



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Headteacher's message

This week Ms Loudain and I had the pleasure of presenting three Year 7 students with the Jack Petchey award. It was such a lovely way to start the week! Nominations for the awards were made by Year 7 students and staff, and we had a difficult time picking the winners from all the nominations. Well done to everyone who was nominated.

Aoibheann – Contribution to School Community

Presented to Aoibheann for her exceptional dedication to and involvement with our school community. Aoibheann's curiosity and desire to learn in lessons has been evident since day one, consistently striving for excellence and asking insightful questions. Aoibheann has natural leadership skills, and she is a role model for others around the school. In History, she shone as King William, demonstrating her acting talent. Her writing talent and overall approach to education have impressed her teachers. Aoibheann's enthusiastic involvement in the school show and craft club, alongside many other extra-curricular activities,

makes her an invaluable member of our school community. We anticipate that in future years, Aoibheann will take on bigger leadership roles in the school and



in our shows. Congratulations, Aoibheann!



Henry – Embodiment of THS values

Presented to Henry for his consistent embodiment of our core values: modesty, creativity, curiosity, perseverance, and leadership. His enthusiasm and willingness to participate in class discussions, coupled with his resilience when faced with challenges, make him a delight in the classroom. Henry's positive attitude, kindness, and hardworking nature shine through during every part of the school day. Henry always greets teachers with a smile and is unfailingly polite. Henry does the right thing because it is the right thing to do. He is a role model for his peers and



a deserving winner of this award. Congratulations, Henry!



William – Contribution to local community

Presented to William for his exceptional dedication to the local community. William has consistently helped elderly residents, supported his rugby club, and assisted families in need. His kindness and hard work, from preparing meals to collecting donations, have made a significant impact. William's efforts have brought joy and comfort to many, showcasing his caring nature and inspiring others to contribute positively. We are proud to have William as part of our school community; his character exemplifies our values of leadership and modesty, serving as a role model to others. Congratulations, William!

All three winners have earned £300 to spend on the school in an area of their choice, we are looking forward to hearing what they want to invest their money in.

KEY DATES

10 th December	Year 7 online information evening
19 th December	Christmas lunch

Why attendance matters

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

Punchdrunk's Viola's Room

Y13 Drama students were fortunate enough to travel to Woolwich on Thursday to see Punchdrunk's Viola's Room. The students were inspired by the immersive, multi-sensory nature of the show and the effective sound and lighting design. For those looking for something different to do over the Christmas holidays, we'd highly recommend it.



Richmond Borough Cross Country Championships

Last Friday, Y7-Y11 students braved the cold in Bushy Park to compete in the Richmond Borough Cross Country Championships. It was a fun day out with so many students giving it their all over their respective distances. Two stand out performances were by Samuel N (Y7) and James C (Y11) who finished 9th and 5th respectively in their races, qualifying for the Middlesex Championships to be held after Christmas.



Amazing Leaders programme

We are thrilled to announce that on **Wednesday, 4th December**, our Year 9 students and selected Year 8 students from the 'Amazing Leaders' programme will have the unique opportunity to attend a special assembly featuring **Mollie Perella**, Senior Journalist Reporter for BBC Radio 1 Newsbeat. This inspiring event will take place during tutor time.

Mollie Perella is a highly experienced journalist who has covered some of the most significant news stories of our time, from elections to major world events. Her work is regularly featured on BBC Radio 1, 1Xtra, and the Asian Network, and she has even reported live from iconic events such as the Glastonbury Festival.

Before joining the BBC, Mollie honed her craft at BFBS Forces Radio and BBC Surrey. She is a graduate of Bournemouth University, where she studied Multimedia Journalism. During her visit, Mollie will share her fascinating journey into journalism, provide insights into her current role, and offer valuable advice for students interested in pursuing careers in media and journalism.

Additionally, Mollie will discuss how she made her Key Stage 4 options choices during her time in Year 9 and what influenced her decisions. This will be a fantastic



opportunity for students to start thinking about their own Key Stage 4 pathways. If students have specific questions for Mollie, they are encouraged to submit them in advance using this form.

We are confident that this session will be an engaging and thought-provoking experience for all attendees. Don't miss out on this chance to learn from one of the BBC's leading journalists!

Craft Club Update

We have been doing lots of different activities in craft club over the past couple of weeks. We have made bracelets, felt decorations and we have just started papier mâché baubles which we will be painting after they have dried! Lots more Christmas crafts will be happening over the next few weeks.



Raising awareness for Cancer

This year, Howard has dedicated himself to raising awareness (when he has been well enough), and support for several important causes. He has worked to bring attention to Momentum Children's Cancer Charity and The Chartwell Cancer Trust, using every platform available to him - Including appearances on the BBC, ITV, and *The Times* newspaper, where he shared his story and highlighted the vital work of these charities.

Recently, Howard and his brother Charlie spoke at a Momentum Annual Gala in front of several hundred guests, which reportedly inspired many generous donations. Beyond this, he's encouraged friends' parents to commit to running next year's marathon in Momentum's name and continues to champion the cause as an ambassador, offering support to other children on similar journeys.

Howard's passion for giving back and the impact he's had this year are quite special, and I hope this overview conveys his commitment to making a difference.

