



Reminders

Turing House Friends – Survey

- We would be very grateful if you would complete the [THF questionnaire](#) on the VLE

Admissions Consultation

- Thank you to all those of you who have responded to our admissions consultation so far. If you haven't already done so we would like to have your views too. The consultation webpage remains open until January 27th. turinghouseschool.org.uk/consultation.php

Think Aloud

Our Debating and Philosophy Club starts next week on Thursday with the topic "Women in the Media". Gabby Thomas, from St Mary's with St Alban's, came to assembly on Tuesday to promote the event.

Space to Earth

Today we start the Space to Earth Challenge with a number of students completing their 4km contribution to our target of 800km on the bicycles. Several students have already signed up to ride extra miles to ensure that we reach the target in under a week. We will update you in the next edition!

Chess Competition

Most first round matches are complete. We're looking forward to seeing the league take shape after round 2.

Forthcoming Events

- 18 Jan:** Turing House Friends' Committee Meeting at school
- 8 Feb:** Chinese New Year Activities
- 22 Feb:** War Horse Theatre Trip

Literacy

PEA (Point, Evidence, Analyse)

When we are exploring a text, looking at the writer's craft and how meaning can be inferred, there are methods we can use to make our writing more organised and detailed. For example:

- Point: In chapter 5 of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, we see that Frankenstein is fearful of his creation.
- Evidence: The narrator describes how he "escaped" and "rushed downstairs".
- Analyse: Shelley's verb choices convey both a sense of urgency as well as implying that the creation is threatening and something to be feared.

School Fund

As you will know, we have now set up our School Fund in order to enhance and enrich the provision and environment for our students.

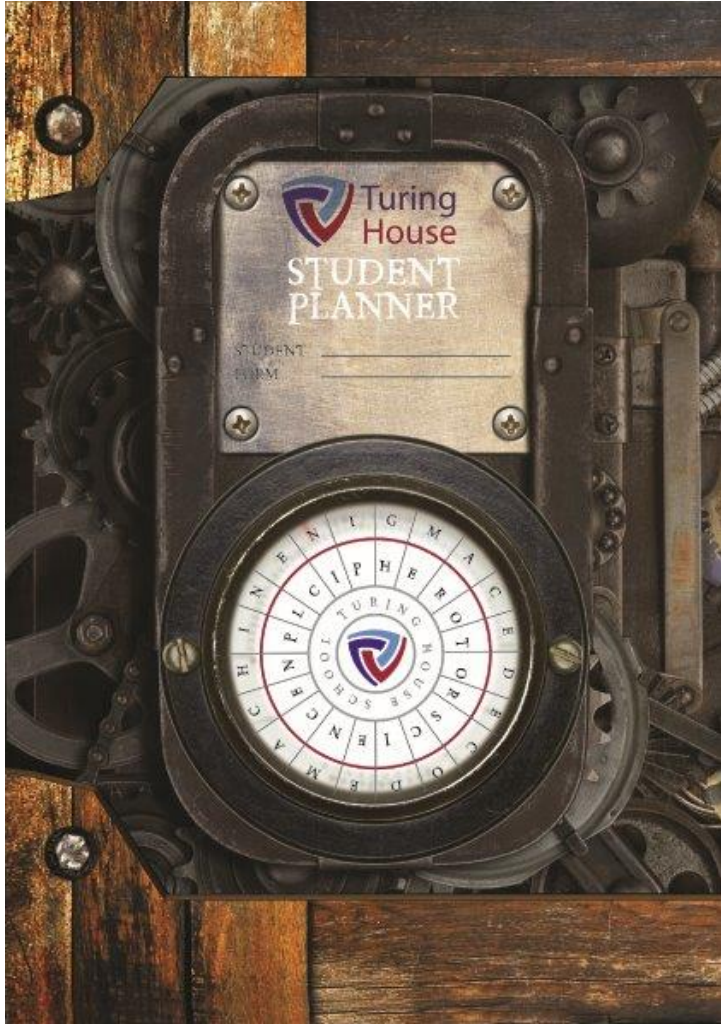
We do hope that you will be able to support the school with a regular contribution so that we can continue with the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer and so that we can start planning some additional enhancements to the school environment. The School Council are not short of ideas!

