



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

3rd October 2025

We are very proud to share that Florence in Year 10, has taken a prominent role in the new Disney+ series *Alien: Earth*.

The series, which premiered internationally this summer, is set just before the events of the original *Alien* film and has been praised for its suspense and cinematic quality. It follows the crew of a downed spacecraft as they face an emerging threat on Earth.

To be cast in a production of this scale is a significant achievement. It requires talent, hard work, and the ability to perform at a professional level alongside experienced actors. I was impressed that Florence shared scenes with Timothy Olyphant, but was equally disappointed that she didn't share scenes with Ade Edmonson whom I have watched since his days on the Young Ones!

Florence's involvement is a fantastic example of what can be achieved with commitment and perseverance. We are delighted to celebrate her success and look forward to seeing where her acting journey takes her next. Please be aware that the programme is scary and carries an age rating of 15.



Our recent Open Evening was a tremendous success, welcoming an impressive 1,300 people through our doors. The energy and excitement were palpable throughout the evening.

I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible atmosphere the students and staff created. The corridors and classrooms were filled with lots of smiley faces - a testament to the positive environment we're building together. These bright, enthusiastic expressions are the heartbeat of our school community.

Huge thanks to our dedicated staff including our LGB, Friends of Turing House, caterers and cleaners, whose hard work and commitment make moments like these possible. Their passion and professionalism shine through in every interaction and every opportunity they create for our students. Finally, I'd like to give a special mention to Year 7 students Coco and Krishna, who delivered excellent speeches to the visiting parents.



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.



What are the benefits of studying English?

'I wanted to study English, but my parents were worried that I wouldn't get a job, so I'm doing X instead.' These words are depressingly familiar to anyone who works in an English department in Higher Education. They are also frustratingly incorrect. English may not be a vocational subject, with an obvious destination (unlike Engineering, Journalism, Law, or Medicine), but it does equip its students with skills that open up a remarkably wide range of careers.

Salaries are also competitive with other subjects: [data published by the Higher Education Statistical Agency in 2024](#), show that fifteenth months after graduating, the earnings of English graduates are on a par with graduates with STEM degrees such as Biology or Psychology, and only lag slightly behind a vocational subject like Law.

To read the full blog, click on the link below.

<https://www.pearson.com/en-gb/schools/insights-and-events/schools-blog/2025/09/where-can-studying-english-take-you.html>

Year 9 Art

This week, our Year 9 students have been exploring digital portraiture in the distinctive style of contemporary artist Julian Opie. Using their own portraits or portraits of a family member as a starting point, they followed a tutorial to transform their images into bold, graphic artworks that

echo Opie's iconic use of clean lines and flat colours. The project introduced students to digital tools and techniques while encouraging them to reflect on identity and artistic interpretation. The results are striking and showcase both technical skill and creative flair!

Artwork by: Felix C-H, Ruby R, Sahar S, Isaac H, Mateo D, Olivia L, William P, Neil T, Arlo S, Felix F



Media department plea

Our Media Department needs you! Please get in touch with Mrs Gonzalez if you work in the creative industries and would be willing to speak to our students about your career journey. We are looking to widen our network of exciting special guests who could support us in our mission to educate our students on the abundance of exciting careers in the fields of TV, Film, Production, Print Media, Social Media, Podcasting, Content Creation and so on.

Year 9 students creative writing

Year 9 students mimicked Edgar Allen Poe's gothic style to create their own creative writing and here's an excellent example:

As the three of us cautiously approached the eerie household, I felt a nauseating churn in my stomach as I slowly opened the front door. A shiver went down my spine as a deafening silence filled the front room, the sound of our steps echoing through the hallways.

To our surprise, a strange man appeared in front of us with a crooked smile.

"Hello officers, how can I help you today?" he rasped. His voice like nails on a chalkboard.

"Neighbours complained about a noise last night; we just need to check the rooms then we can be on our way!" my partner exclaimed.

“Sure, sure!” the man declared, sweat trickling down his cheek.

Students who are adopted or who are under special guardianship or care arrangements

A priority at Turing House is to ensure we support all our students as fully as possible. One way we can do this is to claim an additional sum under the Pupil Premium for children who were adopted from local authority care or who have left care under a special guardianship or care arrangements order (formally known as a residence order), as they are eligible to attract pupil premium funding. This also includes children who were adopted from overseas. In order to claim this support, the school must have registered students this week, and we must have a copy of the official paperwork in order to do this, for example a copy of the adoption order. If your child falls into this category and you are unsure if they are registered as care experienced (now post care), please contact us and ask to speak to our admissions officer, Ms Woodcock, who will be able to help and support you.

