

24th February 2023

## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

This week we send our thoughts out to all those people suffering through a senseless war in Ukraine. It is staggering to think that this war has lasted for an entire year at the cost of many lives, huge displacement and far reaching wider impact. We can only hope that sense prevails and that peace is attained.

On a more positive topic, a huge thank you must go out to our staff and students who returned in the early hours of Sunday morning after an incredibly successful week away. Our inaugural ski trip was met with huge praise for our students' behaviour and attitude during their time away.

*'The best group (the company had had) since 1989.'*

*'The cleanest kids we have ever had on our coaches.'*

*'Incredibly progress on the slopes.'* (staff and students)

*'Their behaviour was impeccable.'*

We have recently uploaded a short video onto our homepage which gives a flavour of their adventures. Due to the great attitude from our students, Mr Winstanley already has his eye on the next one. Watch this space...



## Literacy Fact

The third in our Literacy Fact series, aimed at improving student literacy by getting people talking is:

### BRACKETS

Brackets, commas and dashes can all be used to separate extra pieces of information from the main body of the sentence.

Brackets are used to bring something extra into a sentence. The extra something can be an explanation, an interruption, or something that occurred to the narrator as an afterthought.

*Sarah and Jodie (the twins) have just learnt ballet.*

**24<sup>th</sup> March – Year 9 DTP/MEN/ACWY immunisations**

**26<sup>th</sup> March – THF Second Hand Uniform Sale**

**30<sup>th</sup> March - Valencia school trip**

### Dates for your diary:

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

## Maths Competition Results

Over 70 students from Years 9-11 took part in the annual UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge earlier this month. They spent an hour working on increasingly hard multiple-choice questions, using nothing but a pencil and their extensive maths knowledge. You can see an example of the type of questions they worked on below. We have now received the results, and - once again - Turing students performed fantastically! Our students achieved 9 Gold, 20 Silver and 20 Bronze awards, with the following 5 students meeting the threshold to progress through to the next round:

Ollie C (Y9)

John D (Y10)

Joe T (Y11)

Ben S (Y11)

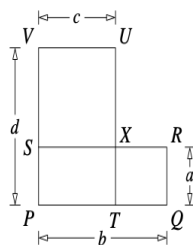
Alex W (Y11)

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

A rectangle PQRS has side-lengths  $a$  and  $b$ , with  $a < b$ . The rectangle PTUV has side-lengths  $c$  and  $d$ , with  $c < d$ . Also,  $a < d$  and  $c < b$ , as shown. The sides RS and TU cross at X.

Which of these conditions guarantees that Q, X and V lie on a straight line?

- A  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = 1$
- B  $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{d} = 1$
- C  $\frac{a}{d} + \frac{c}{b} = 1$
- D  $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{d}{b} = 1$
- E  $\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b}{d} = 1$



## Journalism Club

### What are the Benefits of Reading Poetry? By Joseph B, Year 7

Before half term, we explored some war poetry inspired by WWI by war poets such as Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. However, reading poetry should not just be limited to the classroom. This is because it has multiple benefits. For example, studies show that reading poetry can widen our vocabulary and cultural knowledge. In addition, it can reduce feelings of isolation and depression.

Reading poetry can also encourage creative expression because, unlike many other forms of writing, there are

fewer rules in poetry. However, some forms of poetry have many rules which can further expand creativity. (We all know how difficult it is sticking to rules!)

Some more benefits of poetry are that it has the ability to calm you, slow your mind down and allows you to take a breath. It can be a means of escape from any troubles or problems that you are facing. Furthermore, poetry helps us develop empathy and insight. These are two very key life skills. Not all poetry has to be formal and official. There are many jolly and humorous poems.

Some famous children's poets today include Michael Rosen, Joseph Coelho and even Dr Seuss! In addition, some popular modern poems aimed at children are *All The World Were Paper* (by Joseph Coelho), *Oh The Places You'll Go!* (by Dr Seuss) and *The Outing* (by Michael Rosen). So, next time you visit a library or book store, try out a book of poetry and find out where it will take you.

