

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

With our Year 11 students starting their official exam period next week, and Year 13 students the week after, we wish them all the very best of luck and we hope all their hard work pays off.

Also, it's that time of year that we look to award the Jack Petchey Award to six students in the school. Please scan the QR code below to nominate a student you think would be deserving of this. For more information about Jack Petchey, please click on the link: <u>Jack Petchey Foundation</u>



Art & Photography exams

A huge well done to both Art and Photography students who have completed their 10-hour exams



this week. You all worked so hard and you should be really proud of yourselves and the progress you have made! Well done!



Tuesday 7th May – INSET DAY Wc 6th May – GCSEs start Wc 13th May – A levels start

Yr 12 Physics trip to Royal Holloway

Last Thursday, Year 12 physics students attended the particle physics masterclass at (a slightly rainy) Royal Holloway, University of London. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to visit Royal Holloway and attend university style demonstrations and lectures from leading academics field in the of particle physics. The students were also able to gain hands on experience with a variety of practical tasks, giving themselves an excellent head start for their particle physics module to be studies in Year 13. The students all enjoyed the day and were fantastic ambassadors for our 6th form.



Year 12 Geography residential

Last week the Year 12 Geography students spent three days in the South Downs on a residential trip to prepare for their upcoming NEA work.

Over the course of the trip students were able to gain first-hand experience of the geographical enquiry process, which included getting to grips with the wide range of fieldwork strategies that are used to collect primary data.

We spent time discussing the way in which we collect our data to ensure it is reliable, accurate and precise. Students then worked in the evenings to present their data using a range of graphs and GIS.

Fieldwork opportunities linked to all aspects of the course and included an ecosystem study, a changing places study and an investigation into coastal management.

The Youth Hostel we stayed at was a great base for the site visits and the food was good too; it was nice to start the day with a full English!

The students worked so incredibly hard on this trip and conducted themselves brilliantly! We can't wait to see their NEA projects that result from this preparation.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Gould and Mr Tse-Laurence for their expert tuition and support on the trip.





Year 9 St. Mary's University History Trip

Last week, 30 Year 9 students were selected to attend a St. Mary's University talk on the Rwandan Genocide. These students were chosen by their history teachers due to their consistent hard work over the year in lessons.

Students were shown around parts of the university by alumnae Ms Riglin and Mrs Lamb. They then attended the talk and Q+A session from a survivor of the genocide. This was incredibly moving and thought provoking, and really helped students to learn about the event through a personal story. This built on their Term 3 unit studying genocides in the 20th Century.

Our students represented the school excellently and were able to gain an understanding of what university life is like!



Horrible Histories Live

Performances are running over May half term at Hampton Court Palace. This in-demand performance is back in the Palace Gardens for one week only and there are limited tickets available, so pre-book now and don't miss out. Each lasts one hour and takes place on the East Front Gardens seated directly on grass and in the open air.

• Adult tickets: (16 years +): £15.00

Children: (2-15 years): £9.00



Link to book tickets if you are interested: Horrible Histories Live on Stage! | Hampton Court Palace | Historic Royal Palaces (hrp.org.uk)

Free Rail Safe Friendly programme

Due to increasing incidents of trespass on the railway near our school, we would like all parents/carers to watch this **FREE** 15-minute safety video.

https://learnliveuk.com/wessex-network-railsafety-presentation-secondary/

Turing House Friends Notices

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Second Hand Uniform

We are holding a second-hand uniform sale for the Y6 applicants on May 9th. We really need *good quality branded items* (no shirts or trousers), especially in smaller sizes. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please drop it into the office marked for Turing House Friends.

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Sports fixtures

Year 7/8 Borough Tennis Tournament

A team of Year 7 and 8 boys and girls competed in the borough tennis tournament at the beginning of this week, hosted by Grey Court. It was a hard-fought competition with some excellent tactical tennis being played as the level of competition heated up throughout the afternoon. The THS girls team performed brilliantly to finish in second place overall, narrowly missing out on first place with an excellent game that went to a tie break. The boys' team also put on a great display of tennis prowess. After another close game that finished 1-1 in the singles matches, it came down to the doubles match which they won and took first place overall. Well done to all involved!



Year 7/8 Girls Flag Football v Bicago Chears School

The combined Year 7/8 girls flag football team took to the field again earlier this week. This was their first official game of the league after the warm-up matches that happened previously. Although they were just practice games, the girls lost both friendly matches so they were coming into this match as underdogs - a position they relished as you know what they say: the bigger the underdog, the bigger the potential for upset (or something to that effect). Focusing in on their creative talent, the girls devised plays of attack and defence that saw them excel in many areas of the field. The opposing team appeared to be an equal match for the Turing team and a close encounter played out. The final moments of the game saw THS score one final time to claim a 22-20 victory

and boost confidence for their next league match. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Football v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 7 boys took on St Richard Reynolds in their last football match of this year's league. This was the third-place play-off match so there was plenty to play for. The match was full of spectacular footballing action from start to finish with both sides giving as good as they got. Every opportunity was taken to win possession, relentlessly attack up front and stand firm in defence. A penalty for both teams looked like it was going to make the difference as the Turing team scored theirs and saved the opposition attempt from the spot. Another wonder goal from the edge of the box cemented winning beliefs for THS, but St Richard Reynolds fought well and hard to make a comeback and steal a 3-2 win. The boys could still be proud of their performance, what a game! Well done to all involved!



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