

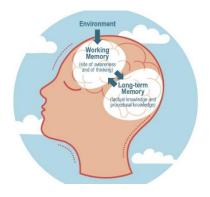
Headteacher's Update

23rd September 2022

Message from Mrs Collins

During another packed week at Turing House, we've been taking time in assemblies to look at metacognition and specifically, cognitive strategies. Substantive research has shown that the use of cognitive strategies can increase the efficiency and confidence with which learners approach a learning task, as well as their ability to retain essential information or perform a skill.

We've looked at how the brain operates both a 'working memory' and a 'long-term memory', and how in order for new skills and knowledge to be remembered, this information needs to embed into our long-term memories.



We also learnt about how our working-memories have a small capacity – we can hold a maximum of seven items – but our long-term memory is limitless!

FSM Free School Meals - Applications

In these challenging times, your financial situation might have changed. If you are now in receipt of benefits that you previously were not entitled to, then you may be eligible to receive Free School Meal for your children.

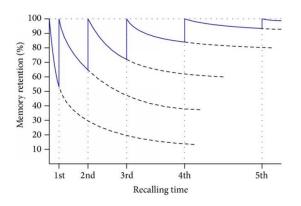
Please check your local authority website to apply. RICHMOND UPON THAME Free school meals - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

Please contact the school office at

finance@turinghouseschool.org.uk if you have any questions regarding Free School Meals or if you need any assistance with the application.

If you want a good example of the infinite capacity (and randomness) of our long-term memory, how many of you parents can remember lyrics to songs from your teenage years, even if you have not listened to them for a long time?

It's important for us to understand that forgetting and relearning can actually play a positive role in increasing long-term retention, and that the more times you forget and remind yourself of something, the longer you retain the information for and more you retain; Ebbinghaus' forgetting curve (below) illustrates this well.



In lessons, we look forward to including retrieval practice activities in order to help revisit and relearn information to embed it more deeply and for longer!

Dates for your diary:

29th September – School closes at 12.40pm

30th September – School starts at 10.45am

3rd October - Bake Off

29th/30th March - We Will Rock You school show

School Library is OPEN!

We are very excited to announce that the school library is now OPEN!

The library is open for all students during lunch times, for a quiet place to read and borrow books.

All students are automatically members of the library and can borrow books on their account.

Thank you so much to all the student, parent and governor volunteers who came in during the summer holidays to set up the library and thank you to all the parents who have donated books over the years: we now have over 1200 books!



Now that we have so many books, we are no longer accepting donations of second-hand books, but would love to build our collection of non-fiction and graphic novels specifically. We will soon be sharing book wish lists and we would be very grateful of contributions to the library of books from these lists.





Congratulations, Michael!

A few months ago Heathfield Recreation Ground launched a competition for local children to design a logo to help give the new nature zone, Jubilee Meadow, its own identity.

They asked for entries that were simple, easy to recognise, and welcoming for everybody who uses Heathfield Rec, with a connection to nature and to the Queen on her Jubilee year. There were four winners and runners up who were selected in a blind judging process from among the many beautiful entries we received.

One of the winners was Michael C. in Year 8. To see all the entries and more information, you can visit the Friends of Heathfield Recreation Ground and Environs (FoHRGE) website.



Cross County Club

The first Cross Country Club session was held this week. Students braved the cold, meeting Mr Evans, Mrs Lamb and Ms Riglin at 7am.



Their first event will be at the TCS schools London minimarathon.



Passionate Historians Year 7

Passionate Historians: Year 7 Edition



The Romans

- Terry Deary, Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans, 2016 (also Ruthless Romans)
 Elizabeth Foley, What Would Boudicca Do?: Everyday Problems Solved by History's Most Remarkable Women, 2018

Vikings and the Silk Roads

- Henry Treece, The Viking Saga, 2016 (FICTION)
- Peter Frankopan, The Silk Roads: The Extraordinary History that created your World, 2021
- · Terry Deary, Horrible Histories: Vicious Vikings, 2016

Medieval Monarchs

- Terry Deary, Horrible Histories: Storming Normans, 2016
- Alison Weir, Eleanor of Aquitaine: By the Wrath of God, Queen of England, 2008

The Black Death and Peasants' Revolt

- Joh Hatcher, The Black Death, the intimate story of a village in crisis, 2008
- · Paul Dowswell, The Great Revolt, 2020 (FICTION

- Terry Deary, Henry VIII's Secret Diary, 2021
- Miranda Kaufmann, Black Tudors: The Untold Story, 2017

Immigration into Britain

- David Olusoga, Black and British: A short, essential history 2020
- Akala, Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire 2018



- Boudicca The woman who challenged Rome, TV documentary. (YouTube)
- (YouTube)

 Britain's Most Historic Towns, series 3 episode 1 Medieval Lincoln, Chanel 4 The Great Viking Army and Expeditions East, with Cat Jarman and Dan Snow (YouTube)
 The Battle of Hastings, 1066, from The Normans on BBC Two.

 Elizabeth: The Golden Age, film about Elizabeth 's rule.

- Sitting in Limbo BBC film about the Wind Rush scandal.



- You're Dead to Me by Greg Jenner look for the episodes on Boudicca, and Eleanor of Aquitaine.
- und citeator or Aquitaine. Homeschool History by Greg Jenner look for the episodes on The Battle of Hastings, William Shakespeare, Life in Roman Pompeii, Mansa Musa and The First Emperor of China.

European Day of Languages

On Monday 3rd October the Languages department will be holding our European Day of Languages Bake Off. We would love to see as many students as possible get involved, so please encourage your child to bake something creative. European theme and no nuts!

We will be collaborating with the Sixth Form Macmillan Coffee Morning on this day; all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Look at the photos below from last year to inspire you.





