



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Shuna Hunt last week. Shuna was Alan Turing's niece and has played a vital role in ensuring that our school's connection to Alan has been so much more than just his name. Shuna was incredibly proud of our school and her association with it; she followed our progress through our newsletters from her earliest connection with us and she and her son Nevil have been an important part of the Turing House story. We have always felt privileged to have heard first hand stories about Alan and the kind of caring and compassionate person he was. We particularly liked her views on how she felt Alan might have felt about having a school named after him – she thought he would be quietly proud but publicly very modest.

Shuna hated public speaking but at both our openings at our temporary site in 2015 and again when we moved to Whitton, she showed resilience and braved her nerves to speak at both events. Whilst we have our "Turing Values" of Modesty, Perseverance, Creativity, Leadership and Curiosity through our knowledge of Alan, Shuna shared them too.

Mr Mackinlay and I will miss our Christmas card from Shuna each year and wish Nevil and the family the best at this difficult time.



## Why attendance matters

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



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>

## Eco Active Week

Last week, the whole school got involved in our Eco Active Week. Either walking, running, cycling, or bus and stride. Here some of the winners.



**Eco Active Week**

Golden Lock Winners

Well done to everyone who got involved with Eco Active Week.

The winners of the Eco Steps challenge are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Aoiheann 7R (87,665)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Seth 7N (85,022)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Digby 8R (75,737)

The tutor group who had the most cycles to school was **8R** (48 for the week). They will have their tutor time on the field on Wednesday.

The tutor group who had walked the most steps was **7R**, with a whopping 176,463 steps. They will have their tutor time on the field on Friday.




## D of E Gold Practice Expedition

This week, 8 Y12 students have been with Mr Hunter in Eryri National Park (Snowdonia), North Wales, taking part in their practice Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. They have camped in tents all week and

enjoyed both daytime and nighttime hikes across the mountains. After successfully passing their 4 day, 3 night practice this week, their next step will be complete their qualifying expedition this July in the Lake District.



## Year 8 London Lifesavers

Students in Year 8 had a unique and potentially lifesaving opportunity this week as they took part in a CPR and defibrillator training course delivered by the London Ambulance Service. The interactive sessions, held at school, introduced students to essential emergency response skills that could one day help save a life.

The course focused on teaching the basics of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the safe use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Trained paramedics from the London Ambulance Service guided the students through hands-on practice.

The training is part of a broader effort to empower young people with the confidence and knowledge to act in an emergency. With sudden cardiac arrests being a leading cause of death in the UK, early intervention through CPR and defibrillation can make all the difference.

Staff were impressed by the students' enthusiasm and focus during the sessions. The school plans to continue working with the London Ambulance Service in the future to ensure that more students receive this crucial training.



## A Level Media Studies

During double A Level Media Studies this Wednesday, our Media Studies students had a fantastic and insightful field trip to Richmond Upon Thames High Street. Linked to their Newspaper topic, students were tasked with uncovering the reality of the decline of print newspaper sales. The learning intention for the students was to research how newspapers are distrusted and circulated in their physical form to readers. Teamed up and brimming with curiosity, they explored local supermarkets and newsagents to uncover the secrets behind how newspapers are sold. From chatting with friendly shopkeepers to noting

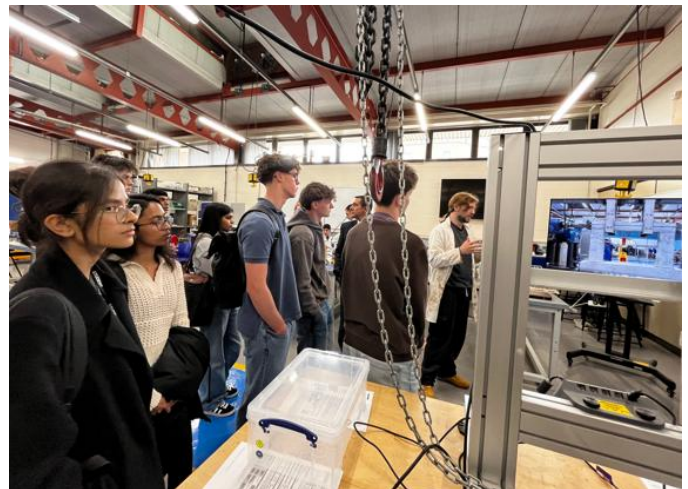
delivery times and digging into sales figures, our budding researchers gained real-world knowledge of the newspaper industry. The students came back with genuine enthusiasm—and a few surprising facts! A huge well done to all for their professionalism and teamwork during this exciting hands-on learning adventure.



