



# Message from Mr O'Sullivan

## 10th October 2025

On Friday our staff came together in a sea of yellow—not for fashion, but for a cause that touches every one of us: mental health. By wearing yellow, we proudly supported the Young Minds "Hello Yellow" initiative, a national movement that shines a light on the importance of young people's mental wellbeing.

This year, we chose a subtle but intentional approach. Only staff wore yellow, creating a visual cue designed to spark curiosity among students. And it worked. Questions were asked. Conversations began. And that's exactly what we hoped for.

Mental health is not always easy to talk about, especially for young people navigating the pressures of school, friendships, identity, and the world around them. But silence can be isolating. By wearing yellow, we sent a message: you are not alone, and it's okay to talk.

Today our Year 11 students took part in a special drop-down session to mark World Mental Health Day. Organised by Senior Prefects Bella and Arohan, the morning offered a range of activities from volleyball and badminton, to creative workshops which promoted wellbeing, connection, and self-care. A huge thank you to all staff who supported the event and helped create a positive, inclusive atmosphere for our students.



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To understand why these conversations matter, we can look to the story of Stephen Fry, a beloved British actor and writer. In 1995, while performing in the play *Cell Mates*, Fry experienced a severe mental health crisis and abruptly left the production. At the time, few understood what had happened. In fact, elements of society turned against him. Fry revealed he had been struggling with bipolar disorder, and the incident marked a turning point in his life.

Rather than retreat, Fry chose to speak openly about his experiences. He became a passionate advocate for mental health, producing documentaries, writing about his journey, and serving as

President of the charity Mind. His courage helped break down stigma and encouraged countless others to seek help and speak up.

At Turing House, we believe that mental health deserves the same attention and care as physical health. Initiatives like Hello Yellow help us build empathy and create a culture where students feel safe to speak up and seek support.

We're proud to stand with Young Minds in their mission to make mental health a priority for every child and young person. Today was just one step—but it was a bright, bold one.

Let's keep the conversation going.



## European Day of Languages Bake Sale

On Friday 3rd October our school celebrated the European Day of Languages in a truly sweet way — with a charity bake sale competition. A fantastic total of **£229.55** was donated to **Macmillan Cancer Support**, helping to provide vital care and assistance to people affected by cancer.

Organised by the Spanish Department and the 6th form team and supported by enthusiastic students, the sale was full of cakes, cookies and brownies inspired by different European countries.

The following cakes that stood out the most have been awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize:

- In first place, the suitcase theme cake designed by Maria in Year 8.
- In second place, the lemon themed cake baked by Florence in Year 9.
- In third place, the Ukrainian themed cake baked by Coco and Alex in Year 7.

A big thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported the event. Your generosity and enthusiasm made it a huge success!







## Frozen – the cast confirmed!

Introducing the principal cast of Frozen which hits the stage on 24th-26th March 2026. Y9-13 cast members have started rehearsals and got their scripts yesterday. Y7-8 cast members are taking part in performing arts club this term, where they are learning skills in drama, dance and singing, and will join rehearsals formally after Christmas.



## Sixth Form Open Evening, Thursday 16th October

We look forward to welcoming prospective Turing House Sixth Form students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 16th October 2025, from 5.30pm. We invite you to take a tour with our current Sixth Form students around our amazing departments to see what we offer for Post-16 study. The Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form will be hosting talks at 30-minute intervals from 5.30pm. Should you like to join us for this event, please scan the QR code below:



Or click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/7ed0wMCLW1>





## Student Council

The Student Council were out and about at break time this week, getting students' views on school life and what improvements could be made. One of the main focuses was to get feedback on what is going to go on our new Gold Headteacher card.





## Photography Tutorial Club

On Friday lunchtime, students have been attending Ms Ansell's Photography Tutorial Club.

Here, Maisie - Year 7, Henry - Year 8 and Teodor - Year 8 can be seen getting hands on with a DSLR for the first time!

They have learnt how to focus and take the pictures in semi-automatic mode, so far delving into how shutter speed can affect exposure and sharpness of image.

As the club evolves, students will discover all about aperture, white balance, composition and editing techniques within Adobe Lightroom.

