

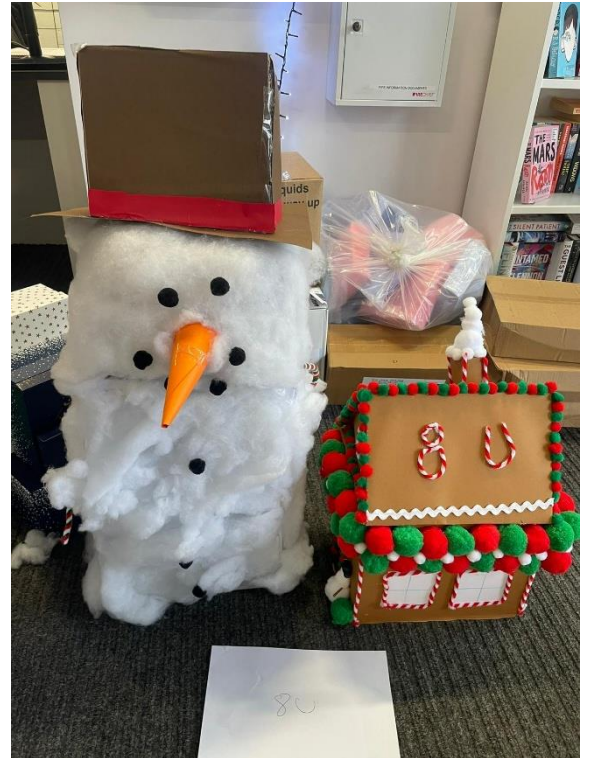
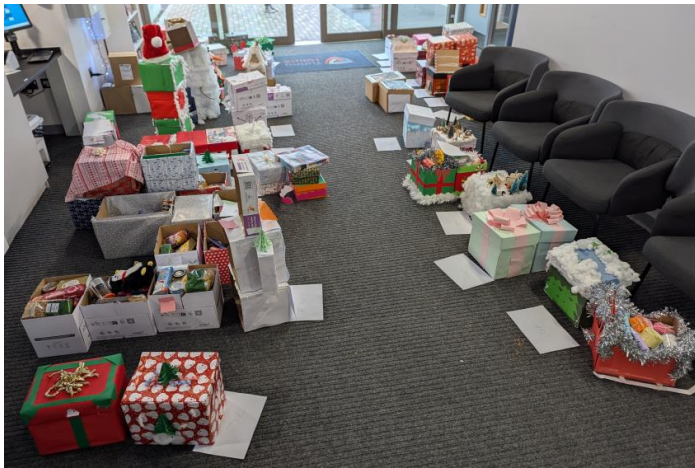


HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Christmas Food Banks

Turing House students and staff have been embracing the festive spirit this week, and form groups have been working hard to collect items to donate to the Whitton Food Bank. Students did a fantastic job, and we managed to donate the most hampers since starting the scheme. Tutor groups also decorated the hampers and will receive points towards the tutor cup. All tutor groups did a brilliant job. Thank you to all the families who donated; your generosity and kindness will make a real difference over the Christmas period.





Tutor boards



Students have also been updating their tutor boards with a Christmas theme. The students have devoted considerable effort, and the results are bringing a lovely Christmas feel to the school. The board will also go towards the tutor points for the end of year tutor cup.



17 th December	Christmas Fair & Christmas Concert
18 th December	Celebration Assemblies
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Last day of term – early dismissal

Annual Engineering Lecture

On Monday, Miss Sabharwal and a group of Year 11 and 12 students went to the Annual Engineering Lecture at Kings College London. During the visit, we first had a look at some of the undergraduate projects and got to chat to some of the students and researchers at the university. We also went into the design lab that the students use to make their projects and even took away some freebies from there! Following this, we attended a lecture with a PhD student at Kings who gave us an inspiring talk about his journey from working in industry to becoming a researcher and then a talk by Professor Claire Lucas who taught the students about what it is like to be an engineer and the skills that they will need. We hope that this trip has helped to inspire some of our budding engineers.



