

Headteacher's Update

15th September 2017

Music Assembly

On Tuesday, a group of musicians from Richmond Music Trust, who provide our instrumental lessons, came to Turing House to deliver a musical performance involving a myriad of different instruments. The performance was absolutely fantastic and really showcased these instruments and what they are capable of. The students were thoroughly engaged and inspired by the show and were keen to find out about learning themselves.

If your child has expressed an interest in learning an instrument, please go on to the Richmond Music Trust website:

http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/applynow

Alternatively, please get in touch with the school if you require any further information.



Forthcoming Events

21 September: Year 7 Settling In Evening

7 October: CoderDojo

11 October: Turing House Friends Meeting

6 December: Christmas Craft Fair

School Photos

Today your sons/daughters will be bringing home a proof of their individual and year group photographs. Please complete the proof sheet and enclose cash (exact money) or cheque, seal inside the clear plastic envelope provided and return to the school office by Wednesday 27th September at the latest. After this date any orders will have to be made online.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Raisharnai Kitson who passed her grade 3 cello with merit, and Joe Lazarides who passed his grade 4 drums also with merit. Well done to both of them.

Duke of Edinburgh – Year 9

If your son/daughter is taking part in this, please could you click on the following link and complete the kit questionnaire. Thank you.

http://moodle.turinghouseschool.org.uk/course/view.

MENSA Puzzle

Which of the following words is the odd one out?

REGAL STOP WORK PALS PINS DRAWER

Last week's answer: Buckingham Palace

Fixtures

19 Sep: Y7 Boys' Rugby AWAY v Richmond Borough

20 Sep: Y8 Boys' Rugby AWAY v Christ's

21 Sep: Y9 Girls' Netball AWAY v St Richard Reynolds 26 Sep: Y7 Boys' Rugby AWAY v St Richard Reynolds

26 Sep: U13 Girls' Football AWAY v St Richard Reynolds

CoderDojo



The fourth Turing House CoderDojo event will take place on the afternoon of Saturday October 7^{th} . Young people aged 7-17 who are interested in learning how to make

computer applications and games can try out fun creative activities, with guidance from professional software engineers. No experience necessary! This time the sessions will include Scratch, Python, Web Development, Micro bit and Raspberry Pi. To find out more, see our website on:

https://turinghousecoderdojo.wordpress.com/

Do join the Mailing List while you're there, so that you are notified when tickets are released. The event is ticket-only, open to the whole community, and is usually oversubscribed.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help serve refreshments at the Dojo, with all proceeds going to Turing House Friends. As well as lots of grateful smiles, you will be rewarded with priority booking for the activities, so please email if you can help us with that:

coderdojo@turinghouseschool.org.uk

Community Roadwatch

Transport for London, the City of London Police, and the Metropolitan Police Service, are working together to reduce collisions on London's roads. Research has shown that speed is often a contributory factor in road collisions.

Community Roadwatch is designed to support wider police activity, working with local communities to make people aware of the dangers of travelling too fast on London's roads.







Improving road safety

Community Roadwatch gives residents the opportunity to work with local police teams, and use speed detention equipment to deter speeding on their roads.

If you would like to take part in Community Roadwatch, or suggest a residential area where there are concerns around speeding, contact:

CommunityRoadwatch@tfl.gov.uk

You will get the chance to use the speed monitor!

Show my Homework

Once again SMHW has had difficulties. See below for the information they sent us on Wednesday. I hope they have now resolved the issue but until it actually works properly I would like to reassure you and students that:

- 1. No students will be in trouble for not having done a homework that they needed SMHW to access
- 2. There will not be a backlog of homework for them to catch up.

Teachers are aware of the situation and will set important homework in the traditional way of distributing the resource in class and getting the students to write down the task in their books. I hope, however, that the issues are behind us. When it is working the system is great.

Turing House Friends

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 7pm. If you would like find out more information, please look at the website:

https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/thf.php

or contact us on: thf@turinghouseschool.org.uk



Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please make sure that you let us know in advance for medical appointments. Absences due to ill-health on the day should be reported before 8.00 ideally using the Study Bugs App or website:

https://studybugs.com/

We recommend that you use the App which is easily downloaded for both Apple and Android devices.

