



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, we are thankfully almost back to some kind of semblance of normal - albeit with the need to still test years 7 to 9 for the third time.



On Wednesday we received delivery of 1500 Covid 19 Self-Test kits. We are in the process of organising the distribution of these. Each has a unique bar code that needs linking to a student, and once this has been done please be prepared to receive these tests at some stage next week. I will use ParentMail to inform you when they are on their way. Year 11 and Year 10 (RP) have all had a briefing on the process for the awarding of centre agreed grades this year, so in many ways we are full steam ahead. A huge thank you to all the staff and the students for their patience and efforts during the two weeks of testing. As always, we have been hugely impressed with the maturity of every year group. We are fully aware that for some of our students, the transition to 'normal' schooling is a little daunting, however we are excited and ready to receive everyone back. I can recommend this website for all our students <https://www.good-thinking.uk/youngpeople/>. It has a range of resources to support wellbeing.

## Congratulations

Billy Hall, 7R, has been working hard on his music practice during lockdown and has achieved a Distinction in his Grade 5 Drums – an amazing achievement! Huge congratulations also to Daniel Clifford (9U) who passed his Grade 5 classical guitar exam with a merit. Very well done!

## INSET Date change

Please note that the Inset Day scheduled to be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May will now be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Further details to follow.

## World Book Day 2021

Thank you to all parents, students and staff that got involved in World Book Day. We absolutely loved seeing your costumes! Here a few of our favourites:



### Dates for the Diary:

Escape Room Event – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Inset Date Change 28<sup>th</sup> May to the 7<sup>th</sup> June  
End of Term – April 1<sup>st</sup> (full day)



Sixth Form  
Application still  
open!



your way through the exciting and curious puzzles to solve the mystery as you are transported to London in 1912. Think fast, look closely, and of course just remember... Don't Panic!

Please help to support our school by joining in with an evening of virtual sleuthing from your sofa. The game is suitable for all ages and open to all so please ask friends and family to join in!

More information and ticket booking here <https://buytickets.at/turinghousefriends/488029>

### World Book Day – KS3 Book reviews



If you are that person who loves adventure and tragedy books, I recommend the book, 'Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. A girl called Isabella (my favourite character) discovers that her friend had disappeared and is determined to find her. Some people might think

books are boring, but not with this book. Every new page in this book makes me want to read more and more and there are so many new words to learn and discover. I give this book a rating of 4 and a half out of 5 stars. **By Matea Petrovic**



I haven't got a favourite book, but I'll tell you about one that I'm reading at the moment. It's a graphic novel history of the Black Panther Party, written by David F Walker and illustrated by Marcus Kwame Anderson. It's a very new book, it was only published a few

weeks ago. The Black Panther Party was an organisation that existed between 1966 and 1981 that demanded equal rights for all people in America and which was brutally suppressed by the US government. Personally, I find the story of the Black Panther Party quite inspiring, as it involves people taking responsibility for changing their own circumstances. I have read several books on this subject.

### Positive News from a Sixth Former

*This week, Deputy Lead Student, Tomas Worrell, shares the positive of being back in school!*

So, I think we can all agree, 2020 sucked. And now after one whole year of banana bread baking, Bushy Park walks and awkward Teams meetings, we have climbed this mountainous year and have reached a new destination: 2021. Of course, it's been a rocky start but with school starting I imagine we are ready to do some actual social interacting rather than staring at our laptops with dread and misery. However, I am going to miss my excuse (and I am sure every other student can relate) of "my microphone isn't working." I really hope though we are all excited to be able to finally be back in school. Here is to hope for a better year!

### Escape Room – book your tickets now!

World Book Turing House Friends are organising an Online Escape Room Event with a Sherlock Holmes Theme.

Saturday 20 March 7-9pm (ticket sales close on 17 March)

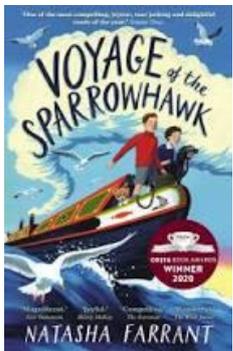
Tickets cost £8.50 (£7.50 + £1 booking fee) per device used.

Sherlock Holmes is a fantastic web-based game you can play at home, solo or with your family. It includes audio and visual files that are gradually unlocked as you solve

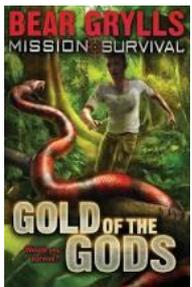
The artwork is a little bit variable in quality, ranging from lifelike to almost crude and, while it is factually accurate, it glosses over many of the negative aspects of the Black Panther Party, such as its misogyny and its use of violence.

Although I haven't finished the book yet, I'd have to say that I wouldn't really recommend it to anyone who wasn't interested in the subject of the history of American Civil Rights.

