists about classification of organisms.

They also learnt more about Kew's international role in conservation of biodiversity.

It was a fantastic day out for everyone!



## HOYS positive points breakfast!

Well done to our fabulous Year 8 & 10 cohort in securing so many positive points! This wonderful group of students have won the most points in their year so far and were celebrating their success with a Head of Year breakfast this week. Well done, all!



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#### GCSE Geography Fieldwork

On Tuesday 24th May the Year 10 geographers all went out on day 1 of 2 of their GCSE fieldwork. Some went to look at regeneration in Stratford, others went to the River Tillingbourne in Dorking, to look at changing characteristics of the river.







They learnt key fieldwork skills and techniques which will be examined in their exam in Y11. We look forward to the next day of fieldwork on Monday 6th June.

#### Pseudonym Writing in English

This term, Year 9 students have been studying 19<sup>th</sup> century fiction and have spent time exploring why so many writers used pseudonyms during this period. Students were asked to produce a piece of creative writing where they had to try to conceal their identity from the rest of the class by playing around with form and perspective.

We've had great fun hearing different pieces of writing and trying to guess who wrote them! Below are three great entries from Lily D., Mia O. and Lucas R. Well done!

The walk down the streets was long and tiresome. The normally musty smell of the uneven cobbled stones that paved the way towards the Houses of Parliament was blocked out by the great stink of London and the noxious smell that the river had become known for. The death and destruction caused by the conditions were evident. The homeless lined the streets some sleeping, some dead and some what appeared to be in-between.

But none of this made my walk as bad as the stares, the evil people saw in me as they judged me by the colour of my skin and not the substance within. Not even the horses' hooves blocked out the insults people supposedly 'whispered' among themselves. But worst of all this was the fear, the fear at night of turning the wrong corner or seeing the wrong people. Constantly looking over my shoulder hoping, just hoping to get home safe.

The woman I worked for and her husband, unlike everyone else I met, were always good to me. They treated me fairly and paid me just enough. Their children however were not the same, they treated me as nothing and spoke down on me with contempt every spiteful word that came out of their mouths aimed at me hoping to tear me apart from the inside

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but this was nothing compared to what I had seen before. For all my life people have judged and looked down on me.

"Seriously?" Chris muttered to himself. "What does he think I am, an eel?". He watched as the plastic wormshaped wire descended into the water before him. Those humans thought they were so clever with their daft fishing poles and their ridiculously fake bates as-if an old haddock like himself wouldn't be able to distinguish a piece of plastic from a delicious snack. How anyone could be tempted into taking a bite of something so bright and incongruous, Chris had no idea.

He had never liked humans. It wasn't enough for them to fill his home with plastic, or constantly disturb him with their various loud machines and strange floating devices. Now these rods were being thrown at him from all angles, intruding his personal space – and they thought he would fall for this obvious trickery? It felt like an insult to his intelligence.

Chris swam around, scanning his surroundings for traces of food. He knew a real meal when he saw one – like that juicy worm over there, amongst the seaweed. "Yum!" Chris said to himself as he bit down hard. Seconds later, a voice penetrated the water from above. "I caught one mum, I caught one!".

#### by Sammy S. Salmon

The darkness encapsulated the light, as grey clouds crept across the sky. Everything was silent, besides the echoing sound of the water beneath. The dull blue water ferociously slapped against the rocks, brutally and ruthlessly, leaving the rocks with no protection except a glistening sample of itself. The strong smell of salt rebelliously coated every inch of air. Uncontrollably, the wind crept across the sea, with speed and strength that could tear sails apart.

Watching as the storm brew above, she lay on the gritty sand, the deep dark grey clouds observing her. The winds lashed through her hair weaving strands into tight knots. She watched the sea as it followed the orders of the wind, dancing erratically, splashing and hurling. The feeling of horror washed over her, as lightning abruptly came down from the ominous sky. As she sat up, shivering with distress, her heart was beating out of her chest as thoughts raced across her mind. She timidly looked around her, scanning the landscape. All she could see was the coastline of trees thrashing, rapidly in the wind. Her stomach churned with nervous tension as she scurried off to find shelter as drops of rain started to fall from the sky.

The Stormy Seas by George Russell.

