



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



A Message from Mr O'Sullivan

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, it's important for our school community to understand its significance and how it affects many of our students. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a period of fasting, reflection, and spiritual growth. It commemorates the time when the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Fasting, or sawm, is a key part of Ramadan. From dawn until sunset, Muslims refrain from eating or drinking, using this time for self-discipline, prayer, and acts of kindness. The fast is broken each evening with a meal known as iftar, and many wake up before dawn for suhoor, the pre-fast meal.

For young people, fasting can be particularly challenging. On Monday as an example, students will more than likely be up and eating at around 5am, with sunset being at about 5.44pm. This will mean over 12 hours without food or drink. With the days getting longer, by the end of the month this will look more

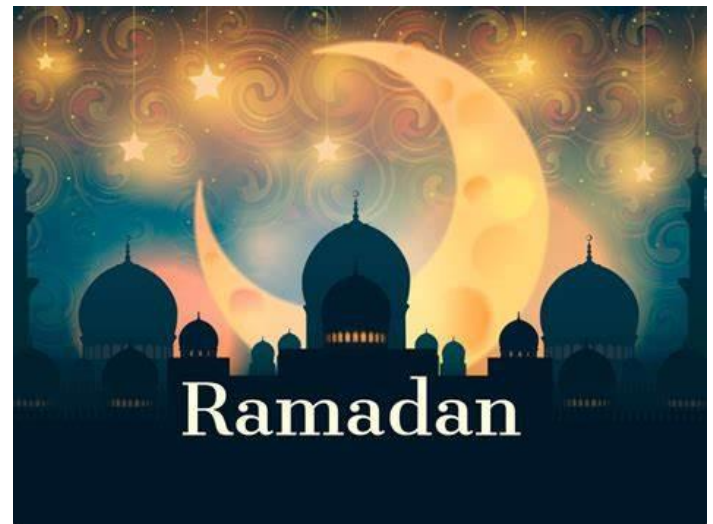
like 15 hours. Waking up early for suhoor and continuing with normal school activities, including lessons, exams, and even sports, requires great resilience.



Some younger students may be fasting for the first time, while others may be adapting their routine to manage their energy levels throughout the day.

At Turing House, we recognise the dedication and commitment shown by our students who observe Ramadan. We encourage all members of our community to be mindful of the challenges they face, offering understanding and support where needed. Small gestures—such as being aware that a classmate may be tired or adjusting activities where possible—can make a big difference.

We wish all our students, staff, and families observing Ramadan a peaceful and blessed month.



Thursday 6 th March	Year 9 Options Evening
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Thursday 6th March	Y11 Food Skills Day 1
Monday 10th March	Y11 Food Skills Day 2
Thursday 13 th March	Careers Fair

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/>

Show Show Show tickets!

Careers Fair 2025



Tickets for Bugsy Malone have been on sale this week to the families of those students involved. Next week, ticket sales open up to the whole school community on ParentPay.

THS Careers Fair
Thursday 13th March 2025
5.30 – 7.30pm
Students & Parents in Years 9 – 13 Welcome

The show takes place on 1st, 2nd and 3rd April at 7pm with doors to our very own speakeasy opening at 6:15 for drinks and pre-show entertainment. We look forward to seeing some of you there to support our 120 strong cast, band and crew!

Why attendance matters

As its National Careers Week next week, please click onto the link below to access an interactive pack and access lots of useful information.

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

[National Careers Week Interactive Booklet](#)



LGBT History Month

Over the years, many establishments have reflected on ways that they can make a positive change in the wider community. For example, Scouts have come on leaps and bounds in advocating for LGBT acceptance within society. Their core values highlight the importance of trust, loyalty and respect to anyone no

matter their race, gender or sexuality. Scouts see it as vital to upkeep scout laws and help others if they need it. Scouts help to organise pride events and have supported LGBT establishments for years, helping the community to progress and make positive change.

By Zorian F and Alice D



Dr Frost

After a short time off because of Mock examinations, Dr Frost Support Sessions will return on Monday 3rd March 3-4pm. We look forward to seeing lots of students there next week!



Year 8 Mensa

Our first round of Mensa testing of the year has been completed and the results are in! An amazing 17 students in Year 8 have been invited to the famous high IQ society. Well done! We are so proud of all of the students who participated in the test. Our next round of testing will be happening this term and we are excited to share even more brilliant news with you. At the end of last term, we held a little celebration event during tutor time for all of the

students to get their results and to celebrate their successes.