The club is led by our LSA, Ms Ansell, who is a professionally trained press photographer.

Photography Tutorial Club is open to students of all years and abilities. All that's needed is a willingness to learn, and a creative curiosity.

They can drop in every Friday lunchtime or just whenever they fancy it!







## Year 8 Trip to Bletchley Park: Cracking Codes & Exploring History

This week, our Year 8 students embarked on a fascinating journey into the heart of wartime codebreaking at Bletchley Park. From the moment they arrived, they were immersed in the rich history and interactive exhibits that brought World War II intelligence work to life.

Students explored the iconic mansion and got hands-on with the exhibits, learning about the incredible efforts of Alan Turing and his colleagues. A highlight of the day was the engaging learning session where students tried their hand at codebreaking using a replica of the Enigma machine - an unforgettable experience that sparked curiosity and admiration for the brilliant minds behind it. The visit also included a powerful screening of the D-Day film, which offered a sobering and impactful look at the realities of war and the crucial role intelligence played in its outcome.

It was an excellent day of learning, reflection, and inspiration. The trip not only deepened students' understanding of WWII but also highlighted the profound impact of mathematics and logic in shaping history. For those interested in learning more, we highly recommend watching *The Imitation Game*, a compelling film that tells the story of Alan Turing and the codebreakers of Bletchley Park.

The Maths Dept









## Winter Warmer Campaign – donations needed

A group of students are organising a collection to donate to Little Village for their Winter Warmers campaign. Little Village is a London based baby bank charity that provides items for children under 5 living in poverty. We are hoping for donations of any clothing for children (up to age 6), particularly winter items such as coats, hats and scarves. Little Village have entirely run out of blankets and are very low on newborn or small size nappies, so we would appreciate donations of those also!

If you are able to have a clear out, your donations can be dropped off at Reception or brought to room 2.22 by a student, by Friday 17th October.



## Year 10 studying Macbeth

'The Regicide of King Duncan' - Year 10 students used their creativity to write a scene omitted by Shakespeare in which Macbeth's ambitions to be king fuels his murderous act. The below extract is by Jacob A-K.

### Makeshift Murder Scene

#### Act 2 Scene 1.5

Duncan's chamber

[Enter Duncan's servants. Duncan sleeping in his bed.]

**Servant One** "That banquet was rather splendid".

**Servant Two** "I do say! I particularly enjoyed the hog roast".

**Servant One** "So you're the one who ate it all! You pig!"

**Servant Two** "I thought you didn't want any, that's all! And don't insult my name, you toad! After all, you drank a river of wine back there, and I barely had a drop!"

**Servant One** "Now you see here - "

[Cut off by guard]

**Guard One** "You two, what are you doing at this hour in the king's chamber? You might wake him with your racket!"

[Both servants apologise and exit the stage]

**Guard One** "Good grief".

[Guard One leaves. As he closes the door he reveals Macbeth behind it holding a shining dagger. Macbeth silently creeps toward Duncan's bed where the king is resting. Suddenly Macbeth stops short and sees a moonlit barn owl perched on Duncan's open window side. Macbeth starts to creep backward and the owl lets out a bone-chilling screech that wakes Duncan before taking off.]

**Macbeth** "Damn!"

**Duncan** "Macbeth? What are you doing here? - "

[Duncan sees the shimmering dagger and is about to scream. Macbeth drives the glistening dagger into the king's skull without a second thought.]

**Macbeth** "May God forgive me".

[Macbeth turns to see Banquo at the doorway with a look of utmost horror upon his face. Macbeth freezes]

**Macbeth** "I can explain - "

**Banquo** "No. I can see clear as day what's happened here, you filthy traitor!"

**Macbeth** "Then die!"

[Macbeth slashes at Banquo but Banquo blocks it with a gauntlet]

**Banquo** "HEEEELP! Regicide! The king's been killed!"

[Macbeth bolts out the chamber and down the hall out of sight]

## World Mental Health Day

Students have been asked to contribute their own views on what mental health means to them. This can be any creative representation and will be used to make a display in the PLUS room.



