



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



A Message from Mr O'Sullivan

This week, as part of Safer Internet Day, I led an assembly on the growing dangers of online scams and in particular, how the rise of AI technology is making these scams more sophisticated than ever.

We discussed how scammers are using AI to create fake messages, emails, and even voice recordings that sound incredibly convincing. Many young people and adults are targeted with realistic-looking emails from banks, fake competitions, or even messages pretending to be from friends and family.

I explored the ways in which 43 million people in the UK have been impacted by online scams.

- Creating attractive profiles
- Building trust and intimacy
- Offering too-good-to-be-true deals
- Impersonating trusted entities
- Creating a sense of urgency
- Using emotional manipulation
- Phishing emails and messages
- Tech support scams



•Creating Fake Crises

Using Deepfake Technology

During the assembly, we explored some keyways to stay safe online. Here are some

important tips for families to help protect yourselves from scams:

- Use strong passwords
- Be selective about what you share
- Verify links before clicking
- Shop on secure websites: look for "https://" in the URL and a padlock icon in the address bar when shopping online
- Keep software updated
- Use Two-Factor Authentication
- Avoid deals that promise unrealistic returns
- Avoid public Wi-Fi for sensitive transactions
- Monitor your accounts regularly
- Educate yourself about common scams

In order to show the students how scammers might use AI, I created a short clip in which an AI generated version of me with my voice, told the students I was buying a cow in order to provide milk for the staffroom. Those words have never been uttered by me in person. Several students have chatted with me about how the clip opened their eyes to the risk.



As AI continues to develop, it's more important than ever to stay informed and be vigilant when online. By working together, we can help our children – and



ourselves – navigate the internet safely and confidently.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe online.

Ski trip 2025

The 2025 school ski trip is upon us! A year in planning has finally come together and we hope you are as excited as we are! Students are to meet at school tomorrow (Saturday 15thFeb) at 3.20pm, ready for the coach to depart at 4pm. Students must remember to have a pair of ski socks in their carry-on bag, so we have quick access to them as we will immediately complete our ski fitting upon arrival in resort, a whole 24 hours later! Please also look out for the notice that got sent out today regarding the emergency phone contact number. Finally, if you haven't already, give the *sport_ths* page a follow on Instagram for ski trip updates. See you all tomorrow!



15 Feb – 22 Feb	School ski trip
24 Feb	Inset Day
25 Feb	Students return to school

LGBT History Month

LGBT in Sport - Carl Nassib was the first openly gay man to play in the NFL. Born in 1993, Carl played as a linebacker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He played for 7 seasons before he retired in 2023, after which he became the CEO of Rayze, a mobile platform that helps connect with non-profit organisations. He's also helped to donate \$100,000 to the Trevor Project, an organization that focuses on suicide prevention in LGBT youth. Through his acts,

he's contributed to a safer society for LGBT youth. By Zorian F and Alice D



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/>

Year 8 Science Carbon Cycle

Over the past week, Miss Sabharwal's Year 8 science class have been rehearsing to create a dramatic representation of the carbon cycle. The lab turned into a theatre on Monday and we watched some fantastic performances! A special shout out to Emma, Felix, Millie, Tayah and Lacey who carried out a very powerful performance showing the effects of deforestation on the carbon cycle!



on the MUGA to experiment how our phones affect our ability to be conscious of our surroundings. In this drill, we set up a complex obstacle course and completed it twice with two different conditions, which were both timed and regulated. The first one was completed with no distractions (phone) and the second one completed with a phone while we were typing out a message. From this, we concluded that the phone significantly impacted the results of our time to complete the obstacle course was increased by 25%. After half term, we will be leading this session with Y7 tutor groups.

Wellbeing Wednesday Club

This week in Wellbeing Wednesday Club we chose to do some Origami. The students made flowers, hearts, envelopes and even jumping frogs! Wellbeing Wednesday is in room 2.22 on Wednesdays at 3 - 3.45. Each week we choose a different activity we feel is good for our wellbeing.



Turing House Friends Comedy Night 2025



TFL Pioneers update

Every other week, a group of Year 8s work as a collective as Transport for London Pioneers and are supported by three Sixth Form students. We meet with Mr Evans and a TFL representative called Micheal to discuss road safety and put in action strategies to keep our school safe. Last week, we focused on how our phones affect our awareness while travelling to and from school and in public spaces. We set up a drill

Get ready to laugh your socks off at our Comedy Night on Friday, March 14th!

The hilarity kicks off at 8pm, but doors open at 7pm for food and drinks, so arrive early to snag the best seats.

We've got a fantastic line-up of comedians guaranteed to tickle your funny bone. Plus, keep those laughs fuelled with a fully stocked bar and delicious street food available.

We'll be running a raffle with some amazing prizes, so buy a strip of tickets on the night and wear your lucky socks!

It's the ultimate recipe for a night of fun and laughter while raising much-needed funds for the school.

