



Message from
4th July 2025

Mr O'Sullivan

As you are fully aware, we will be introducing Yondr pouches at school in September – secure cases in which students will store their mobile phones during the school day. I want to reiterate again why this change is both necessary and timely.

A growing body of research continues to highlight the potentially harmful impact of mobile phone, social media, and video game use on young people's mental health. A recent study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and reported in The Guardian, tracked over 4,000 children from age nine over four years. The researchers found that nearly one in three showed signs of addictive use of technology – and these students were twice as likely to experience suicidal thoughts or behaviours by the end of the study.

Crucially, the risk wasn't linked to the number of hours spent online. Instead, it was about how that technology use felt and functioned in the child's life – whether it was compulsive, interfered with daily activities like exercise or schoolwork, or caused distress when removed.

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The study's lead author, Dr Yunyu Xiao, notes that patterns of use which mirror addiction need to be taken seriously – just limiting screen time may not be enough. And while it's true that technology isn't inherently harmful, when its use becomes compulsive or emotionally distressing, it can have serious consequences for wellbeing.

At school, we want to remove unnecessary distractions and provide a calm, focused learning environment. But more than that, we want to safeguard our students' mental health. The Yondr system gives us a practical and respectful way to do this: students keep possession of their phones, but can't access them during the school day.

We know this is a big change – and one we don't take lightly. But it's a response to real concerns, backed by real evidence. We believe it will help our students concentrate better, connect more with each other, and develop healthier relationships with technology.

If you have not done so, please ensure that you purchase your child's Yondr pouch before we break up. As always, we appreciate your support and partnership as we take this important step together.



Turing House Gallery Evening – a Celebration of Creativity

On Tuesday, 1st July, Turing House proudly hosted its first ever gallery evening. This special event was dedicated to showcasing the incredible work of our GCSE Art/Photography students and our A-Level Art students. The gallery was filled with incredible artwork, creating a warm and inspiring atmosphere.

The evening was a true celebration of creativity, with all GCSE and A-level students represented, creating a diverse mix of artistic expression.

We were delighted to welcome families and students from all year groups to the event. It was heartwarming to see our younger students walking through the gallery and taking inspiration from their older peers. The creative efforts of our Year 11 and Year 13 students served as a beacon of what can be achieved with dedication and passion.

The Turing House gallery evening was more than just an exhibition; it was a chance for our community to come together and appreciate the artistic achievements of our students. We hope to make this an annual event, continuing to showcase the remarkable talent within our school.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this wonderful event. We can't wait to see what our students create next!





Summer Music Concert

On Thursday, we hosted our first Summer Music Concert with a plethora of different solos, ensembles and bands.

The audience was blown away by some outstanding ensemble playing and musicianship from our ensembles. Our 7 & 8 Band "Subtraction" of Luie A (Y7), Aoibheann L (Y7), Thomas M (Y8), Alex M (Y8) and Lily F (Y8) performed Summer of '69 by Bryan Adams. Our Y9 & 10 Band

"6Dust" including Oli B (Y10), Kai M (Y9), Daisy S (Y9), Sophie M (Y9), Elsa C (Y9) performed a set of five songs taking us all down memory lane with some rock classics from the 1990s and 2000s including Pearl Jam - Alive, Muse - Hysteria and Arctic Monkeys - I bet that you look good on the dance floor. We were also joined by our GCSE Music students including Keaton R (Y10), Luca V (Y10), Ida O (Y10), Louis N (Y10), Hattie R (Y10) and Oli B (Y10) who performed Toto - Rosanna. Not forgetting Turing Singers with members from Y7 to Y10 performing Fleetwood Mac - Everywhere and Waving Through a Window from Dear Evan Hansen.

There were some debuts as soloists too including Sam O (Y9) on French Horn, George G (Y9) on Piano, Will B (Y10) on Electric Guitar, Sophie P (Y8) and Zorian F (Y10) on Voice.

Well done to every single student who took part, and thank you to all the parents who continue to support their child's musical education, both in terms of time and finance. Our next concert will be in December when our GCSE Music students will perform their solo and ensemble assessment pieces, followed by our annual Christmas Concert. Dates to be confirmed.



