

Headteacher's Update

28th May 2021

Unremembered Days Project

Some of our students are taking part in a project to write a book called 'Unremembered Days' — where each student involved researches and writes a page for the book about a particular day during the Holocaust and genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The book will also feature contributions from well-known people on why they think it is important for young people to learn about the Holocaust and other genocides. Here is Zac from Y9's piece:

December 9th

1948

Genocide Convention

In Paris on the 9th of December 1948, the convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide was adopted by the United Nations, as General Assembly Resolution 260. The convention received 39 signatories, from 152 parties, and came into effect as of the 12th January 1951.

The convention was the tireless result of years of campaigning from a Polish lawyer named Raphael

Lemkin, who is most remembered for being the person that first used the word genocide, as well as the person whose campaigns resulted in the cause of the UN genocide convention.

The aim of the convention was to define the crime of genocide in legal terms. All the countries that signed the convention were also advised that they attempt to not only prevent, but also punish any countries that committed the crime of genocide, in either a time of war or a time of peace.

Around 40 years after the convention was signed by some UN countries; the USA signed the convention in 1988, but the US insisted that they could include reservations precluding the country's punishment, if they were ever to be accused of the crime of genocide. The 8th of July 2019 saw Mauritius become the 152nd state to sign the convention.

Despite most countries having signed the convention, there have still been breaches of the act, the first of which occurred in Iraq in 1988. This was due to the mass killings of the Kurdish people towards the north of the country; the allegation was put forward by the USA. On the 2nd of September 1998, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda found that Jean-Paul Akayesu was

Dates for your Diary

Half Term -31^{st} May -4^{th} June 7^{th} June - INSET

Y10 & Y12 exams -8^{th} June -18^{th} June 5^{th} July - INSET 16^{th} July - End of Term

Goodbye & Good Luck to our Year 11 students.

We will miss you!

guilty of genocide by nine accounts. The former Yugoslavia has been accused of genocide on two accounts, first in 1992 and 1995.

Here is Kaiden from Y9's piece:

The Wannsee Conference

20th January 1942

The 20th January 1942: the day in which the implementation of the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question" was formulated and envisioned - which later led to the systematic extermination of an estimated 6 million innocent people. In the Berlin suburb of Wannsee, 15 foremost Nazi Party and German government officials assembled, and maliciously processed the most significant genocide in history.

They called this "The Final Solution"; a euphemism which to some extent concealed the egregious annihilation of the Jewish population. Leading the meeting was Reinhard Heydrich, named the principal architect of the Holocaust, he was a man that Adolf Hitler stated was "one of the best believers in the German ideology".

During the conference he announced that "during the course of the Final Solution, the Jews will be deployed under appropriate supervision... separated by gender, able-bodied Jews will be brought to those regions to build roads, whereby a large number will doubtlessly be lost through natural reduction". He further indicated that approximately 11,000,000 Jews would fall under the "Final Solution".

Other issues were discussed, such as the Theresienstadt camp-ghetto - however it was clear, despite the euphemisms, that this meeting would further systematise the policy aiming to achieve the eradication of the Jewish civilisation.

Year 10 Biology

This term in Biology, Y10 have been studying Ecology. A part of this subject requires them to complete a

sampling investigation which looks at different species' abundance and distribution. They were lucky enough to go and complete this activity over the last two weeks in Bushy Park, looking at some of the local flora.



National Reading Champions Quiz







Which watery Greek god just happens to be Percy Jackson's dad? Do you think our KS3 students would know the answer? They are busy preparing to take part in the National Reading Champions Quiz!

We're proud to announce that a team of our superstar readers in years 7, 8 and 9 will be representing Turing House in the National Reading Champions Quiz next term! The first round takes place on Thursday 10th June and we will keep you updated with our progress in the competition!

Year 7 **Reading Quiz** Team:

Olly W, Alice V, Jacob C, Will P.

Reserve: Aarav

Year 8 and 9 Reading Quiz Team:

Leona, Ben S, Sam B, Elvie T.

Reserve: Maria A

Sporting Fact of the Week

Did you know.....?

