



Message from Mr O'Sullivan 16th January 2026

It was a week of watching our students making impact on the TV screen; firstly our NFL Team impressed on NickSlimetetime. I have to confess to being very unaware of the programme prior to this point. However, that matters not when THS students are being so fabulous. Particularly impressive was their confidence in front of the camera. This brings me nicely to one current student and his ex-student brother who are doing everything they can to support Momentum, a children's cancer charity. Howard and his brother Charlie have been addressing dignitaries in Parliament and were invited onto 'This Morning' to share their story. Cancer has an impact on everyone's lives, so to have two students making waves to raise awareness is deeply reassuring about the commitment and passion of our young people.



This article below has been lifted in its entirety from The Day. We use 'The Day' in tutor time to keep our students up to date with the news and to stimulate discussion. Whilst the incidence of students vaping in school at Turing House is incredibly low (we would not count ourselves in the 52% mentioned below), our concerns are around what may be happening outside of school and

the effect this could have on their health and wellbeing. Hopefully it will stimulate a discussion at home as we work together to keep our children safe.

Britain has become a nation of vapers. Its town centres are littered with shops selling electronic cigarettes. Many of them have the bright colours of sweets and come in sugary flavours such as “pineapple ice”, “pink lemonade” and “blueberry sour raspberry”.

It is illegal in the UK to sell vapes to anyone under the age of 18. Yet vaping has become a big issue among teenagers. According to a new BBC survey, 52% of secondary school teachers believe that their school has a vaping problem. Teachers want to stamp out vaping for various reasons. One is educational: some pupils leave lessons frequently to puff their e-cigarettes in the toilets. They are so addicted to nicotine. The substance found in tobacco that people become addicted to. It can also be made artificially. they feel anxious when not vaping. Another is health-based. According to the New York Times, “Studies have suggested that vaping can affect the heart, lungs and brain.”

There have been instances of teenagers buying illegal, unsafe vapes. Last year, three Nottingham schoolchildren were taken to hospital after puffing on black market e-cigarettes containing harmful substances. Schools are divided on how to tackle these issues. One way is to offer lessons where pupils can be taught about the impacts of vaping, from its effect on the wallet to its role as a gateway. Something that opens the way to something else, often leading to further experiences, actions, or risks. to other drugs. People will only be convinced to stop if they understand vapes and have the freedom to choose for themselves. Others think it is too late to prevent teenagers taking up vaping. Instead, there should be a crackdown. When someone in power, like the government or police, takes strong and sudden action to stop people from doing something they don't like. Over a third of teachers report that their school has hired extra staff to hunt out vaping pupils. Some schools have cut down hedges and moved shelters to make it harder for students to secretly vape. Others have installed vape detectors. Vaping needs to become too hard to bother with.

Forthcoming Dates

- 22nd January - DTP & Meningitis ACWY vaccinations
- 22nd January - Year 7 online parents' evening
- 12th February - Careers Fair
- 16th - 20th February - Half Term

Our NFL Flag Girls Shine on Nickelodeon

We are thrilled to share some incredible news about our amazing NFL Flag Football team! Over the past year, these talented girls have shown outstanding dedication and skill, representing our school with pride and passion. Their journey has already included unforgettable moments, such as playing on the pitch at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, but now they've reached another milestone: **they've been featured on a Nickelodeon Slimetime UK TV episode!** This is a fantastic achievement that highlights not only their sporting talent but also their commitment and teamwork. Seeing our students on a national platform is something we can all celebrate!



Turing Traitors



This week, our very own school corridors have transformed into a shadowy Scottish castle as Turing Traitors continues to grip students and teachers alike. And it's getting deliciously dramatic.

Let's recap. Ms Gould? Gone. Mr Jacks? Gone. Both *murdered* in the dead of night - metaphorically, of course. But still. The shock. The gasps. The accusations whispered over lunchboxes in the canteen.

Things grew dramatically on Tuesday when Mr Hunter was banished in the middle of a school show rehearsal. There was more drama off the stage than on when he quickly declared he was a faithful! Then last night, Mr Hopkins (also a faithful) was banished by the group.

Imagine this: the staffroom door creaks open. Everyone turns. Someone drops a custard cream. Suspicion hangs in the air like the smell of school dinners. Teachers eye each other with a mixture of fear, intrigue, and mild irritation. Students, meanwhile, are thriving. They're analysing clues like tiny detectives. They're forming alliances, whispering theories, and dramatically gasping whenever a teacher walks past.

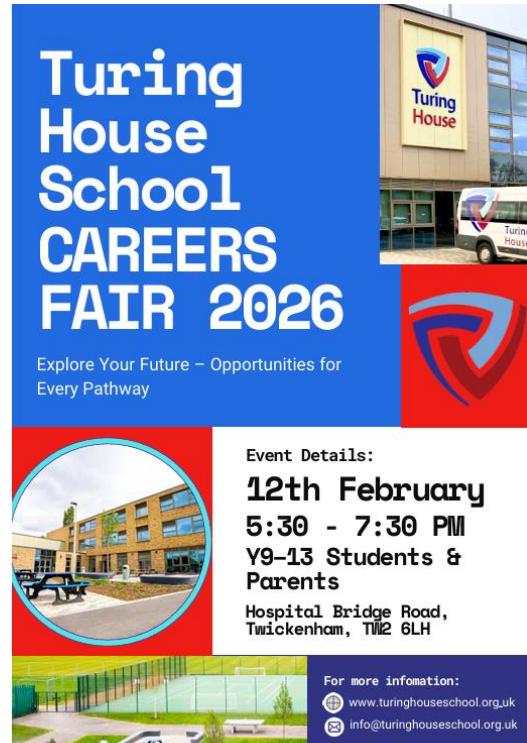
The Faithful are trying their best to root out the villains among the staff, but the Traitors - whoever they are - are playing a blinder. They're subtle. They're sneaky. They're laughing quietly into their tea... and they have a taste for blood!

