

Headteacher's Update

26th May 2017

Spain - important last minute reminders

We are all looking forward to the Y8 Spain trip next week. Important reminders:

- Meet at Turing House at 3am on Tuesday 30th
 May; coaches will depart at 3.15am. If missed,
 parents will have to be responsible for bringing
 students to Gatwick to meet us there.
- Bring your Passport!
- Wear school PE tops (not hoodies!) and comfortable trainers.
- 1 piece of hand luggage per student maximum dimensions 56cm x 40cm x 25cm (including wheels and handles), maximum weight 10kg.
- Bring a small breakfast snack, e.g. brioche or pack of biscuits (not containing nuts please as we have students with nut allergies)
- Average daily temperature is now 33 °C so hats, lotion, sunglasses are essential.
- Bring an empty, sturdy refillable plastic water bottle.
- Waterproof jacket no longer required.
- Look out for Spain photos/updates on our Twitter feed.

Ramadan

We would like to wish our Islamic students the very best during the month of Ramadan which begins on Friday 26th May and ends in the evening of Saturday 24th June. During this period, these students will not eat or drink

between the hours of sunrise and sunset. With long days and hot weather, this will be incredibly challenging for them. We have spoken to each student to gauge the level at which they are fasting and their intentions with regard to Physical Education.

Please note that in accordance with ACSL guidelines, we will follow the following guidance in which a school has a duty to safeguard a pupil's wellbeing. If the school notices signs of dehydration or exhaustion, then it advises the school to ask the pupil if they are fasting, and advise them to terminate the fast immediately by drinking some water. Islamic rulings would allow the pupil to break their fast and make it up later.

The guidance adds that the school should "apply judgment and common sense on a case-by-case basis".

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and a time when Muslims across the world will fast during the hours of daylight.

Ramadan is the fourth of the five pillars of Islam.

The Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad during this month. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailut ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').

The end of Ramadan is marked by a big celebration called 'Eid-ul-Fitr', the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast.

Forthcoming Events

29th May – 2nd June: Half Term 30th May – 2nd June: Y8 Trip to Spain 10th June: CoderDojo event at Turing House

15th June: Turing House Friends' Social, Teddington Arms,

7.30pm

13th July: KS4 preparation evening for Y8 families, time tbc

Fixtures

6th June: U13 Boys' Cricket AWAY v Twickenham Academy 6th June: U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v St Richard Reynolds CC

13th June: U13 Girls' Rounders AWAY v TBC

Muslims are not only celebrating the end of fasting, but thanking Allah for the help and strength that he gave them throughout the previous month to help them practise self-control.

The festival begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky.



Dates for the Diary - Year 8

Please keep the 19th June and the 13th July free. We will be running two events in preparation for Year 9, for our current Year 8 students. These events are not options evening so please do not panic.

19th June – Introduction to the world of work and careers. We hope to have several guest speakers talking through their current jobs and the journey they took to get there. We will also be looking at transferable/desirable work-based skills for our everfluid job market.

13th July – Preparation for Key Stage 4 evening – This event will be to show case the four subjects in which our Year 8 students will start GCSEs in THIS September! We will also give a brief overview of the options process and the possible choices ahead.



Healthy Fortnight 12th-23th June

As a part of National Health Week (12th- 16th June) we will be holding a 'healthy fortnight'. During this period, we will be holding some specific events in order to promote healthy lifestyles. So far we have the following occurring:

- Special assembly by Harrisons, our caterers
- Ms Parsons breakfast mornings
- Bicycle smoothie maker

In the week preceding the fortnight, we will update you on other activities.

Friends of Turing House Social 15th June

Friends of Turing House would like to invite parents/carers to a social event at the Teddington Arms from 7.30pm. Hoping to see as many people as possible, a space has been reserved.

Poetry by Heart



We were incredibly delighted and amazed by the standard of our 'Poetry by Heart' competition. We were particularly impressed that our Year 7 winners had the confidence to perform their pieces in front of their peers in assembly. Well done, Freddie, Lilu, Josi and Tom!

