

4th November 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

I was delighted to watch some of the Year 8/9 combined basketball team this week. Not only did they win their game but the camaraderie and team work on display was very Turing. I was lucky to walk through the door just in time to Marley in Year 9 run the length of the entire court, passing several of the opposition, and score a lovely basket. The opposition team had far greater experience of playing competitive basketball so to come out victorious was very rewarding. Well done, Team Turing!

On a separate note, I would like to remind all parents to ensure that their children have Oyster cards. We continue to be incredibly lucky with the buses parking on site and I would like that to continue. I have been made aware (and seen this whilst on duty) of a large volume of students who have forgotten their cards. I would suggest all students placing the card in the back case of their mobile phones. These never get forgotten!



Year 8 virtual Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 10th November. Booking will go live for parents from 19:00 on Tues 1st November.

Mandarin Chinese Speaking Required

Ms Riglin currently teaches Chinese History, specially looking at the Mao era, as part of Turing House's A-Level History course.

One of the topics which students study on this course is how the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) were firmly committed to language reform after their 1949 takeover.

Students learn about how the CCP initially concentrated on simplifying the traditional writing system and on a massive literacy program (did you know that about 80% of the population was largely illiterate at the time of the proclamation of the People's Republic)!



Dates for your diary:

10th November – Year 8 virtual Parents' Evening
29th/30th March – We Will Rock You school show

With this in mind, students have begun to take a deeper interest into Mandarin and are keen to know if any parents or carers would be keen to volunteer an hour or so of their time to teach a beginner's class on the Mandarin language to around 30 History A-Level students and Ms Riglin.

If you think you may have the time to help out, please email Ms Riglin via the main office, and a massive thank you in advance!

Turing House Christmas Card Competition

Your task is to design an original Christmas card that represents **Turing House School!** It must include the THS logo or the colours of our school.

The winning design (picked by Mr O Sullivan) will be digital, so entries can be any size (A6, A5, A4, A3) but remember the design will be scanned and converted into a digital design. This means it must be a **flat** design (no origami, glitter, beads, and nothing shiny).

The student with the winning design will get to see their artwork in print, as well as earn bonus points for their tutor group! This Christmas card will be sent to parents and friends of Turing. All designs must be submitted to Miss MacDouall or your current Art teacher. If your design is digital, please email art@turinghouseschool.org.uk. This competition opened on Monday 31st October, and the deadline is Friday 18th November.



Above it the card produced by last year's winner, Emilia G. who is now in Year 8.

Good luck and get creative!

GCSE History Berlin Trip

by Taran V. (Y11 History Prefect)

On Friday 21st of October, Year 10 and 11 students embarked on a four-day trip to Berlin to learn more about Berlin and to take in some German culture.

Day 1: Our first day was an amazing. After our flight we dropped off our luggage at the hostel and made a quick stop to the supermarket, buying all we could carry!

After eating we visited one of the 2000 memorials in Germany to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust; it consists of 2711 concrete steles, designed in such a manner where upon entering the noise of everything around you began to block out. After that we made a visit to the Brandenburg Gate, before heading to the Reichstag, the German Parliament. We were lucky enough to have a fantastic view on top of the Reichstag before heading to the hostel for a lovely dinner.

Day 2: On the second day we had a tour around Berlin with a wonderful tour guide called Johnathan. He gave us a tour showing us historic monuments and telling us very fascinating facts about Berlin in the Cold War and World War Two. We even stood above the secret Nazi bunker where Hitler spent the last days of his life. In the afternoon we visited a museum called the Palace of Tears, visited a German market and walked along the river. In the evening we visited Berliner Fernsehturm, otherwise known as The TV Tower, giving us all another wonderful view of Berlin.

Day 3: On the third day, we learnt about how life changed during and after WW2 in Germany. We visited the Topography of Terror Museum, which taught us about the events that led to the Nazi rise to power but also the changed Hitler implemented into German life.

Afterwards we visited the Berlin Hohenschönhausen, a former Soviet base which is now dedicated to teaching the new generations about the stasi and the brutal punishments those in East Germany had to endure if captured by the stasi. Some of us were even given a tour by a former inmate. In the evening we were able to relax as we went bowling (and learnt that some of us were better at bowling than others!).

