

Headteacher's Update

7th October 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

On the 4th May in 1926 Alan Turing set off for his first day at Sherborne School. His family were then living in France, so 13-year old Alan set off alone taking the Channel ferry from Saint-Malo to Southampton. Arriving at Southampton, he learnt that the Trade Union Congress had called a general strike in support of the miners and that no trains were running. Alan's parents had evidently seen this as a possibility, so Alan resorted to Plan B, which was to leave his trunk at Southampton and to cycle to Sherborne.

Alan purchased a map of the route and set out to cycle the 63 miles from Southampton to Sherborne.

After making his way on a bicycle from Southampton via the best hotel in Blandford, he arrived and simply stated, 'I am Turing.' It was a good start.

This week we had our very own version of these events. Due to bus issues Noah in Year 11, quickly made the decision that in order to get to school on time he needed to hire one of the borough bikes. A short time later he arrived albeit a little sweaty to the school gates, on time. Panic then set in that he was outside the parking zone for his hired steed. He cycled off in the opposite direction to the senior staff, parked the bike where he needed to and ran back to school a couple of

Turing House Friends

A lovely chance to meet other parents!

THF meetup, Tuesday 11 Oct, 7pm, Brouge Gastropub TW2 5NG.

minutes after the start. He was met with a round of applause from Miss Nicholson and I who had waited to ensure he was safe. The younger generation do get accused of lacking resilience, so this is a perfect example of one of our students embodying our Turing values. Well done Noah.

Wear Yellow on Monday!

Turing House are proud to support Young Minds during Mental Health Week. On Monday we are inviting students and staff to join us in wearing something yellow to raise funds for the young Minds charity. Suggested donation is £1. All other standards regarding hair, jewellery, bags and make up remain. Thank you!



Next week, we will be showing young people that they're not alone with their mental health and raising vital funds for YoungMinds.



It's normal to have ups and downs – and this year might have felt a little more down than up. But it's the little things that have got us through it.

On Monday, let's celebrate the little things we can do to look after ourselves and support each other, and together, we can show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

The more people who show they care, the more comfortable young people will feel about talking to someone if they're struggling.

YOUNGMINDS

Dates for your diary:

10th October - Wear Yellow for Young Minds

11th October - THF meetup - 7pm

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

Congratulations!

Well done to Taran (Y11) for winning the Immerse Education Essay Competition and therefore a scholarship to a University Summer School.

We are so proud of Taran and encourage students to enter the 2023 competition here:

European Day of Languages – Bake Sale

Turing House held their yearly Bake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer and European day of languages. We raised £200 which will be donated to MacMillan Cancer. All year groups took part in the day with some achieving great baking feats, others channelling their inner salesperson, and some even pitching in with the clean up afterwards!



There was an amazing effort put in by all students that took part, and some excellent bakes on offer.

The queues during break and lunch were testament to that.



Well done to the sixth form students who delivered information during assembly throughout the week and ran the stalls as well as students in all other years who put efforts in to baking.





The languages team ran a competition for best bake and the winners were:



First position: Jonathan H. Year 7. The cake that says Turing House Bake Off 2022



Runner-up: Harsheen K. in Year 7.

Cross Country Club- Mini Marathon

Last Saturday, some of the Cross-Country club students ran in the first ever schools TCS London mini-marathon. Mr Evans, Mrs Lamb and Mr Quigley took students into the centre of London to compete over 2.6km, running past the Big Ben and finishing up the Mall, in the same place as where the London Marathon finishes.



It was a marvellous sunny day to be out running and representing Turing House School. A special thank you to all the parents who supported the students as they competed.





Year 8 Boys Football v Reigate

The year 8 boys played their first match in the Surrey Cup Competition this week. The football tournament follows a straight knockout format, so the pressure was on! The boys took on Reigate and laid down a strong marker for the rest of the year.

With the scores level at half time, the Turing team opted for a change in formation and continued to play a high-press game. Positive decision making at the break from the team paid off as they pulled off a superb 4-2 win and now progress through to the next round. Well done to all involved!



