

14th December 2018

Bon voyage!

We are very sad to announce that one of our founding teachers, Miss Emerton, will be leaving at the end of term. Miss Emerton was one of the first teachers employed at Turing House when it opened in 2015. This year she has been based at our Hampton Site.

She has decided to go travelling, starting in Australia and New Zealand in January. We would like to give her a great big Turing House thank you for everything she has done for the school over the past three years! We look forward to receiving postcards from all the places she visits.



MENSA Puzzle

Rearrange the letters of 'THE BLESSED HARPS' to give two words associated with the nativity.

What are they?

Last week's answer: L. Alternate between taking letters from the beginning and the end of the alphabet, missing one letter, then two, then three, then four.

Forthcoming Events

Fri 21st Dec - Last day of term – Christmas Jumper Day
 Mon 7th January - INSET day
 Tues 8th January - Students return to school
 Fri 25th January - Yr 9 DTP/Meningococcal ACWY Vaccinations
 Thurs 31st January - Yr8 Parents' Evening

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Just one week left to find your Christmas Jumper for Friday 21st December! We will be supporting Save the Children on this day. Students wearing jumpers are asked to bring in a £1 to support this great charity.



Comedy Night – Save the Date!

The Friends of Turing House are pleased to announce the next Comedy Night on Friday March 1st 2019, at The Exchange (opposite Twickenham Station). Save the date in your diary – further information will follow in January!



Fixtures

Year 7 Flamenco Lessons!

Last Thursday, Year 7 enjoyed a flamenco workshop in their Spanish lesson. It was great to see all students dancing and using the Spanish castanets.



Are you studying another language out of school?

If there are any students wishing to take a GCSE in a different language this year (2019), please notify Mrs Harman via email by 5th January, specifying name and the language being studied, so that she can enter you for the exam. Thank you.

End of Term arrangements

Students will be dismissed by 12.20pm next Friday for the Christmas Holidays. Normal lessons will take place in the morning. There will be no lunch provided on this day but an extended break will enable students to purchase hot food, if they wish.



Amazon Wish List



Thank you so much for all the amazing books that we have been gifted this year. Miss Andrews is delighted and our Library is growing!

<http://amzn.eu/hmp8ovu>

Trip to the Theatre



A lovely evening at the Theatre for our Year 10 GCSE group. Thank you to Miss Scott for organising this, and Miss Andrews for accompanying!

Food Technology

Rough puff pastry made into cheese twists with Year 10 last week, alongside Swiss rolls. Both tricky, high-skilled practicals. Well done, Year 10!



The Science Challenge – Why not have a go?

The Science Challenge is the Royal College of Science Union's (RCSU) annual science communication competition. Entrants are required to demonstrate their skills in scientific debate and reasoning. The Science Challenge tests the ability of today's young scientists to teach the public about the science that affects their lives.

If you want to enter:

Ask Ms Riglin for our school's unique PIN to create an account.

Submit your work before the deadline of the 15th of February.

Students will be invited to the final if they are shortlisted, and the top prize is £1000 in cash.

You can take on any task, but only one. Take your pick from this year's selection:

Lord Christopher Fox's Question:

"Imagine/project how A.I. will improve people's lives by 2035.

Propose the role of natural Scientists in making this happen."

Answer this question via an essay, up to 1500 words

Dr. Dalal Alrajeh's Question:

"A.I. nowadays plays an instrumental role in developments in the natural sciences - these have included predicting chemical reactions, discovering protocols for stem cell differentiation and most recently, predicting 3D shapes of proteins (DeepMind, Google).

In the future, could A.I. replace human scientists and why?"

Answer this question via a feature article, up to 1500 words

Prof. Armand Leroi's Question:

"How will A.I.s turn art into science?"

Answer this question via a creative writing piece, up to 1500 words

Lord Robert Winston's Task:

"Human consciousness is the great unsolved puzzle in biology.

How can we make artificial intelligence?"

You may answer this in any format of your choice. If you do decide to answer this question via a video or audio clip, upload it to YouTube, with a maximum length of 5 minutes, with the hashtag #RCSU_SciChalXII.

The judges are looking for creativity, clarity, and accuracy. For more information please see: <http://sciencechallenge.org/home>



Varsity Match – Twickenham

Students from Years 8 – 10 were lucky enough to attend Twickenham Stadium last week to watch the Varsity Match between Oxford & Cambridge.



Unwrap the Season !

Thank you to all the parents/carers/ students and staff who attended the winter concert on Monday. It was a lovely evening filled with beautiful music and drama performances. We have some amazingly talented students!

Well done to everyone who took part. A special thank you to Mrs Winch for organising the event, Miss Scott for the amazing Drama performance, and Mr Jones & Mr Arib for ferrying the students around!



Yr 10 RP – Mock exam

Year 10 sat their first ever mock exam today for their GCSE RP exam; with the real exam approaching in May 2019, this was an excellent opportunity to go through the processes and procedures in order to experience what sitting the real examination will be like.

They were remarkably focused, ensuring that all the revision they have been doing has been put to good use. We will be delivering the results of this exam on January 8th, which will be a useful early indicator of how they may perform in the summer.

Keep revising! 165 days to go!



Spanish Speaking Assessments

Well done to our Year 9 students who have been doing their speaking assessments this week in Spanish.

They have handled them brilliantly; good luck to all those who are yet to be assessed next week.

Staffing Update

Ms Davison and her son visited us this month – it was lovely to see them both and we look forward to welcoming her back to the Teddington site in the summer.

Ms Rodriguez is now on maternity leave and her lessons on the Hampton site are being taught for the rest of the year by Ms Ildberg (and also from January by Mrs Keating).

Miss Emerton's maths classes at Hampton will be taught by Mrs Johal and Mrs Keating from January.

Mr Winstanley joins us as Head of Maths based in Teddington and will take over the classes taught by Mrs Johal and Mr Bridges.

Mr Knifton, an experienced Computer Science teacher, joins us in January and will be teaching Year 9 and Year 10 and Mr Evans joins us in mid-January in the science department (until then his classes are being taught by Mr Seda).

New Timetables

The various staffing changes mean that we have had to adjust the timetables a little from January. Students will receive updated timetables for their planners and a copy to bring home for parents at the end of term.

Interim Reports – Years 7, 8, and 9

These are due to be issued next week and will be sent home with students after they have discussed them with tutors in form time. Parents will be notified of the day of issue by email so that you know to check book-bags and blazer pockets!