



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan 1st May 2026

When I reflect on my own school days, the memory of lunch is often accompanied by a wry smile. The offerings were, let's say, functional, designed to fill stomachs rather than delight palates. Fish fingers, beans on toast, and the occasional mystery casserole were the order of the day. I also feel an odd shiver down my spine when thinking about the ice cream scooper being used to fire a dome of mash on my plate. Yet when I walk through our dining hall at Turing House School today, I'm struck by just how far we've come.

The transformation in school catering over the past two decades is genuinely remarkable, and it's something I wanted to celebrate with our community. This week, I've been photographing our meals to share with you, and I think they tell a compelling story about how seriously we now take nutrition, variety, and the dining experience for our students.

What's most impressive is the breadth of choice available to our young people. We're no longer working from a limited menu dictated solely by budget constraints. Our catering team now regularly offers freshly prepared dishes that reflect genuine culinary skill - vibrant salads, properly cooked proteins, vegetables that haven't been boiled into submission, and desserts that students actually look forward to. We've embraced dietary requirements and preferences too, ensuring that vegetarian, vegan, and allergy-conscious students have meals that are equally appetising and nutritious.

The quality of ingredients has improved dramatically as well. There's a real commitment to sourcing fresh produce and working with suppliers who share our values around sustainability and nutrition. This isn't just about making school dinners taste better, though they certainly do, it's about establishing healthy eating habits that will serve our students well into adulthood.

Beyond the food itself, the dining experience has evolved. Our students have a pleasant space to eat, time to enjoy their meals, and a sense that the school values this part of their day. For many, lunch is a social highlight, a chance to connect with friends and decompress between lessons.

The only sad part of this message is that the students have no idea of how lucky they are compared to the experience we all had. I think it's worth parents and carers reflecting on the difference between the school meals you might remember and what's on offer now. The investment in our catering provision is an investment in our students' wellbeing, their nutrition, and their daily experience at Turing House School. When you see the photographs from this week, I hope you'll share in my enthusiasm for how far we've progressed.

What an amazing photo of our outgoing Year 13 students! You have been an absolute pleasure in your time with us. We wish you all the best with your exams and your bright futures ahead.







## Monday Tutor Reading sessions

We are delighted with the success across the school of whole school reading on a Monday morning. There is calm and quiet everywhere as students get their noses into their books. As you will be aware, we are now extending our reading with a trial of spontaneous DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) sessions in classes so that every teacher, support teacher and student will pause on their lesson and read their book for 2 x 20 minutes during the school week.

For some students, especially those with specific learning needs such as Dyslexia, reading is harder. We want to make sure that those young people have as much chance to access and enjoy books as everyone else. One way that might improve their experience is to be able to read on a **kindle or similar reading device**; they offer the benefit of not revealing the 'thickness' of the book and therefore can be less daunting; only show a limited amount of text at a time; and offer accessible reading display options. Therefore, if your child falls into this category and wants to read using a device, and they own one they can use, then please contact Mrs Harper or Mr Wood and we can sanction this for them. Important point – only non-internet enabled devices are allowed to be brought into school, and your child will have to bring theirs to Mrs Harper or Mr Wood for a quick check before use.



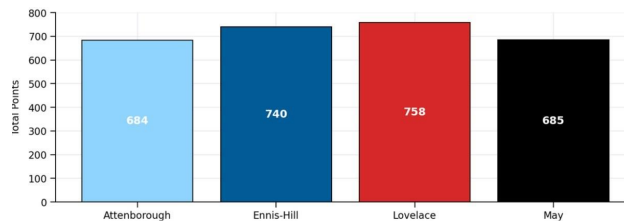
### **Year 7 House Ambassadors**

We are delighted to introduce an exciting new opportunity for Year 7 students to take on the role of House Ambassadors. In this role, students will play a key part in organising and running house competitions, working closely with their peers to bring events to life, and collaborating as part of a supportive team to ensure activities are fun and inclusive. This is a brilliant opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence, and make a meaningful contribution to school life. Many Year 7 students are currently preparing for their interviews, and we have already been

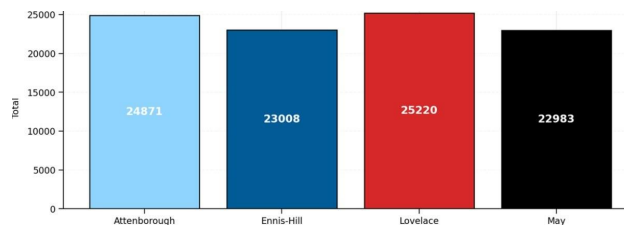
impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment they are showing. We very much look forward to welcoming our new ambassadors and working together to build a vibrant, welcoming house community where every Year 7 feels valued, connected, and excited to get involved.

