

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

This week, staff and students recovered from the intensity of our Ofsted inspection and went about their business in the normal way. Whilst staff and students were tired, it was brilliant to have our annual Sixth Form Open evening on Thursday. Lead students, Emily and Sianna, spoke with confidence and real clarity about the educational journey that they have been on since year 7. I particularly like the final comment from Siana who stated, 'Turing House is an accomplished, fine school in which any child will thrive.' This comment came from the heart and very much mirrored some of our feedback from our Ofsted visit. For all of our Year 11 students please speak to us about any questions you might have regarding the 6th form application process.

The Munich trip has now departed with real excitement from our students and staff. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable trip. Once again, a huge thank you to the staff that have given up their half term holiday to enrich the lives of our young people.



When we return after the break, we will be sharing information about Remembrance Day. I will be attending the parade in Teddington as per previous years and would

really appreciate some students representing the school in the usual way. Wishing everyone a wonderful half term.

Year 11 and 13, make sure you revise!

THS Ski Trip



Turing House Ski Trip 2025 launching soon! Watch this space.

Congratulations to Mr Evans!



Congratulations to Mr Evans who won the Cabbage Patch 10K in a time of 48:42. After a tough week with an Ofsted inspection, all credit to Mr Evans for showing the Turing value of Perseverance. It's worth noting that the winner in 2005 was none other than Mo Farah, so Mr Evans is now in illustrious company! It was also great to hear that Ms Riglin, Mr Winstanley and Ms Winstanley also took to the start line and posted some impressive results.

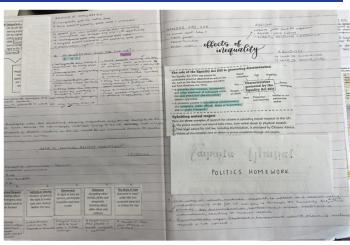


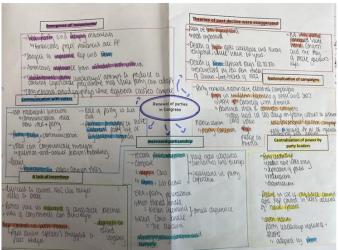


Student work

We have been very busy in the History and Politics Department, starting a brand-new GCSE in Politics and teaching weekly Year 9 Politics too!

Here is some excellent student work from our Year 10 and Year 13 students.





Year 8 UK Parliament Week

Year 8 had an assembly on Parliament last week in preparation for UK Parliament Week, which is taking place on the **6**th - **12**th **November**. Year 8 learnt all about the structure of Parliament, how we elect our representatives, and what MPs do. During UK Parliament Week, all year groups will be completing different activities in tutor time, including:

- What's in the new article
- Learning about the history of Parliament
- Completing a whole school vote
- Quiz!



For any Key Stage 3 enthusiastic politicians, don't forget that Politics Club is every Tuesday at 3pm in 1.25!

Turing Writers' Club

This term in Turing Writers' Club (Monday - 3pm in 1.18!), students have been exploring our Turing House value of 'perseverance'. One outstandingly talented Year 9 student has infused this with her interest in Sci-Fi, creating a gripping read 'The Old Years' below:

The Old Years

The beams of orange and blue light danced through the sky and painted police batons marched through the streets of the city squares at the arrival of the Old Year. But as Cody witnessed the scenes via his prebasic TV set, the very look on his face painted his opinion: that the vibrant façade was nothing but lies. For outside his window the silhouettes of malnourished young workers were staggering through the streets and attempting to pull down levers with all their might. The grey and dingy scene, however, was drowned out by the light show, featuring motorbikes and accurate green lasers, now being joyously portrayed on the screen. The light the old set was giving off alone managed to stand out from the bleak, grey and white walls of Cody's own home.

He wasn't even sure why his family (consisting of his mother, father and sister, Charlene) had even bothered to turn on the TV, because despite the fact that they were far below Capital Town (which, truly, was a city), the lights were well visible if you stood correctly in the road. Unfortunately, The Armistice's "peacekeepers" would certainly redirect your location if they caught you doing so. See, Cody was a citizen of Sub-Terra City, the town of which was being used to workforce the Government's attempt to reverse time.