Day 4: Day four was our final day and after an amazing visit to the East Side Gallery of the Berlin Wall, we visited the DDR Museum. This taught us what the life was like in East Germany during the Cold War and how Soviet influence impacted the average citizen during their lives. This ranged from what media they were allowed to watch, to if they were able to drink a cup of coffee.

Then we took a short walk to the Bebel Square, a memorial to all the pieces of literature burned by the Nazi's in their quest for a 'pure Germany'. After getting lunch we headed to collect our luggage from the hostel and then to the airport. Ending on a dramatic note, there was a problem at security so half of the group got caught up in a queue, meaning some of us had to quickly rush through the Duty-Free Zone to dash to the plane... only to find out that our flight had been delayed by an hour!

Overall, we had a wonderful trip and would highly recommend going on a school history trip to younger students who have not yet!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Dillon W. in Year 11, who has just passed his Lifeguard, CPR & First Aid course and is now a fully qualified RLSS Lifeguard!

A long but fulfilling half-term for him in which he had to complete 40 hours of training.

Well done, Dillon!

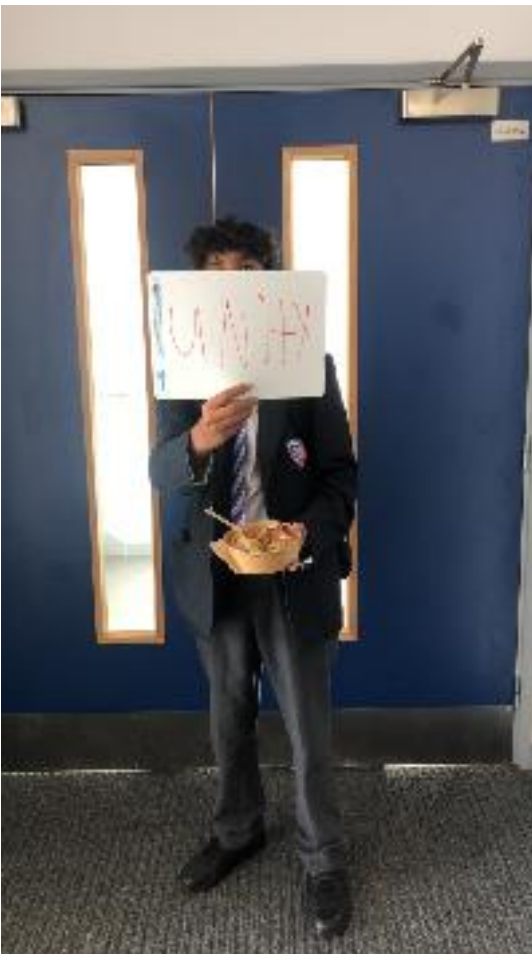
Celebrating Black History Month

Written by Thomas H. in Year 10

Turing House School celebrated Black History Month by celebrating the contributions that black people have made and by learning about key figures such as Mary Seacole, Martin Luther King and Roy Hackett.

