



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful Easter break. It has been so nice this week seeing students playing in the sunshine and hearing about all the places that have reopened with the relaxing of Covid regulations. This week, our assembly focus has been about gratitude. Getting students to reflect on the things we are thankful for is also a positive thing to do in any school. It is so great to hear from teachers and members of the public that Turing House students continue to say 'thank you' to their teachers, bus drivers and shop workers. This sort of positive gratitude makes us who we are. Keep it up! We have also reflected on Prince Philip, Stephen Lawrence & St George's day this week. alongside keeping well-informed of the news about the George Floyd case and Daunte Wright. As you can imagine, this week has been rich in education regarding our society.

For those of you who are not aware, we are also in Ramadan. With long hot summer days I want to stress my admiration for the Muslims in our community that fast during this period. The demands of fasting at any time of the year are high, let alone during the summer. It is also worth highlighting to those who may not be aware that our Muslim students also work on other

aspects of their life to improve during this time, such as being more studious or breaking unhealthy habits. So, to this important part of our community, which includes two members of staff, I wish you well during this period.



National survey of children, The Big Ask!

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that they can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Please click here to [complete this survey](#).

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Hegarty Maths Support Session

The Maths Department are pleased to announce that our **Hegarty Maths Support Sessions** will be returning for Year 7s. The sessions run every Monday at 3.10pm until 4.00pm. This is an exciting opportunity for all Year 7s, and will provide a space for them to work independently, as a group or with a teachers help.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Well done Year 9

Well done to Year 9 for their maturity in undertaking the recent immunisations. They have had two successive immunisations lately and, on both occasions, we were impressed in how they helped the process run smoothly.

A huge well done! Miss Kirk

Brilliant History Resources

Below are some suggestions of books, websites, films, podcasts and TV shows you could watch to develop your understanding of the past.

Podcasts:

You're Dead To Me (BBC Podcast) - The history podcast for people who don't like history... and those who do. Greg Jenner brings together the best names in comedy and history to learn and laugh about the past.

Dan Snow's History Hit (Spotify) - The UK's most successful history podcast, with almost a million listens every month. Dan travels the length and breadth of the country to keep up with the cutting edge of history, talking to experts, historians, and the people who were actually there.

The British History Podcast - The British History Podcast is a chronological telling of the story of Britain. This show is intended to be listened to in order, starting with the Celts and Roman Invasion of Britain.

Websites:

<https://www.historyextra.com/> - The official website for BBC History Magazine, BBC History Revealed and BBC World Histories Magazine.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/> - Overview of British History from the Normans to the present day. Links to historical figures, and 'on this day in history' timeline.

<https://www.sporcle.com/games/category/history> - 36,646 different history quizzes to keep you entertained.

<http://timelines.tv/> - Overview of British history from the Early Middle Ages. Videos that summarise each development in social, religious and political history.

<https://www.tutor2u.net/history/topics> - Range of subject guides on various topics and people.

<https://spartacus-educational.com/> - Free online encyclopaedia on a wide variety of historical subjects.

<https://schoolhistory.co.uk/games/> - Good range of online history games to develop your understanding.

BBC iPlayer:

Six Wives with Lucy Worsley

The Flu That Killed 50 Million

History's Biggest Fibs

Year 12 - Cambridge University

[Fitzwilliam College](#)

Essay competitions in a variety of subjects, including Ancient World and Classics, Archaeology, Land Economy, Russian Studies and Architecture. The competitions are open to students in Year 12 (or equivalent). **The deadline for entries is 10am on 30 April.**

[Find out more >](#)

[Cottrell Essay Prize for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine](#)

The prize is open to all students in Year 12 (or equivalent). Students are invited to choose one question from either Medicine or Veterinary Medicine and submit an essay of between 1,000-1,500 words. The deadline for entries is midnight on 31 May.

G2G Presents: Surviving is Thriving - Lessons from Rwanda May 10th at 7pm (London)

Join G2G, with Eric Murangwa Eugène MBE and Dr. James Smith CBE, during the **Kwibuka27**, the 100 days of commemoration of the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda.

Eric Murangwa Eugène MBE will relate his story of survival of the Tutsi genocide; how his status as a

footballer and his teammates saved his life. He will also explain how Rwandan resilience of spirit has helped the country through its journey of reconciliation and reconstruction.

The evening will be introduced by **Dr. James Smith CBE**, President of the UK National Holocaust Centre, Founder and CEO of the Aegis Trust.

Eric is CEO and founder of the Ishami Foundation that is dedicated to telling the stories of the Tutsi genocide and bringing communities together through sport.

To book a place at this event please click here <https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/news/events/>

Update regarding PE uniform: New Sports Tracksuits

We are pleased to announce that Stevenson's are now stocking unisex Turing House School sports tracksuit bottoms, named 'track pants' on the website. Going forward, students will be expected to only wear Turing House PE kit which includes:



Turing House Track Pants

- THS shorts
- THS skort (Leggings are permitted however the skort must be worn over the top. Leggings cannot be worn on their own.)
- THS tracksuit bottoms (Track pants)
- THS t-shirt
- THS hoodie
- THS reversible rugby top
- Blue football socks (winter sports) or plain white socks (summer sports)

Please visit Stevenson's website to order and the Turing House website for more details.

