



# Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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## Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

We keep receiving warnings from a number of sources that the severe weather may return. Although we have carried out a lot of work on the grounds over the last few days to make them safe, there is always the possibility that the school may have to close again in the near future. I am therefore posting our contingency arrangements here to ensure that everyone is clear about what to expect.

**Please be assured that we will only take the decision to close in the event that there is severe weather forecasted and/or acute transport problems. In our opinion the only grounds sufficient to close the school would be those of a health and safety nature.**

I will then follow the guidelines set out below:

Arrive at school and do a health and safety check at 7.00 a.m. We would then make a decision and post that decision on the school website homepage by 7.30 a.m.

E-mail both Richmond and Kingston local authorities stating the reasons for the decision. Richmond will then relay the information to Kingston so the information relating to Grey Court School

will be on both council websites.

Ensure that an appropriate message advising parents of the school being open or closed is posted on the school website's homepage.

Ensure that the school phone is personally answered between 7.30 and 9.00 a.m. and an appropriate message advising parents of the school being open or closed is relayed. Unfortunately we cannot put a message on our phone system, as it is antiquated and messages cannot be changed easily. We are presently exploring the cost of a new phone system.

We hope we will not have occasion to close the school and trust we have your support.

We have had over 500 applications for Year 7 2009-2010. This is excellent news and will enable the school to develop academically and socially within the local community.

A bumper issue this week, so please ensure you read each section carefully.

Kind regards  
Maggie Bailey  
Headteacher



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

### Key Dates

Spring Term 5 January to 3 April 2009  
Half Term 16—20th February 2009  
Inset Day 31 March 2009

Activity Day 10 February - see full details on page 10  
10th February at 3pm  
Farm briefing for parents in Ingenium  
Year 9 parents evening on 26 February  
Deadline for return of options forms 5 March

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## Latest News

### Christian union at Grey Court

Come along and discuss those important issues like fashion, music, friends and faith. Find out just how hard it is to be a Christian today, and just what is a Christian? Look at the media and what it says about young people.

We meet Monday lunch times, Newman House, 1.15-1.50pm. We also provide support for

young people who are finding things difficult. Just drop in any time and say hi to Kev and Ren.

Mr. Poole

### Ham Scouts are looking for members!

Ham Scouts are looking to recruit members for Beaver Scouts aged 5 -8, Cub Scouts 8 - 11 and Scouts 11 - 14. All

boys and girls welcome. Please contact Bill Kesby on [Bill.kesby@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Bill.kesby@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) for more information.

### German Exchange 2009

Letters containing information and remaining payment details will be sent home with students shortly. If you do not receive one please check your child's school bag or contact Ms Clarke.

## Year 7

### Head of Year 7 Mr. Andy Low

#### Extra Curricular—Years 7 and 8

FRENCH CLASSES are being held on Thursdays at 3.15-3.45.

There are still places available - if you are interested please contact Ms. Boyd.

#### Parents Evening

A fantastic turn out of parents/guardians. Thank you to all of you who attended and I hope it provided you with the chance to speak to as many staff as possible and view

your son/daughter's work. If you were unable to attend, any documentation has been posted, specifically a print out of your son/daughter's attendance. If you notice any 'O' or 'N's on the sheet please can you provide a note to your son/daughters tutor to explain the absence.

Andy Low

#### Cooking Club

Cooking club open to year 7, 8 and 9 every Wednesday 3:05 - 4:15 with Miss Harris, Miss Stacey, Mrs Reardon and Mrs Miller. See Miss Harris for a recipe.



## Year 8

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

Last week the students in year 8 were raising money for the RSPCA and the NSPCC as part of Grey Court's Charity week. These charities were chosen by the Collegium (Grey Court's Student Voice) and all tutor groups were busy preparing for the three events that they planned.

Students from 8 Cedar and 8 Beech held a cake sale at morning break. 8 Willow

and 8 Maple held a charity "Custard Pie" throwing event where students had the chance to get revenge for being set too much homework as they entered a raffle to see who got to throw the pies at the teachers. 8 Elm and 8 Rowan organised a staff verses student netball game in the sports hall. Thank you to all parents and students who supported Grey Court Charity week.

C. Rhodes

#### KS3 License to Cook

KS3 Design and Technology students who are currently with Ms Harris will be following the National 'License to Cook' (LTC) programme during Design and Technology lessons after half term. A letter has been sent home about the course and parents are reminded to send a £8 contribution to help pay for ingredients for the practical cooking lessons. A cheque or cash should be sent / taken to the finance office before half term.