Fixtures

- 19 Jan:** Girls' Basketball – AWAY v Twickenham Academy
- 21 Jan:** Boys' Basketball – AWAY v Hampton Academy

Planner Front Cover Competition

Last year Ethan Hope won the competition to design the front cover of our first school planner. We are now inviting entries in this year's competition.



Entries should be A4 in portrait orientation and linked to the school either through our name, our values, our location or our specialisms and submitted to Mr O'Sullivan by half-term.

MENSA

You may have read recently that some schools have recently had students joining Mensa (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-34475311>).

A number of our students have expressed interest in this so we are trialling the tests with 10 students initially. If they are successful and feel that the process has been valuable we will extend it to a wider group later in the term.

MENSA Puzzle

Replace each set of dashes in the following sentence with a six letter word. The same six letters must be used for both words. What are the words?

When the _____ got trapped in the garden it _____ its way through the fence to escape.

Girls' Basketball Match: 4th January

On the 4th of January 2016 the girls' basketball team (Mimi, Harriet, Eve, Antonia, Lucy, Phoebe H, Phoebe M and Nina) played a match away against Waldegrave School. The team played extremely well with Phoebe Hamblin scoring a great basket. There were three players marking her but somehow she threw the ball and it hit the back board and went straight in.

Mimi Williams also scored two good baskets. One of these was a good layup and the other was a good shot assisted by other players. Although we did not come away with a win the team had a great game; thank you to all of them for putting their all into the game.

A message from Rotary

"I need to say a massive thank you to you and your colleagues at Turing House School for the sheer number of shoe boxes you managed to get the pupils to make up. It was a great effort and, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Teddington and the Hamptons, I would like you to pass on our thanks to your colleagues for eliciting the number of boxes but especially to the pupils who contributed. A marvellous achievement: thank you."

Turing House Friends

There is a committee meeting on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm at the school. All welcome if you'd like to find out more or get involved.

Ice Skating

After-school Ice Skating for 12 year olds and over at Richmond Ice Rink has a special discounted rate of £5 on week days from 4pm until 8pm.

Chinese New Year

Monday February 8th 2016 sees us enter into the Year of the Monkey, according to the Chinese calendar. In order to celebrate this, Turing House will be holding a special day of activities, including a visit from Mrs Zhao, the superb Mandarin teacher from our RET sister school, Becket Keys. She, along with some of her GCSE students, will be delivering an introductory lesson to speaking Mandarin to all our students – an incredible opportunity!

With a special Chinese menu from our kitchen staff and a host of creative lessons from the Turing House teachers, the day is definitely one to look forward to!



Photography Taster Session

On Monday Mr Haines ran a very successful session introducing eight students to the world of professional photography. Next week students will learn to use Photoshop to improve and present some of the photos they took.



Walking Home - Sam Hardaker

*There I was, was it me?
Walking, shuffling, hoping.
But God was there so I did plea,
Walking, shuffling, hoping.*

*There's nothing left to say so I
am waving her away.
But in my mind I did still lie
that I would be okay.*

*The journey was long so I did sleep,
dreaming of her goodbye.
Then with a jolt I began to weep,
wondering where and why.*

*The trenches were a living hell,
with bodies, rats and lice.
The guns and bombs and gas and smell
were God's cruel roll of dice.*

*Is she there? I hope she is.
Is she sitting at home?
All I miss is her loving kiss,
but the gas makes me groan and moan.*

*All my mates have lost their lives,
but I just keep on going.*

*This story with the guns and knives,
leaves me in the battle field; knowing*

*That the reason that we all are here
is the big man feels ignored.
And the end is almost near,
that's why back to heaven we are called.*

*My Darling please try not to worry,
for I will keep on trying.
And with the noise, my God is sorry,
walking, shuffling...*

...dying