Sub Aqua



On Tuesday our Year 8 students had an excellent 'hands on' assembly with the Teddington Sub Aqua Club. We have now managed to negotiate a discounted rate on the following dates for Turing House Students: 21st June, 28th June and 5th July.

If there is significantly more interest (and they hope that there will be), they will set aside another set of dates to accommodate us.

We have space for 4 students on each of the dates at a cost of £15. Please let Mr O'Sullivan know by the 12th June if you definitely want a place. Sessions take place at Teddington Pool at 8.30pm.



Aspirations

If any parents/carers would like to give short talks on their current jobs, it would be greatly appreciated. With our 'Big Futures' event now over, we would like to ensure that our students are getting a flavour of the kind of careers that await them. We would like the sessions to cover the journey from school to employment, progression routes and what a normal day might look like. Please contact the school in the normal way if you would like to support this: info@turinghouseschool.org.uk

It is our plan to hold an event provisionally on the 19th June to showcase certain career paths. Watch this space!

Summer Term Clubs Timetable

MON	TUE		WED	THUR	FRI
Fitness			Orchestra	Yoga	
Choir	Elleray Hall		Choir French	ECOSTARS	Band
Homework	Homework		Homework	Homework	Boxercise
War Hammer	Music Tech		Creative Arts	Think Aloud	Hair and Beauty
Rounders	Fixtures		Maths in Motion	Football	
Cricket	STEM		Drama	Volleyball	
Table Tennis	Cycling		Rowing Reading	Dance	
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CoderDojo Event at Turing House



The third Turing House Dojo is scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday June 10**th, and we have some exciting activities planned. As well as making basic games and animations in Scratch, students can develop their Python coding skills, create their own website, design an online platform game, or even programme a robot! Many of these activities require no previous experience, and grown-ups are welcome to join in too. Find out more, and register for the Dojo mailing list here:

https://turinghousecoderdojo.wordpress.com/take-part/

MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the letters of 'FOLKS ALLOW A STABLE' to give three popular Boxing Day activities. What are they?

Last Week's Answer: 15

Musical Events during the summer term

Several musical events will be taking place during the summer term. If your child is taking part in any of these, then please make a note of these dates in your diary:

Live@TheRose -

Rehearsal: The Mall - Thursday 22nd June, 3.30pm - 6pm

Concert at the Rose Theatre - **Thursday 29**th **June** - all day and evening concert

Richmond Prom Orchestra - rehearsal at St Richard Reynolds – **Wednesday 21**st **June**, 12pm

Performance at St Mary's College in Twickenham – Thursday 6th July, afternoon rehearsal and evening concert

Summer concert - Wednesday 5th July, evening, start time to be confirmed, in school

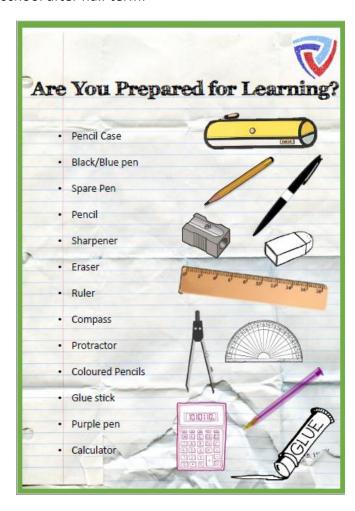
Aquathlon Success



Michael and Luca took part in the London Youth games Aquathlon trials at the weekend. Well done to both students!

Preparation for learning

Please ensure you bring the correct equipment into school after half term:



Charity Run in aid of Great Ormond Street



Our site manager, Mr Jones, will be running to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital. On June 4th he will be taking part in the London 10. This is a ten mile run around Richmond Park. If you feel like

donating to this worthy cause, his Just Giving page is:

www.justgiving.com/notanothercharityrun

