

Issue One of the Turing House Newsletter

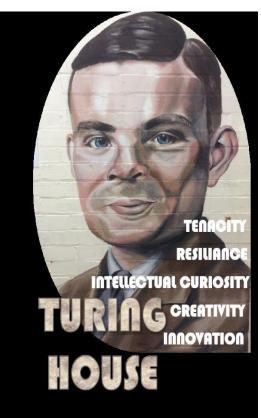
Hello all,

You are reading the first **Turing Newsletter** which is here to spread the word on the recent achievements and news from **Turing House**.

Firstly, at the beginning of the year our Head of House, Mrs Rashleigh, chose to name our House after the mathematician and code breaker extraordinaire, Alan Turing, who played a major part in the allied victory over Nazi Germany.

Who was Alan Turing?

Alan Turing was born on 23rd June 1912. At Cambridge University, he studied quantum mechanics, probability and logic after which he helped in the war effort by cracking the enigma code. In addition, he developed the Turing test which is a trial for artificial intelligence to see if it can display human behaviour which is still used today. His dedication and hard work is something each and every member of Turing aspires to carry out in his legacy. The picture below and which is the new Turing Logo is the mural currently on Mrs Rashleigh's office wall. It is an image of Alan Turing designed and painted by Head Girl Ellie (Year 13).



As Turing House, we represent the values of:

- Tenacity
- Resilience
- Intellectual curiosity
- Creativity
- Innovation.

Resilience relates to when vou acknowledge a bad situation you are in, so you learn from your mistakes and as a result come out even stronger than before. Innovation means to create a new method, idea or product that could help people in many ways. Tenacity is the quality of being persistent and determined to achieve something. Creativity is the use of original ideas to make a solution or positive outcome and Intellectual Curiosity is a term used to describe someone's desire to invest time and energy into learning more about a person,

Resilience in Action

During the first week of the autumn term, we had the lowest ranking House Points amongst the rest of the Houses but in accordance with our House values we strived to do and become better as a House. Our efforts have now been rewarded and by the end of Half Term we were on top, beating all other houses! We aim to work hard and hope to maintain this throughout the rest of the academic year.

Bronze Certificates

Students are awarded merits for working hard and producing good work amongst other things. Students who arrive on time to lessons and complete work to the best of their ability, automatically get merits. They can achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold depending on the amount of merits earned.

The College awarded the first Bronze Merit Certificates for this year, out on the 2nd October. Out of the 7 given out, 6 of these were to Turing House students. As at half term 36% of us had received Bronze Merit Certificates. This is more than any of the other Houses!

Celebrating our Values

We had an inter-form display competition which ran across all years which allowed us to really think about our values.

All of the entries were great and some were even 3-D! 8 SCH



Turing House Student Leaders

Along with Mrs Rashleigh as the Turing Head of House, we also have a Team of Turing Student Leaders. This consists of:

Penelope (Year 11) as House Captain

Luke (Year 8) as Vice House Captain

Tobias (Year 10) as Extra Curricular Activities Advisor

Izzy (Year 8) as Values Vice Captain

We are very excited for the rest of the school year and are hopeful for the positive changes we would like to make alongside the rest of our House members. In our roles, we are focused on encouraging the students in Turing House to take part in extra-curricular activities, bringing awareness to our House values for everyday life and in the classroom, encouraging students to be the best they can be and to support their peers.

Inter-House Spelling Competition

To add to our list of accomplishments, we have also recently come third in the Year 7 Inter-House Spelling Competition. We would like to wish huge congratulations to the Turing participants who helped to secure this placing and represent our House fantastically.

Next half term we are looking forward to acing the Year 8 Competition and Inter-House Football in Year 7 and 8. Spelling Aces

Well done to our wonderful spelling aces who came third and earned lots of House spelling points! Adam Lucy Holly Violet Josh



Celebrating More Turing Success

Just before half term, student achievement across the college was rewarded, with top merit-earners getting a hot chocolate and cookie. There was a very good representation as you can read below in the report from Turing students who were there:

"We really enjoyed our hot chocolate and cookies (Izzy especially loved the marshmallows and squirty cream). It was a great idea of the teachers and you could tell everyone loved it.

20 students attended this reward event for having the top scoring merits in our school, and 16 of those where from Turing (the best house) woohoo!

It was nice feeling like we had earned something out of being awarded merits. The merit system is great and it's good knowing you get them for simple things like turning up on time.

We hope that they do these award events in the future as we really enjoyed it.

Evie and Izzy (Year 8 - Turing House).

