



10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! We hope that you all have a happy, healthy and successful 2020.

## Valencia 2020 – Year 10



Thank you to all the Year 10 parents/guardians who have already paid their deposit for the Valencia 2020 trip; a reminder that the deadline to confirm your son/daughter's place for this trip has now been extended to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure your deposit and confirmation is in by this date.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** and will enable parents/carers to see subject teachers. In order to provide the opportunity for all parents/carers to see some staff, the appointments are limited to 6 per student and will last 5 minutes.

To ensure the smooth running of the evening, we have set the online booking system to ensure that appointments are booked with 5 minute gaps in between. Please book your appointments here:

<https://turinghouseschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

### Forthcoming Events

**14<sup>th</sup> Jan**- Deadline for Valencia Trip

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 11 Parents' Evening (subject consultation)

**21<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Vaccinations (Year 9)

## RET Creative Writing Competition

Congratulations and well done to all our students who recently entered the RET Creative Writing Competition. Students from all five RET schools and from years 7 – 13 entered submissions under the theme of 'Belonging'. There were one winner for each key stage – Lola Vaughan-Williams' (Year 8) entry was highly commended at KS3 – but the overall winner, out of hundreds of students (including A-Level Literature students) was Laden James, in Year 7 at Turing House School! This is an incredible achievement. Judges commented that his piece was skilful and engaging.

As part of the prize we will be receiving a writer's visit to the school.

Well done to Landen and all of our students who produced such wonderful pieces of writing, and thank you to Miss Kirwan for coordinating the competition in school.



## Year 9 Immunisations

We have received confirmation regarding the date for the upcoming immunisations: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

All students in Year 9 will receive their final immunisations for their school life. These immunisations are for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio.

Consent forms will be sent home no later than Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and will be handed out in tutor time. These forms will need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## Careers Talk – Hampton site

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, Hampton Site students will be visited for a Careers Talk by Hannah Loudain. Hannah is a manager at the AA, leading a large team of app and website designers and copywriters.

She studied Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and French at A-level, and went on to complete a degree in Natural Sciences. Since graduating, she's worked in a variety of business and management roles, none of them with any direct connection to science!

Hannah will talk about careers in business and digital, and her journey to discover what she values most in her work. There will be limited spaces, so if you would like to attend, please sign up using the sign-up sheet in reception.

On this occasion, Teddington Site students, will not be able to attend the Careers Talk.

## Landmark Arts Centre: 15<sup>th</sup> January until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10am-3pm

January 2020 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

In commemoration of this major anniversary, London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames, working with the Landmark Arts Centre is showcasing artwork, poetry and prose submitted by schools, community groups and individuals from across the borough.

This exhibition will run from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and in it you will see Zach White's poem displayed. Well done, Zach!

### 75 words, 75th anniversary

Never shall we forget,

How many people's lives were in threat.

The horrific sounds of people screaming seconds away from their life ending,

And if not ending, people begin to start mending

Mending what their lives have come to, terror and worry.

Never shall we forget,

the soldiers who risked their lives to save our country.

To fight and set everyone free

free from all the imprisonment and scare.

Never shall we forget, the innocents.

**Zach White – Year 10**

## Spanish intervention

Great to see lots of Year 11s at the morning Spanish sessions this week. There are only 5 sessions left now until the mock exam.

Wednesdays: Higher tier (target grade 6 and above)

Thursdays: Foundation tier (target grades 5 or below)

7.45- 8.30 in 1.3.

## MENSA PUZZLE

Rearrange the letters of a word meaning 'item' to give a word meaning 'musical performance'.

What are the two words?

**Last week's answer: John, Sarah, Marie, Peter, Claire, Jenny & William**

## String Ensemble

I am delighted to inform you that the Turing House String Ensemble has been invited to play at a very special event in January 2020. Hampton School is holding an event on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as part of Holocaust Memorial Week, and has asked the Trust if we would be able to provide a small group of musicians to open the event.

We will be playing a short, fitting piece called "Prayer" taken from the work "Jewish Life" by the composer Ernest Bloch. As well as being a beautiful arrangement, this performance will be especially significant as the solo cello part will be played by the world-famous cellist, Raphael Wallfisch, whose mother was a cellist in the Auschwitz Women's Orchestra during World War 2.

The Turing House String Ensemble will be playing first. Parents are warmly invited to join the audience for the event.

Please go to the Hammond Theatre website to request complimentary tickets.

## Pathways to Medicine – Imperial College

This three-year programme is for highly motivated **state school students** from **low and middle-income homes** who have the academic potential to achieve the grades for **medical school**. It is supported by Imperial College London.

It aims to provide students with subject-specific support and guidance as they take their first steps towards a medical career.

Pathways to Medicine consists of activities that **run throughout Years 11, 12 and 13** to help prospective students make a strong and informed application to study medicine at university.

Activities include:

- informative talks by admissions tutors and medical students at Imperial
- e-mentoring with a current Imperial medical student
- a summer school at the College during year two of the programme
- preparation sessions for medical school entrance exams and interviews

All Pathways to Medicine students are also **guaranteed work experience** in a healthcare setting.

Registration is only open to students who:

Are in Y11 at time of application

Live and attend school within the M25 (and able to travel to South Kensington campus)

Are studying currently studying at a state-funded secondary school and intend to study at a state-funded sixth form or college for KS5

Are able to provide contact details for a teacher who can provide references for applicants from your school

Meet the [academic requirements](#)



