

18th November 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Wow! When I read through all the collated articles that make up our newsletter I am always impressed by the adventures of our students. This week has simply blown me away with the endeavours acknowledged below. To have a 100th Park Runner, a student standing outside of No.10, Basketball Champions, and Remembrance Day participants all in one week should be bottled and used in advertisements for 'Get into Teaching' (I use this term loosely because all the roles in a school are the pieces that complete the whole). Added to this, I was delighted to attend the Jack Petchey Presentation for our 2021-22 winners at the Rose Theatre on Wednesday. Not only did eight of our students (one was still at university) shake the Mayor's hand, Mrs Woodcock, a stalwart for Turing House since 2015, also received the Leader Award.

I also couldn't be prouder this week of the maturity and commitment our Year 11 students have shown in the completion of their mock examinations. Each day they have arrived focused and ready to do their best.

This week also draws to a close anti-bullying week. So I would like to end with a simple message: be kind to one another. Be the person that builds people up, gives them confidence and helps them thrive.



Introducing Zoe and Tom - Head Students



Innovate Catering

Our Catering Company would like parents and students to complete the survey below. It is to find out what food the students like and ways in which the canteen can be improved. Thank you.

Please click here: [Canteen Student Survey](#)

Dates for your diary:

14th December – School Christmas Dinner

15th December – Christmas Jumper Day/Last Day of Term

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

We are delighted to announce our two new Head Students, Tom P. and Zoe F., both in Year 13. Tom and Zoe impressed Mr O'Sullivan and Mrs Curtis with insightful and mature presentations on how we can improve the stretch of Sixth Form throughout the school, as well as remaining composed and considered throughout their interviews.

Tom and Zoe are excellent figure heads for our Turing students. They are very excited to commence their role and will be introducing themselves to all students in the school across the next week. Well done, Tom and Zoe!

Student Council

Thursday saw the first Turing House Student Council meeting of the term. Council reps. from across all years in the school joined together, working in different focus groups to discuss their key issues and make suggestions to improve these. The energy and focus in the room was wonderful, with lots of valuable contributions being made. A special thanks to our Senior Prefects for leading and organising the event.



Year 11 Trip – Journey's End

Year 11 had a great time at Esher Theatre, watching 'Journey's End', one of their set texts, come to life on stage.

The play portrays life in the WW1 trenches and the horrors of war. We had the privilege of speaking to the actors and director afterwards, and they gave some interesting insights into the characters they play.

We spoke about the similarities between Hibbert and Stanhope, but the contrasting ways they deal with the strain of war. They also explained some elements of context to the students and helped them think about life at the time.



'I really enjoyed the acting; each character was portrayed really well.' - Sabah.

'I liked how each character portrayed a different aspect of the war, and how different people experienced it.' – Hanna.

'I particularly enjoyed the portrayal of Hibbert and the way he suffers, which helps us understand what it was like.' – Alice.

'The play had a really strong message. It focuses on men's mental health during WW1, which is an important issue because it portrays PTSD, known back then as shellshock, of soldiers incredibly well. It shows people trying to forget about the war and distract themselves in the dugout.

There's less focus on fighting, and more focus on the human beings and how they tried to cope with what they were going through. The setting of the dugout helps portray this as it's all you really see. You can hear the fighting outside, but it's focused on what's going on inside.' – Daniel F.

Careers Fair – Help needed!

Turing House are holding their first ever Careers Fair on Tuesday 18th April 2023 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm!

Thank you so much to all the Parents/Carers who have already signed up to participate.

We are hoping to have representatives from a wide variety of careers available for our Year 10/11 & 12 students and their parents to widen their knowledge of the vast array of opportunities open to them in the future.

Are you able to help us in any way? Do you run a company or have an interesting job that our students may be interested in?

Are you willing spend some time telling them about your experience in the workplace/your career path?

If you feel this is something you are able to do, please contact us on info@turinghouseschool.org.uk with a brief overview of your career/company/contact details and we will be in touch with further details.

New Clubs just started!