At least, 'time reversal' was what the government called it. Really, it was the clever readjusting of the planet's climate to the point of where it was identical to that of the climate of 100 years prior. Of course, the government had brainwashed Capital Town enough for them to believe that time was truly reversing, hence the 'Old' year. Whilst wanting more

than 10% of the planet to be hospitable was fair enough, the manner in which it was being achieved was terrible for the Sub-Terrans, including Cody, or as the peacekeepers called him, S-T198999. At least, supposedly, revolution was on the way, though the movement required a leader.

The next day began like any other. Total darkness outside the sad, single-glazed window as well as in Cody's room. Cody himself was, like many other children, a scrawny young boy with slightly yellowed skin. His hair was unkempt and short and bruises plagued his beaten arms. But many said that his ability to overcome was like no other. The peacekeepers used this for extra work, but he wished this wasn't so.

Wearing grey overalls emblazoned with his number, Cody struggled with a pulley that was dragging metal scraps. He felt a light tap on his shoulder and instantly turned into the Armistice Salute of Respect, but found his sister in front of him. She began to speak in a hasty hushed tone as Cody awkwardly relaxed.

"R-M, pronto. They asked for you... anyways, plan A is almost ready." The Resistance Code had recently become common language among the Sub-Terrans. Charlene had meant: "Resistance Meeting, now" and "The revolution plan is almost ready". Confused as to what he was needed for, he stumbled towards the meeting point.

About 50 of the many resistance elders were met near the ramshackled old bank. All eyes were on him as Cody was brought to the centre of the circle they formed. An elder walked to him, raised his arm for silence and spoke.

"I know it seems my personal judgement is poorly placed. But tomorrow, we march, and we still lack a leader. And this boy," he gestured to Cody, "Can overcome even the toughest of challenges. We, as adults, tend to bicker and falter in action out of fear. But he, a perseverant child, may be what our movement requires." Several nodded in agreement, and everyone raised their fists towards Cody. This was a proposal. Would he step up to be their leader?

"Well...". Cody stammered. He was unsure, but relaxed. "I'll... I'll do it. I'll try, anyway.". At this, the room erupted in applause. The elder who had spoken handed him a cap, and beckoned for him to put on the ripped, faded item of headwear.

"Tomorrow, we march!" the elder euphorically announced.

That next morning, Cody stood in the street, shaking with fear. Almost all of the Sub-Terrans were behind him, metaphorically or quite literally, as sure enough, around the corner came the peacekeepers, who ran towards Cody, who appeared to be alone. Just then, Sub-Terrans jumped from hiding spots and homes around him, and they all charged the peacekeepers like a buffalo stampede. Soon, peacekeeper cars were somehow stolen by the immense crowd and the resistance ploughed through the hoardes of officers. Cody felt slight sorrow as he watched them be them be thrown away as though they were never there by the cars, but had to refocus as he felt the air around him change. They had made it to the lifts to Capital Town. None of the Sub-Terrans had gotten this far before. Cody saw his comrades' faces light up as the surface drew near and light filled the concrete chamber.

Leaving the run-down chamber, Cody assumed his eyes simply deceived him. Thousands of Capital Town citizens stood dumbfounded; dressed in extravagant, rich clothing. And beyond a large amount of them, hardly visible in the real morning mist (as opposed to the smoke Cody and everyone he knew had always known), surrounded by armed guards, was none other than the Prime Minister of the Liveable Nation himself. Everyone laid their eyes on him- and then on to Cody expectantly. There he was. The man that had ordered he and everyone he loved to simply rot underground. To be used as disposable tools. Swallowing his remorse for a man who had none, he raised his arm towards the circle of guards. Chaos broke loose as the thousands of Sub-Terrans charged like rhinoceroses boisterously through the crowd, knocking those in their way to the side or to the ground. Within minutes, the disorderly masses reached the guards, who had not been prepared for

more than a hundred, so stood no chance. They were ploughed to the floor as though they were made of cardboard as the masses pounced like wild wolves on the Prime Minister, dragging him by the feet to a stolen car, never to be seen again. A cheer erupted, and Cody smiled. Thousands of problems stared the New Liveable Nation down, but with freedom, the New Year truly began as the sun rose in the sky.