A. Seaton

*"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 Dave Winch

#### Specialist School's Science trip - Wellcome Collection visit on 23 January 2009

21 students from 9B1 Science visited the Wellcome Collection. Full details and photographs are on page 8

#### Year 9 School Journey to Barton Hall – Devon: 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009

We are looking forward to taking year 9 students on a 3

day PGL residential school journey to Barton Hall, Torquay, Devon in the summer term from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This Multi Activity trip will be a valuable opportunity for students to enhance their communication skills and self confidence and we consider the trip to be a positive reward for all of the hard work that goes into KS3.

Please note that the requested deposit must be handed into the finance office as soon as possible and no later than

12th February otherwise the trip will not be able to take place.

Thank you.  
Sharon Mercer/SSO KS3

#### Year 9 Hospitality and Catering Diploma

Richmond College will be running a taster day (23 February) for those students interested in a diploma in Hospitality and Catering. If you have not received a letter about this event, please contact Mr. Poole.

Year 9 Talent  
Photo by Peter Wellham in 9R



## Year 10

### Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

Year 10 have been working really hard for their modular exams. I would like to take the opportunity to publicly congratulate Year 10 on how well they are focusing on their studies at present, it bodes well for the future.

Activity Day on February 10th draws much closer. Year 10 students will be following a programme of activities based

around their option choices i.e. geography field trip to Dorset, music and art workshops. Year 11 will be doing a variety of activities in school aimed at raising their chances of examination success i.e. study skills workshops, revision sessions, coursework catch-up.

Mr. Bashford

#### Charity Event w/b 23 February

There is a talent competition for Year 10 taking place. The

First two rounds will be on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February with the grand final on Friday 27th February. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. All money raised goes to charity. If you would like to sign up please see Ms. Wharton.



## Year 11

### Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

**Y11 Art Clinic**  
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm

**Year 11 Physical Education GCSE Notice**  
Fridays 3.00-4.00 p.m.

**Year 11 Coursework & Speaking Exam Support**  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

**Year 10 and Year 11 MFL Students**  
French and German revision guides are available at £3.50. Please hand in cash or a cheque to the Finance Office

where you will be given a receipt. See Ms Clarke with the receipt to get your guide.

**Additional Exam Information**  
In a very small number of cases, students are entitled to access arrangements during examinations, these may include extra time, use of a reader or scribe or access to a WP for extended writing. Principle reasons would be a formal diagnosis of dyslexia/dyspraxia, or other literacy difficulties. We have to make an application to the exam board and applications have to be approved. If you feel your son/daughter should

have any type of special arrangement for exams please leave a message at reception giving the student's name and arrangement required or email [sculhane@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:sculhane@greycourt.org.uk). Parents will receive written confirmation of the board's decision in due course.

S. Culhane

Year 11 Key marginal programme is now up and running after a successful launch night. Team activities are being planned and a strong sense of competition has erupted between team members and their teachers!

On Activity Day, 10 February, Year 11 students will undertake a variety

of activities such as coursework improvement, revision and exam skills sessions. Pupils are expected to work hard during the day and take advantage of all the special sessions that are being offered. Lessons will be suspended but the day will finish as normal at 2.55pm.

I hope all students enjoyed the opportunity to wear their own clothes on mufti day on Friday 6 February which helped to raise money for charity.

## Other News

Congratulations to our Design & Technology Autumn designers of the term, who have been recognised for their outstanding work. They will be receiving certificates and our very own Designer of the Term badges.

- YEAR 7 Timur Aydin for Graphics & CAD  
Florence Bretherton for Textiles  
Aishah Al-Khishali for Product Design
- YEAR 8 Harriet Connor for Graphics & CAD  
Reem Farouk for Textiles  
Oskar Brightman for Product Design
- YEAR 9 Mindaugas Lukosevicius for Graphics & CAD  
Tiya-Renee Middleton for Textiles  
Peter Wellham for Product Design

Well done, Mr. Taylor D&T

## Extra Curricular

### Sports fixtures/training

9th February - Year 7,8,9 Volleyball training 3-4pm  
 9th February - Year 9 Rugby Union Tournament at Grasshoppers RFC, 1.30-4.00pm  
 10th February - Year 7/8 Netball (Away)  
 10th February - Year 7 Rugby Union vs Orleans (Away)  
 11th February - Year 10 Rugby Union vs Orleans (Home)  
 12th February - Year 9,10,11 Netball (Home)  
 12th February - Year 7 Rugby Union at Grasshoppers RFC, 10.30am-2.30pm  
 13th February - Trampolining club 3-4.15pm



