



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Year 11 leavers assembly

We welcomed our Year 11 cohort into school for shirt signing, BBQ and leavers assembly this week. There was a buzzy atmosphere in the sports hall as Ms Scott put some tunes on, and the students signed each other's shirts. We were so impressed by the students who had prepared beautifully decorated shirts in advance. The site team cooked a lovely BBQ for us, and the kitchen provided some yummy sides and cookies. We had an emotional final assembly, in which form tutors, Ms Loudain, Mrs Collins and Mr O'Sullivan all gave speeches. We feel incredibly proud of this Year 11 group and all they have achieved, and feel grateful for the chance to say goodbye to this wonderful year group. And we still have our prom to look forward to on the 5th July!



Year 8 Natural History Museum trip

On Monday and Wednesday, Year 8 students visited the Natural History Museum. They visited various galleries and immersed themselves in the history of our planet and the lives of animals and plants both extinct or still alive today! Students were curious about the different exhibits, engaged with the quiz, and some groups went above and beyond and explored more galleries than what was planned for! Students were sensible and managed to cope with the heat and severe train delays! Well done, Year 8s! Here's a couple of pictures from the trip.



Here are some fascinating facts about the natural history of earth: the Earth is estimated to be 4.54 billion years old, based on evidence from radiometric age dating of meteorite material and Earth rocks, as well as using the ages of the oldest known terrestrial rocks. Oxygen was not always in Earth's atmosphere. Ancient rocks show evidence that oxygen became a major part of Earth's atmosphere only about 2.3 billion years ago. Earth has seen five mass extinctions over the past 500 million years. The first mass

**KEY DATES**

1st July – INSET Day

3rd July – Year 9 Imperial War Museum history trip

4th July – Mock Election, Jack Petchey Event

5th July – Year 11 Prom

extinction occurred 450–440 million years ago. The third is most significant, as it was responsible for removing about 96% of species – this was near the time of the Permian-Triassic extinction. The earth's longest mountain range is underwater. It's called the Mid-Ocean Ridge System. It stretches for 80,000 kilometres all the way around the world and is nearly 20 times longer than the longest range on the surface, the Andes. Earth's largest living structure is the Great Barrier Reef. Spanning over 2,300 kilometres and visible from space, the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms, coral polyps.



Here are some fascinating facts about the Natural History Museum of London:

The museum was officially opened to the public on April 18th, 1881, but its origins date back to 1753 with the collection of Sir Hans Sloane. The Natural History

Museum in London houses one of the world's most important natural history collections. It has over 80 million items within five main collections: botany, entomology, mineralogy, palaeontology, and zoology. It's a world-leading research institution. Many people know the museum as home to historical artifacts and galleries, but it's also a hub for significant scientific research. The museum employs around 300 scientists and hosts numerous research students. The Natural History Museum has over 350 scientifically important collections, including specimens collected by Charles Darwin. Some of his specimens, from his landmark expedition on the Beagle, are still used in research on the nature of evolution. The museum also contains a rare piece of the moon brought back to earth by the Apollo Moon missions - one of only 382 kilograms of lunar material collected during these missions.

Year 8 Biology

Year 8 have been taking advantage of the good weather and heading out to the wild verges of our school field to identify common plants, and practise biological drawing skills. It might seem a long way off, but for those who go on to study A-level Biology, drawing high quality scientific drawings will be a key skill. We also enjoyed spending some time outside and seeing the variety of species growing on our school site.



Turing House School Mock Election Update

We are really excited for our mock election next week! Students have been learning about our voting system and the importance of voting.

Next Thursday, the Sixth Form study room will be our polling station for the day, and students will be allocated a time slot to come down and vote.

The ballot boxes and voting papers are ready to go!

Results will be revealed in a whole-school assembly next Friday.

Over the last week, we have had two candidate speakers in, with students volunteering to attend these talks:

- Alex Starling of Reform UK
- Jonathan Hulley of the Conservative Party

A member of staff in attendance commented that it was like watching an episode of Question Time, with the students asking brilliant questions and engaging in important discussions around current affairs and politics.

These questions included topics such as:

- The Rwanda policy
- The National Service proposed policy
- Immigration
- Treatment of minority groups
- Support for single-parent families
- The increase in military spending
- The future of young people in the UK today
- Crime

Our students have really impressed us with how they have engaged in this election campaign; we hope to inspire the next generation to use their vote and engage in democracy.



Top UK Universities for studying History

Are you passionate about uncovering the stories of the past and understanding how they shape our world today? If so, studying history at one of the UK's top universities may be the path for you. Here's a list of some of the top institutions where you can dive deep into history.