Innervate Webinar

Post -16 pathways Webinar – Wednesday 8th October, 6pm – 7pm

Choosing what to do after Year 11 can feel overwhelming, with so many different routes now available.

This webinar will guide parents and students through the full range of post-16 options, including A Levels, apprenticeships, T Levels, BTECs, and other vocational pathways. We'll explain how technical education is changing, what this means for young people, and how parents can best support their child to make confident, informed decisions about the future.

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 338 669 219 031 2

Passcode: fj7x7zP7

PE notices

Year 8 Boys Rugby v Richmond upon Thames

The Year 8 boys were back in action on the rugby pitch this week as they travelled to Richmond upon Thames. Having lost by just one try in their last game to Orleans Park, the Turing team were eager to get a win under their belt. This was also a play-off game where the winner would be guaranteed a place in the semi-final of the league, so all was to play for. It was the home side, however, who dominated for much of the first half, scoring several tries to put them ahead. The boys came back in the second half with a point to prove, but sadly too much of a score gap already stood in the way of a comeback. Despite the score, the boys are building slowly and their impressive numbers at training on Tuesday after school will no doubt pay off soon. Well done to all involved!



Year 11 Boys Football v St Richard Reynolds

The Year 11 boys hosted St Richard Reynolds on the football pitch on Tuesday. Looking to make up for their last loss against Richmond Park Academy in their league opener, the Turing team started strong and opened up the scoring early on. The opposition were never far from levelling the score, however, and the two sides exchanged midfield blows that resulted in goals. It was the home side who eventually settled the debate upfront as they found the back of the net once more to take a 3-2 win in the end. Their next game is in a couple of weeks' time which will see the boys take on Grey Court away from home. Well done to all involved!

Sixth Form Boys Football v St Richard Reynolds

While the Year 11 game was taking place, the Sixth Form boys were also in action on the other football pitch, playing against the same opposition. The Sixth Form students showcased their

enthusiasm for Sixth Form sport and fixtures as they got stuck into what was an excellent game with both sides putting it all out there for the duration of the match. The game hung in the balance at 2-2 until St Richard Reynolds found what ended up being the winning goal as the match ended 3-2, but the Turing Team understandably left feeling somewhat proud of their performance, having stayed in the fight up until the final whistle. Well done to all involved!

[Year 11 Boys Basketball v Christ's School](#)

The Year 11 boys were delighted to see their basketball fixtures back in the schedule as their Dynamik league kicked off at the beginning of this week. This is an additional league that runs separately to the usual Richmond schools league, offering further opportunity to compete among a wider range of schools. Playing away against Christ's School, the Turing team knew they were in for a big opening game as they are familiar with how strong their opponents are on the court. Nonetheless, THS were ahead by the final quarter, hoping to inflict once last assault to see them over the finish line as match winners. However, the home team utilised the depth of their bench and make the most of some fresh legs to sneak ahead in the dying moments of the game. Despite the narrow 67-77 loss, the boys gave everything they had which was an impressive effort for a team with only a couple of substitutes. Well done to all involved!

[U13 Table Tennis Tournament](#)

A team of U13 students attended the Richmond table tennis tournament this week, held annually at THS. The boys did a fantastic job at representing the school and bringing their A game to the table on the day. This is always a very hotly contested event and the Turing team narrowly missed out on third place as they came away in fourth position overall out of 7 teams competing. Next week will see the next borough-wide table tennis tournament where the U16 students will have a shot at the Richmond title. Well done to all involved!



Football players needed

Hampton & Richmond Borough Youth FC
U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 -18 Girls
(School Year 8, 9, 10,11, 12 or 13)



We are looking for new players - outfield and goalkeepers - to join our friendly squads



**for more information and to arrange
to join in a free trial
training session, please get in touch**

girls.hrbyfc@gmail.com

Hampton & Richmond Borough Youth FC plays home matches in Hampton Hill, Feltham & Sunbury. We play in the Surrey County Women and Girls' League on Sundays. We are an inclusive club run by volunteers and encourage involvement from parents and carers as part of our club community. Hampton and Richmond Borough Youth FC is a 3 star Charter Standard Community Club

Junior and Teen Football

Sessions for children and young people, 5 to 16 years old who have neurodiverse needs or disabilities and would like to play in an inclusive environment.

