



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan



We have now completed our first full week at school, and I can echo again how great our students have been. Students have come back from the summer with a real culture of wanting to do well. Please make sure you read the special edition newsletter regarding our summer results as well. Year 7 have now settled into the swing of lunch time. The image above shows Year 7 doing their best Hogwarts impression! We continue to give them a little extra time at lunch to avoid the larger students' arrival. Our club rota is now



live, so huge thanks going out to all the staff giving up extra time to provide further enrichment activities. Please make sure you read the information

regarding financially supporting the school. The school fund is vital in ensuring that we can offer additional activities. Some of you will remember the days in which we ran Bushcraft, Thames Young Mariners and Go Ape. All of these things have sadly disappeared over the years due to the reduction of school budgets, so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. On a final note, I am delighted to announce that this year Miss Scott and her team of superstars will be putting on



Year 7 Settling-in evening - Thursday 21st September 3:30 - 6pm. Please book your slot with your child's tutor on Parent Cloud, if you have not already done this.

Turing House Friends - Second-Hand Uniform Sale

It's time to give those donations a new home! Join us for our Second-Hand Uniform Sale on **Saturday 30th September from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, in the school canteen area. It's like a mini treasure hunt for affordable, gently loved school uniform. We have a variety of stock so there should be something for everyone. Mark your calendars and get ready to score some great deals while supporting sustainability and raising funds. See you there!

Open Evening Thursday 28th September, early finish followed by a later start on the 29th September. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

First Win

Just look look at those posts! On Thursday we took our first win of the season!

We kicked off another year of fixtures with a sublime win on the rugby pitch. The Y11 boys took on Richmond Park Academy and beat them 36-0 in a performance worthy of the rugby sevens-like weather.

This team didn't play a single game last year so it was brilliant to see them turn things around at the start of this year and rediscover their enthusiasm for fixtures and competition in school. They also had the help of some Y10 players who were excellent, some Y10 supporters on the sideline, and half the Y11 football team.

It's just one match but they do have the challenge of retaining the Y11 borough title won by last year's cohort. Can they do it?



Extra-curricular clubs and activities

Our extra-curricular clubs and activities launch next week! There is so much to choose from. Check this list of clubs with days and times and make your choices. You might already be interested in a particular club, or might be curious about more than one of them. Either way, just go along to the session and find out what it is all about. We think you will love what you have picked! If you are searching for a club that you can't see, then tell us! We might be able to find a member of staff to start up the club and you may even be able to be involved in the running of the club.

Here they are; now all you need to do is choose, and imagine the fun you will have, the new friends you will make, the new teachers you will get to know, the knowledge and skills you will build and new experiences that could open for you...

- **Spanish song club**, Thursday lunchtimes, 12:45-1:15 in room 2.06 (or music practice rooms)
- **School Show**, Thursday (and Wednesdays for principal characters) Hall/Drama room 3:15-4:45. PLEASE NOTE: this will start in October 2024, details to follow in the newsletter
- **Graphic novel club**, Monday lunchtime, Room 1.14
- **Equality, Diversity, Inclusion Team (EDIT)**, Thursday tutor times, room 1.10
- **Art Club**, Thursday 3:15-4:15pm, room 1.22
- **DrFrostMaths**, Mon & Thu, 3-4pm, IT room, all year
- **Cross Country Club**, Thursday, 7am-7.45am. Front of the school is the meeting point.
- **Knitting Club**, Thursdays, 3-4 pm, intervention room, floor 1 (1.16)
- **Spanish intervention**, Year 11 only and students contacted directly by Spanish dept. Tuesdays, room 2.05
- **Board game club**, Wednesday lunchtime, room 1.17
- **STEM**, Monday after school, room 2.25
- **KS3 Politics Club**, Tuesdays at 3pm, room 1.25
- **Chess club**, Friday lunchtimes, room 2.01
- **Secret Philosophy Society**, Tuesday lunchtimes, room 1.05
- **The Turing Writers**, Mondays 15:00 - 15:45, room 1.18
- **Fantasy Football**, Tuesday Break times, room 1.01
- **KS5 Academic Reading Club**, Wednesdays 8am, room 1.25
- **KS4 History Revision Club**, Tuesdays 3pm, room 1.23
- **Geography Club**, Tuesdays 3:10pm, room 1.02
- **KS3 Choir**, Tuesdays 3pm room 0.13
- **Band Club** (all years), Mondays 3pm room 0.13
- **String Group** (all years), Fridays 12:40, room 0.13
- **Song-writing Club**, Thursdays 3pm, Music Department.
- **KS3 History Club**, Tuesdays at 3pm, room 1.24
- **Year 7 Book Club**, Tuesday lunchtimes, in the library
- **Homework Club**, all years, Mons, Tues, Weds, Thurs 3-4pm (students do not need to stay the full hour), room 1.12
- **GCSE Photography Coursework Club**, Mondays & Tuesdays 3-5pm, room 1.21
- **GCSE & A Level Art Coursework Club**, Weds & Thurs 3-5pm, room 1.21
- **The Library**, break and lunch times, launch date tbc
- **Debate club**, Lunchtime Tuesdays, room 1.11
- **Educake Club**, Tuesdays 3pm, computer rooms
- **Spanish intervention** for Higher Tier GCSE students, Mondays after school from 3-4pm, room 2.03
- **A Level grammar focus**, Tuesday mornings from 8-8:30am, room 2.03
- **Dance Club**, Mondays 3.15-4.15pm, Dance studio
- **Mindful Mondays**, Monday lunchtimes, room 0.01



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!



