



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

A child's educational journey can be incredibly varied, from the initial excitement of Year 7, finding their feet in Year 8, Options in Year 9, GCSEs in Year 10 to exams in Year 11. For lots this then repeats in Years 12 and 13.

Some students tackle these changes easily, others find the path through secondary education rocky with plenty of incidents of picking themselves up and dusting themselves down.

What we tend to forget at this stage of the year for our Year 11 and Year 13 students is how Turing House for the majority of students had become a consistent, predictable, reliable part of a young person's life - like a comfortable and familiar pair of trainers that gets put on 40 weeks of a year. Regardless of a student's academic ability or their school experience, when this constant reaches the end, it can be really challenging for some. It's vital for all parents, students and school staff to be aware of this so we can offer support when it is needed.

As the exam series comes to a close, it's incredibly exciting to hear what students are planning for their next part of their journey through life. It is very rewarding to know that students have a clear plan for 16 and 18 plus



knowing the Turing has had an impact on that journey.

One student in particular has made me reflect on their educational journey. The student won't want me to mention them by name but safe to say I couldn't be more proud of the growth I have seen since they arrived as a bundle of nerves and energy in 2019. The student arrived at my door the other day with very little fanfare and handed me this amazing gift. It just made me reflect on the impact school has on shaping the lives of our young people. So to all our leavers, I wish you the absolute best and wish you safe travels.





KEY DATES



Wc 24th June – Year 12 work experience week

Monday 24th & Wednesday 26th June – Year 8 trip to the Natural History Museum

Wednesday 26th June – Year 11 leavers' assembly

Thank you from the Invigilation Team

Our lovely invigilators just wanted to say a big thank you to all our Year 11 and 13s for their impeccable behaviour during their exams! They wish them all the best with their results.

Turing House Friends

Donate Your Second-Hand Uniforms and Revision Books!

As the school year winds down, we're reaching out for a little help from our amazing school community. Got any second-hand school uniforms that are still in good shape? We'd love to take them off your hands! We're specifically looking for branded items that are in good - excellent condition.

If we gather enough uniforms, we'll host a fun sale before the end of term. It's a win-win – clear out your wardrobes and grab some great deals on uniforms for next year!

But that's not all! For those wrapping up their exams, if you have any revision books (like CGP guides, unused workbooks, or flashcards) you no longer need, we'd be thrilled to take those too. They can be a huge help to younger students gearing up for their studies. Donations can be dropped off at the school office marked for Turing House Friends. Thank you for your support.

Munira Wilson Q& A

As part of our ongoing mock election campaign, we had the Liberal Democrat candidate, Munira Wilson, host a Q+A session with students this week.

The students were absolutely fantastic, and asked interesting and rigorous questions on topics such as the cost of living crisis, the Rwandan policy, violence against women and raising university tuition fees.

They were able to gain a deeper understanding of Munira's political priorities and principles, which will help them make a decision on who to vote for.

We have invited all six candidates in to speak with students, and are hoping to hear back from the Green Party, Conservative Party and the Workers Party of Britain before students go to the polling booth and vote on July 4th!



Cheering on England!

On Thursday evening we had students from all year groups joining us for the England vs. Denmark football game. With the match kicking off at 5pm, it was the perfect opportunity to get together and enjoy the atmosphere. The match started well, and there was lots of cheering for the goals in the first half, with

support for both teams. Unfortunately we didn't see any goals in the second half, but we still enjoyed the lively atmosphere and the plentiful refreshments served by some of our Year 11 students. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, with a special mention to Kaiden G in Year 12, who came up with the idea and helped us to run it.



Year 10 Army Day

This week Year 10 took part in the British Army Elite Skills day at Turing House. They all had a detailed introduction to career pathways into the Army plus the many opportunities once you join. The presentation focused on Apprenticeships and university entrance and how you progress through the Army Ranks.

Each tutor group were then introduced to three team problem solving challenges which would represent some of the challenges you might face in the army. These included how to build an effective bridge to get your team across a mine field in a set time. Congratulations to 10T who were the only group of the day to complete this task successfully within the time limit. They then needed to work out how to put together a complex map to enable the delivery of key resources to troops. They had to use a logical, methodical approach to get this done successfully. Lots of groups succeeded here so well done to all. Lastly, they had the tyre challenge. They had to organise tyres in a certain pattern which involved teamwork and skill. They had limiting factors to consider but once they worked out the strategy, I was impressed by how quickly the Year 10s got the job done.

