



Message from 12th September 2025

Mr O'Sullivan

'At a time when Big Tech is competing for children's attention through their smartphones every minute of the day, schools can offer something precious and rare — a space to learn and grow, free from addictive algorithms.'

We have now completed our first full week of operations. The students, since our return, have been wonderful. There is a real commitment to do well and succeed. I have chatted to a

number of students over the week about how they have felt about our Yondr pouches and whilst there (as expected) are a few grumbles, I have been quite shocked by the relief that some students have expressed. A recent study highlighted in *The Times*, 'First solid evidence that banning phones in class boosts grades', has shown that banning smartphones in classrooms can significantly improve student performance. The experiment, which involved nearly 700 schools, found that removing phones led to sharper focus, fewer distractions, and better academic outcomes. Teachers reported calmer learning environments and more engaged pupils, while students themselves noted they were more productive without the constant pull of notifications.

This research adds weight to the growing movement among educators to limit mobile phone use during school hours, not just for behaviour management but also to support learning and wellbeing. My initial thoughts on this are that eventually the government will need to listen to what educators have been saying for years, that there needs to be government, not school led action. A ban on social media for under 16's must also happen to protect our children from the diet they currently receive in their developmental years. Perhaps there might be a day where children can be children for a little longer.



Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Next week sees the launch of all our clubs and activities at Turing House. The students are excited and looking forward to this; they have been looking at all the clubs available with their tutors and picking at least two that they want to go and try next week. We have a wealth of clubs catering for all: before school, at break and lunch times, and after school. We have sports, music, creative, drama, games-based, well-being and clubs that support students in their studies. The students know that if we don't currently have the club they were hoping for, they can go to see Mrs Harper (room 2.f) who will try to find a member of staff to meet their request – not always possible but we try! This weekend we are hoping families will sit together and look

at all that is on offer and support students in their choice of clubs. No need to book or register – just turn up and give any club a go! Most are open to all students but reading the detail on the grid is advised. We are very proud of the range and number of clubs on offer and especially that the vast majority come at no cost to families. We can't wait to see the students get stuck in and enjoy this brilliant side of school life. We have sent a letter home to all families with the details and the list shown here is also available on the school website here: [Extra-curricular activities](#)

Hive Neurodiversity Club, Tuesday, Lunchtime, Room 2.22, all, Ms Hicks	KS5 Physics tutoring Wednesday Lunchtime Room 2.02 Physics A-Level students Mr Punter
Turing Writers' Club, Tuesday Lunchtime, Room 1.17, Ms Jama	Year 10 RP club Wednesday, Lunch time Room 1.05 Year 10 Ms Siddiqui
Premier League debate club Tuesday lunch time 12:45-13:10 room 2.06 Open to all Mr Kavanagh	Art club Wednesday 3-4pm room 1.22 All students Mr Baker
Chess Club, Tuesday Lunchtime 12:40-1:15, Room 1.24, open to all years and abilities, Mr Long and Mr Newman	Band Club Wednesday 3:10- 4:00 room 0.13 and practice rooms Open to all pop instrumentalists and singers Mr Hunter
KS4 Poetry Revision Tuesday Lunchtime room 1.18 Y10 & Y11 Mr Stevens	Spanish intervention Wednesdays 3:05 - 3:50pm room 2.05 Yr 11 Spanish GCSE students Ms Shilton
Brass Ensemble (run by RMT Brass Tutor O Davies) Tuesday 12:50- 1:20 room 0.13 Open to all Brass instrumental players Mr Hunter	Gardening/Eco Club Wednesdays After school 3-4pm Room 1.03 Club is open to everyone Ms Smith, Ms Wrigglesworth and Ms MacDouall
KS4 History and Politics club Tuesday 3- 4pm room 1.25 KS4 history & politics students Ms Lamb	Thursdays
Geography revision club Tuesday 3- 4pm room 1.01 KS4 Geography teachers	Cross Country Club Thursday 7:15-8:00am Front of the school All Mr Evans and Ms Lamb
Yr 8 Boys Rugby Club Tuesdays (beginning 23/9) 3:15-4:15pm Sports Field Year 8 Boys Mr Hyde	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team (EDIT) Thursdays Tutor time 6th form common room KS4 and KS5 Mrs Collins
Wednesdays	Grief Club Thursday Tutor Time Ms Riglin's Office All students Ms Riglin
PRIDE club Wednesday lunch time 12:45-13:15 room 1.22 Open to all Mr Baker	Bands & Beads Thursday 12.50-1.20pm Room 2.17 All interested students Ms Whiteman
Anime Wednesday, Lunchtime, Room 2.22, Open to all, Ms Hicks	Knitting Club Thursday 3pm-4pm room 1.16 Open to all Mrs Beard