Absence Reporting

A quick reminder to ensure that you contact the school in the event of any absence. Please use:

attendance@turinghouseschool.org.uk

You can also report absence using Studybugs or by calling the absence line on 0208 069 6100 – option 1

All absences must be reported by 8.30am.

Research has proven that there is a direct link between percentage attendance and success in terminal examinations so we would encourage all students to do their best to achieve an attendance of 96% or better.

Well done to 11L, 11N, 10R, 9R, 8U, 7T and 7U who all remain on 99% attendance.



Year 8 Boys Rugby v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 8 boys got the academic year's busy fixture schedule underway with a rugby match against Richmond upon Thames, playing at home. Always a well-drilled side, the opposing team delivered one of the biggest defeats the Turing team suffered this time last year. However, on this occasion, there was just one try separating the two sides at half time. The narrow scoreline was a result of some excellent try saving tackles and plenty of line breaks. The visitors started the second half in a ferocious fashion as a couple of quick succession tries proved the difference at full time as the score finished 8 tries to five. Despite not getting the win, this was a huge improvement compared to their Year 7 performance - well done to all involved!

Sports Clubs

Most sports clubs began this week with lots on offer for students to get involved with. Students simply need to turn up on the day of their desired club(s), get changed into their PE kit in the PE changing rooms and make their way to the location (field, sports hall, MUGA etc). Students will also need to self-register into the club via the Bromcom app once this is working for students. They can do this while changing. If a club begins before school, students should turn up in their PE kit and have their school uniform in their bag to change into for lesson 1. If a club is after school, then students do not need to get changed back into their school uniform (unlike PE lessons for those that have PE in lesson 6). Girls' rugby has been added to the list of sports clubs - this will take place every Wednesday after school beginning on Wednesday 20th September.



Key	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM -7am-7:45am	Yr 8, 9&10 boys Basketball with Richmond Knights (Hall) Link to sign up and pay in letter			All year's mixed Fitness (Mr Berrett) Gym – need to sign up in advance	
Lunch – only trainers needed		All years mixed club (PE team) T1 – Volleyball T2&3 – Table Tennis			All year's Cross Country (Mr Evans) Meet by front office in PE kit with uniform in bag.
PM – 3:10-4:10pm – full PE kit needed to take part.	Yr 7 boys Basketball with Richmond Knights (Hall) Link to sign up and pay in letter	Yr 7&8 mixed Hockey (External coach) MUGA	Yr 9-11 boys Rugby (Mr Berrett) Field	All year's girl's football (Mr McGilchrist) Field	
	All year's mixed Judo club with Judo Academy (Gym) link to sign up and pay in letter	Yr 10&11 boys Football (My Quigley) Field	Yr 7&8 boys Rugby (External coach) Field		
	All year's girls Netball (Miss Johnson + Green Jaguar coaching) MUGA				
	Yr 7 boys Football (Mr McGilchrist) Field				
	Year 8&9 boys Football (Mr Parkin) Field				

Coder Dojo

Richmond Coder Dojo is a free coding club open to young people aged 5 to 15 with sessions on Scratch, HTML, Python, and using micro:bits. Coder Dojo has returned to in-person sessions at Richmond Old Town Hall, on the fourth Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm.

The next session is Saturday 23rd September. Book your place now!

Footballers Wanted

Players wanted - Hearts U13 Girls

"nothing without great effort"

NEW players wanted	Hearts of Teddlothian Lynx's are looking for new players to join them this season in their U13s league (for girls who are going into year 8 from September 2023). We are looking for a goalkeeper and additional outfield players as we move up to 11-a-side matches. If you already play, have a passion about football, play at school and want to step up to matches or wanted to play on Saturday as well as your existing Sunday team. We'd love to hear from you.
Home ground	Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Rd, Twickenham TW2 5LH
Matches & training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday morning matches Tuesday night training Summer practice sessions – we will run some casual summer practice sessions should you want to try it out
Contact	girlsfootball@heartsofteddlothian.com

Homelink Whitton

Homelink in Whitton provides vital support to carers in desperate need of respite, which in turn leads to reduced isolation and an overall improvement in wellbeing. The service is delivered from a purpose-built dementia-friendly premises in Whitton, where clients enjoy a day of stimulating activities including discussion groups, music, virtual reality and creative pursuits, whilst their carers have peace of mind and some time to themselves.

Homelink's friendly staff team are specialists in looking after people with dementia, as well as for people with a variety of conditions including stroke, arthritis, diabetes, MS or mobility issues. Homelink need volunteers.

Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a rewarding role where you can make a difference?

We are looking for volunteers to help in our day centre which provides vital respite for unpaid carers by looking after their loved ones with dementia or other long-term conditions

WE NEED HELP WITH

- A wide range of client activities
- Dancing, chatting and spending time with our clients
- Entertaining by playing an instrument, singing etc
- Helping in the kitchen
- Serving meals and refreshments
- Transporting our clients to and from the centre

Are you able to support us in any of these areas?

Hours are flexible and can fit around your other commitments.

Interested? Contact Julie, call: 0208 255 1992
Email: julie.petson@homelinkdaycare.co.uk

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