



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

We have had a really productive term. Staff and students have worked really hard to maintain high standards and the ethos of the school

Any parent/friend of the school who could help with gardening duties at the Ground Force Day on Sunday 5th April, 8.30am - 2pm at the school - full details on page 3 under News - all help appreciated.

There are a series of dates I would like you to be aware of:

Summer term begins Tuesday 21 April
 MFL oral exam 28th and 29th April
 Year 10 Exams - 11th - 21st May
 End of Year 9 Key Stage Assessment 11,12,13 May
 Year 9 Functional Skills Maths exam 15 May
 Sports Day 24 June
 Inset Day 6 July
 Activities Day for all years 9 July
 Year 7 trip to St Omer 2nd & 9th July
 Year 7 Science trip to zoo 2nd & 9th July
 Year 11 Results Day 25 August
 Autumn Term begins :
 Wednesday 2nd September for Years 7 and 10
 Thursday 3rd September for All Years

Remember school polo shirts will be available after Easter. Please do not send your child in to school with a plain white polo. Our shirts will have the Grey Court logo on and will only be available from the school. Blazers are compulsory. No jumpers with the polo shirt Years 7-10. Plain black leather shoes please, no canvas or trainers.

Easter revision will be taking place in the first week of the Easter holidays. Parents will have receive letters in the post with the details enclosed. We hope all the students invited will attend.

Please note that I hold Parent Clinics every Thursday 5-7pm. Please contact the Head teacher's PA Debby Pace on dpace@greycourt.org.uk to arrange an appointment time or telephone the school on 020 8948 1173.

Please remember if I do not know about your concerns I cannot react to them.

Finally, I would like to wish you a restful and peaceful Easter.

Kind regards

Maggie Bailey
 Headteacher



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

Key Dates

Spring Term 5 January to 3 April 2009
 Inset Day 31 March 2009

Summer Term 21 April to 17 July 2009
 Inset Day 20 April 2009
 Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2009
 Half Term 25th to 29th May 2009
 Inset Day 6 July

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Latest News

IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD NEWS STORIES PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO dpace@greycourt.org.uk

Dyslexia Advice Session
 Drop-in session for parents and carers of children and young people with dyslexia. An opportunity to ask advice – in confidence – from representatives of the Richmond Dyslexia Association.

Saturday 25 April - 10.30am – 1.00pm

Twickenham Library, Garfield Road
 020 8892 8091

HELP REQUIRED

The PA require help with two events. At the Rugby Tournament on 22,23,24 April at the school help is required 12-4pm on each day running a refreshment stall. Help is required for The Richmond May Fair on May 9th where the PA are running a BBQ and need a team of volunteers from 8am-5pm. 8am is setting up. These are great

ways to raise money for the school. Thank you for your support—the more parents for both events, the easier the load!

Please contact Sophie McLoughlin on 07821 086644 or family@mccloughlins.wanadoo.co.uk Please call as soon as possible so that the rota can start to be filled.

Ham youth club are running **street dance classes** next week - **Tues,Weds and Thurs 12-3pm at Ham Youth Club** students should sign up at the youth club or call **Ben on 0208 2880916**.

Year 7

Head of Year 7
Mr. Andy Low

Well done to you all and
Happy Easter!

Road to Wimbledon

Mr. Low

Fancy yourself as the next
Laura Robson or Andy
Murray? If you are interested
in tennis please sign up with
Mr Low for this competition
starting on Friday 29th April.

Year 7 Prize Winners

Congratulations to all stu-
dents who have earned cer-
tificates over the past term
whether it be for merits, at-
tendance or their form.

Year 8

Acting Head of Year 8
Mr. Chris Rhodes

to be able to give 19 certifi-
cates which is a significant
improvement on last term.

Year 8 had their end of term
celebration assembly on
Thursday. The theme of the
assembly was the recognition
of attainment in the form of
effort and achievement cer-
tificates. All subjects nomi-
nated individual students and
over 30 certificates were is-
sued. There were
also certificates for 100%
attendance during the course
of the term. I was delighted

The final award was for the
tutor quiz prize for all stu-
dents which was won by a
very narrow margin by 8 Ma-
ple leaving previ-
ous champions 8 Cedar as
runners up. This has been a
very positive term for the stu-
dents. They have participated
well in activities day and pro-
duced a spectacular collective
effort during charity
week. They have also been

commended for the way in
which they completed their
exams. I would like to take
the opportunity to wish all
students and parents a restful
and relaxing Easter holiday
and look forward to seeing
the pupils refreshed and rein-
vigorated on their return.