Time: 11.15am-12.15pm players 11 to 16 years in secondary school
12.15pm-1.15pm players 5 to 11 years in primary school

Day: Saturdays

Dates: 13th September to 13th December (term time)

Venue: Whitton Sports Centre, Twickenham School, Percy Road, Whitton, TW2 6JW.

Cost: £4.50 per person per session. There is no charge for parents, carers or support staff.



Coached by coaches from Kew Park Rangers (KPR), a local England Football 3 Star Accredited Community Club, footballers practice a variety of techniques and skills to develop their agility, balance and coordination.

KPR encourage players to join in competitively and socially.

These sessions take place indoors in a sports hall.

We would ask that you please sign up and pay in for the sessions in advance by using the following booking link –

<https://bookwhen.com/librut-rise>



If you would like to attend any of these activities or for more details, please contact the Sports Development Team on 020 8831 6134
email: rise@richmond.gov.uk www.richmond.gov.uk/RISE

FOOTBALL

Day: Saturdays

Time: players age 11 to 16 - 11.15am-12.15pm
players age 5 to 11 - 12.15pm-1.15pm
Adult players - 11.15am-12.15pm

Dates: 13 September to 13 December (not 1 Nov)
Venue: Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre
Cost: £4.50 per person per session

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FUSION ADULT DANCE

Day: Mondays Time: 6.00-7.00pm

Dates: 8 September to 15 December (not 27 Oct)

Venue: Teddington Sports Centre

Cost: £52 per person for the term

Fun, energetic and social dance sessions with Combination Dance which will increase fitness, mobility, self-confidence and teamwork. Performers will learn choreographed dance routines to a variety of music genre.

RISE TO SHINE SWIMMING

Day: Tuesdays Time: 6-6.45pm

Dates: 9 September to 16 December (not 28 Oct)

Venue: Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre

Cost: £65 per person for the term

Part of our RISE to Shine project, training athletes aged 8-18 years who live or go to school in the borough to compete for Richmond in the London Youth Games. It is a very welcoming group focusing on stroke improvement. Swimmers need to be able to swim a 25m length of the pool unaided.

MULTI-SPORTS

Day: Saturdays Time: 12.15-1.15pm

Dates: 13 September to 13 December (not 1 Nov)

Venue: Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre

Cost: £4.50 per person per session

Activities for children 8+, young people and adults Delivered by Brentford Community Sports Trust. Come along and join in with a variety of different sports and exercise activities. These sessions are fun and engaging with the opportunity to try lots of different activities.

FUSION JUNIOR AND TEEN DANCE

Day: Saturdays

Time: 11.30am-12.15pm (Yr7 +)

12.30-1.00 pm (YrR to Yr6)*

*expression of interest as not currently running

Dates: 13 September - 13 December

(not 25 Oct or 1 November)

Venue: Up and Running, Teddington

Cost: £54 per person for the term

These weekly, fun and lively dance classes are led by Combination Dance Company and are ideal for developing gross motor skills, flexibility, self expression and confidence.



To book any of our activities please visit - <https://bookwhen.com/lbrut-rise>

If you would like to attend any of these activities or for more details, please contact the Sports Development Team on 020 8831 6134
email: rise@richmond.gov.uk www.richmond.gov.uk/RISE



FLYERZ HOCKEY

FREE Pan-Disability hockey sessions, incorporating all neurodiversities, wheelchair/frame users, visual impairments and the deaf.

No experience needed. All equipment provided.

JOIN US FROM 14th SEPTEMBER!

Every Sunday
4.30pm-5.30pm
Teddington School, Broom Rd, Teddington, TW11 9PJ

For more information contact
THCFlyers@gmail.com

FOR AGES 8-ADULT



Free author event at Richmond library



Ravena Guron:LIVE!

Mystery, writing and signing with award winner author

Ravena will talk about her zig-zag journey to becoming a bestselling Middle Grade and YA author, from writing short stories in school to doing a biochemistry degree and working as a television lawyer. She'll share her writing inspirations and experiences of law school as the first in her family to go to university. She'll also discuss how she learned to speak up – and how every person in the room has all the tools they need to become a writer, too.

Join Ravena for an interactive talk and Q&A, followed by a book signing.

Suitable for ages 12+

Thursday 6 November
6.30pm – 7.30pm

Richmond Lending
Library

Little Green, Richmond
TW9 1QL

Copies of Ravena Guron's books
will be available for purchase
provided by The Alligator's Mouth
bookshop.



Free event – booking required
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www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries

