



## Attendance Reminders

**Absence reporting** - We would like to remind parents to contact the school by **8.15am** on **each day of absence** using the Studybugs app: [www.studybugs.com](http://www.studybugs.com)

There is a link to this on the homepage of the school website. Notifications received by Studybugs go straight through to our school registers. Alternatively, if you do not have internet access then please contact the main school office and leave a message. Considerable time every day is spent searching for students whose parents/carers have not notified us that their child is absent. All unreported absences are marked as unauthorised.

**Lateness:** Students need to be in their classrooms ready to start their first lesson **by 8.30am**. Students who arrive after this time cause disruption to their own learning and that of other students. We will continue to notify parents by text if their child arrives late into school, unless you have pre-warned the school office that your child will be late.

## MENSA Puzzle

What number should replace the question mark in this sequence?

1 5 21 ? 341 1365

## Forthcoming Events

**29 January:** Parent Workshops 5pm, 6pm, 7pm

**12-16 February:** Half Term Week

**19 February:** School closed re INSET day

**Last week's answer:** Austria, France, Italy

## Adolescent Brain – Parent/Carer Workshop

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, we are holding workshops for parents entitled "Adolescent Brain".

These workshops are intended to enable parents/guardians gain a better understanding of the changes adolescents go through. During adolescence both the structure and the function of the brain changes: how does this change affect their relationship with you as parent/guardian, their siblings, interactions with other adults, authority figures and their peers?

The workshop has suggestions about how you can adapt your parenting and support strategies to promote their education, self-esteem and identity formation at this critical period of life.

The workshop will run three times at 5pm, 6pm & 7pm in the Main Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and no booking is required; the workshop will last for 50 minutes.

In addition to the presentation, there will be time for questions and answers and opportunities for sharing strategies to meet the changing and developmental needs of adolescents. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Fixtures

**25 January:** Yr 9 Football v Orleans Park

**1 February:** Yr 7/8 Rugby v Kingston Grammar Sch.

**5 February:** Yr 7 Football v Richmond Park Academy

**20 February:** Yr 7 Football v Richmond Thames Sch.

## Food Technology – Important Information

Students in 7RO, 7NI, 8DV and 8RI will be starting Food Technology on the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February. Students will be given a date sheet in their first lesson with ingredients needed for specific lessons. Please ensure that your son/daughter has a suitable container, ideally rectangular to make storage in the fridge easier, of a medium size and clearly named. Turing House has no spare containers for students to take food home in.



Due to the INSET day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of February 8DV and 8RI will be missing their pizza practical. Students have two options to complete this,

they can either take the flour home and make their pizza at home, or students can come to an after school session (8RI on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb and 8DV on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb). If students are completing their pizza after school, they should inform Miss Parsons so that the correct amount of food can be prepared for students wishing to cook.

## Year 8 Spanish Tapas Bar Trip

These trips will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. All



students have been given a letter.

If you wish your child to take part in this activity, please complete the

reply slip and return it with your money to Ms Harman in 1.3, Ms Rodriguez in 1.6 or the Main Office by Monday 29th January. Thank you.

## Online Safety

We have been sent this link to an excellent website for parents, which explains and gives advice on keeping your child safe on the internet. It also provides resources and support to help you deal with problems that may arise due to the use of social media and information on the many social apps that are now available for your child to download.

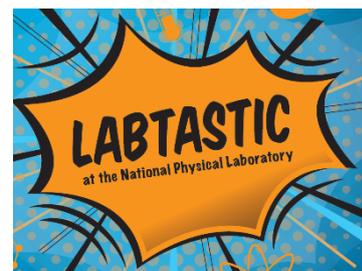
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/>

## LABTASTIC – Book Now!

The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) is running its annual February half term science camp, LABTASTIC, in February 2018. LABTASTIC is for students in year 8 and 9 and will take place from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10:00am to 3:45pm. The total cost for the three days is £60.

LABTASTIC involves students coming to NPL and taking part in fun, hands on, science related activities that they would not usually get to do at school. It will involve a range of activities from building and launching water rockets, making a robot and eating liquid nitrogen ice cream. It is a great opportunity for students to see what we do at NPL and to help to get more students interested in STEM subjects.

Due to high demand and only 30 places available, places will be allocated to the first two students from each school that sign up until we have 30 students signed up to attend. If parents would like to sign their child up they will need to email [labtastic@npl.co.uk](mailto:labtastic@npl.co.uk) with the: name of the student, what year they are currently in at school, what school they attend and a contact email address/phone number. NPL will then go back to parents letting them know if they have secured a place for their child. All payments will be taken via an online booking system and the link to this will be given to the 30 parents that have secured places for their child.



## Are you an Engineer?

Would you be happy to come in to talk to students about your career? If so, Mrs Skinnard would love to hear from you! Please contact her via the school office.

## Spanish Pen Friend - Year 9

There are five spaces left to have a Spanish pen friend; return your slips to Ms Harman in 1.3 by Tuesday 30th January.

## Careers Evening

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Turing House held its second careers evening. This time we had a firefighter, a midwife, a furniture maker and a sports fundraiser who worked for the English Cricket Board. This careers evening was very informative, and all the presenters had very interesting presentations about their respective jobs and careers. We also learnt about the importance of communication, which involved a couple of entertaining activities. Thank you to all who attended and to our guest speakers; it would be great to see more of you next time! Special thanks to the Turing House Careers Task Force for the excellent organisation and running of the evening.



If you have an interesting occupation/career journey that our students might like to hear about and you are willing to present to students, please contact Mr O'Sullivan.

One parent emailed us to say:

"I thought the careers evening was fascinating for my son and as a parent. The four passionate speakers offered real insight into their careers, offering an understanding of what they actually involve and the opportunities and diversity within these industries.

The communications workshop provided *all* of us with useful reminders and pointers for strong and effective communication. Thank you for a very interesting evening".



## Artefacts from WW2

Drew in Year 7 recently bought in his Great Grandad's medals from WW2. He was in the Royal Navy and fought from 1939-1942 and was on escort duty to the convoy that broke the siege of Malta. We also found out that his Great Grandad went 'down the pit' aged just 9! Thank you Drew.

Students, why don't you speak to your grandparents/great grandparents about their history and the interesting things/times they have witnessed?



## Youth Ambassadors

Members of our Youth Travel Ambassador Team met today to identify travel issues in our local area and to discuss potential solutions. A TfL Road Safety Competition is coming soon, so watch this space!



## Turing House Friends

It was great to see new and familiar faces at the THF meeting this week, as well as the very impressive spinning bikes the school bought with a contribution of funds raised from the comedy and quiz nights. Thank you all for coming. The second THF Quiz Night is in the planning stages; date and ways you can join in will be announced soon. Also, plans are underway for the inaugural Yr7 Q&A social night which will be a great way for families in year 7 to meet one another, share experiences and pick the brains of governors and parents with older students in the school.

