



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Headteacher's message

Another eventful term has drawn to a close with the students once again achieving a huge amount since September the 4th. If you browse through the term's catalogue of newsletters during this period, our achievements have been far reaching. It was nice during the staff INSET day to receive this lovely email from a member of the public:

'I just wanted to send a message to say what wonderful manners I have seen from some of your students today. One student in particular left the bus with the words: 'Thank you very much sir for driving today'. He was a young boy and got off the 281 around 16:45 in Teddington. Many people are very quick to complain about people but very slow to praise so I just wanted to make sure he gets the recognition he deserves.'

Whoever this student is, you have made us all feel very proud; well done! You have embodied our unofficial motto of 'doing the right thing, because it is the right thing to do' and it has not gone unnoticed.



A couple of reminders to ensure we have a smooth start to the new term. Please ensure that you check students' bicycle lights and helmets before the new term starts. Make sure

students are attending school wearing their blazers and ensure that your children are following the expectations regarding jewellery. Finally, please ensure that parking and dropping off is considerate in the local community and the school carpark is not used for dropping off/picking up or parking.

As we head into the new term our attention will move to the important mock examinations for Year 11 and Year 13. These examinations are the next building block towards May and provide vital information in mapping out next steps.



Back to School	Monday 4th November
Thursday 7 th November	Year 8 Online Parents evening
Thursday 7th November	Years 7-9 Flu Vaccinations
Friday 8 th November	Years 10 & 11 Flu Vaccinations
Wc 11 th November	GCSE & A Level mocks start

Why attendance matters



We aim for every student's attendance to be at 96% or above!

THS Cross Country Race

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported, ran, or helped out on the course for the Cross-Country Race yesterday. It was a lovely afternoon to finish off the term. We had so many students who came out and gave it go (especially the Y7s), gaining points towards the tutor cup.

James C and Eleanor S defended their titles as overall winners, with James finishing the 3.4km course in 12 minutes flat (41 seconds in front of 2nd) and Eleanor finishing in 16:01. Ms Riglin was the fastest teacher home, finishing 4th overall.

And here are the winners for the individual year groups:

Y7 boys - Seth S, Y7 girls - Faye J, Y8 boys - Digby Y, Y8 girls - Florence M, Y9 boys - Sam K, Y9 girls - Ivy G, Y10 girls - Eleanor S, Y11 boys - Thomas H, Y 11 girls - Anna /Mariyah, Y11 boys - James C, Sixth form boys - Joe T

Well done, everyone!



Year 7 School Disco

On Monday evening, over one hundred of our Year 7 students came to our Year 7 disco. We had a professional DJ playing music, and he had everyone up and dancing from the start; we even had a limbo competition. It was fantastic to see the students having so much fun with their new friends. Before the disco started, many students returned to school early to give their families a tour of the school. It was also a chance for parents to meet their child's new friends and their families, something which we have heard can be a difficult part of the transition to secondary school. Year 7 have settled in fantastically since starting at Turing House, and we are very proud of everyone. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make this event happen.



Year 9 trip to Imperial War Museum

On Wednesday, all of Year 9 took an educational trip to the Imperial War Museum. It was an incredibly informative experience, filled with fascinating insights into the history of warfare. We explored three key galleries: the World War I gallery, the World War II gallery, and an exhibition on modern warfare. These exhibits showcased both the remarkable advancements in military technology and the devastating impacts of war.

In the World War I gallery, we encountered a range of historical artifacts that we had studied in Year 8, including early tanks, gas masks, and machine guns. It was eye-opening to see the primitive technology of the time up close. We then moved on to the World War II gallery, where we saw how warfare evolved with the introduction of flamethrowers, advanced artillery, and more sophisticated military equipment.

Our final stop was the Modern War gallery. This exhibit was particularly thought-provoking, as it highlighted the grim realities of contemporary conflicts. We saw a striking display of a charred figure, a stark reminder of the human cost of war. The gallery also featured a replica of "Little Boy," the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

Overall, the trip was a memorable and educational experience, providing a deeper understanding of the history we've been studying in class. It was a powerful reminder of the impact of war and the importance of learning from the past.



Craft Club

This week we painted and finished our clay beads, and some students used these to make keyrings - next time we need to make sure the holes are a bit bigger! On Thursday, we used watercolour to make ghosts and then added wool to make tassels for our Halloween session. I am really looking forward to more crafty sessions after half term!



