

16th November 2018

Craft Fair - correction



Please note that the Craft Fair will run from **5.30pm to 8.30pm** on Wednesday 5th December.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Turing House Friends Meeting

The next Turing House Friends meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th November at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.



Forthcoming Events

- 20th November** – Turing House Friends Meeting
- 29th November** – NHS Career Talk for students
- 5th December** – Christmas Craft Fair
- 10th December** – Winter Concert
- 21st December** – Christmas Jumper Day

Basketball Win!

The Year 10 girls played brilliantly this Wednesday in their first game of the basketball season, beating Waldegrave 46-36! We achieved an early lead in the first quarter and applied the pressure all the way through to the very end.



Player of the Match goes to Mimi W!

Well done girls!

Fixtures

21 Nov, 2018	Y10	Basketball	Richmond Park Academy
22 Nov, 2018	Y10	Basketball	Richmond Park Academy
28 Nov, 2018	Y10	Basketball	Grey Court
29 Nov, 2018	Y10	Basketball	Christ's School
30 Nov, 2018	Y7	Basketball	Hampton Boys
06 Dec, 2018	Y10	Basketball	Twickenham School
13 Dec, 2018	Y10	Basketball	Teddington

MENSA PUZZLE

Rearrange the following letters to give two words. All 10 letters must be used in each word.

What are the words?

A A G I L L M N R Y

Last week's answer: Mark. The centre letters give the name

Date for your Diary

The Winter Concert will take place on Monday 10th December at St Mary with St Alban Church. Further details to follow.

Christmas Jumper Day

Once again, we will be supporting 'Save the Children' with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 21st December. Students are allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper and pay a £1 to their tutor.



Monies raised will be sent to Save the Children. **This is not a mufti day so school uniform must be worn**, with the only addition being the Christmas jumper.



Remembrance Day Parade

Thank you to all the students who took part in the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday. We were very proud of how you represented yourselves and the school.



Well Done Pacey!

Pacey Foster in Year 9 recently went to Birmingham to compete in a National Gym Competition. Below is his account of the evening's events:

"On Friday I left school early and I went to Birmingham to compete in a National Gym competition. The competition for my age group started at 6pm and consisted of 7 different apparatus.

I started on the vault - it went well and I felt pleased with my performance. There were 4 of us representing London (we had to compete a while ago to be selected for the team). We then went on Parallel Bars; this was also another good performance.

Unlike a lot of comps I attend, we all have to do the same routine and we are judged on how well each piece is executed. High Bar was next and went well, unlike other people who fell regularly. I was really starting to feel confident with how it was going, next was PPP - it was a nice routine and surprisingly I stayed on the pommel. I have to say this is my worst piece and I do not always nail it!

I was now told I was 3rd overall; I was so thrilled. Finally I move onto my last and final piece – Rings. Normally I like rings; I work well and when we make up our own routine I can do great skills, however, in the set routine I have been struggling with my lift to handstand...consequently I fell forwards and lost the move, resulting in getting pushed back into 18th!

However, this was a team competition and we all did so well resulting in coming 3rd out of 7 teams. We were all so happy and that it wasn't a wasted journey. But we will have to wait till next year to see if I will get an individual medal."

Sixth Form Consultation

In preparation for opening our Sixth Form in 2020 we are consulting on our proposed Year 12 admissions policy. To read the policy document and respond to the consultation, please follow the link:

<https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/consultation.php ...>

Lest We Forget: Find Fallen Soldiers Who Share Your Name

To commemorate the dead, 100 years after WW1, you may wish to access to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's database of graves. The chances are that your family bore some of the terrible human cost of the Great War.

On their website, you can search for a surname and find out information about the number of Commonwealth casualties who shared that name, where they died, at what stage of the war, and who their family were.

Access the website here:

<https://www.cwgc.org/>

To Kill a Mockingbird – Year 9



Year 9 students who are studying To Kill a Mockingbird will be interested to know that it's showing at the Rose Theatre in Kingston from Thursday 12th March. Tickets from £10.

<https://www.rosetheatrekingston.org/whats-on/to-kill-a-mockingbird>

Attendance & Lates

We are very pleased with the overall attendance of our pupils; however, we are noticing an increase in the number of students who are late to school each day. Please remember that your child is missing valuable learning time and arriving late to lesson can cause disruption to others' learning. Please instil the need for your child to be at school on time, ready to learn.

Please remember to ring the school or use the Studybugs app to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Creative Writing Competition

We have had many incredible entries from our students and the English department can't wait to read them all to decide the finalists and ultimate winners.

Below is one beautiful entry from Eve in Y10, which we wanted to share in light of Remembrance Day.

World War One – Courage – by Eve Winders

The battlefield was their home. The sound of exploding shells and bullets piercing through the crisp winter air had become monotonous to them. Peace was but a fading memory, much like the sensations of being well-rested and full. They were no longer seen as men, they were now soldiers, forever scarred by what they had seen; the war had engulfed their lives.

Lieutenant Colonel De White was one of the many men broken by the war. His eye had been the first to be claimed, shortly followed by his left hand- which had been shattered by one of the many infamous shells that constantly and carelessly carved through the battlefield. He, along with many soldiers of who found no pleasure in the deadly nature of war, wanted for nothing else than an end. Yet that end never seemed to come.

The night fell once again. De White did not consider the stars which filled the sky above him, to have any correlation to the ones he had once seen back home. These stars were signals, warning all that looked their way that this, like all the nights previous, would be a night filled with the sound of gunshots and men dying. Suddenly, De White was woken from his half-hearted attempt for sleep with the sound of orders being forced his way. He was informed that he and his fellow troops were to attempt to advance over No Man's Land into German territory. He had known this was coming, yet he had hoped with all he had left that he was wrong.

He clobbered his way into a shell-hole. His uniform, once green, was now stained brown and red from the mud and blood he had accumulated along his crawl to attempted safety. He longed to rest; to shut his eyes and escape from the hell around him. However, he knew that to rest was to leap into the open arms of death. He had to keep going. He couldn't fully comprehend where he was going, or even why he had been ordered to go in the first place for that matter, but the fear of shortening Death's constant pursuit was enough to force him on.

De White did not survive that night. He had managed to dodge his inevitable fate many times, but that night he was not so fortunate. As he lay cold and wounded on the battlefield he remembered the deadly lie he had been told. He muttered these words, allowing them to dance briefly on his lips before escaping into the air along with his final breath. He was honoured to die for his country, and for that we shall honour him: the courageous soldier.

