



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

We are delighted to share some exciting news as we launch our brand-new **House System**, a fun and inspiring way to build teamwork, pride, and community across our school.

Each house is named after an extraordinary individual who embodies excellence, perseverance, and leadership in their field. And now, we're thrilled to introduce the four House Representatives who will lead these houses with energy, enthusiasm, and a deep commitment to our school values.

Meet Our House Representatives:
Lovelace House – led by the pioneering computer scientist **Ada Lovelace**

May House – inspired by legendary musician and astrophysicist **Brian May**

Attenborough House – championing the natural world through the voice of **Sir David Attenborough**

Ennis-Hill House – fuelled by the determination and drive of Olympic gold medallist **Jessica Ennis-Hill**



These remarkable figures have been chosen not only for their achievements but also for the inspiration they provide to young people across the world.

Throughout the year, each house will participate in exciting challenges, competitions, and community events, with students working together, earning points, and building friendships across year groups.

Meet Our House Ambassadors! 🏆

We are incredibly proud to introduce our newly appointed **House Ambassadors!** Students from across all year groups applied and took part in interviews to earn a place on the team. All candidates truly impressed us with their passion, creativity, and leadership potential.

The chosen ambassadors will play a key role in bringing our house system to life. From helping to plan events and competitions to sharing ideas and encouraging participation within their year groups, they'll be the heart of house spirit in action.

Please join us in congratulating our amazing ambassadors, the faces of teamwork, pride, and school spirit!

Year 7



ENNIS-HILL LOVELACE



MAY ATTENBOROUGH



Year 8



Year 12



Year 9



And as a reminder these are our House Captains who will be leading the Ambassadors:

Year 10



House Captain



Ella

House Captain



Jack

House Captain



Anya

House Captain



Zeph

Deputy House Captain



Thomas

Deputy House Captain



Anya

Deputy House Captain



Gil

Deputy House Captain



Livvy

House Spirit Competitions are here! Let the creativity begin!

We are launching a series of fun and creative competitions open to all students. These challenges will help shape the identity of each house and give students the chance to leave their mark on something special.

The winning entries will be adopted as part of the official identity for that house.

Here are the four House Spirit Competitions:

1. House Anthem Challenge

Students will compose or choose a “walk-out” theme tune that captures the spirit of their house and its representative. Think inspiring, bold, and memorable!

2. House Motto Creation

Design a motto that reflects the values and legacy of your house representative — whether it’s innovation like Ada Lovelace, resilience like Jessica Ennis-Hill, curiosity like Brian May, or care for the planet like Sir David Attenborough.

3. House Emblem Design

Create a unique and meaningful emblem or logo for your house — something that can be worn with pride on banners, badges, and more!

4. Mood Board to Banner Project

Put together a visual mood board that represents your house’s values, themes, and personality. Winning mood boards will be transformed into official House Banners displayed around the school.

Deadline for entries: 13th June.

How to submit your entries: Use this link to submit an entry: <https://forms.office.com/e/nyQTsfbR2m>

This is a chance for our students to get creative, collaborate, and bring their houses to life. We can’t wait to see what they come up with!

Thank you for your support as we begin this exciting new journey together.



Visit from Taichung, Taiwan

Over the past six school days, we have had the pleasure of hosting a group of students from Taichung, Taiwan - an experience that has proven to be as enriching for our students as it has been for our guests.

As the exchange draws to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students, parents, and staff who have helped make this visit such a success. In particular, we want to celebrate the kindness, maturity, and enthusiasm shown by our students throughout the visit.

Whether it was helping with translation, guiding our guests through their lessons, or simply offering a friendly smile, our students truly embodied the spirit of hospitality. We’ve seen countless acts of generosity, from handwritten welcome notes and impromptu outings to thoughtful classroom contributions and last-minute offers of support. These small gestures have had a big impact in making our Taiwanese visitors feel at home.

The exchange has not only fostered new friendships but also offered an invaluable opportunity for cultural understanding, empathy, and collaboration. Our students have embraced the chance to learn from their peers from another part of the world, and in doing so, they have made us incredibly proud.



Thursday 12 th June	Year 10 Online Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 th June	Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Serving Up Success: Ethan's Volleyball Journey Inspires a New Generation

Ethan's volleyball journey began in Year 7, and since then, his passion, commitment, and drive have only grown stronger. What started as a school sport has become a defining part of his life—one filled with late-night training sessions, cross-country travel, and the challenge of balancing it all alongside his GCSE studies.