Spring 2009	Lunch Time Clubs				After School Clubs (15:15-16:15)			
	Gym	S/Hall	Field 1	Field 2	Gym	S/Hall	Field 1	Field 2
Mon		Basketball Girls AW				Volleyball KS3 Richmond Volleyball	Rugby League Y7/Yr8 Harlequins	
Tue		Basketball 9/10/11 SJC				Basketball Y7/8 BR/MXA	Rugby Union Year 11 SJC	Rugby Union Year 10 SCW
Wed		5-a-Side Y7 SCW			Rowing All Years	SHA Y7 SJC/ Real Runners	Rugby Union Y7/8 London Scottish	
Thur		Badminton KS3 SJC			Trampolining M8	Girls Basketball KS3	Rugby Union Year 9 SJC	Rugby Union Year 7 SCW
Fri	Table Tennis MXA				Trampolining M8	Tennis Y7 (3-4pm) Y8 (4-5pm) H&P TC	GCSE REVISION Y11(Compulsory) AW/AL	

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## The Sporting Stag

### [Year 10 Rugby Union result. Grey Court 12, Magna Carta 5.](#)

This was a very physical battle between two emerging teams. Grey Court started well and opened the scoring in the 16th minute through Luke Taylor. He finished off a flowing move by scoring in the corner. Both sides had opportunities to score tries in the 1st half but neither side could take them. Again we started the second half brightly and Luke scored again in the 55th minute. Matthew McLoughlin added the conversion which made it 12-0 to Grey Court. Magna scored a consolation try in the last minute to make the final score 12-5. Again we showed a lot of potential and the only way to improve further is if ALL squad players attend training sessions on Tuesdays. Well done boys

Mr Willmore

### [Year 7 Rugby Union match. Grey Court 10, Magna Carta 15.](#)

This was an excellent game of rugby played in awful conditions. Both defences were generally outstanding and if Grey Court had made better decisions at crucial times, I am sure the score line would have been different. Our tries were scored by Edward Maxted and George Allan-Lowe. This team has a lot of potential if they continue to work hard in training. Well done boys.

Mr Willmore

### [Year 7 Basketball Tournament](#)

The Year 7 Basketball squad performed superbly at the North Richmond Basketball Tournament. They beat Sheen 11-2 in their first game and followed this up with a comprehensive 17-3 victory over Orleans Park. Mohammed Mallah was superb throughout with a total of 8 baskets.

Year 7 Basketball Squad winners:

Jonathan Grambeck, Solomon Reece-Jones, James Bottomley, Mohammed Mallah, Gareth Lewis, Omar Parsons, Hugo Russell, Ben Tait. Well Done boys.

Mr Willmore



## HAM AND PETERSHAM YOUTH CLUB

### Calling all young people!

Hello, my name is Ben Skelton. I am the new manager of Ham and Petersham Youth Club. Below you can see the sort of activities we are running for teenagers in the Ham area. The youth club offers lots of fun things to do such as sports, ICT, Dee Jaying, music production, cooking, arts and crafts, pool, table tennis, Playstation3 and lots more.

We also run trips: at Christmas we went Ice Skating at Hampton Court and rock climbing at the Craggy Island climbing centre in Guildford.

My role is to provide things to do and places to go for young people in Ham and Petersham so I want to hear from parents and young people as to what they would be interested in. I hope to soon run courses in Free Running and also drama after young people have expressed an interest to me.

I am at the youth club most afternoons and can be contacted on 020 8288 0916 or [ben.skelton@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:ben.skelton@richmond.gov.uk).

Hope to see you soon!

Ben Skelton

Mondays:	Duke of Edinburgh Award Open Night 5pm Kickz Football Training at Grey Court School 5.30pm
Tuesdays:	Kickz Football Training on Ham Green 5.30pm
Wednesdays:	Urban Academy Performing Arts 5pm Junior Club Night (Yrs 7-9) 6.15pm
Thursdays:	Connexions Job Club 4pm (1st Thursday of month) Senior club night (Yrs 10+) 7pm
Friday:	Urban Academy Boxercise 5pm Junior Club Night (Yrs 6-9) 6.15pm

## THREE WINGS TRUST

### Information & Advice Surgery for parents of children and young people with additional needs

Ham Children's Centre  
Ashburnham Road, Ham TW10 7NL

Last Tuesday of each month during term time 9.30am-12 noon

Would you like to talk to someone about your concerns? Want to know more about local services that could support you, your child and close family members? Looking for children's activities that are sensitive to your child's needs? In need of practical advice?

Come along for a chat to one of the advice surgeries over a coffee. No need to book an appointment, just pop in.

#### Surgery dates:

27 January / 24 February / 31 March

## ANIMATION COMPETITION

### Now open! The UK Schools Computer Animation Competition 2009

The competition is open to all UK schoolchildren aged between 7 and 19.

The deadline for entering is Friday 1 May 2009.

For full details, and to register your school's interest, please visit the [Animation09 website](#). Register now, with no obligation, and keep in the picture!