Co-Curricular Music

It's never too late to start learning a musical instrument. If your child is expressing an interest in learning an instrument next academic year, please register with Richmond Music Trust on their website here: [Apply Now - Richmond Music Trust](#). Musical Instrument Hire is available. Additionally, if your child is expressing an interest and they're entitled to Free School Meals, please do contact us for additional support.

Jack Petchey Awards Evening

I had the honour of attending the annual Jack Petchey Award ceremony, where nine of our students proudly went on stage to receive their medallions. This event celebrates the remarkable achievements of young people across the London Borough of Richmond. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families who attended, making the event truly special for all the award winners.

We also celebrated the wonderful Mrs Phillpot, our Sixth Form Pastoral Manager, who was awarded the Jack Petchey Leadership Award. Her citation is shared below.

Becky is the lynchpin of our Sixth Form and an extraordinary example of leadership through service. As our long-serving Sixth Form Pastoral Manager, she has become an indispensable part of our school community – trusted, respected, and admired by students and colleagues alike. Her commitment is total: Becky gives her time, energy and care instinctively, always focused on doing what is best for the individual, no matter how complex the circumstances.

Her approach is deeply student-centred. She sees each young person not just in terms of academic progress but as a whole person, recognising when external pressures or emotional struggles are affecting their wellbeing. Becky routinely supports students through difficult times with compassion, wisdom and unwavering patience, often going far beyond the expectations of her role. Becky has supported students in making doctor's appointments, walking them through what to say and even taken them there when required. Families are reassured by her calm and caring presence; students find in her a consistent source of support, belief and practical help.

For her colleagues, Becky is just as invaluable. She is a team player in the truest sense – dependable, efficient and always willing to step in where needed. Her understanding of her role, her insight into the individual needs of students, and her measured, solutions-focused approach make her an essential figure in the Sixth Form Management Team. Becky models empathy and professionalism in equal measure, creating an atmosphere of trust and support throughout the Sixth Form and beyond.

In short, Becky is simply amazing. She brings warmth, clarity and consistency to every interaction, and her presence is one we rely on every day. Her commitment, care and effectiveness make her an ideal nominee for this award – a quiet leader whose influence resonates across the school. We would be lost without her.



Fuse Arts Festival

Last weekend our stage combat club took to the stage at ACT theatre in Kingston as part of the Fuse Arts Festival.

The show, written by Mr Coombes with the help of AI, named Action Through the Ages, featured several famous battles from throughout history each with carefully choreographed and rehearsed stage combat. It was a great opportunity for our students to work in a professional theatre setting and work with students from other year groups.

Thanks to all who came along to support including Mr Salnikov, Ms Beard and ex-student Emily who spent the day at the venue supervising the students, and a HUGE thank you to Mr Coombes for running the club and organising the event.

Look out for stage combat club starting again in September when new members are welcome - and Mr Coombes will have lots of new ideas up his sleeve!





Thank You for Supporting 'Action Through the Ages' at the International Fuse Festival!

Dear Parents, Staff, and Friends of the Turing Family,

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our students in the 'Action Through the Ages' show at the International Fuse Festival. Your presence and encouragement made a world of difference!

The experience was incredibly rewarding for our students. They poured their hearts into every aspect of the performance, from the acting to the lighting, and of course the fighting; it truly showed. The story was well received by the audience, and the festival organiser had nothing but praise for our students' behaviour and professionalism backstage.

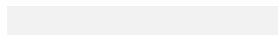
Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We look forward to many more epic performances in the future!

Warm regards,

Mr. Coombes

[Year 11 Prom](#)

Last Friday, Year 11 had their final celebration at Richmond Hill Hotel: the Year 11 Prom. The evening was filled with lots of fun, laughter and smiles, and we couldn't have asked for a better way to finish off this journey. Mr Evans, the Year 11 Team, and the school wish all of the students the best for their next steps and look forward to seeing them on their GCSE results day.









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.

To help our students achieve better sleep and improve their focus in school, we encourage parents to take the following steps:

1. **Limit Screen Time:** Set a reasonable limit on the amount of time your child spends on their mobile phone each day.
2. **Create a Plan:** Work with your child to agree on a plan for mobile phone use, including specific times when they should put their phones away.

