



## End of Term

The last day of term is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. After a Christmas assembly students will finish school between 1pm and 1.30pm. It is also Christmas jumper day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, Make a Wish and NSPCC. Students should bring in £1 for charity and can wear a Christmas jumper, with jeans and trainers or with the rest of their school uniform. All normal hair, makeup and jewellery rules will still apply.

Please note lessons will take place as normal for periods 1 and 2. This will be followed by an extended tutor time to receive reports and next term's updated timetables as well as prepare Christmas trees and form tutor fancy dress for assembly. There will be an early lunch followed by our end of term assembly.

## Start of Term

Staff return on 4<sup>th</sup> January for an INSET day and students return for lessons at 8.30am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Please note that the timetable will have changed and that PE lessons will be on a Tuesday for the remainder of the year. Students will receive their new timetables on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Forthcoming Events

- 16 Dec:** Christmas Lunch
- 18 Dec:** *Save the Children* Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 Dec:** End of Term
- 4 Jan:** INSET day
- 5 Jan:** Students Return
- 13/14 Jan:** Parents' Evening

## Reminders

### Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

If you haven't bought a ticket please do remember to bring a packed lunch. We may be able to supply a few additional meals on the day but there is no guarantee!

### Rotary Shoeboxes

Please return by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

### War Horse

Last call for permission slips and payments: Mon 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – see the End of Term article.

### Parents' Evening -13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January

Please do book your appointments online.

## Spirit of Christmas

We are delighted to announce that the Spirit of Christmas event raised £200 which will be split between the Church and Shooting Star Chase. Well done everyone.

A video of the "Gloria" piece is on the front page and pictures are in the gallery on our website:

[www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/gallery](http://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/gallery)

## Fixtures

- 15 Dec:** Girls' Cricket Tournament – Teddington School
- 5 Jan:** Boys' Basketball – AWAY v Hampton Academy
- 5 Jan:** Girls' Basketball – AWAY v Waldegrave



**Literacy Fact – Phrases and Clauses**

A clause is a group of words that includes a verb (a doing word) – it usually tells you about an event

e.g. *She ran from the house.*

A phrase is a group of words (making up part of a sentence) that does not contain a verb – it gives extra information about an event in a sentence

e.g. *in a far and distant land.*

Clause – *'The boy yawned'*

Phrase – *'first thing in the morning'.*

**School Show Rehearsal Schedule**

DATE	WHO IS NEEDED?
15/12/15	Bruno, Girl, Doorman, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Jenkins, Grand High Witch, Grand High Witch's assistant

**Chess Competition**

The draw has taken place and there is already intense speculation about who the favourites are. Students are responsible for arranging their own games in either homework club or lunch time. Games should take place on neutral ground! Chess sets are due to arrive next week so we may have some results before Christmas.

7DA		7EM		7MO		7PE
Leo	v	Jake		Sam H	v	Federico
Will W	v	Luca		Ollie H	v	Millie
Sam	v	Ollie		Phoebe	v	Eita
Daniel	v	Monty		Yasmin	v	Tomas
Ollie F	v	Mia		Kareem	v	Charlie
Ciaran	v	Oscar		Billy B	v	Jack
Owen	v	Harriet		Joe L	v	Ben
Ollie B	v	Michael		Maria	v	George
Omar	v	Tyler		Archie	v	Harry M
Harrison	v	Joe W		Louis	v	Harry W
Zach H	v	Billy K		Sol	v	Ethan
Max	v	Joe S		Lewis	v	Zach S

## Road Safety Assembly

Richmond Police delivered our assembly on Tuesday with a focus on Road Safety. Students listened attentively and responded to questions as the various aspects of keeping safe on roads was explained. The key messages from the assembly were:

Obedying the green cross code, especially with the green man indicators in the roads outside Turing House

- Avoid distraction e.g. mobile phones
- Being visible, especially when cycling
- Wearing a helmet
- Not taking risks

This assembly was particularly useful as it links in nicely with the media project that the students are working on in PSHE.

## Girls' Basketball v Teddington

On Tuesday 8th of December the girls' basketball team: Mimi Williams, Harriet Foster, Eve Winders, Phoebe Hamblin, Phoebe McPherson and Antonia Ellis went to play against Teddington School.

In the first quarter the Teddington girls came out strongly with an extremely good player in their team scoring most of their first 10 points.

In the second quarter they took their best player off and we managed to get the score to 10-8 with three amazing goals from Mimi. The score being close now, we knew we had to bring it back in the 3rd quarter.

Their best player came back on but only managed to score one goal bringing the score to 12-8 because of stamina of the incredible Turing House defence.

Using their substitutes to keep their team fresh they increased their lead but in the last quarter Phoebe H scored a great goal past three defenders bringing the final score to 26-10. It was a great match!

## Christmas Tree

Presents of books for school and shoeboxes for Rotary are now building up under and next to the tree. It's still looking great and we would love to find a new home for it from 18<sup>th</sup> December.



If you haven't got a tree yet and would like it in your home why not offer a donation to school by emailing us at [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk)? The best offer received by the end of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> secures the tree (not including decorations)! You will of course need to arrange collection!

## Word of the Week

### **Incongruous (Incongruente):**

Not fitting in with its surroundings



## Parliament

On Wednesday 9th December, Ms Wilkinson, Eve Winders, Oliver Bragg and Joe Lazarides set off on a very special mission! A train ride and very short distance on the tube, and they had arrived - the location - The House of Commons!

As a way of supporting and engaging with the work of British Astronaut, Dr Tim Peake, Turing House School is part of the Space to Earth Challenge and we were lucky enough to attend the launch event. The afternoon was thoroughly exciting; our "flight crew" met with top scientists and tried some of the activities they have developed as part of their involvement in the Space to Earth Challenge.

They then listened to experts involved with the astronauts and their activities whilst aboard the International Space Station. Later they heard the motivational and courageous words of British paratriathlete, Lauren Steadman, who really did help them appreciate that anything is possible when we channel our efforts and work hard.

All three students were fantastic ambassadors for the school; they were polite, enthusiastic and keen to get involved. So eager was Joe that he found himself inside an actual spacesuit (previously used by a 'real life' astronaut) – What an amazing experience and certainly not one to happen every day!



We now look forward to embarking on our challenge in January which will see students "cycling" a distance of at least 4km each in our mission to collectively cover the 400km from Earth to Space.

## New Timetable PE / History

In January the timetable changes so that PE will take place on a Tuesday. This is because we now use Teddington Rugby Club for both teaching groups. In addition to this we have new arrangements for history teaching.

Mr O'Sullivan has an additional role in RET where he is responsible for the development of 6<sup>th</sup> form provision in all our schools. As Bristol Free School opens its Sixth Form next September he has been working closely with them all year but for the Spring term he will be spending most Wednesdays in Bristol because of the particularly intense preparations that are needed then.

In order to provide the best possible support for them and to ensure that our students get the best possible History and RP teaching during this period he will teach one period a week of History and one of RP. The other

lesson of History for each class will be taught by Mrs Mackinlay who is Executive Headteacher of King's School and RET's lead adviser for teacher training and professional development.

Many students will have seen Mrs Mackinlay in school on various occasions since September as she has been working with the school on various activities. Some have already had some history teaching from her during the preparations for Spirit of Christmas.

In case you were wondering: yes, there is a connection! We are married and have worked successfully together before, most recently at RET's King's School in Hove last year.

