



Message from Mr O'Sullivan 27th February 2026

Ramadan began last week marking the month of fasting. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide. This is a period of fasting, self-reflection and spiritual growth. It further commemorates the time when the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It is important for our school community to understand the significance of this month and how it impacts our students. Each day, fasting starts from dawn with a meal known as suhoor and ends at sunset with a meal known as iftar. An example for this is, some of our students will have their morning meal at around 5am. With the fast being over 12 hours, it means they will have their second meal in the evening at around 5:40pm. For some younger students this may be their first year fasting, while others may be adapting to their routine to manage their energy levels. We understand that students may experience tiredness, lower energy, dehydration, and reduced concentration. At Turing House School, we recognise the commitment shown by our students who

observe Ramadan. We encourage all members of our community to be mindful of all challenges they face, offering understanding and support where needed. We wish all our students, staff, and families observing Ramadan a peaceful and blessed month.

Apologies for the non-Ramadan image as our header this week. I was so proud of our Lego winners and what an amazing trophy, well done Mr Punter and his team.

Forthcoming Dates

Wc 2nd March - National Careers Week

4th March - World Book Day

13th March - THS Friends Comedy night

24th - 26th March - School Show

Digital and AI summit

Year 8 and Year 9 students attended the **Digital and AI Summit** at **Tiffin Girls' School** on 25 February 2026, where they participated in a range of talks and interactive activities focused on artificial intelligence, ethics, and robotics.

The keynote speaker, Professor Kate Devlin (AI & Society, King's College London), spoke about discipline in AI, the Eliza Effect (how people respond to machines as if they are human), safe AI use in the UK, and how AI works through pattern recognition. Students also enjoyed an interactive **Black Box algorithm** game, which helped them understand how hidden AI logic works and why transparency is important.

During the panel discussion with speakers from King's College London, Ethan Woolf Monino shared insights on the use of AI in autonomous ships and how AI support helps operators recognise when something may be going wrong.

The host school's **Digital Pioneers** students presented their **AI club initiatives**, including debates, research into new technologies, and responsible AI use. They also delivered presentations on **Deepfakes and Artificial Bias**, demonstrating how AI models learn using **teachable AI tools**. A new initiative, an **AI Magazine** to be published once per term, was also introduced.

In the **robotics session** on building safe and responsible robots, participants designed their own robots. **Turing House students** proposed a surgical robot and presented their plan to others on designing surgical Robots. Students also explored working robotic circuits displayed by the robotics club, learning how programming and electronics work together in robotics systems.

The summit provided valuable exposure to real-world AI applications, ethical considerations, and hands-on technology learning for all participating students.





Year 9 Italy trip

At the start of the half term break, 75 year 9 students and 8 teachers went on a residential trip to Naples and Sorrento in Italy. The students had a fabulous time, visiting the roman ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum and the archaeological museum of Naples. They also spent a day in the beautiful town of Sorrento, where they visited a restaurant where they learnt how to make Napoli Pizza and how to dance the traditional folk dance the Tarantella. Big thank you to all of the teachers who took part.





Year 7 Lego Challenge

Six Year 7 students from Turing House School recently travelled to the Beaulieu National Motor Museum to compete in the LEGO League Challenge. The day was packed with robot matches and an Innovation Project presentation, giving the team the opportunity to showcase both their technical skills and their creativity. Across three increasingly competitive robot rounds, the

students demonstrated outstanding perseverance and focus, improving their score every single time — a real testament to their teamwork and determination.

Just as importantly, they approached the entire event with positivity and enthusiasm, representing Turing House with pride. Their efforts did not go unnoticed. At the end of the day, the team was delighted to receive the Motivate Award, recognising their energy, encouragement of one another, and commitment throughout the competition. This award was particularly pleasing as it aligns strongly with the school's value of perseverance. Throughout the day, the students encountered various setbacks — technical issues, challenging missions, and tight time pressure — yet they worked hard to overcome each obstacle in a positive, collaborative manner. Their resilience and determination were clear to see. In addition to the competition itself, the students also enjoyed some time exploring the Motor Museum. They were fascinated by the impressive range of classic cars on display and had great fun riding the monorail, which offered a unique view of the museum grounds. This added experience made the day even more memorable and was a real highlight for the team.

Alongside the honour of receiving the Motivate Award, the team proudly brought home the MOTIVATE trophy, which is now displayed in the school's trophy cabinet, along with individual medals presented to each student for their hard work and achievement. A fantastic achievement and a brilliant example of what can be accomplished through collaboration, resilience, and a willingness to keep improving.





National Careers Week

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Choosing the Next Step (Not the Whole Career)
 live online career panel, sharing real stories and career journeys to help you **Own Your Future**

Thursday 5th March @ 18:00

 **REGISTER**

 Aliyyha Mohammed Government Science and Engineering First Streamer Department of Transport	 Archie Flynn Technology Consultant Degree Apprentice HSBC	 Madha Khurana Business Intelligence Specialist Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)
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Sports Fixtures

Borough Rowing Tournament

Well done to everyone in Year 7, 8 and 10 who took part at the Richmond Borough indoor rowing tournament which took place at Hampton School just before the February half term break. Students were tasked with rowing for a set amount of time, which differed for each year group, with the aim of achieving the greatest distance possible. All THS students did brilliantly, putting everything they had into this savage test of grit and endurance. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Girls Netball v Richmond upon Thames

The year 7 girls have been patiently waiting all year for their borough league to begin and it finally kicked off this week with their first match being an away game to Richmond upon Thames. A competitive and close game played out over the four quarters as the Turing team put in a fantastic shift in defence in particular and the score may as well have been even at the halfway point. The home side snuck away with the narrow 7-11 win in the end but the girls showed what they are made of through a gritty performance and are confident they can build from there. Their next game will be against Teddington in a week's time. Well done to all involved!



Year 9 Boys Football v Orleans Park

The Year 9 boys resumed their borough league on the football pitch this week, hosting Orleans Park at home. A week off over the February half term meant that the Turing team needed a little bit of time to find their team-binding gel again but the break certainly hadn't diminished anyone's effort or enthusiasm for competition. The Turing team covered the pitch well, particularly in the wider zones, and made the most of the still, sunny weather that made for some rather suitable running conditions. The boys were up by just one goal as the match looked like it was all but over, until Orleans netted an equaliser in the final minute to deliver a dramatic 1-1 draw, which could prove the difference when assessing the league standings. Well done to all involved!



Year 8 Boys Football v Twickenham

The Year 8 boys took a short walk to the other side of Hospital Bridge Road this week when they faced Twickenham in their borough football league. The Turing team got stuck in from the start and dominated possession at times up front. Holding onto an early lead meant that THS were up at half time, but the opposition slowly made their way back into the game. Mr Webb was thinking of reporting a robbery from the sidelines as the chance to take the win had been stolen and the match concluded with a 3-3 draw after plenty of positive play and flare from both sides. The boys will have to wait a few weeks before they take on St Richard Reynolds where they'll aim to find winning form once again. Well done to all involved!



[Open Events at South Thames Colleges Group](#)

This Spring term we are looking forward to hosting four more Open Events. Dates and registration links can be found in the table below:

Spring Term Open Events for September 2026 Entry

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](#)