

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



Message from Mr O'Sullivan

It has been wonderful to be back out and about this week returning to my normal day-to-day activities. My morning duty has been a pleasure and students have been thoughtful on the canteen queue and when getting onto the 481 at the end of the day. My highlight of the week was a wonderful assembly in which we rewarded all of the students who have been simply brilliant, the best of the best, based on our last attitude to learning data drop. Miss Nicholson and I will be keen to run this again with an even busier room next time. Our Year 11 celebration will be next week, once their mock exams are finished.



Another highlight was the second AI briefing on



evening. Thanks so much to all who attended both sessions. The level of questioning, once again, showed the huge commitment that parents have to

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supporting their children's journey. For those that couldn't attend, please make sure you read the presentation. The job market will change with the introduction to AI; media & marketing, finance and banking and legal services will more than likely be the professions that change most with this new tool, so it is vital that our young people are aware of what it can do and how to use it properly.

I have also been impressed with the way students have responded to our push on uniform standards. Can I just remind parents that only one gold or silver stud earring (no more than 5mm) is accepted. If you need any further clarification, please check our guidelines on the website: Uniform & Equipment (turinghouseschool.org.uk). As I have previously said, the best teachers want to work in the best schools and the best schools are the ones with high standards. So please support us in ensuring that everyone is turned out properly.

Shrek tickets



Tickets for Shrek are now on sale on ParentPay priced at £8 each. The show will take place on 25th, 26th and 27th March and features a cast, band and crew of over 80 students - a real team effort!

If your child is involved in Shrek, please look out for the information letter with important details about rehearsals.

Coding Club

1 Club Coding is a new lunchtime club starting this term for students in Years 7, 8 and 9, who'd like to learn and practice basic coding. Students interested should come to room 1.12 at 12.40 on Thursdays to be allocated a computer for the session.

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Year 13 online parent workshop - Wednesday 28th February

Year 7 online parents' evening — Thursday 29th February

Year 13 Auschwitz trip - Thursday 29th February

SAFE event – Monday 4th March

Year 8 Romeo and Juliet English trip – Wednesday 6th
March

Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 7th March

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.

Lord Aberdare's Visit

On Friday 9th February, Y10-13 Politics students were given the amazing opportunity of meeting Lord Aberdare, who sits in the House of Lords as a hereditary peer.

Lord Aberdare first gave students a presentation on the systems and functions of the House of Lords, alongside some key legislative changes over the last century that have altered the House's role in our democratic system. This was particularly useful for students, as it tied into their scheme of work!

Lord Aberdare then opened the floor for students to ask any questions they had. Students engaged brilliantly, asking questions around the recent appointment of Lord Cameron, the value of the House of Lords, how the House could be reformed and how much money Lords make (less than students were expecting!).

This really was a unique and incredibly valuable opportunity for students, being able to hear from someone who works within Parliament every week. They were able to hear about Lord Aberdare's real-life experiences and opinions on current affairs. After the Q&A session, it was great to see some of our Sixth Formers ask individual questions of Lord Aberdare too.

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)

Sports fixtures

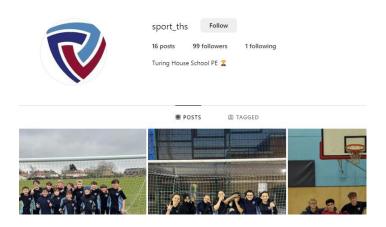
6th Form Boys Football v Richmond Park Academy

The 6th Form boys carried the flag for THS sport this week as they took part in the only fixture that didn't get rained off among some wet and wild February weather! They took on Richmond Park Academy at home. The Turing team made the most of this playing

opportunity by taking the game to their opponents from the very beginning of kick off. Relentlessly high pressure at all times of the match from both sides made for an entertaining game of football. For their first half efforts, the boys went into the break with a 2-1 lead. The second half continued in the same fiercely competitive fashion as RPA chased a comeback by scoring four goals to clinch a nail-biting win; 5-4 was the final result. It wasn't to be for the THS team but what a performance they put on show. Well done to all involved!

THS Sport Instagram Page

The PE Department are on Instagram! Follow the Instagram page for posts and updates regarding all things sport at THS. Simply open the Instagram app, search **sport_ths** and click follow, or use this <u>link</u>.



Turing House Friends Comedy night

Get ready to laugh your socks off at our upcoming Comedy Night on Friday, March 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 are 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 by clicking here.



