



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



A Message from Mr O'Sullivan

I was once again delighted this week to give the next two Jack Petchey awards to two stalwarts of our school community.

Ayo O – Year 9

It is with immense pride and admiration that we recognize Ayo, a truly exceptional student whose brilliance, integrity, and warmth have enriched every corner of our school community. Ayo embodies the values we hold dear—hard work, respect, kindness, and a genuine passion for learning. His teachers and peers alike have been inspired by his tireless dedication to both academic excellence and personal growth.

In his Spanish studies, Ayo's willingness to go above and beyond has made him a role model for others seeking to improve. His enthusiasm in science has captivated both his classmates and teachers, creating an infectious love for discovery and exploration. In geography, he has exemplified curiosity and perseverance, consistently approaching his work with

positivity and
determination.

Ayo is also a
natural leader in
PSHE, where his
thoughtful
contributions and
open-minded

approach
encourage
meaningful



discussions among his peers.

Beyond academics, Ayo's kindness and empathy have left an indelible mark. He is always quick to offer support, whether by mentoring younger students or through simple yet profound acts of service, like helping with charity events or setting an example by demonstrating respect and responsibility. His integrity shines in both large and small moments—picking up litter without being asked, returning lost belongings, and always treating others with fairness and care.

Ayo's talents also extend to creative pursuits, particularly in drama, where his confidence and creativity uplift those around him. His collaborative spirit motivates others to reach their potential, and his charismatic presence lights up any room he enters.

Ayo is a friend to all, a defender of justice, and a student whose consistent efforts and positive outlook promise a bright and successful future. He is a well-respected and valued member of our school, and we are confident that he will continue to achieve greatness in all he does.

Congratulations, Ayo—you have truly earned this recognition! Thank you for being a shining example of the Turing School spirit. We could not be more proud to call you one of our own.



Abby P - Year 13

It is with immense pride that we recognize Abby, a remarkable student whose perseverance, dedication, and leadership have made her a cornerstone of the Turing School community. Abby exemplifies the values of hard work, resilience, and service to others, serving as an inspiration to all who have had the pleasure of working and learning alongside her.

In Biology, Abby's determination and exemplary work ethic have propelled her to achieve continuous academic growth. Her commitment to homework, revision, and study has set a gold standard for others to follow. Abby's outstanding efforts were showcased at the Sixth Form Open Evening, where she represented both the school and the subject of Biology with professionalism and pride, engaging warmly with prospective students and their families. Her polite, considerate demeanour and eagerness to learn make her a joy to teach.

Abby's contributions to the PE department have been truly exceptional. Over the past seven years, she has been an integral part of the school's netball program, helping coach and mentor students of all ages. Her support extends to umpiring and refereeing matches, as well as training the KS3 and KS4 netball teams—going far beyond what is expected. Abby's leadership and mentorship have inspired countless younger

students to develop their skills and confidence in sport.

Abby's academic performance is equally impressive. On the Cambridge Technical Sport Studies course, she has excelled in every unit and is on track to earn a Distinction*. Her passion for sports and education, combined with her thoughtfulness and enthusiasm, have made her a valued member of both the Sixth Form and the wider school community.

Throughout her time at Turing School, Abby has displayed incredible resilience and a commitment to helping others. She has volunteered countless hours to support the PE department and has mentored younger students, encouraging them to pursue both academic and athletic success. Abby's kindness, leadership, and drive will undoubtedly serve her well as she continues to achieve great things.

Congratulations, Abby—you have truly earned this recognition! Thank you for your outstanding contributions to our school community. We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished.

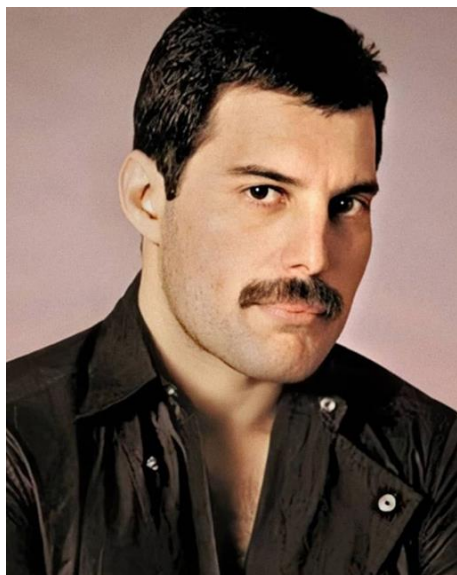


February marks the beginning of LGBT History Month, a time to celebrate the lives of key historical figures. In 2025, the nationally chosen figures are Octavia Hill, Ivor Cummings, Annie Kenney, Charlie Kiss, and Oludah Equiano. However, I can't miss the opportunity to highlight another significant figure.