#### University of Cambridge newsletter

The University of Cambridge is starting a new monthly e-newsletter for parents, carers and supporters of prospective applicants to Cambridge, offering support and advice throughout the admissions process.

The newsletter will address common questions and concerns and aims to offer guidance when supporting your student.

Sign up <u>here</u>.

#### Job Vacancy – Bishop Perrin

Two-day part-time class teacher vacancy for Year 1 at Bishop Perrin CE Primary School

Bishop Perrin CE Primary School in Whitton are advertising for a part-time Year 1 Class Teacher for two days per week, starting in September 2022. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please click on the following link<u>here</u>.

#### British Library – Gold exhibition

From nugget and bar to leaf and ink, the malleability of gold has allowed this precious metal to be used across the world, throughout histories and cultures.

Gospels from the age of Charlemagne, letters from King James II and decrees of Mughal Emperor Shah 'Alam II are penned in gold ink.

Portraits from Constantinople and illustrations in The Golden Haggadeh are set on backgrounds of gold leaf.

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Each stroke of the brush builds the connection - layerby-layer - between gold, the sacred and the royal.

Discover the stories illuminated by gold.

The Gold Exhibition is open now!

#### Year 8 Sports Bulletin

Throughout this year, the Year 8 sports captains have been writing a termly sports bulletin with the support of Mr Evans. For this term, the sports captains were completely responsible for the whole bulletin, completing interviews, searching for information, writing the bulletin, making edits, and presenting this to their tutors. You can see their excellent results below.



## Year 8 sports bulletin

Year 8 Boys Football Well done to our year 8 boys football games. The football team played 2 matches this term. The first match was against RTS school and we unfortunately lost 1-0 to them. Our man of the match was Kaya Featherstone, he was outstanding with his strength and was working very hard to win, well done Kaya Our ch was against Twickenham School and we won 4-0, our goal scorers were Lennon with 3 goals and Xavi with 1 goal well done to them. Our man of the match for Twickenham was Letter ers with his amazing goals and worked extremely hard throughout the entire game. Well done boys



#### Cricket

This term we have started to do a cricket club run by Mr. Mirza on Thursday afterschool, with new cricket nets. People who attended: Joseph Mc, Will P, will T, Kaya F, Arthur and George A.

#### What's happening in PE?

This term in PE we have been doing Netball on the M.U.G.A and we have been doing basketball inside the new sports hall

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Year 8 Basketball This term a group of students including a

26/05/22 group of year 8's had the privilege of attending the English national liege final. We are very happy to announce that Turing House School has partnered with Knights basketball. We have started a new basketball club for all years and all skill levels

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What's on next term Next term there will be a lot of exciting things including cricket fixtures. Also, Turing House will be competing in the Bourgh sports and will be deciding next term who will be participating in these events

#### Sporting Champion!



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students in the class. Archie is attending the basketball training on a Monday night, and he is always setting up basketball matches at lunchtime with other year groups. He also played a big part in the two boys football games. Archie has shown resilience as he wasn't originally in the team but got the opportunity to play.



#### Year 8 sports bulletin

Term 5 Sports Bulletin 😡 Hi Year, 8. Welcome to our new termly sports bulletin. This edition covers Rounders, Football, Cricket and Basketball

We've had lots of new clubs starting at the new site with lots of Year 8s participating.



Inside of school we've had lots of achievements, but we've also had lots outside of school. Sam Charlton competed in the London Gymnastics Championship and placed third overall. F was accepted into Chelsea FC Foundation. make and been doing amazing in BMX. Beatrice and Noah have been working on their Tennis skills. If you're doing well in a sport outside of school, let us (the sports captains) know.



#### Year 7/8 rounders

This term the year 8 and 7 rounders team have played 2 matches and unfortunately lost both. There first game was against RPA but the score was unknown. The second match was against Grevcourt and



Turing house had lost. The score was 24-6

to Greycourt. Our player of the match against Grevcourt was Beatrice

Year 8 girls football have started training with Mr Devlin on a Tuesday afternoon. They have been training with the year 9 girls. So far, Romy, Hope, Courtney and Mariyah have joined the team. If you're still interested see Mr Devlin rthians FC Trials for U13 Girls