Fridays
<p>Pokemon Club, Friday Breaktime 10:35-10:55, Room 1.24, Open to everyone, Mr Long and Mr Hopkins</p>
<p>Geography Geoguessr club Friday Breaktime room 1.01 All years Mr Tse-Laurence</p>
<p>Girls' Group Friday, lunchtime, room 2.22, all girls, Ms Hicks</p>
<p>Music Tech Club Friday lunchtime room 0.14 Open to all Mr Hunter</p>
<p>Photography tutorial club Friday lunchtimes Room 1.21 Open to all Ms Ansell</p>
<p>Public Speaking Club Friday Lunchtime room 1.14 open to all Mr Wood</p>
<p>Stage Combat Monday and Friday 3:10-4:10 Main Hall Friday - 7-8 Mr. Coombes</p>
<p>Orchestra Friday 3:10-4:00 room 0.13 Open to orchestral instrument players Mr Hunter</p>
<p>Oxbridge Society by invitation Room 2.23 Sixth Form Ms Sabharwal</p>
<p>Med Soc by invitation Room 2.23 Sixth form students Ms Sabharwal and Ms Dar</p>

Mondays
<p>Extra Extra media studies Monday lunchtime Room 1.08 KS4/KS5 media students. Revision and Homework Club Ms Gonzales</p>
<p>Creative Journalling, Monday, lunchtime, room 2.22, open to all, Ms Hicks</p>
<p>Dragon's Den Club, Monday, 12.45 - 13.15, except exam periods Room 2.07 For KS3/4 Ms Hickman</p>
<p>Turing Detectives Society Mondays Lunch time Room 2.08 Open to all Ms Rodrigues</p>
<p>Stage Combat Monday and Friday 3:10-4:10 Main Hall Monday - year 9-11 Mr. Coombes</p>
<p>Turing Singers Monday 3:10- 4:30 room 0.13 Open to all Mr Hunter</p>
<p>Science Club Mondays after school (3:00-4:00) Room 2.20 Open to KS3 and KS4 Ms Shire</p>
<p>Dr Frost, Monday, 3-4pm, Room (IT) 1.12, All years, Maths teachers</p>
<p>GCSE Photography Interventions Mondays 3pm – 4:30pm Room 0.16 GCSE Photo students Ms MacDouall</p>
Tuesdays
<p>Sparx Reader Club Tuesday lunch time room 1.15 Open to all in Years 7, 8, 9 Ms Andrews</p>
<p>Coding Club, Tuesday, 12.45-13.15, Room 1.12/1.13, Year 7-9, Ms Hickman and Ms Swami</p>

Maths Notice

The Maths team have enjoyed meeting all the new classes and have been immensely impressed by everyone's effort in lessons so far. We have noticed that some students are yet to be fully equipped and so we ask that this is sorted as soon as possible. You will find a maths set and Casio scientific calculator on ParentPay, if you choose to purchase through the school, we are likely cheaper than other high street stores. Thank you for your support. Maths Department.



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.

