

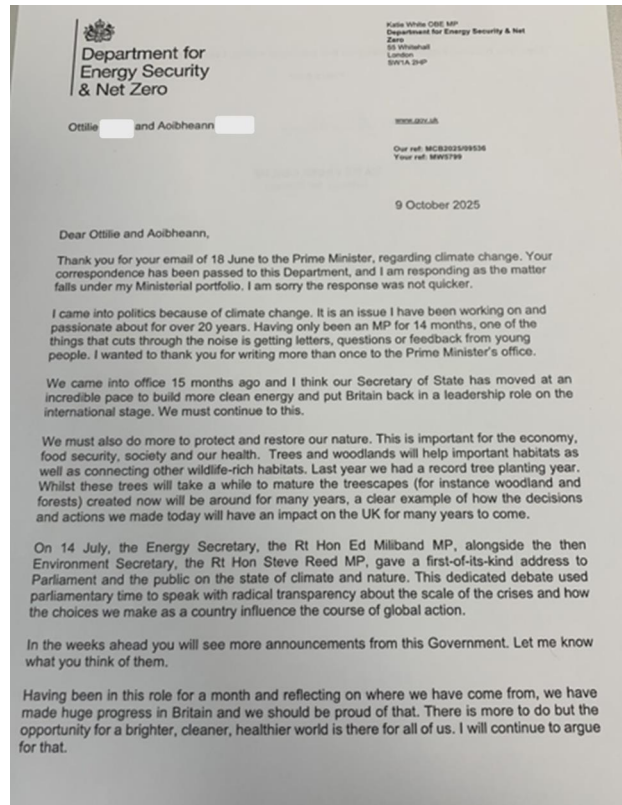


Message from Mr O'Sullivan 21st November 2025

This week has been one to make the staff at Turing House incredibly proud. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students sitting exams have shown outstanding focus and conducted themselves with great professionalism throughout. Year 10 also completed their mock RP exam and were absolutely dialled into the process. It was fantastic to see so many students attending revision sessions and working diligently through lunchtimes to prepare. This level of commitment bodes well for the real exams in May. We hope that our Year 9 students, who have just started the RP course, take note of the dedication shown by their peers. Another highlight of the week was the achievement of two Year 8 students, Otilie and Aiobheann, who received an official letter from the government in response to their concerns about environmental issues. These students took the initiative to write and share their views, demonstrating both courage and passion for making a difference. Moments like these remind us why we are so proud of our students—not

only for their academic efforts but also for their sense of responsibility and engagement with the wider world.

Borough Cross-Country update next week.



Spanish Exchange: A Week of Culture, Learning and Friendship

Last week, we were delighted to welcome 19 students from Spain for an exciting exchange experience. Over the course of the week, our visitors shadowed buddies in years 9, 10, and 11, immersing themselves in school life and British culture.

To capture their impressions, our Work Placement student from St Mary's University - Alice Ingram - interviewed three of the Spanish students - Uxía, Paulo, and Africa - about their time with us and has written about what they had to say!

Firstly, the students found lessons "quite tricky" and noticed a higher academic standard compared to their schools in Spain. They were particularly intrigued by subjects like Drama, History, Art, and Psychology, which aren't part of their usual curriculum. "We wish we could study psychology back home," one student shared.

One of the biggest surprises? Uniforms! In Spain, students wear their own clothes, which they feel makes them more comfortable and focused. While they appreciated the simplicity of not planning outfits, they also felt uniforms limit self-expression. Another difference was lunchtime - Spanish students typically go home for lunch, so eating at school was a new experience. When asked about food, they admitted that for them: "The food is better in Spain!"

Our visitors loved exploring London, calling it "beautiful" and recommending the Natural History Museum as a must-see. They were also hoping to spot deer and foxes during their stay. Coming from northern Spain, they found the weather similar - just a bit hotter back home.

They described the experience as "fun, interesting, joyous, happy, educational and interesting" and said they'd happily stay another week. They were impressed by how supportive and helpful everyone was, and even noted: "Teachers here seem to really enjoy their jobs - more than in Spain."

As the week came to an end, many said they felt "sad to leave." This exchange was not only educational but also a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and share cultures. We're proud of how welcoming our students and staff were - and we look forward to more exchanges in the future!

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Turing Teams into National Public Speaking Competition Round 2

"This is a team sport, and no one was left behind," commented the judge responsible for providing feedback to the two history-making Turing House School teams who competed in the ESU's Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday 11th November 2025. History-making for two reasons: firstly, these students are indelibly written into the school's story for being the first to ever represent the school in a nationwide public speaking competition; secondly, for surprising everybody by proceeding into the second round!