### Annual Geography & Environment Summit

On Wednesday, our Year 12 geographers stepped into the shoes of future innovators as they attended the annual Geography and Environment Summit, hosted by Kingston University in collaboration with Thames Water. This exciting event offered students the chance to explore pressing regional and national water resource challenges. Through expert-led university tutorials and thought-provoking talks from Thames Water professionals, students engaged in lively debates and collaborative problem-solving.

Their main task? To find creative answers to the ambitious question: *"How can we save one billion litres of water a day?"* In addition to the workshops, students toured some of Kingston University's state-of-the-art facilities in engineering, environmental science, and geography—an inspiring glimpse into the academic and career paths that may lie ahead.



### Craft Club

This week in Craft Club we worked on a piece of collaborative artwork, by doing some process art. Process art encourages the exploration of materials and self expression which allowed students to be creative.



## Sixth Sense



It has been a busy final few weeks for the Year 13 students who go off on their Passports to Success, ahead of their A

Level exams fully commencing on Monday with the first Economics exam kicking off the exam season.

**Staff Carwash**

Alongside weekly baking for staff to raise money for the Year 13 Prom, the Prom Committee organised and staffed a Staff and Sixth Form carwash fundraiser. With the help of the Site team setting up a gazebo and a trusty Henry Hoover, the Year 13s brought the cleaning products and the tunes to assist them in their work. Staff were delighted to have their cars cleaned by such a professional entourage. And what a success it was! Both the carwash and the 'Teacher Treats' raised a whopping £570! The students have voted to put this towards a photobooth at the event. Well done to all involved.

**Sixth Form vs Staff Netball**

*Staff triumph in brilliant second-half display to secure 7–3 victory over Sixth Form*

In a spirited and competitive final match between staff and Sixth Form, both teams showcased impressive skill and determination in the opening two quarters. The staff edged ahead with a narrow 3-2 lead at halftime even with Samuel W managing to block and intercept almost everything; this was

setting the stage for a tightly poised contest. However, the second half saw the staff take firm control, displaying excellent teamwork and clinical finishing, especially from Ms Nicholl. The staff team's dominant third-quarter performance sealed a commanding 7-3 victory, sealing the final matchup of the year as a win for the staff! It was a really enjoyable match and a fantastic display of team spirit from both teams.

**Year 13s Final Day**

Today marks the final day that Year 13 are in for a full timetable of lessons. To mark the occasion, some students opted to come into school in their lower school uniforms. It was lovely to see the array of different uniforms in the mix, and actually quite a surprise to see so many - after two years in Sixth Form, it very much feels like our 'external students' have been part of the Turing family since Year 7. This is testament to the inclusive, kind and supportive nature of this cohort. They will be very much missed. We wish them all the very best of luck in their upcoming exams.





## Outstanding Service

Congratulations to one of our Science technicians, Jane Dippie who was recently awarded the Merit badge for all her hard work and outstanding service in Scouts. Well done Ms Dippie!

## Sports Fixtures

### Year 9 Boys 5-side Football Tournament

The Year 9 boys took part in the annual 5-side football tournament this week. Taking place at Hampton High. Coming up against some tough competition, the Turing team suffered a narrow loss in the opening rounds before bouncing back with some improved form. Another defeat that had a feeling of going either way had the game ran on for longer, sunk THS to a fifth-place finish by the end of the tournament, but the boys gave their all and enjoyed an afternoon of being tested in this short but sharp version of the beautiful game. Well done to all involved!