University of Cambridge - History at Cambridge gives you the opportunity to explore the past from the ancient world to the present day. Choose from a range of different topics that interest you, from politics in the Roman Republic to material culture in the Ottoman Empire and neoliberalism in modern Britain and America. You will explore the past from many different angles, as well as the interaction between history and other disciplines.

University of Oxford - Oxford's History course combines the examination of large regions over extended periods of time with more focused work on smaller social groups, shorter periods and particular themes. The course combines vigorous debate over questions of interpretation with rigorous attention to source material.

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) - Choose from a wide range of history courses

covering virtually every region of the world and period in history. The Department of International History is world-leading for research and teaching. Our internationally acclaimed academics will help you to develop your analytical powers, analyse complex evidence from a variety of sources and learn how to present your findings clearly – all highly transferable skills that are valued by employers.

University of St Andrews - From medieval to modern, Scotland to the Middle East, studying history at St Andrews offers you a broad and varied portfolio of courses to specialise in. You'll study the histories of religion, politics, law, commerce, science and the environment across all periods. Renowned research combined with teaching excellence offers a dynamic and intellectually stimulating environment for the study of history.

Durham University - has one of the most highly regarded history departments in the UK and our students love being here. They offer modules covering periods from the Middle Ages to the present and many different parts of the world: Chinese, Japanese, African, South Asian and US history are all taught at Durham University, alongside British and other European history.

The Poetry Society

The English Department would like to encourage students to attend this brilliant, free, online poetry writing workshop hosted by The Poetry Society:

Online Workshop and Open Mic for Young Poets

Saturday 29 June 2024, 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

This is a **free**, one hour poetry writing workshop for 14–25-year-olds, followed by a Young Poets Takeover open mic over Zoom.

In the workshop, participants will be guided through prompts about using **rhyme**, **metre**, and **stanzas** in their writing, as part of the Poetry Toolbox series on Young Poets Network.

After a short break, the online Young Poets Takeover will begin, featuring headline sets from Foyle Young Poets and Young Poets Network Challenge winners, plus shorter open mic slots.

Online Workshop and Open Mic for Young Poets – The Poetry Society.

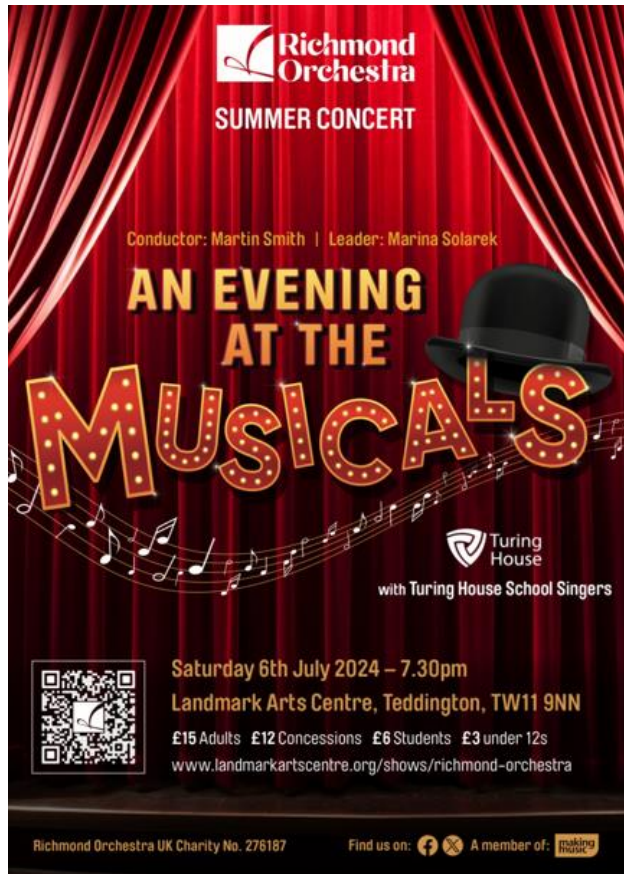
Forthcoming Music Events

The Music department is working towards two notable events in the local community on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July where our students will be collaborating with students from across the borough, as well as local amateur musicians. Meg Delaney (Y11) will be performing with her band with their own original songs in 'Live at the Exchange' at The Exchange, Twickenham, whilst our school choir will be joining forces with Richmond Orchestra to perform songs from musicals at The Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington. Tickets can be secured directly from either The Exchange or The Landmark Arts Centre via the following:

[Richmond Music Trust Live At The Exchange - The Exchange, Twickenham | Creativity, expression, learning and enjoyment. \(exchangetwickenham.co.uk\)](https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk)