Well done to all Year 10; it was lovely to see you all working together and engaging with the Army in this positive manner. For those interested in joining the Armed Forces please do contact the careers team (Mrs Gould/ Mrs Chorley) at Turing as we have further information to share and possible work experience opportunities for those who are keen to give it a go.

THS Careers Team



Year 7 Biology

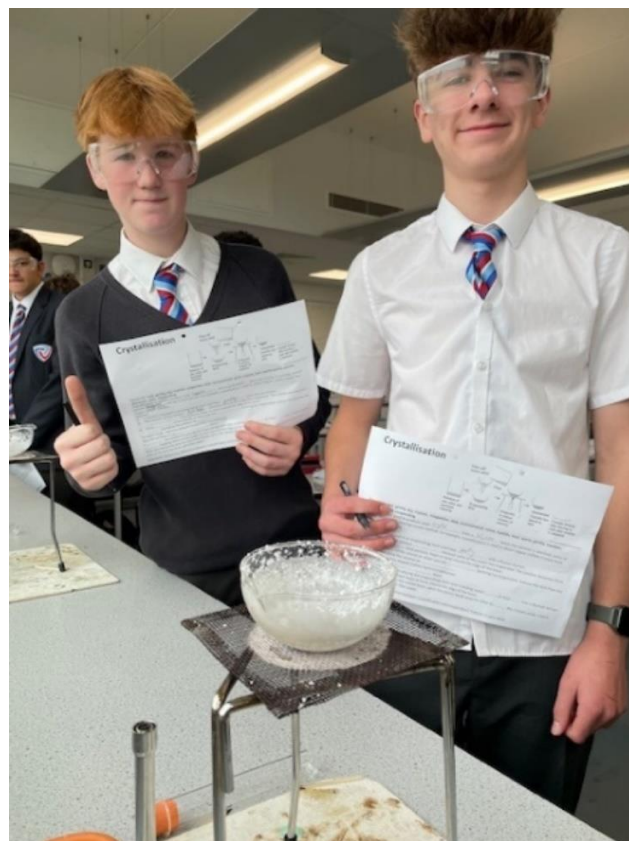
Year 7 students are currently learning about the parts of a flower and plant reproduction. Students had a chance to dissect a flower and identify the parts of a

flower. Students dissected a variety of flowers like, tulips, lilies, petunias, carnations, or irises. Students also practised their skills of producing of scientific drawings! Well done Y7s! Here are some fun flower facts: flowering plants are also known as angiosperms. They first appeared about 140 million years ago during the Cretaceous period. There are over 400,000 types of flowering plants on Earth. The world's largest flower is the *Rafflesia arnoldii*. It can grow to be 3 feet across and weigh up to 15 pounds! It is often referred to as the "corpse flower" because of its unpleasant smell. Some flowers, like sunflowers, exhibit a behaviour called heliotropism, or sun-tracking. This means that they follow the sun's movement across the sky from east to west. The Middlemist's Red (*Camellia japonica*) is the rarest flower in the world; there are only two known examples — one in New Zealand and another in England.

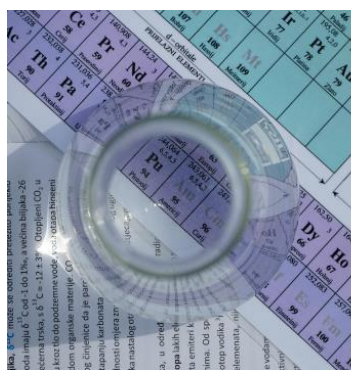


Year 9 Chemistry

Y9 students are revising for the upcoming Y9 exams next week. This week we revised mixtures and separating techniques. Students performed crystallisation of copper sulphate and evaporation of sodium chloride solutions as a means of practising the differences between the two methods. We decided to take the opportunity to turn the crystallisation experiment into a mini competition; the goal was to make the largest possible crystals of copper sulphate. Students know that the speed at which a crystal forms can affect its size. A slow rate of crystallization tends to form larger crystals. Every group got crystals (well done Y9 students) but Bertug and Jacob won the competition with the largest crystals! Did you know that the process of crystallization was first noticed more than 4,000 years ago when it was discovered that cooling salt water produced salt crystals? Also, the biggest crystal on Earth is a giant selenite crystal found in the Naica Mine in Mexico. It measures a staggering 12 meters in length and 4 meters in diameter!



