



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

The start of term has been unnaturally hot for this time of the year, but the students and staff have once again made a super start to the academic year. Highlights so far are the best fire drill we have ever completed by far, and the way the students have conducted themselves at lunch time with an increase in numbers and heat. Teaching and learning around the school have been exemplary. I have made several walks around the building to find calm lessons with students actively engaging in purposeful learning. I have been particularly impressed with the focus the Year 11 have shown in this crucial year. This maturity has also been echoed outside the school; a huge well done to Xavier in Year 8 who went out of his way to help an local resident with a trolley make their way across the pavement. Hearing these lovely stories of Turing House students being good citizens is heartwarming and encouraging for the future. Finally, we need your continued support to maintain our positive reputation like Xavier has, by avoiding dropping off, picking up in Montrose Avenue, Stirling Road and Springfield Road.



School Fund

What is the School Fund? Our School Fund helps us to provide services and equipment that aren't covered by our Government funding. Many secondary schools operate similar schemes, to enrich their curriculum and provide extra resources.

The School Fund gives you the opportunity to make a regular contribution that suits your budget. We suggest between £5 and £15 per month. If just three quarters of our families donated £5 a month, we could raise £33K towards enhancing your child's educational experience!

How can you contribute towards the School Fund?

Just Giving - Use our [JustGiving webpage](#) and select "Make a Monthly Donation". One-off donations are also welcome.

This is the school's preference for making contributions as it allows us to claim GiftAid on your contribution. JustGiving also allows you to donate anonymously if you wish.

Parent Pay - It is possible to donate through [ParentPay](#)

Just log into your account and select the 'School Fund' option. However, this does not allow the school to obtain Gift Aid on your contribution.

Standing Order - Complete the [Standing Order form](#) available on our website, or set up a regular payment from your bank using the sort code & account no on the standing order form. (Please give your payment the reference "THS School Fund").

As with contributions via Parent Pay, the school will miss out on Gift Aid on standing order contributions.

Through Your Employer - Many employers operate a [matched giving](#) scheme. This means that your donation will be enhanced with Gift Aid. Some employers even top up the donation themselves, sometimes doubling it!

Turing House Friends - THF also raise money for the school in various ways. One easy way of helping them and the school is to register on [Easy Fundraising](#) and raise money every time you shop online. Over the last 5 years, around 90 supporters have raised over £2,000. Imagine what could be raised if all Turing House families signed up!

We are very aware that there are a huge number of financial demands on families so we are very grateful to you for anything you feel you can contribute to Turing House School at this time.

Thank you very much for your support; it really makes a difference to what we can offer our students.



Thursday 14th September, our school photographer, Kittle, are coming in. Smartest uniforms and smiles at the ready!

Extra-curricular clubs and activities

Watch this space!

We are working hard to set up all your clubs and activities for this year. We already have many planned and will be putting the details of all clubs here as soon as we can – so keep a look out. Most will start w/c 18.09.23; lots of PE clubs are starting as early as next week.

As soon as you find out about the club you want to join, you can go to see the teacher running the club, or just turn up on the day and at the place and join in. We will also keep a presentation running in the lunch hall advertising all the clubs, so you can sit, eat and decide what exciting thing you want to try next. There will be clubs before school, at tutor time, lunch and

after school! EVERYONE is welcome and we strive for all our students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity, so please make sure you pick something. If you are struggling to find something you like, or if you have a good idea of a new club you would like to be offered, head up to the 2nd floor and talk to Mrs Harper about it.

Please refer to the PE letter being sent home to see all the brilliant sports clubs which will be starting next week. You will see that there is a before-school cross-country running club starting on Thursdays from the 14th Sept, at 7:05am. Parents will need to give permission on ParentPay for this club because the club sometimes runs off school site.

We are also offering the following this year:

- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award with Year 9
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award with Year 10
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award with Year 12

Mr Jacks will be running assemblies on this very soon.



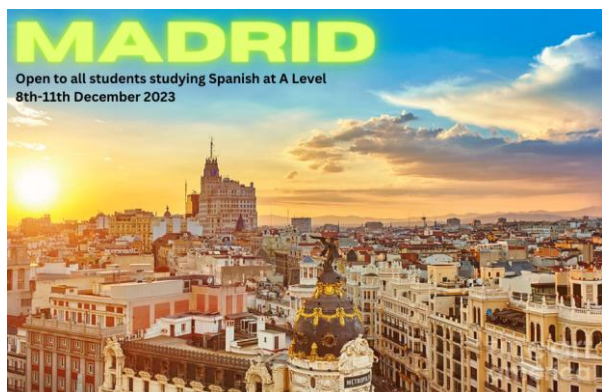
If families have any old board games they no longer use, we would love them for our new Board game Club.

(chess, backgammon, monopoly, card decks etc.) Any donations from parents would be greatly appreciated!

To give you a flavour of the clubs that will be available, here is an exciting selection: Graphic novel club, Equality club, Art club, Knitting Club, STEM club, Warhammer club, Politics club, Reading club, Chess club, Secret Philosophy Society, The Turing Writer, Fantasy Football.



A quick reminder that the deposit for the Madrid Sixth form trip is due this Friday 8th September.



MicroScooters competition 2023 – coming soon...:

Our partnership with MicroScooters is back! Schools will have the chance to win scooters and accessories, helping to encourage scooting as part of your pupils' active travel. **The competition runs from Tuesday 12 September to Friday 20 October**, and the Activity Card will be live from Tuesday 5 September.

Notices



Travel for Life (STARS):

September will see the **launch of the new Travel for Life brand** that covers all of TfL's travel programmes for schools and young people. It's a really exciting opportunity to showcase how much the programmes have to offer schools, to clearly link them together and improve the transition for pupils and parents from one stage to the next. The brand update will be supported by an improved website.

Car Free Day 2023:

Friday 22 September is World Car Free Day, when people all over the world get to experience streets free of motor traffic. On the day, if possible, why not try to leave the car at home and take an alternate route to school?