



Message from Mr O'Sullivan 12th December 2025

At this stage of the year, we have awarded the first three of our nine Jack Petchey Achievement awards. At this stage, we try to focus these first three awards on our new Year 7s. I am delighted to show off the three award winners below. When putting together the citations, it was interesting to see the commonality between the three winners and their embodiment of the unofficial Turing motto of 'doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do'. What we have in our winners are three students that do the right thing when no one is watching; their characters are fundamentally good. They are kind, and they are inherently nice people. Whilst society judges us on certificates, salaries and status, there is nothing better than simply being good.



Ciara is an outstanding student whose determination, curiosity, and kindness make her a true role model. She approaches every lesson with an excellent attitude to learning and consistently gives her best effort. Her enthusiasm for challenging tasks and willingness to push herself sets a fantastic example for others.

Ciara is not only a great mathematician but also demonstrates exceptional knowledge across a range of subjects, from geography to politics, during tutor time discussions. She asks thoughtful questions, engages fully in class activities, and goes above and beyond both inside and outside the classroom. In practical tasks, Ciara naturally takes on a leadership role while ensuring everyone in her group feels included and valued. This leadership ability has also shone when she has made sure everybody is able to get onto the bus safely. With leadership one of the values we identify strongly with as a school, we are proud to have Ciara as a member of our school community.

Her polite and caring nature shines through in everything she does. Ciara is someone her peers can always rely on, and her kindness helps create a positive atmosphere wherever she goes. Beyond the classroom, she shows the same dedication as a keen early morning cross-country runner.

Ciara's persistence, maturity, and commitment make her an absolute joy to teach. She truly deserves this recognition for the way she leads by example and inspires those around her.



Aron is an exceptional student whose positivity, curiosity, and talent make him a valued member of our school community. He approaches every lesson with enthusiasm and care, consistently giving his best effort. Aron contributes thoughtfully to discussions and is developing great confidence, while always showing respect and kindness to his peers.

A truly multi-talented individual, Aron excels across a wide range of subjects. He is a skilled artist, an articulate and inquisitive thinker in science, and an exceptionally creative writer with a vivid imagination and a love for reading. His linguistic ability in Spanish is outstanding, and his attention to detail sets him apart. Aron also demonstrates impressive historical knowledge and shines in practical tasks, always working collaboratively and patiently with others. We are proud of the way in which he leads by example in our school community and acts as a role model for all of our students.

Beyond the classroom, Aron is a keen runner and brings his friendly, positive attitude to everything he does. His resilience, motivation, and willingness to support others make him a role model for his peers. Aron fully upholds the Turing values and is an absolute pleasure to teach. He truly deserves this recognition for his hard work, maturity, and the positive impact he has on our school.



Ava is an exceptional student who consistently demonstrates dedication, positivity, and kindness in everything she does. She arrives to every lesson fully prepared and ready to learn, contributing thoughtfully to discussions and supporting her peers whenever they need help. Her enthusiasm for learning shines through in the classroom, where she asks insightful questions and goes above and beyond both inside and outside of lessons.

Ava leads by example with her impeccable manners, determination, and quiet competitive spirit. She approaches every challenge with focus and a positive attitude, striving to achieve her very best. Beyond the classroom, Ava is a keen early morning cross-country runner and an integral member of the Year 7 & 8 girls' football team. Her bubbly personality, encouragement, and teamwork create a positive atmosphere that lifts everyone around her. We are incredibly proud of the way in which she has embraced the new challenges of secondary school and has embodied the values we set as a school.

Ava is mature, thoughtful, and an absolute joy to teach. Her hard work, kindness, and commitment make her truly deserving of this recognition. She embodies the values we celebrate through the Jack Petchey Achievement Award.

Bake-off Competition next week!

Next week will see the annual bake-off competition which will take place on Monday 15th December in room 0.04 (Food Tech room). Students will be in teams of two, representing their house, aiming to cook or bake something delicious in line with the theme of Christmas! Students should have signed up by now and should go to room 0.04 at 3pm on Monday. The competition is expected to finish by 5pm. Students should bring: their **recipe** (can print off in school if necessary); **ingredients**, which they can leave in 0.04 at the start of the day; a **container** to take their food home in.