If a student is absent and we have not received notification, then you will receive an automated text or phone call from Truancy Call.

Year 7 Settling In Evening – 21st September

Please remember to book a time slot; click on the following link on the school's website:

https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/

This is your chance to ask your child's form tutor any questions or concerns you or your child may have.

Year 7 Swimming

Tutor Groups 7ML & 7TA will be going swimming this term, every Tuesday morning in P.E. Please remember to send them to school with swimming trunks/costumes, goggles and a towel.

7KI & 7NI will need their normal PE kit.



Congratulations Mrs Collins!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Collins is expecting her first child early in 2018. We are all absolutely delighted for her.

As a result, we are bringing forward the appointment of a new member of the leadership team so that we can both cover her maternity leave and prepare for our expansion and first Year 10 in September 2018.

A request for objects for the Art Department

In Art, Year 9 students are completing a project where they will be drawing natural forms. If you have any unwanted natural forms at home, or perhaps you may be able to find some of these items while out walking (certainly not all of them!), we would be very grateful if you could donate these to the school. The sort of things we are looking for are: fir cones, interesting leaves, shells, coral, interesting branches, seeds, dried flowers, crab shells, unwanted house plants etc. We are also using ink this term, and we will be applying the ink with sticks, so if you see any thin sticks or twigs we would be grateful if you could collect some up. Please send them in to Miss Davison.

After School Art Clubs at Orleans House Gallery

Autumn Term 2017 Art Clubs take place from the week beginning Monday 18 September until the week beginning Monday 11 December 2017. There's a week off for October half term, week beginning Monday 23 October. This is a 12-week term costing £126 (£10.50 per week).

Exciting weekly workshops offer budding young artists the opportunity to explore a broad range of artistic media and practice with our experienced gallery artists. Each term brings a varied selection of projects which are explored in group sizes of no more than sixteen, allowing participants to try messier and adventurous media than be possible at school. may http://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/arts/orleans h ouse gallery/education at orleans house gallery/art clubs and holiday activities/art clubs

Farmers' Market

A Farmers' Market will be here at Turing House this Sunday from 10am to 2pm. You can expect to find fresh fruit and veg, free range meat, eggs and poultry, artisanal London bread, fish straight from the coast and much more.

Art groups for children with disabilities and additional needs - Octagon Club

Octagon Club is our weekly art club for young people with learning disabilities or additional needs aged 11 to 17. It takes place on Tuesdays (term time only) from 4 to 6pm in the Coach House at Orleans House Gallery. We offer budding young artists the opportunity to experiment with exciting materials, work with artists, visit exhibitions and develop their creative confidence and communication skills.

The cost to attend is £5 a week (concessions available). For more information, or if you are interested in joining the Octagon Club please contact:

josie.dick@richmond.gov.uk

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/arts/orleans house gallery/education at orleans house gallery/young people with disabilities

Try a new sports course today – book now!

Richmond Council's Sports and Fitness Centres new winter programme is about to start so why not book a sports course today? They offer a wide range of junior and adult courses including street dance, trampolining, karate, gymnastics, taekwondo, badminton, roller skating, basketball, football and tennis.

For more information, call them on 0203 772 2999, or go to their website: www.richmond.gov.uk/sports

School Show Auditions

These take place on Monday and Wednesday next week for major parts. Students should check their time slot.

As with all our shows, we aim to include everyone who wishes to have a part or to help. Rehearsals will follow!

Christmas Craft Fair



Turing House is having its first Christmas Craft Fair on the evening of Wednesday December 6th. This is an exciting opportunity for the Turing House family and local area to celebrate the festive season. We would like to invite students, parents, family and friends to run a stall. If you or someone you know is interested in running a stall, please email:

craftfair@turinghouseschool.org.uk

with a description of what you would like to sell and a photograph of your work. Each stall taker will have to contribute a small fee; this information will be given at a later date once more information is collected.