ECO Club

On Tuesday evening Eco club helped the site team by litter picking the playground and surrounding areas. Between us, we almost filled the equivalent of a whole bin bag of rubbish - just from one day!



Please support the school and the environment by disposing of your litter responsibly.

There are plenty of bins in the playground and a recycling station in the canteen. Do the right thing and protect the ecosystem that exists in our school grounds!

Maths Masters

With the start of the new academic year, we have restarted the leader board for the Maths homework platform, DrFrostMaths. Students can gain mastery points by completing their homework, doing extra

revision practice or working through exam questions on the website. The top 10 students currently are:

- 1. Abbie I (Y11) 1967 points
- 2. Bahar C (Y8) 1349 points
- 3. Lily J-M (Y11) 1180 points
- 4. Kimberly W (Y8) 1041 points
- 5. Muhra S (Y11) 930 points
- 6. Rayanne A (Y8) 839 points
- 7. Caiden P (Y12) 830 points
- 8. Sam B (Y11) 789 points
- 9. Jake T (Y10) 731 points
- 10. Ilyas S (Y7) 714 points

Come along to the Hut8 DrFrost club every Monday and Thursday after school (room 1.12) to complete your homework, gain mastery points and get on the leaderboard!

Sixth Form Mathematicians

Students from Y12 and Y13 took part in the annual UKMT Senior Maths Challenge this week. They had to complete a series of increasingly difficult multiplechoice questions with the use of a pencil, a blank page and their extensive Maths knowledge.



We are looking forward to receiving their results in the coming weeks!

A Christmas Carol

Parents of Year 10 and 11 students may be interested to know that many local theatres are showing 'A Christmas Carol' over the holiday period.

Viewing the show is great revision for this text which is assessed at GCSE. The Rose Theatre in Kingston has tickets starting at £8.

Tickets available here:

Passionate Historians - Year 9

Passionate Historians: Year 9 Edition

Scholarship and Fiction

The USA in the 1920s

- Jean Toomer, Cane 1923 (FICTION)
- Cary Wintz, The Harlem Renaissance: What Was It, and Why Does It Matter? 2015
- Frank Dikkoter, How to Be a Dictator: The Cult of Personality in the Twentieth Century .
- Richard Overy, The Dictators 2004
- Daniel Kalder, Dictator Literature: A History of Bad Books by Terrible People 2019 Anti-Semitism and The Holocaust

The Diary of Anne Frank

- Markus Zusak, The Book Thief, 2005
- Judy Batalion, The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in

Heroes of WW2

- Sinclair McKay. The Secret Life of Bletchley Park: The History of the Wartime Codebreaking Centre by the Men and Women Who Were There, 2011
- Peter Sikora , The Polish 'Few': Polish Airmen in the Battle of Britain, 2018

Kathryn Stockett, The Help, 2009 (FICTION) (there is a film tool)

- Rian Malan, My Traitor's Heart 1990



- The Dictator's Playbook IV mmi serves about dictatorships.
 The Zoo Keeper's Wife film about Nazi occupied Poland.
 The Imitation Game film about code-breaker Alan Turing.
 A Call to Spy film about resistance and espionage during WWIII.
 Sefma film about the March on Selma. Green Book film about segregation and discrimination.
- A Bridge of Spies film about the Cold
- War, focused on Berlin Invictus film about Mandela as



- You're Dead to Me by Greg Jenner
- Look for episodes on Josephine Baker, Notting Hill Carnival, and LGBTQ History, Homeschool, History by Greg Jenner look for the episode on the Space Race for Cold War. Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls podcast, the Noor Inayat Khan episode.



Sixth Form Netball Tournament

The sixth form girls took part in a borough wide netball tournament this week at Orleans Park.

While they didn't manage to come away as tournament victors on this occasion, it was the first time in a year since the girls had played together and still managed to show some great team cohesion.

Well done to all involved!



England v Japan Autumn Rugby

The men's rugby autumn international matches are fast approaching where England host various touring teams each year at Twickenham. Last year, we saw England v Tonga which was the first home match for England at

Year 7 Boys Football v Hampton High

The year 7 boys got their football campaign off to a flying start. They took on Hampton High and had the privilege of being the first football team to play a home match on our school field.

