



Message from 27th June 2025

Mr O'Sullivan

You've probably noticed that this week's school newsletter looks a little different—we're trying something new! It's not perfect yet, but we'd really value your feedback.

Our aim is to make the newsletter more accessible, especially on mobile devices, and to ensure that everyone gets to hear about the amazing things happening each week at Turing House School.

The highlight of this week was undoubtedly the final leavers' assembly for our Year 11 cohort. Students arrived in their own clothes, carrying shirts ready to be signed by friends and staff alike. We gave them a warm welcome, followed by a free BBQ which provided a relaxed space for them to share messages and memories on each other's shirts.

One particularly poignant moment during the day was when both students and staff signed a shirt for Youssef who, as many of you will know, suffered a heart attack on the school site in February. Our thoughts remain very much with him and his family as he continues on his journey of recovery.

Following this, Mr Evans and his team led an incredibly emotional leavers' assembly. They shared a touching slideshow of photos capturing the students' educational journey, sparking memories and smiles throughout the room. Each tutor had the opportunity to speak about their form group, sharing personal reflections and heartfelt messages. Senior staff members, including Mrs Collins, also contributed with warm and thoughtful memories.

Mr Evans closed the assembly by speaking about his own journey as Head of Year, expressing his pride in the students and the resilience they've shown. All staff spoke fondly of the year group and how proud we are of everything they've achieved.

It's important to remember that this cohort were in Year 6 when the COVID-19 pandemic began, meaning their path through secondary school has been far from smooth. Despite the challenges, they've shown remarkable strength and growth.

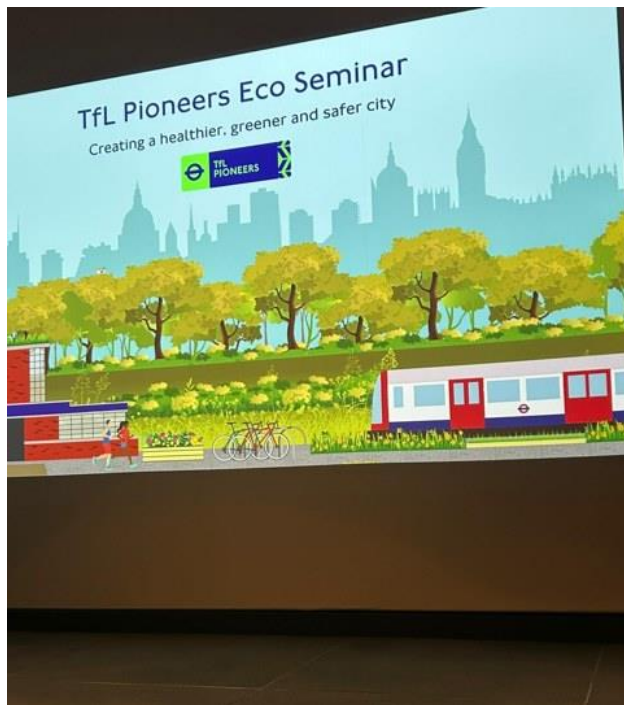
We wish them all the very best for the future.

Year 8 TFL trip

On Tuesday, Mr Evans and Mr McGlennan took 17 Year 8 students to the London Transport Museum for an eco-seminar. This group of students have been this year's Tfl Pioneer Ambassadors and have been the brains and hard work behind Eco-week, cycle safety, road safety, air quality testing, and everything that has been working towards achieving a safe and eco-friendly school to travel to and from.

The day included them presenting to other schools about all that they have achieved this year, engaging with a green careers fair, and looking around the museum. They had a chance to be interviewed and to be a part of making bigger changes to improving London Transport. And of course, they walked and took the train to the event!







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.



Lost property

We have a large collection of unnamed winter coats, jumpers, water bottles and umbrellas in the school office. If you believe any of these might be yours, please ask your child to come to check and collect during the lunch time break. All lost property will be donated to charity at the end of the Summer term if it remains unclaimed.



Year 7 trip to Hampton Court Palace

On Monday, Year 7 went on a visit to Hampton Court Palace. Students were taken on a journey back to 1522, to experience what it was like for Hampton Court to prepare for a royal progress. Henry VIII's royal progress toured across the country to boost his power; this was the only time many ordinary people could hope to catch a glimpse of their king. Students also got the opportunity to eat lunch in Hampton Court's gardens and then explored parts of the palace. A small group of students even got to meet the Richmond Mayor and speak about their experiences.

Students Otilie, Aoibheann and Arthur wrote the following description of their experience:

We were lucky enough to experience what Tudor England would be like; we saw life through those who came before us. We struggled with their money, laughed at their jokes, and raised our hands in tribute to those who fought for our survival. We then curtsied to the queen, bowed to King Henry VIII, and explored the depths of where they used to call home. We also got to enjoy the beauty of their gardens, got hopelessly stuck in their maze, and gasped in awe at their crown.



Year 10 Food Tech practical mock exams

Well done to all the students from the Year 10 Hospitality and Catering classes who completed their first ever practical mock exam this week. Students were required to cook two dishes under exam conditions and present them as if they were being served in a restaurant. Students also had to display a range of basic, medium and complex preparation and cooking skills, which

involved dishes such as fresh pasta, bread, layered cakes and choux pastry. This made for some great practice ahead of next year when the practical cooking exam goes a long way towards their final grade.





Year 10 Geography Seaford trip

On our geography field trip to Seaford beach, we investigated coastal processes and management, specifically assessing the effectiveness of beach reprofiling. Although the warm sun did not follow us to the coast, where we were met with wind and rain, we still managed to collect all the data we needed. It also gave us the perfect opportunity to see some real-life application of what we had been learning in the classroom. Wind, rain and seagulls aside, it was a great fieldtrip! Callum C - Year 10 Geography ambassador.