We have two new clubs added to our extra-curricular offer:

Chess Club run by Mr Lewis in 2.01 on Tuesday lunch times



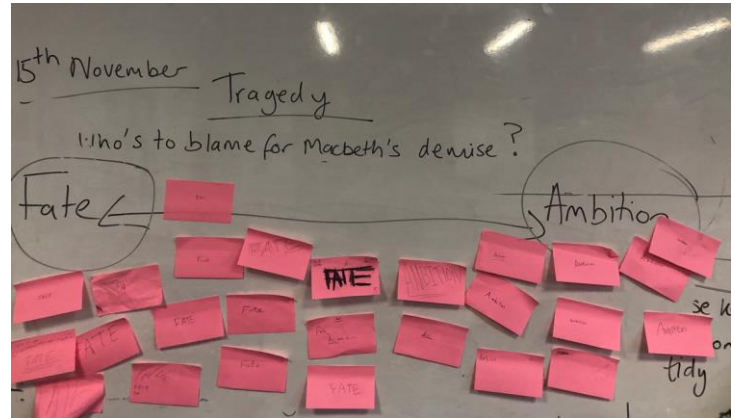
Time for Game: a boardgame-based club run by Ms Beeharry in room 2.07 on Monday lunch times. These, are both open to all year groups.

Don't forget Homework Club runs Monday to Thursday after school for 3pm to 4pm in Room 0.16. Students can access the school system and get their homework done

there; this can reduce any worries, and they can go home having done all their homework.

Year 10 - Macbeth

The English class 10A/En1 with Ms Lewis, is enthralled by the tragedy of Macbeth, the tale of the murderous Scottish King, with blood on his hands. At the end of the class, we voted on what was to blame for Macbeth's demise - fate or ambition. Fate triumphed.



Christmas Lunch – Weds 14th December

Our date for our Christmas Lunch is Wednesday 14th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, **bookings are open on Parent Pay from now until Mon 5th Dec as a separate item.** The cost is £2.55 and please state any dietary needs for your child.

If a student does not wish to have a Christmas meal, then they must bring a **packed lunch** for the day as no other food will be available for purchasing.

Students eligible for **Free School Meals** will automatically be provided with a full Christmas meal so no need to pre-book if your child is on Free School Meals.

Jack Petchey Awards

Nominations are open for any member of staff, student or parents to complete the survey. If you know someone that has done something brilliant, or is simply brilliant, you can vote for them by clicking [here](#).



Charity Christmas Jumper Day



Save the Children

Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the final day of term (15th December) in return for a charitable donation; any funds raised will be donated to Save the Children.

The rest of the school uniform remains the same; this is not a non-uniform day but students in Christmas jumpers won't be required to wear their blazers.. For those students who do not own a Christmas jumper, feel free to decorate something you have at home with tinsel or something Christmassy.

U14 Boys Basketball Tournament

A combined year 8 and 9 basketball team took part in the borough basketball tournament at Christ's School this week. With some of our basketball teams competing in additional leagues this year, the boys were well drilled and raring to go on the court once again.

This showed on the day as the Turing team won their pool without losing a single game and went on to play Teddington in the final. As is often the case in basketball when two strong teams come together, this final match proved to be hugely entertaining and fiercely competitive. The Turing team managed to emerge victorious in dramatic fashion - with the scores tied, it came down to a buzzer beater in the last quarter to win the match!

This tournament win has qualified the team for the London Youth Games later in the year which is an excellent achievement. Well done to all involved!



Congratulations

Well done to James C. who completed his 100th park run on the weekend.



All Cross-Country students have been braving the early mornings and weather, preparing for the Borough Championships in early December.



THS at Twickenham for England v Japan

England took on Japan at Twickenham Stadium as part of the Rugby Autumn Nations fixtures over the weekend, with the match finishing 52-13 to England.



THS were in attendance with 35 students watching on and enjoying the action-packed game, as England looked to put on a show and bounce back from defeat against Argentina in the previous week.

In the women's game, the Red Roses played New Zealand in a thrilling World Cup final which England came agonisingly close to winning.

We have been allocated 20 tickets to see England v France - who came third in the World Cup - in the Woman's Six Nations Championship on April 29th 2023 and information on this trip will be sent out soon, with priority going to those who attend the after-school rugby club.