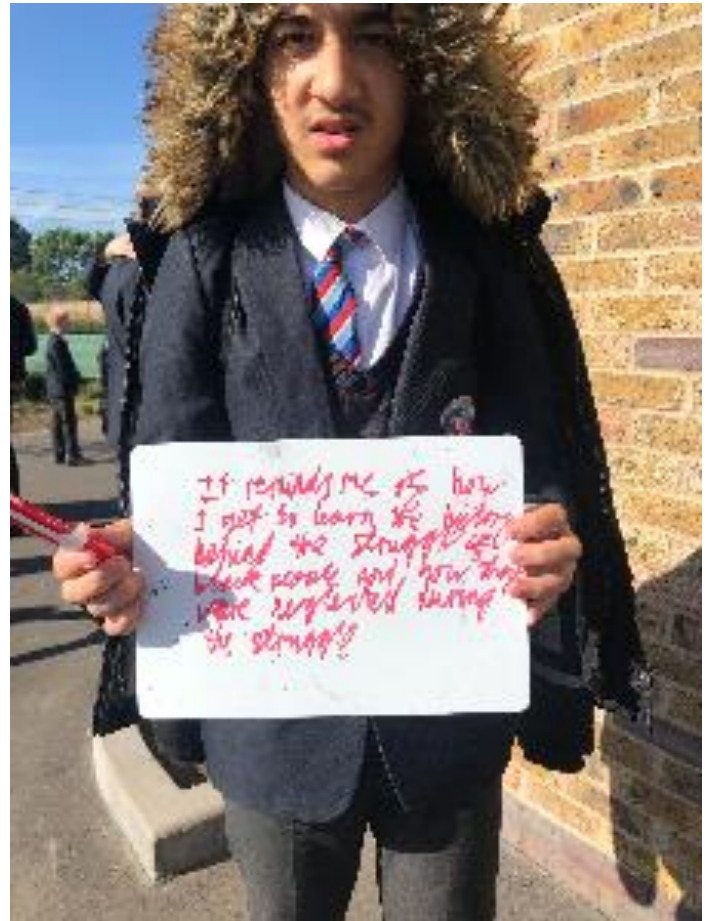
Students' Opinions

I asked some students around school what this month means to them. This is what they said:



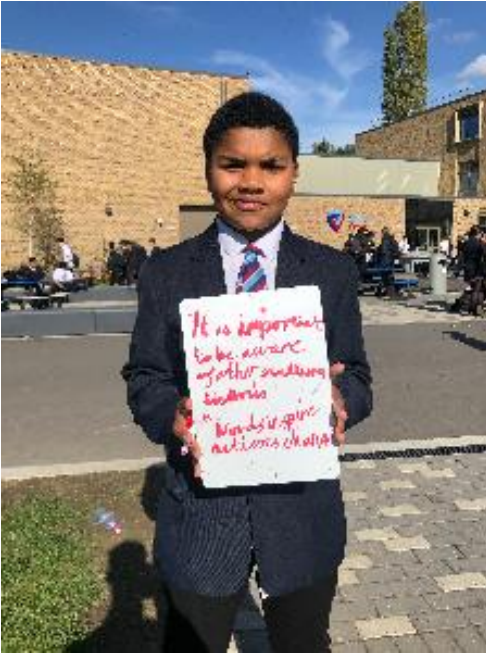
Eashan in Year 10 stated that it is about "unity" and coming together.

We also have Avani and Sienna in Year 10 saying that Black History Month is to them "Celebrating different cultures".



Abdul, also in Year 10, stated "It reminds me of how I get to learn the history behind the struggle of black people and how they were neglected during the struggle". This clearly shows us how important this month is to Turing House Students.





Malikai, in Year 8, hosted multiple assemblies to different year groups about Black History; this is part of his quote: "It is important to be aware of other cultures' history." Then he wrote our school's quote for this month: "words inspire, actions change".



Kayla and Malikai in Year 8 presented assemblies on Black History, learning about Ms Riglin's friend who has Jamaican ancestry and ran for Great Britain and now Jamaica. Incredible! Students also were reminded about life in early Jamaica as well as the Bristol bus boycotts, led by Roy Hackett.

Ms Riglin, who lead Black History Month in our school, handed out stickers with black icons and we made a pledge to learn about their contribution to society. Whilst Black History Month is coming to an end, the school strives to continue diversifying the curriculum.

Paris 2022

From Thursday 20th - Monday 24th October, 70 Year 9 students and nine teachers went on a trip to Paris.

The group got up to lots of exciting activities such as going up the Montparnasse and Eiffel Tower, visiting the science museum and going shopping in Montmartre Market.

The highlight of the trip for many of students, was the day at Disneyland Paris, where students got to experience lots of rollercoasters, as well as the evening fireworks display.



A big thank you to all the staff who volunteered their time to take part in the trip - Mr Newman, Mr Hall, Mrs Harper, Ms Sabharwal, Ms Nicholl, Mr Winstanley, Ms Johnson, Ms Winstanley and Mr Jacks.



World Challenge

Years 10, 11 and 12 have been offered the exciting opportunity to join World Challenge in Summer 2024 for an expedition to eSwatini. Please visit the trip website for more details and to take a look at the itinerary:

<https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/E2JD7YL/>.

World Challenge will be running an information evening on Thursday 10th November via Zoom for families who wish to find out more. To register for the information evening, please use the URL code below, or apply through the website link.



Poppy Appeal

From next week, Senior Prefects will be visiting tutor time selling poppies in commemoration of Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November.

If you would like to purchase one, please bring in some change to contribute.