About the competition - For the 2009 competition, entrants can create their animations (maximum duration: 1 minute) using any of the following programs: [Alice](#), [Scratch](#), or [Flash](#).

There are some great prizes, and the Animation Festival and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry.

The inaugural 2008 competition attracted over [230 entries from 55 schools](#), with over 400 children attending the Film Show and Awards Ceremony day at The University of Manchester. Visit the [2008 Winners Gallery](#).

Please see Ms Price if you are interested in entering this competition

## Ham Needs you!

Do you care about Ham?

Are you community minded?

Would you like to see important new services coming to your area?

If so, we need you.

Following on from a recent consultation we are looking to establish a local steering group to lead the community towards achieving priorities. However much time you would be willing to give, there will be a way for you to get involved. We will be holding some information sessions very soon.

Please contact **Becky White** on **0208 404 5142** or [becky.white@rhp.org.uk](mailto:becky.white@rhp.org.uk) for more information.

Becky White, Community Development Officer, Richmond Housing Partnership

## YEAR 9 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING DIPLOMA

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## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 11th February 2009  
6.30 - 8.00 pm

Richmond upon Thames College is the only state funded college in London to offer the International Baccalaureate, which is an internationally recognised, broad based qualification offered as an alternative to A levels. Students choose to study a variety of courses, which allow them to retain the broadest range of academic subjects, while developing their critical thinking and inter-cultural understanding.

For the third year running the college has achieved well above the IB global pass rate. Richmond students have averaged 5 points higher than the figure achieved worldwide.

Last summer 30 students took the IB Diploma exams and 2 students, both of whom came from Teddington School, achieved 44 and 43 points out of a possible 45. Overall 17 students gained 35 points or more, enabling them to proceed to top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Universities see this score as equivalent to 4.5 A levels at grade A.

This year's intake is more than double the number that enrolled in 2006 and took their exams in 2008.

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## Year 9 Specialist Schools' Science trip

Well come collection visit 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009

21 Students from 9B1 science visited the Well come Collection near Euston Station.



We spent the morning looking at the displays of past and present medical artefacts, equipment and models. The theme of the day was 'body image'.

The Wellcome Collection has brought together items of art that are based in a scientific context and we were asked to think about the role of art in science.

During the afternoon we took part in short debates on topical issues and examined the idea of body image. We then broke in to groups to think about inventions we could make to enhance our own body images.

The day finished with a short presentation from each group showing their ideas to the whole group and answering questions about their ideas.

We were given the opportunity to enhance our critical thinking skills to work as a team and explore cross curricular issues.

The students made very positive contributions and were a credit to Grey Court.



### Wellcome Collection: an exciting destination for explorers of the human condition

Wellcome Collection is a unique mix of galleries, events, and meeting, reading and eating places where you can consider what it means to be human.

It brings to life Sir Henry Wellcome's vision of a place where people could learn more about the development of medicine through the ages and across cultures.

<http://www.wellcomecollection.org/aboutus/index.htm>

## ACTIVITY DAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 10	Year 10	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Activity</b>	Maths Competition	St Mary's Sport trip	Lionheart Challenge	Geography	Media	Arts	DT	School Based Curriculum Activities
<b>Location</b>	Maths rooms	St Mary's University	School Hall	Off site	Cinema	On/off site	On site	On site
<b>Staff involved</b>	<b>Mr. Murdoch</b> Mr. Anumihe Miss Enderby Mr. Roberts Mr. Cosgrave Mr. Low Mr. O'Donnell Mr. McCarthy Miss Stenner Miss Ross	<b>Mr. Colvin</b> Mr. Ali Mr. Rhodes Miss Webster Mr. Willmore	<b>Mr. Winch</b> Miss Holmes Miss Price Mr. Rickard Miss Mercer	<b>Mr. King</b> Mr. Bashford Miss Green	<b>Miss Cook</b> Miss Stacey	<b>Mr. Millar</b> Mr. Ridyard Miss Wharton	<b>Mr. Seaton</b> Miss Harris Mr. Taylor	<b>BTEC</b> Mr. Burton, Miss Smith, Miss Corrigan <b>IT</b> Miss Duncan <b>Study Skills</b> Mr. Pillay, Mr. Scott <b>French</b> Miss Clarke, Miss Znaidi <b>English</b> Miss Fincham, Miss John, Mr. Culhane, Miss Sturley, Miss Williams <b>History/RS</b> Mr. Hurley <b>Study Skills</b> Mr. Maltby, Miss Laker, Mr. Carraher <b>Art/Music</b> Miss Grey, Miss Poulson, Mr Robertson <b>PE</b> Miss White <b>LRC</b> Miss Nichols, Mr Yiannakou <b>Science</b> Miss Woods