Disability History Month 2022

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Fiction Texts	Non-Fiction Texts	Poems	Popular Culture
<p>The Reason I Jump Hochstadt, David</p> <p>The story of a 13 year old boy with autism. The book demonstrates how an autistic mind thinks, feels, perceives, and responds in ways few of us can.</p>	<p>I Am Not A Label Cecile Breard</p> <p>A collection of biographies of disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists with beautiful illustrations, including mental health and invisible disabilities.</p>	<p>Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry of Disability Shirley Black et al.</p> <p>An anthology of poems about disability and identity.</p>	<p>Arts Mind the Gap</p> <p>Mind the Gap is England's leading learning disability performance and live arts company – their website lists a range of events to go and see or participate in.</p>
<p>Our Diversity Makes Us Stronger Elizabeth Cole</p> <p>A book which provides a powerful way of teaching children about diversity, loving and valuing yourself, and respecting differences.</p>	<p>Just Like Me: 40 neurologically and physically diverse people who broke stereotypes Laura Gooding</p> <p>40 stories of inspirational figures around the world who are neurodivergent or disabled.</p>	<p>Disabled Willful Dawn Neil Mace</p> <p>He sat in a wheelchair, waiting for dawn, And advanced in his gait, just as if grey, Legless, were short at elbow. Through the park I hear of those strong waddening like a crane.</p>	<p>Theatre The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</p> <p>Performance dates can be found here: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/the-curious-incident-of-the-dog-in-the-night-time</p>
<p>It Feels Like I'm Being Eaten Coco Bell</p> <p>A graphic novel which explores the experiences of the author and hearing loss.</p>	<p>No One is Too Small to Make A Difference Greta Thunberg</p> <p>The speeches of Greta Thunberg detailing why we need to tackle climate change and fight to protect the planet.</p>	<p>Disabled Country Neil Mace</p> <p>If there were a country called disabled, I would be from there. I see disabled culture, and disabled food, make disabled love, cry disabled tears, drink disabled mead and eat disabled staves.</p>	<p>Film The Peanut Butter Falcon</p> <p>The film tells the story of a man with Down Syndrome pursuing his dream of becoming a professional wrestler.</p>
<p>Wonder R.J. Palacio</p> <p>Wonder is a magical story about a boy who cannot find his voice but then one day he finds a way and discovers a hidden world where animals speak.</p>	<p>Sitting Pretty Bethany Foxing</p> <p>Getting pretty has written a memoir about her life growing up in the 90s-00s as a paraplegic girl.</p>	<p>New/renamed Philly Dineen</p> <p>Been again with our musical contribution, the excitement The challenge The new me, begins</p>	<p>Museum British Museum</p> <p>Six objects focusing on disability in history are discussed</p>
<p>A Mind of Its Own Eric Mitchell</p> <p>A story of an autistic girl who embarks on a creative to challenge the mindset of her local village and have a memorial created to honour persecuted women during the 19th/20th.</p>	<p>How To Talk To An Autistic Kid Daniel Stanfords</p> <p>Daniel, aged 24, has written a social skills guide for children without autism to get to know children with autism</p>	<p>Here's To The Children Who Don't Quite Fit Gary Shalman</p> <p>Here's to the children who don't quite fit Who are around actively when all the others sit Who look at the world through eyes unique And into their souls you'd love to peek</p>	<p>Art Disability and Art</p> <p>This page was created with the help of staff and volunteers from Turing's disability network.</p>

Preparing for Adulthood

Green Corridor's 'Preparing for Adulthood' Event is targeted at exploring next steps for young people with Special Educational Needs. We would like to invite parents, carers, local schools, and local businesses to our Learning & Development Centre. On this day you will have the opportunity to speak to our Careers Team, and our other dedicated staff about next steps for your young person. There will be opportunities to speak to several supported internship providers, for those looking at gaining training and work experience in readiness for the future. This will take place on Friday 2nd December 2022. Go to greencorridor.org.uk and search Preparing for Adulthood Event to book.

Remembrance Day Parade



Thank you to all the students who turned up for the Remembrance Day Parade last Sunday. It was an honour to share the walk from the Teddington British Legion to the War Memorial outside of Teddington Memorial Hospital. There were seven students in THS uniform including Spike in Year 12, who squeezed into his old blazer. There were also a whole host of students representing the various local organisations also present. The ceremony was expertly led by the team at St Mary with St Albans. Of particular note this year was

the lovely round of applause for the war veterans as they made their way past the cenotaph.



Visit to Downing Street

The Rugby League World Cup organisers and teams were welcomed at 10 Downing Street on 8th November.

Elliot E-B was one of 18 young rugby league players from Elmbridge Eagles Rugby League Club who made the most of the Downing Street Garden to have a game of rugby league in front of the men's, women's and wheelchair trophies and watching guests.

Michelle Donelan, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport hosted the reception for representatives of all 32 competing nations but Dominic Raab, Deputy Prime Minister, also stopped for a photograph with the team!



The Railway Children

This Thursday two Year 9 classes and four Year 8 students were lucky enough to visit Cineworld to watch 'The Railway Children Return'. The film linked well with their current studies of World War Two and helped students to understand evacuation during the war.



It was an enjoyable morning out, with students commenting that "It was great to feel like I really understood the context and background to the film after studying these periods in class" and "I enjoyed the scenery in particular; the film had a good message about standing up for what is right".