[Richmond Orchestra - Landmark Arts Centre - Live Performances](#)



Musical Instrument Lessons

Richmond Music Trust is now accepting registrations for musical instrument lessons for the academic year 2024-2025. Currently, we have peripatetic staff for instruments including Piano/Keyboard, Voice, Drum Kit, Acoustic/Electric Guitar, Trumpet, Violin, Viola and Cello. Other instruments can be accommodated upon request. If you're interested in signing up for tuition, please complete the following online form:- [Apply Now - Richmond Music Trust](#)

Sporting Fixtures

Borough Sports Championships

A massive well done to everyone who represented THS at the Borough Sports Championships which took place this week at St Mary's University. This was the biggest Turing team contingent yet as we entered events such as high jump and hurdles for the first time ever. Everyone blew us away with their positive attitude and athleticism on the day and there were plenty of outstanding results among our individual efforts. As a school THS finished in 5th place out of 13

schools which is something to be proud of. Well done to all involved!





HYROX Fitness Race v Teddington

A group of Year 10 boys were invited to take part in a first-of-its-kind fixture this week against Teddington in a unique and gruelling fitness race. As if temperatures weren't hot enough, the Turing team brought the heat as they gave their all over the course of several exercise stations that were broken up with some compromised running. This fixture formed a Hyrox trial event - Hyrox is the organisation responsible for making fitness racing an accessible sport on a global scale. The aim of the event was to complete the race as quickly as possible which, overall, THS managed to do by a matter of seconds! This was the first time this has been done in a British school so the boys made their own history through their participation and success. Well done to all involved!



Year 9/10 Boys Cricket v Richmond upon Thames

Last week the Year 9 and 10 boys were up against Richmond upon Thames in their cricket fixture, hoping to take their winning form to further heights.

The Turing team were up first to bowl and made their intentions clear by taking a total of 9 wickets in 12 overs, keeping the opposition to 66 runs. When they stepped up to get stuck into their batting inning, the boys felt confident that they could chase 66 runs before the 12 overs had concluded. They managed exactly that and emerged victorious as they surpassed the RTS score with a few overs spare, and the day's mission was complete. Well done to all involved!

Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships

On Monday, a small team of Year 7 and 8 students were selected to represent Richmond borough at the Middlesex Schools Athletics Championships, held at the StoneX stadium in North London. Competing against eight other boroughs in each event, the THS team performed brilliantly: Florence came third in the Javelin; Holly bagged fourth place in the 100m race; Xavier scored first in the discus; Jay flew to first place in the 100m race. The students came away feeling rightfully very proud of themselves and enjoyed the competitive sports day out. Well done to all involved!





External Clubs and Notices

The **Teddington Village Fair** is on Sunday 30th June (12:00 – 17:30), Come along to Udney Hall Gardens (off Langham Road) and join in all the fun:

- Fun and Games on stalls from local community groups
- Music and Dance on the stage and performance area
- Food and drink from local businesses
- Teddington Society plant stall
- The finish line for the United Response Pram Race
- Miniature Gardens and Art competitions for children (entries by 12 noon on the day)
- Prizes for Pram Race and Children’s competitions presented by the Mayor.

Check out our plant stall which will have a selection of good quality herbaceous perennials, grasses and shrubs, 1.5/2litre pots. All at great prices between £7 and £10 each. We’re also selling tomato plants grown by Royal Paddocks Allotments plot holders.

See our website for more details, including information about the children’s competitions and, closer to the time, a link to the programme, which will include the list of stall holders, entertainment line-up and our sponsors.



This is a free opportunity, and the young people will undertake storyboarding, script writing, acting, prop/costume making and editing workshops. They will also be given cameras, lighting and microphones. Their short films will then be screened at Richmond Theatre, on the 16th August.

The young people would need to be on Pupil Premium and/or from a deprived area or disadvantaged background.

Below is the schedule for the week. Timings are provisional, so if you would like for the young people to start earlier/later please let me know.

	Monday 12th August	Tuesday 12th August	Wednesday 14th August	Thursday 15th August	Friday 16th August
10:30-11:00	Arrival and Sign-In	Arrival and Sign-In	Arrival and Sign-In	Arrival and Sign-In	Arrival and Sign-In
11:00-13:00	Story-boarding workshop	Prop making workshop	Filming	Filming	Guided Tour
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Celebration Lunch!
14:00-16:00	Script writing workshop	Costume making workshop	Filming	Editing workshop	Film Screening
16:00-16:30				Feedback	



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We're looking forward to a summer of FUN and look forward to welcoming children from your school to camp.