Consultation on 2027 Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Turing House School are currently consulting on the Sixth Form Admissions Policy for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2027. See further details on our website [here](#)

School Uniform Notices

We have endeavoured to return all clearly labelled lost property items to their owners. However, several unnamed items including water bottles, pencil cases, caps, umbrellas, shoes, jumpers and winter coats are still being held in the admin office. Please remind your child to check during break times if they are missing anything.

In addition, a table will be set up near the student gate after school on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If your child has lost something, please encourage them to take a look.

Any unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated to charity over the Christmas break.

Lost Property – Last Chance!



Water bottles, pencil cases, caps,
shoes, coats & more!



Check at break



Tables by the student gate –
after school Wed & Thurs

**Unclaimed items will be donated
over winter**

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE ✨



Grab a bargain on pre-loved uniform!



Support the school, save
money & reduce waste



Saturday 10 Jan



10:30 – 11:30am



Car park or canteen



Cash/card is accepted



Mark your calendars

We'll see you there! 😊

Notice from School Days in Whitton

We have boys charcoal trousers on a clearance sale, now £15.00 from £22.00!

Year 7 Spanish dance workshop

On Friday last week Year 7 students enjoyed a Spanish dance workshop; they had a taste of Flamenco and Two-step with a professional dancer. Well done to everyone; they all performed and participated excellently.



Year 11 trip to the West End

Y11 Drama students took a trip to see Operation Mincemeat in the Westend last week as part of their GCSE live theatre unit.

We were able to spend a short amount of time in Covent Garden admiring the Christmas decorations before heading to the theatre for the show which is a comedic musical based on the real-life 'Operation Mincemeat' during WW2. Students were inspired by the multi-rolling of the actors who all played several parts, as well as the effective lighting, set, sound and costume design. As we were leaving an audience member complimented the group on their excellent theatre etiquette. Y11 will now analyse and evaluate the production in their written exam in May.



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**



Teddington Lights Up

Last Thursday our PTA, Turing House Friends, raised £1,400 for the school selling hot dogs and spiced apple cider at Teddington Lights Up. We partnered with the Teddington Arms pub who provided us with electricity and protection from the weather. It was great to see so many students and parents who came by and said Hi! We even had a visit from our own Mr Quigley who bought a hot dog.

Huge thanks to Hermione, Hiba, Arne, Avanti, Toby, Darcey, Bella and Tykhon. If University doesn't work out, you have a great future in fast food (yikes!).

Also, thanks to the amazing parents who gave up their time to lend a hand: Olena, Popi, Kirsten and Sarah.

Jo OS (Chair, Turing House Friends)



New Careers Newsletter launched!

We are pleased to share our new termly Careers Newsletter, designed to support students and families with up-to-date information on pathways, opportunities and career development.

Inside this edition, you will find:

- University, college & apprenticeship guidance
- Employer webinars and careers events
- Work experience & enrichment opportunities
- Useful resources to help students plan their next steps

Read the latest Careers Newsletter here:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/P5wzLi305D9VzgDM?ref=email>

University of Oxford opportunity

Oriel College is thrilled to join in collaboration with St Anne's, St Catherine's, St Hilda's, Magdalen, Mansfield, and University Colleges, Oxford, for an exciting programme called Bright Matter!


Bright Matter is a programme for women and non-binary students in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in studying STEM subjects at university, aiming to encourage interest in STEM fields while introducing the courses available at Oxford and providing a space for students to network and engage with others. Running from January through to February, the course will consist of 15 online sessions introducing each subject area, with sessions including a subject overview, mini academic taster session, and Q&A with current students. Students who attend at least one of our online sessions will be invited to register their interest in attending an academic taster day at one of the colleges involved.

Further information and the sign up link may be found here [Bright Matter | St Anne's College, Oxford](#)

If you have any questions, please see Miss Sabharwal.

Oriel outreach

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14th January, 5:30-6:30pm - Get Started
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Thinking about colonialism and how to write a university-style essay

28th January, 5:30-6:30pm - Get Thinking
Explore different colonial history topics and ask any final competition questions

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Oriel College Rex Nettleford Essay Prize 2026

- Essay writing prize for Year 12 UK students, focusing on colonial histories
- Essays must be unrelated to your current school syllabi, but can be approached from any discipline
- 2 equal prizes of £250, one of which will be awarded to a student from one of Oriel's link schools*
- Winners and Highly Commended entries invited to attend a lecture and dinner at Oriel College in the summer
- Entries open NOW – closing date 12pm Monday 23rd February 2026



*Oriel's link schools are non-selective state schools in Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Kensington & Chelsea, and Richmond upon Thames

Application form and more details can be found [here](#) on Oriel's website!

