

Headteacher's Update

21st July 2023

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

In my final message before we head off into the sunset for a well needed rest, I would like to thank every one (staff, students, parents) for their unwavering support during our first full year on the permanent site. I am truly proud of Turing House School and all of the students associated with it. I firmly believe that Team Turing is successful because all of our community values the importance of working towards the goal of ensuring our young people leave here with fond memories and with all the skills required to be successful in life.

The image below is of the Year 9s at their prize giving this year. You will be aware that Year 9 were (in my opinion) the year group most impacted by Covid. There were no trips to the Isle of Wight, no SATS exam or end of year discos. Sports days were replaced with lateral flow tests and online learning. Yet this year group are now beginning to flourish, and they enter the start of their GCSEs with bright futures ahead of them. One day a group of this year group will step into the shoes of our new lead students, Emily, Siana, Lottie and Oliver, who couldn't be finer human beings and role models for Turing House School. I'd like to wish all of our families and students a fantastic summer. Please stay safe and be ready to reach for the stars in September.





Equipment

As you prepare for next year, please remember that students will need the following basic equipment each day:

- Blue/black pen.
- A spare pen (or spare cartridges if you have a fountain pen).
- Pencil case.
- 2 Pencils and a sharpener.
- Eraser.
- 30cm ruler.
- A pair of compasses.
- A protractor.
- A set of coloured pencils.
- A glue stick.
- Calculator: Casio FX-83GTCW or FX-85GTCW

Wishing all our families and staff a very happy and restful summer break!

Books recommended by Miss Ward



The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

This is Going To Hurt by Adam Kay

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

The Rules Do Not Apply by Ariel Levy

The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-time by

Mark Haddon

Women Don't Owe You Pretty by Eva Ibbotson

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

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Hampton Fund Uniform Grant

Hampton Fund Uniform Grant for New Year 7 2023 students

Our new Year 7 Students whose families are on a low income may be eligible for a school uniform grant (as a contribution towards their first secondary school uniform), from the Hampton Fund charity.

Parents/carers can apply using the following link:

https://www.hamptonfund.co.uk/apply/#:~:text=The% 20School%20Uniform%20Grant%20is,not%20fund%20 repeat%20school%20uniforms.&text=You%20must%2 0indicate%20which%20supplier,purchase%20the%20s chool%20uniform%20from.

Newly appointed Lead Student Team



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new Lead Student team: Emily (Lead Student), Siana (Lead Student), Lottie (Deputy Lead Student) and Oliver (Deputy Lead Student). These students went through a rigorous application, hustings and interview process and proved themselves to have excellent leadership qualities. We look forward to seeing them grow in their role next year as they represent the student body at public events but also bridging the gap between the students and staff. Well done all of you!

Work Experience

This month Year 12 completed a full week of work experience, which saw students working in a variety of industries from sport, education, law, retail, the NHS, creative design and finance. All 75 students were engaged for the week and many reported having really enjoyed the experience. Work experience is vital in today's world to open networks and give students real transferable skills which prepare them for the world of

work beyond the school years. This year students in Year 12 were tasked with finding their own placements. This in itself is a challenging task and for some was their first experience of rejection as many companies do not respond or, due to changes in working conditions, are unable to provide opportunities.



Eight students from Years 10 and 11 are out this week on a one week residential work experience with the British Army. This is the first time we have done this and we are looking forward to hearing how they got on.

If you would like to offer a work experience opportunity to a student from THS for next year we are keen to hear from you. Please complete the engagement form below to let us know and we will be in contact.

THS Careers engagement form

Many thanks for all your support this year with our careers program. We would love to hear your feedback so please complete the feedback form and share your thoughts.

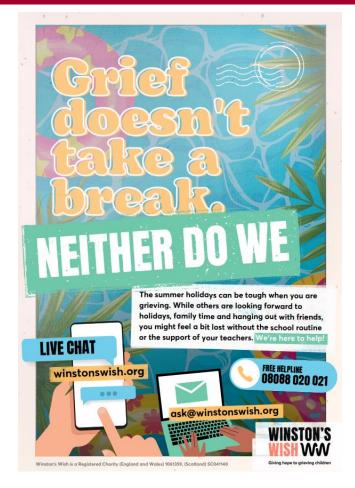
THS Careers feedback form

Looking forward to our new and revitalized program starting in September with many guest speakers and chances for THS students to engage with the world of

Happy Summer Holidays

The Careers Team

Winston's Wish



Journalism Club

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS by Charlotte, Year 8

6 months ago, a group of thirty students were chosen to compete for a spot in the battle of the books. They had to write a book review in whatever form they felt most confident. It could be, for example, 100 words or two minutes on video. The reviews were judged by the teachers and out of the 30 pupils who entered, eight were chosen to take part in the competition. They had to read six different books ranging from dystopian, fantasy novels to novels based on real life events. The books were the following: The Secrets Act by Alison Weatherby, The Memory Thieves by Darren Simpson, I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys, Lionheart Girl by Yaba

Badoe, Three Girls by Katie Clapham and Shadow Town by Richard Lambert. Two weeks ago, the competition was held at Twickenham Secondary School. There were six rounds of questions on the books. Sadly, Turing didn't win. St Richard Reynolds came second with Orleans coming first. That wasn't all that happened, during the day the author of 'Lionheart girl', Yaba Badoe, came and spoke to the students about how she produced the ideas for her novel. Her book is based on stories from her culture (she is from Ghana) and a rather gruesome murder where a mother killed her child. This is where the idea for Sheba (the main character) and her mother not getting along came from. Not only that, it also gave her the inspiration for the story plot of Sheba's mother killing her husband (I said it was gruesome!). The students had an exciting time. It was Turing house's first time entering the competition. I wonder who will win next year?