Music news

On Tuesday, our Year 11 students completed their solo and ensemble recordings for their coursework submissions, as well as delighting an audience with an informal concert of their work. Those who attended were enthralled by an eclectic mix of musical styles including classical Piano solos and duets to Rock Bands and Drum Kit virtuosos. Works performed included Nirvana's Teen Spirit, an arrangement of The Final Countdown and Joe Cocker's cover of The Beatle's With a Little Help from My Friends. Well done to all the students involved.



Lily F (Y8) has recently been successful in competing in the pianoforte section of the Kingston-upon-Thames Festival of the Performing Arts. She attained 4th place in Honours in "Jazz 12 & under" as well as a Merit in "Exam Grades 6 or 7" classes. She performed New Kid (Jazz Preludes No9) BY Christopher Norton and Mazurka in A minor by Frederic Chopin. Well done and congratulations!!



Turing House Friends

Thanks to all the students and parents who stopped by the Turing House Friends stall at **Teddington Lights Up** last night. THF were selling spiced apple cider and hot dogs and **raised close to £1,000 for the school!**

Special thanks to Joe and Nick from our sixth form for being tireless hot-dog slingers and fabulous ambassadors for the school. Thanks also to all the parent volunteers for giving their time - this is not possible without you.



Sixth Form update



All mock exams have finally ended so well done to years 11 and 13; we are sure that everyone has performed admirably. The sixth form students are now collecting for Christmas boxes, which are being donated to the local community food bank and getting ready for what promises to be a fantastic Christmas fair!

By Lara, Katie & Joseph

Sporting fixtures

U15 Girls Touch Rugby Tournament

Last week a mix of girls from Year 7 through to Year 10 travelled to Grasshoppers RFC to take part in a touch rugby tournament. The tournament was set up

by the Harlequins Foundation with the aim of offering some playing time to those who haven't had as much of an opportunity this term yet. Coming up against a combination of all-girls and all-boys teams from schools such as The Green School, The Kingston Academy and Nishkam, the Turing team was excited to test their touch skills in several fast-paced games. Looking to create gaps to exploit and side-step their way past defenders, the girls did incredibly well as they won two, lost two and drew two matches in total. Well done to all involved!



Year 11 Boys Football v Hampton High

The Year 11 boys were back in action at the start of this week as they travelled to Hampton High to face them on the football pitch. These sides have met many a time before and previous games have rarely ended with one side dominating the other, so the boys knew they were in for another competitive encounter. The first half seemed like a battle for possession in the middle of the pitch and up front. Defences held strong and closed down midfielders just as a chance to shoot at goal looked like it was going to emerge. In the second half, both teams opened up in attack and took their chances more freely. However, it was one of those days where neither side could find the target with punishing accuracy that would give them a lead. The match ended 0-0 but the score didn't reflect the effort from THS. This team must wait a few weeks now before they take to the pitch again where they'll face Heathlands. Well done to all involved!

U14 Basketball v Bishopshalt School

The under-14 boys' basketball team took on Bishopshalt School in their Dynamik league this week.

The Turing team hosted the West London school and made the most of their home advantage, making sure a thorough warm-up was conducted beforehand to ensure they were raring to go. The first two quarters of the match played out in an entertaining and even fashion as the two sides chased possession and enjoyed spells of leading on the scoreboard before the other regained control. The third quarter, however, proved decisive as the boys found another level and stepped up the defensive pressure. This resulted in a high turnover rate which they could convert into points through some accurate shooting. The opposition attempted to close the gap in the final quarter but THS held onto their lead and the match finished with a 53-23 win. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football v Heathland

The Year 8 boys were treated to a friendly match earlier this week on the football pitch. They travelled to Heathland School where the two evenly matched sides met again. It was obvious from the beginning that this would be a close game and as the match unfolded, neither team looked like they would be willing to concede to the other. With the score even at 2-2 at half time, the Turing team continue to press hard to find a winning goal. Eventually, they did just that and then managed to see out the rest of the game with some stellar defending as the final result was 3-2. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Rugby Festival

On Monday, the Year 8 boys managed to get in one final chance to practise on the rugby pitch before their highly anticipated league final against Orleans Park next week. This practice came in the form of an all-day tournament at St James School, playing six competitive matches in total. The Turing team lost to Hampton but overcame familiar rivals St Richard Reynolds and Richmond upon Thames in the morning's pool stage. That qualified them for the plate, playing Gunnersbury, Latymer and Cardinal Vaughan who also came second in their respective pools. A draw against Cardinal Vaughan and two narrow losses against the other two schools all but wiped out the THS boys by the end of the day as they gave their all in every match and came away rightfully feeling proud of their efforts. Next up...the final! Well done to all involved!



England v Japan at Twickenham

Last weekend saw 40 THS students make the annual autumn trip to Twickenham to see the England men's team take on Japan. With England's ex-boss now in

the driving seat for the opposition, the game was destined to deliver an explosive impact with the potential for both sides to play plenty of great rugby despite the wet conditions. It did not disappoint! With superb views of most tries scored, the students added to the buzz around the stadium that celebrated a 59-14 victory to England in the end. As much as the front row seats were enjoyed, there have been talks of a petition being started at THS for the Allianz Stadium roof to be extended by just a foot or two, so that the next trip can be a dry one.

