



# Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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## Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

There is so much to celebrate in the school and by way of the students involvement in the local community and I urge you to read the bulletin thoroughly because the achievements of some of our students are stunning. Our students are so talented and it is important to celebrate this as much as possible. In particular this week I would like to congratulate Sam Cross in Year 7 who has been chosen to participate in the filming of a new CBBC children's programme entitled "Jump Nation". Sam will be filming in June/July/August.

I would like to congratulate Paige Buckley on winning the design of the school farm logo. All the entries were excellent but Paige's design was everyone's' first choice, so well done Paige.

I am quite concerned about the number of students coming late to school. In the next few weeks you will receive a letter directly from me relating to your individual child. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child arrives on time to school. Although we will punish persistent offenders your support in this matter would be appreciated.

We have launched the new House system to all the students, the students chose the names Romans, Trojans, Aztecs and Spartans. All students have been allocated a house and their first activity in houses will be Sports day. From September all intra-school competitions, merits and other commendations will be processed through the houses.

We are raising standards all the time at Grey Court, and our focus for September will be manners and respect within the school community.

This will be addressed though their personal and social education lessons and will have a dramatic effect on our image in the local community

Year 10 are now the elders within the school. With the year 11 leaving, the uniform is now much easier to monitor and I must say that the students look incredibly smart in their uniform. I would like all parents to check the uniform guidelines in their children's planner. I will be writing to parents individually where there seems to be an ongoing problem but can I emphasise again that blazers are now compulsory throughout year 11 so please ensure that your child's blazer will fit them for that entire period. If you have any difficulty financially with supplying your child with the correct school uniform please do not hesitate to contact me

There are a number of key dates looming so it is important that everyone puts them in diaries.:

The Sports Celebration Evening/dinner takes place in the Live room at Twickenham Rugby Stadium on 30 June 7-11pm, £35 per person, students and parents are invited to attend. There is also the VPA production of the Wizard of Oz on the 2nd and 3rd of July. The Parents Association desperately need help with the Summer Fun Day on 21 June 2009 at Grey Court School. The next car boot sale will be held on 28 June 2009.

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

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

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## Latest News

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.

### REPEAT MESSAGE

Swine flu; the advice remains the same as last week i.e. although we do need to be prepared for the situation, we should not be alarmed.

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.

## Year 7



### Head of Year 7 Mr. Andy Low

Congratulations to the following students who achieved certificates in the Junior UK Maths Challenge:

#### Silver

Hannah Smith / Ali Qureshi / George Allan Low

#### Bronze

Thomas Skea / Edward Maxted / Emma Cramp / Jessica Tolmia / Joely Dowling / David Browning / Renee Mayor / Matthew Bartholomew

### St Omer Day Trip - 2nd and 9th July

Please note there is an amendment to the letter sent

out this week. The letter should read that lessons will start at 9.35am for A band on July 3rd and B band on 10th July. Not 9.45am as stated in the letter. Apologies for any confusion.

A copy of the amended letter can be found on the intranet under Year 7. You will also find this on the website under news, message board.

St Omar Workshops - in preparation for the day trips above, the students will be having 4 workshop sessions on June 19th (A band) and July 3rd (B band). These will involve finding out a bit about St Omer, the journey to Folkestone, buying food and drink in a café and shopping for souvenirs.

**Exams** - Year 7 students have been fantastic with their approach, attitude and work ethics towards their exams. If any student has missed an exam for any particular reason, these will be done in due course over the next week. I wish them well with their results.

**Science Trip** - letters have gone out this week for the trip to London Zoo. If you have not received details, please ask your son/daughter to talk to their Science tutor so that a letter can be sent home. Don't forget that if you paid £74 for all three Year 7 trips upfront, there's no need to pay again.

Mr. Low

*"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 8

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

Congratulations to the following students who achieved certificates in the Junior UK Maths Challenge:

#### Silver

Thomas Archbold (best in school) and Harriet Connor

#### Bronze

Max Dudzinski / Jenni Whitaker / Mihailo Vukasinovic / Luke Scarlett / Yann Hempstead

Pupils this week were treated to Tutor group 8 Maple's assembly on diversity and difference. The students introduced themselves to the cohort in their respective languages. One student used sign language to translate the messages and the students asked others to consider the differences that exist between us yet remember that we are at the same time a harmonious community. Within the school there are over 50 languages spoken and within this particu-

lar tutor group there are ten. This illustrates the richness of cultures that exists at our school and an assembly was a fitting way to celebrate it. Well done to form tutor Mr Roberts and the students involved.

