



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

We are delighted that Tom W, Year 9, is the winner of this year's RET Creative Writing Competition! Tom's brilliant story, 'Zeitgeist' is included in this newsletter. His story went up against the best stories from students of all ages across all five schools, so we are incredibly proud that his won the competition. All stories this year were inspired by song lyrics - can you spot the song lyrics hiding in Tom's story?

Tom has won an author visit for the school which will take place next academic year. We look forward to arranging an inspiring visit for our students.

Zeitgeist

By Tom W, Turing House School. KS3

Under that great clock, within the grand confines of Waterloo station, I stand docile and wait. The inside is rather lacklustre compared to the grandeur of the brilliant-minded ingenuity of that fabled arched gateway. I look to the displays labelling my endless commute to the brilliance of Richmond. Of course, I mean that painfully sarcastically, as it's a snobbish

soulless exclusive suburb. And the whole way on these useless overcrowded trains. But I digress. Moving to platform 4, "The Looper!" people say excitedly on their first time round

the Kingston loop; but for me, on a warm summer's evening, I'm going on a train bound for nowhere. Moving swiftly on, I approach the train and give a hefty sigh as I board.

As the train pulls into the crazily busy Clapham Junction, a strange, vaguely tingly, feeling kicks in. Within seconds, I'm drifting in and out of consciousness; the loudness of the station subsides in my overwhelming dizziness. I'm out. As I wake up and readjust my eyes, rubbing them for a bit, my now blackened vision begins to reappear. I peer round a semi-familiar world. It still looks like my train but there are differences. In an advert I see a name I recognise - 'Lemsip' - and in a fit of desperation and quest for answers I scan the text. It reads "Who goes to work sick? The person after your job - Stop snivelling and get back to work." I am horrified by the outlandish comment and wonder where I am. Soon my questions are answered as the next ad reads, "Coming soon to Waterloo! The Eurostar opens 6th May 1994." My mind begins to race; I frantically turn to the person next to me: "What year is it?!"

They peer back, confused, and reply "1994. Why?"

My eyes widen as I answer, "I got on this train in 20..."

I am cut off from replying fully by the announcement, saying, "Ladies and gentlemen, we are now approaching Kingston."

That same woozy, unsettling feeling returns. Before I can open my eyes, I'm greeted by the unexpected smell of cigarettes lingering in the air. I am in a cramped carriage and a brightly dressed man with long blonde hair slams the door behind him. The



others in the carriage are two smart men with black suits and long brown ties. As I peer through the translucent glass, I barely make out a '1964' as the platform numbers go by. I've given up on speaking, in fear of being ridiculed for my unsophisticated diction, so I opt to listen in instead, and I hear these polished men talking about how, "the youth of their generation is irresponsible" and how "they're listening to banal music like the Beatles" and I think that their thought process is almost the polar opposite to the modern world but not too dissimilar to my granddad's way of mind.

I don't get off at Richmond, as I do not know how to return home. As the same nauseating feeling returns, I'm again woken by a smell, this time not of cigarettes but of steam. "I'm in a steam train!" I exclaim to the ears of no one; for I am alone. But soon the thrill leaves me as platform numbers read '1941'. I realise I'm amidst the roaring fighting of WW2 and my isolation is a horrifying remembrance to its death toll. I peer out of the wooden walled windows and see bomb-damaged Richmond. The only thing keeping me from crying is the knowledge that it's improved in the modern day.

I have now succumbed to the knowledge that this feeling is approaching as fast as Vauxhall. As my train arrives in the station, I doze off — noticeably more comfortably this time, having readied my bag as a makeshift pillow. As I awaken, five soldiers dressed in uniform enter, talking loudly about the German war machine and, based on this, I quickly deduce the date as 1914. My theories are confirmed by the Necropolis Train creeping past. I overhear the soldiers talking about their 'really exciting trip' to take out the 'Hun' in 'northern Europe'. At this patent ignorance, I burst out "What?!"

Their puzzled faces turn to mask me in shameful glares, but I push on: "Your plan is to go out there and die, just to become a statistic in the future. No fame, nor glory. No joy, just depression and PTSD and death." They stare amazed and burst out laughing. They pause, just so one can say: "Here, I've got just the thing" and pull out a white feather and put it in my hair.