Farrokh Bulsara, better known as Freddie Mercury, was born in Zanzibar and moved to Feltham in 1964. As many of you know, the rest is history. Queen was formed through a notice at Imperial College, with Ealing Art student Freddie joining forces with Engineer John Deacon, Astrophysicist/Physics Graduate Brian May (Hampton Grammar School!), and Biology/Dentistry Graduate Roger Taylor.

Freddie never publicly came out as gay, but in an interview, he quipped, "I'm as gay as a daffodil, my dear." Although intended as a light-hearted response, his statement and attitude were significant at a time when the LGBT community had not made as much progress as it has today.



Today, Freddie is arguably regarded as the greatest frontman of any band. A staggering 1 in 4 households are said to own Queen's Greatest Hits compilation album, which

tops the list of UK all-time bestsellers. With 7 million sales, the album has broken records in the UK, surpassing the runner-up, ABBA's Gold, by a million copies. This Brit with Asian and African roots is a true LGBT icon.

24 Feb	Inset Day
25 Feb	Pupils return to school

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/>

Ski Trip 2025 - almost time to go!

It's just one week to go until 52 students from Year 8, 10 and 13 set off for the week of a lifetime in the Italian Dolomites! Students attended a lunchtime meeting this week with trip leads Mr Berrett and Mr Parkin, but if anyone wasn't able to attend, here are the main reminders that were shared: Meet time is 3.20pm at school on departure day; no nuts (especially peanuts) to be brought onto the bus due to an airborne nut allergy among our group; bring ski socks in your carry-on bag; all passports/EHIC/travel money/medication should now have been handed into the office. Please let us know if you have any last-minute questions.



14 Feb	End of term – usual time finish
15 Feb – 22 Feb	School ski trip

First Give

Since the start of this year, Year 9 have been working with First Give to raise awareness and to carry out social action for a charity of their choice. On Friday, the students took part in the grand finale where three judges discussed which tutor group should win £1000 to donate to their charity. The judges included Mr Stevens, Ms Minton and John Coombes (Councillor of Heathfield).



Well done to all of the students who presented, you were all brilliant! A big congratulations to 9L for winning £1000 for Off the Record and thank you to George G, George N, Daniel C and James E for their hard work in preparing the presentation for their tutor group.



Music notices

Grand Piano

The Music department is on the lookout for a Grand Piano to upgrade our performance facility and to give our pianists an acoustic instrument on which they can perform. If you are aware of anyone who is looking to donate or sell a Grand Piano, please do as them to get in touch with us.

Richmond Music Trust Opportunities

'Live at the Exchange'

Richmond Music Trust's annual 'Live At The Exchange' event is taking place in July and auditions will be taking place in February. This is open to solo singers and is a fantastic performance opportunity for students to gain experience of performing in a professional environment. If your child is interested in taking part, please complete their online expression of interest form here - [Live at The Exchange - Richmond Music Trust](#) .

Bandit

Richmond Music Trust have spaces available for their upcoming 'BandIt' courses in the Easter and Summer holidays for Piano and Keyboard players in the following year group and abilities:-

1. Y7 approx grade 1-3
2. Y7/Y8 approx grade 2-4
3. Y10/Y11 approx grade 5+

You don't have to have lessons with Richmond Music Trust, nor does it matter if you've never done anything like this before!

Details on BandIt

here <https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/ensembles-and-courses/courses/bandit/>

BandIt Spotify

here <https://open.spotify.com/artist/7AThcuoMTf66IGGrFnqU8?si=UrE4NYRcTYOZSDDW6yyZ8Q>



Wellbeing Wednesday

At the after-school club Wellbeing Wednesday this week the group baked cookies. It is a club open to anyone wishing to take part in a variety of activities that support our wellbeing.



Craft Club

This week students were given a range of activities based on LGBT History Month. The artworks produced included a large acrylic painting, a rainbow collage, portraits of LGBT history makers and a large motivational quote board. Once all of these are finished, we will be finding somewhere in school to display them for the month of February!



Sixth Form Update

Everyone who was wanting to apply has submitted their university applications after the deadline last week. With many getting their offers coming in. Year 13 are now preparing for their mock exams in preparation for their A-levels while year 12 have just completed their first set of mock exams.

Katie R and Bella C

Year 13 University Offers

And the offers keep rolling in! A huge 211 offers have been made so far. Well done Year 13!

