



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Jack Petchey

It's that time of year that we look to award the Jack Petchey Award to four students in the school. Please scan the QR code below to nominate a student you think would be deserving of this. For more information about Jack Petchey, please click on the link: [Jack Petchey Foundation](https://www.jackpetchey.com/)



## Lost Property

We have endeavoured to return all named lost property items to their owners. However, we still have several more unnamed items, winter coats, blazers and water bottles in the main office. Please remind your child to come and check during break times if they have lost anything.



There will also be a table set up near the student gate on Wednesday after school, so if your child has lost anything, please ask them to go and have a look. Any items not collected will be disposed of or donated to charity over the holiday.



Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	DTP/Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations catch up Clinic
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs 3rd April	School Show – Bussy Malone
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term early dismissal
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 8 Amsterdam Trip

## TFL Pioneer Ambassadors



The Year 8 and Year 12 TfL Pioneer Ambassadors have been running a Road Safety Workshop for the Year 7 tutor groups over the last two weeks where students look at the impact of using a phone when travelling to school. Students participated in an obstacle course, first without any phone and then they had to repeat the course whilst writing a message on their phone. Students were able to identify how they were much slower and had more penalties on the course, demonstrating the importance of Road Safety on the way to school.

## Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Thank you so much to Henry and Luie for helping Ms Riglin deliver an assembly to mark Down Syndrome Awareness Day this week. Both boys did an incredible job talking about their friends.



## Year 7 Frankenstein

Students in year 7 have been reading the Philip Pullman stage adaptation of Frankenstein in their English lessons. In Mrs Harper's class the students have been really enjoying acting out the parts. In this scene Sophia and Sam were playing the parts of

Frankenstein and Clerval while Maxwell read the stage directions. Meanwhile, Gregory was playing the part of Frankenstein's monster awaiting being galvanised into life. The students in the class have been taking it in turns to play the parts and, for some reason, being the monster was a very popular choice!

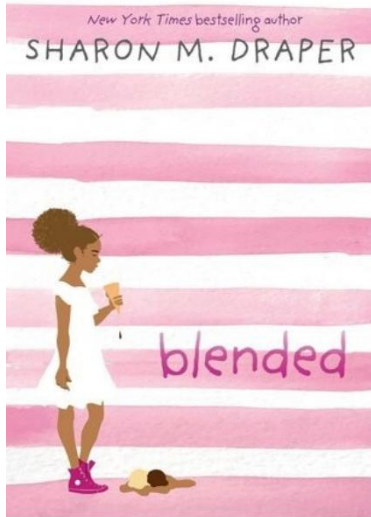
Through reading the play the students are considering the context of Mary Shelley's novel and progress in science at the time, such as the development of the Wimshurst Machine by Galvani and the contemporary excitement as scientists were able to seemingly bring things to life. This was at a time when Christianity was strong, and this scientific work was therefore controversial. Shelley explored the idea of 'playing God' in her novel which she began writing in 1816 whilst on holiday in Switzerland with her husband Percy Bysshe Shelley, John Polidori and Lord Byron. The friends challenged each other in a competition to write the best horror story. A nightmare Shelley had provided her with the idea for Frankenstein.



## Writing Club

Blended. By Sharon M. Draper - A Book Review By Otilie S - Y7

"Are you Black?" "no" "Are you White?" "no" "so what are you then?"



Eleven-year-old Isabella Thornton practically knows these questions off by heart. Her father is black, her mother

is white. She is neither. And now that her parents are divorced, she feels like she is constantly being ripped in half like a

badly treated dog toy. The only thing that holds her together is her immense love for playing the piano.

One week she is Isabella with her dad, his girlfriend Anastasia and teenage son Darren, living in a large mansion-like house with an enormous grand piano and a piano teacher like no other.

And then before she knows it Isabella becomes Izzy, her dad's mansion becomes a small semi-attached house, her dad, Anastasia and Darren become her mom and boyfriend, no.7- John mark-, and the amazing grand piano becomes her old portable Casio.

Being split between her two families is more than just waking up in a new bed every Monday, it's more than just switching names every week, it's about switching identities. It's about every week, her parents just expect her to become a whole new person, in a whole new house, with a whole new set of people around her. It's about not having a place to call home anymore, just to have a "mom's place" and a "dad's place" yet never a "her place".