Volunteering Opportunity - Independent **School Admission Appeals Panels**

Richmond Council is looking to recruit to its pool of volunteers who sit on panels that hear and make decisions on school admissions appeals lodged by applicants who have been unsuccessful in securing a place at their chosen school.

The panels consist of trained volunteers selected from a pool, and who are independent of local schools and, as such, you will not be able to serve on any panels for schools you have a connection to e.g. where your child attends. The panels meet virtually, as and when necessary (but mainly in the summer term).

If you are discreet, good at listening to both sides of an argument, and able to digest and analyse information in order to make a reasoned decision, then this could be a good opportunity for you. Further information and an application form are available from:

education.appeals@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or call 020 8891 7183 for a chat. Volunteers from underrepresented groups within our community are particularly encouraged to come forward.

Sunday September 25th 2022

Introductory Walks of Bushy Park to support Clean and Green Week

Visitor Centre, Pheasantry, Bushy Park

11am Walk - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/418745337577

2pm Walk - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/418740412847

October and November - Dates TBC

Working Sessions – tree planting in Woodlands Gardens

Woodland Gardens, Bushy Park

Table Tennis Club

Table tennis club is now up and running!

Who? For all years! Sign up sheet will be in the sports hall every Thursday morning.

When? Every Thursday at 15:15.

Where? The sports hall.

What to bring? PE kits, table tennis bat, trainers.

Any questions, please ask Mr Hatzidakis.

STEM Club



Foe to Friend: The British Army in Germany since 1945

12 September 2020 - 21 August 2024

Audience: Adults

Location: National Army Museum

Admission:FREE

More than a million British soldiers have lived and served in Germany over the past 75 years. Immerse yourself in their stories and follow their evolution from conquerors and occupiers to allies and friends.

Germany has been at the heart of the British Army's story since 1945. After the Second World War, the Army helped rebuild a devastated and divided nation. It provided protection during the Cold War, and later used Germany as a base from which to deploy troops across the world.

This major exhibition follows the lives of soldiers in Germany over the past 75 years. It looks at the changing relationship between Britain and Germany and charts the gradual transition from foe to friend.

Bee-lieve Rugby Fun Day 2022



LONDON IRISH LADIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BEE-LIEVE FOUNDATION

BEE-LIEVE IN BOOTS DAY

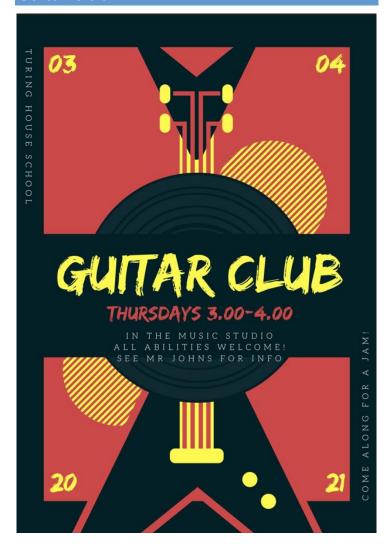
"THROUGH RUGBY FUN AND FRIENDSHIP, WE WANT TO BENEFIT YOUNG PEOPLE PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND SOCIALLY"

When: Sunday 19th September from 1.00PM – 4.30PM – welcome to socialise afterwards too Where: Hazelwood, The home of London Irish, Hazelwood Avenue, Sunbury, TW16 6QU What: London Irish Ladies in partnership with Bee-Lieve, to promote positive mental health and well-being for young people.

Girls Rugby at THS run by Richmond Rugby Club



Guitar Club



Year 9-11 Girls Netball v Twickenham - First Ever THS Home Game!!

Last week saw some history being made with Turing House School's first ever home fixture taking place! The Year 9 girls' netball team and the Year 10/11 girls' netball team took on Twickenham in this exciting encounter that marked the first of many home fixtures to come.

Not only did the girls play a part in making history, but they topped it off with two fantastic performances. Being able to do netball in PE lessons, as well as offering netball as an extra-curricular sport club, has clearly paid off as attacking finesse was at its finest for both Turing teams who came away with the win - the perfect start to their league campaign. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 10/11 Table Tennis Tournament

Our brand new sports hall played host to its first ever tournament, as a table tennis competition took place for Year 10 and 11 students. Several schools travelled to our new facility to take part in the tournament and compete against one another, with a separate tournament format happening for boys and girls. The winners get a chance to progress through to a regional tournament representing Richmond Borough.



The two Turing teams did brilliantly well, playing with fantastic sportsmanship and skill, and were both unlucky to miss out on podium positions. Nonetheless, it was fantastic to have the opportunity for the first time ever to run a large sports competition and have several school teams visit us - plenty more to come! Well done to everyone involved!

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs in Term 1

We are excited to announce the return of sports clubs again and welcome some new clubs to the school's extensive extra-curricular schedule. Check out the timetable that lists the different term 1 sports clubs (this has been updated since the start of term). Many of these clubs have already started and run from 3.15-4.15 (with the exception of Cross Country which starts at 7am).



However, we are aware that some clubs are still being impacted by the field being temporarily out of use.

These clubs will resume as soon as the field is back in action. Students will need to bring their PE kit, appropriate footwear and a water bottle on the day of their chosen club(s).

Please note that these clubs also help to inform the PE Department when putting together teams/selections for school fixtures.

Student Success - Rugby

Congratulations to Oscar D. and Louis W-B in Year 10 who were recently successful upon attending a trial with London Irish Rugby Club.

As with the Tear 11 students who were successful at their trial the week before, this will enable the boys to be part of the club's Developing Player Programme for their respective age groups, which will give them access to high quality core skill development sessions run by London Irish Academy coaches.

Again, the trial saw a large number of players in attendance but only a small number were selected, making this achievement even more impressive. Well done, boys!

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