Name	Provider name	Course name
Maria A	University of Warwick	Biomedical Science
Ioannis A	University of Sheffield	Aerospace Engineering with an Industrial Placement Year
	King's College London, University of London	Economics
	University of Southampton	Mechanical Engineering/Aerospace Engineering
Rhys B	Nottingham Trent University	Sport Science, Health and Nutrition
	Oxford Brookes University	Sport, Physical Activity & Health Promotion
	University of Cambridge	Mathematics
	University of Portsmouth	Sport and Exercise Science
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Sport and Exercise Nutrition (with Placement Year)
Nazli B	London South Bank University	Biomedical Science
	London South Bank University	Biomedical Science (with Foundation Year)
Honor B	Bath Spa University	Business and Management
	Bristol, UWE	Business and Management
	Oxford Brookes University	Business and Management
Jason B	University of Essex	International Relations (Including Placement Year)
	Lancaster University	International Relations (Placement Year)
	Queen Mary University of London	International Relations
	University of Reading	Politics and International Relations with Placement Year
	Royal Holloway, University of London	International Relations
Stanley B	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Sport Coaching
	Leeds Beckett University	Sport Coaching
	Manchester Metropolitan University	Manchester City Community Football Coaching
	Manchester Metropolitan University	Sport Coaching and Development
	UCFB	Football Coaching and Talent Development
Katie B	University of Essex	Drama and Literature
	Royal Holloway, University of London	English and Drama
Daniel C	Durham University	Natural Sciences
	University of Exeter	Natural Sciences
	Lancaster University	Natural Sciences
	University of Leeds	Natural Sciences
	University of Nottingham	Natural Sciences



Isabella C-C	Aberystwyth University	Criminology and Criminal Psychology
	University of Brighton	Criminology
	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Criminology
	University of Northampton	Criminology
	University of Roehampton	Criminology and Criminal Justice
Maya D	University of Brighton	Business Management (with Integrated Foundation Year)
	Liverpool Hope University	Business Management
	Bloomsbury Institute London	Business Management
	Oxford Brookes University	Business and Management
Gledja D	Fashion Retail Academy	Marketing & Communication for Fashion (Accelerated Degree)
	London College of Contemporary Arts	Fashion Management and Marketing
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Management with Marketing
	University of Liverpool	History
Lara E-B	University of Liverpool	History
	Loughborough University	Psychology
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Psychology
	University of Southampton	Psychology
Nazeef F	University of Sussex	Psychology
	Brunel University of London	Economics and Mathematics with an Integrated Foundation Year
	Kingston University	Accounting and Finance (including Foundation Year)
	London South Bank University	Accounting and Finance (with Placement)
	University of Birmingham	Law
Lucy F	Royal Holloway, University of London	Management with Accounting
	University of West London	Accounting and Finance with Internship
	University of Birmingham	Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences
	University of Exeter	Exercise and Sport Sciences
	Manchester Metropolitan University	Sport and Exercise Science
	Newcastle University	Sport and Exercise Science
Riley F-L	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Sport Conditioning, Rehabilitation and Massage (SCRAM)
	Northumbria University, Newcastle	Sport and Exercise Science
Giacomo F	Arts University Bournemouth	Film Production
	University for the Creative Arts	Film Production
	University of Portsmouth	Film Production
Mark G	University of Portsmouth	Mechanical Engineering
Sasha G	UCL (University College London)	Law
	University of Warwick	Law
	University of York	Law
Grace G	University of Chichester	Psychology
	University of Southampton	Criminology
Nicole G	University of Exeter	Neuroscience
	University of Nottingham	Neuroscience
	Queen Mary University of London	Neuroscience
	University of Southampton	Neuroscience
Leo G	University of Leeds	Mechanical Engineering
Joshua H	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Sport Coaching
	Hartpury University	Sports Coaching
	Leeds Beckett University	Sport Coaching
	Nottingham Trent University	Sport Science and Coaching (with foundation year)
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Sports Coaching Science