Year 9 Boys Football v Winston Churchill School

Last week, Year 9 boys team came up as winners in the first round of the Surrey FA Schools Cup on the football pitch as they took on the Winston Churchill School. The Turing team went 1-0 down early in the match before being jolted into action and kickstarting not just an equaliser, but a flurry of well worked goals inside a short amount of time to go 3-1 up at the break. The visitors ran out of steam in the second half and the boys were sure to capitalise on this edge they had, courtesy of some excellent passing through the middle of the pitch and long balls placed to perfection for the forwards. The team now eagerly awaits their next opponent in the second round of the competition. Well done to all involved!



Year 10 Boys Football v Glenthorne

Just as the Year 9s did, the Year 10 boys took part in the first round of the Surrey FA Cup last week, coming up against Glenthorne. While enjoying the home advantage, the Turing team took an early second half lead with a brilliant goal by capitalising on a defensive blunder when the ball was passed back to the keeper. However, the visitors came back with two goals of their own in order to claim the win as the match finished 2-1 to the away side. The boys were disappointed with the outcome of the close result, especially after a tight first half where both sides were creating some chances that could have gone either way with a bit more on-the-ball accuracy. Nonetheless, they have plenty more fixtures to look forward to and they reckon they can only get better! Well done to all involved!

Year 7-11 Girls Rugby Club Announcement

The Girls Rugby Club, led by coaches from Richmond RFC, will now take place on a Tuesday after the half term break. This will start from the first week back (Tuesday 31st October). The session will still run after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and it is still open to all, regardless of ability or experience. If students have enjoyed rugby in PE lessons this term, then the PE Department would like to encourage them to attend the after-school club.

Year 9 Boys Rugby Festival

The Year 9 boys took part in the U14 Middlesex Rugby Festival this week, having taken on Orleans Park in the league set up the day prior. The festival started off well for the Turing team as they deservingly won their pool, beating two teams and drawing with another to claim the top spot. They then played all the other teams who came first in their respective pools. The boys lost narrowly to Gunnersbury and Latimer, but beat familiar opponents Richmond upon Thames. The whole day demanded a tremendous amount of focus and effort which every player gave, and they can definitely be proud of their efforts. Well done to all involved!



Year 9 Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Year 9 boys played their first league fixture which entailed a trip to Orleans Park. The Turing team knew what they were up against as they remembered how organised the opposition were, which they showed when they led at half time 19-0. A second half THS comeback looked to be on the cards as the boys worked hard to bring the score back to 19 points each! Unfortunately, the hosts took advantage of two quick penalties which saw the game finish 31-19, but a valuable lesson was received about not leaving it to the second half. Well done to all involved!

Year 10/11 Girls Netball v Christ's School

While the Year 9 girls were playing, the combined Year 10 and 11 girls also prepared to take on the same opposition. They too had to wait until this last week to finally get stuck into their netball fixtures, which will continue after the half term break. The girls made a promising start defensively as it looked like they were keeping Christ's at bay on the scoreboard. Discipline started to slip further into the match, however, and the away team were able to build momentum through a couple of crucial Turing team faults, eventually storming their way to victory. The girls got another chance to play as THS hosted the borough tournament; read on to find out how they got on. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football v Twickenham

Continuing with their league fixtures, the Year 8 boys were back on the football pitch as they hosted Twickenham this week. The boys went 2-0 up in the first half. They hoped to build on that momentum in the second half, but the opposition ensured the Turing team had their work cut out in defence as the visitors chased a comeback. Although they conceded in the last 15 minutes, they managed to hold their nerve to come away with the victory as the match finished 2-1 to THS. Well done to all involved!



Year 9 Girls Netball v Christ's School

The Year 9 girls hosted Christ's at the start of the week on the netball court. Despite being the last week of the half term, it was the first netball fixture of the year that was able to go ahead! There were some cobwebs that needed blowing away and the combination of a long wait for their first game and it being the last week of half term meant that the Turing team couldn't quite get their offense to click on the day as Christ's took the win. There are plenty more games to come, however, and netball club will still be running on a Monday after school. Well done to all involved!



NPL Youth U15 Novas

NPL Youth U15 Novas are looking for talented individuals to join their women's team! Please see details below:

Training Sessions:

Lincoln Playing Fields (Whitton 3G)

Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

Contact: Greg - 07958300204

Matches: Sunday - Surrey County Girls League

Powerjam Band Project

Brothers Ben H, on bass guitar (Year 13), and Billy H on drums (Year 10) are in a band with local not-for-profit organisation, Powerjam Band Project. Their band is called 'Late In Tokyo' and they have just **today** released their debut original song, 'Broken Kisses'.

