



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



A Message from Mr O'Sullivan

(No Spoilers) Over recent days I have been inundated with friends and work colleagues contacting me about the Netflix programme, Adolescence. The series follows the harrowing story of a family whose world is turned upside down when their 13-year-old son, Jamie Miller, is arrested for the murder of a female classmate. The narrative unfolds in real-time, with each episode filmed in one continuous shot. As the investigation progresses, the series delves into the pressures faced by young men from their peers, the internet, and social media. Firstly, I cannot but praise the acting from the cast in Episodes 1,3 &4, this will surely win multiple awards. Episode 2 was frustrating on many levels. The portrayal of incompetent, aggressive teachers, a 10 second fire drill with no register taken, staff breaking GDPR regulations and the general sense of anarchy did not sit well with me. I can assure you as one Sixth Form student has said to me already, it wasn't Turing House.



The storyline is incredibly gripping and raises a stark message to all parents everywhere that we must become more aware of the lives our children lead online, the people they engage with and the messages they receive. The co-writer and one of the leads, Stephen Graham, issues a warning to parents in an article in The Independent:

"It's just being mindful of the fact that not only we parent our children, and not only the school educates our children," he said. "But also there's influences that we have no idea of that are having profound effects on our young culture, profound effects, positive and extremely negative. So it's having a look at that and seeing that we're all accountable."

I would encourage all our families to watch the programme. Mrs Collins and her EDIT group are already looking for ways to help parents understand and support their children, to stop adults 'bumbling about' (direct quote from the film, thanks Darcey). For example, with an understanding of how young people use emojis.

[2025 Emoji Meanings: An Emoji Dictionary for Parents](#)
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As we know society moves at a rapid pace and many years later, we look back on things we did in the past with horror. There was a time when smoking was regarded as healthy.



I firmly believe we will look back at some aspects of our online activity and wish we understood more about its impact.

Neurodiversity Imagery winner

Well done to Lani in Year 8 who managed to guess the most famous people from my article last week. Daryl Hannah was the missed one and on reflection, I am not sure how many people not a child of the 1980's would have seen Splash. Although Bladerunner is a classic! A voucher is on its way.



Monday 31 st March	DTP/Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations catch up Clinic
Friday 4 th April	Amsterdam Trip

Bugsy Malone



Bugsy Malone tickets are now sold out. Please let the office know if you have spares that you won't be using so we can give them to someone on the waiting list and remember to bring along your ParentPay receipt as your ticket. The show starts at 7pm but arrive from 6:15 to have a drink in our very own Speakeasy.

The final rehearsal schedule is below. Students who are involved have been given a paper copy.

Audiences are in for a treat - it's looking great!

Final rehearsals

It is super important that everyone attends all rehearsals they are required to be at.

Tickets are now sold out and we need to make sure the show is the best it can be!

Date	Time	Required
Tuesday 18 th March	3:10-6:30	Cast, crew and band
Tuesday 25 th March	3:10-4:30	Y9-13, Y8s who are doing the canteen speakeasy bit (no Y7s required)
Sunday 30 th March	9:30-4:00	Cast, crew and band
Monday 31 st March	8:30-3:00	Cast, crew and band

SHOW – Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd April
 You will be required to be back at school by 5pm. The show will start at 7pm and finish at around 8:20pm.
 There will also be matinees for our local primary schools each afternoon. You will be expected to be in school at normal time in the mornings of show days and attend P1-3.

Year 11 GCSE Drama

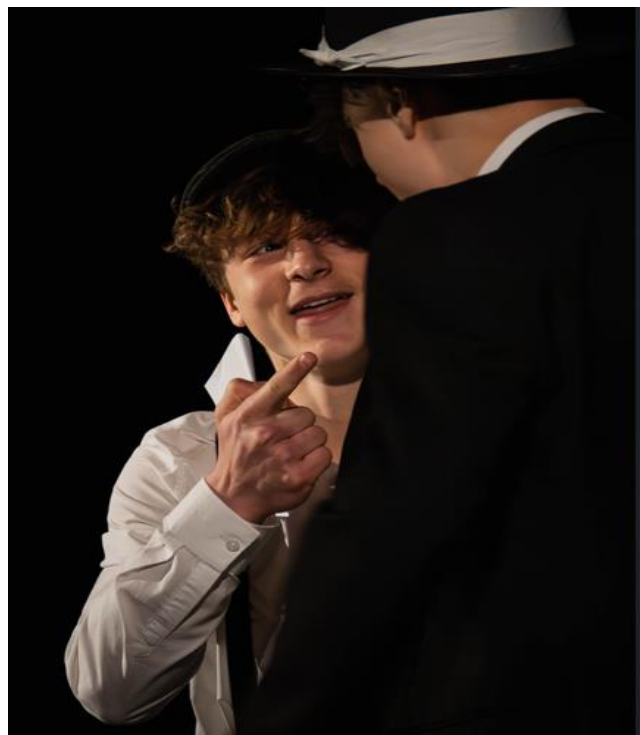
Congratulations to our Y11 GCSE Drama students who completed their practical exams last week in front of an examiner from Edexcel.

