

Press release

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## Turing House gains outstanding in two key areas in first Ofsted inspection



Turing House School in Teddington has been judged **good with outstanding features** in its first-ever Ofsted inspection.

Gaining outstanding in the areas of leadership and management and personal development, behaviour and welfare, Turing House, which opened in September 2015, was praised by Ofsted inspectors, who said: “Leaders, governors and staff have come together and turned their dream of creating a successful school in Richmond into a reality.”

The Ofsted inspectors went on to say: “The school has many strengths. Leaders have established an open culture where there is a clear sense of teamwork and community across staff and pupils alike. Everyone takes pride in the school – it is a welcoming and vibrant place.”

During the Ofsted inspection on 9 and 10 May, an exceptionally high proportion of parents used “Parent View” to provide Ofsted with their assessment of Turing House. Ofsted noted that parents are “highly positive” and “full of praise” for the school.

Ofsted remarked on the school’s success being underpinned by excellent leadership and management from staff and governors, with staff morale judged to be exceptionally high and staff were praised as enthusiastic with a strong sense of teamwork.

The schools safeguarding arrangements were judged to be effective and “leaders are tenacious when it comes to looking after pupils’ welfare. The promotion of pupil’s personal development and welfare is outstanding with the focus on educating the ‘whole child’ paying dividends.

Turing House Headteacher Colin Mackinlay comments:

“I am delighted with the results of Turing House’s first Ofsted inspection. To go from a standing start to good with outstanding features in two out of the four key areas in two and a half years is fantastic. This is a real testament to the experienced, enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff team who are dedicated to giving children the best learning experience and outcomes possible. The Ofsted team have noted the community spirit at Turing House, a vital part of our success and this is down in large part to our hard-working and exceptional students and their parents and carers who

support and champion the school. Later this month we will be sharing a timetable for the consultation on our new home for Turing House. We hope that this next chapter of our exciting journey will lead to even greater success in the future.”

The school has been given three areas to develop the quality of teaching so that students’ overall outcomes rise, and systems are already in place to improve these areas which are:

- Improving Maths teaching for lower ability/ SEND students
- Giving students more opportunities to work on the guidance given by teachers
- Continuing to ensure that staff training delivers high-quality teaching across the curriculum

Turing House parents are quick to praise the school with some offering their views on the Ofsted report here:

“Turing House has surpassed our expectations as a secondary school for our son. His transition from primary to secondary education has been seamless. The teachers and management go above and beyond what would be considered the norm and this initial Ofsted report has recognised all of their hard work. Well done Turing House!” Pam and Guy DeHavilland

“I have been eagerly anticipating the Ofsted report to see if it reflected my own thoughts on the school. The results are really well deserved and have been worked hard for by the school staff and students. It is good to see that its sense of community comes across to inspectors. Simple steps like phone calls home with positive reports about your child’s progress are great to receive and keep you informed as a parent. I am very proud of Turing House staff and students and all they have achieved so far and look forward to their future development.” Sonia White

“Turing House offers brilliant teaching, but also a huge amount of extras from sports to music and science. We couldn’t be happier, not only with the academic side of things, but also with the supportive and responsive attitude of their staff. It’s an excellent school that knows all of its students as individuals.” Kate Delaney

Turing House is a mixed school with 326 students across three year groups. It will take its fourth intake in September 2018.

The full report can be viewed here

[www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/Turing%20House%20School%20Ofsted%202018.pdf](http://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/Turing%20House%20School%20Ofsted%202018.pdf)

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