Save the date – Green Careers Week

4-9 November

Help your parents know more about Green Careers Week than their teens do! Please share our free guide widely to get the word out. Add it to your website or share as an attachment. The link is here: <https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalcareersweek>.

It's useful for teens (and teachers) too - including info on:

- what green careers are
- why green matters to teens
- routes to green careers after GCSE and sixth form
- examples of green jobs
- inside viewpoint from an engineer specialising in climate change
- tips for parents on talking to their teen about their future choices

Sixth Sense – our Sixth Form update

Mock exams are fast approaching for the Year 13s; these exams will give feedback into how they're doing on their courses and, more importantly, help to determine their final predicted grades. Year 12s have finally settled into the routine of Sixth Form life and should also be looking towards their Mid-Year exams in January, testing their knowledge thus far. It is important at this time of the year to focus on revising but also making sure to have a good work-life balance. A special congratulations to the early entry students applying for Oxbridge, medicine, and dentistry, for sending off their university applications - these are very competitive pathways! We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck.

By the time this newsletter comes out, the Sixth Form Opening Evening will have occurred. We hope that everyone who could attend enjoyed their time and is considering Turing House School as their choice of Sixth Form. To those who could not attend, please look on our Sixth Form website to gain an insight as to what is on offer at Turing House Sixth Form.

Written by Taran V and Nicole G – Year 13

Sporting fixtures

Year 11 Boys Football v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 11 boys were out in force on the football pitch earlier in the week - they faced up against St Richard Reynolds at home. A close encounter for much of the entire game, neither team looked to let the other get in behind the defensive line, until the visitors found some space and opened up the scoreboard. This seemed to wake up the Turing team as they gradually made a comeback, scoring three goals in total to take a 3-1 win by the final whistle. The boys were made to work hard for their efforts up front and were still required to stay switched on in defence as the opposition pushed right up until the last play of the game. They don't have to wait too long for their next game as the first Monday back will see them travel to Christ's School to hopefully keep the winning form going. Well done to all involved!

Year 10 Boys Rugby v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 10s got their rugby fixtures underway this week as they hosted St Richard Reynolds. The Turing team found themselves applying pressure early on in the game, making their intent known to the opposition - they were determined not to be beaten! They finished the first half in a strong position as they were three tries up before adding two more in the second. The visitors did cross the line to get on the scoreboard as the home side dipped in concentration for a moment but otherwise, the THS defence stood strong and looked impressively resilient when tested. Their next match will be against Richmond upon Thames after the half term break. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Girls Football v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 7 girls were back in action on the football pitch and were looking to bounce back from a narrow loss in their previous game against Teddington. This time they were facing Richmond upon Thames at home. With some accurate passes finding their way into the away team's box, the Turing team were up at half time but only just. It was in the second half where they found another level of cohesion, scoring two more goals to claim a 5-3 win over an organised opposing team. The girls will aim to build on this momentum by taking on Hampton High in week one of the second half of the term. Well done to all involved!



The Teddington Society

We are looking for volunteers to help with organising the **2025 Teddington Village Fair** in conjunction with the Rotary Club, St Mary with St Alban Parish Church, the Girlguides and the Scouts. If you can spare some time to help make this another great community event please contact info@tedsoc.org.uk for more details.

Earlier this year we called for volunteers to join the Society's **Roads and Transport Group**. We had a positive response but there's still room for more. Our first task is to decide what our priorities are to ensure they reflect the concerns of all our members. So,

- Can you let us know your concerns about local roads and transport?
- Would you like to take a more active interest by joining our group?

Just email Mike Woods at transport@tedsoc.org.uk or text him on 07897 699 566.

Finally, I'd also like to alert you to a number of **events** coming up:

Wednesday 23rd October

Games Social Evening, 7 - 10:30pm, at The Constitutional Club, Stanley Road.

Wednesday 27th November

Gardens Group Talk: *The Blitz as a Catalyst for Greening London*, 8pm, at The Constitutional Club, Stanley Road. Join us for a talk about how the devastation of bombing created opportunities for new parks and gardens - including some surprising stories of what once lay beneath some of London's best-loved parks. Tickets £5.

Wednesday 27th November

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More details of all events are available on the website. Tickets, where appropriate, are available from Ticketsource.