For if you're only seen by people as half of mom and half of dad, then how will people ever know that there is more to you than just two fighting parents? More importantly, how is she ever to feel whole when she is just half of this and half of that?

## 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 Tapas trip

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Mr. Kavanagh, Miss Harman and Miss Riglin took some of the Year 8s on an after-school trip to Bar Estilo in Teddington to see some of the Spanish food that they have been learning about in class! All the pupils had an amazing time and we believe their favourite dish was the churros and chocolate sauce at the end!





students engaging with employers in all our first-floor rooms.



## THS Careers Fair 2025

Last week saw our third successful THS Careers Fair on Thursday 13th March. We were delighted to host 40 companies and academic institutions on site in what has become a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet employers firsthand, network and develop a wider understanding of the world of work.

We had over 350 people attend this year; it was good to see attendees from years 9 – 13. This was particularly useful for those deciding on their options this week and provided key insight into the type of subjects employers are looking for to work in certain fields. For year 11 this is a transition year and so it was good to see many of our local colleges represented at this event. We were pleased to welcome some new employers this year in the field of Horticulture (RHS), Hospitality (Richmond Hill Hotel) and Insurance (AXA UK).

I would like to express our gratitude to all our participants (speakers and stands) as we really appreciate the time you put into your presentations and not to mention giving up your evening to be with us and support our students. From initial feedback it seems Engineering, Law, Business and Psychology were particularly busy, although it was good to see



We are always looking for employers to work directly with us in careers at THS. If you would like to get involved either in careers fair or meet the employer events at Turing please do complete the engagement form below: Careers Engagement form.

We would also welcome your feedback from parents attending this event to aid improvement moving forward. Please scan the QR code above:



### Year 7 Skateboarding workshop

This week the Year 7s had the chance to swap school shoes for skate shoes as they took part in a skateboarding day! It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn new skills, build confidence and have a great time! All the students showed great enthusiasm and energy throughout the day with some amazing tricks on show! We hope that they continue to peruse skateboarding outside of school and we might see some of them in a future Olympic Games!



### Year 10 Badminton Tournament

This week, tutor groups have been competing against each other in a Badminton Tournament organised by the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Senior Prefects and Head Students. Tutor groups have been competing for valuable tutor points, that all go towards the tutor cup.



### THS Oxbridge Society

This week, we held the first session of Turing House's Oxbridge Society. The students learnt about the application process, the collegiate system and the various teaching styles. The students were also introduced to super curricular activities such as essay competitions and study days at Oxford. Over the next couple of weeks, our students will be researching the different colleges and courses and applying to opportunities to help curate their personal statements!

## Year 9 Drama – special effects

Year 9 have been enjoying their special effects make up unit in drama this term.

They have been learning how to use specialist makeup to create cuts, bruises, scratches and even bullet wounds.



## Sixth Form Fun

It's been a busy week for our Sixth Formers!

Year 12 kicked off the week attending the UCAS Discovery Day at the ExCeL Centre, London. This was an opportunity for them to fully immerse themselves in the university experience - talking to different unis, attending talks but also speaking to employers too!



Mr Burns turned quizmaster extraordinaire on Tuesday as he hosted the 'Beat the Teachers' quiz night. The competition was strong, but the History team reigned supreme and took the title!



Wednesday saw Year 13 have their Mock Result's Day where they received their February Mock exam results. This was an opportunity to prepare students for the real day in a few months' time but also enable to reflect on what they need to do for that final push to the end. This was then followed by Mr Burns' Sixth Form football team playing off against the Year 11 boys. It was an exciting match, but in the end, the Year 11 boys snuck a win on penalties.

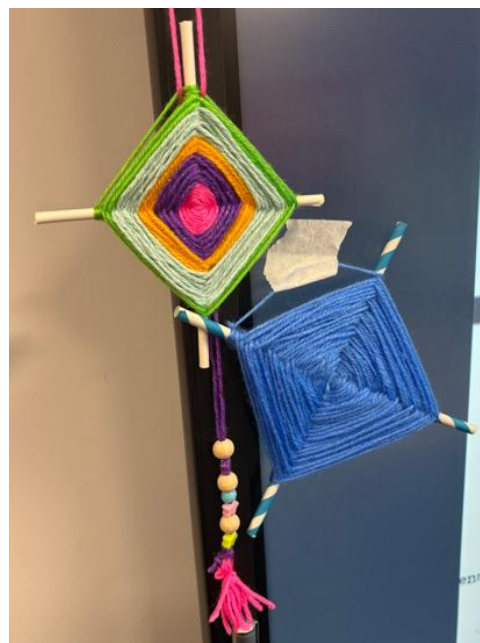


The week was rounded off on Thursday with the Easter Celebration Assembly where we were able to celebrate all the amazing achieving of our Sixth Formers this term. Great work everyone.