### Points update

This week's totals have seen our current leaders, Attenborough, drop points to both Ennis Hill and Lovelace.



This means that, in the overall yearly house points standings (excluding house events), Lovelace has taken the lead. With only 10 weeks remaining, can they be caught?



### Upcoming competitions

We are excited to introduce our first “Miles for Medals” competition. Please see the details below for information about this event, which will run throughout the day on Friday 8th in the school assembly hall. Students are encouraged to come along, take part, and cheer each other on throughout the day.



## Smallpeice STEM Courses

Kick start your Summer with Smallpeice's exciting STEM residential and virtual courses running during the school holidays from July to August, packed with hands-on challenges, creativity and real-world engineering fun for years 8-10 (Scotland/NI equivalent). These 3-4 day inclusive activities are a brilliant way to discover new skills, meet like-minded young people and explore future career pathways. A number of bursary places are available. Reserve your place [here](#). Please see Miss Sabharwal if you have any questions.

## Lead Student update

*'Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out'*

Hi everyone! With exam season quickly approaching for our Y11s, we know that this can be a very stressful period. As your Lead Students, we want to wish you the very best of luck and remind you that all of your hard work will go a long way!

A couple of tips for revision:

- Past papers are your best friend - ensure you're familiarising yourself with past paper questions and their mark schemes
- Active recall - use flashcards or try blurting to actively retrieve information and store it in your long-term memory
- Don't push yourself to the limit - it's easy to get overwhelmed so take breaks to avoid burn out

As well as this, we are very excited to be sharing a range of new events in the upcoming weeks, so keep an eye out for more information!

Samaira and Amara

## Photography Club Somerset House visit

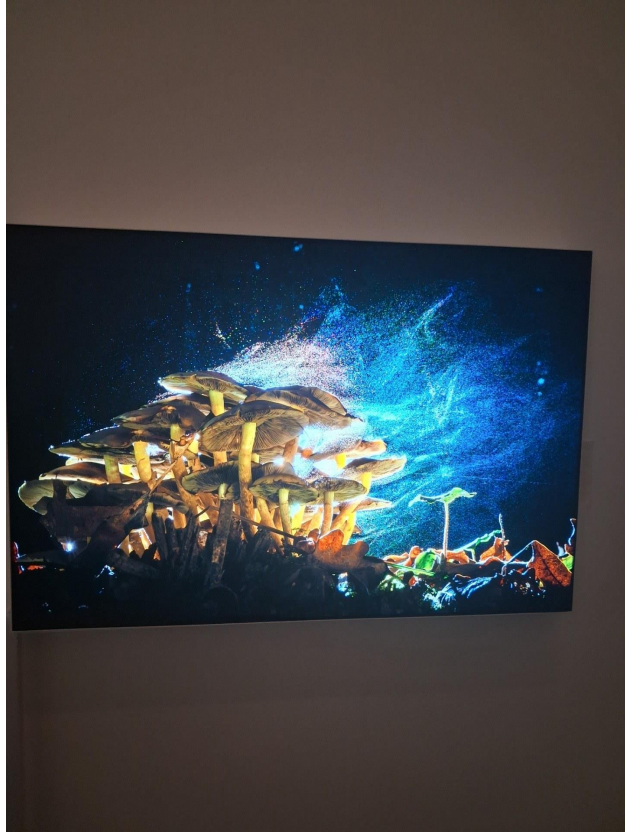
Last Friday, Photography club had a much-anticipated trip to Somerset House, in London to visit the Sony Photography Awards exhibition.

Following our recently explored themes of colour and composition, students were on the lookout for striking images to inspire them.

