



Turing  
House

RET

RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST



“ Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. ”

William Butler Yeats

Turing House opened in September 2015 and is a secondary school for Richmond upon Thames, catering for boys and girls aged 11-18. It is a school for our whole community, established by local parents with the support of an outstanding educational trust, RET.

“ Staff are enthusiastic and enjoy working in the school. There is strong sense of teamwork across the whole school community. ”

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# Welcome to Turing House

Turing House is an academic, inclusive school, with a clear focus on student wellbeing and high performance for children aged 11-18. Care is at the heart of all that we do – we value and support the achievements and aspirations of every student, whatever their ability and potential. Through positive relationships and high-quality teaching and learning, we enable students from all backgrounds to make exceptional progress, thriving in ways beyond academic achievement. Turing House focuses on more than just exam results, encouraging self-esteem and respect for others, independence and responsibility, creative and critical thinking, innovation, problem-solving and an interest in the wider world.



## A SAFE, HAPPY, LEARNING COMMUNITY

We believe there is no ceiling to our students' academic abilities and that when students are safe and happy, they are learning at their best, therefore:

- We care for the whole child, in a caring, family-orientated environment.
- Students are at the heart of every decision we make.
- Every student in our school is important; every student is looked after.
- We go the extra mile to ensure all our students feel valued, supported and understood.
- Our staff, students and parents work together to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

## OUR TURING VALUES:

**Modesty:** Be confident, yet humble, in your achievements. Let others shine with you.

**Curiosity:** Question the world around you, love learning and never stop searching for answers.

**Leadership:** Be a positive influence in the lives of others. Inspire them with kindness and look for opportunities to do good each day.

**Creativity:** Broaden your imagination to reach new heights of innovation.

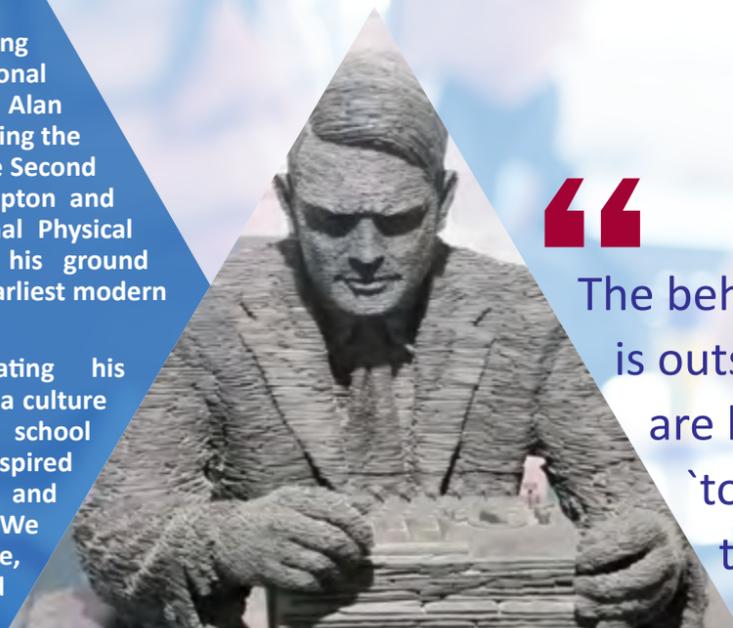
**Perseverance:** Keep trying. Aim higher. You haven't got there ... yet!



## A GREAT HERITAGE

We've named our school Turing House in honour of the inspirational mathematician and scientist Alan Turing. After his key role in cracking the German Enigma Code during the Second World War, he moved to Hampton and worked at Teddington's National Physical Laboratory, where he began his ground breaking work developing the earliest modern computers.

By honouring and celebrating his achievements we aim to reflect a culture of possibility in our school, a school where staff and students are inspired to aim high, think creatively and achieve their full potential. We were delighted that his niece, Shuna Hunt, officially opened our school in 2015.



