

23rd June 2023

Message from Mrs Collins

Today marks the final day of external examinations, with A-Level Chemistry and Further Maths students completing the last papers of a long, challenging period of assessments, for which they should all be congratulated.

Whilst the academic outcomes of both the GCSE and A-Level exams are important, what is just as important, if not even more so, are the qualities and character that our students have needed to develop in order to be successful. They have shown a vast array of our school values: maturity, resilience, respect, responsibility, perseverance, creativity, and no doubt, we will see their modesty on results day when they will hopefully be receiving the excellent rewards for all their hard work.

The character development of our students is critical to their future successes, not only in how they conduct themselves but also in how they treat others, and we often hear feedback from members of the public which make us very proud of the young adults our students are becoming, including this email we received yesterday evening:

Good Afternoon

Today at around 3.30 I took the 481 bus towards Kingston. As soon as I got on the bus an extremely polite

boy from Turing House school offered me his seat, in fact every young adult on the bus wearing Turing House uniform was polite and perfect ambassadors of the school.

We don't know who these students were, but they perfectly embodied our ethos of doing the right thing, because it's the right thing to do.

However, the right thing to do may not always be the easiest thing to do and may take a great deal of courage – as was the case for Mr Quigley and Mr Coombes on Sunday last week as they set off bright and early, ascending 10,000 feet up into the air in order to throw themselves out of an airplane! They did so all to raise funds for the charity Bee-lieve, and we are very proud and grateful to them. A group of staff will also be running a 10k race this weekend to raise even more funds, so please do sponsor them if you haven't already!



Trips

Year 7 Kew Gardens trip – 30th June

Year 8 Natural History Museum - 28th & 29th June

Dates for your diary:

Year 11 Leavers assembly & BBQ – 28th June

Year 11 End of Year Prom – 30th June

Year 12 Work experience week - wc 26th June

Year 10 Army Day

On Wednesday 21st June, Year 10 were welcomed by five serving members of the British Army who spent the day putting Year 10 through a series of mental and physical challenges. They started with a careers presentation to show students all the possibilities within the Army and routes into this career. Students in form groups then had to tackle a blind-folded mine field, code cracking challenge and the 'tower of tire' challenge. All groups really engaged with the activities and it was lovely to see some of our less confident individuals rise to the challenge and show leadership skills. The focus of the day is also about developing teamwork, leadership, logical problem-solving and communication skills.

If students are interested in finding out more about careers in the Army, please speak to Mrs Gould for further information.



Books recommended by Miss Winstanley



Miss Winstanley's Recommended Reads



The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackey

Normal People by Sally Rooney

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by JK Rowling

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

Counselling for Toads by Robert de Board

Remember Me? by Sophie Kinsella

Before I Go to Sleep by SJ Watson

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon

Year 9 English

Huge congratulations to 9B/En1 who took part in a challenging reading project this term in English. They all read a novel and produced some creative work inspired by the books from Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express to William Golding's Lord of the Flies and George Orwell's 1984. Here's a selection of some of the brilliant work they produced.

The Daily News

Lone survivor of sunken ship survives 227 days at sea with a Bengal tiger.

Is this real?

On February 14th, 1978, a young boy, Piscine Maitor Patel (8) who had survived a shipwreck lasting 227 days was found on the shore of a remote beach in Tomanan, Mexico. He was found by the local people and was bathed, fed, and clothed. He was later interviewed by two Japanese reporters Tomohiro Okamoto and his assistant Akira Chiba. In his interview he explains to the reporters how he survived so long and how his journey impacted him. He explains to the interviewers about how he escaped from the ship onto a lifeboat with a tiger, zebra, hyena, and an orangutan. The lifeboat was three and a half feet deep, eight feet wide and twenty-six feet long. It was orange in colour and contained a locker full to the brim of survival supplies and he says "without them he wouldn't have survived more than a few days". During his interview he tells the story of how he overcame his struggles and included is when he went blind for over 5 days due to poor hygiene. In his story of the seven months at sea he survived, he explains that he was in the boat with two carnivorous aggressive bloodthirsty animals, the hyena and the 450-pound Bengal tiger Richard Parker. Surviving for 7 months is ridiculous yet alone with a 400-pound Bengal tiger watching your every move and to top it off there are two carnivorous aggressive bloodthirsty animals that could pounce at any moment. Top it off when he made it to the beach there was no sight of tiger from any of the villagers neither was there any traces of animals on the boat not even the fur. Does this story sound at all plausible to you?