Evie	University of Bristol	Psychology
Richard H	University of Bristol	Physics
	King's College London, University of London	Physics
	University of Southampton	Physics
William H	Bournemouth University	Criminology with Law
	City, University of London	Criminology
	City, University of London	Law LLB
	University of Roehampton	LLB Law and Criminal Justice
Jack H	University of Sussex	Law
	University of Exeter	Biomedical Sciences
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Biomedical Sciences
	University of Southampton	Biomedical Sciences
	University of Surrey	Biomedical Science
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Business and Management
George H	University of Sussex	Biomedical Science
	Nottingham Trent University	Geography (with foundation year)
Michael H	Queen's University Belfast	Geography
	University of Exeter	Mechanical Engineering
Evie H	University of Sheffield	Mechanical Engineering
	Brunel University of London	Criminology
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Law LLB with Criminology
Elliot H	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Law with Criminology (with Placement Year)
	University of Glasgow	International Relations (SocSci)
	Lancaster University	International Relations
	Newcastle University	International Relations
Edward H-G	University of Reading	War, Peace and International Relations
	Cardiff University	Mechanical Engineering
	Liverpool John Moores University	Mechanical Engineering
	Northumbria University, Newcastle	Mechanical Engineering
	Nottingham Trent University	Mechanical Engineering
	Oxford Brookes University	Mechanical Engineering
Joseph J	City, University of London	Computer Science
	University of Exeter	Computer Science
	Kingston University	Computer Science
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Computer Science
	University of York	Computer Science
Lily J-M	Arts University Bournemouth	Fashion Management and Strategy
	University for the Creative Arts	Fashion Business & Management (with Professional Practice Year)
	University of Portsmouth	Fashion Marketing
Joel K	BIMM University	Filmmaking
	Bournemouth University	Film & TV Production
Nicholas K	University for the Creative Arts	Film Production (with Professional Practice Year)
	University of Leeds	Mechanical Engineering (Industrial)
Evie K	University of Nottingham	Mechanical Engineering including an Industrial Year
	Bournemouth University	Psychology
Arun L	University of Exeter	Psychology
	University of Liverpool	Psychology
	University of Bristol	Engineering Mathematics
Georgie L	University of Exeter	Engineering
	University of Leicester	General Engineering (with Industry)
	University of Sheffield	General Engineering with an Industrial Placement Year
	Liverpool Hope University	Sport & Exercise Nutrition
Michael L	Oxford Brookes University	Sport and Exercise Science
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Sport and Exercise Nutrition
	Kingston University	Business Management
Middlesex University	Middlesex University	Business Management with Foundation Year
	University of Roehampton	Business Management
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Business Management (with Placement Year)



Luke L	University of Leeds	Biology
	Oxford Brookes University	Biological Sciences
Ethan L	University of Sheffield	Economics
	University of Sussex	Economics
Shehryaar M	University of Reading	Law with Foundation
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Law with Integrated Foundation Year
Reuben M	Cardiff Metropolitan University	Sport Conditioning, Rehabilitation and Massage (SCRAM)
	Northumbria University, Newcastle	Sport and Exercise Science
Isaac JM	University of Derby	Accounting and Finance
	Kingston University	Accounting and Finance
	University of Reading	Accounting and Finance
	University of Reading	Finance with Foundation
	University of West London	Accounting and Finance with Foundation Year
Abigail P	University of Kent	Sport and Exercise Science
	Nottingham Trent University	Sport Science, Health and Nutrition
	Southampton, Solent University	Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
Zach P	University of Birmingham	Mechanical Engineering
	Queen Mary University of London	Mechanical Engineering
	University of Sheffield	Mechanical Engineering
	University of Surrey	Mechanical Engineering
Ortensia P	University of Brighton	Computer Science
	Kingston University	Computer Science
	Kingston University	Computer Science (including Foundation Year)
	Ravensbourne University London	Computer Science
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Computer Science
Hanna Q	Brunel University of London	History
	Queen Mary University of London	History
	Royal Holloway, University of London	History
	SOAS University of London	History
Josh R	Cardiff University	History
	University of Liverpool	History
	University of Southampton	History
	University of Winchester	History
Rhiya S	University of Birmingham	Economics
	Cardiff University	Economics
	Queen Mary University of London	Economics
	University of Southampton	Economics
Amelia S	Royal Holloway, University of London	Drama with Acting
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Drama with Film
	St Mary's University, Twickenham	Acting
	University of West London	Acting for Stage and Screen
Salim S	University of Exeter	Law
	Nottingham Trent University	Law
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Law
	University of Sheffield	Law
Daisy T	Nottingham Trent University	Product Design
Tari T	Aston University, Birmingham	Law LLB
	Bath Spa University	Law
	City, University of London	Law LLB
	University of Surrey	Law with Foundation Year
Joe T	University of Bristol	Mathematics with Study Abroad in a Modern Language
	The University of Edinburgh	Mathematics
	University of Glasgow	Spanish/Mathematics
	University of Sheffield	Mathematics
Zechariah V	University of Bristol	Geography with Innovation
	University of Exeter	Geography with Professional Placement
	Loughborough University	Geography (with placement year)
	Royal Holloway, University of London	Geography
	University of Southampton	Geography

