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Message from Mr O'Sullivan

As in previous years, the school show (quite rightly) has taken precedence over everything this week. With three evening and matinee performances the cast (and the staff) must be exhausted and ready for the Easter break. I was proud to watch the show on Wednesday and can safely say it was the best show I have ever seen in our short history. I could list a range of superlatives but will instead pass that baton to the Headteacher of a local school who said, "What a stunning performance! I don't know where to begin, everything was amazing! Costumes, lighting, music were all incredible and clever but the performances by the pupils were just brilliant- the amount of work that went into the show was incredible and it showed! Your main characters: Shrek, Princess Fiona, Donkey were fabulous! I loved the three Fionas singing together - it was really beautiful. We loved the dragon and Lord Farquard and, well everything really!!! The nursery rhyme characters, villagers and knights were all on point!!! We had a wonderful afternoon - thank you so much for inviting us it was a pleasure and a privilege".

One of things most special things about our school show is its inclusivity. Miss Scott, Mr Hunter and Mr Hopkins have three casts in operation. The logistics of managing this is mind boggling. Big praise should also be showered on



Emily P, George E Emily S, Siana C, Monika P, Mae H, Katie B and Lily JM who took on the lion's share of the work in making the show as good as it was. As always, a special thanks to Scott, Miss Mr Hunter and Mr Hopkins without

whom the show would not have been possible. They have lived and breathed all things green for months and continued to stay afloat with their day jobs.

As we head off into the Easter holidays, I would like to wish our Year 11, Year 13 and Year 10 (RP) students the best of luck with the preparation for their first public exams. Week commencing 13th May is when the bulk of these begin. That's 46 days that will have an impact on the rest of your lives. So it's time to pack away the X-Box, stay inside a bit more, and reduce time online and on your phones. Keep well and healthy for your exams by eating and sleeping well, and, of course, revise!



Year 10 end of year exams – 15thApril – 26th April Careers Fair – Thursday 18th April Year 8 HPV Vaccinations – Thursday 25th April THS Ski trip 2026 – now live



Ski Trip 26 is now live! We're pleased to be launching to current Y8 and Y11 students for our trip to the wonderful

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resort of Val di Fiemme in Italy. For more information please see the trip letter which went out to parent emails on Monday.

Shrek performance

A big thank you to all families who came to see the school production of Shrek, it was a great turn out on all three nights, despite the weather. And a big thank you to Toby R in Year 9 for the amazing photos.







Apprenticeship life

This week, one of our Turing House Sixth Form exstudents came in and gave a talk to the Year 12s & 13s about her apprenticeship at Lloyds Bank. This was a great opportunity for the students to hear about how to apply for an apprenticeship, the process and what is involved in doing an apprenticeship. We are so proud of Leah - she spoke to all 151 students with great ease and professionalism!



Life at University

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On Wednesday 26th March, Max Ratcliffe a former Turing House student hosted a talk for our Year 9 - 13 students who are studying Spanish. Max studied Spanish as an A Level and is currently studying Spanish and French at the University of Warwick. During Max's interesting talk he discussed University life, and what it was like to study languages there, careers linked to languages and the benefits of studying languages to a higher level.



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Year 7 & 8 reading event

On Tuesday evening we invited some of our Year 7 and 8s to a reading event with their parents. We were very privileged to have in attendance two published authors, Anthony McGowan, and Elen Lewis to talk to the students and their families and answer questions about their books. The year 7s had read 'Lark', Anthony McGowan's wonderful book about two brothers and their dog on an adventure together, and the year 8s had read 'Other Me', Elen Lewis' fabulous book about an AI version of self. Everyone enjoyed a fun night with pizza, and there was a real buzz about the joy of books, reading and writing! We are incredibly grateful to the two authors who gave so much of their time and took so much care and thought into their support of our event.





Year 13 Auschwitz presentation

Thank you to Jess, Lottie and Billy from our Year 13 History class for taking the time to educate younger students about their trip to Auschwitz earlier this year. They delivered a powerful and informative presentation.



