



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

### Celebrating Our Students: Positive Role Models in the Community

We were recently contacted by a local parent who wanted to share a heartwarming experience involving some of our students. It's a message well worth sharing with our school community.

On Friday 6th June, a group of our students visited a local playground after school, where a number of reception-aged children and their parents were already playing. Understandably, the parents were initially cautious about teenagers entering a play area designed for much younger children—but any concerns were quickly replaced by admiration.

The students: Christian D, Curtis R, Matthew L, Charlie E and Harry S were exceptional. They chose a quiet area of the playground where no young children were playing and entertained themselves respectfully. Before long, the younger children became curious and started interacting with them. What followed was a joyful and heartening scene: warm, friendly

conversations, shared stories about school and TV shows, and even a long game of chase that had a group of five-year-olds gleefully running after our students.



The parent who wrote to us described the students as "absolutely incredible" and "a credit to your school and their parents." It's clear that their kindness, maturity, and willingness to engage so positively made a real impact.

We are proud of these students for being such excellent role models and ambassadors for our school in the local community. Well done!



Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 13 Prom
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	THS Art exhibition

## Year 10 GCSE Media Studies

Our Y10 GCSE Media Studies class travelled to Framestore - the world renowned global visual effects (VFX) company, known for its cutting-edge work in film, television, advertising, and immersive experiences. With a reputation for innovation and creativity, Framestore has contributed to some of the most iconic projects in the entertainment industry, including blockbuster films like *Gravity*, *Avengers: Endgame*, and *Blade Runner 2049*.

Our lead for the day, Amy Smith, Global Director of Recruitment & Outreach informed students of all the many routes into the creative industries and the world of visual effects. Amy outlined how valuable all skills from stem to pen are relevant in the industry.

Students had the pleasure also from hearing directly from Oscar winning creative Chris Lawrence, VFX Supervisor at Framestore who give insight into his career from GCSE-Degree, and onwards into the world of film.

Following a fun breaktime whereby students could enjoy exciting views across the area of Chancery Lane and play foosball in the company cafe, we began responding to a real industry brief set by Amy across four student groups.

Students were tasked with creating an experiential event based on an existing board game, video game, film or TV experience. Framestore are growing their business in the entertainment sector by working on theme park briefs, therefore this brief for students was a very timely and realistic experience. All students rose creatively to the exciting challenges to present a team concept.

All teams came out on top with some students executing excellent public speaking skills. One team won trophies for their Mario Kart themed novelty VR headset experience fictionally set up as a pop temporary event at Selfridges. However, all teams won for the depth of creative ideas, research and application of real industry knowledge of target audiences and how to reach specific demographics.

The students responded with energy and maturity throughout the day. Overall, the trip was a perfect blend of education and hands-on experience, empowering students with both the knowledge and the motivation to pursue their passion for media studies.



### Homerton College, Cambridge trip

This week, Miss Sabharwal and Ms Pilkington took the Oxbridge Society on a trip to Homerton College, Cambridge alongside local schools, Orleans Park and Gunnersbury. The day started off with a talk about the application process and advice from Oxbridge alumni about admissions test preparation and personal statements. We then moved onto a Q&A session with current students at Cambridge and learnt all about life at Cambridge, as well as the different societies that they offer and various Cambridge traditions! Following on from this, we had a tour of Homerton College and after a big lunch in the dining hall, we met with an admissions tutor who challenged our students to an exciting escape game using 70 games that he had created himself. The students got stuck in straight away and uncovered lots of clues! Finally, we ended the day with ice creams during a Cambridge city tour and explored some of the key sights, including the



Mathematical Bridge. We were also very excited to see a plaque dedicated to Alan Turing!



## Hospitality & Catering Students visit Merton College

A group of current Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students, and some Year 9 soon-to-be H&C students, visited Merton College this week to gain an insight into the Hospitality and Catering course that Merton College offer. Students were given information about

college life, expectations as a Hospitality and Catering student, and structure of the course. Students were then shown the college's restaurant and working kitchen before being put through their paces in a dynamic taster session which resulted in some delicious scones being made.



