



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## Message from Mr O'Sullivan

With one more week to go before a well-earned half term break, our thoughts go out to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are commencing their next tranche of mock examinations. We wish them the best of luck during this period and remind them all that this is all a part of preparing for the final exams starting in May. After the half term I'll be back out on the main gate in the morning welcoming students in each day. This is something I am really looking forward to doing again and am already practising my 'tuck your shirts in' mantra.

You will receive a letter today inviting you to an Artificial Intelligence (AI) briefing on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. Hopefully this will be useful.

We received a lovely letter from the Bee-lieve Foundation today regarding the money we raised in Term 2. Well done to everyone who supported this. Plans are already in place for further ventures to help support this children's mental health charity.

'On behalf of the trustees of Bee-lieve Foundation, and particularly the many children and young people who will directly benefit from your very generous donation of £722.37, I would like to express my deepest gratitude.



Running the charity has allowed us to meet so many incredibly generous and selfless human beings and it remains very humbling when we receive support like this. We cannot thank you all enough. £722.37 is a tremendous total and this will allow us to make a huge difference to schools who apply needing urgent intervention support for their most vulnerable children. On behalf of those vulnerable children, thank you so much. We will not let them or you down. Please continue to follow our social media channels and check our website for our latest news – we have lots of exciting things planned for 2024. Together we will build a brighter future for young people. We look forward to seeing you in the near future and joining many of you on Horsell Common for the Woking Lions Martian 10K race on Sunday 16th June.'



**Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams** – 5<sup>th</sup> February until 9<sup>th</sup> February then 20<sup>th</sup> February until 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 13 Mock A-Level Exams** – 8<sup>th</sup> February until 9<sup>th</sup> February then 20<sup>th</sup> February until 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Catch up DTP/Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations** – Monday 5th February.

**Ski Trip**–Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**Half Term Week** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET Day** (school closed for students) – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### Royal Holloway University trip

This Monday, a group of our Y11 and 12 students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Royal Holloway University, where they were treated to an enriching and immersive experience. The day commenced with an informative tour around the picturesque campus guided by knowledgeable university students. From the historic Founder's Building to the state-of-the-art facilities, our students were captivated by the beauty and grandeur of the university's surroundings.

Following the tour, our students delved into the world of abstract mathematics during an engaging taster session. Led by a passionate professor, this session provided a glimpse into the fascinating realm of theoretical mathematics, igniting curiosity and sparking intellectual discourse among our budding mathematicians.

One of the highlights of the trip was a thought-provoking Q&A session with current university students. Our students had the opportunity to gain valuable insights into university life, academic pursuits, and career pathways. They eagerly posed questions, ranging from academic challenges to extracurricular activities, receiving candid and inspiring responses that left them feeling motivated and excited about their future academic endeavours.



### Bar Estilo Spanish trip

When we arrived at Bar Estilo, we were greeted by our waiter. We sat down at the table which already had bread and olives on there. After devouring them, we were met with a buffet of food being served to our tables. There were croquettes and balls of fish that were fried, it was amazing. Next, we were given a mountain of meaty paella, and a Spanish omelette called a tortilla. After just barely being able to eat all of that, they brought out churros with chocolate sauce, which were delicious. Overall, it was a fun, filling and amazing way to spend an evening, "adios".  
By Harry, Year 8

Firstly, we all met outside the restaurant and got checked in, shortly after we entered the restaurant and went to our seats. There was bread and a garlic dip already there as a starter before we had our food. First of all we had meatballs which were really tasty. After the waiters brought us some tortilla and small balls of fish! Muy delicioso!

We then had our main course, Paella! To top it all off we had churros with chocolate sauce.  
Overall I think this has been a very, very good trip and some very good food. By Hamish, Year 8



**St Mary's GCSE Science workshop**

Last Wednesday some Y11 students had the opportunity to attend a GCSE required practical workshop at St Mary's university. The students took part in a variety of GCSE required practical activities from chemistry, biology and physics. They were fantastic role models for the school, showed enthusiasm and asked thoughtful questions - they returned having gained a lot from the day and felt more prepared for their upcoming mocks!

**National Apprenticeship Week**

Next week marks the start of National Apprenticeship Week across the UK. At Turing House we will be celebrating this with various events to shine a spotlight on Apprenticeships. There are numerous Webinars and events this week, largely virtual. Below is a list of some of these events that you may wish to register for and watch at home if you are interested in finding out more about the world of Apprenticeships.