TfL Pioneer Ambassadors Testing Air Quality

On Tuesday, the Year 8 cohort were lucky enough to have a visit from Emma, a representative from the Richmond Borough supporting with actions in helping our Air Quality. After the assembly, the TfL Pioneer Ambassadors went outside and tested the particulate matter in the air around different parts of the school.



THS Art Exhibition

We look forward to welcoming students and parents to our Art Exhibition which will showcase some of our students' amazing work!



RET Creative Writing Competition

Last week, Ms Andrews presented Tom Woolliams with his certificate for winning the RET Creative Writing Competition in assembly, and the whole of Year 9 heard the opening of his mysterious story which we published in last week's newsletter. Well done again, Tom - we're so proud of you!



Year 12 English Literature Globe trip

On a sweltering Thursday afternoon, the students of the Year 12 English Literature class visited The Globe on the Southbank to watch Arthur Miller's 1953 classic 'The Crucible'. The play is an integral part of the coursework, and explores the power of mass hysteria and delirium in society, all centred around the Salem Witch Trials of 1693. It was an immersive experience, utilising The Globe's in-the-round staging and live music, emphasising the frenzy and chaos during the grand trial scenes.

As one student put it, "The Globe's historic atmosphere left a long-lasting impression", and the play itself was "a beautiful allegory about the corruption of power, religion, and ideological extremism". Students were quick to point out favourite characters, such as Proctor, Reverend Hale and Giles Corey, saying "Proctor had a presence about him on stage."

Another student has said, "the production gave us valuable knowledge of the play, allowing us to see it not only as a piece of literature but as a story which has come to life."

For anyone considering taking up A-Level English Literature, or wanting to watch The Crucible live, we would recommend paying a visit to this production!



Turing House Alumni - stay connected

We're excited to announce that we now have both an official LinkedIn Group and a LinkedIn Page for Turing House Alumni!

Simply scan the QR codes below to join the group and follow the page.

Then spread the word and share with your former classmates!

Know someone who should be part of it? Tag them or pass it on.

Once a Turing House student, always part of the family.



Music Notes



We will hold our first ever summer concert on Thursday 3rd July at 5pm, giving our students an additional performance opportunity to show their hard work in lessons and in their unstructured time. Our bands will be performing, as will many GCSE musicians, and the Turing Singers as they prepare for their autumn tour to Paris. Please come along and support!

Second Hand uniform sale



Turing House Friends Quiz Night

Thursday 10th July | Doors 7pm | Quiz starts 8pm

Mark your calendars for what promises to be a brilliant evening of brain-teasing fun! It's the Turing House Friends Quiz Night, and we're calling all parents, carers, and friends of the school to join us for a fantastic night out that supports our wonderful school community.

Team Up for Victory!

Whether you're a quiz champion or prefer to tackle the tricky questions with moral support, we want you there! You can enter as a team with anywhere from 2 to 7 people per table. Come along with your usual crew or turn up on your own and join other parents at a table – it's a brilliant way to meet new faces and forge new friendships.

More Than Just Questions

This isn't your average pub quiz! We've got delicious curries from BurmaShack to keep you fuelled throughout the evening, plus a fully stocked bar to celebrate those lightbulb moments (or commiserate over the ones that got away). The atmosphere is warm and welcoming as always, making it perfect for seasoned quizzers and complete beginners alike.

Supporting Our School

Every ticket purchased, every curry enjoyed, and every drink ordered goes towards raising much-needed funds for our school. It's a win-win evening – great fun with fantastic company, all while making a real difference to our children's education.

Don't miss out – we can't wait to see you there!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EXGH>

THS Friends Meeting



Year 11 Student Leadership Team

Last Friday, Mr Evans and one of the Senior Prefects linked to Year 10 announced the new Year 11 Prefects and Ambassadors for the remainder of this year and into next year. Year 10 students were initially given an assembly about student leadership, had to apply for their roles, and then have an interview with Mr Stevens, Mr Evans, the Senior Prefect Links and Heads of Departments. The students who were successful were recognised in the assembly. We are very proud of all the students who were successful as well as those who put their name forward for a role.





Action through the Ages

Last Chance to Purchase Tickets!

Event: International Fuse Festival - Action Through the Ages

Date: This Saturday

Time: 7:30 PM

Venue: Kingston College, The ACT Theatre

Please Support!

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE: <https://creativyouth-tickets.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173664091/events/428722762>

Here are our students at their last dress rehearsal. We wish them all the best on the night!



Sports fixtures

Year 7/8 Girls Cricket v Waldegrave

The Year 7 and 8 girls were back in action last week as they played their final match of their cricket league. Taking on Waldegrave away, the Turing team were looking to end the season on a high and carry momentum forward from the previous week's win. Both teams started in strong form as four wickets were taken for each side. But it was the batting score that made all the difference as the girls were left with 138 runs to chase down in their inning. By the final ball

of the final over, the girls came agonisingly close - their otherwise impressive score of 135 was just four runs shy of victory! Well done to all involved.



[Year 7/8 Boys Cricket v Orleans Park](#)

Last week saw the Year 7/8 boys compete in their semi-final cricket match against Orleans Park. The winning team would have the opportunity to reach the final and potentially be crowned Richmond league winners. Sadly, it was not to be on this occasion for the Turing team despite performing very well, as they have consistently done in their games. The boys put down a score of 64 runs but the opposition chased it down inside the 12th over, declaring them finalists. It was still a great game with plenty of positives to take away, including the stellar attitude from everyone. Well done to all involved!



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