Taranvir v	Cardiff University	Law
	University of Surrey	Law
Alice W	University of Southampton	Education
Freddie W	University of Brighton	Economics
	University of Exeter	Mathematics with Economics
	Swansea University	Economics
Samuel W	Lancaster University	Geography
	University of Liverpool	Geography
	Newcastle University	Geography
	Oxford Brookes University	Geography
Lukas Y	University of Birmingham	Economics
	University of Exeter	Economics and Finance with Industrial Experience
	Loughborough University	Economics and Finance (with placement year)
	University of Southampton	Economics and Finance
Zach R	City, University of London	Actuarial Science (with Professional Placement)

Sports Update

Year 11 Boys Football v Hampton High

This week saw the Year 11 boys continue their football borough fixtures as they made the Journey to Hampton High. A match-up which always delivers a close competitive game, the Turing team found themselves on the back foot early on in the match. The shaky start from THS proved costly as they entered half time two goals down. However, the boys bounced back in the second half by unlocking a greater degree of focus and flare as they managed to find their cohesive stride, picking passes that weren't going astray and manipulating the defence accordingly. Their efforts were rewarded with a goal but the final whistle blew just before a complete comeback could be achieved by the away team, forcing them to settle for a 2-1 loss. Well done to all involved!

Sixth Form Boys Football v Kingston Academy

The Sixth Form boys were back in action on the football pitch this week. They travelled to Kingston to face Kingston Academy in a borough fixture, hoping to improve on their previous performance. An even competition in the first half saw both teams go into the break with a goal each. The second half continued in equally entertaining fashion as the Turing team put on a strong performance in search of a winning goal. It was the home side, however, who managed to prove clinical during one counterattack which resulted in them taking the lead, but THS refused to give up and eventually scored an equaliser. The match finished 2-2 and their next game is scheduled for next

week when they come up against The Heathland School. Well done to all involved!

Year 10/11 Boys basketball v St Andrews

The Year 10/11 boys continued fixtures in their Dynamik league this week as they came up against St Andrews. The game proved to be an equal and tight contest as both teams engaged in battle for four quarters. The HOSTS ran away with the win in the final quarter, finishing 55-63 which is just a 4 baskets difference. The boys were disappointed to come up short but could leave feeling very proud of their performance. With the group stages of the competition coming to a close, teams are looking to progress onto the next round which THS are expecting to do despite the narrow loss on this occasion. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

Last week saw the Year 7 boys travel to nearby school Twickenham to face them on the basketball court. Putting up a noteworthy number on their side of the scoreboard, the boys' defensive effort was nothing short of majestic as they kept the opposition at bay with blocks and dominant rebounds under the basket. This gave THS an opportunity to execute their fastbreak play time and time again as they gathered more momentum further into the match. This was great practice ahead of their Junior NBA league commencing soon, which looks to give the team a flavour of wider competition as it expands out with the regular Richmond borough schedule. Their first game in that tournament will be against Christ's School. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football v St James

The Year 8 boys were treated to a friendly football match last week against Ashford's St James School. Although the bulk of their regular footballing fixtures have been concluded, the Turing team showed that they can still perform to high standard when called upon. They boys created chance after chance through some accurate passing and creative ways to move the ball. The result was a high scoring game and an untroubled defence for much of the match, coming home with a well deserved victory. Well done to all involved!



Year 9/10 Girls Football vs Twickenham

The Year 9/10 girls football team had their first league match of the year. They showed excellent teamwork and communication during the game to ensure they kept their formation and discipline. We showed some excellent ability on the pitch playing composed football moving the ball fluidly from the goalkeeper through to the strikers. They girls took the win and are looking forward to their upcoming games.



Play Cricket for Richmond at London Youth Games



PLAY CRICKET FOR RICHMOND BOROUGH IN THE 2025 LONDON YOUTH GAMES

ELIGIBILITY
 Training and selection is open to all girls and boys that live, or go to school, in the borough of Richmond-Upon-Thames. Players need to be under 13 as of 1st September 2024 i.e. Year 8 and below. Players should already have played cricket either at school or club and be of a good ability.

AVAILABILITY
 Players that are selected for the final squad, need to be available on 8th and 23rd March 2025.

TRAINING DATES & TIMES
 Friday 7th, 14th and 28th February
 Friday 7th March
 18:00 – 19:00 – Girls' training
 19:00 – 20:00 – Boys' training

VENUE
 Richmond Upon Thames School
 (indoor sports hall)
 Egerton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7SL

This is a great chance to represent Richmond Borough in the 2025 London Youth Games U13 Girls' and Boys' indoor cricket tournaments!




REGISTER HERE:



COST
 There is no charge for the training.

COACHES
 Training will be led by experienced ECB cricket coaches with extensive experience of coaching girls' and boys' cricket.

MORE INFO
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