Summer Rewards Event

Last Friday afternoon, 40 deserving students from Y7-Y10 and Y12 had the opportunity to celebrate their amazing efforts from the year. They had the option of attending the Jump In trampoline park in Esher or a movie afternoon at school. These students were selected because of their cumulated positive points or because of the recognised progress that they had made across the year. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 7/8 Girls Cricket Coaching Clinic

The Year 7 and 8 cricket girls were involved in a one-off coaching clinic this week as one of the players from the women's Middlesex cricket team came to coach the girls over a double period during the day. They



participated in a range of activities and skill-related tasks, followed by some fun and challenging games. The session was well received by all involved, which was delivered as part of Take

Her Lead - an initiative that is dedicated to championing girls in cricket. The girls were also the subjects of a focus

group which looked to gaining feedback regarding their participation.



Sports Studies Students at BBPS Day

Well done to the handful of Year 10 students from the Sports Studies class who helped with the smooth running of Bishop Perrin Primary School's sports day earlier this week, which took place at their school and on our field. The students did an excellent job of being helpful and represented THS PE department and the wider school wonderfully.

Year 9/10 Boys Cricket V Richmond Park Academy

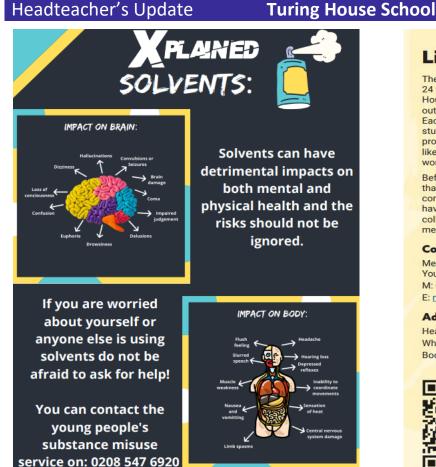
A sports result that featured in Mr O'Sullivan's front page edit in last week's newsletter, but it makes for some great sporting success to end the year on so here it is again. The Year 9/10 cricket boys were playing in the league final last week against Richmond Park Academy as the two teams battled it out for 15 overs each, to determine the borough champions. This was a repeat of the previous year's league final, except that match never went ahead due to the hot weather interrupting all fixtures at the time. For that reason, the 2021/22 academic year finished with questions unanswered, questions that spilled into this year - who would emerge victorious as league winners between these two sides? Would the chance go begging? Would extremely high temperatures cause postponements once again (no chance of that happening this year. If anything, the rain nearly got in the way...)? The matter

was settled last week as the Turing team were crowned champions, scoring a huge 123 runs when batting and taking a crushing 9 wickets when bowling. It was a truly sublime performance all round and by the whole team. Their only request as winners was a better write-up in the newsletter, but this is all they're getting for now. Well done to all involved!



Substance Misuse Service





Special Educational Needs

smsreferrals@achievingforchildren.org.uk

If your child has a diagnosis of both ADHD and ASC, then check this out this programme run at Heatham House during the Summer break. If your child does take part this Summer, we would love you to feed back to us on how they got on.

Lighthouse Project

The Lighthouse Project is a closed group for 11 to 24 year olds with ASC and ADHD. Based at Heatham House, we have the use of all the amazing facilities from outdoor sports areas to art rooms and video games. Each week we play team games and often get our heads stuck into group art projects and more. The lighthouse project is a wonderful safe space for socialising with like-minded young people and gaining advice from youth

Before a young person attends the lighthouse we ask that you make contact with Meg so we can ensure the correct support is put in place for your child. We also have a separate membership for LightHouse which collects some more information about their additional or medical needs in order for us to best support your child.

Contact us:

Meg Scott - The Lighthouse Project Lead Youth Worker

M: 07902 709906 T: 020 8288 0950 E: meg.scott@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Address:

Heatham House Youth Centre, Whitton Road, Twickenham TW1 1BH Booking link: https://linktr.ee/HeathamHouse





This summer, we have extended our LightHouse offer to four hours a week. We will still have the classic LightHouse activities as well as themed activities and special guests. Please see the programme below, so young people know what to accept.

Each session we will also provide a healthy meal for young people with Halal and vegan options as well.

Thursday 27 July, 4.30pm to 8.30pm

- Graffiti boards
- Pizza making
- · Chill out zone and garden games
- · Information, advice and guidance

Thursday 3 August, 4.30pm to 8.30pm

- · Hawaiian shirt party
- Art workshop
- Poke bowl cooking session
- Chill out zone and garden games
- · Information, advice and guidance

Thursday 10 August, 4.30pm to 8.30pm

- Shooting practice
- Keychain making
- Burrito making
- · Chill out zone and garden games
- · Information, advice and guidance

Friday 11 August - Brighton Trip

Limited spaces available. Please speak to Meg about the trip and collecting a

Thursday 17 August, 4.30pm to 8.30pm

- Movie night
- Art and cooking workshop
- Chill out zone and garden games
- · Information, advice and guidance

Wasps Rugby Summer Camp







ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL RUGBY@WASPSFC.CO.UK