After settling into the game, the Turing team found some composure and netted two goals to secure a 2-0 victory. Well done to all involved!

Their second league game was scheduled for the following day due to scheduling availability - read on to find out how they got on in their second football fixture against Teddingon.

the COVID-19 maximum crowd capacity since pandemic.

This year, we will be going to see England v Japan on Saturday 12th November. We have been allocated 35 tickets which will soon be made available to those who have taken part in school rugby fixtures or have attended after-school rugby club - a letter will also be sent out shortly with more details so keep an eye out for this!

We will also have an opportunity to apply for tickets for England v France in the Women's Six Nations Championships which is in April 2023, again with availability being offered first to those who attend the girl's after-school rugby club.



Hypermobility Information Workshop

Wednesday 19th October at 10.00am

Sarah from Ehlers-Danlos Support UK (EDS UK) will be leading a workshop explaining what the different types of hypermobility are, where to find support and how to create a Fatigue Management Plan.

This workshop will be open to parents and school staff to improve understanding and support for hypermobile children and young people.

To book use this link

Autism and ADHD diagnosis and support

Tuesday 18th October at 11.00am and Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm

Rachel Oostra from NHS England has been reviewing the neurodevelopmental pathway (the systems that identify, diagnose and support neurodiverse children and young people) in Richmond. Join us for one of these two online workshops where Rachel will explain what support is available locally and listen to your views on what still needs to be improved. This workshop is only for parent carers in Richmond.

To book use this link

Year 7 English

In Year 7, we have been reading 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tun in English. The Arrival is a migrant story told as a series of wordless images. A man leaves his wife and child in an impoverished town, seeking better prospects in an unknown country on the other side of a vast ocean.

We have been working on using descriptive techniques in our own creative writing inspired by the issues in The Arrival.

Oliver M. (Y7) from our Journalism Club has chosen to share Markos A.s (Y7) work, as he feels the 'description was brilliant! It used great adjectives and kept me wanting more. The plot was juicy, the sentences were meaty and it was a fantastic story!'

Enjoy!

'BOOM... silence.

Water rushed vigorously, pounding against the fragile ship. The screams of thousands of mortified souls echoed around the rapidly descending vessel and out to the tremendous spines of wavy water.

The world stopped.

Sound was extinguished as time stood still. Where was his family? The love of his fragile life? Comprehension dawned on him as gigantic waves crashed and roared. He was engulfed. It slowly crept over the man and he realised he wasn't dreaming. Sound rushed back to him like particles filling a void. Water was up to his face, chilling his bones. It was too much. This was a night of a million nightmares.'

Book Review by Luke W. in 7N

Everyone knows the famous movie Jurassic Park, but have you ever wondered where they got the inspiration to make it?

The Jurassic Park novel was the beginning to the 1990 classic that ignited a 30 year franchise with millions of fans worldwide.

Jurassic Park is a science fiction novel written by Michael Crichton. A cautionary tale about genetic engineering; it presents the collapse of an amusement park showcasing cloned dinosaurs created from amber, but it all goes catastrophically wrong and illustrates the concept of 'the chaos theory 'and its real world implications.

Overall, I would say that this book is 9/10. It's captivating, riveting and exciting. If you want to be taken on a fascinating adventure with breath-taking description, I would suggest you start reading ASAP!

Brilliant Review - well done Luke!

Jazz Club

Jazz Club is a free opportunity for aspiring young musicians 14–17-year-olds. There will be a chance to work with Academy tutors, improve improv skills and work in small ensembles with other young instrumentalists from across London.

Dates: Saturdays 12th / 19th / 26th November 2022

Time: 2pm-5pm

Location: St Marks Church - 250 Old Marylebone Rd, London NW1 5BJ

The session will take place at **St Marks Church** and we recommend that nominated students are currently working at ABRSM / Trinity Guildhall at grade 5 level or above. Students will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis as recommended by their teachers or local music authority hub.

Application deadline 26th October 2022 at 4pm

For further information and to book please contact participation@ram.ac.uk with the instrument that you play and previous music experience.