## Books recommended by Miss Johnson



*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

*Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* by J.K Rowling

*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

*His Dark Materials* by Philip Pullman

*The Institute* by Stephen King

*The Hobbit* by J R R Tolkien

*Legacy* by James Kerr

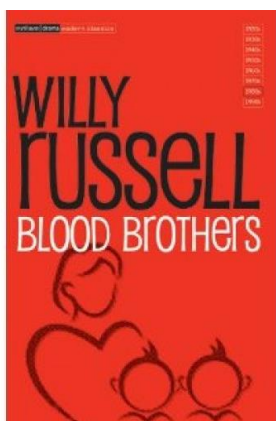
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*Three Sisters* by Heather Morris

*Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo

## Year 8 Blood Brothers

Year 8 have been studying 'Blood Brothers' in English lessons, and have really enjoyed the play. Here is 8A2's review.



Blood Brothers is a play about twin brothers, separated at birth, and brought up in different families: one working class and one middle class.

It is a beautiful story filled with heartfelt emotion, friendship, family relationships, betrayal, and lots of humour. It has an

important message about the way the opportunities we are given in life inevitably shape our future.

Joseph says 'Russell writes this play in order to teach the audience that succeeding is not just down to hard work: it can also be down to what family you are born into.'

Berslan says 'the play teaches us that betrayal is a bad thing and can cause harm.'

Luke says 'the play tells the audience about the huge gap between different classes. Russell does this to highlight how some people don't always have the same opportunities.'

## Reception Library

Studies suggest that children who see adults reading and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves. We think this is particularly important as there is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development. For this reason, we have set up a library in our reception for parents and carers to use.

It is now open, and we would love for you all to enjoy it; please do borrow books when you next come to visit.



Furthermore, if you have any books which you'd be able to donate, please send them in, and ask your sons and daughters to bring them to Ms Rigin in room 1.24. Any support will be highly appreciated.

## Journalism Club

### ***The Importance of Joining an Extra-Curricular Club - By Charlotte H-W 8T***

With it being a new term, it's a great time to join a club. Turing House offers a wide range of extra-curricular sports, including netball, basketball, football and dance. Every week, the dedicated P.E staff organise a sports session for students to partake in. Miss Johnson teaches Girls Netball every Monday and on Thursdays, dance club is taught by two sixth formers (who dance outside of school!). We also have externals come in and help run clubs, such as Richmond Rugby Club who run girls rugby. These clubs let students practise their favourite sports for free and teaches pupils sports etiquette, teamwork, leadership and dedication. I personally go to a variety of sports clubs because my friends also take part in them and it is a great place to have fun, play my favourite sports and learn things you never knew about netball, basketball, football or anything other of the sports clubs that are offered.

THS also offers clubs such as drama, stage combat, chess club and textiles club. Drama (directed by Ms Scott and Mr Coombes) are putting on a performance of 'We Will Rock You', and is a great place to flourish in a theatrical environment. Stage combat, run by Mr Coombes, is all about learning the tricks behind fighting in theatre. The club teaches you how to put on an illusion of a full-on fight. These are some of the incredible clubs that Turing offer.

To further educate children, there are Maths clubs to help with your Doctor Frost homework, a science club to help with Educake homework, and STEM club. STEM club teaches you about science, technology, engineering and maths. Last year they took part in a rocket competition at the NPL where they created their own rocket. The clubs at Turing House are not only educational but can make learning more enjoyable even if you find it hard.

Joining an extra club at school teaches you teamwork, perseverance and life skills. I recommend going to any one of the clubs offered at Turing. It can help improve your mental health, your wellbeing and will help you make new friends who are interested in the same clubs as you.

3rd-4th April: Philosophy Joint Schools Study Day  
For students considering degrees in Philosophy Joint Schools degrees (such as Physics and Philosophy).

4th-5th April: Classics Study Day  
For students considering degrees in Classics (such as Classics or Classics and Modern Languages).

11th-12th April: Women in Sustainability Programme

For students considering degrees in STEM or Social Sciences who have an interest in exploring Sustainability through academic study. This includes students considering Chemistry, Engineering, Law, Earth Sciences, etc.

These programmes are designed to support Year 12 students from non-selective state schools in the UK who are considering degrees at highly selective universities like the University of Oxford. Participants will avail of subject sessions, applications workshops, and opportunities to work with academics at Oxford University.

