



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



A Message from Mr O'Sullivan

As you are all aware we received our Ofsted report this week. We are all very proud of the report and feel that it does justice to the work that the school does for all students in its care. As stated in my email, I would like to reiterate how proud and thankful I am for our wonderful students and supportive parents. An outstanding Ofsted report is vital for the school in ensuring that the best teachers can be recruited to support your child's journey. In a time with a national teacher shortage, this report is incredibly helpful. It was also lovely when hearing the verbal feedback from the lead inspector about the number of personal messages from parents that had taken time out of their working day to support the school. For those who have not read the report yet, we encourage you to do so, but the opening paragraph, which we feel encapsulates the heart of what we do here, is below:

The school's vision of a 'safe, happy and learning community' is entirely realised. This is because the school is inclusive, placing pupils right at the heart of its work. The school strives for academic

excellence alongside developing the whole individual. Pupils feel safe, and their attendance is high. They behave and cooperate well. They are eager to learn in lessons,



contribute exceptionally well to the school and, as a result, achieve very strong outcomes. Pupils are highly equipped and ready for the next stage of their education and future. Students in the sixth form enjoy their experiences and achieve well.



Thurs 23 Jan	Year 13 Parents' evening
Thurs 30 Jan	Y9 DTP/Meningitis ACWY vaccinations

School Show request

If any parents or friends of the school work for or own a scaffolding company, or have scaffolding available to them and would be able to loan some out for use in the school show (1st-3rd April), we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Mr Aloysius through the school office.

Year 11 trip

Year 11 Historians loved their Crime and Punishment walking tour on Thursday. Well done to all who attended and represented us so well! Year 10, you have something special to look forward to next year!



Craft Club

This week in craft club we have been working on a few different projects. On Tuesday we painted the clay magnets we made last week, and also made stamps from foam sheets. The students used blunt pencils to make marks on the foam sheet to add detail to their stamps. On Thursday we used empty cardboard boxes to make canvases and began cutting up scrap fabric to make fabric collages which we will finish next week!



Year 12 volunteers

It's lovely to see some of our Y12 students volunteering in lessons across the school.

Hendrix has been helping in 7D's art class every Friday morning. Last week he showed them some of his A-Level work to inspire their artist research pages. As you can see from their faces, 7D were very impressed.



King's Trust Year 10 Community project

The King's Trust groups this week have been working in the canteen, learning and helping prepare the food for break and lunch. They then learnt how to make sushi for their Wellbeing and Nutrition unit.



Why attendance matters

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



If your child has a minor illness and no immediate appointments at your GP surgery, there is a free NHS service where you can get access to healthcare advice at your local pharmacy. Please click on the link below for more details:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/>

Homework Club

As part of our Extra Curricular offer we have a number of different homework club opportunities. This is ideal for students who want to get their work done before they go home or who would like some support with their work. There are computers available and teachers and/or support teachers at the clubs to help with the work. We run a general supported homework group open to all year groups, Monday - Thursdays in room 0.17 and there is also a maths Dr Frost homework support club on Mondays and Thursdays. Please check our extra-curricular offer on our website for full details of all clubs available: Extra-curricular activities.

Please do encourage your child to attend one of these groups; they can come and go when they have finished their work. The clubs finish at 4pm.

Wellbeing Wednesday

For wellbeing Wednesday this week the students learnt how to whittle safely and made wands and stick people.



Year 8 MAGT Oriel College visit

On Monday, some of the Year 8 MAGT students went to Oriel College at Oxford University with Miss Sabharwal and Mr Quigley. During our visit, we had a tour around the college, had lunch in a makeshift college dining hall (due to construction), engaged in some critical thinking and even met an ex-Turing Student who is currently studying History at Oxford University. The students were a credit to our school and we hope that the trip has inspired some of our students to be future Oxbridge applicants!





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 **20th 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.

Macbeth screening at The Exchange

The Exchange in Twickenham are screening a new production of Shakespeare's Macbeth on Wednesday 5th February, filmed live at the Donmar Warehouse in London. Students in Years 10 and 11 may be interested in attending. This is a brand-new critically acclaimed production, starring David Tennant ('simply hypnotic' ★★★★★ The Times), playing the role of Macbeth for the first time, and Cush Jumbo ('remarkably compelling' ★★★★★ Theatre Weekly) as Lady Macbeth, following her critically celebrated performances in *Hamlet* and *Julius Caesar*.

The stage show closed in the West End a month ago and the cinema release is the **only** way for audiences to see this record-breaking, critically acclaimed production, which has been nominated for **six WhatsOnStage awards**.

This is an ideal opportunity for students to experience the text they have been studying in class during the vital revision months. The performance is just under two hours (without an interval) and rated 12A.

Tickets are £15 or £10 for restricted view seats.

<https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/macbeth/>

BFI LONDON Sixth Form trip

We are delighted to share the success of our recent sixth form trip to the BFI London, where students took part in an engaging and inspiring Black Panther-

themed study day lead by Rob Miller, industry expert and consultant of film and media who develops resources for exam board specifications. This experience offered our students the opportunity to explore the significance of mainstream cinema in the context of Industry and Audience - essential elements of the Media Studies course of study. Students considered how *Black Panther* broke new ground in portraying African culture, identity, and heritage in mainstream media. The day also included a screening of the film, where students could experience the magic of *Black Panther* on the big screen having just discussed its themes, narrative and global impact.

