

Headteacher's Update

8th July 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It's been another busy week at Turing House, starting with a hugely successful transition day for our upcoming Year 7s. 165 students attended for a range of lessons and activities put together by Mr Quigley and Miss Nicholson. We also welcomed ten new staff and ran support staff training on the same day. Various trips took place, most notable the 'Lit in Colour' Student Conference trip for Year 10 and the Year 7 trip to Strawberry Hill House. On Thursday evening we held our first Year 11 prom since inception in 2015.



On Thursday I also had the privilege of attending the Anstee Bridge graduation at the Guildhall in Kingston. For those of you that are unaware, Anstee Bridge was

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set up in 2008 to support young people who are disengaged in school because of complex situations.

Anstee Bridge supports students with 'fitting in' socially, loss and medical needs. They work extensively with 14 – 16 year-olds, supporting students with their GCSEs through joint workshops and programmes across primary and secondary years.

As a creative enterprise, they constantly need resources, support from volunteers and equipment as well as large funding streams. So if any of our community can support in anyway, please contact here.

Looking ahead to next week, due to the increase in temperature, students do not need to wear blazers next week but please support the school with all the other standards. I received a lovely letter the other day in which a member of the local community stated that due to the behaviour, conduct and smartness of our students, 'if my own children were embarking on a secondary school then Turing House would be the ideal choice. It's outstanding.' Keep up the good work everyone.



We wish all our Muslim students, staff and their families Eid
Mubarak.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

On the 4th July, 81 Year 10 and Year 11 students met in Ranmore Common, Surrey, before their first day of hiking. Maps and compasses were handed out to each group, as well as tents which had to carried in rucksacks to the campsite that evening. Students has the responsibility of following the map through to different checkpoints while travelling 18-25km.

That evening, groups gradually arrived at the campsites, and we set up the trangias to cook dinner (mainly pasta or noodles), and we got our tents up ready to sleep. The staff on the trip were very kind and were helpful on giving advice on what to do with the rucksacks and where to put some items.



The next day we got up at 7.00am to start our second 6hour hike to Epsom. Through the ups and downs on the country fields, we had some aches in our legs and feet, but it was an amazing experience.

We finished at around 3.00pm and after our debriefs with the assessors, we all successfully passed the expedition. I had lots of fun with my friends, and I recommend it to future DofE participants.

By Nadeen A. Year 10









Oriel College – Open Day Booking Form

Booking for Oriel College, Oxford University Open Days is now live here.

Matilda

Well done to all the cast and crew for this amazing production!











Heathfield Rec needs your support

Friends of Heathfield Recreation Ground have submitted proposals for a new Pavilion at Heathfield Recreation Ground containing:

Enhanced changing facilities for sport

Public Toilets

Café

Community Space

Best practice environmental facilities will also be included, such as green roof / walls, and grey / runoff water collection.

A council consultation on the proposals opened yesterday - we need your feedback and support to get the plans approved by LBRuT.

This link contains the plans (not too detailed) and survey. Let us know what you think - especially give us your support. Click <u>here</u>.

Eid-ul-Adha

This Saturday Muslims around the world will be celebrating Eid al-Adha. The day of Eid-ul-Adha falls on the tenth day in the final (twelfth) month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar; Dhu-al-Hijjah.

The celebration of Eid-ul-Adha is to commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to Allah and his readiness to sacrifice his son, Ismail. At the very point of sacrifice, Muslims believe that Allah replaced Ismail with a ram, which was to be slaughtered in place of his son.

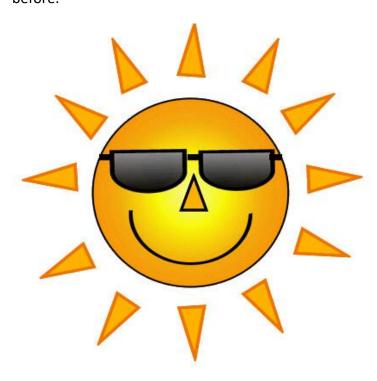
This command from Allah was seen as a test of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness and commitment to obey his Lord's command, without question. Therefore, Eid-ul-Adha means the festival of sacrifice.

An animal such as a goat, lamb or cow is sacrificed and The Qurbani (sacrifice) meat can then divided into three equal portions per share; one-third is for ourselves and our families, one-third is for friends, and the final third is to be donated to those in need/ the poor. For many people around the world eating meat of any kind is a luxury and is not affordable to them. The act of sharing meat with those less fortunate than ourselves, allows many more families to join in the celebration of Eid.

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Sun Safety

The Teenage Cancer Trust found that nearly two-thirds (61%) of young people aged 13-24 have avoided using sunscreen in order to get a better tan. As the weather gets hotter in the UK, we need to be more knowledgeable about keeping safe in the sun than ever before.