The Fairy Mushroom Sporulation series by Benjamin Pawlica were a particular hit.

The students showed maturity and a great understanding of photography from a wide range of artists. We are looking forward to comparing notes about our experience and favourites at this Friday lunchtime's photography club

We can't wait for our next exhibition visit! Students who attended were Henry C, Henry Cu, Luie A-D, Thomas O from Year 8. And Maisie M and Montgomery W from year 7.





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**SMALL GESTURE. BIG IMPACT.**  
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**YOUR JOURNEY'S NOT OVER, BUT YOUR IMPACT CAN BE.**

Please return your Yondr pouch to Student Reception after your final exam or on your last day.

## Sports Fixtures

### Year 7/8 Girls Rounders v Waldegrave

A team of Year 7 and 8 girls took on Waldegrave for the first of their rounders matches in the borough league. With many of these girls also taking part in cricket fixtures, the Turing team have been making good ground among fielding skills in particular. Despite having to accept an 11.5 to 5.5 loss on this occasion, the girls showed plenty of promise in a closer game than the score would suggest. Their next game is against Richmond upon Thames in a few weeks' time. Well done to all involved!

### Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v Waldegrave

While the U13 girls were in action, the Year 9 and 10 girls also faced Waldegrave in the first of their rounders borough league matches. The Turing team came agonisingly close to victory after displaying a great team performance, but lost in the end by just one rounder, as the final score stood at 6.5 to 5.5. With their next game also against Richmond upon Thames coming up, the girls will look to progress quickly and record their first win of the season. Well done to all involved!

### **Year 9 Boys Football v Heathland**

The Year 9 boys were given an opportunity to keep in with some competitive football this week as they engaged in a friendly match against Heathland School. Playing away from home, the Turing team took control of the match early on, showing that footballing appetite and flare had not made way for summer school sport just yet. The boys had a comfortable lead going into the second half which they capitalised on before the final whistle, and kept a clean sheet to take a 4-0 win. Well done to all involved!

### **Year 7/8 Girls Cricket v Twickenham**

The Year 7 and 8 girls enjoyed their second cricket fixture in the sun this week as they came up against Twickenham. Taking their position in the field first, the Turing team took a couple of wickets and had 74 runs to chase down. The girls didn't hold back as they threw everything they had at the opposition, but fell just short with a close score of 70 runs by the end of the final over. Momentum is building, however, and next up is St Richard Reynolds next week. Well done to all involved!



## [Keeping children safe online event](#)

### **Message from Munira Wilson:**

The Government consultation on how to best keep children safe online and across social media is now underway. Having canvassed secondary school pupils' views via my online survey, I am now seeking the views of local parents and carers (at both primary and secondary level). I will

then take the feedback from both the pupil survey and the parent event to share as part of my formal response to the Government consultation.

- **Date: Monday 11 May**
- **Time: 18:45 – 20:45**
- **Location:** Twickenham (venue details provided upon registration)
- **Registration:** Parents and carers can request a place via [this form](#) (\*note that as space at the venue is limited, places must be booked in advance)

## Support for parents of children with SEND

Your Healthcare CIC (our local NHS community health provider) offers a **Pre and Post SEND Diagnosis Support Service** for families whose children are awaiting assessment or have recently received a diagnosis.

This is a free service providing information, guidance and peer support for parents.

If you would like more information or wish to access support, you can complete their expression-of-interest form below.

[PRE AND POST SEND DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT TEAM](#)

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### ***Connect, Communicate, Create.***

We are hosting a free workshop running from **Monday 27th to Friday 31st July** for **boys aged 12–16**. Delivered by *BalletBoyz* in partnership with *Richmond Theatre Trust*, this workshop focuses on building confidence and collaboration through movement, physical expression, and spoken word. The week will begin at **BalletBoyz Studio in Kingston** and conclude on stage at **Richmond Theatre** with a final scratch performance. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend a performance at Richmond Theatre as part of the programme. This is a fantastic chance for young people to meet new friends, develop confidence, and enjoy a creative and engaging experience.



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At the end of the project, participants will showcase their work on stage at Richmond Theatre and get an opportunity to watch one of our shows for free.

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