## 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 Art Exhibition

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



**ART EXHIBITION**

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

**020 8069 6100**  
**info@turinghouseschool.org.uk**

### Careers feedback

As we are heading towards the end of the year, we are reaching out to our parental body to gather your feedback on career provision at Turing House School. It is invaluable for us and will help with planning activities and careers provision for next year. Please take a few minutes to scan the QR code and complete the short survey to share your thoughts.

### Turing House School Careers Feedback Form



### Coding & Scratch Club is back on!

We are excited to confirm that the Coding & Scratch Club for Years 7-9 is back on from next week. The club has not been available while the computer rooms have been used for exams. However, it's now time to re-boot your Tuesday lunchtime and arrow key your way back to 1.12. We look forward to welcoming you again.



**IS BACK ON!**

**coding & gaming club**

**On: Tuesday**  
**At: Lunchtime**  
**(12.40 - 13.10)**  
**In: Rm 1.12**



## Year 9 Thames Water & Debate Mate Workshop

This week, 15 Y9 students have taken part in the first of three workshops which were ran by Debate Mate, in collaboration with Thames Water. The workshops aim to develop the students' understanding of water management using the plans for the Teddington Direct River Abstraction scheme as a case study. This will prepare them for their studies in Y10 Geography, whilst developing their confidence in debating.

The first session focused on what makes effective teamwork, and what makes a public speaker 'stylish'. Using their ideas, teams of three pitched their debates to the rest of the group and were given feedback from Debate Mate about their style and content.

To finish the day, students were asked to embody the character of a real-life person who is well known. They had 30 seconds to convince the rest of the class that they shouldn't be removed from a falling hot air balloon. The final saw Barack Obama go head-to-head with Gordon Ramsey, who inevitably was saved for his talent in providing entertainment and recipes to the world.

The next two sessions are coming next week – keep an eye out to see how our debaters get on in the 'show debate'!



## Music Notes

### Summer Concert

We will hold our first ever summer concert on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## 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>

## 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!

## Year 10 Esher College Open evening

On the night your students can hear a talk from our principal, visit all our subject departments and speak to current students and staff.

**Tickets for the Open Evening can be booked online via our website [www.esher.ac.uk](http://www.esher.ac.uk)**

**Please note:**

- **Applications Open Tuesday 1 July 2025**
- **Applications Close Tuesday 30 September 2025**

All applications are made online via our website. If any of your students require further information

about the application process all the details they need can be found on our website [Esher Sixth Form College](http://www.esher.ac.uk). We hope this is of value and we look forward to welcoming your students at our Open Evening in June.



## Costume making

Well done to some of our Year 7s who have been busy making costumes for the Action Through the Ages show.





## Sports Fixtures

### Borough Sports Championships

A massive well done to all students who competed in Borough Sports this year. This competition is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, fixtures we take part in where schools from all over Richmond compete in a borough-wide sports day. It's always a full-on day which takes a huge amount of preparation and planning, and the students did brilliantly by representing the school and giving their all. We eagerly await official results to see where we came, but we know we had some fantastic results among several events. The discus team also competed separately the day before who are pictured below. Well done to all involved!



### Borough Golf Tournament

This week saw the annual borough golf tournament held at Fulwell Golf Course, with a strong Turing House contingent in attendance. The Turing team couldn't have asked for nicer conditions for a round of 9-hole golf and in-form performances were aplenty: 6th Form finished in first place, the U15 boys secured second place and the U13 boys came joint third. Special mention goes to Henry C in Year 7 for his hole in one! Well done to all involved!







### Year 7/8 Girls Cricket v Twickenham

The Year 7 and 8 girls were back in action on the cricket green at the start of this week. This time they hosted Twickenham who they lost to a few weeks ago in a tournament. The Turing team started strong and ran in a score of 73 inside 10 innings as they batted first. However, it was their bowling and fielding that really impressed as the girls co-ordinated well to cover all areas of the field. They took 7 wickets in total and stopped the opposition at 60 runs to take the win. Next up is Waldegrave. Well done to all involved!