Each student completed an acting piece, performing either a monologue, duologue or group scene and a design piece, where they had to design the lighting, sound or costume for another scene. It was a nerve-racking but enjoyable day for everyone involved,

including the examiner, who told us that she had really enjoyed her time at Turing.

Both classes impressed us with their commitment, confidence, creativity and professionalism and we are delighted that lots of the cohort are staying with us next year for A-Level Drama. Parents of the students can now watch their pieces on Teams (the students know where it's all saved!).

Thanks to Toby R in Y10 for the photos.



Year 10 Geography trip to East London

On Monday all year 10 geography students ventured across London to Stratford to assess the impact of regeneration in the area. After initially planning the investigation in the classroom, students continued to follow to the stages of the geographical enquiry, collecting various examples of data in the field. It also allowed students to see the legacy left behind from the London 2012 Olympics as well as continual improvements to the area of East London. Though it was a rather chilly day, students got stuck in and gave an accurate assessment of regeneration in the area through quantitative surveys and even asking the general public of their opinions. The trip provided a vital opportunity for students to apply their geographical knowledge and skills to the real world as well as work together as a group.



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:

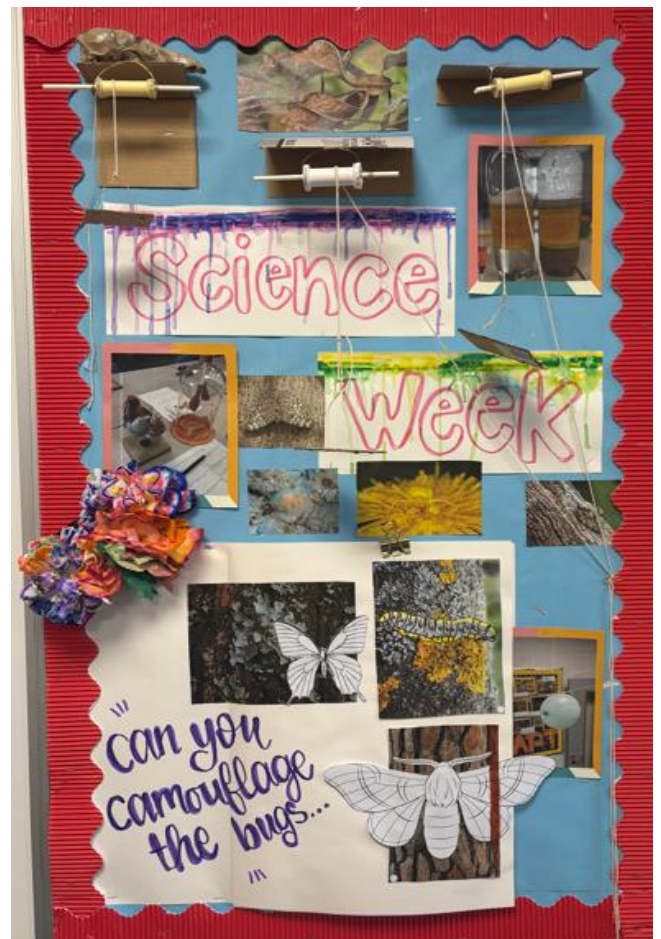
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first>

British Science Week

Mrs Hicks has been exploring some different science topics with small groups of pupils throughout Science Week, including: chromatography, making pulleys, investigating animal skulls, germinating broad beans,



experimenting to see how quickly paper products break down in water, balloon rockets and more! We really enjoyed the opportunity to do some fun experiments and focus on science in our sessions.