### Craft Club

In this weeks' Craft Club we did some 'God's Eye' weaving, using donated paper straws and yarn scraps. We are looking forward to doing some Easter crafts in our last session next week.



### Srebrenica – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project

On 11 July 1995, Bosnian Serb units captured the town of Srebrenica in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In less than two weeks, their forces systematically murdered more than 8,000 Bosniaks (Bosnian Muslims).

Hampton Boys School have invited Turing House School to collaborate with them in a project to commemorate this event.

The aim of the project is to help more people in the local community know what happened by humanising the events – helping people understand the terrible impact that the Genocide had on individuals.

All Year 9 students were told about this in their assembly this week. They should speak to their History teacher if they'd like to be involved.



## Partial Solar Eclipse

This Saturday morning between 10.07am to 12 midday, depending on where you are, there will be a partial Solar Eclipse (around 30-40%).

This is really exciting, as these are very rare events. The forecast for London at the moment looks like it won't be cloudy, so hopefully we will all get to see something.

Further information can be found here: [Solar Eclipse 2025: What is it, when is it and how to watch - BBC Newsround](#) - this includes advice on how to look at the solar eclipse safely using a pinhole camera.

Our Year 7s have recently been learning about light waves and eclipses in their science lessons, so it should be particularly interesting to them.

## Turing House Friends

### 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!**

## Volunteers wanted

We are looking for two willing volunteers from the world of business to come into school for the day on the 15th May 2025. Year 12 will be having a drop-down day focusing on future skills development. We need people with experience of interviewing in their role to conduct mock interviews with our year 12 students.

If you are able to offer this support to our students, please email the careers team on [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk)

Thanks, THS Careers

## Sports Update

### Year 8 Boys Football v Grey Court

The Year 8 boys faced Grey Court this week in their Richmond football league, playing with the home advantage. The Turing team were hoping to get back to winning ways in this fixture, but they found themselves being slightly outdone up front and chasing a 2-0 lead that the away team built up through the first half. The boys dug deep to execute a great opportunity with accuracy which allowed them



to get back into the game, but the visitors scored again to make it 3-1. THS continued to search for another goal right up until the bitter end. It wasn't to be on this occasion, however, despite their efforts and determination to succeed. Well done to all involved!



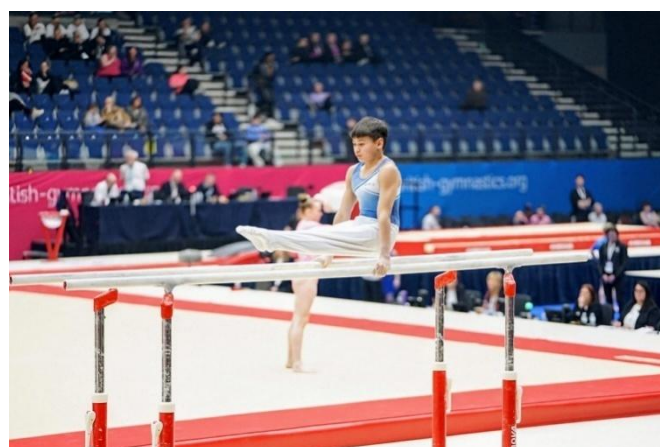
### Girls NFL Flag Football

The Year 8-10 girls continued round two of their NFL flag football season this week, looking to go two wins from two games. The sun made an appearance to complement their free-flowing, clear-cut performance as the girls tagged, threw, caught and ran their way to glory in style. The Turing team worked tirelessly up until the final whistle when they secured a big 26-8 win, not being satisfied for a single moment with the lead they enjoyed for almost the whole game as they pushed on at every touch down scoring opportunity. The girls have one more game before the Easter break - can they go undefeated this term? Well done to all involved!



### Student Sporting Success in Gymnastics

A big well done to Liêm in Year 8 who competed in his first Gymnastics British Championships in Liverpool last weekend, after qualifying through the English Championships at the start of the month. This was his first year competing in the under 14 category and did brilliantly by placing among the top 25 out of a huge field of competitors. Well done Liêm!