Artist idea of Tsushima's ship

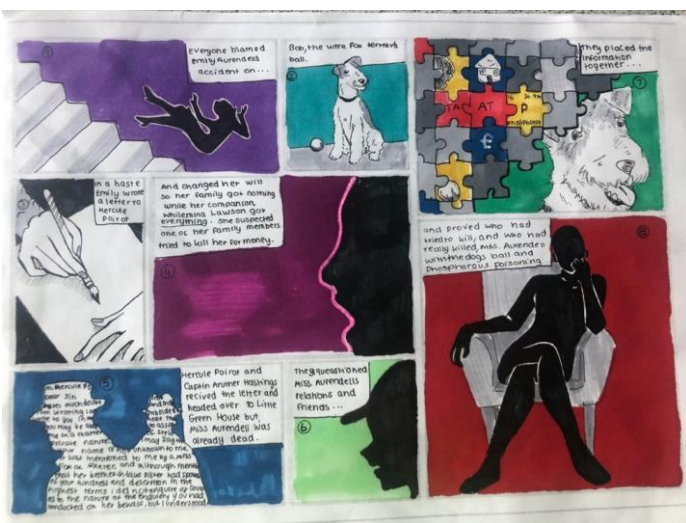
Why did the boat sink?

As some of you may remember the famous transatlantic passage boat the Titanic sunk 7 months ago and was reported to have sunk due to ice in the ocean, without known survivors, but this may not be the case. There were over 800 reported deaths including the zoo animals being transported from the Pondicherry Zoo in India. The exact whereabouts of the sunken ship is still unknown, it is believed to be somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean. However, after the lone survivor, 16-year-old Piscine Maitor Patel describes his account of the ship sinking the reasons of this horrific event become endless. In his interview with Japanese reporters Tomohiro Okamoto and his assistant Akira Chiba, he talks about the massive storm and a malfunction in the engine in the lower deck. The boat had to stop operations that it was a mechanical error due to the crew which Piscine also described as the rule and order. He implies they may have even been drunk as they sunk at almost every morning. Just imagine what state they would have been in the evening. Could this be why the ship sunk?



Photograph of Piscine as he comes ashore

Many people have come out expressing how grateful they are that he has been saved. One man who loved Piscine was his teacher he has come out and said how grateful to God he is that Piscine has survived. A priest has also said that he will happily adopt Piscine and how wonderful he is. Piscine is currently being supported by many people and waiting to be adopted by a warm and loving family.



Everyone blamed Emily and said 'accident'...

But, the wire for her neck was broken.

They placed the recreation together.

It is hard to believe Emily wrote a letter to Poirot.

and changed her with her family got nothing while her companion was in the hospital. One suspected one of her family members was the killer for her money.

and proved who had tried to kill and was not really killed. And, a white dog, too, and a mysterious poisoning.

the questioned Mrs. Andrews' relations and friends...

Her name Poirot and Captain Armitage received the letter and headed over to the Green House but Mrs. Andrews was already dead.

Year 8 Poetry Slam

As 8B/En1 prepare for the exciting Poetry Slam at the end of term, they've been busy writing and crafting their own poetry. After enjoying Amanda Gorman's poem, The Hill We Climb, the students wrote their own poem, inspired by her work. Here are some highlights.

Era of redemption

We ask ourselves
How could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Or we feared at this inception
How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
This is an era of redemption
And so we lift our gazes
Not to what stands between us
But to what stands before us
This is an era of redemption
That even when hurt, we hoped
That forever be tied together, victorious
We seek harm to none, and harmony to all
This is an era of redemption
For there is always light
Even in the darkest of places
For there is always love
Even in the loneliest of places
For there is always happiness
Even in the saddest of places
As this is an era for all.

By Alex P

In the morning

For while we have our eyes on the past
and we use the things that had been done to us
we need to stop forcing ourselves
to step into the future
Before we can no longer
repare the rust.
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
for there is always faith in the light
but there is never truth in the dark.

Shelly W

Year 9 – Go Outside and Learn

Last Wednesday a group of selected Year 9 students were fortunate enough to help out with a local environment group, 'Go Outside and Learn'. At the

Jubilee Meadow, Turing House School students were able to build shelters for stag beetles. They did this because in many boroughs they are becoming endangered. As we were digging, many worms and beetles scurried about; it was very interesting to see such a variety of wildlife in our local community. A huge thank you to the Go Outside and Learn volunteers and Mr. Evans for organising such an enjoyable event. We were glad to be able to take the wildlife into our own hands. Will P (Y9)



Year 8 National History Museum trip

Next week, on the 28th-29th June, Year 8 are going on a school trip to the National History Museum in South Kensington.