It's available on Spotify and the video is on You Tube - https://youtu.be/zlXYTbeVygc



You can follow Powerjam Band Project and all their fantastic bands here:

http://www.instagram.com/powerjam_band_project/

Music Clubs

Music extra-curricular activities are now underway and we strongly encourage our students to participate in Music outside of the classroom. There's so much to choose from:

Monday after school - Band Club. Open to all instrumental and vocal abilities

Tuesday after school – Choir. Open to all.

Friday lunchtime - Orchestra. Open to all Woodwind, Strings and Brass players at all levels.

It's also not too late to sign up for instrumental tuition



at Turing House. Visit Richmond Music Trust's website to enrol: <u>Apply</u> <u>Now - Richmond Music</u> <u>Trust</u>

Kingston & Richmond Youth Council



Kingston and Richmond Youth Council Elections – recruitment has opened!

The formal candidate recruitment stage has now begun across all secondary schools in Kingston and

Richmond and will end on November 3rd. For the last 16 years we are proud to be supported by all our schools participating in the elections.

Schools have a **five-week period**, until the 3rd November, to engage and motivate their pupils to register to become candidates in the Kingston and Richmond Youth Council elections, which take place in March 2024.

What is the KRYC?

- · Elected by over 6000 of you in March 2o22
- We tackle issues the youth find important
- · We research and combat issues such as:
 - o Climate change
 - o Racism
 - o Sexual harassment
 - o Mental Health

March 2024: Youth Election!

- In March 2024, all schools in the borough will vote for the candidates they want on the new Kingston and Richmond Youth Council
- Anyone from Y7-13 can put themselves forward as candidates
- The initial sign up and recruitment starts very soon! (In October)

Who can sign up to become a candidate?

- Year 7 upwards aged 11-19
- Live or go to school in Kingston or Richmond boroughs that you're standing in
- · Nominate yourself as a candidate

What is the election process?

- · You will need to self-nominate to sign up
- You will then be invited to an induction and some training sessions (outside of school)
- You will need to put a campaign together, complete some hustings and then in March everyone will vote for candidates
- · If you are successful, you will be invited to join the Youth Parliament or Youth Council

This sounds great! What next?

- If you are interested in nominating yourself,
 please see Mrs Johnson in 1.25 to let her know
- The link to nominate yourself: https://www.minomination.com/afckryc
- This has also been uploaded to Bromcom!

Hampton Youth Project

This half term we will be running our usual timetable but with a slight twist. Instead of opening at 3:30pm, we will be opening at 2:30pm each day. As such all clubs will be open an extra hour with our usual offer of art, cooking, gaming and sports on offer throughout the whole half term holiday. Then there's our special activity sessions such as archery, boxing, climbing, cooking and taekwondo which are running as normal. Come and join us, make friends and have fun this half term holiday.

Please contact Justin Johnson via email on Justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk for more info.



HAMPTON YOUTH PROJECT IS BACK!

Term time weekly timetable - Just turn up unless specified

 MONDAY®

 Afterschool drop in
 3.30pm to 6.30pm
 Ages 10 to 16

 Drumming, guitar and keyboard tuition
 4pm to 6pm
 Ages 10 to 16

 Rock wall climbing Session 1
 6.45pm to 7.45pm
 Ages 10 to 16

 Rock wall Session 2
 7.50pm to 8.50pm
 Ages 10 to 16

 Contact Piers to book a space
 E: piers psiba@achievingforchildren.org.uk

TUESDAYS
Seniors

 Seniors
 3.30pm to 6.30pm ages 11 to 16

 Cooking lessons
 2.30pm to 5pm ages 11 to 19

Open to young people out of education or NEET

Archery 5.30pm to 7pm ages 11 to 16

Wednesdays

Juniors 3.30pm to 5.30pm ages 9 to 11

THURSDAYS

 Boxing Juniors
 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 ages 10 to 12

 Boxing Seniors
 4.30pm to 5.30pm
 ages 13 to 16

 Taekwondo
 5.30pm to 7pm
 ages 8 to 16

FRIDAY

 Inters
 3.30pm to 5.30pm
 ages 10 to 13

 Football training
 4.30pm to 5.45pm
 ages 10 to 13

SATURDAY

Groove academy band practice

Please contact Angela for times and membership info

E. groove.academy@blueyonder.co.uk

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