### Sixth Form Girls Football v Teddington

The Sixth Form girls, and a few eager, helpful students from Year 9, played in their postponed football match against Teddington last week. Playing away from home, the Turing team laid down their intentions early on in the game as they took an early lead through a well-worked team goal. They didn't sit back from there, however, as they continued to press hard and pressurise the opposition into a number of forced errors that resulted in THS possession. With that, they counterattacked and netted two more goals as the girls were on their way to victory. Teddington did eventually manage to prevent the girls from keeping a clean sheet but with the damage done earlier on, they returned to school with a deserving 3-1 win. Well done to all involved!



### Year 10/11 Boys Basketball v John Fisher

The Year 10 and 11 boys were back in action last week on the basketball court. They were playing in their U16 Dynamik league against John Fisher away. This was a round three play-off match that had a place in the quarter finals for the winning team and the Turing team were as determined as ever to prove themselves as worthy quarter finalists. They settled in for the first two quarters but the second half is where the boys really hit their groove, putting on a display of basketball dominance as they retained the ball to counterattack, catching the opposition off guard in their half on many occasions. The score in the end finished 75-47 for THS, onto the quarters which will be against Ormiston Park Academy of Thurrock. Well done to all involved!

### Stage Combat Easter Workshop


#### Stage Combat Easter Workshop

Roundhouse Youth Theatre is a Stage Combat Company for young actors to train and develop skills in fight choreography and acting.

If are interested scan QR code to explore company website and ask your parents to sign up on parent pay. Limited spaces...so be quick!  
Kind Regards Mr Coomber



Date: 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Time: 9am-3pm  
Year 7 - 11  
Price £30 per day  
Venue:  
Turing House School  
221A Hospital Bridge Road,  
Twickenham TW2 6LH

Spend 10 minutes watching videos - scan the QR Code:  
  
 [Roundhouse\\_youththeatre](https://www.instagram.com/roundhouse_youththeatre)

### Whitton Wildcats



**FLAG AMERICAN FOOTBALL OPEN DAY**  
**BOYS & GIRLS SCHOOL YEARS 4-11**  
**1ST APRIL 5PM-6.30PM**  
**NELSON SCHOOL FIELD, NELSON ROAD, TW2 7BU**  
**(ACCESS VIA RUNNYMEDE CLOSE)**



### Hampton & Whitton Youth Zones

**Hampton Youth Zone and Whitton Youth Zone**

**Easter programme**

This is a FUEL/HAF programme for young people aged 9 to 16 years

**Monday 7 to Tuesday 15 April** **FREE**



**Hampton Youth Zone:**  
 The White House Family Hub, 45 The Avenue, Hampton TW12 3RN  
 Nearest bus stop: Nurserylands Shopping Centre Stop (R70 or 111)

**Whitton Youth Zone**  
 1 Britannia Lane, Whitton TW2 7JX  
 Nearest transport links: Whitton Train Station (H22 or 110)

For more information please contact about any of our Easter offers including the activities or trips please contact:  
**Justin Johnson**, Hampton & Whitton Youth Zones Lead Practitioner  
 E: [justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk)





The Easter Bunny is hopping like mad and everyone is stuffing their faces with chocolate, which means it must be time for our annual Easter celebration at Hampton and Whitton Youth Zones. This year we are proud to put on a mesmerising list of FREE activities across both centres for young people aged 9 to 16 and are open from 7 to 15 April. We are running across both weeks of the Easter break, but with a twist.

### Week 1: Club activities

Running from 7 to 11 April from Hampton Youth Zone and Whitton Youth Zone, we are encouraging young people to join us at both youth centres for a celebration of art, cooking, music and sport with an Easter theme. To make this as easy as possible