Join us on National Apprenticeship Week 2024 to discover more about the fantastic world of apprenticeships! Are you: Looking to start your career in an industry or profession? Leaving school or graduating from college but unsure what all your options are? Want a job where you can continue learning and gain qualifications at the same time? Interested in finding out more about apprenticeship opportunities with some of the UK's biggest companies? An organisation looking to tap into future talent...? Then the Festival of Apprenticeships is for YOU! More than just an online conference, this FREE event is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to find out more about apprenticeships. From discovering opportunities with organisations first-hand, through to guidance on how to apply for and make the most of an apprenticeship, the festival will cover all!

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

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We have live broadcasts and interactive chat with apprentices from the following companies confirmed during the week of NAW 2024:-

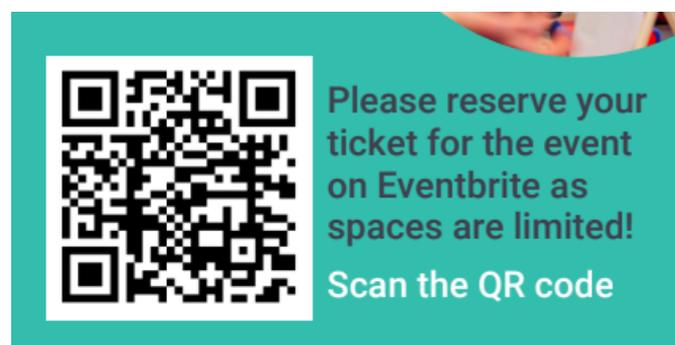
National Nuclear Laboratory, BT, Kier, JTL Training, M Group Services, Weightmans Anglian Water, Arnold Clark, ABP Beef, Dentons, East Midlands Railway London North Eastern Railway, SPL Powerlines, CAF Rail, 3 Squared, TXM Consulting GeoAccess, RLB, KeTech, John Sisk, Tilbury Douglas, Jacobs, and much more!!

**To register for the live broadcasts on the Careers LIVE channel please visit: -**

<https://careersliveuk.com/national-apprenticeship-week-2024/>

## Way 2 Work Apprenticeship open Day

You are invited to attend Way2Work's apprenticeship open day which will be taking place at the **Twickenham Training Centre on Thursday 8th February and Friday 9th February 2024** during National Apprenticeship Week. The event is a chance for those considering apprenticeships as a pathway to find out about the apprenticeships Way2Work offer as well as providing advice around applications which to be given the best chance of securing an apprenticeship for September 2024 should be submitted by Friday 29th March. For more information about the event please click [here](#) and to sign up to the event please click [here](#). Please do not submit multiple bookings if you are planning to attend as a group.



## RP

In RP this week, Lewis in Year 8 showed fantastic curiosity and leadership by volunteering to present some of his independent study to the group. Well done, Lewis!



## Year 9 Aspirations Survey

All Year 9 students need to scan the QR code below and complete the aspiration survey. This is the first step towards deciding your GCSE choices. We would like to get a sense of the subjects you are interested in studying for GCSE next year. This also helps the school with planning. The deadline for doing this is February half term.



## Jack Petchey Cadet Award

Congratulations to Jawad in Year 7 for getting a Jack Petchey award for his volunteer police cadets' role.



## Learning concern from home

If you are concerned about the learning needs of your child, please complete this brief survey using this QR Code or link. These can also be found on our website under 'contact us'. When you have completed the form, a member of the Learning Support Team will



investigate and contact you within five working days.

## Sports Fixtures

### Year 9 Boys Basketball v Teddington

The Year 9 boys got their basketball league off to a cracking start as they took on Teddington at home. The opposition are a familiar team by now who always provide a very close and competitive game. The warm-up match from the previous day may have made the difference on this occasion as the Turing team sailed to a convincing 50-39 win. They will go again next week against Richmond upon Thames where they'll look to build on this momentum early on and continue winning ways. Well done to all involved!



### Year 10 Boys Football v St James

The Year 10 boys took part in a friendly match against St James earlier this week, once again making use of the grade 1 pitches we are fortunate to have at THS that prove reliable all year round, even in the bleak depths of January's bitter grasp. The Turing team played with the ease of knowing a result was for nothing more than bragging rights, balanced with the same determination to win that they apply to all other matches regardless of the competitive nature. Their efforts saw them keep a clean sheet and slot three goals of their own, securing a 3-0 victory. Job done! Well done to all involved!



### 6th Form Boys Football v Grey Court

The Sixth Form boys got their week underway with an away match against Grey Court. A plague of injuries appears to have swept across the Sixth Form contingent currently, so the Turing team competed with one player down for half the game. However, the boys still managed to hold their own against an opponent who was determined to make the most of their advantage and threw everything at the visitors. In the end, THS lost 1-0 but some of these students will get another go at the 5-a-side tournament later in the week as well as an 11-a-side game against Kingston Academy after the half term break. Well done to all involved!