## Foreign Language GCSE

If you are a native speaker in Years 10 - 13 and are interested in achieving an additional GCSE or A Level this academic year, please email [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk). Please address your email to Miss Shilton. The deadline for entering is the 1st December. Below are a list of the languages that you can be entered for:

- Arabic
- Bengali
- Cantonese
- Mandarin
- French
- German
- Greek
- Gujarati
- Italian
- Japanese
- Modern Hebrew
- Panjabi
- Persian



- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Turkish
- Urdu

## Turing House Friends – Year 7 Family Bingo evening

Turing House Friends are excited to invite you to our Y7 Family Bingo Evening on November 11th.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our new Y7 students and their families to get together at the school for a fun evening, meet other families, and become part of our wonderful school community.

It's a relaxed, enjoyable event where everyone can join in, whether you're a bingo pro or have never played before!

Book your tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FKEW>

## Train to Teach with Turing House School

We are delighted to share some exciting news: on the **7th October**, applications opened for people to **train to teach directly with Turing House School**.

Our courses are now live on the DfE's teacher training website, giving prospective trainees the chance to see what we offer. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to attract the very best future teachers, support them through their training, and help them grow into excellent Early Career Teachers – hopefully staying on with us afterwards!

If you'd like to see our courses, just head to the DfE website and search for *Turing House School* under "Provider name": [10 courses found - Find teacher training courses - GOV.UK](#)

You can also read more about our Turing Teaching Alliance here: [Turing House School](#)

We're really excited about this new chapter and the chance to help shape the next generation of teachers. Please spread the word!

## Young Professionals Parent/Guardian Information Evening

**Thursday 16th October, 6pm - 7:30pm**

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are excited to invite you to an exclusive online parent/guardian event designed to provide valuable insights into how you can support your child in making informed career choices when they leave school/university.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how to help your child gain a foothold in the world of work with the many major brands (mentioned below) from various sectors who will be joining us for the event.

This event will touch upon applying to corporate roles and the application process, commercial awareness and how young people can develop these skills as well as highlighting degree apprenticeships, what they are and key deadlines to make applications.

There will also be breakout room sessions with sector-specific panels and workshops that you and your child can participate in throughout the evening. Please note that to join the breakout rooms, you will need the Zoom app on your laptops or phones.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, 16th October 2025

**Time:** 6:00PM - 7:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom

### **Employers Involved:**

**Law:** Mishcon de Reya, Clifford Chance, A&O Shearman, University of Law

**Business/Finance:** KPMG, PwC, BDO, CIMA, RSM

**STEM:** Wates, RAF, The Army, National Grid

This event will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the career and work experience prospects for your child in sectors such as Finance, Data, Technology, Law, Engineering, and different Corporate Functions.

The whole session will be led by the direct hiring managers at these global firms, so you'll learn from the very best on how to support your child as they transition from education to the professional world with leading brands.

We would encourage you to join this event with your child to get the most out of this session.

**Sign up below to secure your place:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Childs\\_Future\\_25](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Childs_Future_25)

You're welcome to share this event invitation with any other parents who might find it beneficial.

We look forward to welcoming you!

## Sports Fixtures

### Year 9 Girls Netball v Hampton High

A team of Year 9 girls travelled to Hampton High this week to search for glory on the netball court. What ensued was a brilliant, nail biting match where both sides showed what they are made of. The Turing team came agonisingly close to stealing the win in the final moments, but Hampton High just did enough to hold onto their one score lead. The match finished 5-4 but the girls were fantastic in their pursuit of netball victory. They are back to it next week when they take on Richmond upon Thames. Well done to all involved! 5-4 loss!



### [Year 11 Boys Rugby v Richmond upon Thames](#)

The Year 11 boys, and a couple of Year 10 enthusiasts, noted a 36-10 win against Richmond upon Thames when the two sides came together in their Richmond borough league. What has typically been a close encounter in previous years, the Turing team got off to a flying start with two well-worked tries early on. The opposition started to make something of a comeback in the second half but the boys regrouped and stood firm in defence to round off a very impressive and complete rugby performance. Next up...Teddington. Well done to all involved!



