



Grey Court e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear All,
The Year 11 and staff enjoyed a wonderful night out at Cobham rugby club. The students looked stunning in their ball gowns and dinner suits. Their behaviour was impeccable and we all had a thoroughly good time. A special thanks to Mr Avoth, Ms Corcoran and Ms John who joined us for the evening . Their presence was really appreciated by the students. The night was ran smoothly because of the hard work of Ms Smith, our student support officer and a group of students. Thank you to all concerned .

We should be so proud of the students and staff who won the water rocket challenge. It is such an achievement. The award is on display in the school foyer.

There are a lot of staff changes in September . I will outline them to you in a letter next week. If you have any questions once you receive the letter please do not hesitate to contact me. I intend to start a head's question time in the Autumn term. The idea would be for parents to pose questions before hand that we will answer on the night. I will also invite people I think would be of interest to you . I would like

it to become a termly event and I would welcome your thoughts on this.

On a more concerning note, unfortunately there are still members of the North Kingston community who seem to think it is appropriate to talk in a derogatory fashion about Grey Court. The people concerned are those who do not have children in the school and who have for the most part never taken the time to come and visit us. I hope you will join me in suggesting that this is both unfair and inaccurate and perhaps they should actually visit us and talk to our children before making judgements.

NB

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. Thursday night is the surgery night but I am happy to accommodate parents when ever it is convenient.

Have a great weekend
Kind regards
Maggie Bailey



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

Key Dates

Summer Term Dates

22/04/08 | Term Begins

05/05/08 | Bank Holiday

Sat 24/05/08—Sun 1/06/08

Academic Tutoring Day—
17/07/08

18/07/08 | Term Ends

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Latest News

Grey Court school WIN 2008 NPL Water Rocket Challenge!

On 25th June, three students; Michael Adams, Natalie Frank, both Year 10 and Ben Harding, a Year 7 took part in the NPL Water Rocket Challenge at Teddington. They competed against 32 other teams in competition that is open to all age groups and schools. They successfully fired three



rockets, which are propelled by compressed air and water and consistently hit a target area 65 to 75 metres away, achieving a score of 110 points. This is the third visit for the school to the

Water Rocket Challenge, on the two previous attempts the team was placed 3rd. The team was lead by Mr B Roberts and Mr P White.



Year 7

Head of Year 7
Mr. Andy Low

Year 7 Trips to St Omer & Workshops

The annual Grey Court visits to St Omer will be taking place on the 3rd & 10th of July. A letter containing final details for the trips has gone home with Year 7 students this week. Please ensure you read this



carefully with your child.

Well done to all the year 7 students who took part in the St Omer workshop sessions in preparation for our visits in July. They visited 'La Poste' & 'La Gare' in the Ingenium, practised interview questions with Mr Rhodes, did Geography with Mr Corlett & Ms Pearce & every-

body's favourite: Ms Elliott's Café where the students had croissants & fromage, but only if they could ask for it in French!

Two requests from the Finance Office!

Firstly, we have many outstanding locker payments. If your child is in Years 8-11 and is using a locker, and you have not paid for this year about to end, please help us avoid having to send out individual letters by getting your child to bring in £15 plus £20 deposit to renew it. Alternatively the key should be returned to the Finance Office. There is a £3 charge for lost keys.

It proved necessary to introduce a deposit as so many keys are not being returned. During last summer a number of locks were changed as lockers hadn't been renewed for more than a year, and this process will continue.

Cash or cheques payable to Grey Court School should be brought to the Finance Office at the correct money collection times, 8.15-8.45am or 1.30-1.50pm.

Secondly, the Finance Office also deals with lost property. Most of the clothing that comes to is unnamed. A lot of parents must be replacing PE kit etc unnecessarily! Please take a few minutes to name

45 minutes long.

PSA (Practical Skills Assessment)
Assessment of students practical skills.

Year 8

Acting Head of Year 8
Mr. Dave Winch

Year 8 students are currently involved in a number of projects, ranging from the Battle of the Books, The Jolly Boat Project, Borough Sports, Creative Writing, Hampton Court art trip. Details with pictures will be available in the Newsletter and on the website in the forthcoming weeks.

Battle of the Books

This will be held at Hampton Community College next Wed 2nd July with the following Year 8 students: Joe Ward, Ciara Egan, Poppy Cawley, Edward Pottle, Mathew Bolton and Henry Allen-Lowe.