### Year 8 Boys 6-a-side Football Tournament

The Year 8 boys finally took a stab at the 6-a-side tournament, having heard all about the defeats and triumphs at the same competition from the other year groups. They certainly made the most of the occasion as they got underway with a win against

St Richard Reynolds. Despite drawing against Twickenham and Orleans Park, the Turing team had done enough to secure a place in the semi-final where they beat Christ's, setting up a final against Richmond Park Academy. Despite a closely contested match, it was not to be, as the boys lost by one goal but can be proud of their efforts to finish as runners-up. Well done to all involved!

### Year 7 Boys Basketball v Twickenham

The Year 7 boys basketball team got their league campaign underway this week as they took on neighbouring school Twickenham. And what a start the Turing team made - they put up a big score as they dominated possession in all quarters. Furthermore, the defensive game from the boys made a big statement as they only let three points go against them for the whole game...impressive! They won't get complacent though as their attention now turns to the next game which is against Teddington away. Well done to all involved!



### 6th Form 5-a-side Football Tournament

The 6th Form boys got to participate in the 5-a-side tournament at Hampton High this week. After their 11-a-side game at the start of the week, the boys were looking forward to playing competitively in a different format on the pitch. Some fierce footballing teams had clearly eaten their shreddiees that morning - it just wasn't to be for the Turing team as they suffered a few losses that seemed to stunt momentum early on. Nonetheless they boys enjoyed the fixture and didn't



give up for a single moment. Well done to all involved!

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** is a residential course held at the High Ashurst Outdoor Activity Centre near Box Hill. Whilst it is an experience essentially to be thoroughly enjoyed, it is also a course designed to develop self-confidence, and social, communication and leadership skills. Activities include aqua sports, raft building, an assault course, and orienteering. Places on the course are open to 15–17 year-olds, and this year it is being held from the 28<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August. There is **no charge** to participants, who have the chance to be sponsored by our local Rotary Club in Twickenham upon Thames. Our local Rotary Club usually sponsors two students, although last year they managed to obtain third party sponsorship in addition, and sent four students, including Oliver Porter from Turing House (he is in Year 13 now!). If you'd like to put in an application - see Ms Riglin. It is a brilliant opportunity well worth taking advantage of.

Initiative...Challenge...Success...Achievement...Goals...It is great fun

### What is RYLA?

Everyone also gets a certificate when they complete the course. This can help with future job or college applications. The certificate will be presented to you by your sponsoring Rotary Club.

The final event of RYLA 2024 is the Gold evening which is held on the Friday evening of the course. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Where they will learn about the events of the road show.

To give you feedback and to help you succeed skilled team leaders are always on hand to advise and support you. You will also share your experience and skills with other participants.

The Centre is a Duke of Edinburgh Award Access organisation. Candidates on Gold level can count RYLA as their residential project. Those not on Gold can accumulate credits for taking part in RYLA activities.

Young people need guidance as they navigate their way through a culture that promotes values that are not always positive or productive. Rotary can assist young people in making decisions that will have an influence on their personal development. For young people to choose the best path towards constructive citizenship requires encouraging them in activities that build their confidence and self-esteem. This will provide them with the vision to identify how best to apply their own potential for leadership and ability to work as part of a team. This course is great fun, very energetic and immensely challenging.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is an intensive programme for young people in both physical and intellectual terms. It is open to boys and girls within the age range 14 to 18 years of age. You should enjoy participating in team and social activities and learning the essential skills you need to survive as a leader. Rotarians recognise that today's young people will become tomorrow's leaders and wealth generators. Providing those future leaders is a significant task. A role supported and encouraged both by Rotary International and Rotary District 1145.

The course is fully residential, fully funded by Rotary over 5 nights starting on Sunday afternoon and finishing Friday evening. Candidates must arrive between 2pm and 4pm on Sunday and be collected by 8pm on Friday.

We will send a programme for the week and a list of giving everything you will need to bring with you.

You will receive 3 meals each day prepared by the well-equipped kitchen that can cater for most dietary requests.

To apply for this course you simply have to complete a RYLA 2024 application form and return to your local sponsoring Rotary Club.

Activities will include assault course, orienteering, all day map reading/walking, aqua sports, raft building challenge & many more.

