

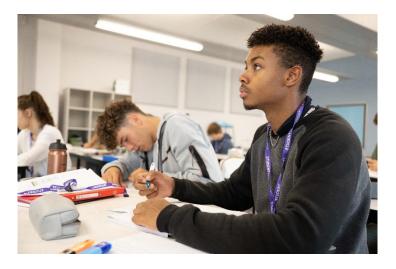
# Headteacher's Update

# 21st October 2022

# Message from Mr O'Sullivan

On Wednesday evening we held our first Sixth Form open evening. Over 600 people arrived on site to listen to a short briefing by the Sixth Form Management Team. Staff did an amazing job in their respective departments, talking to families in detail and organising different activities for students and parents, designed to help students to learn more about our Sixth Form offering.

Once again, the main selling point of our amazing school is our superb students who led the way in their interactions with the visiting parents young adults. There was an amazing buzz during the evening, with the highlight being the talks delivered by Zoe and Tom, our lead students.



We wish you all a happy, healthy and restful half term.

Please reach out to the Sixth Form team if you require any advice or guidance regarding the application process or subject queries.

As our first term draws to a close, I'd like to thank you all for your support in the local community with parking, and dropping off/picking up your children. Just a gentle reminder to all parents that all parking bays at the school are for staff only. Each bay is allocated to a staff member, so please don't park in them as it could compromise a member of staff being able to do their job.

Year 11 and 13 students should now be focused on the approaching mocks with revision timetables created and being followed. Building good revision strategies and processes now will be hugely beneficial for June.

Each year we produce a school development plan, looking at areas we can develop. This year our focus is on cognitive science which we hope will help our students with their ability to move a greater volume of information into their long term memory.

Parents play and important role in enabling students to retrieve learning. Have a look at our newsletter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September for more information.

Dates for your diary:

21st October – INSET Day

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March – We Will Rock You school show

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# Stay Safe

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable and restful half term. We want to remind you to stay safe when you head out with your friends.

- stay alert
- stick to busy, well-lit roads, and avoid short cuts through alleyways
- if you think someone is following you, cross the road or go to a place with lots of people around, like a bus stop or shop; call 999 if needed
- when travelling by bus, try to use bus stops on busy roads
- if someone tries to take something from you, never fight – hand it over
- keep mobile phones and other valuables out of sight, turn off your mobile phone ringer to avoid attracting attention
- parents/carers, know where your children are going and who they are with.

# Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are very sad to say goodbye to one of our founding teachers, Mrs Winch, who leaves us today.

Mrs Winch was instrumental in bringing music to life at Turing House and organising some amazing concerts throughout the years, showcasing the musical talent we have at Turing. We wish her well with her future plans!



We also say goodbye to Mr Broad our IT technician; we wish him all the best for the future and thank him for all his hard work helping us all with our IT issues!

We would like to wish Ms Davison all the best as she starts her maternity leave – we look forward to meeting her new arrival in the New Year.

#### Thank you!

A huge Turing House thank you – we have raised the following amounts for charity:

£50 for RNLI from Sixth Form RAG week

£200 for MacMillan from 6<sup>th</sup>form cake sale & European Day of Languages Bake Sale

£536.81 for Young Mind from HelloYellow day.



#### Year 11 drama coursework

Congratulations to our Year 11 drama classes who completed their coursework this week. The students have to work in groups to devise their own piece of theatre and write an essay to document the process.



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This year's pieces were on the theme of school exclusion, the reasons behind it and the impact that it can have on young people.



## Eureka Day

We are delighted to be part of the Old Vic Schools Club again this year.



20 of our GCSE and A-Level drama students took part in a play writing workshop with staff from the Old Vic education team before going to see the play 'Eureka Day'.

#### Coding Club

#### **Rock Paper Scissors Masters**

This week in the Hut8 Coding Club, students were building a Rock Paper Scissors Simulator. They learnt about 'if' statements, user inputs and logic operators in C#, using Visual Studio.



They also learnt about how many times you have to retry until you can beat the computer (the correct answer is "many, especially if you have bugs in your code!").

In the end, Maya M-G even managed to add the extra functionality of asking the user whether they want to keep playing - very impressive! If you want to learn how to create your own game in C# and then play it as well, join the Hut8 Coding Club on Thursdays after school in 1.13.

# UCAS Early Entry

Congratulations to our UCAS early entrants in Year 13 whose UCAS applications were successfully sent off on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Jack, Lilu and Kai have all applied to Cambridge, and Ayni has applied to study medicine.

I'm sure you will join us in wishing these students the very best of luck with their applications.

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## Black History Month

To mark Black History Month many of our students made a pledge to learn more about black history outside of the classroom.