This year has seen Ethan push himself to new heights, not just athletically but personally. He's represented at European competitions, trained in Poland, and immersed himself in new cultures and counties. Along the way, he's built lifelong friendships and become part of a wider "volleyball family" that stretches well beyond the court.

Although volleyball may not be a mainstream sport in the UK, Ethan is eager to change that perception. He hopes to inspire more students to "give it a try" and discover the fast-paced, team-driven excitement that volleyball offers—both indoor and beach versions (yes, Ethan now competes in both!).

As he moves into Turing Sixth Form this September, Ethan won't be alone. He'll be joined by his best friend and teammate, Albert R. Together, the talented duo are committed to raising the profile of volleyball at school, sharing their love for the sport, and encouraging others to get involved.

Whether you're new to volleyball or just curious, Ethan and Albert's message is clear: there's a place for

everyone on the court—and the journey can take you further than you ever imagined.

Year 8 Poetry

It is not every day that a group of Year 8 students comes together to create something as moving, thoughtful, and resonant as the collective poem written in double English last Monday. Tasked with the keywords 'So Let' and theme of *peace*, each student wrote their own short free verse poem - then selected their favourite line to contribute towards a whole class poem. The group penned an impressive whole class poem full of imagery, emotion, and hope! From the first line to the last, the poem reflects a remarkable maturity and creative depth, alongside literary skills. They respected one another and applauded one another, celebrating each and every line as it came together. Real teamwork designed similes and metaphors, with poignant rhetorical questions '*If war is a choice, so why do we choose?*' Bravo to this exceptional group of young poets. Their words have power, and this poem is a reminder that when voices come together in respect and creativity, beautiful things happen.

The poem is titled "***So let there be peace in this world we live in***" and is inspired by the poet Lemn Sissay.

So let the miserable shouts and shrieks for help turn into a shining harmonious choir

War is a choice, so why do we choose?

Let holidays turn stormy days into a nice hot cuppa tea

Let the storms fade to a gentle breeze

Let the distress find comfort like a blooming flower

Let the sun's rays heal the wounded

Bullets turn into perfume

Let people escape the cruel clutches of poverty

Let there be peace like a sunset on a warm summer's evening

Let the dark memories turn into the sun's rays

War is a choice, so why do we choose?

Let the world look like Neil's tranquil garden

War is a choice, so why do we choose?

Let the polluted waters glisten like diamonds beneath the moon

So people will fear when there is many to hear

Let sick homeless rest

So the people will see their enemies

So let there be peace, the wars have been ceased

Let people be free from the ugly grip of war

So let the flowers blossom in the peaceful breeze

Let the soldiers find peace

So bright suns overcome unforgiving bombs

The cries deemed by evil twisted into a new shape

So let there be peace in this world we live in

Turn stormy memories to joyful ones like a hot summer's day

Let the fallen rainforests stand like giants once more

So let there be serenity like there was long ago...



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, have 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.



Student-led Book Club

Every Monday, a group of Year 7 students attend a Book Club led by the Year 10 Reading Ambassadors. The students chose a book titled 'Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths', which they're enjoying reading and discussing. This week, the students demonstrated their cross-curricular skills by showing empathy towards a Chinese character who struggles to integrate into British culture and by mimicking the protagonist's illustrations.



Well done Year 10 RP students!

Well done to all the Year 10 students who completed their GCSE RP exam before the half term. We were incredibly proud of the progress, commitment, and positive attitude that all of you have showed towards the exam. From attending the lunch time revision sessions to asking for extra exam papers, completing

all tutor time tasks, and doing extra revision outside of lesson, we are sure that this outstanding work ethic will be reflected in your results in August.

Sixth Sense: Year 13 Leavers' Assembly



On Friday 23rd May, we said our official goodbyes to our wonderful Year 13 students. The students were welcomed into a spruced up Common Room, adorned with

balloons, banners and baby photos. The assembly itself reflected on just how far they had come whilst at Turing House, both in Sixth Form and the lower school, and celebrated the incredible young people that they have become. Speeches were heard from Mrs Curtis and Mrs Phillpot, who also shared a personal tribute to each student (all 78 of them) through the medium of poetry. A huge thanks also to Joe T, Lead Student, who shared his memories of Turing House Sixth Form.

The celebrations continued with a BBQ laid on by Mr Jones, followed by a nostalgic, but ever-so-competitive 'Primary School Sports Day'. The students engaged in battle through an epic egg and spoon relay, a classic sack race, and blindfolded obstacle course amongst other events, culminating in a tug of war between Staff and Students. 13A reigned supreme in the 'Sports Day' events, and (sadly) the students beat the teachers with their youthful agility in the tug of war.