The museum is one of the three major museums on Exhibition Road and one of London's most famous attractions. The museum is famous for their varied and ancient collection of over 80 million pieces, exhibiting displays of botanical, zoological, and geological specimens, which link to Year Seven and Eight content.

The beginning of the Museum originates back to 1753 and Sir Hans Sloane, a physician and collector. After his death in 1753, his will allowed the parliament to buy his collection at a price well below the market at the time. In 1856, Sir Richard Owen, the natural scientist, decided to develop and take charge of the British museum's natural history collection, creating the cathedral-style building with the architect Arthur Waterhouse.

The museum opened in 1881, the 18th April and has been adding amazing artifacts ever since!



Year 12 RP Dropdown day

On Wednesday 14th June, Year 12 attended their third RP dropdown of the year which focused on the Cambodian genocide. Students enjoyed a range of engaging talks provided by a wide variety of speakers. These included Ms Rogers and Ms Andrews sharing their personal reflections from travelling in Cambodia. Students also heard from Venerable Loerm from Life and Hope Angkor, who joined the event online from Cambodia. There were fascinating testimonies from two survivors of the genocide: Sokphal Din and Amanda Sam. In the afternoon students had an opportunity to discuss Buddhism during a Dharma talk with Bhante Sukhitamano from The London Buddhist Vihara and to gain an insight into studying world philosophies and history from a student currently at SOAS.

Uniform donations

Hey there, fabulous Turing House community!

Following the immensely successful sale for our fantastic new Year 7s, our uniform stocks have been swept away like magic by our enthusiastic parents.

Now, this is where our incredible community comes in! We're kindly asking for your help in replenishing our uniform supplies.

We're seeking good quality uniform donations. So, if you are planning some Spring decluttering and happen to find any hidden gems lurking in your cupboards or drawers, we would be absolutely thrilled to give them a new lease of life!

What We Need:

- Branded items: Jumpers, PE kits, skirts, ties
- Shirts, blouses, charcoal grey trousers that are in excellent condition
- Blazers with plenty of life left in them
- Revision guides/workbooks that have not been written in
- Scientific calculators, maths equipment no longer needed

How to Donate:

Simply drop off your awesome donations at the main reception.

In Return:

For each donation received, you'll receive our heartfelt thanks and heaps of good karma.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. You're the true stars that make our Turing House family shine brighter than ever!

With gratitude,

The Turing House Friends Team

Careers Fair

First ever Step Up EXPO event for teens entitles 'inspiring teen choices'.

Friday 30th June – 1st July – Olympia, London 10am – 5pm it is FREE so go along and take advantage of all the expert advice available to you.

<https://stepupexpo.co.uk/>

Turing House Friends AGM

Calling all Turing House parents!

Join us at the Turing House Friends AGM and social on June 28th. 7pm in the Lady Hamilton Room at The Admiral Nelson pub, Whitton.

It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow parents, share ideas, and contribute to our incredible school community.

See you there!

Year 8 Sporting Success

Last Saturday, Filippo M in Year 8 took part in the British London Youth Games Judo and got the bronze medal in his category (under 50kgs) representing the Bu'sen Judo Club. He started Judo only last September and this was his first tournament.



Borough Sports Athletics Championship

This week saw the Borough Sports Championship competition, which is an annual athletics tournament, held at St Mary's University in Twickenham. The day makes for a momentous occasion as a huge number of

competitors are in attendance, aiming to take the top spot for their year group in a respective throwing, jumping and running discipline. Team Turing put in a phenomenal shift this year, with multiple heats won and first positions secured in some throwing and sprinting events which is amazing! We now eagerly await confirmation of results and to see where we finished overall. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 9/10 Boys Cricket v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 9/10 boys were back in action on the cricket pitch this week taking on St Richard Reynolds. The Turing team bowled first and kept the visitors to a reasonably small number of runs, as each bowl was delivered with lethal precision and pace. When stepping up to bat, the boys batted hard to chase the opposition's total runs and the game was done and dusted by the eighth over. Winning this match has created a three-way tie at the top of the table, making

their next match, the final game of the league against Christ's, even more important. Read on to find out how they got on in that final match. Well done to all involved!

Borough Golf Championships

The borough golf championships took place earlier in the week where four junior boys from THS competed at the David Lloyd course for nine holes and then finished at Fulwell Golf Club for the awards presentation. All the boys performed very well and enjoyed a day of friendly yet plentiful competition on the green. Special mention goes to Felix S in Year 8 who was crowned champion of the junior competition! Well done to all involved!