## Support Staff Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Technology Technician to support our Design & Technology department in all specialisms. If you are interested in this role or know someone who would enjoy this role at our school, please visit our Vacancies page on our website to apply: [Staff Vacancies \(turinghouseschool.org.uk\)](http://Staff Vacancies (turinghouseschool.org.uk))

## Turing House Friends Comedy night

Get ready to laugh your socks off at our upcoming Comedy Night on Friday, March 8th! We've got a fantastic line-up of comedians guaranteed to tickle your funny bone. Plus, keep those laughs fuelled with a fully stocked bar and delicious street food available. Acts supplied by the wonderful Bearcat Comedy Club and food from the delicious BurmaShack. We'll be running a raffle with some amazing prizes, so buy a strip of tickets on the night and wear your lucky socks! If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, then please get in touch! It's the ultimate recipe for a night of fun and laughter while raising much needed funds for the school. Please support this first big social we have held at the new site.

### Get your tickets

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53912>

**RYLA will help you:**

- Develop personal self confidence whilst leading others
- Increase individual self-esteem
- Improve your leadership skills
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues
- To meet a wide range of young people with similar interests
- Improve career skills and knowledge and offers you a training that will be stimulating, challenging and fantastic fun.

**TEAMWORK**  
**RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**  
**CHALLENGING YOURSELF**  
**LEADERSHIP**  
**PROBLEM SOLVING**  
**ORGANISATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT**  
**COMMUNICATION**  
**SELF CONFIDENCE**  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
**INDEPENDENCE**

The District 1145 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is held at the High Ashurst Outdoor Activity Centre in the beautiful Surrey Hills on Box Hill near Dorking. The upgraded centre with magnificent log cabin accommodations, all with en-suite bathrooms offers excellent opportunities for outdoor team building programmes and sports activities. The facilities include a safety built climbing wall. The re-furbished centre provides a hub of opportunity for training and activities and offers you a training that will be stimulating, challenging and fun.

**How do I apply?**  
 If you would like to attend RYLA 2024, please contact your local Rotary Club and ask for an application form

Further details can be obtained by contacting Alan Wellman (District RYLA Co-ordinator)  
 Mobile: 07951 413817  
 Email: alanwellman@btinternet.com

**RYLA**  
 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 1145  
 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2024  
 Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre,  
 Headley Lane, Nickleham, Dorking RH5 6DQ  
 Operated for Rotary by Surrey Outdoor Learning & Development

**Rotary**  
 District 1145



**TURING HOUSE SCHOOL PTA presents...**

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<p style="font-size: small; color: #FF0000;">COMPERE</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; font-weight: bold; color: #FF0000;">HARRIET KEMSLEY</p>	<p style="font-size: small; color: #FF0000;">ACT THREE</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; font-weight: bold; color: #FF0000;">ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING</p>
<p style="font-size: small; color: #FF0000;">ACT ONE</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; font-weight: bold; color: #FF0000;">RORY O'HANLON</p>	<p style="font-size: small; color: #FF0000;">ACT TWO</p> <p style="font-size: x-large; font-weight: bold; color: #FF0000;">PAUL TONKINSON</p>

FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2024

FOOD/BAR from 7.00pm. COMEDY 8.30pm.

TICKETS £16.50: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53912>

## Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club

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Hampton Wick Royal CC has a thriving juniors section that caters for children aged 5 upwards. This year we have set up a girls section and are looking to grow it. We have entered the Middlesex softball league and Surrey hardball league for girls and hosted a Surrey SMASH event at the club, with a number of clubs from across Surrey attending.

HWRCC won both the u10s and u11s events.

All ages and standards are welcome. Training takes place on Sundays at Esher College starting 21st January 1-3pm

Bushy Park  
off Park Road  
Hampton Wick,  
Kingston-upon-Thames  
Surrey KT1 4AZ  
<https://hwrcc.co.uk/>

For more information in joining the junior section contact James Watson: [j.watson@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:j.watson@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk)

External clubs & Adverts

Hampton & Richmond Borough  
**Diamonds**

'Lost Gen' Women's Football

Are you one of the 'Lost Generation' of women who wanted to play football but never had the chance? Have you played before but work or family life got in the way and now feel a little rusty?

Join us on Tuesday evenings  
for skills training, fitness and fun !

We are a friendly, inclusive group welcoming beginners and out-of-practice players with a professional coach.  
Sessions are £8 pay as you go

For more information:  
[mumsfootball.hrbyfc@gmail.com](mailto:mumsfootball.hrbyfc@gmail.com)

Hampton and Richmond Borough Youth FC is a 3 star Charter Standard Community Club. We are working to encourage women and girls to gain the confidence to participate more widely in football. We have joined forces with Middlesex FA to pilot the 'Lost Gen' programme which gives women who may never have had the opportunity before, to play, develop skills and enjoy football in a low pressure environment.

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13 & 14 FEB 2024

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or scan the QR code

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