3. **No Charging in Bedrooms:** Do not allow mobile phones to be charged in bedrooms overnight. This simple step can significantly reduce the temptation to use devices late into the night.

By working together, we can help our students develop healthier habits that will benefit their sleep, focus, and overall well-being.



Sixth Sense

6th Form Team Building Day out

On Monday, Mr Evans and Mr Quigley took the 6th Form Student Leadership Team to Black Park on a Team Building Day. Students started off the morning going through a number of activities that built team cohesion, problem solving, and leadership skills. In the afternoon, they tested their bravery, resilience, and their team cohesion on a tree tops ropes course. At the heart of our Student Leadership programme, all participating students are entrusted with significant responsibilities within the school. Strong cohesion and teamwork are essential, as they play a key role in delivering a wide range of activities and pastoral support, so we were very happy to have provided this day for them.



Thames Water Debating Workshop

Our Year 9 debating workshop in collaboration with Thames Water and Debate Mate came to an exciting end last Friday as our debaters performed their final debate in front of the rest of the Year 9 students who are taking GCSE Geography next year.

The proposal was 'This House believes the proposed Teddington Direct River Abstraction is the best solution for London's need for more water', which is a scheme which will impact us all in the area in a few years' time. The two debate teams battled head-to-head in front of their peers after spending three days preparing.

A massive well done to all the students involved – it has been amazing to see you grow in confidence and really commit to this workshop. Thank you to our wonderful audience, who will hopefully have learned more about water resource management in preparation for GCSE Geography.





Turing House Friends Quiz night

Quiz Night – Postponed

It's with regret that we need to cancel the Turing House Friends Quiz Night scheduled for July 10th. All tickets will be refunded in full, and we're aiming to run the event in the Autumn term instead.

We hope the idea of spending a fun evening with friends at school, answering mind-boggling quiz questions and enjoying a delicious curry will be even more appealing when it's not 30-degrees outside! Thank you for your understanding and continued support – we look forward to seeing you in the cooler months.

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Last week, Year 12 embraced the world of work through a weeklong placement. The range of placement was vast this year, with one student working in a hotel in France, others have managed to secure interesting placements in aspects of civil engineering, finance even defense working at UKHSA Porton Down. Several students have been working in local dental practices and schools and even some within Turing House School. It has been lovely to hear feedback from employers who have been sharing how impressed they have been with our students.

“ was a pleasure to work with, professional, and eager to learn. They made a fantastic impression on the team and showed real enthusiasm in engaging with our colleagues and dedication to learn.” (Mark Johnson, manager, Qualitest Group).

Returning students have also commented on how eye-opening the experience was, making them want to consider a career in an estate agency. Others have shared how insightful the week was learning about the advisory role within Exodus, as well as understanding the

renewable energy sectors and wind farms in more depth. It has made them want to consider an advisory role in the future.

We are all immensely proud of our Year 12 students this year. Work experience is such a valuable tool to understand what careers entail, as well as being excellent to put on your personal statements and applications to university, apprenticeships and CV's.

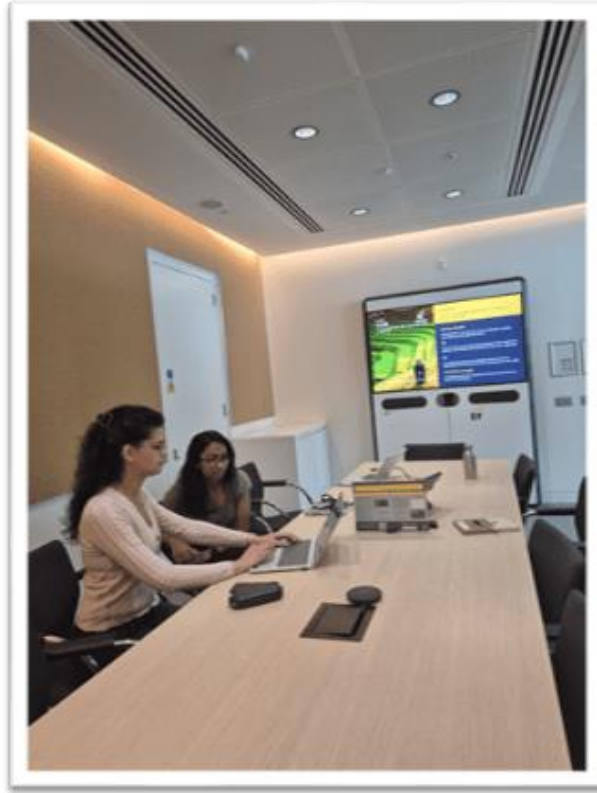
Thanks again to all employers and parents who help to organise placements for students. Your help is much appreciated. Successful work experience comes down to the hard work of the school team, parents, employers, and students. Below are some images of our Year 12's in action this week.