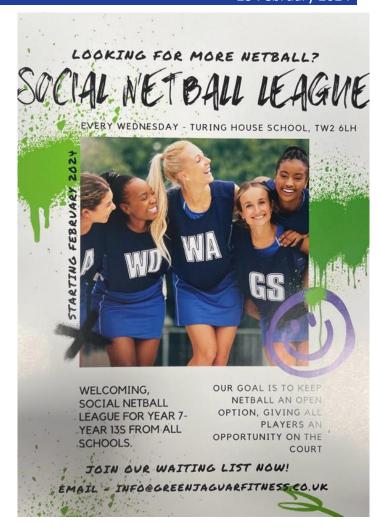
Turing House School lettings

The facilities at Turing House School are available to hire during the evenings, weekends, and school holidays. We are working with School Space, a local social enterprise, to facilitate our lettings. Please see below for further details and get in touch with School Space if you are interested in hiring our facilities.



External clubs & adverts







Turing House School; Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities Spring 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
before school	Y8, Y9 & Y10 Boys Basketball Hall - External coach	A Level grammar focus, Tuesday mornings from 8- 8:30am, room 2.03		All years mixed Fitness - gym	
break		Fantasy Football, Tuesday Break times, room 1.01			
tutor time	Grief Group_s 1.20			Equality, Diversity, Inclusion Team (EDIT), Thursday tutor times, room 1.18	
lunch time	The Library	The Library	The Library	The Library	The Library
	Mindful Mondays, Monday lunchtimes, room 1.05	Secret Philosophy Society, Tuesday lunchtimes, room 1.05	Board game club, Wednesday lunchtime, room 1.17	Spanish song club, Thursday lunchtimes, 12:45-1:15 in room 2.06	Chess club, Friday lunchtimes, room 2.01
		Pokémon Zlub, room 1.22	Advanced Strings (Grade 5+) Wednesday lunchtime, 0.13	The Turing Writer's Club - 1.18	Orchestra (all years and abilities), Fridays 12:40, room 0.13
			International club, Monday Junchtime, Room 1.13	Coding Club - 1.11	
			Geography Club, room 1.02	PRIDE Club - 12:40-1:15 room 1.22	
after school	Homework Club, all <u>years, 3</u> - 4pm computer room	Homework Club, all <u>years, 3</u> -4pm computer room	Homework Club, all <u>years, 3</u> -4pm computer room	Homework Club, all <u>years, 3</u> - 4pm computer room	Dance Club - activity Studio
	DrFrostMaths, Mon & Thu, 3- 4pm, IT room, all year	Warhammer Club, Tuesdays at 3pm - 4:30, room 1.22	7&8 Boys' <u>Rughy</u> Field - External coach	Knitting Club, Thursdays, 3-4 pm, intervention room, floor 1 (1.16)	
	STEM, Monday after school, room 2.25	KS4 History Revision Club, Tuesdays 3pm, room 1.23	Yr9-11 boys Rugby - field	School Show, Thursday (and Wednesdays for principal characters)	
	Year 11 - 13 drop-in drama: use the drama studio for rehearsal	Choir (all years and staff), Tuesdays 3pm room 0.13	GCSE & A Level Art Coursework Club, Weds & Thurs 3-5pm, room 1.21	Art Club, Thursday 3:15- 4:15pm, room 1.22	
	Band Club (all years), Mondays 3pm room 0.13	KS3 History Club, Tuesdays at 3pm, room 1.24	All years' girls' Rugby Field - external coach	DrFrostMaths, Mon & Thu, 3- 4pm, IT room, all year	
	Dance Club, Mondays 3.15- 4.15pm, Dance studio	GCSE Photography Coursework Club, Mondays & Tuesdays 3-5pm, room 1.21	School Show, Thursday (and Wednesdays for principal characters)	GCSE & A Level Art Coursework Club, Weds & Thurs 3-5pm, room 1.21	
	All years mixed Judo club with Judo Academy - gym	Educake Club, Tuesdays 3pm, computer rooms		All <u>years</u> girls' football - field	
	GCSE Photography Coursework Club, Mondays & Tuesdays 3-5pm, room 1.21	Year 7&8 mixed hockey (external coach) MUGA		Year 7 & 8 boys' Basketball Hall - external coach	
	All <u>years</u> girls' netball - MUGA	χς 10&11 boys' football Field		KS5 Chemistry Club - 2.25	
	Year 7 & 8 boys' Basketball Hall - external coach			Songwriting Club - room 0.03 (textiles room)	
	Y8&9 <u>boys</u> football				