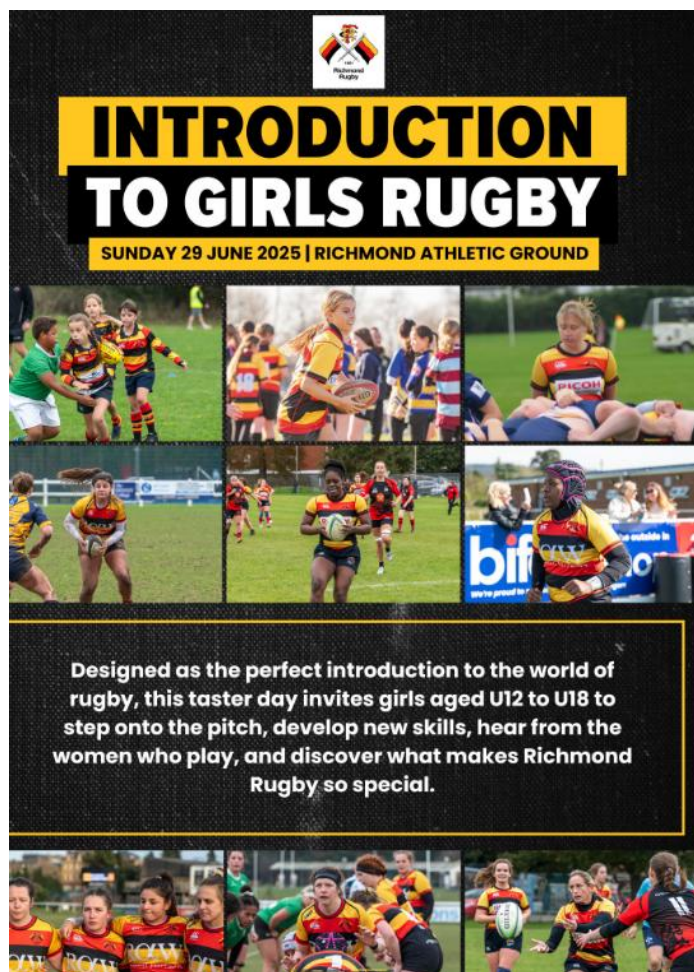
### Year 7/8 & Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v Teddington

The girls were back in action on the rounders pitch earlier this week as both the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 teams took on Teddington at home. In the Year 7/8 match, the Turing team worked their way to a score of 13.5 which was more than enough to win compared to the opposition's 8.8. The Year 9/10 game was much closer with the Turing team losing by a very small margin of 2.5 rounders despite playing very well. The girls will go again next week when they face Grey Court. Well done to all involved!





## Girls Rugby Taster Day



**INTRODUCTION TO GIRLS RUGBY**  
SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025 | RICHMOND ATHLETIC GROUND

Designed as the perfect introduction to the world of rugby, this taster day invites girls aged U12 to U18 to step onto the pitch, develop new skills, hear from the women who play, and discover what makes Richmond Rugby so special.

## Join Us at the International Fuse Festival

Experience the thrill of "Action Through the Ages", Turing House's first-ever stage combat show! Witness an exhilarating journey through history, brought to life with dynamic performances and breathtaking action scenes.

**Date:** June 28th, 7:30pm

**Location:** Kingson College, The Act Theatre

Don't miss out on this spectacular event! Secure your tickets now and be part of the excitement. Purchase your tickets online at Creative Youth Charity, Fuse Box, What's On Page - Action Through The Ages - Creative Youth See you there!

### Action Through The Ages - Creative Youth

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 with Round House Youth Theatre in collaboration with THS, takes you on a journey through the ages!



## 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

Jane Pidduck (e-mail [jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk))

## Richmond Orchestra



**Richmond Orchestra**

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