Art of the week

Year 9 have been working through a mini-GCSE styled project called 'Empowerment' as they work towards taking their options next year. We have been absolutely blown away by how well the year group has risen to the challenge, and the individuality and

skill that has gone into making their final pieces. One student who really stood out was Lyla B. Well done, Lyla.



Why attendance matters

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

Adelle Tracey visit

On Tuesday we welcomed Adelle Tracey, an exceptional middle-distance track athlete who has competed on the Olympic, European, Commonwealth, and World stages for over a decade.

Formerly representing Great Britain and now competing for Jamaica, Adelle has recently set a new Jamaican national record in the 1500m, clocking an incredible time of 3:58.77, and competed at the Paris Olympics this summer. Her dedication and achievements are an inspiration to athletes around the world.

Adelle is not only a world-class athlete but also a professional hair and make-up artist with expertise in prosthetics, special effects, fashion, and film makeup. Adelle is also an ambassador for the British Dyslexia Association and has spoken previously about the strengths that come with being neurodiverse, and how they translate well into sport.

During the event, Adelle shared some insights from her remarkable journey both on and off the track. We hope the students found this inspiring as well as engaging!



Orange Tree trip

On Tuesday 3rd December, Year 10 students travelled to The Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond to see Macbeth. Students enjoyed the 'in the round' theatre and the abridged version of the play, specially designed for students studying their GCSEs. Well done to the students for showing excellent behaviour in the

theatre and watching the play so intently. Here are some comments from some of the students.

'I thought the stage combat, especially towards the end of the play, was really aggressive and impressive.'
– Tom H

'I liked how they didn't use lots of actors – they used multi-rolling to make the play effective.' – Jacob O

'The actors projected their voices well.' – Luca

'The actors showed each character's emotions really well.' – Anmol

'5 stars!' – Demi

'Watching the play really helped me understand it better.' – Ollie K



Spring Term 2025 – Sewing Club

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE SPRING TERM!

JOIN OUR AFTER-SCHOOL **SEWING CLUB**
@ Turing House School
WEDNESDAYS Years 7-10
3-4pm Price: **£150***
10 weeks from: 15th Jan - 26th March

COUNTS AS A SKILL FOR YOUR DfE AWARD!

Join our Wednesday after-school sewing club where we'll be using a mixture of hand and machine sewing to make some fun projects to take home.
No experience necessary!

Visit our website to book and find out more:
www.pinsandneedles.club/turing-house
or email info@pinsandneedles.club

*Please check with your DfE leader for applicability before booking.

Follow us! @f_pinsandneedles.club www.pinsandneedles.club

Wednesdays after-school 3-4pm, Years 7-10
£150 for 10 weeks

Friendly teachers guide students through a mixture of machine and hand-sewing, to make a variety of fun projects including Emoji cushions, embroidered aprons, appliqué tote bags, fashion accessories and cute pizza plushies. Learn new skills such as pattern-cutting, designing and working with different materials. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided.

It also counts as a DofE Skills Award. Please check with your DofE Leader for applicability before booking.

Book here: www.pinsandneedles.club/turing-house



Consultation re Admissions Arrangements for September 2026

We are currently running a consultation on the admissions arrangements for entry to the school into Year 7 and Sixth Form in September 2026. We are attaching a link to the consultation page on our school website below, as the documents containing the information can be found there. Please note these documents show tracked changes for ease of seeing which changes have been proposed.

[Admissions Consultations](#)

National Work Experience Week 13th-17th January

Gain Virtual work experience with the NHS Tuesday 14th January at 4.30pm

(virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

Student year groups 7-9 England & Wales, S1-S3 Scotland, 8-10 Northern Ireland

“Quick with the facts, help the NHS be swift to react!”

- A 45-minute briefing with the NHS team
 - Complete the career challenge at their own pace
 - Certification awarded on completion
- Register now!

Gain Virtual work experience with the NHS Wednesday 15th January at 5pm

(virtual session hosted on MS Teams)

Student year groups 10-13 England & Wales, S4-S6 Scotland, 11-14 Northern Ireland

After a sudden bump and fall, should they visit A&E or is first aid enough for all?