Mr. Rhodes

Year 9

Acting Head of Year 9
Mr Dave Winch

On Thursday all Year 9 stu-
dents have taken home a letter
and pack explaining the forth-
coming Maths Functional
Skills examinations.

Please ensure your son/
daughter shows this letter to
you.

Ms. Price



*“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 Talent
Photo by Peter Wellham in 9R



Year 10

Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

Students wishing to apply for Esher College must register online at www.esher.ac.uk between **21st April and 29th May**. Application packs will then be sent out in one batch on **15th June**. Students are offered places on a first-come-first-served basis.

PLEASE NOTE

Year 10 exam period has been moved to Monday 11 May -

Thursday 21 May. This is due to the high number of external exams taking place in this period. Year 10 students will shortly be issued with a revision guide which explains which exams they will be taking.

Ms. Price

The forthcoming parents evening is on 30 April. A letter has been sent home with all students detailing arrangements and also an appt sheet for stu-

dents to gather appts. It would be helpful to compare the comments and levels given by teachers to the PC1 reports which students received in November to determine progress.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Burton.



Year 11

Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

All Year 11 Media students will receive a booklet on TV Quiz Shows to aid their research over the Easter Break. The booklet is available on the Grey Court website, Year 11 page or click [here](#)

There will be group changes in Year 11 English after Easter to ensure students received a package of revision which is tailored to their ability and target grades. Letters outlining

these changes will be posted home and another copy will be given out to students before the end of the week.

Year 11 have received detailed and focused revision booklets to support all their English Language and Literature Exams. You can download past papers from the AQA website. Our recommended purchasable support guides are the CGP guides which can be purchased from WH Smiths etc.

Year 11 MFL students

The Modern Languages speaking exams will be taking place on April 28th & 29th & will be timetabled in with the drama practical exams. Our Language assistants Margot & Marietta will be on hand for conversation practise for the whole 2 days. Students should come to the Languages area at their allotted time - these will be given to students at the start of next term. All students should make sure they have their notes for their chosen oral topic with them on the day.

Good luck everyone!

Ms. Clarke

Year 11 maths revision:

Maths Watch CDs
MyMaths
SAM Learning
AQA website for past papers
Functional maths exam is on 15 May

Other News

Grey Court Car Boot Sale Sunday 26th April

The next car boot sale is on Sunday 26th April 2009! Please tell all your friends and come along yourself to bag a bargain! Sellers entry from 8am, buyers from 9am-1pm. Refreshments available. Boot sale inside if wet! Poster on page 10.

See www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk for details of all Grey Court Car Boot Sales.

GROUNDFORCE DAY 4 : SUNDAY 5th April : 8.30am - 2.00pm

This is the fourth event for parents, students, teachers, community members to help out in improving the grounds of Grey Court School. The PTA has given this gardening group some funds to purchase plants for the new decking area at the edge of the playground. It should also be possible for us, numbers permitting, to clear up and trim back the areas around the bike sheds and Newman House.

The day will involve hard labour but also light duties too i.e. making the tea/lunches and so on. It would really help if you could bring your own tools, especially gloves, wheelbarrows, trowels, spades, pruners and saws.

If you can join us please reply to gbashford@greycourt.org.uk with details of who will be coming i.e. number of adults - number of students and names - this will help with the catering arrangements. I hope you can join us.
Gary Bashford/Deputy Headteacher

Extra Curricular

Sports fixtures/training:

There are no fixtures over the Easter Break

First week back at school:

22 April - Grey Court Rugby 7s Tournament - Year 7 - 1pm start

23 April - Grey Court Rugby 7s Tournament - Year 8 - 1pm start

24 April - Grey Court Rugby 7s Tournament - Year 9 - 1pm start



	Lunch Time Clubs				After School Clubs (15:15-16:15)			
	Gym	S/Hall	Field 1	Field 2	Gym	S/Hall	Field 1	Field 2
Monday		Girls Basketball 9/10/11 SCW/SJC			KS3 Cheerleading	Volleyball KS3 Richmond		
Tuesday					KS4 Cheerleading	7/8 Basketball BR	Year 7 Football SCW	
Wednesday		Girls Basketball 9/10/11 SCW/SJC			Judo All <u>Busan</u>	Year 7 SHA SJC	Year 8 Football AL	Netball AW
Thursday		KS3 Badminton SJC				Girls Basketball <u>SiMMS</u>	Yr 9 Rugby 7's London Scottish	Year 10/11 Football SCW/SJC
Friday	KS3 Table Tennis MXA	Cricket Nets SCW				D of E SJC/KS	Y10 GCSE Coursework SCW	

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The Sporting Stag

HSBC Regional Rugby Finals

Our year 7 & year 9 rugby union teams enjoyed their day out at The Bishops Stortford High School in the Regional Finals but unfortunately found the going very tough. Both teams came 4th in their group but it was an excellent experience for the boys and should make them even more determined to improve further.

Mr Willmore

Orleans Park Rugby 7's Tournament

The year 9 team finished 3rd in their group at the Orleans Park 7s tournament. In fairness we should have finished 2nd and qualified for the semi finals but we just didn't play in the first half against Isleworth School and left ourselves a mountain to climb in the second.

The year 8 team also finished 3rd but should take a lot of heart from the tournament. This was their first tournament and they improved with every game eventually beating Ewell Castle 21-7 in their final game.

Mr Willmore

Grey Court School Rugby Charity Raffle

This spring students involved in the school rugby teams are holding a charity raffle in order to raise funds for a new set of playing kit. With the increase in participation this year has come an increase in success for all the teams. With a top prize of a signed Harlequins Rugby League Shirt and several other prizes kindly donated by the PTA, the raffle is an exciting opportunity for the school community to help support the development of a popular sport in school. Tickets are £5 each and available with the form downloadable from the school website or the school reception. The draw will take place on Friday May 15th with Ms Bailey drawing the winning ticket.

Closing date: 14th May 2009

Steve Colvin/Head of Sport

NEW CLUBS FOR THIS TERM:

Cheerleading : Monday: KS3 15:15-16:15 Tuesday: KS4 15:15-16:15

A new fun club incorporating jumps, stunts and gymnastics taught by the coach of the Southern Champions in 2008. No Pom Poms or chants!! Different type of club for girls who fancy trying something new! Ask girls in Y10 how good it is or Mr Colvin for more details.

For the club to run there needs to be a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 25. Places will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Busen Self Defence & Judo : Wednesday 15:15-16:15

Opportunity to learn martial arts and self defence with no costs attached! Local Dojo, Busen, will be providing students with basic defence techniques under expert supervision. See Mr Colvin for details.

Volleyball : Monday KS3 15:15-16:15

Professional Coach from partner club, Richmond Volleyball coming in to coach basics and greater skills to students in Y7, 8 & 9 in the sports hall getting ready for borough competitions next half term.

Mr. Willmore

Arts Stag

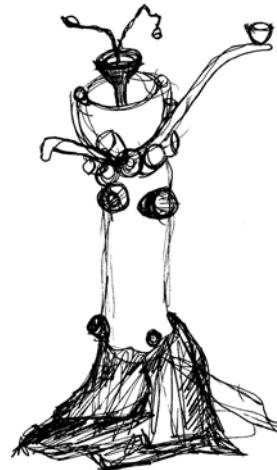
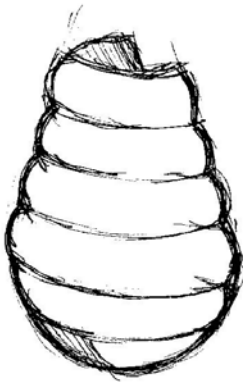
Ceramics Workshop

Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.45pm - from 22 April 2009

Come and join this fantastic workshop in which you can learn pottery, work on your sculptural skills and help build art work for the school community. The workshop will be run by Miss Poulsen, who is simultaneously working on her own art work in the workshop. You can develop your skills and inventiveness alongside her work in progress, and take part in group projects to help develop the school grounds. Work produced may become permanent part of the school environment, so don't miss the opportunity!