Luckily, my anger and embarrassment is short lived. As I pull into Waterloo for the last stop of this strange, but eye-opening, commute, the feeling arises once more, hopefully for the last time. I step off the train at Waterloo and realise I'm still in the past, as it looks under construction. I spot a man standing beneath the very clock I started this journey at, and he seems in power as he's tightly fitted in a warm fur coat (a status symbol of this time, I've read). His hair is neatly kept and he holds a book. A small pair of rounded glasses are fastened to his well ironed waistcoat.

I approach him wearily, but desperate for answers, and ask:

"I'm not from this world, nor from this time! I've come from Waterloo, but the 21st century Waterloo! I took the Kingston Loop and now I'm back here!"

He gives a welcoming smile and replies calmly, as if this is a regular occurrence, "Were you complaining about this railway, of which I led the production?" After a short pause, where I'm too stunned to speak, he adds "Well?"

I'm shocked into a quick response and give a perplexed "Yes?"

He chuckles and answers "Well, there you go, but so you are aware, to get back to your own time just take the Loop the other way."



D of E Silver Qualifying Expedition

57 Students in Year 10 have been taking part in their final qualifying Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition this week. The expedition involved 3 days of hiking and 2 nights camping in the South Downs National Park in West Sussex.

The students have had a great time applying the skills learnt in campcraft and navigation on their practice expedition before half term.





KEY DATES



Thursday 19 th June	Year 8 HPV vaccinations
Friday 20 th June	Year 13 Prom
Friday 27 th June	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 1 st July	THS Art exhibition



THS Art Exhibition

We look forward to welcoming students and parents to our Art Exhibition which will showcase some of our students' amazing work!

Join us for an inspiring evening showcasing the extraordinary work of A-level Art, Craft and Design, GCSE Art and GCSE Photography. This will take place in the main hall and cold drinks will be provided.

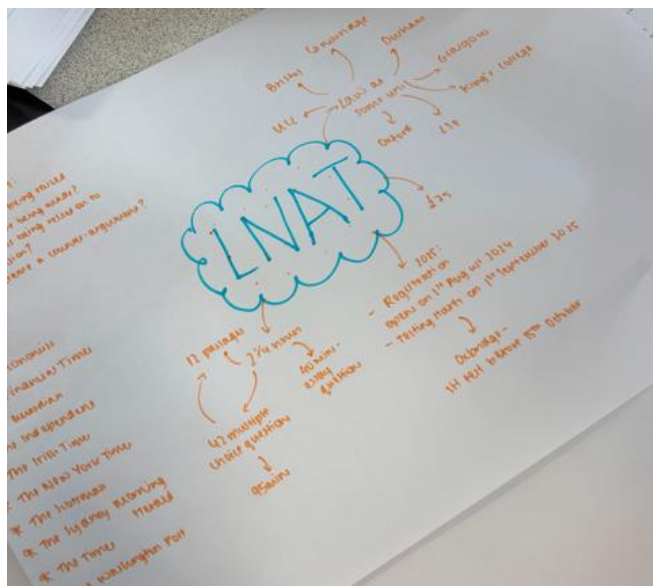
Date : 1st July, 2025
Time : 16:30PM - 18:30PM
Venue : Turing House School, Hospital Bridge Rd, Whitton, Twickenham TW2 6LH

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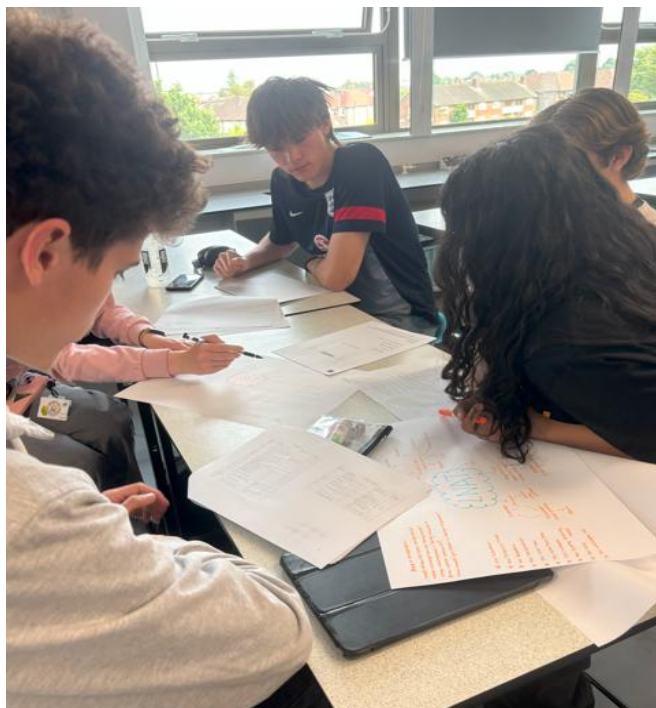
Oxbridge Society