- A 45-minute briefing with the NHS team
 - Complete the career challenge at their own pace
 - Certification awarded on completion
- Register now!

Careers Fair 2026



Calling all Volunteers: The Turing House Careers Fair 2025 will be on Thursday 13th March 5.30 - 7.30pm.

We are excited to launch our THS Careers Fair for 2025. We are hoping to build on the wide array of careers represented last year, where we had over 40 stands and speakers with approximately 400 attendees. We are therefore looking for representatives from a **variety of careers**, and this year we are particularly interested to hear from anyone working in trades. However, all volunteers are welcome.

Are you able to help us in any way? Do you run a company or have an appealing job that our students may be interested in? Are you willing spend some time telling them about your experience in the workplace/your career path? Feedback from last year's volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. If you would like to volunteer again this year, please do get in touch.

You can email the Careers team via info@turinghouseschool.org.uk preferably by the **6th January 2025**. Please include a brief overview of your role/company and include your contact details. We will then contact you with further details.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

THS Careers Team

Sixth Form notices



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Year 12 Pathway to Bath Programme

Year 12 Pathways to Bath - Application deadline 31 December

Are you interested in exploring your subject of interest, in-depth, beyond the A-level curriculum? Would you like to work with academics and undergraduate students at the University of Bath? You can join Pathway to Bath if you meet our [eligibility criteria](#) and have the chance to join our online course, free residential and receive a guaranteed conditional offer.

We encourage applications particularly in these subjects:

Electrical and Electronic Engineering: This course is a perfect opportunity to gain insights into electrical engineering as a degree and its diverse applications in sustainability and robotics. Students will learn the three foundation skills of engineering: CAD tools for mechanical design, coding skills for a foundation in system control, and electronics.

Languages: Students will immerse themselves online and analyse a film in Spanish or French and learn useful skills for A-level and beyond.

Sociology: Students will research and write their own policy brief about a social problem of their choice.

Chemistry: Discover the fundamental concepts of medicinal chemistry, optimisation and the drug development process (including preclinical testing, regulation and marketing). You will also explore current and emerging technologies, as well as the ethical considerations involved in drug discovery and development.

Business: Come up with a brand-new app, learn and apply core principles of market analysis, customer profiling and making a business case.

Mathematics: Explore matrix theory and its applications, underpinning artificial intelligence.

Physics: Explore quantum theory and the latest research developments in this fascinating field.

Arkwright Scholarship

In order to increase aspirations and opportunities for our budding engineers at Turing House, we are now a partner school with the Smallpeice Trust who offer the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. After a lengthy application process for the Arkwright Scholarship, Barney, Max and Nico went on to complete the extremely challenging online exam. Their projects include a buoy which uses a turbine to power a generator, a wind tunnel to test the aerodynamics of toy cars and a Newtonian reflecting telescope! We are yet to hear the results from the exams but the students are continuing to work on their projects. We are so incredibly proud of these three students and we will keep you updated on their progress!

Music activities

On Tuesday, our Band Club members gave an informal concert to Key Stage Two students at Heathfield Junior School. They performed a set list of songs they'd been working on this term including AC/DC: Back in Black, Jet: Are you Gonna Be My Girl and Greenday: Boulevard of Broken Dreams. Well done to Oliver B (Y10), Daisy S, Elsa C, George N, Sophie M, Kai M (all Y9), Thomas M, Lily F (Y8), Luie A and Aoibheann L (Y7) on your fantastic performances.



Christmas Concert



Tickets are still available for our annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 17th December. The set list is wide and varied, containing solos and ensembles from musicians in all year groups, as well as performances from our extra-curricular groups including Turing Singers and Band Club. Tickets are £5 and are available on Parent Pay.