Our students represented the school with maturity, enthusiasm, and a clear passion for learning. They involved themselves in answering questions and responding to real exam questions amongst peers from other schools. This trip not only enriched their understanding of media and film as a tool of storytelling, but it also encouraged meaningful reflections on culture, representation, and the power of film to shape our perspectives.

A huge thank you to the BFI team for hosting such a fantastic event, but most importantly, well done to our sixth formers for making the day so memorable and for showing such a positive attitude throughout.



young people as demand for their service increases.

Are you passionate about children, and keen to develop the breadth of your skills? Join a fantastic team of volunteers offering one to one psychological support to bereaved children in the Richmond borough. Deadline for applications: 14th February 2025.

Dates of training if you are successful:

- Saturday 26th April. 9.30-4.00
- Thursday 1st May 7.00-9.00pm
- Saturday 10th May 9.30-4.00
- Thursday 15th May 7.00-9.00pm
- Sunday 1st June 9.30-4.00
- Saturday 7th June 9.30-4.00
- Saturday 14th June 9.30-1.00 (half day)

To find out more visit <https://space2grieve.org.uk/volunteer/>

Online Parent Village Programme



We're thrilled to announce the launch of our online Parent Village Programme! This engaging 6-week course is tailor-made to equip, empower, and uplift parents as they support their young people through the twists and turns of adolescence. Dive into six essential themes that every young person will encounter, whether directly or through the experiences of those around them

by the end of the programme you will....

Space 2 Grieve volunteers needed




Space 2 Grieve are currently recruiting for more volunteers to work with children and



Have gained enhanced Confidence in Discussing RSHE Topics

Parents will feel more equipped and confident to have open, age-appropriate conversations with their children about relationships, sex, and health, fostering trust and stronger family communication.

Improved your understanding of RSHE curriculum and child development

Parents will gain a clear understanding of what their children are learning in school regarding RSHE, as well as insight into child development stages and how these topics support their overall well-being.



Link: [Parent Village Course Registration, Tue 11 Feb 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Sports Fixture

U16 Girls Rugby Tournament

A team of girls from Year 9 to Year 11 came together this week to take part in the borough rugby tournament. Hosted at Orleans Park, the Turing team were up against a number of other local schools. They started off with possibly the toughest game of the afternoon as they fell victim to St Richard Reynolds' speed of play in attack. However, the girls put in a stellar effort in defence and there were even a couple of girls playing in their first ever rugby match! The next two games saw a much closer battle play out against Waldegrave and the hosts, putting in yet another great defensive shift and ensuring they got on the scoresheet too. Finishing in fourth place, the girls can be proud of their performance and the level of enthusiasm they displayed. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Basketball v Christ's School

Last week saw the Year 7 boys take to the basketball court as part of their Junior NBA league - a competition that runs alongside their regular basketball fixtures but extends beyond the usual borough league line-up. The Turing team travelled to Christ's School which is a basketball-specific specialist school, so a great game is always offered when we meet this side. The boys held their own through the first two quarters as only a few baskets separated the sides, with neither one being able to extend a lead over the other. As the final quarter drew to a close, the opposition began to out-muscle the boys slightly which proved to make the difference in the end as the final score was 41-30 to Christ's. That said, the Turing



boys rightfully came away feeling very proud of their performance as they worked tirelessly to keep themselves in contention to the bitter end. Well done to all involved!



Year 10/11 Boys Basketball v John Fisher

The Year 10 and 11 boys faced John Fisher School last week on the basketball court. This match was part of their rather competitive U16 Dynamik League, this time playing at home. Although there wasn't much to separate the two sides initially, some speedy counter attacking play from the Turing team saw them punish some sleepy defenders on more than one occasion in the first half. The final two quarters offered an entertaining show from both teams but the boys managed to apply the same pressure as before and convert possession into points. Slowly but surely, this opened up the gap on the scoreboard and the boys secured a well-deserved 65-41 win. Next week they take on a new opponent where they will look to continue their winning run. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 Boys Football v Christ's School

The Year 9 boys hosted Christ's School this week on the football pitch. Continuing on in their Richmond league which started before the Christmas break, the Turing team were looking to start the year with a first ever victory over this particular opposition - they've come very close in the past, but the win has always managed to get away from them. While the boys made a steady start and did well to hold onto the ball in their own half, it wasn't long before they found

themselves trailing by a goal. In the second half, THS chose to open up their offensive play, but the away team were able to counter and capitalise on the gaps that had been created as a result. They had to accept a 3-0 loss in the end, but they can be credited for not holding back and applying everything they had up front. Their next game will be against Richmond Park Academy. Well done to all involved!

THS Judo Club

At JB Judo we are committed to widening the delivery of Judo throughout the area and with that the amazing values and life skills it teaches us. Please take a moment to watch this video which beautifully encapsulates these teachings and the community in our Saxmundham Club. This represents exactly what we are striving to deliver in our extra-curricular club at Turing House School. Please consider signing up and starting your Judo journey now. Link to sign up: <https://bjjudo.classforkids.io/info/61>

Judo

Video:

<https://youtu.be/3tR6VICuIE8?si=dYus9dkgoTL2BbUB>