Year 11 multi-lingual students

This week, Mr Wood has been meeting with students in each year group who speak more than one language. These amazingly talented students, some of whom are fluent in multiple languages, have been invited to take part in a project to further raise cultural awareness and celebrate multi-lingualism in our school. Watch this space in future weeks to see the project in action!



World Book Day tokens

Final chance to spend your book tokens - tokens expire this Sunday, 23rd March.

Make sure you visit a bookshop to swap your token for a World Book Day book, or use it for £1 off a book of your choice.

We encourage students and parents to visit local bookshops such as Parade's End Bookshop: Parade's End Books Bookshop UK, 406, Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames KT2 5PU .

Arkwright Scholarship update

After a lengthy application process, a series of aptitude exams and an intense interview with two engineers, Nico V in Year 11 has been awarded with the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. We are so proud of Nico and we are so excited to see what the future holds for him as Turing House's first ever Arkwright Scholar! The scholarship will support him throughout his A Level studies and will provide mentoring with an engineering firm, invites to networking events and to days out with companies like Dyson and Airbus. The Arkwright Scholarship will be launching in the Summer term for our current Year 10 students so keep your eyes peeled. Congratulations Nico!

Craft Club update

In this weeks' Craft Club, we made animals from egg boxes and mounted them in little frames. We love using recycled objects to make our crafts, so we are always keen for cardboard or paper in particular!



Year 12 Chemistry

The Year 12 A Level Chemists took advantage of the warm weather on Thursday and participated in an exam question-based relay race. This was great fun and the girls team reached the finish line first! Next

week, the students will find out which team got the most exam questions correct.



Turing House Friends

Thank You for a Fantastic Comedy Night!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the **Turing House Friends Comedy Night!** It was a truly brilliant evening, filled with laughter, delicious food, and fantastic raffle prizes. We're so grateful for the incredible support from our school community—over 100 of you turned up and raised **£1,500** for the school!

A special shout-out to **Anna D and her wonderful team**, whose hard work and dedication made the night such a success. We'd also like to thank **Justin from BurmaShack** for the incredible food that kept us all going throughout the evening. And of course, to all the volunteers who helped behind the scenes—we **simply couldn't have done it without you!**

We were having so much fun that we completely forgot to take a single photo... so you'll just have to take our word for it—it **was an unforgettable night!** Thank you again for your support, and we can't wait for the next one!

Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Sunday 30th March



Looking to stock up on school uniform at a bargain price? Come along to our **Second-Hand Uniform Sale** on **Sunday 30th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am.** If the weather is nice, we'll be set up in the **car park**; if

not, you'll find us in the **canteen**. This is a great opportunity to pick up pre-loved uniform at a fraction of the cost, while also supporting the school.

We look forward to seeing you there—**don't miss out on a great deal!**

Sports Update

Student Sporting Success in BJJ

A huge congratulations goes to Year 7 student Raveena N who competed in the Brazilian jiu-jitsu CompNet European Championships last weekend and came away with a silver medal! This was even more impressive as Raveena was fighting in the 13-15 age category and only just lost out on the gold medal. Practicing four times a week at Gracie Barra in Twickenham, her hard work is clearly paying off. Well done Raveena!



Student Sporting Success in Athletics

A massive well done goes to Michael C in Year 10 who took part in the Middlesex Indoor Athletics Championships over the weekend and came away not only a personal best, but a silver medal in the Under 17's Men's Shot Put competition! Michael is part of the St Mary's athletics team, having enjoyed athletics in PE at school, and has made amazing progress in a short space of time which is credit to his dedication and positive attitude. Well done Michael!



Year 7 Fitness Race

A team of Year 7 students went to Teddington last week to take part in a unique fitness against the hosts and Twickenham. The format of the fitness race followed an age-appropriate version of Hyrox - a popular global fitness competition that combines running and functional movements such as lunges, wall balls and burpees. Students completed laps of the area and then performed reps of certain exercises, before doing another running lap, all while looking to complete the circuit in as quick a time as possible. The Turing team did amazingly well, grafting to a second-place overall team finish with every student giving their all - all their hard work in Thursday morning's fitness club seems to be paying off! This is the second time this fixture has run and there are very few schools in the world currently who

practice the sport of fitness racing, making Turing's participation extra special. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football v St Richard Reynolds

