



# Grey Court e-Bulletin

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## Head's Line

Dear All,

The charity gig took place last night . It was wonderful. Students planned and organised the entire event and the end product was a real credit to them. In particular, I would like to thank Year 11 and Ms Woolmer, Ms Wharton and Mr Corlett.

School attendance and punctuality is rising steadily, much of this is down to the encouragement that you give to your children. We must maintain all our efforts and work together if we are to reach the 94% attendance figure we have set ourselves.

I am really pleased by the number of students who are responding to our requests regarding uniform. It is improving all the time and the students seem to be taking more pride in their appearance for school. I am however, somewhat concerned about the length of skirts that some girls are wearing to school. In some instances they are too tight and too short . I do hope that parents will support the school and ensure that the length is appropriate and practical. I believe our young people are vulner-

able enough. A reminder please that in September blazers are compulsory for years 7-10 inclusive.

Staffing for September looks really positive. We have managed to secure high quality staff with a good balance of experience and youthful enthusiasm . I will issue an update on staff changes within the next month.

Year 7 have their exams and all the revision materials are on the website. We will be very busy over the next half term with Science and maths modular exams for Year 10 and a variety of trips for all year groups in the next half term.

The German exchange leaves after half term for 10 days and we wish them well.

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

### The German Exchange

are departing for Konstanz on June 3rd. We wish them "Gute Reise" and are sure everyone will have a really good time!

Thanks to Mr Corlett for leading & Mr Heib for accompanying the trip.

### Charity Gig Success!

The charity gig was very successful. Not too sure how much we have actually made yet but from the estimate it is somewhere in the region of

£1000! The pupils all performed brilliantly, even slipping in a few extra songs (The Orchestra slipped in a shortened version of Jimi Hendrix "Foxy Lady". The patrons of the Charity, Shooting Star, were overwhelmed with the talent of the Grey Court students and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

A huge thank you to all the staff that attended and helped out, to the fantastic year 11's for all their hard work and to the student that took part,

they were fantastic.

DVD's of the gig will be on sale soon!





## Year 7

**Head of Year 7**  
**Mr. Andy Low**

### A Reminder to Parents

Year 7 parent consultation evening is Thursday 5th June 4.30-7pm. Students have been given forms and should be making appointments during lessons with their teachers.

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.



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](http://www.transportforlondon.gov.uk) website.

## Year 8

**Acting Head of Year 8**  
**Mr Dave Winch**

*Please note that Miss Katy John is on maternity leave.*

### Year 8 Head of Year

Mr Low has been taking responsibility for Year 8 during Ms John's maternity leave. However he is currently having to concentrate on working with the new Year 6 intake who are due to come to Grey Court

in September, in addition to his responsibilities with Year 7. Mr Winch has agreed to take on responsibility as Head of Year 8 for the time being, therefore any concerns about Year 8 should be referred to Mr Winch. Mrs Mercer will continue to be the Student Support Officer for Year 8 on a day-to-day basis.

### 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.

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



## Year 9

**Acting Head of Year 9**  
**Mr Ian Poole**

### Dare To Be Different Y9 Sustainability Challenge Design and Technology

All Y9 students are invited to take part in this design and make challenge. The winning team will represent Grey Court School at the Borough knockout stage in September. The Richmond finalists will then go forward to a regional showcase event against students from Hounslow, Hillingdon and Ealing.

The Brief  
Design a non -

conventional, sustainable home and outside space for a family as follows: two adults, girls aged 7 & 15, an 11 year old boy and a grandparent aged 75 with restricted mobility. The family also have a large pet dog

• The outside space is also to be sustainable and be no more than one and a half times the footprint of the



house. Guidelines for house sizes are in the research support pack.

- A model is to be constructed of the house and outside space and is to be made entirely of domestic recycling materials.
- Your teams must consist of four to six Y9 students

Register your team with Mr Seaton after half term and collect your research support pack.