“ Sometimes it is the people no-one imagines anything of who do the things that no-one can imagine. ”

Attributed to Alan Turing



# My Vision for Turing House

**Education is a life-long pursuit of knowledge, understanding and skills and secondary schools play a critical role in this process.**

To succeed, schools must be integral parts of the community that they serve, developing strong links and sound partnerships with governors, local authority, parents, students and the community at large. We have already begun to establish strong links in our local community in the same way we did on our temporary sites and hope to build on these in the future.



Turing House is well-organised, well-disciplined, dynamic and forward-looking – a caring institution with teaching and learning at the heart of its decision making processes. Student involvement in evaluating the success of what we do is a key part of our culture. Turing House offers a challenging and stimulating education, and has the highest possible expectations of every student and member of staff, endeavouring at all times to improve levels of achievement for all. Everyone at Turing House is committed to comprehensive education and is determined to realise the full potential of every student within a context of equal value and equal opportunity – literally: every child matters.

Our first four years have seen the school grow from strength to strength. The close monitoring and support from RET and the Department for Education have allowed us to realise the original vision of an excellent new school for the area. Already oversubscribed in every year, Ofsted's acknowledgment of our success has ensured that we continue to be extremely popular. Now in our permanent site we are looking forward to welcoming new cohorts into the Turing House family.

*Martin O'Sullivan*  
Martin O'Sullivan  
Headteacher



## An inspiring curriculum - broad & balanced



We offer an expertly delivered, high quality, inspirational curriculum, drawing on best practice from independent and state schools nationally. We support all students to achieve their greatest potential, both academically and as creative, caring and responsible future adults. Our curriculum is broad and balanced and meets the needs of the full range of our students, developing them intellectually, socially, culturally, spiritually and morally. All paths will develop our students' critical thinking skills and empower them as individuals, citizens and employees. In common with the other schools in the Trust, our learning is planned to develop the skills and embed the knowledge required for success at GCSE and beyond. Many of our Year 7 and 8 students are working at GCSE level in English and maths already.



## A FOCUS ON: MUSIC

**Music is a universal language throughout our school, promoting inclusion, confidence and self-esteem.**

Students have regular sustained opportunities to engage with music, whether through learning an instrument, taking part in performance opportunities, exploring music technology, or managing music and arts projects. We use music across the curriculum as an inspirational way to introduce new concepts and cultures to students. Richmond Borough has a rich musical heritage. We celebrate and build on this to inspire and motivate our students. The skills learnt and fostered in music education benefit the whole school, enhancing concentration, focus, teamwork and well-being. All students are encouraged to learn a musical instrument and the quality and level of participation in our musical events each term is very high.

SPECIALISM:

## SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education creates critical thinkers and increases science literacy. It helps students to be curious, ask questions and make connections as to why the world exists as it does.**

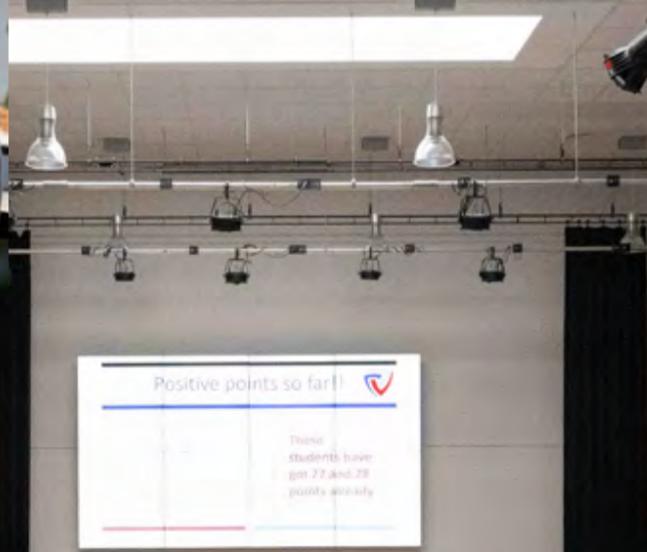


**Teachers are highly enthusiastic about teaching and they have a warm and encouraging attitude towards their pupils.**

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We enhance our core science curriculum with exciting and inspiring activities for our students including practical workshops, design challenges and field trips. Students also have opportunities to develop their science communication skills, sharing their enthusiasm for STEM through work with ambassadors from NPL, BP and other organisations.