This week, Miss Sabharwal and the Oxbridge Society worked on admissions test preparation for their university applications. After identifying which admissions test each of the students will need to apply to, the students carried out research on what each test entails and worked on past paper questions. This summer our students will be taking a range of admissions tests including the LNAT, TMUA, PAT and CSAT to name a few!



Chessington World of Adventures trip

On Wednesday a group of 12 lucky students, picked for their excellent attendance and progress, had a day out at Chessington World of Adventures. The day was courtesy of the Rotary Club 'Kids' Day Out' and all the students and staff on the trip want to say a huge thank you to them for making this possible. It was a really special day with the students enjoying all the fun of the park and going round as a group together all day. Hopefully they all feel they made a set of new friends and will have great memories of the day.



Year 8 Physics

This week Y8 got stuck into friction during physics. Mrs Lewis brought in an offcut of carpet from home, and the students used Newton Meters to work out on which surface friction was strongest. The students did fantastically well taking their measurements, some going to extreme lengths to ensure their Newton Meter stayed parallel, and that they could read the scale at eye level.

Well done, Year 8. Another brilliant lesson.



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.



THS Alumni LinkedIn Network – Now Live!

We are excited to launch the official Turing House School Alumni Page and LinkedIn Group! This is a space for former students to reconnect, share updates and stay part of the THS community, and it is open to all alumni and current Year 11 & 13 leavers. Get involved:

Follow the Alumni Page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/turing-house-school-alumni/>

- Join the Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14717085>



- Share your journey: Alumni Form
<https://forms.gle/AAjU8wQEDeEBhrWk8>

Once a Turing House student, always part of the family.

Music Notes

Summer Concert

We will hold our first ever summer concert on Thursday 3rd July at 5pm, giving our students an additional performance opportunity to show their hard work in lessons and in their unstructured time. Our bands will be appearing, as will many GCSE musicians along with the Turing Singers as they prepare for their autumn tour to Paris. Tickets will be available on ParentPay in the coming weeks.



Exam Successes

A big well done to Ruby R (Y8) for achieving a pass in her Grade 5 Theory exam meaning that she can now progress onto the higher grades on the violin. Additionally, Kai M (Y9) achieved Grade 6 with Merit on the Electric Guitar. Well done to both on these fantastic achievements!

European Youth Orchestra

On Saturday 7th June, Sam O (Y9) took part in the European Youth Orchestra concert at The Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington. Sam joined around 80 other students from Richmond (including former student Meg D), Germany, France, Italy, Portugal and Romania. This was a scratch orchestra involving two very long rehearsal days with their hard work culminating in the gala concert. The event was live

streamed which can be viewed here: [The European Youth Orchestra Performance at the Landmark Arts Centre Teddington.](#)



Co-curricular Music lessons

Richmond Music Trust are recruiting students to start lessons in September on instruments including Piano/Keyboard, Voice, Drum Kit, Guitars and orchestral instruments. If your child is interested, please visit their website and complete the enrolment form here: [Apply Now - Richmond Music Trust](#)

Turing contributes to Conference

Ms Riglin spoke about the Turing House 'Grief Group' at the below St Mary's Conference this week. We are so proud of all of our bereaved students who do their best every day at school. All students are welcome to Grief Club which takes place each Wednesday during tutor time.



Bereavement in Education - sharing stories from practice

How do we support bereaved children and young people effectively? How might we improve our practice?

Online Teams Webinar
Thursday 12th June | 4-5pm

Registration link: events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d14f04e2-820b-490e-9a01-efe094cc6bf8@00449dde-2c61-47fa-81ef-e0761befef8d



In June 2024 we hosted an informative and inspiring Bereavement in Education Summit at St Mary's University. The Summit report can be found here: www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/docs/bereavement-in-education-report.pdf

This webinar provides an opportunity to hear stories from schools and practitioners with lived experience of bereavement in their context. Professor Anna Lise Gordon will host a panel of colleagues from schools and facilitate discussion.

All welcome!