July 2025 marked the start of the school's Public Speaking journey with students encouraged to research, write and submit a short speech about a topic of interest. Students who submitted the most compelling speeches were invited to the club's first session in September, alongside other students who expressed an interest in improving their speaking, listening and debating skills. Throughout September, students familiarised themselves with the competition's official roles, timings and format. Then, in October, we received exciting confirmation of the date of round 1 and (perhaps most excitingly) our opponents. From October until early November, students

secured their understanding of the nature of the roles with each team comprised of a Chair, a Speaker and a Questioner. Alongside these roles, a committed group of students supported their teammates during practice sessions by positioning themselves as judges tasked with providing feedback about the strengths and areas for improvement based on the competition's judging sheet. Then, it was time to compete...

Taking place online via Zoom, Turing's two teams were matched against teams from Tiffin Girls' School and Saint Richard Reynolds Catholic College. The nature of the competition means that Chairs and Questioners from one team are paired with a Speaker from a different team. Groups were placed into breakout rooms to introduce one another and to ask questions about selected topics. Topics explored throughout the heat included whether freedom of speech means freedom from consequences (Charlotte), whether an individual can make a change but a team can make a revolution (Kaysan), and whether we are drowning in knowledge or starving for information. Fuelled by adrenaline and pizza, the students waited in anticipation of the judges' verdict...

Prompting joyous scenes of celebration, the judges announced that both Turing teams would advance to the competition's second round to be held in person in January. Our allocated judge emphasised the way in which Turing team members created a warm and friendly atmosphere, interrupted politely, listened actively, and inspired audiences. Whilst Questioner Zoe was praised for the depth and probing nature of her questions, it was the collaborative nature of Turing's teams which secured victory in our debut campaign. Huge congratulations to all of the participating students: Arran T, Khoi M, Felix CH, Florence M, Juliet HW, Dani Z, Charlotte HW, Kaysan C, Kara M, Zoe F, Florence G and Lucas B. The key to our continued success will be teamwork and ensuring that "no one is left behind".



Future Frontiers Employer Mentoring Programme

13 of our Year 10 Students embarked on the Future Frontiers Employer Mentoring Programme with Annalect in London this week. This is a four-week placement where students receive one-to-one careers guidance from trained mentors within leading businesses in London. It was great to see these students thrive in a professional environment. They all embraced the sessions with enthusiasm and really connected with their mentors. They were exploring career pathways this week and next they will be focusing on qualifications needed to achieve their ambitions. The last week involves a one-to-one meeting with a professional who is doing the job they would like to do. They will be given a 45-minute appointment with them where they can share advice and gain useful insight into their chosen industry. We wish them all the best for the rest of this journey.





Turing House Friends – Uniform Sale

Turing House Friends would love to organise a second hand uniform sale, but we're currently low on stock!

If you have any *excellent quality branded uniform items* that your child has outgrown, we'd be really grateful for donations. We especially need:

Blazers

Skirts

Jumpers

PE shorts & tops

PE Hoodies

Please drop off any donations at reception, marked for Turing House Friends.

Turing House Friends Book Drive!

This term, **Turing House Friends** are running a **Festive Book Drive** to help fill our school with wonderful new books!

While you're doing your online shopping, why not drop a gift for the school into your basket? Each book donated will help inspire our students, spark their curiosity, and keep our classrooms filled with exciting stories and ideas.

Choose a title from our **Amazon Wish**

list: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3OHZ1M6U9CLY0> and it will be delivered straight to the school. Good-quality second-hand books are just as welcome!

Reading is the **number one skill** that helps children thrive. Research shows that students who read regularly not only achieve more in school but also **enjoy learning more**. A great selection of books helps build a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for helping keep Turing House School so special **#loveyourschool**



King's Trust visit to TW2 Health & Fitness Club

TW2 Health & Fitness Club have welcomed our King's Trust students to their facility during their lessons as part of their Physical Wellbeing unit. They were the only gym we contacted who invited the students into the gym, giving them a tour, informing them about careers in the fitness industry and allowing them to use some of the equipment. On the second visit they arranged a session with one of their Personal Trainers who gave the students different fitness challenges to complete which the group enjoyed. The facility has been recently renovated, and we were all impressed with the equipment, pool & spa and the number of classes on offer, although the students can't join until they 16.

The Fitness Club say of themselves:

At **TW2 Health & Fitness Club**, we're more than just a gym - we're a community dedicated to helping you look, feel, and live better. Enjoy our **state-of-the-art gym**, unwind in our relaxing **spa facilities**, and get motivated in our wide range of **fitness classes**, from high-energy

workouts to calming yoga sessions. Whether you're just starting your fitness journey or aiming to take it to the next level, our expert team is here to support you every step of the way.

Come and see why TW2 is the perfect place for the whole family to get active and feel great!



Children's Grief Awareness Week Event

To mark Children's Grief Awareness Week our Grief Club ran an event on Thursday to which they invited students who have lost a loved one. We ate cake, listened to great music, and spent time thinking about those we have loved and lost. Students also wrote the names of loved ones they'd lost on little tags, which we hung on one of our school trees. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we're thinking of young people who have lost a loved one close to them more than ever this week!