The Rose Whisperer

Love and appreciation were in the air on Valentine's Day this year! Four wonderful Year 12 students - Erishva, Vernica, Amber D, Lilly D-F - came together to organise 'The Rose Whisperer' in time for Valentine's Day, which was an event where staff and Sixth Form students could send anonymous roses, with a message, to someone to be delivered on Valentine's Day. The event was a great success! There was a lovely buzz of anticipation prior to the roses being handed out. All proceeds from the event are going towards the Year 12's prom which will take place at the end of their time in Sixth Form in Year 13.



Year 9 Drama

Year 9 are learning about special effects make up in drama this term which involves them giving each other black eyes, bruises, cuts and maybe even a bullet wound here and there!

We do give them baby wipes and ask them to remove it before their next lesson, however there's always one or two that slip through the net. One yesterday that was so realistic it gave a few members of staff quite the shock!

We just wanted to make you aware and assure you that there's no actual harm, but rather students are learning a practical, exciting new skill!

Miss Scott, Head of Drama

Turing House Friends Comedy Night 2025



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>

Athletics Donation

Thank you so much to HOKA athlete Sarah Astin for donating several pairs of spikes to our school for our



athletes to enjoy training in this summer. We really appreciate your donations and can't wait for the summer track season to come around!

Sports Update

Richmond Borough Swimming Gala

Just before the half term break, a strong contingent of THS students from various year groups travelled to Lady Eleanor Holles School to take part in the annual borough swimming competition. All students did extremely well, representing the school in great fashion. Well done to all those who completed and an extended round of applause to those who achieved a podium finish! **Backstroke:** Jack G - 5th; Thomas M - 3rd. **Breaststroke:** Noah S - 5th; Freya M - 2nd; Kai M - 1st. **Butterfly:** Lola J-M - 2nd. **Freestyle:** Phoebe K - 5th; Thomas S - 5th; Lucy D - 5th; Andy S - 5th; Alice D - 3rd; Adam H - 3rd; Josh B - 2nd. **Relay:** Y10 Boys - 5th; Y8 Boys - 4th; Y9 Girls - 3rd.

Year 8 Boys Football v Orleans Park

The Year 8 boys faced Orleans Park this week on the football pitch. Playing at home in some go-faster shirts, the Turing team got off to a flying start as they went 1-0 up in the first half. Unfortunately, the boys weren't able to net another despite creating promising chances for the upfront players and it was then the away team who found their form. Finding themselves on the back foot for much of the second half, THS did their best to stay in the game but, in the end, they had to accept a 4-1 loss on this occasion, although not through a lack of effort by any means. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball v Twickenham

A Year 7 and a Year 8 team of girls took to the netball court this week in their Richmond borough fixtures. Both teams hosted Twickenham and were eager to get underway after a few weeks of waiting since their last game. The girls were certainly on form in this match as they secured two big wins. Some impressive defending meant that the Turing teams managed to keep the opposition's chance of a comeback at bay, while they grafted to score over 20 points in their respective games. They were rightfully delighted with their performance and look forward to the next one. Well done to all involved!

Year 7 Boys Basketball v Lampton School

The Year 7 boys were back in action on the basketball court this week as they took on Lampton School. The away fixture was part of the Junior NBA league and the Turing team was up for the challenge after feeling refreshed from the half term break. Despite the strong start from the boys, the opposition had the attacking edge that proved to be the difference at half time. THS managed to refocus and close the gap slightly with some cunning counter attacking of their own, but the home side had built up too much of a lead as the match finished 37-17 to them. Still, a great effort from the Turing boys, their enthusiasm on the court never goes unnoticed. Well done to all involved!






Youth Academic Support and Empowerment Workshops

Meet new people and develop skills at our Academic Support and Arts and Music Workshops

Open to young people aged 11-17 from refugee and ethnic minority backgrounds

Ham Youth Centre, Richmond, TW10 7PL

For more information please email jemima.hodgkinson.acaa@gmail.com or call [0208 572 0300](tel:02085720300)





Youth Empowerment Workshops and Social Club

Meet new people and build a safer community at our Youth Empowerment Workshops and Youth Social Club

Open to young people aged 18-25 from refugee and ethnic minority backgrounds

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TOPICS INCLUDE:

AI & Deepfakes, Online Spaces, Internet Addiction, Radicalisation and keeping your children and young people safe online.





🕒 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM | **14 MARCH 2025**

📍 Online

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🕒 17:30 PM - 19:15 PM
📍 Grey Court School, Ham Street, Ham, Richmond upon Thames, TW10 7HN

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We kindly request that you arrive using public transport when possible. Please note that parking in the area is limited.

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