A special thank you to two brilliant parent volunteers who helped to make the trip possible - thank you!

Year 9/10 Girls Basketball v Twickenham

The combined Year 8/9 girls' basketball team made the short journey across the road to Twickenham to play their first league match. With an ability to draw similarities between skills required in netball and skills that can be transferred to basketball, the girls made a positive start and focused on a different aspect in each quarter.

That match finished with a narrow win to the home team but the girls remain determined and look forward to the next one. Their next match is against Hampton High where the Turing team will be looking to enjoy their first home match and hopefully come away with the win.

Well done to everyone involved!



Year 11 Boys Football v Twickenham

Last week, the Year 11 football team took on Twickenham at home as their league resumed from last term. The match proved to be a close contest for the whole 90 minutes as both sides battled to find a way to breach each other's organised defence.

Eventually, one team enjoyed a short period of being ahead by one goal, before an equaliser came from the other side and the match continued in spectacularly close fashion, as the game finished 1-1.

Well done to all involved!

Judo Club

Over the last few weeks at judo club, which runs every Tuesday after school, some students have been taking part in a grading.

Gradings in judo involve students being formally assessed on their skill, technique and knowledge - a successful grading enables a judoka to move up a grade and, depending on the grade, gain a new belt!

Well done to everyone at judo club who has completed a grading recently!



Yr 8 Boys Football v Matthew Arnold School

The year 8 football team took part in the second round of their cup tie, having beaten Reigate in the first round. This time, they were playing at home and taking on Matthew Arnold School.

The Turing team laid down a big marker for the rest of the competition as they created what seemed like endless opportunities in attack to claim a big win. They now wait for the draw to see who they will come up against in their next game as they progress through to the next round. Well done to all involved!

Year 10 Girls Basketball v Twickenham

With basketball fixtures in full flow for many of our teams, the Year 10/11 girls kicked off their league campaign this week as they were playing away against Twickenham.

Showing an ability for quickly identifying and responding to areas for improvement, the Turing team appeared to grow into the game as they showed more and more attacking intent within each quarter. This gave the girls a sense of urgency on the court as they sought to punish holes in defence by executing a series of fast breaks.

Their efforts paid off as they secured the win, 22-6 in their favour. Their next game is against Hampton High in a few weeks' time. Well done to all involved!

Year 10/11 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 10/11 boys were back in action this week on the basketball court, taking on Twickenham at home and riding high off the back of a big win in their previous match.

The Turing team showed no signs of their positive start to their league campaign being a one-off - the boys maintained a certain intensity throughout the match that denied the opposition a chance to settle into the game and they came away with another big win. They now have a break for a week or two before their next game which is against Teddington.

Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Table Tennis Tournament

Two Turing House teams took part in the Year 7 table tennis borough tournament this week, hosted at our school.

Several schools from across the borough were in attendance - there was no shortage of skill, enthusiasm and competitive spirit as the final standings were very close by the end of the competition. Both Turing teams finished in joint second place and only just missed out on first place by one match! A brilliant effort - well done to all involved! Year 8 students will get their turn to compete in the table tennis tournament next week.



Journalism Club Article

Should We Teach Politics at School?

By Oliver M.

Teaching politics seems necessary to many people but non-essential to others. So what is the answer? Is there some kind of balance, or should we not bother at all?

Many people are against teaching politics for many different reasons, but the main one is bias in the class. This is a big issue, but at Turing, the staff are obliged to stay neutral to avoid conflict. I understand there may be different views but in school, I believe it is essential to teach politics.

I interviewed a few teachers about the matter and this is what they said:

Mr Long (history teacher) said: It is important to encourage students to study politics as it will help students in the future. As long as it is dealt with sensibly, politics should be taught in every school.

Mr Tse Laurence (Geography Teacher) said: Politics should be taught from year 7 and students should engage and try to understand local politics. Teachers need to be unbiased though.

In conclusion, as long as handled sensitively, we should be given the opportunity to study Politics from Year 7.

Part-time Site Manager Vacancy at Bishop Perrin CE Primary School

Bishop Perrin School in Whitton is advertising for a part-time Site Manager to start as soon as possible. The school is a small site with a well-maintained school building and grounds with a friendly and welcoming staff.

The post would suit someone who is semi-retired or who looking to step back from full-time employment, although we welcome from any interested applicant. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions and please feel free to share the link with any friends or extended family members who may be interested in the post.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-site-manager-1288241>

Free Taster Session Harlequin Amateurs RFC

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Volunteers Needed



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9.30am-2.30pm from 31 January to 21 March 2023 (not 14 Feb).



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