

A Big Thank you

We want to do a big shout out to those parents and local businesses who have kindly donated goods and have contributed to the school's Annual Fund since we began in October.

We want to say a personal thank you to: Andy Hart Professional Valeting Services from Bromley Cross, Mr Eddie Bowe from Bradshaw, Mrs Karen Smith from Egerton and Mrs Lees from Egerton for supplying much needed 'Starting Blocks' for the swimming pool.

The Annual Fund allows us to finance and support much needed additional projects in and around our school. These include buildings, departments such as Music and PE, ICT equipment replacement programs, ultimately sustaining extra curricular programs for all our students. All gifts small or large are greatly appreciated as they build to maintain a better and brighter future.

If you would like to make a donation to our Annual Fund then please do not hesitate to contact Gill Burns, School Business Manager burnsg@turton.uk.com, alternatively you can speak to Sharon Wyre, Funding and Development wyres@turton.uk.com

Gift Idea

Are you struggling to buy that special person a gift? Why not consider purchasing an everlasting memory? You can 'Buy a Block' with an inscription for as little as £35 and at the same time you will be supporting school with their Eco Build project. If you need more information then please contact Sharon Wyre direct or email wyres@turton.uk.com.



Remember & Honour

To continue Turton's commemoration of Armistice Day students with an interest in Art & Design, History and/or English, visited *Poppies: Wave* at Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Thursday 12th November.

Poppies: Wave is a sweeping arch of bright red poppy heads suspended on towering stalks, originally part of the installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* that was seen at the Tower of London in the autumn of 2014.



Students were given a brief tour of the park, examining sculptures in the

vicinity of *Wave* with connections to the themes of war and remembrance, before stopping to experience and reflect upon the symbolic poppies which rise up from YSP's Lower Lake, reaching over the historic Cascade Bridge.

After lunch, and using their earlier experiences of *Poppies: Wave*, students were separated into groups to create their own, personal, sculptural response using opposing themes e.g war and peace, dark and light, as a starting point. The workshop was set outside which enabled students to use the landscape and environment to create impressive, thought-provoking structures from materials such as car tyres, drain pipes, wood and plastic.

The students were a real credit to the school and were able to express challenging themes, such as war and peace, life and death, with maturity and creativity.

Lindsey Gray - Head of Art

Dance Workshop

Male dance artist David Willdrige from Dance Manchester, in conjunction with Stride, an annual young men's dance project for 10 - 20 year olds, delivered a boys' dance workshop. The project aims to introduce boys to the world of professional dance with a public performance supporting a professional company. During the workshop the boys participated in

warm up games, choreographic tasks and created a group dance.

Debbie Reid - Dance



TURTON SCHOOL VACANCY

School Meals Supervisor

7.5 hours per week (12.30 – 2.00 p.m.)

Term time only. (£7.88 - £8.26 per hour)

The post holder will be required to work within a team of School Meal Supervisors during the mid-day break period when lunch is served to the main school pupils over 3 sittings between 12.30 and 2.00 p.m. in our 2 dining areas. The emphasis will be on ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of the pupils whilst contributing to the delivery of a pleasant, relaxed and safe lunch experience for all.

A job description and application form are available on the Turton School website www.turton.uk.com or call in to main school reception.

Applications should be returned to Mrs Wendy Whipp by post or e-mail. Please note that CVs will not be accepted. Application forms should be returned no later than 12.00 noon, Wednesday 6th January 2016.

Turton School Newsletter



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Dear All

As we approach the end of another jam packed term in Turton life, I'd like to share some reflections and thoughts with you:

This term has been representative both of the Turton Community spirit and the enormous talents of our students. The Sixth Form Open Evening was a great success and saw many many students visiting the subject areas with much enthusiasm for potentially joining Turton's very successful Sixth Form. The Parents' Association Christmas Fair not only raised substantial funds for the school but also pulled the community together for a fun-filled evening and a spot of Christmas cheer. The highlight of the term for me has to be the spectacular school performance, *Grease*, which represented an opportunity for students to show their talents in the Performing Arts. The show pulled in a full-house every night and parents and staff alike were in awe of the high standards of performance. We look forward to the Music Concert next week, which I anticipate will be equally as stunning.

I am impressed, as always, by our students' thoughtful responses to world issues and as

Christmas approaches, our thoughts are with the families who have lost loved ones in Paris and Syria and the many refugees who are yet to find shelter.

Looking forward to 2016, we have many exciting plans afoot to continually develop and improve the quality of education at Turton, which is always a joint venture between staff, students and parents.

In the meantime, I wish our students, their families and friends a very happy Christmas and all good wishes for a peaceful and compassionate 2016.

Sam Gorse - Head Teacher



Not for the Faint-Hearted



The theatre company 'Tiny Giants' came to perform 'A Christmas Carol' to both our year sevens and year tens. It appears that it was a roaring success, although the ghosts might have proven a bit much for some of our more faint-

hearted! Hopefully you will now hear pupils using the following Dickensian phrases with confidence:

"Bah humbug to putting up Christmas decorations before December!"

"What a **Scrooge** you're being, only letting me have an iPhone 5!"

"Only joking mum, **God bless us, every one.**"

**Alice Lane
Head of English**

Christmas Market

The Parents' Association, with the support of VOL, held their annual Christmas Market on Friday 27th November.



Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night or turned up and supported us. The total raised was a fantastic £1350.36.

If you are interested in joining the PA then please e-mail pa@turton.uk.com

The next meeting is 2nd February at 7.30 pm in the Library.

Diane Waddington - PA Chair

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Maths in Year 9

I have already had the pleasure of meeting with many of the parents of students in other year groups so far this academic year, but may not get the chance to meet you until Options Evening. Year 9 is an incredibly important year for many other subjects due to the options process, and our students are putting a great deal of thought into what they would like to do in the future. Although Maths is not an option it is a big year for us too.

We now run a three year GCSE course in Maths that starts in September of Year 9. This means that

your sons and daughters are already completing topics that will be included on their GCSE exams in preparation for the end of Year 11. The reason for this is because we are working towards the new AQA specification that will be graded 9-1 rather than A*-G. This course involves a lot more content than the previous qualification, which will take longer to cover.

As a department, we will of course be available to discuss this further at Options Evening, but I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on what the students are up to in the run up to that.

Rachel Baguley - Director of Maths

Bar Mock Trial

On Saturday 14th November, a mixture of Year 11, 12 and 13 students took part in the Bar Mock Trial event at Minshull Crown Court in Manchester, accompanied by Miss Howsham, Mr Mansfield and myself. Since July, students have been working on their case, building evidence and creating a set of questions as both the prosecution and the defence. On Saturday, students then competed against other schools and colleges from the North West, in court and in front of a judge and jury. Unfortunately, Turton did not make the final, but the students performed brilliantly in the

courtrooms and were a credit to the school. As well as taking away valuable analytical, debating, critical thinking and public speaking skills, some students have even decided upon a change in their career path. Well done to all involved.

**Craig McGowan
Business Studies & Economics**



White or Brown!

Visiting Warburtons Bakery was a fantastic opportunity and one that I will never forget. We went round the factory and saw how they produce and package bread. We saw how they made their Farmhouse Loaf and how they get the lines on the top of it. I would definitely go again if I had a chance as it was very interesting. Warburtons were very

welcoming and gave us some free products to take home and eat.

Olivia Holt - 9S2



Goals Galore

The Sixth Form football team continued their impressive start to the season, with an away win at Bolton Wanderers Free School. Following a 6-0 victory at Rivington and a hard fought 3-2 win away at Bolton School, Turton went into the half time break 3-0 up. The

score ended 5-0 to Turton, with goals from Matthew Leatham, Will Owen, Curtis Fletcher, Matt Smith and newcomer, Danny Forrest. Thanks to captain Ryan Farnworth for all his efforts so far this season, both on and off the pitch.