“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

GCSE Science Practical Exams

Year 9 and 10 students will be working on the Centre Assessed Unit (CAU) aspect of their GCSE course until the end of term. The CAU consists of two sections:

ISA (Investigative Skills Assignment)
Students carry out practical

work relating to the Science AQA syllabus. In a normal timetabled lesson but under controlled conditions, the students are provided with an ISA (written exam), supplied by the exam board (AQA). Section one of the exam consists of questions relating directly to the students own data, section 2 students are supplied with another set of data relating to the same topic from the specification. The exam is



Year 10

Head of Year 10
Ms Felicity Corcoran

Work Experience 2008

Year 10 students should by now have selected their choices for work experience and have completed their application form and CV.

The deadline for handing in the paperwork to their form tutor is Monday 1st July.

Any student having difficulty with their choices should see Miss Holmes as soon as possible.

GCSE Science Practical Exams

Please see the notice in the Year 9 section of this newsletter.

Maths Puzzle of the week



Two students played cards for candy; the winner received one piece per game from the loser. When it was time for one of the students to go home, one student had won three games, while the other student had won three new pieces of candy.

How many individual games had they played?

Answer in next week's Newsletter.

Year 11

Head of Year 11
Ms Felicity Corcoran

Yr11 Art Exhibition

A fantastic display of art-work can be seen in the atrium at the moment. This display forms the Year 11 Art exhibition in July and will stay on the walls until the Autumn. We would appreciate it if all students who either visit or pass through the area please take care not to touch or damage the art work.

Year 11 Prom Photographs



Other News

Learning Support

I am aiming, as much as possible, to have texts used in English classes available in alternative formats, such as DVD and Audio CD, for Dyslexic Students of all abilities. The internet already provides a good source of spoken material for GCSE English and other subjects at:

www.podcastrevision.co.uk

Over the next few weeks I hope to make alternative formats available for most of the books we are using and, if your child feels they

would benefit from these, they should either contact myself, or mention it to their English teacher who will get in contact with me. We would be very grateful for any donations of classic Audio CD/DVDs that you think may be on the syllabus. We would be especially grateful for detective fiction, such as *Sherlock Holmes* and classic favourites like *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, *Of Mice & Men* and *Lord of the Flies*. Thank you very much!
Mr. Culhane
Head of Learning Support.

Design & Technology

Thank you for all the newspapers brought for the year 8 'Recycled Furniture' project. We now have enough for this term. The furniture will be completed in the next few weeks and pictures will then be available on the school website.

Summer in Ham

Don't forget to check out the programme....if you want more details about any of the activities on offer this summer ask Miss Langridge for more details. Miss Langridge will be doing an assembly for each year group next week with further information and a leaflet with details available soon.



Extra Curricular

COMPETITION NOTICES

Google4Doodle - Entry through school in ICT and Art.
www.google.co.uk/doodle4google
 CLOSING DATE 25th July

MiniSagas -
www.youngwriters.co.uk entry forms with Mrs Stacey H4
 CLOSING DATE 25th July

Papercuts -Childline -
www.spinebreaker.co.uk
 CLOSING DATE 11th August

Dare to be different - Year 9 Sustainability Challenge through Design & Technology, see Mr Seaton

Many thanks to the following students who this week did a fantastic job designing the new deadwood environment next to Newman House:

Vanessa Zappi-Taylor	Jonathan Canlas
Holly Morris	Jan Olthof
Rebecca Machin	Marcel Park
Billy Brooks	Faisal Neqresh
Keval Patel	

This was part of the **Grey Court School Regeneration Project** and the design the students produced will be used on Sunday when the army of parent and student volunteers will clear the area and start building loggery ready for stag beetles to invade the area!

Coming soon.... ECO CLUB after school

How would you like to build a bee or bat box? Let Miss Langridge know and you'll be invited to join Eco Club on the 10th and 15th July, 3.15 - 4.45pm when you will be able to build a bee or bat box that will be put up around the school grounds to encourage more wildlife.



Welcome to **Larks In The Parks 2008**. Keep your children entertained this summer with an exciting line up of outdoor shows throughout July and August. With ten professional theatre companies performing in ten different parks across the Borough, there promises to be something for everyone. Tickets are £4 per performance per child aged 2 to 13 years. Please ask at the school reception for your Larks in the Parks brochure to find an event near you. Or log on to: www.richmond.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

Samantha Harris
 Larks in the Parks Co-ordinator.

Team Practices & Activities

Monday:
 Volleyball Club

Tuesday:
 Netball
 Yr7 / Yr8 Netball Club
 All new players welcome

Wednesday:
 Lunchtime: Senior squad tramp lining
 After school: Yr9 Basketball Tournament
 Squad Netball Practice all years

Thursday
 Senior squad tramp lining

Friday
 Tramp lining Festival Yr10/11 girls
 Tramp lining Coaching group after school

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