Whitton Youth Zone runs: 11am to 3pm

Hampton Youth Zone runs: 3pm to 7pm

### Whitton Youth Zone

Monday 7 to Friday 12 April

Monday 7 April	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 April	Friday 11 April
Open Club @ Whitton Youth Zone	Open Club @ Whitton Youth Zone	WYZ Trip to Hampton Youth Zone via minibus	Joint Football Tournament Trip via minibus to Heatham House	Joint Trip to Go Ape Bracknell via minibus
11am to 3pm	11am to 3pm	12.30pm to 6.30pm	10.30am to 3.30pm Ages: 10 to 12	11am to 4pm
Easter Themed Graffiti Canvases	Art: Easter Basket Crafting			
11.30am to 1pm	11.30am to 1.30pm			
Gym and Exercise	Gym and Exercise			
11.30am to 1pm	11.30am to 1pm			
Ready, Steady Cook Sweet Stuff	Ready, Steady Cook Sweet Stuff			
11am to 1.30pm	11am to 1.30pm			
Music Production	Learn to DJ			
1.30pm to 3pm	1.30pm to 3pm			
Dodgeball and Football	Dodgeball and Football			
1.30pm to 3pm	1.30pm to 3pm			

**Whitton Youth Zone Details**

Address: 1 Britannia Lane, Whitton, TW2 7JX

### Week 2: Joint trips

#### Joint trips: clubs closed (trips only)

Sometimes, you just feel like going out and that's what we have decided we are going to do this week.

- Jump Giants Trip
- Go Ape High Ropes
- Football Tournament (Away Fixture)
- Go Karting

**A few key details**

- Places for these trips are extremely limited with around 12 places per trip.
- To be able to book a space on a trip your child must attend either Hampton Youth Zone or Whitton Youth Zone at least once during week 1. Trip forms will be given out to young people in person during this week.
- Trips are £5 or free for young people accessing HAF/FUEL.

#### Monday 14 to Tuesday 15 April

Monday 14 April	Tuesday 15 April
Joint Trip: Jump Giants Trip via minibus	Joint Trip: Go Karting Trip via Minibus
11am to 4pm	11am to 4pm



### Week 1: Club activities

#### Hampton Youth Zone

Monday 7 to Friday 12 April

Monday 7 April	Tuesday 8 April	Wednesday 9 April	Thursday 10 April	Friday 11 April
Open Club @ Hampton Youth Zone	Open Club @ Hampton Youth Zone	Open Club @ Hampton Youth Zone	Joint Football Tournament Trip via minibus to Heatham House	Joint Trip to Go Ape Bracknell via minibus
3pm to 7pm	3pm to 7pm	3pm to 7pm	10.30am to 3.30pm Ages: 10 to 12	11am to 4pm
Baking: DIY Easter Egg Making	Art: Easter Pottery Crafting	Music Production		
3.30pm to 5.30pm	3.30pm to 5.30pm	12.30pm to 1.30pm		
Dodgeball and Football	Benchball and Football	Rounders and Football		
3.30pm to 5.30pm	11.30am to 1pm	12.30pm to 1.30pm		
Rock Wall Climbing	Baking: DIY Cookies	Target Air Rifle Shooting		
5pm to 7pm	5pm to 7pm	Session 1: 1pm Session 2: 2pm		
Art: DIY Easter Egg Diorama	Archery	Easter Egg Hunt @ Nursery Green		
5pm to 7pm	5.30pm to 7pm	3.30pm to 4pm		
Easter Egglympics				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cadbury Cream Egg and Spoon Race</li> <li>• Terry's Chocolate Drainpipe Challenge</li> <li>• Cadburys Dairy Milk Chocolate Chopping Game</li> </ul>				
Roller Skating and Capture The Flag				
6pm to 7pm				

**Hampton Youth Zone Details**

Hampton Youth Zone Address: The White House Family Hub, 45 The Avenue, TW12 3RN  
Nearest Bus Stop: Nurserylands Shopping Centre Stop (R70 or 111)

### May Fair

**SAT 10TH MAY**  
10AM-5PM  
RICHMOND GREEN TW9 1LX

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Sponsoring our Dog Show

Oscars of London proudly sponsor The Richmond May Fair, returning on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 10am-5pm on Richmond Green. Everyone is welcome – please come & join in the fun!

Old favourites like the vintage funfair and dog show return, along with over 200 stalls, the craft marquee and a variety of food and drink. Local bands, schools and various performance groups will provide free entertainment throughout the day on the Riverside Radio stage.

With charities, artisans, businesses and schools all represented, the May Fair is a showcase for all that Richmond has to offer and plays an important role in helping local charities promote their work and raise much-needed funds.

If you are interested in volunteering on the day, or wish to enter your dog in the ever-popular dog show – please visit the new May Fair website [www.richmondmayfair.co.uk](http://www.richmondmayfair.co.uk) and follow us on Instagram and X @richmondmayfair.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*The Richmond May Fair Committee*

