



## Welcome

Welcome to our new Year 7 families, and welcome back to Year 8, our founding cohort. I hope you all had a great summer and are now ready for a new term at Turing House.

Our construction partners, T&B City Works, worked hard throughout the break and have once again delivered a great service providing us with our new rooms including two fully equipped laboratories, a food technology room and a practical space for art and technology.

## TYM

Our new year 7 students had their induction and team building day on Wednesday at Thames Young mariners. Students travelled by coach and took part in various challenges including raft building and canoeing.



This day allows both the students and staff to get to know each other and was once again highly enjoyable and successful. Whilst a few students got a little wet, feedback has been incredibly positive.



More photos in our gallery:

[www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/gallery/](http://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/gallery/)



## Forthcoming Events

**22<sup>nd</sup> September:** Y7 Settling In Evening

## Fixtures

**12 Sep:** Year 7 Girls' Netball HOME v Radnor House

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Y8 Girls' Netball HOME v Radnor House

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Y7 Boys' Rugby AWAY v Christ's

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Y7&Y8 Girls' Football HOME v Hampton Academy

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Y8 Boys' Rugby HOME v Christ's

## Clubs and other Activities

Our Term 1 and 2 club timetable has now been finalised and starts next week with several additional clubs being offered later in the term. We were really pleased with the uptake of clubs last year and the extremely high level of involvement in school sport. We hope that all students will take part in at least one extra-curricular activity this year and will be actively encouraging them to do so.

**Before School – 7.30**

Mon	Fitness
Thu	Yoga
Fri	Running (from 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep)

**Lunchtime**

Mon	Choir
Tue	Elleral Hall
Wed	Choir
Thu	Band Eco Club Reading
Fri	<i>School Council</i>

**After School – 3.15 to 4.15**

Mon	Orchestra Cross Country (from 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep) Rugby Warhammer Netball Homework
Tue	STEM Music Technology Basketball Homework Fixtures
Wed	Creative Arts Production (Maths in Motion – start tbc) Homework Fixtures
Thu	Football (Think Aloud – start tbc) (Cypher Challenge – start tbc) Dance Homework

## School Fund

We couldn't put on this wide range of extra activities without using external providers for some of them and of course that brings with it a cost; we're very grateful for the financial support we received from you last year through the school fund. We'd very much like to be able to maintain this level of offering and attached to the email of this newsletter is our school fund letter. Please do support the school by subscribing to the fund – ideally, please donate with Gift Aid.

In addition to supporting the extra-curricular life of the school, this year we would like to be able to use the funds to help develop the outside environment of the school. The first project for this is the replanting of the front gardens.

## Eco-Club Explained

Turing House are looking to elect some Eco Warriors!

This year we are taking part in the Eco-Schools Award. We are looking to elect representatives from every form in Year 7 and Year 8 to take on the responsibility for increasing how environmentally friendly our school is. Similar to the School Council, there will be an Eco-Schools Committee that will meet every Tuesday lunchtime to tackle environmental issues within the school and wider community. Our first challenge begins on 19th September.

We will be taking part in Waste Less, Live More week so we challenge you to do as many of the 101 ways to waste less and live more in the next week as you can. How about making a sock puppet as a class mascot for your form group or try walking to school one day next week? If you're stuck for ideas, come and have a look at the Eco-Schools notice board on the science corridor. The main task for our warriors this term is to get our Dinosaur Garden underway. More to come from our newly appointed committee.

**Waste less**  
**live more week**

19-25 September 2016

## Exam Success – Our first GCSE!

Congratulations to Eita Shibazaki who took his GCSE Japanese exam last year. He achieved an outstanding result of A\* with only 3 marks short of a 100% score!

Well done Eita, a fabulous achievement. You've set the bar for future years at a very high level.

## TTV

Our attached cycling club took part in the Surrey league 4 Up Team Time Trial Championships. Whilst we didn't win, we did turn up in our brand new school bus. So what we lacked in speed we more than made up for with style!