Everyone takes pride in the school. It is a welcoming and vibrant place.  Ofsted 2018



**Our teachers are trained to make the most of every possible opportunity to develop students' literacy, numeracy and critical thinking skills to support them in their studies and prepare them for the world of work.**

We offer additional courses and extracurricular activities related to our specialist subjects and are forming partnerships with other organisations as well as local schools and colleges, to further broaden that provision. Debates and voting on topical moral and social issues are a weekly activity for all students and many are involved in community projects.

# SKILLS FOR LIFE

## TEACHING & LEARNING

**We recognise that all students who come to our school are unique, so attention to the individual's educational development, needs and success is fundamental.**

There are pathways to suit the learning needs of individuals. Students are encouraged to share responsibility for their own learning so that they know the next steps to take to be successful. They are challenged in their lessons, with work appropriate to the full range of ability levels. Homework Club runs from Monday to Thursday every week, so students can get help when they need it and finish their work before leaving for home.

The vast majority of students who are able to achieve the English Baccalaureate will follow a pathway that enables this, but there will always be flexibility to adapt pathways for individuals with particular talents, gifts or progression routes.

For the minority of students for whom an English Baccalaureate or equivalent pathway is an unrealistic aspiration, we will provide an alternative range of courses and options, enabling every student to gain a sense of self-worth and achievement.



# ENRICHMENT

ACTIVITIES



Enrichment of the curriculum in and beyond the classroom is an extremely important part of our provision



A wide range of sporting and extra-curricular clubs and access to interesting visits combine to help pupils explore their other interests and boost their personal development.

Ofsted 2018

Each subject area organises additional activities to enhance the learning of students that take place both during and after the school day as well as trips and visits.

We offer a huge range of after-school clubs, most of which are free to access. All students are encouraged to participate in at least one activity per week and many take part in two or three.

We currently work with local clubs and societies to provide additional coaching and enrichment. We are also incredibly lucky to work with the local sports partnership that provides an extensive calendar of fixtures throughout the year.

Other after school clubs and extra-curricular activities include regular music and drama performances for parents and the wider community

There are opportunities for all students to learn and practise a musical instrument. As part of the local family of schools we are developing direct links with other local secondary and primary schools, working in partnership to provide joint enrichment activities, and allowing the wider community to benefit from our specialisms.

To find out more about life at Turing House visit our website to read our weekly newsletters.



# EXPERIENCE

## The Power of Experience

Turing House School is the result of a successful partnership forged between local parents and our academy sponsor, Russell Education Trust. RET is an academy trust with five secondary schools all of which are growing, like Turing House, from Year 7 upwards. RET schools benefit from expert support from RET advisers and fruitful partnerships across our high-achieving schools.

Turing House was inspected by Ofsted in 2018 and was judged to be "Good overall with outstanding grades for Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare of students as well as the the Effectiveness of Leadership and Management."



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The Russell Education Trust (RET) is made up of five high-performing 11-18 secondary schools

in the south of England. Member schools work together and with RET expert advisers to deliver the very highest standards of teaching and learning; and to support the achievement and happiness of every student across the Trust. The success of the Trust's schools has been recognised by Ofsted, the Department for Education, and by the communities they serve.



*Students from all backgrounds make rapid progress and achieve exceptionally well. Students' books in a range of subjects show that they are expected to work hard, write at length and complete tasks matched to their different abilities.*

Ofsted, May 2014



ST ANDREW  
THE APOSTLE  
SCHOOL

*The religious ethos in the school provides a strong base for the support of pupils' personal development and welfare. Pupils speak with pride about their school and relationships in the school.*

Ofsted 2018



King's  
School

*Pupils are confident, articulate and aspiring. They are proud to be part of the school community. The school's provision for their education and welfare makes a significant contribution to their lives.*

Ofsted 2022



BRISTOL  
FREE SCHOOL

*Leaders have ensured that the curriculum is engaging for pupils, and that it promotes diversity. Teachers have strong subject knowledge, know their pupils well, and use this knowledge to help them learn. Pupils behave well. There is rarely any disruption to learning.*

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