Mr. Rhodes

## Year 9

### Acting Head of Year 9 Mr Dave Winch

There will be 42 year 9 students, who have chosen History as a GCSE option, going to Richmond Theatre to see a Horrible Histories play on World War One. The date for this trip is Friday 26 June in the morning. Students will leave school at 9.20 am and go to the theatre by bus. They

will be accompanied by three members of staff, Mr Winch, Mr Hurley and Ms Mercer. The play lasts approximately two hours. Students will return to Grey Court in time for lesson 6.

Mr. Winch



## 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.

#### College Experience Day

Year 10 College Experience Day is on Thursday 25th June 2009. The day is a fantastic opportunity for students to

experience college style courses and to investigate possible post 16 courses of interest. Students should arrive at Richmond College between 9.00 and 9.15 in non-uniform. The taster sessions will start promptly at 9.30 and we aim to finish by approx 12.00. Students should then make their way back home. They will not be required to be in school in the afternoon. It is essential that when you receive the letter detailing arrangements that you return the consent form allow-

ing us to release your child at 12.00. If you have any questions regarding this day then please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Mr. Burton

## Year 11

### Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

#### Exams

Exams are now drawing to a close and the summer holidays are nearly upon you!! I hope all of your exams have gone well and it is now just a question of waiting for the results in August. We have allocated Friday 19th June as Book Return and Locker Key return day. The new canteen will be open between 10.30 and 11.15 for all students to bring back textbooks and to return their locker keys. It is essential that any books are

returned on this day between these times so that the relevant forms can be signed. If your child has lost their locker key, please send them in with £3.50 for a replacement. If you have any uniform items that you are willing to donate back to the school please also bring them with you on Friday.

#### Year 11 Prom

This year's Year 11 Prom is on Thursday 25th June at Cobham Sports from 7.30pm - 11.00pm. The deadline for ticket sales has now passed. Students are reminded that they must arrange their own

transport to and from the Prom as travel by public transport is not possible. Those students who have purchased tickets should collect them from Ms Smith at the Book Return on Friday 19th.

#### Year 11 Photos

If you ordered a year 11 photo and have not yet collected it please see Ms Smith at the Book Return on Friday 19th June.

## Other News

There will be homework / coursework drop-in sessions for any students who have English as an Additional Language in the Library each Tuesday and Thursday from 3.00 - 3.45 p.m. until the end of term. The first session will be on Tuesday 9th June. Students do not need to attend every session, nor stay for the whole session, but are welcome to come along and ask for help with any of their homework / coursework tasks.

Mr D Rose  
Richmond Ethnic Minority Achievement Service

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## 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.

### Sports fixtures/training:

16th June Year 7/8 Cricket vs Shene (A)  
 Year 7/8 Rounders vs Orleans Pk (A)  
 17th June Athletics training (all years)  
 18th June Year 9/10 cricket vs Christs (A)  
 Year 9/10 Rounders vs Orleans Pk (H)  
 Year 7-10 Boys Tennis Festival at St Georges College.  
 19th June Year 7-10 Girls Tennis Festival at St Georges College.



	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 London Scottish		Girls Football St Marys Sports	
Tuesday						Softball SJC	Junior Cricket SCW	Junior Rounders AW
Wednesday		5-a-side Y7 SCW					Athletics AW/AL	Athletics SJC/SCW
Thursday			Y7/JSLA Football League			Rugby 7's Y9 London Scottish	Snr Cricket SCW	Snr Rounders AW
Friday	Table Tennis MXA				Trampolineing M8	DofE Club KS		Mountain biking SJC/AL

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## The Sporting Stag

### CRICKET YEAR 7/8 v WHITTON

Whitton 52 for 7, Grey Court 53 for 3. Noah Whitely-Williams 23 not out and George Allan-Lowe 21 not out.

### CRICKET YEAR 9/10 v HCC

HCC 61 all out. Karl Wagner took 3 for 14 and Matthew Self took 2 for 12. Grey Court 62 for 4. Sharif Khan scored 19 and Matthew Self 24 not out.

### NOTES FOR THE DIARY

#### SPORTS DAY 24th June

This is being held at St Mary's University. Full details will be available shortly.

#### JUNIOR BOROUGH SPORTS 25th June

Years 7 & 8 - Midday start at St Mary's University.

#### SENIOR BOROUGH SPORTS 26th June

Years 9 & 10) - Midday start at St Mary's University.

#### SPORTS CELEBRATION EVENING 30th June

This is being held at the Live Room at Twickenham Rugby Stadium. 7pm start. The evening will finish at 11pm.