For queries or more information, contact annalise.gordon@stmarys.ac.uk

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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 –

Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Club

This week, Mia G-B in Year 9 and Ella C in Year 12 ran their first ever session of a Year 7 and 8 girls football club on the field. Mia is a talented young footballer who is currently signed to QPR and provided a lot of inspiration to the girls who attended. Thank you so much, Mia and Ella; we can't wait to see what skills you will be teaching the girls next week.



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>

THS Friends meeting



THS FRIENDS

The next meeting of the Turing House Friends (PTA) will be on

Wednesday 2nd July 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!

Sports Fixtures

Y8-10 Girls Rugby Training Session with Red Roses

This week, 20 girls from years 8, 9 and 10 were invited to Hazelwood to take part in a very exciting and very unique opportunity; thanks to a connection made by Mrs Michelson in the office and Miss Johnson's organisation, the girls took part in an event run by LG Electronics who were gathering promotional footage ahead of this year's England Women's Rugby World Cup. The girls were coached through a training session which was assisted by the expertise of three England international players - scrum half Ella Wyrwas, centre Helena Rowland and scrum half Claudia Macdonald, who have an impressive 81 international test caps between them. There was then a Q&A session between the THS girls and the players before capturing some more footage on camera. Well done to all the girls who represented the school in such great fashion. We will keep an eye out for the LG promotional footage to come out!



Year 7/8 Girls Cricket v Orleans Park

A combined team of Year 7 and 8 girls took on Orleans Park in their regular borough cricket fixture this week. The Turing team did a great job at putting a large number of runs past the fielders, with the opposition

knowing what big a job they needed to do in order to chase down a win. The girls displayed some much-improved bowling skills which was great to see, but unfortunately Orleans managed to surpass the girls' score to take the match. The girls were still able to be proud of a great team effort. Well done to all involved!

Borough Sports Trials

Well done to everyone who attended the trials for Borough Sports which is happening next Wednesday. Regardless of final team-related outcomes, we are always so thrilled to see how many people put themselves forward and give their best effort in their chosen athletics discipline. We also have Sports Day to look forward to later this term, so we are not quite done with school athletics just yet!

Boys NFL Flag Football

A team of boys from years 8-10 took part in the school's first ever U15-boys flag football match. A sport that has proved very popular with the girls in the school, the boys were keen to get in on the action and convert yard into touchdowns. They added to their small slice of school sport history by marking the occasion with a well-deserved win against Radnor House, and will hopefully get the opportunity to play again soon. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 & 8 Tennis Tournament

A team of THS students from Year 7 and a team from Year 8 took part in the annual borough tennis competition this week. Putting on a great performance, all students worked together well playing doubles, using clever tactics of approaching the net together and volleying accurately. It was a high calibre event with many schools bringing strong competition and so the Turing teams can be very proud of finishing in 3rd place for Year 7 and 4th place for Year 8 in the borough. Well done to all involved!

U14 Touch Rugby Tournament and Workshops

A group of Year 8 and 9 students took part in a short-sided touch rugby tournament this week, hosted by the Harlequins Foundation. The tournament took place on the pitch at The Stoop stadium where teams played eight quickfire back-to-back games. The boys' team won almost all of their games and put on a brilliant display of free-flowing attacking rugby. The girls also held their own, playing with just one substitute, and adapted excellently to some testing conditions. Students were also invited to attend a number of stalls and workshops hosted by various organisations, such as the Met Police, which were well received. Well done to all involved!





Learning Disability Awareness Event

LEARNING DISABILITY AWARENESS EVENT

Come join us at the Langdon Down Centre for a day of celebration and awareness. There will be food, drinks and performances!

Learn more about learning disability or how you can join activities, access support or volunteer from local businesses, charities & organisations

Join Us!

EVENT INFORMATION



Wednesday 18th June 2025
3:30 pm to 7:00 pm



Langdon Down Centre
2A Langdon Park
Teddington
TW11 9PS

ASD Parent/Carer Support group

Please see the advert below for all parents/carers of children with an autism diagnosis, or waiting for assessment:

ASD Parent/Carer Support Group



Monday 7th July 2025

9.30 to 11am
at

Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

Join us for coffee, biscuits and chat to other parents that understand!

The theme for this session will be transition to new classes, schools etc. and the summer holidays!

If you would like to come along, please register by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/n1kv2KNV76grDf946>

or contact

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