Student suspicion is currently around Mr Stevens, who many students feel is 'overcompensating by being even more dramatic than usual'; Mr Harrison who students think has the acting skills to pull it off and Mr Punter whose Y7 form say is 'overconfident'! Who do your suspicions lie with?

Keep a close eye on Instagram for updates.

Signed: Claudia (Ms Scott) and The Winkleman (Mr Coombes).

Careers evening



THS Music Notes

Live at The Exchange Audition Applications are open!

Auditions are open to any secondary school age students so please help us spread the word! This is a fantastic performance opportunity for local singers and completely free for those involved.



Sports Fixtures

Year 7 Boys Basketball v Hampton High

A 9-aside strong team of Year 7 boys took on Hampton High in their basketball fixture last week. Playing away from home in the borough league, the Turing team set the tone early on with a convincing performance in the first two quarters. The opposition bounced back in the latter stages of the second half but the fresh legs from the THS bench added an extra attacking and counterattacking edge which proved to make all the difference. By the final buzzer the score stood at 38-14 to THS as they soared to their first win of 2026. The team are back on the court the week after next when they face St Richard Reynolds. Well done to all involved!



Year 8/9 Boys Basketball v St Richard Reynolds

A combined team of Year 8 and 9 boys travelled to St Richard Reynolds this week to get their borough basketball league underway. Searching for a win to start the league in strong form, the Turing team applied pressure onto the home in all the right ways, forcing turnovers and errors that worked in their favour. The opposition were a tough match, however, making good of their own tactics and giving as good as they got. That made for a very competitive game with both sides enjoying brief spells of being in front. The final quarter saw the home side open up the scoring a bit more to run away with a 44-30 win in the end but it was a great team effort from THS regardless. The boys will be back in action in a few weeks' time when they take on Richmond upon Thames. Well done to all involved!



South Thames Colleges Group Open Events

This term we will be hosting five Open Events, details below, as well as a [Group Apprenticeship Information Evening](#), when young people will be able to meet employers offering Apprenticeships, find out how Apprenticeships work and take a look at our current vacancies.

Spring Term Open Events for September 2026 Entry

Kingston College	Saturday 24 January, 10am-1pm	Register here
Carshalton College	Wednesday 25 February, 5pm-7pm	Register here
South Thames College	Wednesday 4 March, 4.30pm-6.30pm	Register here
Merton College	Wednesday 11 March, 5pm-7pm	Register here
Kingston College	Wednesday 18 March, 4.30pm-6.30pm	Register here

For further details on the Group Apprenticeship Information Evening, hosted by Carshalton College on Thursday 12 February, and to register, please click [HERE](#).

Parent Network invitation

Family and Carer Network for Girls with ASD at THS

Supporting girls to thrive in mainstream secondary school



Why focus on girls with ASD?

- Girls often mask difficulties and may go unnoticed
- Social pressures can feel very intense in secondary school
- Challenges often include friendships, sensory overload, organisation and mental health difficulties
- Early understanding, timely intervention and tailored support makes huge impact to overall success and wellbeing

Increase awareness and understanding in how ASD can present in girls to help families and staff identify needs early

Purpose of the parent network

Strengthen home - school collaboration

Create a supportive community to share experiences and challenges

Share practical tools and resources - signposting to strategies, local services, workshops and support groups

What the network provides:

- Termly meetings in person or online dependant on group preference
- Guest speakers
- Resource sharing
- A communication channel for updates, ideas and support
- Opportunities for parent - school collaboration on policies and wellbeing initiatives

Simple Home Strategies for Success in School

Routines - consistent morning and evening routines; visual planners to outline homework, downtime, expectations

Emotional Support - identify early signs of overload (withdrawal, irritability, need for solitude), use calm down strategies (deep pressure, quiet space, breathing routines), validate feelings with simple, direct language

Social Navigation - practice scenarios (friendship issues, group work), encourage structured social opportunities aligned with interests, support recovery time after school

Executive Functioning - break tasks into steps, use timers for short, focused work periods, provide choices to encourage autonomy

Strengths-Based Approach - celebrate special interests, talents and achievements, give opportunities for success and leadership

to be added to the Parent Network, please email FAO: Mrs Hicks to info@turinghouseschool.org.uk

Richmond Rhythm



*Richmond
Rhythm
2026*

Join us to come and celebrate dance in
Richmond borough!

Twickenham School, Percy Road, TW2 6JW

Performances start at 6:45pm

[Ticket link](#)

Tickets - £5
Available here:

