



# Grey Court e-Bulletin

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## Head's Line

Dear All,

I would like to thank all the Year 7 parents who attended the parents evening on Thursday 5th June. It was a really informative evening and I am really pleased with the progress of your children.

We have a Governor's Day coming up on Thursday 12th June. This will consist of 10 Governors spending the day with us looking at how the school is organised, how students are settling and how they view their school. The aim is to build positive relations with our governing body for the benefit of the students, working towards an "outstanding" assessment in our next OFSTED visit!

The Year 11 students are continuing to work hard for their exams and will have earned their long summer rest very soon. The Prom tickets are now on sale and we are all looking forward to a fun filled evening on 24th June.

We are working hard to improve the

school's attendance and I am delighted to say we are definitely making a difference and the hard efforts are having an impact! Our attendance last week was 93% which is in fact the DCFS target for schools nationally. Thank you to all parents and students.

The Ham Fair takes place on Ham Common on Saturday 14th June and students from Grey Court will be performing in the arena. We will also have some students' artwork on display in the marquee. It is a fun day out for all the family with many events going on ranging from a dog show to various children's games. It would be great to see parents and students there in support of the local community.

If you would like to make an appointment to see me please contact my P.A. Remember I will always take time to see parents and solve issues where I can.

Kind regards  
M Bailey



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

### Key Dates

Summer Term 2008

22/04/08 | Term Begins

05/05/08  
Bank Holiday

Sat 24/05/08—Sun 1/06/08  
Half Term Week

18/07/08 | Term Ends

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## Latest News

### Year 10 Speak Out Challenge

Congratulations to Katie Beard, Ben Devall and Lydia Keegal who took part in the regional finals for the *John Petchey Speak Out Challenge*. They competed against a number of other students from secondary schools in the borough at an evening which was full of fun and nervous tension. Each student had 3 minutes to speak about a subject

they were passionate about whilst being judged by a panel of illustrious guests.



### PTA Meeting

Dear Parents,  
Don't forget, PTA Meeting is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. at the Hawker Centre, Kingston.  
Everyone welcome.

Linda Brett | Secretary PTA



## Year 7

Head of Year 7  
Mr. Andy Low

### Exams

Year 7 exams take place between 2nd and 11th of June. Students have received exam timetables in a revision booklet this week. All documentation will be made available on the school website.

### Science Trip

The Year 7 science trips to London Zoo are taking place on the 17th and 20th June. We hope all students have a well earned fun and enlightening day out.



From June 2008, all children aged 11+ will need to have Oyster cards with a photo if they wish to use the bus without being charged. If they do not show the card, they will not be allowed on the bus.

Further details and application forms are available from the school reception or from the

[Transport for London website.](#)

## Year 8

Acting Head of Year 8  
Mr Dave Winch

Please note that Miss Katy John is on maternity leave.

### Tri-learning Award Ceremony

An award ceremony took place at Harlequins Rugby Ground for 15 Year 8 Grey Court students who successfully completed the Tri-Learning program. The

students received certificates and goody bags and the positive and inspired evening was enjoyed by both parents students alike.

### Uniform & Equipment

A reminder that despite the recent hot weather the school blazer and tie are compulsory and must be worn at all times.

### CPSHE Lessons

Year 8's begin a new citizenship module called "Peace in One Day". This work will encourage students to think about global citizenship issues.

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*"at Grey Court School our core values of achievement, innovation, inclusion and accountability provide the basis for academic excellence and future success for all.."*

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## Year 9

Acting Head of Year 9  
Mr Ian Poole

### CELEBRATION Reward Trip to Thorpe Park

This year the Year 9 celebration reward will be a trip to Thorpe Park. This replaces the celebration evening that was originally in the calendar as it was felt more of the year

group would be able to take part. The trip will be taking place on 11th July and a letter will be issued to students next week. It is essential that the reply forms are returned by no later than **June 16th.**



## Year 10

**Head of Year 10**  
**Ms Felicity Corcoran**

**Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Christchurch**

### **Reminder!**

College Experience Day  
All year 10 students will be attending the Richmond College Experience Day on Monday 16th June. A letter explaining the arrangements for the day will be given to students by the end of this week.

## Year 11

**Head of Year 11**  
**Ms Felicity Corcoran**

### **Prom**

A reminder that those students who wish to attend the prom must pay their £18 by Wednesday 11th June. Tickets will be issued at the book return day on Thursday 19th June. A letter confirming details of the prom and the book return day will be issued to students this week.

### **JOLLY BOAT PROJECT**

#### **NEW SESSION!!**

There will now be two Jolly Boat sessions each week. Now taking place on a Monday and a Wednesday, 3.15-4.15pm mail updates. My e-mail address is: blangridge@greycourt.org.uk  
Miss Langridge  
Extended Schools & Children's Centre Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

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### **Year 10 Science Modular Examinations**

All students are sitting the Modular Science exam on June 23rd.  
Modules: B1b 'Evolution

### **Yearbook**

We are once again producing a yearbook as a memento of the year 11s time at Grey Court. Letters containing full details have been distributed to the year 11 students but additional copies will continue to be available after each exam for anyone who has not yet collected one. Those students wishing to purchase a yearbook must pay their deposits of £10 to finance by Thursday 12th June.

### **Newspaper for the Design & Technology department**

Please save old newspapers and bring in for a year 8 'Recycled Furniture' project. The newspapers are rolled tightly and used as a building material. Photos of the finished products will be available on the school website at the end of term. Thanks!  
Mr Taylor

and the Environment'. P1b 'Radiation and the Universe'.

Revision guides are available to buy from Ms Woods in the Science Department at a cost of £3.00

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## Other News

### **Sainsbury's Vouchers**

The Sainsbury's Vouchers for Schools promotion will be ending soon so please can we have on last splurge... They really make a difference as so far the school has gained new tennis racquets and footballs.



## Extra Curricular

### Creative ESOL

**EVERY TUESDAY 3.15-4.45pm  
at Grey Court School.**

**Richmond Theatre are running a Creative ESOL club for students who have English as their second language. A fun club doing drama, creative writing and lots more exciting activities.**

**If you are interested contact either Beth Langridge or Maria Gahagan at Grey Court School.**

### Adult Education Classes

As part of the Specialist School Status, Grey Court School offers a range of community activities including adult education classes in IT. A number of community members have taken part in the Computer's Don't Bite course and a follow on course will be starting in June. An Introduction to E-mail and the Internet will be taking place on Monday evenings, the start date is still tbc if you are interested please contact :  
Beth Langridge on 0208 9491173 x 217

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS!!

What are you doing this summer? The plan of summer holiday activities will be published in the next couple of weeks – keep your eyes peeled for an exciting programme of events and activities!

#### Team Practices & Activities

##### Monday:

Volleyball Club

##### Tuesday:

Netball

Yr7 / Yr8 Netball Club

All new players welcome

##### Wednesday:

Lunchtime: Senior squad trampolining

After school: Yr9 Basketball

Tournament

Squad Netball Practice all years

##### Thursday

Senior squad trampolining

##### Friday

Trampoline Festival Yr10/11 girls

Trampoline Coaching group after school

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