#### [Year 10/11 Table Tennis Tournament](#)

This week saw the return of the Borough table tennis tournament for the Year 10/11 students, hosted annually in the THS sports hall. Always a competitive affair, the Turing team pulled out all the stops for this occasion as they set themselves up for success through their flair and appetite for victory. The boys came first in the competition and should be absolutely chuffed with their performance! Well done to all involved!



#### [Year 7 Boys Football v Reigate](#)

The Year 7 boys got in on some action on the football pitch this week as they took on Reigate at home. This fixture was part of the Surrey Cup competition - a tournament that takes no prisoners with its straight knockout format. The Turing team showed their enthusiasm for representing the school as well as a passion for the game, but it was the visitors who delivered



one too many fatal blows for the home side to chase. The boys had to settle for second best on this occasion, but we love a lesson at THS, as any school does, and the good news for this team is that you don't learn anything when you win (arguably...). Well done to everyone involved!



#### [Year 9 Girls Touch Rugby Tournament](#)

A team of Year 9 girls travelled to Orleans Park this week to take part in a T1 rugby tournament, coming up against a number of other local schools. For some, this was their first exposure to T1 rugby, which is an adapted version of the tag rugby game, with the idea to provide a clear progression toward contact rugby. The Turing team gave their all in every single game and showed they possessed an ability to learn quickly as they went from strength to strength throughout the afternoon, picking up rules and tactics on the go. They settled for 5th place overall, but the table position doesn't reflect their superb efforts and determination. Well done to all involved! Girls' rugby continues after school on Wednesdays for all year groups - all welcome!



### [Year 9 Boys Rugby v St James](#)

The Year 9 boys took part in a friendly match against St James, ahead of their borough fixtures which take place after the October half term break. The Turing team had grown in numbers as new and recurring players turned out in force, with every individual being given playing time and a chance to dust off the cobwebs or try some competitive rugby for the first time. The boys showed why they are the team to beat at present as they put a number of tries past the opposition in both halves to secure the win. Well done to all involved! Boys rugby for Year 9 has now been moved to a Tuesday after school - all are welcome!



The combined Year 7 and 8 team of girls got their football campaign underway this week. They kicked off the borough league with a match against Twickenham. Playing with the home advantage, the girls looked to settle into the game, testing certain positions and playing formations and throwing everything at the opposition. Twickenham stood firm, however, and a great game played out between the two sides which remained goalless for the first half. The away team scored early on in the second, putting the Turing team on the backfoot who attempted to make a comeback, coming very close to doing so on multiple occasions. The final whistle came at the dismay of the girls who had to settle for a 1-0 loss, but they will be back again next week when they face Waldegrave. Well done to all involved!



The Year 10 and 11 boys continued with their Dynamik league this week when they stepped onto the THS basketball court to take on Lilian Baylis Technical School, who are based in Kennington. The away team were the ones who got off to a strong start, but it wasn't long before the Turing team found their rhythm and started to pull out the stops as per their usual

efforts. Doing well to retain the ball and block shots like they were going out of fashion, a dominant, team performance resulted in a convincing 80-52 win for the home side which was very well earned, and the next game in the Dynamik league for this team will be against familiar opponents Lampton. Well done to all involved!



The Year 8 and 9 boys took to the basketball court this week to take on the same opponent as the Year 10 and 11 students - Lilian Baylis Technical School based in London. Playing at home, the Turing team laid down their intentions early on as defence was as solid as the support from the older students who were in attendance to help out. A slight height disadvantage was noted by some THS players but that didn't stop them from bringing their A game as they weaved up and down the court relentlessly for the duration. The maximal efforts paid off in the dying moments of the game as the boys clinched victory from the grasps of their opponent - the game finished 57-56 to Turing...an unbelievable effort to fight to the bitter end! Their next game in this league is next week against St Gabriel's College from Camberwell. Well done to all involved!





The past few weeks have seen the Year 11 Sport Studies students go climbing at Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre in London. This excursion runs as part of the Sport Studies Outdoor Activities unit, contributing to their overall course grade. Students were required to be assessed on technical climbing skills when bouldering and rope climbing, as well as their ability to follow safety practices, belay a climber, and tie into a harness. Everyone did a brilliant job of applying themselves in a different learning environment and listening to safety instructions and everyone's enthusiasm for climbing was summit special!