This week's chemistry joke:



“How often should you tell a chemistry joke? Periodically”

Park Art competition

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Exhibition: 12 - 15 September 2024 at the Landmark Arts Centre

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Year 10 Hyrox Training

A group of Year 10 boys have been preparing for a fitness race against Teddington which will be taking place next week. This fitness fixture will be a first of its kind in the borough - Hyrox is a sport that combines running and functional fitness in a team or individual race format and has been spreading across the globe as its popularity rises. The boys have been working hard to develop multiple components of fitness through a series of indoor and outdoor training workouts, as well as coming to grips with the appropriate standard of movements and team tactics. Hyrox training will continue as an after-school club every Tuesday at 3.15pm for the rest of this term and will be open to all students in all year groups from Tuesday 25th June onwards - just simply turn up in your PE kit and give it a go.



Sporting Fixtures

Year 7/8 Girls Cricket v Twickenham

The combined Year 7 and 8 girls cricket team were back in action at the start of this week against Twickenham. Both teams contained a mix of experienced cricketers and those still developing their knowledge and understanding of the softball version of the game. The opposing team opted to bat first, scoring 80 runs to 5 wickets. The Turing team were on target to surpass the target when they stepped up to bat, but fell just 5 runs short by the end of the final over, despite a great display of determination to push every run where possible. Well done to all involved!

Borough Golf Tournament

This year's borough golf tournament took place at Fulwell Golf Club where a group of Turing House students from various year groups competed against the best of them from the other schools in the borough. The sun was shining for the Turing team which made for some very inviting playing conditions and a day out in the sunshine was enjoyed by all. Everyone from the Turing team played to their best ability on the day and, as always, represented the

school in a manner to be proud of. A special mention goes to defending champion Felix S from Year 9 who took top spot in his age category and Lara E-B from Year 12 who came second among the Sixth Form competition. Well done to all involved!



Year 7/8 Girls Rounders v Richmond Park Academy

The Year 7 and 8 girls were back in action on the rounders pitch as they made the journey to East Sheen to take on Richmond Park Academy. With the long and often cold wait for some summer sports-appropriate weather finally over, the young Turing team was looking forward to getting stuck in as they stepped up to bat first. RPA's fielding strategy stopped THS in their tracks, but when the girls took their turn to field, they stepped their performance up a notch and covered all areas well. There were some very close calls at the bases that arguably could have gone either way but, in the end, the opposition clinched a win with just two rounders being the difference. The girls will have a chance to go again soon when they host the borough rounders tournament. Well done to all involved!

Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v Richmond Park Academy

While the Year 7/8 game was going on, the combined Year 9 and 10 girls were also facing Richmond Park Academy on the rounders pitch. The older Turing Team put a fantastic shift in their batting inning, scoring 7.5 rounders. However, the opposition were just too strong from the batting box and the THS fielding effort was stretched to its limit, despite a determined push from the girls to back each other up in the more open areas of the field. Nonetheless, the girls also have the borough rounders tournament to look forward to in a few weeks' time where they will enjoy a home advantage and aim to finish the year on good form. Maybe the sunny weather might even stay put too (unless I've just jinxed it...). Well done to all involved!



Learn to Row Courses

The LYG Foundation have shared some learn to row courses that are running in London this summer. Click the links for more information. Free rowing taster session for young people in receipt of Pupil Premium at Fulham Reach Boat Club; [Fulham Boat Club: Water Sports Weeks](#). General Summer Learn to row course; Fulham Boat Club: Learn to Row. London Youth Rowing (Courses based in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park); [Summer Camp Week 1](#), [Summer Camp Week 2](#). Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dan Hetherington – dan.hetherington@britishrowing.org.



External Clubs and Notices

TEDDINGTON ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB


U13 STAGS BOYS TRIALS

WHO CURRENT YR7 BOYS	WHEN 19:00 EVERY WEDNESDAY	DATES 5 JUNE - 28 AUG
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ALL TRIALS WILL BE HELD AT
WHITTON SPORTS CENTRE

TO TRIAL FOR STAGS, YOU MUST BE
BORN AFTER **1 SEPT 2011** BORN BEFORE **31 AUG 2012**

TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE
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Performing Arts Schools

Stagecoach Performing Arts has opened a new class at Turing House and is now enrolling for September! Offering two-week trials in the new term - why not email twickenham@stagecoach.co.uk to find out more! Classes for age 4-6 years 4.30-6pm and 6-16 years 4.45-7.45pm on Wednesdays! 07824 999 414

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Existing pupils have the option to book an appointment if desired, although we suggest visiting us on Saturdays and during our walk-in weeks for any top-up items, pre-booking appointments isn't necessary during walk-ins.

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