To help our students achieve better sleep and improve their focus in school, we encourage parents to take the following steps:

1. **Limit Screen Time:** Set a reasonable limit on the amount of time your child spends on their mobile phone each day.
2. **Create a Plan:** Work with your child to agree on a plan for mobile phone use, including specific times when they should put their phones away.
3. **No Charging in Bedrooms:** Do not allow mobile phones to be charged in bedrooms overnight. This simple step can significantly reduce the temptation to use devices late into the night.

By working together, we can help our students develop healthier habits that will benefit their sleep, focus, and overall well-being.



Turing House Friends – Staying in touch

Welcome back to a new school year – and a very warm welcome to all the new families joining Turing House!

Turing House Friends (the PTA) run a number of events throughout the year, including our ever-popular second-hand uniform sales. We also host parent WhatsApp groups for each year group. These groups are for parents only (not students) and provide a useful way to share information and keep in touch.

If you'd like to join, please email thf@turinghouseschool.org.uk with your child/children's year group(s), and we'll send you the appropriate link. Do keep an eye on both the newsletter and the WhatsApp groups for details of upcoming events and meetings – we'd love to see you get involved!

Our first **Turing House Friends meeting** of the year will be on **Wednesday 1st October, 6-7pm at school**. Please come along, hear all about our plans for the year and meet other parents.

Support Turing House Friends with Easyfundraising

Did you know you can raise money for Turing House Friends every time you shop online – at no extra cost to you? Simply sign up to Easyfundraising, choose Turing House Friends as your cause, and shop with your favourite retailers. A small donation comes to us each time you buy, and it soon adds up!

Right now, you can also help us WIN one of four £250 donation prizes in Easyfundraising's September giveaway! We'll get a free entry every time a new supporter signs up before 30th September.

It only takes a moment to join, it's completely free, and it would really boost our 2025 fundraising. Please sign up here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/turinghousefriends/25NTVM/s2s/FAQISO6/PMC04/email/>

Work Experience

We are looking to offer work experience opportunities throughout the school and this is a lovely opportunity for students from years **7 - 13 to get hands on work experience with HSBC**. It is virtual so students can login from home and it happens after school.

Please see information below to register:

FIRST STEP - Student year groups 7-9 England & Wales, S1-S3 Scotland, 8-10 Northern Ireland

Wednesday 1st October at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

["Pitch for a Purpose: Plan the Ultimate Charity Event with HSBC"](#)

- A 45-minute briefing with the HSBC team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (students)

NEXT STEP - Student year groups 10-13 England & Wales, S4-S6 Scotland, 11-14 Northern Ireland

Thursday 2nd October at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

"HSBC and The Nature Trust UK - Nature Projects That Make a Difference"

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the HSBC team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- [Register now!](#) (students)

Performing Arts Club

Performing Arts Clubs Autumn Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch		Brass Band (TBC) (Brass players) 0.13		Y11 Composing (GCSE Music only) 0.14	Dance Club Sports Studio Music Tech Club 0.14
After school	Stage Combat Y8+ Main Hall 3:10-4:30 Y10-13 Drama rehearsals (book the space) Studio Turing Singers** Music Rooms 3:10-4:30	School Show rehearsals Y9-13* Main Hall 3:10-4:30 Show Band (invitation only) Music Rooms 3:10 - 4:30	Performing Arts Club Y7-8* Main Hall 3:10-4:00 Extra show rehearsals (scheduled when needed) Band Club Music Rooms 3:10 - 4:00pm		Stage Combat Y7 Main Hall 3:10-4:30 Y10-13 Drama rehearsals (book the space) Studio Orchestra Music Rooms 3:10 - 4pm

*Y7-8 who want to be in the school show **MUST** attend Performing Arts Club in Autumn Term then will start attending Tuesday rehearsals in Spring Term.
 **Turing Singers rehearsals are compulsory for those going to Paris on tour.