Sporting fixtures

Sixth Form Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Sixth Form boys played in a Friday night lights match at Richmond Athletic Ground last week against Orleans Park. Although the opposition got off to a strong start, the Turing team worked their way back and stole the show to eventually enjoy a three try lead. A yellow card for a high tackle deep in the second half meant that the THS defence was left wide open and Orleans Park did well to get themselves back into the game. With just two minutes to play, the boys conceded a try and trailed by 5 points. However, some magic out on the wing saw them score in the

last play of the game. With the scores even, the conversion was needed to win it. Serious composure from the kicker saw THS come away triumphant, winning 38-36. It was such a dramatic ending that we're expecting the drama department to be in touch soon for "Sixth Form Rugby: The Musical". Well done to all involved!



U16 Boys Basketball v Thames Mead School

A combined Year 10/11 boys team took to the court in the THS sports hall at the beginning of the week. They hosted Thamesmead School in their Dynamik basketball league, which provides the team with a wider pool of schools to play from outside the Richmond borough. The Turing team got off to a flying start, turning possession into points and making every attack count. The opposition found the occasional bit of space in the Turing half but the boys were often quick to shut down any counter-attack play and minimised any chance of a comeback from the other team. They opted for a half court press later in the game and before long it was a job well done with a huge win in dominating fashion. Well done to all involved!



Year 10/11 Girls Basketball v Richmond Park Academy

The Year 10 and 11 girls saw out the last remaining fixture of their Richmond basketball league as they made the journey to East Sheen to take on Richmond Park Academy. Having to switch their brains from netball to basketball for most of these girls, the Turing team were able to implement fast-ball strategies and infiltrate the key in speedy passages of play. Accuracy under the basket seemed to be bothering both sides but the defensive battle was heating up in the final two quarters. With the scores close, the two teams looked to step it up a notch by applying extra pressure, forcing errors and limiting options from supporting play. In the end, RPA ran away with it as they took a 22-14 win, but the THS girls showed much improvement in their performance and, as always, were never short of effort. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament

Last week the Year 7 boys basketball team attended the borough basketball tournament hosted at Hampton Boys School. Having lost one game early on in the initial rounds, it proved to harm their chances of winning but the Turing team dug deep to see out the rest of the matches in as strong as possible form. They eventually found themselves in a play-off match with the winning team taking the third spot on the podium, and against familiar rivals Teddington. It was a very close game, but the opposition managed to find an edge on this occasion as THS narrowly lost out by just three baskets. They were disappointed not to have finished higher up the final standings but they



did the school proud anyway with the way they played and the effort they put in. Well done to all involved!



Year 11 Boys Rugby v Hampton Boys

The Year 11 boys took part in a friendly match this week when they travelled to take on the Hampton Boys B Team. Coming off the back of a tough loss to St Richard Reynolds in the league final last week, the Turing team were keen to get back to winning ways and finish the year on a high. The boys didn't ease into the game but instead started fast as they opened up the scoring to put them a few tries ahead. The first half ended with the opposition starting to look like a comeback was on and this continued into the second, but THS stood strong and a few more slick offloads and big hits saw them take home a convincing win. Well done to all involved!



Year 10/11 Boys basketball v Teddington

The Year 10/11 boys were back in action on the basketball court last week as they faced Teddington in their Richmond borough league. Playing away from home, the Turing team got underway with their high-press strategy with the hopes of testing Teddington defences early on. The opposition had their own

means of creating gaps in crucial areas of the court and the scoreboard reflected such by the time the game reached its halfway mark. The high-scoring match continued into the latter quarters, and it was still all to play for in the fourth. In the end, only eight points separated the two sides as the game finished 57-49 to THS, which gives an account of how tightly contested it often is when these two sides meet, but also reflects the boys' willingness to push to the very end in pursuit of winning. Well done to all involved!

Fitness Thursdays

Thursday morning's fitness club completed a rather punchy "12 Days of Christmas" workout this week before starting the school day, where students completed 12 exercises but had to make their way back up the exercise list after each one. Well done to everyone who has been attending and putting in the mental and physical work over the past term! Fitness club focuses on movement combined with functional elements, such as strength and compromised running, and is open to all. It will resume in the new year on Thursday 9th January at 7.30am.

