

Headteacher's Update

18 September 2015

We're in!

It's great to be finally into our building. Watching students' reaction was really interesting – they really appreciate the office style. Handover of the ground floor areas is scheduled for Monday next week and we hope to let them have a look around during the day.



Harrisons will be providing food on site from Tuesday including their breakfast service. The menus and prices are on our website here:

https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/Turing%20House%20Tariff.pdf

Settling in Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you again at our "Settling-In Evening" on 24th September.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your son or daughter's form tutor for a short discussion and the aim of the meeting is to share information about how he or she is finding their first few weeks at Turing House.

Students are encouraged to attend (in uniform) and I am sure that you will take the opportunity for a look around – they can be your guides.

Mr O'Sullivan, Ms Sherry, Ms Winch and Miss Wilkinson will be present and we will be very happy to talk to any of you.

https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/



Forthcoming Events

21 September: First PE sessions (As well as uniform you will need the correct PE kit for your activity)
7DA and 7EM – Swimming, 7MO and 7PE – Rugby

24 September: School Photographs24 September: Settling-In Evening29 September: Open Evening8 October: Open Evening

Fixtures

22 September: Girls Football (Hm) v Hampton Acdy Match postponed - no team from Hampton

22 September: Boys Rugby (Aw) v Christs

6 October: Boys Rugby (Hm) v Rich. Park Academy **6 October:** Girls Football (Aw) v Waldegrave

13 October: Girls Football (Aw) v Waldegrave **13 October:** Girls Football (Aw) v Teddington **20 October:** Girls Football (Aw) v Twick Academy

Extra-curricular

Most clubs have now started and while the majority do not require anything additional, our sports clubs do require students to wear Turing House PE kit.

Monday	Tuesday
Homework	Homework
 Writing 	 Magazine
 Music Tec 	 Production
 Dance 	 X-Country
Rugby	 Girls' Football
• Coding	• Choir
	 Basketball
Wednesday	Thursday
 Homework 	 Homework
• STEM	 Orchestra
French	 Street Dance
 Textiles 	 Boys' Football
 Football 	
Friday Lunchtime	

Literacy Fact

The second in our Literacy Fact series, aimed at improving student literacy by getting people talking is the 'semi colon'. The semi colon (;) divides clauses in a sentence and breaks up lists.

Dividing clauses – semi colons are used to turn two sentences into one. The two sentences must be about the same thing and they must be of equal importance to one another e.g.

The door creaked open; the girl tiptoed shyly into the room.

Breaking up lists – Semi colons are used to break up lists when the items in the list are long phrases or clauses. If the items in the list have their own punctuation, you must use a semi-colon e.g.

At the fete there were stalls selling cakes; a 'guess the weight of the pig' competition; children bouncing on an inflatable castle and an egg and spoon race.

Teams

Teams will be selected during the extra-curricular clubs. Students who would like to play in a school team should attend club and make sure that Mr Day and Ms Wilkinson know that you'd like to be on the team!

Parkrun & London Youth Games X Country

There is a great opportunity coming up for students to represent Team Richmond at the London Youth Games.

London Youth Games is Europe's largest annual youth sporting event where the 33 London boroughs compete against each other in over 30 different sports. The first event of the 2016 season is a cross country race which will be held on Saturday 14 November 2015 at Parliament Hill.

In order for your son/daughter to have the chance to be considered for Team Richmond, he/she will need to take part in a Parkrun event. There are four of these events in the Borough:

- Bushy Park
- Crane Park
- Old Deer Park
- Richmond Park.

Events take place every Saturday at 9am, between 29 August and 3 October 2015. You son/daughter will need to be registered to run at the Parkrun event and will also need to complete the registration form which can be found on the Richmond Council website. (https://www.richmond.gov.uk/london_youth_games)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or would like to find out more information.

Miss Wilkinson

Sickly

Attendance remains outstanding and about a third of you have registered with Sickly either on the website or with the App. It's worth taking a few minutes to get set up "just in case".

School Production

I am excited and delighted to announce that Turing House's first ever school production will be Roald Dahl's 'The Witches'.



This much-loved classic has been adapted into a funny, wise and deliciously disgusting play, auditions for which will be held afterschool on Tuesday 22nd September from 3.15 – 4.30pm. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays at this time as well, although not all cast members will be needed for every rehearsal; a rehearsal schedule will be made available once the cast has been decided.

Everyone is welcome to come along, regardless of previous acting experience. You will not need to prepare or learn anything in advance; auditions will be largely improvisation based, where we will be focusing both on your acting skills and your ability to work well as part of a larger cast.

At a later date, we will also be looking for people to help with lighting and sound, backstage, make-up, props and set design; keep an eye out for announcements about these if you're interested. (Parents, if you have any particular skills in these areas or would be happy to get involved, I would love to hear from you!)

Everyone who auditions will definitely have a part to play in the show!

Ms Sherry

Open Evening

Our open events for next year's intake start very soon with Open Evenings on 29 September and Thursday October 8.

We will be asking students to volunteer to help with these events and have roles for them both in classrooms with teachers as well as giving tours to parents and Year 6.

Volunteers will be given a permission letter next week – they will need to be able to get back to school for 5.30 having had something to eat and will finish at 8.30.

Show My Homework

Homework can now be viewed online here: https://turinghouse.showmyhomework.co.uk/ and you should now have received an email with a PIN code that enables you to access your son or daughter's homework directly.

If anyone is having difficulty accessing the site or finding the system hard to use please do let us know by email: info@turinghouseschool.org.uk

Labels

So far we have had very little lost property but the one blazer that was left behind had no label in it. Fortunately it was swiftly re-united with its owner.

Phone Safety

Many of the students are, understandably, using their phones to confirm to you that they have arrived safely at school.

Please would you reinforce our message to them to do this only once they have arrived at school? A few have been dialling and talking while walking along the pavements and crossing roads. Have a look at the picture on page 16 of the planner!

Rugby World Cup Relay

It's hard to miss the fact that the World Cup is starting this weekend. Young people in the Borough have been taking part in a relay taking rugby balls that they have decorated between schools.



Our part in the relay involved receiving a ball from Waldegrave and then taking our own one on to Clarendon Special School. Out team of runners then accompanied the Clarendon students to The Lady Eleanor Holles School.



Having greeted the Waldegrave runners with a Māori Haka, our team, led by Ms Wilkinson, made such good time across Bushy Park that they had to run round the block with their Clarendon teammates because they'd got to LEH 10 minutes early! Order was restored and they were warmly greeted by a large group of students and staff and the LEH school band.