Esher College applications



Extra-Curricular Music

We are pleased to offer another exciting range of music extra-curricular clubs for your child to join this academic year.

Turing Singers - open to all students, especially to those joining in Year 7. Compulsory for those going to Disneyland Paris on tour later this academic year.

Band Club - Pop and Rock instrumentalists and singers. A student-led club with music facilities available for band rehearsals.

Brass Band - for students who play Brass instruments (Trumpets, Trombones, French Horn, Tuba etc) of any standard.

Grade 5 Theory Club - for students who need to complete the exam to progress to grades above Grade 5 in their instrumental studies.

Orchestra - open to all instrumentalists

Music Tech Club - open to all students to create music with Musescore and Logic Pro XI

String Ensemble - open to string players (Violin, Viola, Cello etc) of any standard

Practice spaces are also available for personal and group rehearsals during unstructured times. Please see image for when clubs and practice spaces are available.

Co-Curricular Music

Richmond Music Trust are enrolling students for instrumental lessons this academic year. We offer tuition on Piano/Keyboard, Acoustic/Electric Guitar, Voice, Drum Kit, Strings and Brass. Woodwind is available on request. If your child is transferring their lessons to us from Primary School, or if your child is interested in starting an instrument as a beginner, please enrol them by clicking this link: [Apply Now - Richmond Music Trust](#) . Musical instrument hire is available.

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument and you are registered as pupil premium and/or free school meals, there is financial support available to you. **Please e-mail info@turinghouseschool.org.uk with your message directed to Mr Hunter (Head of Music).**

Music					
Extra-Curricular Clubs 2025-26					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7:45 – 8:20	Music Closed	0.13 and practice rooms available	Grade 5 Theory Open to all wishing to enter the exam 0.14	String Ensemble (tbc) Open to all string players 0.13	Music Closed
Break	0.13 and practice rooms available	0.13 and practice rooms available	Music Closed	0.13 and practice rooms available	Music Closed
Lunchtime 12:40 – 1:15	0.13 and practice rooms available	Brass Band Open to all Brass Players 0.13	0.13 and practice rooms available	GCSE Composition (Y10-11 Only) 0.14	Music Tech Club Student-led 0.14 Close Harmony Open to all 0.13
After School	Turing Singers* Open to all 3:10 – 4:30pm 0.13	School Show Rehearsals Show Band (Invitation Only) 3:10 – 4:30 0.13	Band Club Student-led Pop/Rock groups 3:10 – 4pm Music Dept	Music Closed	Orchestra Open to all instrumentalists 3:10 – 4pm 0.13

* - Turing Singers rehearsals for all those going to Paris on the tour to Disneyland.

Achieving For Children Webinars

‘Helping children with...’ webinars for parents 2025/26 Achieving for Children’s Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary-aged children. The ‘Helping Children with ...’ series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties.

[Continue reading about ‘Helping children with...’ Webinars for parents 2025/26 for webinar information](#)

‘Helping teens with...’ webinars for parents 2025/26 Achieving for Children’s Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of secondary aged children and young people (CYP). The ‘Helping teens with ...’ series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by CYP and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their CYP with these difficulties.

[Continue reading about ‘Helping teens with...’ Webinars for parents 2025/26 for webinar information](#)

PE notices

Saturday 13th September sees Lord’s host the finals of the boys’ and girls’ U14 and U16 National Hub Competitions. Marylebone Cricket Club Foundation (MCCF) deliver 164 hubs across the UK, which are exclusive (and FREE) for state school students and aimed to develop talented cricketers with further opportunities to take part in 10-week training programmes and play representative cricket matches.

The National Hubs Competition Finals Day starts from 10am on Saturday 13th September and tickets are FREE for all to enjoy the day and Lord’s, the Home of Cricket. FREE Tickets are available via this link: [Select Tickets for MCC Foundation National Hub Competition Finals Day: Lord’s Cricket Ground.](#)