Many Thanks

THS Careers Team



1 - Ella C on site with Carey's Civil Engineering



2 - Vernica B mid-meeting at Ernst & Young LLP.

Gardening Club

The newly formed gardening club has been enjoying planting and growing strawberries, tomatoes, radishes, peppers and sunflowers. They have been battling with soaring temperatures making the ground very hard and needing to do lots of watering! Next year we will be asking for donations to help fill our new raised beds and developing wildflower area. Watch this space!





Year 10 students cook up a Spanish delight

This week, Year 10 pupils have been getting a taste of Spanish culture—literally! As part of their Spanish lessons with Mr Maeda and Ms Expósito, the students have been learning how to cook *tortilla de patatas*, a traditional Spanish potato omelette.

The classroom was filled with excitement (and delicious smells!) as pupils practised their culinary skills while following instructions in Spanish. Not only was it a fun and interactive way to reinforce language learning, but it also gave everyone the chance to try something new.

The highlight? Getting to eat their creations afterwards! Many students said it was one of their favourite activities this year.

Well done to everyone involved—¡Buen provecho!





Sports fixtures

Twickenham Stoop Stadium Tour

From September, the Harlequins Foundation will be coming into school to deliver our after-school rugby for KS3 students. To become acquainted, the foundation gave some of our students from years 8-10 a complete tour of the Stoop stadium this week which included a look into the home changing rooms and honours room.







Basketball Refereeing Qualification

Well done to the group of students from Year 8-10 who completed their Level 1 basketball refereeing qualification delivered by Basketball England this week. The course delivered a fast-paced learning environment where the boys were able to apply much of their own knowledge and combine it with a new understanding of the game from the viewpoint of a basketball official. Students were required to conduct three hours of their own research and the course provider thoroughly enjoyed how enthusiastic and eager the boys were towards basketball.



Sports Day 2025

On Wednesday 9th July we have our annual Sports Day! This day will see form groups compete against one another across a number of track, field, and team games. Students are to remember to be in PE kit all day and bring lots of water, suncream etc. (but also something warm in case the weather changes...). The schedule for the day - which is different to a normal day at school - has been shared with students in tutor time, but double check with tutors or the PE Department if a reminder is needed.

Middlesex Athletics Championships

Having been selected due to outstanding performances at Borough Sports Championship, a group of Year 7 and 8 THS students competed at the Middlesex Athletics Championships at the start of this week, representing Richmond. The competition took place at the StoneX Stadium in North London where the Middlesex boroughs did battle across several track and field events. There were some fantastic results among the Turing team in attendance and all students did the school and the borough proud by giving maximum effort on a very hot and demanding day. Richmond were crowned county champions for Y7 boys, second for Y7 girls and Y8 boys

respectively, and fourth for Y8 girls - amazing results out of nine boroughs! Well done to all involved!



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Hampton & Whitton Youth Zones: Summer 2025

It's summertime and it's set to be a scorcher at both Hampton and Whitton Youth Zones.

This year we are running from July 21st - August 29th. That's all 6 weeks! That's right folks, 6 weeks of FREENESS for you to enjoy. There's the customary weekly trips for attendees to enjoy and of course food is included too. It's ram packed with things to do so pop down, make some new friends and have some fun!

**Hampton
Youth Zone**



Summer Holiday Programme 2025

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young people in school years
4 to 13 (9 to 18 years old)

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