All expenses (accommodation at Oriel, meals, and activities) are funded thanks to the generosity of an Oxford alumnus. Travel costs to Oxford to attend a residential programme will also be reimbursed.

Applications are open until March 12th at midday. For more information on selection criteria and to sign up, please see the Easter residential website here: <https://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/study-with-us/outreach-and-schools-liaison/what-we-do/events-and-prizes/easter-residential-programmes-for-year-12-students/>

## Year 7 Boys Rugby Tournament

The Year 7 boys got their term of rugby fixtures underway with a tournament Orleans Park. They came up against the hosts, as well as Teddington, Richmond upon Thames and Christ's. The Turing team managed to beat Teddington and came agonisingly close to drawing with Orleans, giving them much to take away for their forthcoming league fixtures. Well done to all involved!

## Year 8 Girls Netball v Hampton High

The Year 8 girls travelled to Hampton High earlier this week to fulfil their first netball fixture in the borough

## Managing Exam Anxiety



**Richmond Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

**Online parent workshop:**

We are running two dates -

**Monday 6th March 2023 @ 9:30-10:30 am**

**Wednesday 8th March 2023 @ 6-7pm**

**Supporting young people manage exam anxiety**

As young people begin to approach their exam period, some may experience feelings of anxiety and stress. As a result of Covid-19, your child might go through even more stress around exam preparations due to the ever changing environment and become anxious about taking an exam.

This online workshop is aimed at parents/carers of secondary school students. The session is designed to provide parents with psychoeducation surrounding exam anxiety, and the stress the young person may be facing as they move towards their exams. Information about the foundations of anxiety, how it presents in some teenagers, how their thoughts, feelings, behaviours, and physical feelings may be affected will be shared. Guidance on strategies and advice around tackling these behaviours will also be provided.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please book your ticket using the Eventbrite link below:

Monday 6th March 2023 @ 9:30-10:30 am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-supporting-young-people-manage-exam-anxiety-6th-march-930am-tickets-548766313817>

Wednesday 8th March 2023 @ 6-7 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-supporting-young-people-manage-exam-anxiety-8th-march-6-7pm-tickets-548813916197>

You will then be emailed a Google Meet invite with instructions on how to join one working day before the event. If you have any queries, please email [mhstbusiness.support@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:mhstbusiness.support@achievingforchildren.org.uk)  
Please note that this event is space limited therefore please register as soon as possible should you want to guarantee yourself a place.

## Oriel College Residenatial Programme

Oriel College is excited to be hosting three one-night Residential Programmes which will be taking place in the college on the 3rd to 4th April, 4th to 5th April and 11th to 12th April 2023 as follows:

league. Having dedicated their time to Monday's after-school netball club with Miss Johnson, the girls were really up for it. Both teams appeared to be fairly evenly matched as the game maintained a low score due to some fantastic defence on both sides. The Turing team continued to push but unfortunately it was the opposition who managed to edge the win as the score finished 9-6. Their next fixture is against Teddington. Well done to all involved!

### Sixth Form Rugby v Christ's

The Sixth Form boys, with the help of some Year 11 students, took on Christ's on the rugby pitch this week in their delayed start to the three rugby fixtures they have this term. Despite having no time to warm up, the Turing team got stuck in from the start, putting on a superb show of physical force combined with a solid defensive line. Having had three tries ruled out, the boys were unlucky not to come away with the win as the match finished two tries to one to Christ's. Their next fixture is against Orleans Park in a few weeks' time. Well done to all involved!

### Year 8/9 Boys Basketball v RPA

The Year 8/9 boys basketball team took on Richmond Park Academy at home this week. Riding high on the back of a very successful term before the February break, the Turing team was once again composed but



eager to play when it came to tip off time in what was one of their last borough league fixtures. Another busy night for the opposing defence, the boys created some phenomenal chances and matched them with sublime accuracy. This helped them

establish a healthy lead going into the second half and they managed to close out the game with another big win. Well done to all involved!

### Doctors of the World – Turkey & Syria

Below you will find information provided by one of our parents on the current situation and Turkey and Syria.