Despite their name and colour, the gold medals presented in Olympic Games haven't been made from solid gold since 1912. The modern gold medals are made from sterling silver and feature just small quantities of gold.

G2G Presents

G2G Presents: The story of Eva and Istvan Wirth, Wednesday 16th June 7pm (London)

David Wirth tells the stories of how his Hungarian parents survived the Holocaust after separately enduring ghettos, camps, slave labour and death marches. Together with David's narrative, clips of Eva's video testimony will provide the audience with a first-hand account of her experiences.

To book the above event, please use this link https://www.generation2generation.org.uk/news/events/

Please also note our July and August events which can also be booked at the above link.

G2G Presents: The story of Sabina Miller Wednesday 14th July 19:00 (London)

G2G Presents: Letters of Love and Loss by Francis Morton Thursday 12th August 19:30 (London)

Finally, for those of you that missed our **May event** "Lessons From Rwanda", you can view a recording at the following link https://youtu.be/6pj2eb6x Rk

Congratuations

Congratulations to Sixth Former Jack L, whose entry into the Humanities Writing Competition at Girton College, 'The

Eye Idols of Tell Brak', came in joint fourth place and was highly commended by the judges.

Jack will receive a certificate and a Girton College gift bag, including a copy of 'The Lawrence Room at Girton College', a book on Girton's museum collection by members of the college, published in 2019.

Bee Leive



Sporting Headline of the Week

Cristiano Ronaldo says he has achieved what he set out to do with Juventus amid continued doubts about his future. The Portugal captain, 36, who joined Juve from Real Madrid in 2018, has a year left on his contract.

Ronaldo has won two Serie A titles, the Coppa Italia and two Italian Super Cups but Juve failed to win the league this season for the first time since 2011. During his three years in Italy, Ronaldo has also been named Serie A footballer of the year twice, and was the competition's top scorer in the season just completed.

INSET

Please remember that Monday 7th June is an INSET day for all students.



- Check & Challenge and self-assessment;
- Hints and tips on home learning

To secure your place, visit www.gcsepod.com/podup-present-parent-webinars/

Calling all parents/carers Find out how to further support your child's GCSE learning journey with one of our free webinars. Join us on one of our parent webinars where GCSEPod will give you lots of hints, tips, and advice on how you can use GCSEPod to support your child during their GCSE journey. Webinars are free to all parents and your child already has access to award-winning GCSEPod. 2nd June @ Spm 15th July @ 5pm To secure your place visit:

For parents of students in Y10 especially, GCSE Pod are running some parent webinars to help you familiarise yourselves with the platform and what it can offer students in terms of revision. We use GCSE Pod in a range of subjects at THS to support students with their revision.

2nd June @ 5pm

17th June @ 5pm

15th July @ 5pm

During the session we will explore how parents can support their child's learning using GCSEPod with information around:

How to access Pods;

www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars,

- Using the Learning Activities to enhance and embed knowledge;
- Podbooks and how to quiz your child;
- What to expect if your child is given homework on GCSEPod;

Penquin Random House visit Turing!

We were very excited to have Penguin Random House visit the English department this week, as part of their 'Lit in Colour' campaign.

They filmed an English lesson with Ms Andrews and spoke to her and to students about the choice of texts at GCSE, and how black writers are underrepresented in the curriculum.

Turing House are one of the first schools in the country to teach 'Boys Don't Cry' by Malorie Blackman at GCSE, and we are working with Penguin to promote the importance of teaching a range of texts from writers of different backgrounds. We are so incredibly proud of the students who took part, and we can't wait to see the film!

RMT Bandit Summer Holiday Camp

RMT Bandit, Summer Holiday Course, is back this August.

Y5-Y13, minimum 1 years' experience, suitable for those learning the following instruments:

- Piano
- Keyboard
- Electric Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Vocals

Students are put into bands, learn tracks, song-write, record in our pop-up studio and perform in the end of week gig.

The registration form is here https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/ensemble-es-and-courses/courses/bandit/

Year 11 Last Day -Report to Follow!





