The damage done to young skin can lead to skin cancer developing in later life, so it's vital to help young people protect themselves in the sun.

Sustainable Transport @ THS

Sustainable Transport at Turing House School

At Turing House School we are very keen to reduce our impact on the environment, as well as encouraging Sustainable Travel.

Where possible we encourage active travel (walking or cycling); if this is not possible then the use of public transport rather than private vehicles is preferred.

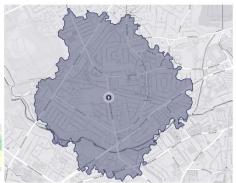
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20 Minute Walk

If you live ANYWHERE in the grey shaded area, then you are only at the maximum a 20 MINUTE WALK from school.

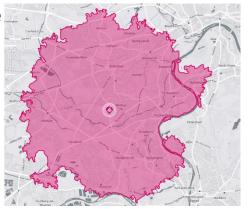




20 Minute Cycle

If you live ANYWHERE in the pink shaded area, then you are only at the maximum a 20 MINUTE CYCLE from school.





20 Minute Bus/Train

If you live ANYWHERE in the yellow shaded area, then you are only at the maximum a 20 MINUTE BUS or TRAIN journey from school.





Hula Hoop Challenge

Miss Dippie is going to attempt the hula-hoop for a month challenge (that's 15 minutes a day) to raise some money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

She is very keen to support Macmillan who do an amazing job looking after cancer patients and their families when it is needed most.

If you are able to support, her in any way, please click on the just giving link <u>here</u>.

STEM Club

"On Tuesday (21st June), 5 Lucky members of Turing's STEM club competed in the NPL (national physical laboratory) water rocket challenge. In one session of STEM club, some of us came up with fin shapes and the rest made rocket designs. Mr Hall constructed two rockets ready for launch test and we experimented with them in the playground. Our first one was such a success that it went on the roof! (It is still to be retrieved). For the second test, we pumped less pressure into the bottle, so it didn't go as far, and didn't make the roof... but this was the design that we used on the day!



At break time, we travelled to NPL's field and set up in our bay. The first round, our rocket fired into the highest scoring area, and we tested our spare as well.

While we waited for them to be collected, we discussed our tactics for the egg round, where an egg needs to survive being launched on a rocket. Time for round 2! Our launcher unfortunately had a leak, so we borrowed one from the kind NPL staff.

We weren't used to using it, so our rocket didn't fire as far, but it was still amazing. When we collected our rocket, it was now very battered from all the launches. We still used it for round 3 ... the egg round!

After everyone's scores had been counted and all rockets collected (and chants that been made up by teams were performed), it was time for the awards.

Sadly, Turing didn't win a prize, but we had tons of fun and will be returning next year! If you're wondering what happened to the egg, it was more than scrambled!

Join Turing's STEM club for more exciting activities like this and thrilling experiments!!! You won't want to miss out.

By Alice D. (Year 7)"

Sports Week 2022

Students have now had the chance to sign up for Sports Week which commences with the Year 12 students kicking things off - 12A battle it out against 12L in a range of activities (football, netball, volleyball, tug-ofwar, dodgeball). Year 7-10 students will then get their chance to participate in the same activities, with each year group being assigned a day within Sports Week to compete against the other form groups in their year.

Don't forget, all students must take part in at least one activity, and they can turn up to school in their PE kit on their Sports Weekday (Monday 11th - Year 7; Tuesday 12th - Year 8; Wednesday 13th - Year 9; Thursday 14th - Year 10).

Who will be crowned form champions for each year group!?

Strawberry Hill House Visit

Year 7 had a brilliant day out on Thursday at Strawberry Hill House. They enjoyed a tour of the house, and dressing up to create gothic comics, in particular. Students said that the trip was "incredibly interesting and a great day out with our form group".

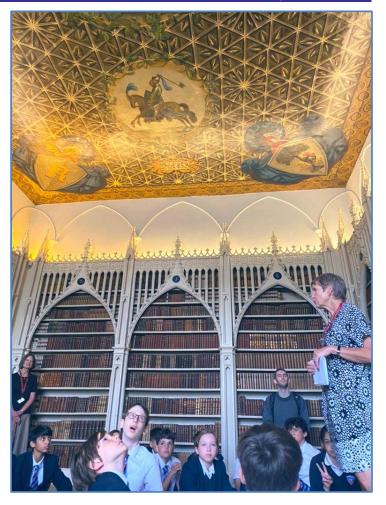
Students' work from the day will be displayed around school soon - watch this space!











Year 7/8 Girls Rounders Tournament

The year 7 and 8 girls took part in a rounders tournament last week hosted by Waldegrave. Having played all their league game fixtures, the girls showed massive improvements in that time, notably in their ability to field against a strong batting team.

The Turing team finished the day in fourth place - well done to all involved!

