



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

What a week we've had! Not only have we started formal exams, but our artists and photographers have also participated in external assessments. We've had our first formal sit-down exam in Travel and Tourism, and our Year 10 students have sat their core internal assessments in the exam hall and rooms which has helped prepare them further for their GCSEs. Our American footballers reached the final, which will take place next Friday, after convincingly winning their qualifying game 38-0. Enrollment documentation has been sent out for our new Year Seven students, and we look forward to meeting them at the Meet the Teachers event next Thursday.

Most exciting of all is the additional newsletter you received this week, detailing plans to launch our house system in September 2025. Mr. Quigley is working tirelessly to get various systems, competitions, and structures in place. Behind the scenes, we are busy working on the house names, which is literally history being made for Turing House School.

Personally, I've done some additional work this week, focusing on student attendance. It's a sad reality that at this time of year, students with poor attendance realise

they cannot catch up on the work they have missed as final exams loom in the coming weeks. School is about educating, but it's also about building resilience. So, I encourage everyone to try to

get to school and ensure their attendance is always above 96%. Obviously, medical conditions can get in the way, so it's vital that students catch up and put in extra work when they return.

We also received a lovely report from the Future Frontiers Project that has recently finished which supports improving student progress, enrichment and aspiration. The company were full of praise for the engagement and contributions from our students which is lovely to hear.

It is lovely to now have a chance to show off some of the amazing cultural clothing we had on display last week during our Unity in Diversity Day in the photos in this week's newsletter. I was disappointed not to see that we had caught one of Cameron in his full Scottish regalia, the fact that he had combined the tartan of his two family clans show a real understanding and respect for his heritage. Mr Wood's idea came to fruition and allowed all the minority cultures in our school community to have a moment in the sunshine.



Finally, parents and carers in **Year 10** need to ensure they are supporting their children with the push towards the **GCSE RP exam on Weds 21st May**. Ms Siddiqui and I are greatly impressed with their progress and focus for the big day.



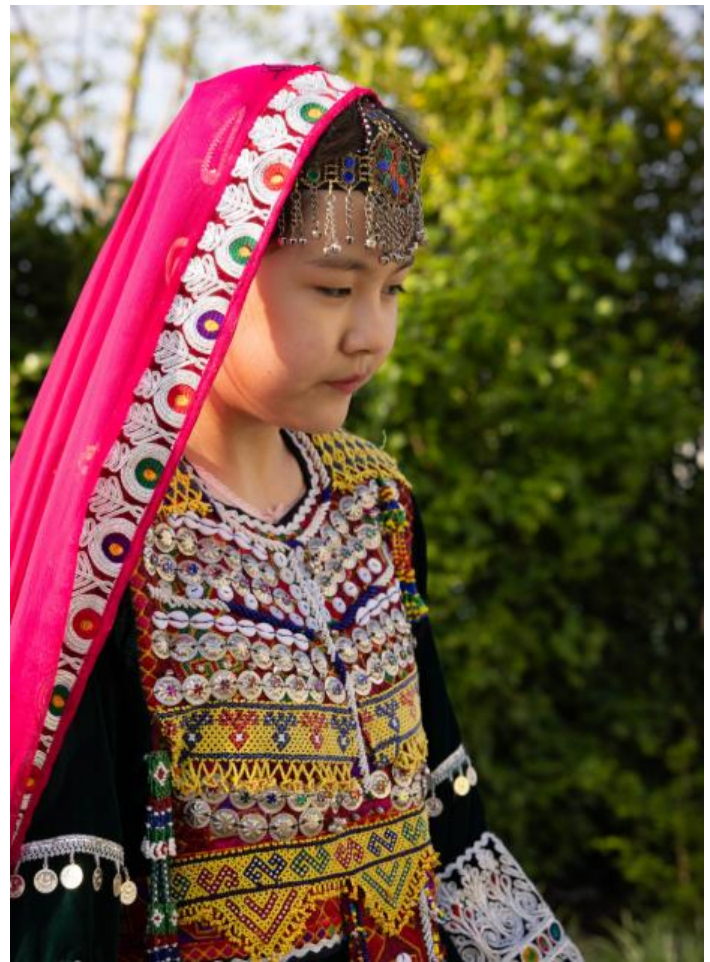
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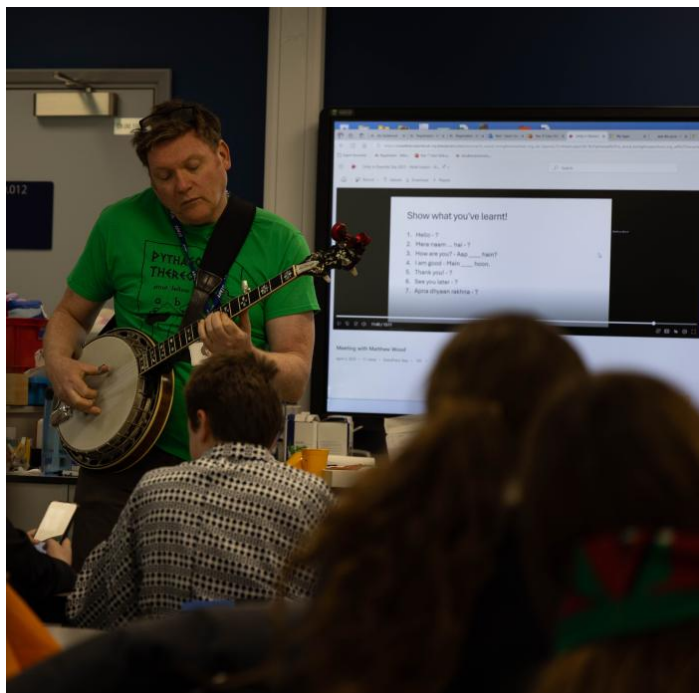


Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	Year 6 Meet the Teachers evening 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Unity in Diversity Day 2025

Celebrating multiculturalism and multilingualism at THS: Unity in Diversity Day 2025. On Friday 25th April, students and staff celebrated our community's multiculturalism and multilingualism through dress, food and language. It was so wonderful to see so many people participating and to see such a wide range of clothing and accessories which reflected different cultures. Similarly wonderful was the culinary expertise shown by students who cooked and baked foods from different cultures including delicious dishes from Hong Kong, Ukraine and Thailand (as well as from Scotland and Australia, prepared by Miss Smith and Mr Evans). The students raised £51.50 from the sales of their food which we donated to Homelink in Whitton. Special recognition goes to Teodor and Petar (Year 7), and Erishva and Vernica (Year 12), who planned and recorded language lessons in Bulgarian and Hindi which students enjoyed watching during tutor time. Lastly, thank you Toby Rea (photographer), Remie (Head Chef, who brought a South African flavour to the day), and Mrs Hicks (for her Worldwide Food Challenge).





This Wednesday we had our Rewards celebrations from last term. This Term, students got to enjoy pizza, have a skip the queue card, and play games on the school field for some of P4 and lunch. It was great to see so many students be rewarded for their hard work in lessons and be able to enjoy the sunshine.



Second hand uniform request

Turing House Friends are holding a uniform sale for the September new starters (current Y6). Please bring uniform donations, particularly smaller sizes, to the office by Thursday 8th May. Thank you!

Why attendance matters

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



Rewards Celebrations

If your child has a minor illness and there are 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>

D of E Bronze Practice Expedition

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, 80 Year 9 students have been embarking on their practice expedition for the DofE award.

Equipped with maps, compasses, and backpacks, the students navigated Surrey's hills and woodlands. On arrival at the campsite, they embraced the opportunity to develop essential outdoor skills, including cooking meals on portable stoves and pitching their tents.

The students were lucky to have warm sunny conditions and both days and are now looking forward to their qualifying expedition in a few weeks' time.



Eco Active Week

This week, students and staff have participated in Eco Active Week. The aim of the week was to get as many members of the school community thinking about Eco ways to travel to school that also encouraged physical activity. Students and staff walked, cycled, park and stride, and bus stride. There were a number of prizes on offer for the Eco Steps Challenge and the Golden Lock. Well done for everyone who got involved.