## Year 10

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

### Year 10 Geography Field Trip to Christchurch

Letters have now been issued to all Y10 Geography students regarding the visit on 27th June. This is a vital trip as it forms the basis of their Geography coursework - worth 25% of their final grade. Please would parents respond as soon as possible - and by 6th June at the latest. Many thanks. Ms. J. S. Pearce. Head of the Faculty of World Studies.

### Year 10 Reports and Parent Consultation Evening

Year 10 subject and tutor reports are currently being written and will be sent out to parents in the middle of June. There is also a Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening on Thursday 19th June which is a chance for all parents to meet individual subject teachers and discuss their son/daughter's progress and Year 10 examination results. More information about the evening will be issued after half term. Year 10 Science Modular

### Examinations

All students are sitting the Modular Science exam on June 23rd.

Modules: B1b 'Evolution 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



## Year 11

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

### MORE PICTURES FROM THE YEAR 11 RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY



## Other News

### JOLLY BOAT PROJECT

Sincere apologies to all those students in B group taking part in the Jolly Boat Project who turned up for a session on Monday. Hopefully you all saw the note on the door advising you that Mark and Luke (the boat-builders) were both ill and unable to come in, we were only informed of this at very short notice

Groups A and B will be invited to attend summer holiday sessions, I am cur-

rently arranging these dates with Mark and Luke. You will be informed of the dates as soon as possible.

Don't forget that you are only supposed to attend on the week for your group, A group attend on A weeks and B group attend on B weeks.

If your child is taking part in the Jolly Boat Project and you would like to be kept informed of the progress please send me an e-mail so I can send you regular e-

mail updates. My e-mail address is: [blangridge@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:blangridge@greycourt.org.uk)

Miss Langridge  
Extended Schools & Children's Centre Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

### Newspaper for the Design & Technology department

The Design & Technology department are asking if you could save & bring in newspapers for a year 8 seating project using 'STIXX' - tightly rolled up newspaper.



## Extra Curricular

### Name your magazine and win an iPod Nano!

Richmond Council is launching a new quarterly magazine covering issues that matter to local young people. But it will have a unique perspective – it will be written and photographed entirely by 15 young people.

The publication will be launched in September and will be distributed to every household in the borough as well as secondary schools and youth clubs.

#### Why make the magazine?

We are committed to supporting all young people who live in, work in or go to school in this borough. A magazine or newspaper will provide youngsters with information about what support/activities there is available for them. By asking young people to create it, their voices will really be heard by the Council, residents and most importantly their peers.

#### The competition

We want you to choose the name of the magazine from a list of titles that have been suggested by young people around the borough.

All you have to do is go to the website and fill out the form:

[www.richmond.gov.uk/press\\_office/youth\\_mag.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/press_office/youth_mag.htm), choose your favourite title and provide some details about yourself. After the deadline (6 June 2008) one of the entries will be chosen at random to win a 4 GB iPod Nano.

The winner will be notified by email and announced on the website on the 9th June 2008.

#### 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

### Attention All Year 8 & 9 Students!

## Multimedia Club

**Come and try out your skills as an animator or games designer.**

**We will be using Adobe Flash MX to create some original animations and a game or two.**

**You will be able to use your finished work on your website or just amaze your friends on local computers.**

**Seven weeks of creative colour and sound.**

**Six weeks of making. Seventh week a public screening!!!**

**Next stop Holyrood.....**

**Sign up with Mr Gatehouse in PC1**

**Max of 20 places per session on Tuesday or Thursday.  
First to sign up get the places**

**Week 1 – Pond Life or Take me to the moon.  
Simple animation using layers and tweening**

**Week 2- Disco Dog.  
Using sound and Movie clips**

**Week 3 – Voodoo Words.  
Titles and morphing**

**Week 4 – Project yourself.  
Produce an animation from**

**Week 5 – Don't Hit Me.  
Using collision detection and behaviours**

**Week 6 – Old school Retro.  
Games for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**

**Week 7 – Exposed for what it is!  
Demonstrate your creativity**

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