### 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

## Lamda/Drama lessons, The Banbury Theatre Company

Ms. Anderson of the Banbury Theatre Company teaches LAMDA drama lessons to some of our students and has just informed us of the results for the Easter exams:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students:

Jess Butler (Year 9M)	Grade 4 Acting	Distinction
Lily Dodsworth-Evans (9C)	Grade 4 Acting	High Pass
Amy Reynolds (8R)	Grade 3 Acting	Distinction
Heather Belling (8M)	Grade 3 Acting	Distinction

## VPA News

There are several events throughout June that include work/performances by Grey Court students:

Saturday 13 June	Ham Fair (music and art): Grey Court school will be represented with works of art entered for a competition and students performing from 3pm.
Sunday 14 June	Twickenham Carnival - 15 Year 8 students have been working on some large scale Carnival Sculpture Workshops with Carl Gabriel (from Orleans House Gallery) for the past four weeks. The students have produced a piece of work based on the theme <b>Friends of the World</b> which will be part of the Carnival Parade taking place from York House, starting at 12 midday and making its way to Orleans House Gallery.
Wednesday 17 June 10's.	Orleans House Gallery, 5-8pm - The Art of Sport - animation work by some Year 10's. (See Orleans House Gallery website)
Sunday 21 June	Summer Fun Day at Grey Court School, 12-4pm
Tuesday 23 June	Grey Court GCSE art exhibition, 5-7pm
Friday 26 June	NSPCC - Class 7 Beech have been raising money for the NSPCC through sponsoring balloons for a Balloon Race. They are well over half way to their target with approximately £200 . Money raised from this will be added to the £580 raised by Yr 11 Music students at a Charity Gig Concert held just before Easter. Balloons will be launched by 7 Beech from school on Friday June 26th
July	Please be aware:
2nd/3rd July (Thur/Friday)	School production of Wizard of Oz - information to follow
7th July (Tuesday)	Theatre trip to see Billy Elliot at the Victoria Palace Theatre 7.30pm - any student wishing to see this production should see Mr. Millar ASAP for a letter.

## Recording studio

The local youth club are looking for students to set up a steering committee to have an input into how they will build and run a recording studio. Any students who are particularly interested in music, perhaps in a band or enjoy producing urban/ digital music and wish to get involved please see Mr. Millar. Additionally they are running a week long course in music production over the summer holidays accredited through AQA. Please see Mr Millar if you are interested.

## Misc News

### SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

For girls and boys - 10-4pm - Richmond College  
Camp 1 - age 8-12 yrs - Monday 19th to Friday 24th July  
Camp 2 - age 13-17 yrs - Monday 26th to Friday 31st July 2009

Cost: £30 per person for 5 days  
For further information and to register : [www.richmondvolleyball.co.uk](http://www.richmondvolleyball.co.uk)

### SUMMER FUN DAY

Grey Court School - Sunday 21st June - 12-4pm

### PETERSHAM SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 4th July - 2.15-4.30pm - at Bute Avenue, off Sudbrook Lane  
Admission £2 adults and children 20p

### CAR BOOT SALE

Grey Court School, Sandy Lane entrance - Sunday 28th June - inside if wet  
For further information go to  
[www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk](http://www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk)

### GCSE ARTWORK PRIVATE PREVIEW

Grey Court School, Tuesday 23 June - 5-7pm  
RSVP to : [office@greycourt.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:office@greycourt.richmond.sch.uk)

## *SUMMER FUN DAY*

By now you will have seen the poster and know that on Sunday 21st June we will be holding our first ever Summer Fun Day, from 12 - 4pm, which will include:

- an assortment of sporting events and competitions
- live music
- assault courses for younger children
- a raffle
- an art exhibition including a silent auction giving you the opportunity to bid for your favourite masterpiece
- Hoop-la
- BBQ
- Bar
- Cake stall
- Stocks
- Graffiti wall
- and more!!

So that the day runs smoothly we urgently need your help!! Could you please let us know a time when you would be able to help. Suggested times would be:

- 11-12 (set up)
- 12-1
- 1-2
- 2-3
- 3-4
- 4-5 (clear-up)

If you are able to help for more than one hour that would be great!! Please advise by e-mail to [caroltait@btinternet.com](mailto:caroltait@btinternet.com), or phone 020 8742 0912.

Thank you for your help, and we look forward to seeing you on 21st.

Carol Tait & Sophie McLoughlin  
Grey Court Parents' Association