BOOK NOW <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ELYM>

National Apprenticeship week 10th – 14th February 2022

This week and last, we have been focusing on Apprenticeships in school. We held assemblies for year 8, 9 and sixth form last week, delivered by the careers team and Ask Apprenticeships. Many students are asking us every day about the apprenticeship route, with degree apprenticeships becoming a popular choice. Why not learn more about the world of apprenticeships by clicking on these useful links?:

- The Parents' Guide to National Apprenticeship Week 2025
- Is an apprenticeship the right choice for your child?
- Introducing apprenticeships: a great pathway to career success
- Support and help for apprentices with a learning difficulty or disability
- How to help your child apply for an apprenticeship – the application process
- How to help your child prepare for an apprenticeship interview
- Getting a degree - is an apprenticeship or university the right choice for your child?

For more information on apprenticeships, you can pay for a parent guide - see link below:

[The Parents' Guide to Apprenticeships - available for parents to buy](#)

Sports Update

Year 8 Boys Basketball v Christ's School & Ark Putney Academy

The combined Year 7 and 8 basketball team played a double header in their Junior NBA league this week. They faced Christ's School and Ark Putney Academy. Taking on Christ's first, the boys battled hard for four quarters but ultimately succumbed to a 33-17 defeat. However, having had the chance in the first game to warm up and ease in, the Turing Team bounced back against Ark Putney to finish the afternoon on a high. They boys found their rhythm and ensured they didn't waste any opportunities to make the most of their attacking game in and around the key, winning their second game 37-17. The Year 7 boys will be back on the court for more Junior NBA action a few days after half term. Well done to all involved!



Sixth Form Boys Football v Richmond Park Academy

The Sixth Form boys were back in action on the football pitch at the end of last week. They hosted Richmond Park Academy, an opponent who always deliver a close and competitive game. With the help of some Year 11 students, the Sixth Form Turing team settled into the match and went a goal up late in the second half. However, they weren't able to hold off the second half pressure that RPA applied as they looked to flood the box with attacking efforts at every opportunity. The away side scored two goals and THS ran out of time to find an equaliser to allow them back in the game, despite the positive attitude they maintained when down by a goal. Well done to all involve!

Year 10 Boys Football - League Winners!

The Year 10 football team have now played all of their fixtures in the Richmond borough league and have been on excellent form this year. After winning the league cup in Year 7 and again in Year 8, they narrowly lost their title in Year 9. However, with their newfound form and impressive teamwork, they have managed to regain their title and win the league once again! The team are looking forward to playing Whitgift in their upcoming third round of the Surrey Cup where they hope to continue their winning run and make it a golden year. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Basketball v Christ's School

The Year 7 boys basketball team concluded a basketball-heavy week as they played Christ's School away in their Junior NBA league. Playing with a full squad of players, the boys were able to make the most of a rotation of rested bodies which injected new levels of energy into the match each time. However, the opposition proved to be too clinical on this occasion in the THS half as the Turing team suffered a 39-20 loss. Nonetheless, the score doesn't reflect the effort the boys displayed, and they could still be proud of their performance. They will go again shortly after the half term break when they take on Lampton School in the same league. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Girls Netball v Waldegrave

The Year 7 girls were treated to a friendly this week as they hosted Waldegrave on the netball court. Encouraging numbers among the girls allowed for two teams to play two separate games. Although we're out of the regular netball season, the Turing teams showed no depletion of enthusiasm for matches as they battled some cold conditions that weren't so kind on the hands. Nonetheless, both teams moved the ball quickly into their attacking end and showed accuracy under the net. They came away with a 9-5 win and a narrow 6-5 loss respectively - a fair reflection of their efforts and how close a contest it was. Well done to all involved!



Year 9 Boys Rugby 7s v The Green School

The Year 9 boys took part in a friendly match on the rugby field on a cold, grey Thursday afternoon against The Green School. The match came in the form of the 7-side version of the game and acted as a suitable warm up ahead of the 7s tournament taking



place next month at Orleans Park. While the match was played in good spirits, the Turing team stormed to a big victory over their opposition. Both teams hit the gas plenty of times as they scored impressive tries after attacking the space, but it was THS who were able to gain an edge through their defensive force of nature. Well done to all involved!

Year 8/9 Boys Basketball v Grey Court

A combined Year 8 and 9 team of boys travelled to Grey Court to face them in their Richmond basketball league earlier in the week. The Turing team know very well how evenly matched the opposition can be, so the boys made sure to bring their A-game. Working with just two substitutes, each player gave their all in a physically demanding contest which saw both teams successfully rack up their score, yet neither team stole the lead for much of the first three quarters. It all came down to the final quarter with the scores almost even. Tired legs were no deterrent for the boys in blue as they continued to press forward and test the defence. Eventually they came away with a 56-50 win after an impressive display of concentration. Well done to all involved!

every single week by the PE Department. Please remember that if students are on a team sheet for a sports fixture, but they are unable to play for any reason, students or parents should let the PE Department know at their earliest convenience. This allows the teacher to arrange for replacements or make suitable adjustments to the fixture in good time, rather than discovering that numbers are less than planned moments before the fixture. Thank you for your support.



Reminder About Sports Fixtures

With football, basketball and rugby fixtures currently taking place for many year groups, as well as plenty of tournaments and friendly matches in various other sports, fixtures continue to be organised and offered