This year's Rex Nettleford questions:

Candidates must answer ONE of the following questions. Candidates should feel free to focus their answer in terms of its historical period, geographical centre and cultural range.

1. How might **present day inequalities** (for example in income, opportunities, or access to services) be related to colonialism? Discuss with reference to a specific example or examples.
2. How do **conventions of genre** shape narratives about colonialism and its legacies? Discuss with reference to one or two examples of either fictional or historical narratives in any medium (for example literature, art, or film).
3. **Choose an institution** in either the present or the past (for example a political, economic, cultural or legal institution) and discuss how colonialism has influenced its development, and with what consequences.
4. Have colonial ideas or systems impacted **trust in biomedical research**? Discuss with reference to a specific example or examples.

Sports fixtures

Year 11 Boys Rugby League Regional Tournament

The Year 11 boys took part in this year's London and Southeast Schools' Rugby League Regional Tournament, taking place at St James School in Ashford. With the top two teams going through to the regional finals next month, the Turing team set out on a determined path and kicked things off with a win against familiar opponents Teddington. A narrow defeat was the outcome of their game with hosts St James, before rallying once again to beat Kingsdale in a game that had them on the back foot, but the boys never lost sight of the afternoon's aim. The team did more than enough to ensure their place in the final which takes place at Brunel University in Uxbridge. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Basketball Borough Tournament

A team of Year 7 students travelled to Hampton School last week to compete in this year's borough basketball tournament. Always a highly competitive occasion, the Turing team kept up with the best of them on the day and showcased their skills in several thrilling games. The boys found themselves in a 3rd place play-off game against Christ's School, which they unlocked another gear for and took the win to finish the day on the podium! Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Boys Football v Christ's School

Last week, a second Year 7 team of boys showcased their dedication by staying at school on Friday and hosted Christ's School in a friendly football match. The opposition had a particularly skilled side who were well versed in the art of cohesion within their team, which presented the toughest of challenges. The boys, however, were up for it nonetheless and took on the challenge with great determination. Christ's eventually emerged victorious from the encounter at the final whistle, but despite the final result, the Turing team were enthusiastic about the opportunity to represent the school and did so in a sporting manner they could be proud of. Well done to all involved!



[Year 9 Boys Football v Christ's School](#)

As per the Year 7 game last week, a group of Year 9 boys were given the chance to take part in a friendly fixture against Christ's on Monday. Playing away from home, this encounter saw a nine-goal thriller, with six of those goals being scored by the Turing team - the final result being 6-3 to THS. While the match was played under friendly circumstances, the weather was not with the programme, and the boys had to face some rather wet, windy and all-round tricky playing conditions. That didn't deter them from giving their all, however, and one or two may have even argued that they were actually suitable conditions for a Monday night kick-about. Well done to all involved!



[U16 Boys Volleyball Borough Tournament](#)

A Team of U16 boys took part in this year's annual volleyball tournament, with the winner being crowned borough champions. Taking place at Hampton Boys School, the Turing team came up against Grey Court, Christ's and the hosts Hampton Boys. This is a tournament that the boys have found themselves winning more often than not in previous years, and with that same

determination to not allow the reigning champions to fall, the Turing team dug, set and spiked their way to glory. The team won all three games making them deserving champions for yet another year. Well done to all involved!



[Year 7/8 Boys Basketball v Twickenham](#)

To round the year off on the basketball court, a friendly match was organised for the Year 7 and 8 boys this week with neighbouring school Twickenham. THS made the short journey and gave their all over four quarters of sweat, dunks and tears (please note there weren't really any tears. Or dunks for that matter). With a football fixture happening at the same time, and a little bit of December flu claiming the attendance of one or two, the Turing team were short of a few players and competed with just one substitute. This made for some very heavy legs in the latter stages of the match and the home side were able to capitalise on this and take the win in the end. The boys could still walk off the court feeling rightfully content with the performance as they pushed right up to the full-time buzzer. Well done to all involved!



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