Year 12 Geography trip

The summer term kicked off in full force for year 12 geography students who spent three days in the South Downs national park for their fieldtrip. During the trip, students undertook several mini investigations following the stages of a geographical enquiry. They conducted background research on study locations, planned out data collection methodologies, presented their findings using a variety of techniques and analysed their results. The main foci of study were ecosystems, coastal processes and changing places; we worked long into the evenings but students approached every day with enthusiasm. All of this is an essential part of their A' level where they will complete their independent investigations worth 20% of their final grade. A personal highlight for me was being lucky enough to see a barn owl swooping at dusk by the river in front of the entire group. Not only was the trip essential for them to practise geographical fieldwork, but it also allowed them to see some excellent examples of real-world geography and experience the great British countryside.



Year 9 STEM day

On Thursday last week, a group of students in Year 9, including the MAGT students in the year group, took part in the Blast off to RIAT STEM Day run by the RAF Charitable Trust and the Smallpeice Trust. The morning started off with some theory about forces and the students chose a location to land their rover. They then spent time visiting a 'shop' to buy materials to help build their cup lander. This consisted of lots of time spent using glue guns and craft knives to perfect

their design! Following lunch, the students then engaged in a marketing lesson and finally presentations were held by all the students, explaining and demonstrating their final design. We hope that this was a valuable and enriching learning experience for our students! A special shout out to George G for his excellent presentation skills and well done to the winning group!



Sixth Form Media Studies reminder

The Y13 Media Studies revision session is taking place after school on Monday 12th May.

Sixth Form Debate Club

Some of our lovely Sixth Formers are running a new club, come and take part on Tuesday lunch times.

Tuesday at lunch at 12:45 in Ms Riglin's room in 1.20
Years 10 – 12

Example debate topics:

- Trump's impact on American democracy?
- Should we be proud of the British Empire?

Turing House Debate Club

Debates focused on: World Events, History, Law and Politics

Topic contributions welcome!



King's Trust

The Year 10 King's Trust group went to Sunbury Golf Centre driving range as part of their Physical Activity unit. They enjoyed learning how to hold the club, make contact with the ball and compete for the longest drive. Some found it a very frustrating sport!



Extra-Curricular Activities

We are so proud at Turing House to have such a brilliant range of ECA available, the vast majority being free of charge. These clubs give students so much, including mixing with different peers and making new friends; learning new skills or developing existing skills; and enriching their overall educational experience. One of my priorities with the clubs is to foster a sense of belonging to our school for *all* our students. If your child does not already come along, please encourage them to take part in a club. The available clubs are on a rolling presentation in the front office and canteen for students to choose from. Please look out for a reminder coming to you in the coming days via Bromcom about what is on offer so that you can help make sure your child is joining in with as many clubs as they want. If there is not a suitable club on the list then they can come and see Mrs Harper in 2.F and I will do my best to set up a new club of their choice.

Sports fixtures

Girls NFL Flag Football

The Year 8-10 girls were back in action in their NFL flag football league this week taking on another opponent. The sunny weather provided the perfect conditions to play a fast-paced, free-flowing style of game which the girls executed brilliantly as they put another high score past their opposition. They also managed to keep a completely clean sheet for the whole game, conceding zero points with impressive defending. With five wins from five games, the girls have secured a place in next Friday's championship day where the top teams from each league come together to play one other in an all-out flag football battle. Well done to all involved!



Athletics Club

Among a new set of sports clubs happening this term (and the occasional club from previous terms continuing), athletics club has kicked off this week on Tuesdays after school. Students simply need to get changed into their PE kit at 3pm and head to the field. Students can choose which athletics discipline they want to practice at the club which is great for Sports Day preparation, or if they simply want to engage in more athletics for fun. This club also informs selection

of the Borough Sports team which is a borough-wide athletics competition after the May half term and is always one of the biggest fixtures of the year.

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