It was a lovely afternoon, and we will really miss this fantastic group of young people. We wish them all the very best with the rest of their exams and look forward to celebrating with them at Prom.



Turing House Friends Quiz night

Thursday 10th July | Doors 7pm | Quiz starts 8pm

Mark your calendars for what promises to be a brilliant evening of brain-teasing fun! It's the Turing House Friends Quiz Night, and we're calling all parents, carers, and friends of the school to join us for a fantastic night out that supports our wonderful school community.

Team Up for Victory!

Whether you're a quiz champion or prefer to tackle the tricky questions with moral support, we want you there! You can enter as a team with anywhere from 2 to 7 people per table. Come along with your usual crew or turn up on your own and join other parents at a table – it's a brilliant way to meet new faces and forge new friendships.

More Than Just Questions

This isn't your average pub quiz! We've got delicious curries from BurmaShack to keep you fuelled

throughout the evening, plus a fully stocked bar to celebrate those lightbulb moments (or commiserate over the ones that got away). The atmosphere is warm and welcoming as always, making it perfect for seasoned quizzers and complete beginners alike.

Supporting Our School

Every ticket purchased, every curry enjoyed, and every drink ordered goes towards raising much-needed funds for our school. It's a win-win evening – great fun with fantastic company, all while making a real difference to our children's education.

Don't miss out – we can't wait to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EXGH>

Important Update: Ban on Single-Use Vapes

I am sure you will be aware of the law changes on vapes recently; if you were not aware, starting from 1st June 2025, it is illegal for businesses in the UK to sell or supply single-use vapes, also known as disposable vapes. This ban applies to all sales, both online and in shops, and includes all vapes, whether they contain nicotine or not.

Key Points:

- **Ban Details:** The ban affects all retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers, importers, and healthcare settings.
- **Definitions:** Single-use vapes are those that cannot be recharged or refilled. Reusable vapes must have a rechargeable battery and a refillable container.
- **Compliance:** Businesses must recycle any leftover stock of single-use vapes and can continue to sell reusable vapes.
- **Enforcement:** Local Trading Standards will enforce the ban, with penalties including fines and potential prison sentences for non-compliance.

All UK secondary schools sadly have students who use vapes. Most importantly, parents need to be aware of the damage that vapes will have on young lungs, the

effects of which are still not fully understood. There has been an increase in hospital admissions of children with collapsed lungs who vape.

[Teenager suffers collapsed lung after vaping left him unable to breathe and coughing up blood | ITV News Granada](#)

Sports Fixtures

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rounders v Christ's School

The Year 7 and 8 girls took on Christ's School in their first rounders fixture of the borough league. Playing away from home, the Turing team came together when fielding by displaying some excellent communication and stopping the opposition at 7 rounders. The girls then stepped up to bat and were chipping away at the scoreboard, aiming to score more than 7 to seal a win. The hosts were having their own success in field, however, and sadly the rain delivered some unfortunate timing as the girls had to settle for a score of 5.5. Their next game is against Teddington and the girls are encouraged to attend the after-school club in preparation for the match. Well done to all involved!



Primary Borough Sports Championships

This week saw a helpful group of 30 Year 10 Sport Studies students make their way to Twickenham for the Primary Borough Sports Championships. Held at St Mary's University and attended by a large number of primary schools from Richmond borough, the THS students were on site to provide leadership and assistance with several key aspects of the day. They contributed fantastically to the overall running of the

event and received plenty of positive feedback regarding their enthusiasm and professional conduct. The same competition for secondary students, where some of these Y10 helpers will be looking to compete, will take place in a few weeks' time on Wednesday 18th June.

Action through the Ages



BOOK NOW

BOOK

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 House's First Ever International Fuse Festival Entry. To book tickets, click on the link below:

[Events for 28/06/2025](#)

FAMILY Hubs

Family Hubs

Family connections cafe

Have questions about your children from toddlers to teens or want to ask us about bedtime routines, behaviour boundaries or entertainment ideas? We'd love to see you there.

Come for the coffee, stay for the cake and an opportunity to chat with other parents and carers in a friendly group.

Want to meet other amazing parents and carers? Drop in, we're saving you a seat!

Join us for:

- hot drinks, biscuits and cake
- friendly chats and a chance to make new friends
- helpful information and tips about raising children

Mondays 9.30am to 11.30am

The White House Family Hub

(45 The Avenue, Hampton TW12 3RN)



For any further information, please contact Tom Maybey,
Richmond Parenting Lead:

E: tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk

T: 07864 609913



achieving
for children