On Friday 11th November, further items (rulers, keyrings etc.) will also be on sale at lunchtime from the Sixth Form Common Room entrance, near the bike shelter.



Sixth Form – Spooky Halloween day

On Monday, the Sixth form hosted a spooky Halloween day – the common room was decorated, and students took part in gingerbread skeleton decorating! They also received a buffet at lunch.



Students and staff were invited to dress up and we had some excellent costumes. Beatrice in Year 13 won the

best costume competition, with close runners up in Max R, Spike and Treisi.



Thank you to all staff and students that took part!



Online History Workshops

Oxford University's Faculty of History offers free online History Skills Workshops to state secondary school, sixth form and FE college pupils in years 12 & 13 from across the UK.

If you are interested, further details can be found [here](#).

Enchanted Woodland – SEND Students

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Richmond Parent Carer Forum are offering families with S.E.N.D. the chance to visit the Enchanted Woodland for **FREE** on Saturday 19th November, 4.20pm

- **Register** as a Richmond PCF Member for FREE here: <https://www.richmondpcf.org.uk/membership/>
- Use the **QR code** below or this [link](#) to book your place booking opens at **10am on Wednesday 2nd November**

Not a Richmond PCF member yet?
Membership is FREE and open to anyone whose child with SEND is aged 0-25 years and lives or accesses services in Richmond.

Book here:



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Uni of Birmingham – Summer School

The National Access Summer School (NASS) is a four-day residential designed to introduce Year 12 students from across England and Wales, to university life and higher education.

Applications for the programme will open in early 2023. If you're interested in the programme, make sure to register your details and they will send you an alert when applications open. Register [here](#).

Sports Update

Student Success - Rugby

A host of Year 9 boys recently attended trials to obtain selection into either the Harlequins or London Irish Rugby Development Player Programme. These trials are incredibly competitive as selection is limited to just 40 spaces, with hundreds of players in attendance to

choose from. Well done to all Turing House students who attended the trials, and a big congratulations goes to Kaya Featherstone for being selected for the London Irish programme, and Charlie Thomas and Lennon Chalmers for being selected for the Harlequins programme - well done boys!

Year 9 Boys Rugby v Gunnersbury

The Year 9 boys' rugby team travelled to Gunnersbury to compete in the first round of the Middlesex Rugby Cup earlier this week. The two teams proved to be an even contest for one another as the game saw several well worked tries, ensuring that neither team held onto the lead for too long. With pressure mounting from the home side, the Turing team were pinned deep in their own 22 and on their try line for extended periods in both halves, but pulled off fantastic defensive efforts and were able to stay in the fight. However, the home team managed to score a last minute winning try to take the victory in what was an entertaining match. Well done to all involved!



U14 Boys Basketball v Coombe Wood

A combined Year 8 and 9 boys team took on Coombe Wood, from South Croydon, in a basketball fixture this week. This fixture was the first of a series of games as part of the additional and wider basketball league they have joined for this year. The Turing team got off to a flying start in the first quarter and showed no signs of

slowing down at any point. The game ended with a Turing win - a fantastic start to the new league. Well done to everyone involved.



Year 9 Boys Rugby v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 9 boys played their second rugby fixture before breaking up for the half term. Playing at home again, this time they were up against Richmond upon Thames. Having been on the receiving end of a heavy defeat in their first game, the Turing team were looking for redemption, and redemption is exactly what they managed to achieve. The boys put on an unbelievable effort in defence, paired with some fast feet in attack, and managed to come back from being 12-0 down to draw 17 points apiece. Well done to all involved! Although a different code of rugby, this was good preparation for the boys who are competing in a rugby league tournament against other Richmond Borough

schools this week, with the winner progressing through to represent Richmond at the regional stages. The Year 7 and Year 8 boys' rugby teams also have their rugby league tournaments coming up in the next few weeks; results to follow.



Brentford v Watford Women's Football

For the first time, the Gtech Community Stadium will host a Brentford Women's fixture on Sunday 13th November, 3pm, against Watford Ladies Development. This game is **FREE** to watch. Gates will open at 2pm on Sunday 13th November for the 3pm kick-off against Watford Ladies Development in the London South East Regional Women's Football League Division One North. The South Stand will be open for this big day for the team. Use the following link to get your [free tickets](#).

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