



# Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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## Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

Please note the school is closed on Monday 6th July for an INSET day.

The Sports Celebration dinner on 30th June was wonderful, a massive thank you to all the staff involved. The children looked incredible and really rose to the occasion. I would like to thank Twickenham for hosting the event and the PE staff and all the members of the VPA faculty for working so hard to make it such a success. Congratulations to all the award winners.

The Year 6 Parents' evening on Wednesday 1st July was fully supported by parents. It was excellent to see so many parents and we look forward to a very successful 5 years together.

We have all been treated to two evenings of fun and entertainment with the production of The Wizard of Oz" on Thursday and Friday night. Both casts were superb and all the staff should be congratulated once more for helping our students shine.

The first Year 7 St. Omer and London Zoo trips went very well on Thursday. The weather was beautiful and the students impeccably behaved.

Since the spell of hot weather began the school has taken the decision to allow students to walk around the school without wearing their blazer. The message is clear; the students can wear their blazer if they wish, but must not replace the blazer with the school jumper. Pupils who consistently break this rule should expect to have their jumpers confiscated. I will be writing to parents individually to ensure everyone is clear about the uniform code. Thank you in advance for supporting the school on this matter. Please call the school office if you are unsure.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that uniform **must** now be purchased directly from Sportswear International. Parents can order all items

other than the ties and uniform sweaters as of now via the internet or by telephone. The ties will be ready to order via the internet by the 1st week in July and the uniform sweaters are going to be available to order via the internet from the 1st week in August. However parents can also order all items via telephone now and will be given a delivery date for all items to be delivered at the same time.

Contact details:  
[www.sportswearinternational.com](http://www.sportswearinternational.com)  
 go to parent login and the grey court logo and then register  
 Tel: 01928 599959

Details are also on our website:  
<http://www.greycourt.richmond.sch.uk/Parents/uniform2.htm>

If anyone is unsure about uniform or their children seem to be contradicting what the school is stating, please contact us directly and we will ensure you are clear.

Boys' shirts and trousers and girls' blouses, skirts and trousers can be purchased from major retailers. I will be writing to parents individually about uniform for the new term so if you are unsure please do not buy any uniform until you read my letter.

I have made a commitment to respond to parents within 48 hours, if for any reason you do not receive a reply please contact my P.A. who will ensure that everything is followed up.

Please note that the last two Parent Clinic sessions of the school term i.e. Thursday 9th and 16th July will be held between 5-6pm. Please contact my PA Debby Pace to arrange an appointment time or telephone the school on 020 8940 9233 if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards as always  
 Maggie Bailey - Headteacher



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

### Key Dates

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

Autumn Term  
 2 September 2009 Year 7 and Year 10  
 3 September 2009 All year groups

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## Latest News

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE: SWINE FLU

Please click below for an update on the current situation regarding swine flu in the school.

<http://www.greycourt.richmond.sch.uk/News/messageb.htm>

For general health queries people can visit the NHS website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647.

The Department of Health has set up a Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513.

Pabulum, our caterers, are looking to recruit relief staff to cover staff holidays, sickness and special functions, on an "as and when needed" basis.

If you are interested please call Lorraine on 0208 948 9123.

**All staff/students - any outstanding loans from the LRC (Library) must be returned by the end of term (17 July)**

## Year 7



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

### [Year 7 successes as part of the Sports Celebration](#)

On Tuesday evening a number of well dressed Year 7's achieved a number of awards at the 3rd Grey Court Sports celebration. Besides receiving plenty of half colours in a variety of sport, Year 7 topped the awards ceremony scooping the prize of Team of the Year for boys football and Emilia Bjerke for sports personality of the year.

Well done to all of you; your Head of Year was very proud

of you all.

Mr. Low

## Year 8

**Acting Head of Year 8  
Mr. Chris Rhodes**

On Wednesday 8th July Year 8 students will be competing in Battle of the Books at Hampton Community College:

Students are:

Jenni Whittaker / Dan Branston / James Purton / Bethany Jamal / Harriet Connor / Ella Van Den Begin / Josh Cooper / Eve Ridyard / Lilja Moore / Yann Hemstead

Ms. Nicholls

The year 8s have been very positive about the cross curricular day where they studied subjects that were linked by the central theme of 'Heroes and Villains'. This different approach to active learning was very successful and the governors were in school to witness the verve and energy with which the students went about their tasks. I would like to thank the staff who put such effort into the day so as to ensure a positive outcome.

Next week (Thursday 9th

July) the year 8s will be off timetable for 'Democracy day'. They will all be assigned a political party and will take part in mock elections throughout the day. The students will also have an extended lunchtime where there will be the opportunity to take part in different sports. Pupils are to come in non uniform for the day.

Mr. Rhodes

## Year 9

**Acting Head of Year 9  
Mr Dave Winch**

Congratulations to the following who represented the school at the Lion Heart Challenge on Wednesday 1 July at the magnificent Emirates stadium. The team were competing against 17 other schools and the other schools representatives were in year 10. Grey Court won the award for best Powerpoint presentation.

Their behaviour throughout the day was exemplary as was their commitment. Well done to Leanne Carr, Montana Buckley, Josh Harris, Jessica Butler, Joe Ward, Sophie Hodgkins, Alireza Shohooki, Yasmin Davies-Kissoon

Congratulations to the 42 year 9 students who went to the Richmond Theatre last Friday to see the Horrible Histories production of World

War One. The students' behaviour was fantastic throughout the trip and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the play, including the staff who accompanied the students. I would like to publicly thank the students and the following staff who helped with the trip: Ms Mercer, Mr Hurley and Mr White.

Mr. Winch

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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 10

**Head of Year 10**  
**Mr Andrew Burton**

### **WORK EXPERIENCE** **OCTOBER 2009**

Full details and dates can be found on the website and intranet.