Turing House Bake Off

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Have the chance to represent your tutor group! Win positive points for your tutor

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Hello from down under

Ms Dippie, one of our science technician's received a lovely whatsapp from Mr. Suraj this week ... VERY early one





This guy walked across the pavers this afternoon!! Seemed very healthy but haven't had one at the house previously. morning. As vou know, he has moved out to Australia and is part of а conservation team. He is privileged to see some wildlife like this. I am sure that the STEM club will be pleased to see he has now arrived at his destination and is doing what he loves.



Year 7 Boys Rugby v Teddington

The Year 7 boys travelled to Teddington School to face their team on the rugby pitch this week. The weather was determined to provide some difficult playing conditions, but the Turing team did a fantastic job at protecting the ball despite the rain and mud. They enjoyed a dominating first half performance played mostly in Teddington's half, even though the match remained scoreless at the break. The opposition took things up a notch with a relentless attacking pace in the second half but the THS defence remained solid. Both teams had to settle for a 0-0 draw which is a reflection of the competitive nature of both sides...neither team wanted to give in to the other. The boys have one match left which will be a third place play off against Richmond upon Thames. Well done to all involved!

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Year 7 Boys Football v Teddington

The Year 7 boys were back in action on the football pitch earlier in the week. This time they were taking on Teddington on what was a grey afternoon in the English rain. Spirits among the boys were not dampened, however, as they approached the challenge with heightened enthusiasm and focus as always. Much like what was happening at the same time on the rugby pitch against the same opposition, the Turing team were deep in battle as both teams were searching for an opening goal. However, both sides were having some difficulty with the wet and slippery surface which made it hard to convert possession into goal scoring chances. The boys did really well to close down the attacking promise from the opposition and the game finished as a 0-0 draw. Well done to all involved.



Term 5/6 Sports Clubs

After the Easter break, we say goodbye to the rugby and football pitches as summer sports take over. Different clubs will be running after school - as always, these are open to all. Cricket and rounders on a Monday; Athletics on a Wednesday; NFL, Tennis and

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fitness on a Thursday (please note fitness club will run at 7.30am before school). Students just need to simply turn up and remember their PE kit! R

Year 9/10 Girls Football v Twickenham

The Year 9/10 girls made the brief trip across the road to take on Twickenham in one last showdown on the football pitch earlier in the week. Like with all other fixtures happening that day, the weather was not particularly encouraging. Was that an issue for these girls, you ask? Not in the slightest. The Turing team gathered themselves in the wettest of rainy days and gave an unphased and controlled performance to go into the half time with a small but significant 2-1 lead. The second half saw the girls go from composed to unapologetically accurate. They cleverly found gaps in the opposition's defence and netted three more goals to take a 5-2 win by the final whistle. Well done to all involved!



Year 7 Skateboard Workshop

All of Year 7 took part in a skateboarding experience on Wednesday which provided a new and exciting taster session organised by the PE Department. With skateboarding growing in popularity and being added to the 2024 Olympic Games, we thought it would be a great opportunity for our students to take part in learning how to skateboard or improve their skateboarding skills. The workshop allowed each student to take part in a 50-minute session on the Muga with a certified instructor and the students absolutely loved the experience!





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External Clubs & Notices



2024 MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our multi-sport camps provide an enriching, inclusive and welcoming environment for all children to learn and have fun.



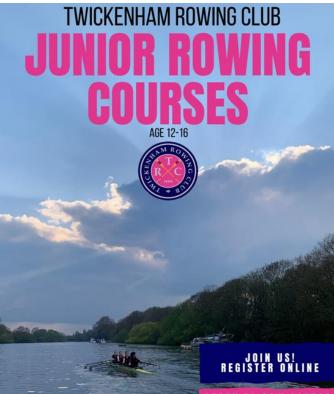
<u>Times:</u> 9:00am - 3:00pm <u>Easter:</u> Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th



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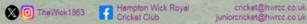








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