# Turing Headteacher's House Update

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# Salters Event

On Thursday we took 12 students to Guildford

University. One group took part in the Salters' Science Challenge. The other group had a



day exploring life at University, starting with a visit to the sports testing labs. The students then had a tour of the engineering and physics sites, witnessing



undergraduates build robots and the designing of their entry in the World Student Motor racing championships (this was all very

secretive). They also sat in a wind tunnel. After lunch

this group sat in on a lecture from professors Peter Middleton and Professor Jim Al-Khalili on Poetry and Physics. To finish with both TH groups convened at the 'Magic of Chemistry Show' in which another Professor showed off some cool (loud, smelly and



#### Forthcoming Events

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Half-term holiday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 7 Awards Evening 28<sup>th</sup> June: Parents' Workshop 7<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Concert 12<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day & Social bright) experiments. Then came the results of the Salters competition in which students had to use chemistry to solve a crime and we are delighted to announce that we won, beating 15 other schools with students from Years 7-9!



#### Go Ride Schools

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Ms Wilkinson passed her Level 1 Cycle coaching award. This means that we can now apply to be a 'go ride school'. For more information please take a look at the links and watch this space for further details. <u>https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/goride/article/goridest-Go-Ride-for-Schools</u>

## Fixtures

- 7 June: Girls' Rounders v St Richard Reynolds CC
- 7 June: Boys' Cricket v Richmond Park Academy
- 9 June: Cycling v Richmond Borough Schools
- **10 June:** Boys' Cricket Tournament v Middlesex Schools

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#### Staff Success

We are pleased to announce that Ms Wilkinson took part in the ITU Sprint Distance Triathlon World Championships Qualifier at Eton's Dorney Lake at the

weekend and finished in the top 4 in her event, therefore qualifying for the world championships in Mexico in September! The staff at Turing House would like to wish Ms Wilkinson the very best with her preparations for this event.



#### Journal Competition

After some excellent entries, we have decided that our student planner cover design next year will be the one created by Eve Winders in 7PE. It is currently in the hands of the printers to convert the artwork into a front cover design. Special praise must also be given to Joe in 7MO and Antonia in 7PE for their excellent designs.





The winning design

#### Mensa Puzzle

Which eight letter word beginning with 'L' and ending in 'LY' means richly?

#### Last week's answer: 29.

#### More Cricket

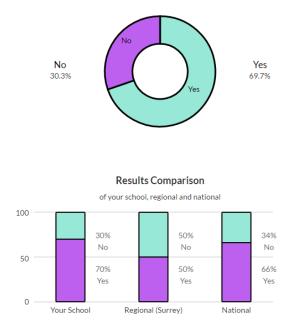
On Tuesday the Turing House cricket team participated in a cricket game against Twickenham Academy. Twickenham Academy won the toss and fielded first. Out came Jake S cementing a solid score of 31 retired, which is the first accomplished in the team. This gave us a respectable score of 75. Turing House looked very confident arriving to the field. George H and Ethan H opened up the bowling, keeping a Surrey batsman very quiet whilst taking some very important wickets. Max R took some very nice wickets, alongside a throw hitting the stumps from afar. This led onto some magnificent bowling, winning us the game from Freddie M. Most Valuable Player: Freddie M (*Jake W – Captain*)

# Votes for Schools

This week we have begun to trial a new system in tutor time called Votes for Schools. This provides a presentation with resources on a Monday morning. The presentation tends to relate to something in the news that students can debate and discuss in their group. At the end of the presentation all students can vote on the topic. This week the topic was <u>'Is the selfie culture</u> <u>healthy?'</u> On Friday the results from Turing House and all schools who use VFS can then be examined and broken down. For example we may like to find out if 'Selfies' are more popular with girls than boys in a particular form. This week's topic resulted in the following outcomes:

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Tomas and Ben in 7PE have kindly written pieces for opposing sides of the debate for the newsletter. The aim of votes for schools is to encourage the importance of voting as well as broaden understanding of key areas in the curriculum.



Inspiring Pupil Voice

# Here are some contrasting views expressed by two of our students:

I voted 'no' to selfie culture because of the danger and narcissism made by selfies. Did you know that people die more by selfies than shark attacks! Furthermore the self-love is becoming exaggerated and people express themselves either inappropriately or showing a bad impression. As well as this, selfies have gone to an extreme to creating specialised devices that were banned in public. Finally, selfies are just narcissistic photos that really show who you are. By *Tomas W* 

I voted 'yes' on the 'Is selfie culture healthy?' debate. I did this because it shows either some change in your face or you at a special place or with a special person. Taking a selfie will also last forever so people could make links in years to come. On social media if there are many selfies on one's account, personally I am more likely to trust that account. If there were no selfies I could not be sure who they said they were. *By Ben Johnson* 

## **Olympic Fact**

The five Olympic rings represent the five major regions of the world – Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania, and every national flag in the world includes one of the five colours, which are (from left to right) blue, yellow, black, green, and red.



#### **Healthy Fact**

If you don't usually eat together, why not plan to sit down for a proper meal at the table 2-3 times each week? Be sure to put phones aside, switch off the television and radio. It is a great way to bring everyone together to converse. Research suggests that this habit of eating proper meals together, rather than snacking and rushing food alone, can help to reduce childhood obesity, increase the vocabulary of younger children and can lead to higher attainment in older children.



#### **Beginner Cycle**

Mr O'Sullivan and Ms Wilkinson would like to invite parents to a beginners' cycling ride on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. We are aware that several parents have been interested in going for a ride to ease away the stresses of a working week.

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The ride will be completed at an easy pace, ensuring that everyone rides together.



We will plan to stop at the top of Box Hill for coffee and cake! If any parent(s)/(carer(s) or friends of Turing House are interested please let us know by responding at the following email tatv@turinghouseschool.org.uk.

Items you will need will be:

- 1. A working bike, with gears (no BMX)
- 2. A helmet
- 3. 1-2 water bottles
- 4. 2-4 energy bars or flapjacks ... if you can't wait for the cake
- 5. An inner tube or puncture repair kit for the size of wheel you will be riding (road bike will be standard 700)

The ride will begin at 9am. However a return time is not possible to determine at this stage due to possible variation in abilities and punctures!

#### Chess Champion

We are pleased to announce that, after a very long competition, Jake in 7EM won our inaugural chess tournament and has had his trophy formally presented in assembly. The six competitors who made it into the final fought bravely over recent weeks with Jake winning overall.

# Year 7 Reports

Students have been given their main reports to take home today. If you can't wait to read them, you can log in to the VLE and look at them there!



## Belated congratulations

A belated congratulations to our two term 1 Table Tennis Tournament winners who have now received their trophies. Well done to Max in 7DA and Harriet in 7EM. With National Healthy week approaching it will be interesting to see if they retain their trophies in our Term 6 tournament.



# Elleray Hall iPad Training

Many parents, I'm sure, have heard of Elleray Hall, and for about the past 6 months or so we have been going there to sing and socialise, but recently some of us have left at 10.30am to get there and help with their iPad training sessions. In the first week we helped teach them how to use Google Maps and what all the buttons do. On the second week we helped teach them how to use Marks and Spencer's online shopping, and this week we taught them how to use games. By Freddie Martin