## Uniform and PE Kit

If anyone has experienced a large growth spurt in their son or daughter over the summer and you don't think you will use your Turing House PE kit again please pop in a bag labelled for Ms Willoughby. We will use this to ensure everyone has access to PE each week. Trainers are also welcome, everything will be washed. Additionally it is always useful for a school to have spare uniform. Please hand this in to the main office.

Turing House Friends are also planning a second hand uniform shop to raise funds for the school. Surplus uniform in good condition and any excess PE kit from your donations will be on sale at very reasonable prices.

## Miss Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson heads off to Mexico next week to take part in the final of the ITU World Triathlon Series. We're delighted that she has been selected for Team GB and wish her every success.

<http://wts.com.au/>

## Jack Petchey Award



We are delighted to have finally handed over the Jack Petchey certificate to Harry in 8PA, who was awarded this at the very end of the last academic year.

## Learn to play a musical instrument

Next Thursday 15th September, we are holding an instrumental taster session with Richmond Music Trust who are our individual lesson providers. This is a wonderful opportunity to try different instruments which will hopefully inspire students to take one of them up. Those who already have lessons either with the Trust or privately, should bring their instruments in on that day so that we can have an instrumental session with them also. Information will be sent home with the students on the day detailing how they can apply for lessons.

Introducing .....



You may or may not be aware that we have our first school pet acquired as a rescue from the RSPCA. Our (as yet) unnamed bearded dragon is perfectly safe, with students being educated on care, handling and feeding. Students have been given this easy 7 part plan to ensure that everyone stays safe.

Step 1: Wash your hands – this helps to prevent you passing on any illnesses to me

Step 2: Approach me slowly – do not reach from above, I might interpret your reach as an attack. Do not interrupt me while I am eating. Do not back me into a corner, I will feel threatened. Do not tease me with your finger, I might think it's a worm and chomp!

Step 3: Pet my head – this helps me to feel comfortable. Once I have blinked you can pick me up.

Step 4: Holding me – Gently put your hand, palm upturned, under my body and scoop me up. Use your thumb and finger to support my front arms while my body rests in your palm. Make sure all my legs are supported. You could place a second hand under my tail as well.

Step 5: Getting comfortable - Place me on your arm, chest, or lap and I will most likely stay there comfortably while you pet me. Pet me along my scales.

Step 6: Putting me back – When I become restless it is time to put me back. Remember we are cold blooded so if my belly feels cold I need to be put back in my vivarium.

Step 7: Wash your hands after you touch me.

Naming Competition

We have set the students a competition to name our bearded dragon with 'Beardy', 'Beardo Draggins' and 'Alan' being the first offerings.

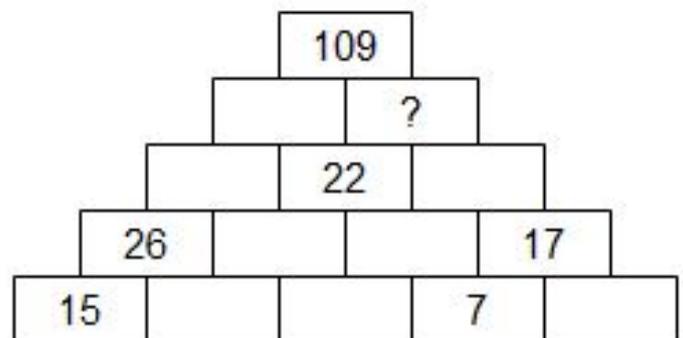
Everyone can submit one name. The staff will choose the top 3 and the school will then vote for which name they would like from these three.

We would like the name to either:

- Have a relation to the appearance, origin or biology of the dragon
- Have a relation to literacy
- Have a relation to the school

Students should submit names with a reason why they have chosen that name. All names must be submitted to form tutors by the 15th September.

MENSA Puzzle



The sum of each two adjacent blocks gives the number above. What number should replace the question mark?