(There may be a small charge if you make work to take home)

Art work made at the beginning of the Summer Term can be entered for the Director's Art Awards. The winning entries will be on show at Orleans House Gallery in July.



Director's Art Awards 2009

Nick Whitfield, Director of Education and Children's Services invites all pupils in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames to enter the Director's Art Awards 2009.

Winners will be awarded at the School's Celebration of Achievement Awards 2009.

Please see a member of the Art Dept for more information.
Closing date for entries 22 May 2009

FRIENDS OF RICHMOND PARK : PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

As you prepare for the Easter holidays, we would be very grateful if you would tell your pupils and parents/carers about the Photography competition we are running again this year.

The objective of this project is to encourage families to explore Richmond Park together and look at it from a new perspective.

Taking photographs is something most children can do regardless of their academic ability. It is creative and gets families out in the fresh air and doing something together. Last year the parents of some of the winners said how much it helped their children's confidence and self esteem, and many commented on the fun they had doing something as a family.

With two weeks of school holidays ahead, and the first signs of spring appearing, it is a great time to go into the park and look at the ancient oak trees, the deer and all that makes Richmond Park a National Nature Reserve and a very special place.

We really appreciate any support you can give our photography competition.

Very best wishes and Happy Easter

Karen Rockell
Education & Community Relations
Friends of Richmond Park
Tel: 07738 493 707

www.frp.org.uk

2009 Photography Competition for Young People was launched in January.
Details from www.frp.org.uk <<http://www.frp.org.uk>> or from the Visitor Information Centre located outside Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park.

Closing date for photographs: Saturday 16 May 2009

The 2008 prize winning photographs can be seen at
www.frp.org.uk/competition-2008 <<http://www.frp.org.uk/competition-2008>>

Richmond Park is a National Nature Reserve

Easter at Ham Youth Centre

Easter @ Ham Youth Centre



Street Dance and Deejaying

Monday 6th April - 9th April

Free. Receive an AQA accreditation

Ham Youth Centre

Ham Close, TW10 7PL

020 8288 0916

Ben.skelton@richmond.gov.uk



Grey Court School,
Sandy Lane
Ham, Richmond TW10 7HN

Organised by Grey Court Parents Association



Car Boot Sale

Sunday 26th April 2009

Sellers from 8am Buyers 9am - 1pm

Refreshments including tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon butties & cakes



Boot Sale inside if wet!

Sellers: £20 van (double pitch), £10 car (single pitch), £5 walk-in

Buyers: £1 entrance before 9am, 50p after 9am. Children free

**Future dates:
Sunday 28th June 2009**

For details of our Car Boot Sales see our website at

www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk

Future Car Boot Sale dates, from September 2009, to be posted soon!

YEAR 11 ART EXAM

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Dear parent/Guardian

RE: Year 11 Art exam 2009

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of GCSE Art exam dates for April 2009.

Class 11A – Tuesday 21st April and Wednesday 22nd April

Class 11B – Thursday 23rd April and Friday 24th April

Students have been informed as to which session they will be attending. The exam is 5 hours each day; pupils **must arrive in full uniform** at 8.15 am to set up for the 8.45 am start, finishing at 3.00 pm. There will be a break in the morning and at lunch time as usual, pupils are advised to bring a bottle of water. It is essential that any exam preparatory work, **all coursework sketchbooks from year 10 and year 11**, as it will be handed in to be marked at the end of their session.

In order to meet objectives for the exam preparation, the following tasks need to be evident in their Sketchbooks:-

- Thumbnail sketches of ideas for primary sources (Assessment objective 1)
- Research on their chosen question– visual collection of magazine (Assessment objective 2)
- photographs and drawings relating to the topic (Assessment objective 2)
- Artist research and drawings/studies of the artist's work (Assessment objective 2)
- development of images in a variety of media Materials (Assessment objective 3)
- Ideas for a final image, showing ideas from the artist's work they have studied (Assessment objective 4)

All exam prep must be completed by the end of the Easter holidays. There will be a further 3 lessons after to complete/add to coursework, but exam sketchbooks and the final piece cannot be worked on after the examination dates.

I wish all students every success in their exams.
Mr. Ridyard

L Ridyard
(Art department)