The Year 10 full reports will be posted home to parents today. Please go through these reports carefully with your child, focussing especially on

any targets that need to be addressed.

July 9<sup>th</sup> is our next whole school activity day. The timetable for all students is suspended. Year 10 students will be having a day on site and we are calling it a 'self development day'. They will attend three different workshops in small groups. One workshop covers 'well being' and general health issues; another session is a 'team building' exercise and the final session is on 'study

skills'. Students are allowed to wear their own clothes on this day but they must be suitable for doing the physical 'team building' exercise. I will explain the day in detail to students in an assembly on 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Year 11

**Head of Year 11**  
**Mr Andrew Burton**

### **Year 11 Prom**

The Year 11 Prom was held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Cobham Sports Ground. A big thank you to all the students who attended and the staff who supported for making it such a big success. Our thanks also go to the Cobham Sports Team for providing such a lovely venue, the Fantastic4Parties ladies for doing all the decorations and Mr Corlett and the team from Master Portraits for taking the formal photos.



## Other News

HAS ANYONE GOT A CLOTHES RAIL THAT THEY NO LONGER NEED AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE SCHOOL.  
WE NEED THIS TO DISPLAY SCHOOL UNIFORM ON.

THE RAIL WOULD NEED TO BE VERY RESILIENT AND STRONG ENOUGH TO BE MOVED AROUND THE SCHOOL, IT WOULD NEED TO HAVE WHEELS.

IF ANYONE CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL DEBBY PACE ON 0208 940 9233

## Extra Curricular

Please can you ensure that items of clothing are named, as a lot of PE kit is being found, but we are unable to return them to their rightful owners.



|           | Lunch Time Clubs    |                       |                               |         | After School Clubs (15:15-16:15)   |                                    |                                   |                           |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|           | Gym                 | S/Hall                | Field 1                       | Field 2 | Gym                                | Bull Meadow                        | Main Field 1                      | Main Field 2              |
| Monday    |                     |                       |                               |         | Cheerleading<br>London<br>Scottish |                                    | Girls Football<br>St Marys Sports |                           |
| Tuesday   |                     |                       |                               |         |                                    | Softball<br>SJC                    | Junior Cricket<br>SCW             | Junior Rounders<br>AW     |
| Wednesday |                     | 5-a-side<br>Y7<br>SCW |                               |         |                                    |                                    | Athletics<br>AW/AL                | Athletics<br>SJC/SCW      |
| Thursday  |                     |                       | Y7/JSLA<br>Football<br>League |         |                                    | Rugby 7's<br>Y9<br>London Scottish | Snr Cricket<br>SCW                | Snr Rounders<br>AW        |
| Friday    | Table Tennis<br>MXA |                       |                               |         | Trampolining<br>M8                 | DofE Club<br>KS                    |                                   | Mountain biking<br>SJC/AL |

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## The Sporting Stag

**BOROUGH SPORTS HELD ON 25 June for Years 7 and 8 / 26th June for Years 9 and 10**

### RESULTS:

Ciaran Gerraghty - 1st in High Jump.

Alex Njie - 2nd in Long Jump

Jaedon Cooke - 2nd in 100m

Ruby Ntimih - 2nd in Javelin

Caroline Cooper - 2nd in Javelin

Abas Kabuye - 1st in Javelin

Jamie Tolan - 2nd in Shot

Callie Browett - 2nd in Javelin

Ben Skea - 2nd in 400m

Joseph Jones - 2nd in 400m.

Lawrence Grant - 2nd in Triple Jump

Cameron Culver - 2nd in 200m

Milan Ferguson - 2nd in 200m

Thanks and well done to all the students. Mr Willmore

### SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME:

We have now moved onto our Summer programme and are looking forward to more success:

Year 7 & 8 Cricket nets will take place every Tuesday, 3-4.15pm

Year 9 & 10 Cricket nets will take place every Thursday, 3-4.15pm

Both teams have a lot of fixtures, so please make sure you attend.

Athletics practise for all years will take place on Wednesdays, 3-4.15pm.

Again, we are looking forward to seeing a lot of pupils attend.

# The Art Stag

## VPA NEWS

7 Beech would like to thank everyone who helped sponsor their balloon race in aid of the NSPCC. £212 was raised and the 212 balloons were released on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We have already received several of the tickets back. Closing dates for returns is the end of September.

Congratulations to the year 8s who worked with Carl from Orleans House to create their "Friends of the World", carnival sculpture. The sculpture took pride of place at the front of the Parade directly behind the Mayor.

Any student interested in having private instrumental lessons or LAMDA (Drama) lessons next year should get an application form from Mr Millar before the end of term. Any student coming to the school in September can get a form from the school or by contacting the Richmond Music Trust Directly. [www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk](http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk)

There will be a meeting for all students interested in taking a summer course in music technology/sound recording on Tuesday 7th July. Any student wishing to be part of the set-up group should attend this meeting also - MUA at 3pm.

Billy Elliot - Tuesday 7th July - Any student who would like to go on this trip should see Mr Millar ASAP to see if there are any tickets left.

**Primary School Science and Technology Challenge  
Newsletter Information  
To be published w/c 290609**



On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Grey Court School will be hosting our Year 5 Primary School Science and Technology Challenge.

The event is part of our Specialist Status outreach to our local Feeder schools. We have invited thirteen schools from the borough to take part. Each school may enter one team of four Year 5 pupils.

The event will start at 5:30 pm and will finish with the presentation of awards and refreshments at about 7:30 pm. The competition will involve a science quiz and various fun activities including a large scale construction. Parents and friends are also invited to attend and support their teams.

Mr S Rickard  
KS3 Science Co-ordinator