

# Message from 19th September 2025

# Mr O'Sullivan

One of the things that makes our school special is the sense of community we share. Our uniform plays an important part in that, and the blazer is at the heart of it. When you put on your blazer each morning, you're not just getting dressed for school—you're showing that you belong to something bigger.

The blazer is a symbol of pride and identity. It tells the world who we are: a school that values high standards, unity and respect. Worn well, it helps create a smart, confident impression both inside and outside of school. Visitors often comment on how smart our students look, and that first impression really matters.

It's also practical. The inside pocket is the perfect place to keep your Yondr pouch, as well as other essentials you may need throughout the day. In that way, the blazer is not just part of our uniform, but part of your toolkit for school life.

Most importantly, the blazer connects us. It reminds us that we are all part of the same team, working towards the same goals. When everyone wears it with pride, it lifts the whole community and shows that we're united.

Please remember the blazer is compulsory. So, let's celebrate our blazer, wear it well, and continue to show pride in who we are.

## Year 8 Creative writing

Year 8 students mimicked Edgar Allen Poe's gothic style to create their own creative writing and here's an excellent example:

Am I this redundant? Did I get overlooked-taken over-forgotten due to my ambitions? I may not be mad, but I do have a mood of a ravenous lion. The smell of fresh blood and flesh satisfies me. Now I know you doubt my sanity, that you shiver at my intimacy of bloodshed and death. The feeling of greed and gluttony drives me on, my so-called madness. Many docile doctors have taken one glance at me and declared me deranged-demented-unhinged. Now, now after I tell you this, do you trust me? I will tell you my twisted tale, and then after, maybe you would have made up your mind?

## 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.

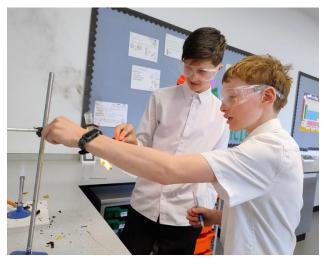
By working together, we can help our students develop healthier habits that will benefit their sleep, focus, and overall well-being.



## Science Club

In our first session of Science Club, students completed an exciting hands-on experiment using calorimetry! They tested the energy contents of different foods by burning them and measuring the temperature change of water. Everyone worked well in carrying out the practical and recording data. It was a fun and informative start to our Science Club adventures, and I look forward to future sessions!

Science Club is run on Monday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 in Room 2.20.







## Stay Connected – Follow us on Instagram

We'd love our families to stay connected and celebrate student life at Turing House. Follow our four official Instagram accounts for updates, achievements, and everyday moments from across the school:

- @turinghouse
- @humanities ths
- · @performing ths
- @sport\_ths

Join us online and be part of the Turing House story!



## **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

It has been lovely to see all the clubs start up this week at school. The students have been trying out what they want to do - for some clubs there have been queues at the door! If you haven't had a chance so far to go through the list at home, please do have a good look and encourage your child to try out all the clubs they want to. Please note that we have already got a new addition to the list, which is Warhammer Club on Mondays, thank you Mr Hopkins, we had lots of requests for that one!

Knitting Club Thursday 3pm-4pm room 1.16 Open to all Mrs Beard

## Fridays

Pokemon Club, Friday Breaktime 10:35-10:55, Room 1.24, Open to everyone, Mr Long and Mr Hopkins

Geography Geoguessr club Friday Breaktime room 1.01 All years Mr Tse-Laurence

Girls' Group Friday, lunchtime, room 2.22, all girls, Ms Hicks

Music Tech Club Friday lunchtime room 0.14 Open to all Mr Hunter

Photography tutorial club Friday lunchtimes Room 1.21 Open to all Ms Ansell

Public Speaking Club Friday Lunchtime room 1.14 open to all Mr Wood

Stage Combat Monday and Friday 3:10-4:10 Main Hall Friday - 7-8 Mr. Coombes

Orchestra Friday 3:10-4:00 room 0.13 Open to orchestral instrument players Mr Hunter

Oxbridge Society by invitation Room 2.23 Sixth Form Ms Sabharwal

Med Soc by invitation Room 2.23 Sixth form students Ms Sabharwal and Ms Dar Coding Club, Tuesday, 12.45-13.15, Room 1.12/1.13, Year 7-9, Ms Hickman and Ms Swami

Hive Neurodiversity Club, Tuesday, Lunchtime, Room 2.22, all, Ms Hicks

Turing Writers' Club, Tuesday Lunchtime, Room 1.17, Ms Jama

Premier League debate club Tuesday lunch time 12:45-13:10 room 2.06 Open to all Mr Kavanagh

Chess Club, Tuesday Lunchtime 12:40-1:15, Room 1.24, open to all years and abilities, Mr Long and Mr Newman

KS4 Poetry Revision Tuesday Lunchtime room 1.18 Y10 & Y11 Mr Stevens

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

KS4 History and Politics club Tuesday 3-4pm room 1.25

KS4 history & politics students

Ms Lamb

Geography revision club Tuesday 3-4pm room 1.01 KS4 Geography teachers

Yr 8 Boys Rugby Club Tuesdays (beginning 23/9) 3:15-4:15pm Sports Field Year 8 Boys Mr Hyde

