

# Headteacher's Update

16th September 2016

# Year 7 Settling in Evening

We're looking forward to seeing Year 7 parents again at our 'Settling-In Evening' on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

This is an opportunity for you to meet your son or daughter's form tutor for a short discussion; the aim is for you to have met each other and shared a little bit of 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 I will also be present and we will be very happy to talk to any of you.

The evening starts at 16:15 and goes on until 19:20. The appointment booking website is now operating: <a href="https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/">https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</a>

## PE Kit Reminders

- 7AN Monday (Swimming Kit)
- 7BA 7GA Tuesday (Swimming Kit)
- 7CU 7DV Tuesday (Rugby Kit)
- Year 8 Wednesday (Rugby Kit)
- Please bring a water bottle to PE lessons
- Gum shields are strongly recommended for rugby
- Students need long blue socks for outdoor PE (short white for indoor). They should not be using black or grey school socks for PE.

## Instrumental Lessons

Yesterday Year 7 took part in a fantastic instrumental taster day. Richmond Music Trust gave a demonstration of the orchestral instruments in an assembly, after which it was over to the students.



For 2 hours, the school was filled with many weird and wonderful noises as students tried out various instruments; there were some impressive sounds from students who had never before picked up an instrument. The final session was a blues ensemble piece which showed how talented our Year 7s are.

We very much hope that after such a great day, students will take this further and apply for lessons which can be done at www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk

## Forthcoming Events

22<sup>nd</sup> September: Y7 Settling In Evening

#### Fixtures

19th Sept: Y8 Girls' Netball HOME v Radnor House

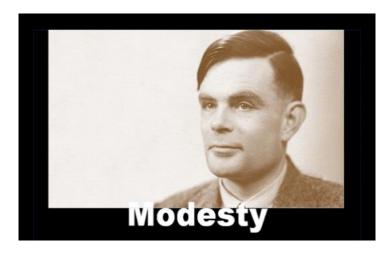
20th Sept: Y7 Boys' Rugby AWAY v Christ's

20th Sept: Y7&Y8 Girls' Football HOME v Hampton High

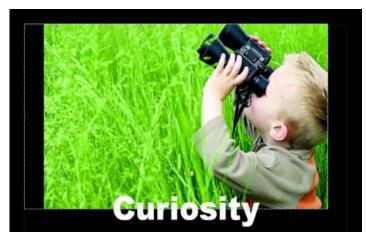
21st Sept: Y8 Boys' Rugby HOME v Christ's

# Turing and School values

This week, Year 7 have been educated about our Turing Values. These values were chosen as we felt they embody some of the qualities shown by Alan Turing during his life and they are ones we hope to see emulated by our students. Each term students will be rewarded for epitomising the values in their conduct around school and in the work that they produce. The values are: Modesty, Leadership, Curiosity, Creativity and Perseverance.











## **Votes for Schools**

Our Votes for Schools system is now up and running, with all students receiving a user name and password this week. At the start of each week, students will be given a session by their tutor on a current affairs issue. For example, last week explored the question, 'Is the Olympic spirit still alive?' This week, students were asked 'Should there be a second referendum on the EU?'

Students then log in to the site using their user name and password and vote on the topic. Staff at the school can then compare the students' views with those in the country, borough and eventually other RET schools. We believe that our right to vote is a unique part of our Britishness, so we encourage everyone to have a vote. For more information go here <a href="https://www.votesforschools.com">www.votesforschools.com</a>

# Show My Homework

We hope we have now resolved the logging in difficulties that some students have had. Other than forgotten passwords the most common issues are:

- Not turning their school username into an email address by adding "@turinghouseschool.org.uk" to it.
- Not using the link to SMHW from the school website. It seems that going to the generic SMHW site and trying to log in from there doesn't work.

If they are still having difficulties, please do email the school to let us know and ask them to speak to Mr Mackinlay or Mr O'Sullivan next week.

## MENSA Puzzle

In a row of seven shops the beauty salon is between the florist and the hairdressers.

The baker's is immediately after the greengrocer's. The bookmaker's is at the far end of the shops.

The hairdresser's is next to the bank.

There are two shops between the bookmaker's and the florist.

What is the order of the seven shops?

Last Week's Answer: 48

## School Garden

We had a planning meeting today for the school garden and we are looking forward to a Turing House Friends Social event on a Saturday quite soon to help us with clearance! Following that we'll have another one to put down some topsoil so that our Eco Warrior club can then get involved with planting. Watch this space.

## School Fund

If you haven't quite got round to subscribing to the school fund to support the garden project and our clubs, please do!

## Clubs and other Activities

We've had a good start to clubs and activities this week and continue to encourage students to get involved and try something new from the wide range on offer.

#### Before School - 7.30

Mon	Fitness
Thu	Yoga
Fri	Running (from 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep)

#### Lunchtime

Mon	Choir
Tue	Elleray Hall
Wed	Choir
Thu	Band
	Eco Club
	Reading
Fri	School Council

#### After School - 3.15 to 4.15

Mon	Orchestra
	Cross Country (from 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep)
	Rugby
	Warhammer
	Netball
	Homework
Tue	STEM
	Music Technology
	Basketball
	Homework
	Fixtures
Wed	Creative Arts
	Production
	(Maths in Motion – start tbc)
	Homework
	Fixtures
Thu	Football
	(Think Aloud – start Sep 29)
	(Cypher Challenge – start tbc)
	Dance
	Homework

# Bushy House Open Day

On Saturday 17 September 2016, the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) will be opening the doors of Bushy House to the public for a rare glimpse inside as part of Open House London 2016.

Normally, Bushy House can only be viewed from Bushy Park, but this unique opportunity offers the chance to learn about the history and scientific significance of this former royal residence from within the house itself.

Visitors will have the opportunity to visit various parts of the house and the beautiful gardens. Doors will be open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and entrance is free.



# Teddington Lifeboat Station