Last week the Year 8 boys were treated to a friendly football match just to keep skills in check and make the most of a sunny March afternoon. The Turing team hosted St Richard Reynolds who are always up for matching any challenge presented to them. The game unfolded in a fairly even fashion as both sides enjoyed spells of possession. However, the visitors were first to convert their chances into points on the scoreboard as THS went into the break trailing by two goals. Working hard to get themselves back into the game, the boys continued to press but were caught out on one particularly unfortunate situation where the opposition counter attacked and snuck a third to sink THS 3-0 at full time. Despite it being one of those days where the Year 8 boys just couldn't quite find the edge they needed to get ahead, they still put in a great shift as always. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Table Tennis Tournament

The Year 7's entered a table tennis tournament at Richmond Park Academy this week. Unfortunately, a few other teams delivered some last minute drop-outs leaving just THS and hosts RPA to battle it out. Nonetheless, the Turing team set out to put their best table tennis on display and enjoyed an hour-long round robin contest. RPA had a slight edge overall that led them to take more wins in total, but the boys did the school proud and played very well. In fact, it continues to become increasingly obvious at how determined and enthusiastic this year group are when it comes to playing school sport - it is so impressive to see many of these students turn their hand to a variety of activities and give their all regardless of the sporting challenge at hand. Well done to all involved!



Year 10 Rugby League Tournament

After the Year 8 boys winning the Elmbridge Eagles rugby league tournament earlier last week, it was the turn of the Year 10 team. Could they match the Year 8's and come away with a tournament win of their own? They were up against the same competition - Teddington, Coombe Boys and Hinchley Wood, with all teams providing a close contest which made for three entertaining and physical games. The Turing team battled like their lives depended on it in each one, determined not to let victory slip from their potential reach, and put on a serious display of simple yet structured rugby league. As a result of their hard work and determination, they were crowned deserving tournament winners when points difference was needed to be considered to establish first place. Well done to all involved!



Girls' Flag Football

A team of girls from Year 8, 9 and 10 got their NFL season underway as they travelled to Isleworth to face an opposing team in a flag version of the ever-popular American football game. The league is organised by NFL franchise Net York Jets who provide kit, match structure and all-round awesome opportunities for girls to get involved and maximise engagement through competitive participation. Having participated in this initiative last year, it's safe to say the girls have been looking forward to these matches coming back into the fixture calendar and the Turing team got their season off to a great start - they came home with a 20-18 win over their opponent, with the score reflecting a hard-fought win in a very close game. Onto the next game. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball v Teddington

Both the Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams began their Richmond borough league matches at the start of this week, with both teams taking on Teddington away. The girls have been hard at work in the after-school netball club and preparing accordingly. The Year 7 team started off strong but were ever so slightly muscled out in the final quarter, losing by just one point as their match finished painfully close at 11-10. The Year 8 girls put up a similar fight but also fell victim to some quick attacking play in their defending D. They recorded a 14-4 loss, but the score was no reflection of how close a game it was for much of the match. They will get the chance to go again soon when the two teams face Richmond upon Thames where redemption will be on the cards for the girls. Well done to all involved!

**Allianz Stadium Family Day offer**

The Family Traveller would like to offer our school families a unique opportunity to join us at the Allianz Stadium Twickenham, to experience the ultimate day out for all the family.

The Ultimate Family Day Out event is taking place on the weekend of March 22nd & 23rd. The stadium is well connected with plenty of FREE parking available onsite or a short walk from local rail and bus connections.

Once inside there are multiple free activities to enjoy: climbing walls, parkour, crazy golf, surf simulators, ice hockey, football skill classes and stargazing.

Rugby-loving boys and girls will have the unique chance to play inside the home of England Rugby thanks to exclusive pitch-side training sessions with Harlequins coaches.

There will even be the chance to ride on an epic zipline across the stadium – the first time this has ever been open to the public at Allianz Stadium, Twickenham! As well as an abseil off the top of the



stadium (*extra charge for these two activities). There will be the chance to win amazing competitions worth £10,000s as well as incredible offers exclusively available at the show.

Tickets for this event are priced at £55 for a family ticket (2 x adults & 2 x kids) but The Family Traveller would like to offer our school families the opportunity to join them for just £10 per family ticket. A huge 80% discount.

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*Alongside local partners, Achieving for Children is working with funding from the Department for Education to provide an EASTER holiday activities and food programme (FUEL).