## Year 7/8 Boys Cricket v Twickenham

A combined team of Year 7 and 8 boys hosted a cricket match against Twickenham this week. With the Turing team up to field first, they did a great job at working cohesively and stopping the opposition from racking up a large amount of runs. When it came to their turn to bat, the boys found their form early on and laid down a massive amount of runs to secure the win inside 15 overs from one inning. On top of their score, they also saw a few batters retire and only lost two players from being caught or ran out. Well done to all involved!

## THS Friends meeting



### THS FRIENDS

The next meeting of the Turing House Friends (PTA) will be on  
**Thursday 15th May 2025, 7-8pm**

**At Brogue Gastropub on the corner of Hampton Road and Sixth Cross Road in Fulwell**

Get involved and come support your school!

## Action through the Ages



## About the show

Step into a world of history, heroism, and hilarity with our family-friendly play! Watch as Hercules battles the fearsome Hydra, Napoleon takes on daring pirates, and Emperor Augustus reflects on the London Riots in comparison to Nero's fiery reign. Expect epic battles and dramatic deaths as Round House Youth Theatre in collaboration with Turing House School, takes you on a journey through the ages!

## About the company

Roundhouse Youth Theatre is a dynamic Stage and Screen Combat Company dedicated to training young actors in the art of fight choreography and performance. Founded by Anthony Taylor Coombes, an independent stunt artist for theatre, film, and TV, the company offers an innovative approach to inspiring young people to explore the arts through the exciting medium of stage combat.

**BOOK NOW**

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**19:30 – Sat 28 Jun 2025**

**Location:**  
ACT Main

**Running time:**  
80mins

**Accessibility:**  
Wheelchair Access  
Accessible Toilet  
Step Free Access

**Content:**  
The show contains violence, haze, gunshots, audience interaction and an artillery soundscape.

**Price:**  
£12

**Share this event**



Turing Friends, Families and Teachers - Please come and support a night of Theatrical Battle Re-enactment – Turing Houses First Ever International Fuse Festival Entry – to Book tickets follow QR CODE above.

## Teddington Society

### Thursday 8th May

Consultation on Transport Strategy for next 15 years.  
From 6 pm to 8pm at York House in Twickenham,

Richmond Council will present their Transport Strategy 2040 and give residents the opportunity to discuss this with Councillors and project team members. You will need to register for this free event. See the Council's website for more details about registration as well as the online consultation.

### Sunday 11th May

**Chestnut Sunday** The ever popular Chestnut Sunday event in Bushy Park, complete with parade, is back. The Teddington Society will be there in one of the marquees. Please visit us and take part in our special VE day quiz. We would love to see you.

### Sunday 18th May

**Teddington in Flower 2025.** From 2pm to 6pm, 15 gardens and a community space in Teddington will be open to everyone. Spend a pleasant afternoon to go beyond the garden gate and take a peek at some of the special private gardens around the town. For more details about purchase of tickets and locations, see our website.

### Friday 23rd May

**Official opening of station lifts and footbridge.** There will be an official opening of the new lifts and refurbished footbridge which is part of the Department for Transport's "Access for All" scheme. This will be at 2pm. Everyone welcome. More details of all Teddington Society events are available on the website. Tickets, where appropriate, are available from Ticketsource.

## Kingston College



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3D Design  
Fashion  
Textiles  
Graphic Design  
Games Design  
Animation  
Photography  
Media & Film  
Live Music

**SUMMER SHOW 2025**

**MAIN EVENT**  
Wednesday 18th June 3 - 7pm  
**EXHIBITION**  
16th - 27th June  
Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 10am - 1pm

Creative Industries Centre 55 Richmond Road London KT2 5BP / 02089394601  
Creative.industries@stcg.ac.uk @kingston.college\_creatives



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With excellent communication and a desire to help, the team at School Space helps us provide reliable and consistent venues for our classes.

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