Year 9/10 Boys Cricket v Christ's

The Year 9/10 boys played their final cricket fixture of the league earlier this week as they travelled to Christ's. Still on a high from a tremendous victory over St Richard Reynolds in the previous week, the boys were feeling confident. The Turing team were once again bowling first and had 70-odd runs to chase. Last time, they managed to surpass their opponents within eight overs. This time they went one better and overtook the runs scored inside seven overs! They now eagerly wait to hear where they finished in the league... first place is a real possibility! Well done to everyone involved!

Year 8/9 Boys Basketball v St Thomas

The Year 8 and 9 basketball team were set up with a friendly match last week where another school noticed their excellent results from earlier in the year and reached out to arrange the match. The Turing team took on St Thomas's from east London. The boys rose to the challenge and showed why they are one of the best teams in London, as they established a big lead in the first quarter and managed to stay composed to build on their sharp shooting and ball retention. The match finished with a big 54-26 THS win. Well done to everyone involved!



Teddington Village Fair

The Teddington Village Fair is returning this year after a three year break. This year's fair will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Teddington Society!

Save Sunday 25th June to come along to Udney Hall Gardens (off Langham Road) and join in all the fun:

- Opening at 12 by Councillor Phil Giesler
- Music and Dance on our stage and performance area

- Fun and Games on stalls from all our local community groups
- Food and drink from local businesses
- The finish line for the United Response Pram Race around 2pm
- Prizes for Pram Race and Art Competition presented by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Fiona Sacks, at 3pm
- The fair closes at 5pm

A [Children's Art Competition](#) with the theme of 'The Earth' is being run alongside the Fair. It is being supported by Landmark Arts Centre as part of their Gaia exhibition and will be judged by the Landmark curator. The winning entries can be seen on display in St Mary's Parish Hall.

See [here](#) for more information. This year's Fair has been organised by the local Rotary club in conjunction with the Teddington Society, St Mary with St Alban, the Landmark and the local Scouts and Guides - it will be one to remember.

We are still looking for volunteer marshals to help on the day, so if anyone has an hour they can spare on the day, please contact treasurer@tedsoc.org.uk or membership@tedsoc.org.uk

Dramacube

This summer, award-winning Dramacube Productions will be running a SIX inspired Musical Theatre project for 13-18 year olds at Hampton Hill Theatre.

Young performers will enjoy 3 days developing their dancing, singing and performance skills working with our professional Musical Theatre Director & Choreographer.

As a cast they will build towards a sparkling performance on the main stage at Hampton Hill Theatre for family and friends to enjoy on the last day.

SIX inspired Musical Theatre project runs 31st July - 2nd Aug (10am - 4.30 pm)

For more info and how to book visit
<https://www.dramacubeproductions.co.uk/summer-holiday-workshops-2023/>

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Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you'd like to visit us during a time with fewer crowds, noise and bright lights, then book a **Quiet Time** appointment.

TO BOOK YOUR QUIET TIME APPOINTMENT, CONTACT CLARKS KINGSTON ON 020 8546 0388

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Teddington Athletic FC

THIS GIRL CAN

CALLING ALL GIRLS IN YEARS 7-12

The Women's Football World Cup is only 1 month away and no doubt the Lionesses will continue to inspire the next generation of female footballers.

Teddington Athletic is committed to continue to develop the female game, supporting girls to be physically, socially and emotionally well. We are proud to have over 270 girls playing/training with the Club.

A number of our senior teams are looking to add players to their team next season. If you have some football experience (team/school/social) and would like the opportunity to play more regularly, we would be pleased to welcome you on board.

The club delivers weekly training sessions and home matches are played at either Bushy Park or St Mary's Sports Ground, Teddington Lock.

Interested in joining a team? Please contact Samantha Roff Girls Football Development Manager at tafcgirls@gmail.com

www.teddingtonathleticfc.com

Clarks appointments – now open

Over the next few weeks and as schools start to break up for the summer holidays, Clarks would like to remind you of the Clarks Measure and Fit Appointment service. Skip the queues and book a 15 minute measure and fit appointment at a designated time to suit you. Clarks are also extending our opening hours throughout August and the first week of September.

They are taking bookings now for July & August and they are filling up fast so book early!
<https://www.clarks.co.uk/measureandfit-in-store> or call Clarks Kingston on 0208 546 0388.