## Wednesdays

PRIDE club Wednesday lunch time 12:45-13:15 room 1.22 Open to all Mr Baker Anime
Wednesday,
Lunchtime,
Room 2.22,
Open to all,
Ms Hicks

KS5 Physics tutoring Wednesday Lunchtime Room 2.02 Physics A-Level students

Year 10 RP club Wednesday, Lunch time Room 1.05 Year 10 Ms Siddiqui

Art club Wednesday 3-4pm room 1.22 All students Mr Baker

Band Club Wednesday 3:10-4:00 room 0.13 and practice rooms Open to all pop instrumentalists and singers Mr Hunter

Spanish intervention Wednesdays 3:05 - 3:50pm room 2.05 Yr 11 Spanish GCSE students Ms Shilton

Gardening/Eco Club Wednesdays After school 3-4pm Room 1.03 Club is open to everyone Ms Smith, Ms Wrigglesworth and Ms MacDouall

#### Thursdays

Cross Country Club Thursday 7:15-8:00am Front of the school All

Mr Evans and Ms Lamb

Equality, Diversity and
Inclusion Team (EDIT)

Thursdays
Tutor time
6th form common room
KS4 and KS5
Mrs Collins

Grief Club Thursday Tutor Time Ms Riglin's Office All students Ms Riglin

Bands & Beads Thursday 12.50-1.20pm Room 2.17 KS3 students Ms Whiteman

### Mondays

Extra Extra media studies Monday lunchtime Room 1.08 KS4/KS5 media students. Revision and Homework Club Ms Gonzales

Creative Journalling, Monday, lunchtime, room 2.22, open to all, Ms Hicks

Dragon's Den Club, Monday, 12.45 - 13.15, except exam periods Room 2.07 For KS3/4 Ms Hickman

Turing Detectives Society Mondays Lunch time Room 2.08 Open to all Ms Rodrigues

Stage Combat Monday and Friday 3:10-4:10 Main Hall Monday - year 9-11 Mr. Coombes

Warhammer Monday 3 pm Room 0.03 Open to all Mr Hopkins

Turing Singers Monday 3:10-4:30 room 0.13 Open to all Mr Hunter

Science Club Mondays after school (3:00-4:00) Room 2.20 Open to KS3 and KS4 Ms Shire

Dr Frost, Monday, 3-4pm, Room (IT) 1.12, All years, Maths teachers

GCSE Photography Interventions Mondays 3pm – 4:30pm Room 0.16 GCSE Photo students Ms MacDouall

## Tuesdays

Sparx Reader Club Tuesday lunch time room 1.15 Open to all in Years 7, 8, 9 Ms Andrews

## Year 8 Maths Trip to Bletchley Park – Tuesday 7th October

We're thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for all Year 8 students to visit the historic Bletchley Park – the home of British codebreaking during WWII! Students will explore the famous Codebreaking Huts and discover how mathematics helped shape history.

This enriching curriculum trip promises hands-on learning, historical intrigue, and a chance to test out some codebreaking skills of their own!

Departing: 8:15am

A Returning: Approx. 4:00pm

Payment: £32 via ParentPay by Monday 22nd September

We can't wait for our Year 8s to enjoy this fantastic day!



## Sixth Sense

We have been delighted to welcome our new Sixth Form cohort into the Turing House Sixth Form family. It has certainly been a busy start to their Key Stage 5 journey, kicking things off with our Sixth Start Week: a week of activities arranged by the Sixth Form Team to introduce the Year 12s with each other and to integrate themselves into the wider Sixth Form.

We kicked the week off with a Year 12 'Speed Friending' event where the students were given 90 seconds to discuss question prompts, before rotating and meeting new students. It was lovely to see the students engage with new faces, and responding thoughtfully to the questions asked. Wednesday brought the competitive edge out of the Sixth Formers during a Yr12 vs Yr13

dodgeball competition. It was a lively tournament, where the scores were lost, but fun was certainly had! On Thursday, the Sixth Formers came into school in their pyjamas, a theme that was voted for by them, with all money raised going towards their prospective proms at the end of Year 13. The finale of the week was our annual trip to Brighton with the Year 12S, giving them the opportunity to take part in our Brighton Challenge landmark hunt about Brighton and to mingle and have fun with their new year group.

It was a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing how this year group continues to flourish.









## Work Experience opportunities



- > Are you aged 14-16?
- > Are you curious to learn what Virgin Media O2 is all about?
- > Are you passionate about STEM?

#### Virtual Work Experience Week

27th - 30th October 2025



Our four-day programme will immerse you in the world of telecoms, help boost your potential and enhance your knowledge of Virgin Media O2 and our offerings.

You'll hear from business leaders what it's like to work in a dynamic industry, learn the latest from the world of broadband, TV, fixed line and mobile and gain insight into our purpose 'See What You Can Do!'

Explore our graduate, industrial placement and apprenticeship opportunities whilst working on a dynamic project that will help you earn your Bronze Industrial Cadets accreditation.