Knitting Club

Our Knitting Club launched last term with incredible enthusiasm! We're thrilled to welcome a wave of new members who have brought fresh energy and creativity to the group. The first few sessions have been buzzing with chatter, laughter, and plenty of yarn magic. In the spirit of autumn, our talented knitters and crocheters have been busy crafting a delightful collection of pumpkins—each one unique and full of character. From the super tiny to big pumpkins, these handmade creations have added a cozy seasonal touch that can be enjoyed for years to come. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just picking up your first pair of needles, the Knitting Club is the perfect place to learn, share, and create together. Our next project on the needles and hooks will be Christmas-themed, so get ready for festive patterns, cheerful colours, and lots of holiday spirit.



Science Club Update

Students have been hard at work at Science club and it's been great to see such enthusiasm, collaboration and creativity so far this year.

We started off with a bang - burning foods and doing basic calorimetry to work out the energy content of common snacks. We've also made crystal decorations using pipecleaners, built and erupted some model volcanoes, watched some dramatic combustion demonstrations, built and tested out boats (and a few rafts), attempted to make slime from custard powder, and have most recently tried to design a safe buggy that can transport eggs down a ramp without cracking.

We'll be testing out our bespoke egg crash-test dummies soon. Other activities lined up include electroplating, making bath bombs, and bioplastic formation. Thank you to all students who

have volunteered to help out at Science Club, and I hope the fantastic work continues. Special shout-out to Mark K in Year 8 too, who 3D-printed a simple yet very effective model boat at home.

Science Club runs from 3:00PM to 4:00PM on Mondays, in room 2.20. It is open to students from all year groups.







Year 13 support

♥ TURING HOUSE – ♥ WE NEED YOU!

We're reaching out to our **amazing** parents, alumni and wider school community to support our current **YEAR 13 STUDENTS** as they prepare for university applications.

Your experience can make a real difference! 🙌



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statement



Offer a short
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(online or
in person)



Share insights
about your
university or
career journey

Even a small amount of your time
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IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE EMAIL:

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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.



Table Tennis Club



Sports fixtures

Year 7 Boys Football v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys continued their Richmond league this week when they hosted Twickenham. Hoping to build on current form and secure another win, the Turing team remained focused and determined throughout. The boys clinched an early lead and, despite the away side getting one back just before half time, went from strength to strength as the match played out. Several different players got their names on the score sheet as a dominant THS victory was recorded. For their next match, the boys will hopefully have a friendly to look forward to in the coming weeks against Uxbridge. Well done to all involved!



Year 9 Boys Middlesex Rugby Tournament

The Year 9 boys had a shot at Middlesex glory in the county rugby tournament this week, being played at St James School. The boys were drawn a tough morning pool, with all three of their 12 minute matches being played back-to-back. The Turing team lost to UCS and Hampton Boys, but they scored a converted try in the final play against Gunnersbury to win by 2 points. That placed the boys in the 'plate' competition in the afternoon where they came up against a very physical Halliford and Cardinal Vaughn side. It was a challenging day in the cold but the boys never dropped their heads and gave everything they had on the day. Well done to all involved!



[Year 7 Rugby League Tournament](#)

It was the turn of the Year 7 boys to participate in the rugby league tournament, taking place on the THS field in some rather freezing conditions. The Turing team were not to be deterred, however, and faced Teddington and Richmond Park Academy. Both teams managed to come up with wins against THS, with the Teddington game being particularly close. Nonetheless it was a great experience for the boys to try their hand at the other code of rugby. Well done to all involved!

[Year 7/8 Girls Football v Richmond upon Thames](#)

The Year 7 and 8 girls faced Richmond upon Thames on the football pitch in their borough league this week, playing away from home. The Turing team were tied at 1-1 early in the game before they changed gear and unleashed a ferocious tempo upon their opponent. This change of pace saw a flurry of spectacular THS goals being scored as the girls returned home with a big 5-1 win. The team now have a friendly match to look forward to in a couple of weeks' time against Uxbridge. Well done to all involved!



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Every month we run workshops for families!

Managing meal times	Understanding Autism and ADHD Part 1	Understanding Behaviour and how to support Part 2	Sleep	Introduction to services
Thursday 18 th September 10 until 12		Monday 15 th September 9:30 until 11:30	Monday 29 th September 9:30 until 11:30	Monday 8 th September 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Online
Thursday 23 rd October 9:30 until 11:30	Tuesday 7 th October 10:00 until 12:00	Tuesday 14 th October 10:00 until 12:00	Thursday 9 th October 10 until 12:30	Saturday 18 th October 9:30 until 11:30
Thursday 13 th November 10:00 until 12:00	Wednesday 5 th November 9:30 until 11:30	Wednesday 19 th November 9:30 until 11:30	Thursday 6 th November 10:00 until 12:00	
Wednesday 3 rd December 9:30 Until 12:30			Tuesday 2 nd December 10:00 until 12:00	

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