Craig McGowan - Coach



Patrick Ness Event

On Tuesday 10th November Turton School hosted a talk and book signing with award winning author Patrick Ness. Ness gave the audience an insightful talk into his journey into writing, from his life in Hawaii to his marathon running stories.

He began his talk by writing down 4 facts about himself: his American/British dual citizenship, being the youngest of 3, growing up in Hawaii and running a marathon. He cleverly showed us how all these points can be integrated into a story: a character from an isolated place (Hawaii), that comes from a large family (youngest of 3), is forced to run (marathon) and must adapt to a new place in which he doesn't quite fit in (dual citizenship), to survive.

When speaking about his book 'The Knife Of Never Letting Go', he made a rather alarming point of how we have the least privacy of anyone in history; this then related to his book as the characters in it can hear everyone's thoughts. I thought this point was very thought-provoking, both from a story writing point-of-view and as a provocative statement about our generation.

He spoke, very briefly, about his new television series 'Class', a new 'Doctor Who' spin-off series for the BBC. Ness assured us it will be 'terrifically gory and exciting!'

I thought the talk was extremely gripping, he inspired the audience while throwing in witty comments and fascinating stories about his life. Ness' talk has, without a doubt, inspired me to write more; he assured us that everyone has a story to tell and we are never too young to tell it.

Gabriel Clark - Year 12



Careers Talk: Civil Engineering



On Tuesday 1st December, the Rising Star group and a few other lucky students from across the years were invited to listen to an outstanding talk delivered by a lady who works within the Civil Engineering industry. She told us that there are plenty of jobs within the area and really gave us an insight into her job and world with this eye-opening talk. At the start she went through what her job

involved and how it relates to everyday life. She brought in a selection of items relating to her job and asked us to guess what they were and what they were used for including building material and plans for a new motorway.

After this talk I believe that every single person came out with barrels of new knowledge which they not only found interesting but will also help them in the future.

If you wish to join the Rising Stars programme or just want to find out what it is about, then feel free to e-mail me or Mrs Murphy and ask about it and I'm sure we will be delighted to reply.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to the talk and also the lady who came in, in her free time, to talk to us and enlighten us with her knowledge about her job.

Danny Lavin - 10S3

Refugee Crisis

A huge thank you to all those who responded with such generosity to our European Refugee Crisis Appeal that we held throughout September and October. The scale of the refugee crisis in Europe is one not seen since World War 2.

The compassion and help offered in response to the appeal here at Turton has been overwhelming as always and has meant that we were able to send off warm clothing to those in need in Calais and gift filled shoeboxes, baby boxes and hygiene packs to refugees in Kos.

A special thanks goes to Paige Simpson, Laura Swain, Hollie Owen

and Ellen Lythgoe (pictured below), who gave up their time after school every night for two months and worked tirelessly to coordinate the effort here from Turton which was no easy task.

**Liz Bailey
Faith, Ethics and Philosophy**



Photo Opportunity!

Year 10 GCSE Dance students recently visited the Lowry to watch the Rambert Dance Company. They were fortunate to spot Rambert's artistic director/choreographer Mark Baldwin and took the opportunity to have a picture taken with him.

Debbie Reid - Dance

Creepy Cookies

A massive thank you to Chef Nikki Blight from Bashall Barn, Clitheroe who ran a workshop for the Food Technology After School Club.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made creepy Halloween cookies.



**Catherine Dower
Head of Food Technology**

Sixth Form Careers Fair

As part of 'Stop the Clock' day, a range of local and national apprentice providers, employers, universities and professionals came into the Sixth Form to provide our students with an insight into the many options available to them. The aim of the event was to support students in their planning and decision making for when they leave the Sixth Form. The event was very positive and will be followed up by those students who would like to pursue an apprenticeship with a meeting with Connexions, The Bolton Partnership and Positive Outcomes to help them to find an apprenticeship best suited to their skills and interests.

**Craig McGowan
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