I rate this book three stars out of five. **By Maya Mensah Gibbs**



My book is called 'The Voyage of the Sparrow Hawk' by Natasha Farrant. It is a beautiful book that is set around World War Two and follows two protagonists; their names are Ben and Lotti. So far, we have seen Lotti's parents die, Ben's older brother and dad go missing and Lotti saving a dog from a notorious criminal. She later goes to name the dog Frederico. It is really heart-warming book for all age groups and puts a smile on my face. **By Olly Warbarton**



My book is called 'Gold of the Gods' by Bear Grylls; it's about a boy called Beck Granger who, thanks to his parents who used to work for an environmental group, is a skilled survivor. He goes on adventures around the world but usually gets in a tough position and is forced to survive in amazing places, though there are enemies everywhere. I enjoyed this book because it talks about all different creatures and critters and the phenomenal habitats they live in. It also gives suspense when there are people out to get him or there are mysteries to be solved. Bear Grylls also puts in some of the survival tips from the book, which is cool to learn about. It also involves cultures of tribes which is intriguing.

I would recommend it to a tweenage/teenage audience as it can get a bit freaky and odd. You will have to be

able to cope with squeamish parts and gore too. My favourite character is Beck's Uncle Al because he is funny and kind. He always is trying to get Beck to go with him on journeys around the world and lucky for him, Beck always agrees.

I learnt about tricks to survive like stamping harder on the ground in snake territory to show them who's boss and also that when you have to, you should be willing to eat dead scorpions or juicy spiders.

I would give this book and the series a Five Star rating as it is so intriguing and fascinating to learn about the wild, as well as trying to protect it. **By Joshua Brown**

### Richmond Schools Golf Tournament

The Richmond Schools Golf Tournament is taking place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (COVID dependent). If you play golf and are interested in competing in this event, please email the PE Department via the [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk) account. The age groups include juniors (years 7-8), inter (years 9-11) and senior (Sixth Form). Handicaps are necessary to enter.

### Sporting Headline of the Week

A BBC Sport study has found that the majority of sports now offer equal winning prize money to men and women competing at the top level. Of the 48 sports surveyed, 37 offered prize money - of which only three did not offer parity at any of its major championships or events. The biggest gaps in prize money for male and female athletes are in football, golf and basketball.

### Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

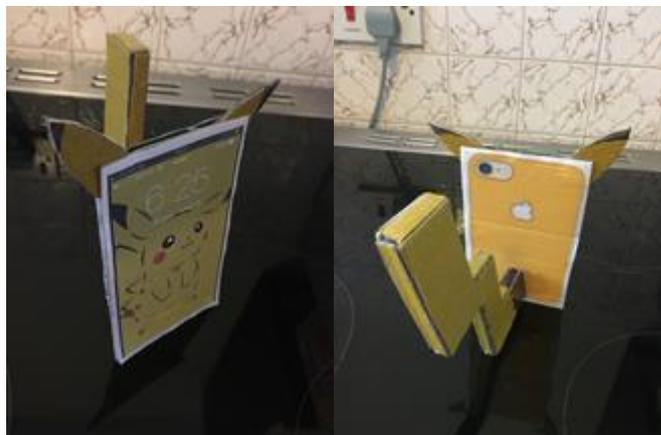
Due to its softness and resilience, animal intestine, mainly from sheep, cow or goat, used to be the most commonly used material to make the strings on a tennis racket.

### Technology

7A and 7L have been studying iconic designs during lockdown. They looked at the Little Black Dress by Coco Chanel, the Millennium Bridge by Norman Foster, the

iPhone by Jony Ives and the Tube Map by Harry Beck. These are some of the excellent prototypes they produced based on their own designs for this topic.

Well done to Joshua Joyce, Emma Gjini for their designs.



**Message for Year 11s from South Thames Colleges Group**

We hope you are keeping safe and well. If you are in Year 11, applications are now open for courses with a September 2021 start. We encourage you to apply as early as possible to ensure you are offered a place on the course you are interested in.

**Experience our Open Events from home...**

Our next Virtual Open Events will take place on the dates below - please use the link to register now. You will be able to have a look around the college, register for live webinars with our subject tutors and hear from some of our students about life at our college. Pupils and their parents will also have the opportunity to join additional live webinars including: Meet the Principal, Careers Advice, the Application Process, Additional

Learning Support, English & Maths and Work Experience.

Date and Time	College
Saturday 13 March 2021, 9.30am to 12.30pm	<a href="#">Carshalton College - Virtual Open Event Webinar Registration</a> <a href="#">Merton College - Virtual Open Event Webinar Registration</a>
Saturday 20 March 2021, 9.30am to 12.30pm	<a href="#">South Thames College - Virtual Open Event Webinar Registration</a>

**Million Words Challenge - Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following students who have also completed the Million Words Challenge: Shamsi S (Y7); Zara A (Y7); Samaira M (Y7) and Kartar N (Y7).

What an amazing achievement - 1,000,000 words! You should all be very proud!

**Post-18 Futures**

*If you have a passion for languages and want to know where it can take you, click through here to find out how Miss Shilton's passion for Spanish took her around the world:*

<https://www.turinghouse6th.org.uk/?p=2560>

**Future Geographer of the Year**



We received a really good number of entries to this career-focused competition for our aspiring geographers. The quality of the decision-making exercise was very high. After an anonymous round of judging, we are pleased to announce the overall winner is Joe Tyler, who wins an Amazon Gift Card. Entries from Zac Veale, Hannah McPherson and Ben Sanders are also highly commended, and they too will each receive a prize. Well done to all who took part!