Doctors of the World ([www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk](http://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk)) is a UK based charity that is part of a global network of 17 'Medicines du Monde' partners across the globe providing access to healthcare. In emergency situations like the recent earthquake, all of us join together to work to support whichever partner is based in the region in need. Within the first 24 hours of the earthquake our teams (who were already working in Türkiye and Syria when the earthquake struck) had set up mobile medical clinics and were delivering medical and psychological support in both hospitals and the newly formed camps. We were also able to distribute tents, medical supplies and food. Working in the UK, we received updates via a Sharepoint system several times a day from our colleagues in Türkiye and Syria, so that we could understand the situation, what help they needed, and be able to communicate this to our audience in the UK. Often these updates were simply videos filmed by our staff on their mobile phones, showing us the situation, and what help was needed in each area.

In Türkiye – our team was sent on day one to the region of Antakya where we were able to give first aid and mental health support. Mental health support is a critical part of disaster relief to prevent a severe escalation of psychological needs in the long term. In Türkiye our staff were also severely affected, as most became homeless, and one of our medical clinics was also destroyed, so we needed to ensure that they too had access to shelters, tents and winter kits to protect from the cold.

In Syria, our centre in Afrin was able to remain open and providing first aid, and we were also able to send some of our medical staff to work in the local hospitals, as they became overwhelmed, partly due to the number

of patients, but also because of a lack of staff. We were also already operating in Idlib, (an area of Syria not under government control); in this area we were able to keep open our four primary health care centres and send out our mobile medical team to neighbouring areas, particularly the newly established camps to provide emergency aid. We are also working in Hama and Kobane in Syria providing both mobile clinics and helping with the ambulance service and hospital shifts.

In all, this will be a long-term project, and the ability to communicate quickly, across the globe, and to share real-time videos and photos has been so important in securing help for those affected from supporters across the globe.

### Friends of Bushy Park and Home Parks

The Normansfield Theatre will not be able to hold the following talks for the next few months, due to boiler problems, but new venues have been found; please see below:

Friday 24th February 2023 - doors open 7.00pm

#### **Hedgehogs – The ZSL Hog Survey, a talk from Chris Carbone**

St James Church, Hampton Hill, TW12 1DQ  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/501900316357>

Saturday 25th February 2023 -1pm

#### **An Introductory Walk of Bushy Park, highlighting the nature and history**

Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500195346747>

Friday 24th March 2023 - doors open 7.00pm –

No Entry without booking

#### **My career remembered through the garden projects I managed for HRP, a talk by Dr Terry Gough, plus AGM**

Clore Learning Centre, Hampton Court

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/501902302297>

Saturday 25th March 2023 -1pm

#### **An Introductory Walk of Bushy Park, highlighting the nature history and history**

Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/500196078937>

Thursday 30th March 2023 -11.30 am

#### **Lancelot (Capability) Brown at Hampton Court - a walk with Graham Dillamore**

Meet at Lion Gate, Hampton Court

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/525850732697>

All the venues have car parking nearby, are fully accessible (including toilets), allow refreshments to be served and have good sound and projection facilities. Anyone who has already booked will have been notified through Eventbrite of the location for each talk, but there are still places if you'd like to come (use the links above). Plus, we have an additional walk in the gardens of Hampton Court.

### Bushy Park

#### **Roadworks around Diana Fountain 7 – 9 March 2023**

The Royal Parks are carrying out essential works to resurface 2,674m<sup>2</sup> of park road around the Diana Fountain. The works will be delivered 7 March - 9 March 2023.

The old, damaged asphalt surface will be removed using specialist equipment, and a new surface will be laid.

Hampton Court Gate and Diana Car Park will close to motor traffic, affecting access to the nearby playground and kiosk. A steward at Hampton Court Gate will provide cyclists and pedestrians with access. Teddington Gate will remain open as per usual operational hours. Upper Lodge Road Car Park will be opened for the duration of the works.

The Royal Parks apologises for any disruption.



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Mens pre-season training starts, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March : 7 - 8.15pm (U18s, Mens & Masters)  
Junior girls (U12 to U18)&women training Saturdays : 12 - 1pm, starts 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Primaries training (Mixed) Saturdays : 10 - 11.30am, starts 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Matches: Saturday, AM-Juniors / Primaries & PM-Seniors / U18s

Hounslow Cricket Club

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7, 14, 21 March

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23 December 2022

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