Here you can see many of them wearing the stickers our Year 11 History Prefects designed to show their support and the pledge they have made.



# Year 7/8 Girls Football v Twickenham

Last week, the combined Year 7 and 8 girls football team made the short trip across the road to take on Twickenham. The girls were looking to build on the previous week and had identified key areas of the game to target for improvement.

Despite losing by two goals to the home side, the Turing team made some great progress with holding their shape in attack and defence. Well done to all involved! Read on to find out how they got on in their last match against Richmond upon Thames.



# Year 9 & 10/11 Girls Netball v Richmond upon Thames

Last week, both senior girls' netball teams were in action against Richmond upon Thames, playing away from home. The Year 9 team put in a fantastic effort in each quarter but were just edged out by a small margin of goals as the home side took the win.

The Year 10/11 team pulled off a stunning victory to level the double fixture result; a flurry of goals in the first quarter set the tone as they managed to keep their form consistent throughout the match. Well done to all involved!





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# 6<sup>th</sup> Form Football v Waldegrave

The 6<sup>th</sup> form boys were back in action on the football pitch this week.

They faced a determined Waldegrave side in what proved to be an entertaining game filled with scoring opportunities, some of which were taken and some denied by both sides.

The Turing team came back to level the score in the second half having come from being 2-0 down. However, it was the visitors who stole the lead with a last-minute match winner as Waldegrave won 3-2.

Well done to everyone involved!

#### Physics - Free lecture

An excellent opportunity to attend a free lecture at Royal Holloway, University of London, on dark matter suitable for GCSE and A-level students interested in Physics. If you have any questions, see Mr Hall.



#### Year 7 Boys Football v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys were back in action last week on the football field. This time they took on Twickenham at home and were looking to maintain their unbeaten run in the league. The Turing team started strong and showed no signs of getting complacent or slowing down as they ran in a flurry of goals in a spectacular display of attacking football. Well done to all involved!



#### 7/8 Girls Football v Richmond upon Thames

The combined Year 7 and 8 girls football team took on Richmond upon Thames at home. Having put up a good fight against Twickenham in the previous game, the girls were looking to build on the strong defence that they established while improving their use of width in attack.

The Turing team managed to hold their own and keep a clean sheet right up until the end of the first half. From that point, RTS scored a couple of well worked goals which were enough to secure the win.

The girls didn't give up, however, and should be proud of their performance. Well done to all involved!



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## Christmas Day Dinner Charity 2022

The Christmas Day Dinner is an annual event for care leavers aged 18+ to celebrate their resilience and create positive memories.

Members of the community get together to create a unique Christmas Day experience. The aim of the event is very simple: that no young adult care leaver should feel alone on Christmas Day.

They started as group of volunteers lead by Sian Thomas, a local nurse at the time, who founded the Richmond Christmas Day Dinner in 2017.

With the help of an incredible community, they have been able to put on a magical Christmas Day event every year since, for up to 60 care leavers and their children - even during the pandemic when they delivered Christmas to their doors.

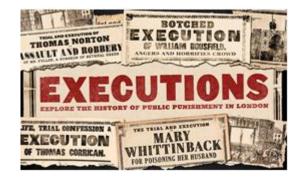
<u>https://youtu.be/FweOvDiblMw</u> – Christmas Day Dinner 2019

https://youtu.be/D8X6KZt9xQ4 - Community Heroes' Awards: Christmas Day Dinner Richmond

Make a donation - Christmas Day Dinner 2022 - JustGiving

#### Exhibition – Museum of London

From Smithfield to Southwark, from Banqueting House to Newgate Prison, executions became embedded in London's landscape from the 12th century right through to the 19th. Even today, hints of this uncomfortable past can still be seen across the capital.



The Museum of London Docklands has brought the rarely told and often tragic human stories behind these events to a new exhibition. Executions showcases a range of fascinating objects, paintings and projections, including the vest said to have been worn by King Charles I when he was executed, a recreation of the Tyburn gallows with an immersive projection, last letters of the condemned, and much more.

Many of the items on display have rarely been seen in public. This is your chance to discover how, over nearly 700 years, public executions came to shape the city we know today.

Look here for further details:

www.museumoflondon.org.uk

# Year 7 History – Family Trees

Year 7 have been researching a project of their family trees!





# Learn to Row - half term course



We are a very friendly Rowing Club, on the River Thames, near Teddington Lock. Our Fleet of racing boats is one of the best in the area and we have top class junior coaches.

We are running a Learn to Row course, for school years 8 to 10 in October Half Term.

Course dates: 24 - 28th October 2022 (5 days, 2pm to 4pm) Course Cost: £200