Hear first-hand testimony and tips from graduates, interns, apprentices and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) ambassadors! Delve into the importance of hands-on problem-solving and critical thinking skills, company and sector research.

Take control of your future and make a difference in



## Turing House Friends

## Turing House Friends: join us!

We know that as your children get older, it can sometimes feel like there are fewer ways to stay involved in their school lives. Turing House Friends (THF) is here to help with that!



#### Who are Turing House Friends?

We're parents and other supporters who share ideas and volunteer to bring something special to school life. We meet every half term to plan activities and chat. Every parent is welcome to join our meetings—whether you want to volunteer or have questions about school life or simply want to meet other parents.

You may already know us:

- Triple If you've bought something from the Preloved Uniform Sale
- is If you came to the Y7 Bingo Night or Comedy Night last year
- 🎭 If you bought a drink before the THS Drama production of Bugsy Malone
- 🌭 If you had a hot dog or mulled cider at Teddington Lights Up last November
- If you've seen the new table tennis table and wall art around the school

...that was us!

#### Why Your Involvement Matters

While your child is gaining independence, your connection to the school is still important. By getting involved, you help create positive experiences and provide essential funding that makes a real difference in their education. It's also a fantastic way to meet other parents, get to know the school from a different perspective, and have a direct voice in how we support our students.

#### Please join us at our first meeting of the year:

- Date: Wednesday 1st October
- Time: 6-7 pmLocation: At the school

#### Stay in touch with THF

If you have any question please email us at <a href="mailto:thf@ituringhouseschool.org.uk">thf@ituringhouseschool.org.uk</a>
Everyone is welcome to join our <a href="mailto:THF WhatsApp Group">THF WhatsApp Group</a>. Our ideas, discussion and projects are born here - you can become part of Turing House bright school life

## Achieving For Children groups

# **Talking Teens**



A four week parenting program designed to help parents and carers of teenagers improve their understanding of adolescent development and communication.

Based on the principles of the Family Links Nurturing Programme and created by The Centre For Emotional Health, it provides strategies to maintain and improve family relationships, reduce conflict, and promote a calmer home environment.

Where: Mortlake Powerstation Youth Centre, 121 Mortlake High Street, SW14 8SN

**Monday 29 September** 

10.00am - 12.00pm for four weeks

Contact Tom Maybey to book a place.

Email: tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk

To book: https://forms.gle/1WVcT4micrJ4KG1g7





# Young voice





Participation group for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Friends

Join other 11 to 18 year olds from Kingston and Richmond who want to make a difference  $\,$ 

influence change on topics which affect you help improve services that you use

## By taking part you will:

- develop confidence
- · learn new skills
- · make friends and have fun

# We will meet monthly on Tuesdays, 4.30pm to 6pm

Tuesday 23 September

Tuesday 14 October

Tuesday 18 November

Tuesday 9 December

Tuesday 20 January

Tuesday 10 February

Tuesday 10 March Tuesday 14 April

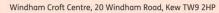
Tuesday 12 May

Tuesday 9 June

Tuesday 14 July

# Where

#### Where we meet:





For more information complete the <u>enquiry form</u> email <u>participationiscd@achievingforchildren.org.uk</u>

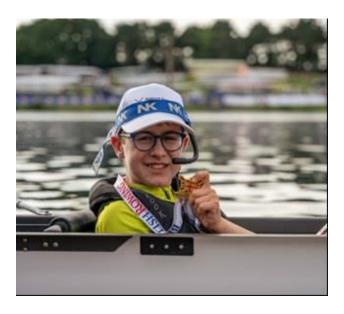




## PE notices

## Student Sporting Success in Rowing

A big shout out goes to Year 8 student Mark K for the dedication he has shown at Walbrook Rowing Club that requires him to train four times per week. His hard work has clearly been paying off as Mark has achieved six race victories, including a gold medal at the British Rowing Championships in July this year, where his junior team set a new performance standard! Amazing work, Mark, well done!



## Year 8 Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Year 8 boys kicked off this year's round of rugby fixtures when they took on Orleans Park, playing away from home. The match was very close from start to finish as both teams enjoyed spells of taking a narrow lead before the match returned to a draw. After some heroic defending by the Turing team, the home side managed to slip past a few tired bodies to dot down once more. THS worked their way back up the pitch, but the ball was spilled just before a last-minute equaliser looked likely and the game finished 3 tries to Orleans Park's 4. Well done to all involved! Year 8 boys will now be training with Mr Hyde after school every Tuesday, starting from Tuesday 23rd September...the only way is up!



## Year 11 Boys Rugby v Orleans Park

The Year 11 boys got their Richmond schools' campaign underway on the rugby pitch earlier in the week when they travelled across Twickenham to face Orleans Park. The Turing team came up against a well-drilled side and were held try-less throughout but showcased some very impressive defending, which no doubt reduced the scoreline deficit. The physical encounter may not have finished in their favour, but the boys will look to build on the current form by

adding an attacking edge before they go again in a week's time against St Richard Reynolds at home. Well done to all involved!