<https://www.stevenson.co.uk/>

Potential Bus Strikes

It is worth being aware that bus strikes are planned on Friday 23 April, Monday 26 April, Friday 7 May and Saturday 8 May. If they go ahead, they are likely to affect bus services across west and southwest London and parts of Surrey.

The strikes will affect buses run by London United, including some night and school routes.

BBC Apprenticeships

After they were put on pause because of the pandemic, a range of BBC apprenticeships and early career initiatives are open for applications again!

There are 28 apprenticeships and trainee schemes on offer, ranging from 18 months up to four years, providing gold standard training and industry recognised qualifications.

Opportunities are open for young people who want a career in journalism, production, technology or business areas like HR, finance and marketing, and placements are across the UK.

Year 7 - Drama

Year 7 have been creating some impressive drama around the theme of road safety and the dangers of being distracted by phones and headphones while crossing the road.





Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

According to the World's Sports Encyclopaedia, there are over 8000 sports!

Earth Day



Yesterday (22nd April) was Earth Day. Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on 22nd April each year dedicated to awareness about the various environmental challenges that face our planet and Earth Day 2021 will mark the 50th anniversary of the world's largest civic event.

The event is co-ordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG and 193 countries around the world have their own version of celebrations.

The first Earth Day, held in 1970, saw millions of people around the world take to the streets with the desire to make a stand for environmental change after the Santa Barbara oil spill in 1969. Many think of this as being the beginning of modern environmental activism.

President Joe Biden has invited 40 world leaders to a virtual climate summit on Earth Day this year to discuss

the action that needs to be taken in order to protect our planet.

Find out more at www.earthday.org!

Also: A big thank you to some of our A-level Biologists, Dan, Tomas, and Sarah, who made an excellent presentation on Earth Day to be shared with other students in tutor time! Well done!

Sporting Headline of the Week

Team GB will face Canada, Chile and hosts Japan in the group stages of the women's football tournament at this summer's Tokyo Olympic Games.

The side will combine England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland players, and be led by interim Lionesses coach Hege Riise. Tokyo 2020 will be Great Britain's second appearance at the tournament.

Rocks Lane Netball Club for Years 7-9

We are now taking bookings for our upcoming Netball trials for our new and exciting Rocks Lane Netball Club! These trials are free of charge and taking place on 13, 20 & 27 May 2021.

Attendees to partake on all 3 dates. Years 6 and 7 trialling at 6pm and Years 8 and 9 at 7pm.

If selected for the squad, you will be invited to team training with a view to then playing matches from September 2021!

Training will take place on same days/times as the trials. The team training will start from 10 June 2021 with registration and payment made online as with all other Rocks Lane activities. Register your intent to attend the trials using the following link: <https://rockslane.co.uk/junior-netball-courses-barnes/>

Stand up to Cancer - fundraising

One of our Year 7 students, Mariyah, and her younger brother are dressing up in silly fancy dress for Eid and raising money for Stand up to Cancer in memory of their Grandma.

Positive News from a Sixth Former

This week, one of our Lead Students – Harriet – highlights the outcome of the controversial trial of Derek Chauvin.

A significant victory occurred this week in Minneapolis with the conviction of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer responsible for murder of George Floyd on the 25th May 2020. In this historic case, Chauvin was found guilty on all three charges: second degree murder, third degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

This guilty verdict is only the first step in breaking through a long history of systemic racism in America and taking the accountability for the inhumane treatment of black Americans, serving the justice that George Floyd deserved. It's essential that we recognise in the UK we need to take responsibility for the issues embedded within our society and work towards addressing them in a proactive way as a unified community.

As a result of this conviction, we hope that all cases of police brutality begin to be regarded with the severity that they should and will be dealt with in a just and fair way.

The Big Pedal – join in!

Turing house are taking part in Sustrans 'Big Pedal'

What are we doing?
Next week, we want as many students as possible to cycle to school.

Why are we taking part?
We want you all to get active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing.

Please make sure you...
Lock up all bikes with a suitable lock onsite.

Cycle safely, wearing a cycle helmet.



Bike Locks

Whilst we want to encourage cycling and are delighted by the number of our students who ride to school (Mr O'Sullivan has been caught pining over some of the students' bikes) we must also be aware that the borough has a bicycle thief who tours all of the local schools for an opportunity to steal. Sadly, this criminal is using Teddington Memorial Hospital as a way into our school. Our site team and SLT continue to work with the police but please ensure that your children have a robust police approved lock with the primary aim of deterring the criminal, but to also ensure that any theft is included in your home insurance. More information can be found here <https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-of-a-bicycle/how-safe-is-your-bike/> and here <https://www.cyclingweekly.com/news/product-news/7-of-the-best-bike-locks-5221>



Post-18 Futures

A website that has all the advice you need when deciding what you want to do after Sixth Form / College. Click through onto our Post 18 Pathway to find out more.

<https://www.turinghouse6th.org.uk/?p=2571>