



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan



We are delighted to share some truly exciting news about the future of our school and our wider role in the world of education. From October 2025, we will officially launch the

Turing Teaching Alliance – an initiative that represents a new chapter in our commitment to nurturing, supporting and inspiring the next generation of teachers.

The Turing Teaching Alliance will offer a high-quality, school-based route into teaching, rooted in the values we hold dear: perseverance, creativity, curiosity, modesty and leadership. It has long been our belief that great schools are built not only on great students, but on great teaching – and great teaching must be grown, mentored, and developed with care.

From September 2026, we will welcome our first cohort of trainee teachers, who will learn and grow



within our classrooms, supported by expert colleagues and immersed in the culture of our school. We believe there is something powerful in training teachers within a school

community – and we are proud that Turing House will become a place where that journey begins for many.

It is a mark of the talent and generosity of our staff that we are able to offer this opportunity, and a testament to the kind of school we have become. More information about the Turing Teaching Alliance and how to apply can be found [here](#).

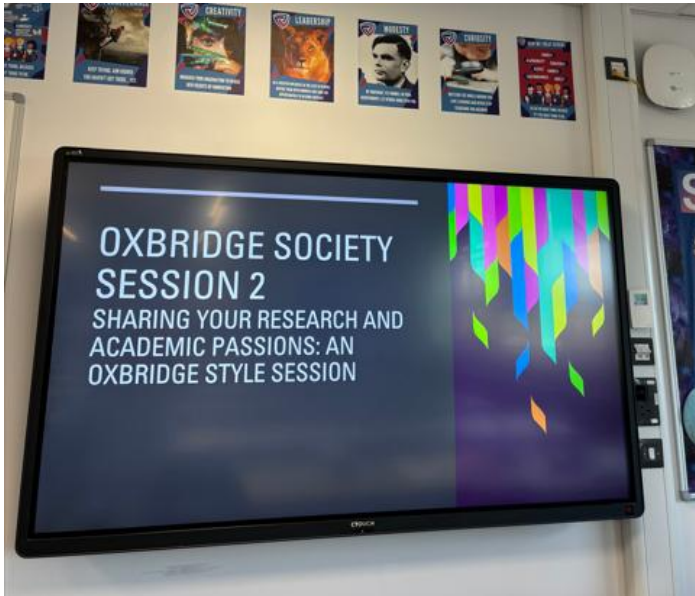
Here's to the future teachers of Turing – we can't wait to meet you!



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| Monday 2 nd June | Back to school |
| Thursday 12 th June | Year 10 Online Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 19 th June | Year 8 HPV vaccinations |

Oxbridge Society

On Monday after school, the Oxbridge society at Turing House met up to share their interests, passions and research in preparation for their university applications. The students got into small groups and discussed the super curricular activities that they have been engaging with as well as participating in critical debates. The students held academic conversations with their peers using a series of prompts. It was very interesting to hear about the economy of Kenya, psychology and human behaviour as well as family law, history and culture!



Less technology, better attendance

We aim for every student's attendance to be at 96% or above. We are sure that you are aware of the ongoing discussions across the country, and even within parliament, regarding students and their use of mobile phones. This is an important topic that affects our children's health and academic performance.

Our school attendance team, along with the PLUS team, has been engaging in regular discussions with students. Many of them have shared that they are on their mobile phones until late in the evening. This habit is leading to late bedtimes and poor-quality sleep, which in turn affects their focus and performance in lessons.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

Last week, ex-students Toby R and Emily S, collected their Gold DofE Awards from Buckingham Palace. Congratulations to them both!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Thursday and Friday of this week, eighty Y9s have been taking part in their final bronze expedition in the Surrey Hills. At the same time, we have sixty Year 10s who are completing their practice expedition. As you can see from the photos, the students have had a great time camping and navigating around the countryside.



Chemistry Olympiad

Congratulations to Zach, Maria, Daniel, Michael, Fin, John, Ilias, Tia, Livy, Anya and Millie for taking part in the first round of the Chemistry Olympiad 2025! We had the best results this year with our first Gold certificate (Zach), two Silver certificates, (Michael and John) and two Bronze certificates (Maria and Daniel). Designed to inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad is the leading chemistry competition for students in secondary education across the British Isles. This enriching experience is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field. The competition is designed to challenge, so it is not easy as 16,216 students from 1502 schools sat the exam paper this year! Well done and thank you all for taking part!



Oriel College visit

On Wednesday, a representative from Oriel College, University of Oxford visited Turing House for a talk, to support with raising aspirations of our Year 8 MAGT students. The students learnt about education at university level, the different societies and subjects that they could get involved in, accommodation and finance. The students also learnt more specifically about the collegiate system at Oxbridge and asked lots of great questions at the end.

The representative from Oriel College also visited our sixth form Oxbridge Society and delivered an application workshop. The students learnt more about the admissions tests and interview process. The students also benefitted from hearing some top tips for their personal statements!



Homelink visit

On Thursday, Mr Evans and Ms Loudain took six eager Year 7 students and two of the 6th Form Prefects to visit Homelink Whitton. Homelink is a local charity dedicated to the wellbeing of older people and their unpaid carers. The students participated in making bracelets together whilst having meaningful conversations. Mr Evans and Ms Loudain couldn't be prouder with how they conducted themselves and represented the school.



Craft Club

This week, we were looking at the work of Zaha H and using paper to make our own architectural masterpieces! Some students made skewer sculptures, and others made paper cities.



Sports Fixtures

Richmond Schools Athletics Trials

A small team of THS students from Year 8 and 10 were selected to attend the Richmond Schools Athletics Trials at the start of this week at Barn Elms Sports centre. Competing in respective athletic events, the students were competing against others from elsewhere in the borough with the hopes of topping their age group (U15 or U17) to take the borough title. The event was also used as selection for the Richmond team who will compete at the Middlesex Athletics Championships in June. We await official results, but all the students did brilliantly on the day and there were a couple of first place finishes among them! Well done to all involved!



Year 7/8 Girls Tag Rugby Tournament

The Year 7 and 8 girls combined last week to form a touch rugby team and took part in a girls tournament at Twickenham RFC, run by the Harlequins Foundation. The tournament was being used to promote the Women's Rugby World Cup which England is hosting and starts on 22nd August with England v USA. The Turing team lost two, drew one and won one game as they progressed their skills and concentration throughout the afternoon. Perhaps more excitingly, the girls got to see the Women's Rugby World Cup trophy which was on display during the tournament. Well done to all involved!



Year 7/8 Boys Cricket v Richmond upon Thames

The year 7 and 8 boys were back in action when they hosted Richmond upon Thames at home this week in their regular Richmond cricket fixtures. Having finished their last cricket match in a draw, the Turing team were determined to get back to winning ways. The boys managed to keep the opposition runs to a low score with some excellent bowling and fielding, taking 6 wickets in the inning. However, RTS responded well initially when THS stepped up to chase down their score, but eventually the boys surpassed the run count before the 15 overs were up which was good enough to emerge victorious. The team will wait to see where they are in the league before play-off matches commence after the half term break. Well done to all involved!

Year 7/8 Girls Rounders Tournament

A mix of girls from Year 7 and Year 8 took part in a tri-tournament on the rounders pitch this week. The Turing team were facing hosts Waldegrave and St Richard Reynolds, where they played two games back-to-back before resting and watching the final round robin game. It was the first rounders fixture of the year that the girls have been able to get stuck into and their enthusiasm showed as they batted and fielded their way to double-header glory, winning both matches. They can expect the borough league to kick off after the May half term and this acted as a suitable warm-up for the team. Well done to all involved!



Action through the Ages






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

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