



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

We have decided to introduce a Grey Court polo shirt for the summer term only. Students will be able to purchase the polo shirts from the school directly and price will vary between £7-£8, they will be sold in packs of two. They will take the place of the white blouse (girls) and white shirt + tie (boys). Blazers are compulsory (until told otherwise) and should be worn to and from school. Jumpers will not be permitted with the polo shirt and these rules will be applied rigorously. In order that we can ensure standards are not compromised, it is essential that all students comply. If you would prefer your child to wear their winter uniform, that's fine.

I am a little concerned that some parents are not as aware as they should be about the work of the Governing Body. We are very fortunate to have a talented and incredibly hardworking group of governors, who not only support but initially analyse what we are doing and suggest changes as appropriate. I am going to ask Frank Kitson (Chair of Governor's) to write an article for the ebulletin so that the governors work is evident for all to see.

Please would parents inform me of any achievements of their children outside of school. We do like to celebrate all achievements but need to know about them before we can.

Some students are coming to school without planners, please ensure that your child has all the equipment they need. I am also concerned that there are a significant minority of girls who are bringing hand/shoulder bags to school. Please ensure they have an appropriate school bag big enough to carry an A4 folder and textiles.

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.

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

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Latest News

HSBC RUGBY UNION REGIONAL FINALS

On Friday 27 March the Year 7 and Year 9 teams will be participating in the Rugby Union Regional Finals at Bishop's Stortford. Lots of luck boys.

RICHMOND COMPETITION MANAGER'S RUGBY LEAGUE FESTIVAL

Year 7 claimed Gold recently at the Richmond Competition Manager's Rugby League Festival. Full details on page 6. Well done boys.

2 APRIL 2009 - YEAR 7 DAY TRIP TO CANTERBURY

Year 7 have already received a letter with regard to payment details. This trip is £24.00 and includes the coach travel and all fees for the four activities being done on the day.

The four activities are:

- 1) Canterbury Cathedral visit with a group guide
- 2) The Canterbury Tales with an audio tour
- 3) St Augustine's Abbey, an English Heritage site

- 4) Walk along the City Wall, a teacher-led trail

Attached to the letter you would have received through Opening Minds is a medical and consent form which should be returned to Ms. Stacey, H4 by Monday 23 March. The instalments or payment as outlined in the letter from Mr. Low, should be made to the Finance Office.

Ms. Stacey

Year 7

Head of Year 7 Mr. Andy Low

Equipment and Planners - A number of students are not bringing the correct equipment for school. A list of basic equipment can be found in the planner. Secondly, some student planners are not being signed by parents/guardians on a weekly basis. Please can I encourage all parents/guardians to sign them every weekend.

Thanks
Andy Low

Year 7 St Omer Trip July 2009

Please remember the St Omar forms are due back on 3 April 2009.

Please note if your child does have a UK passport, please complete sections 2, 4 and 5 on the form (even if it will have expired by July).

If your child does not have a passport, fill in sections 3, 4 and 5.

Forms should be returned to Ms. Boyd's office near Finance.

Full details and forms are available on the school website under the section Latest News.

Ms. Clarke

Year 8

Acting Head of Year 8 Mr. Chris Rhodes

This week saw tutor group 8 Beech give a poignant assembly on the ways in which money raised through Comic Relief has benefited people in this country and abroad.

The students found the assembly thought provoking and somewhat reassuring to see that their efforts in raising money for charity have had a tangible effect on people's

lives.

Mr. Rhodes

Year 9

Acting Head of Year 9 Mr Dave Winch

There are important assessments taking place next week for year 9. These assessments are in English and Science. It is extremely important that year 9 students ensure that they have the revision guides from their English and Science teachers and that they revise thoroughly for next week's important assessments.

Mr. Winch

Year 9 Exams : Maths

Please note that the Year 9 Maths Exam is on Wednesday 25 March. The paper is a non-calculator paper. Students are required to bring maths instruments, black pens, pencils, ruler and eraser.

Students will have received further information about this exam from their class teacher.

9ab1 (Ms Price's class) will not be having a maths exam this term.

Ms. Price

Year 9 Exams : Science

Year 9 Science students have their second SAT paper w/b 23 March. All revision information was provided in the Year 9 booklet handed out prior to the previous exams in January. Each student will receive a topic list and they should plan their revision around this. All students will be expected to use BBC Bitesize and SAM Learning in order to revise thoroughly.

Ms. Woods



*"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

Year 10 PE GCSE coursework help/catch-up is taking place in the LRC every Friday 3-4pm. Please make sure you attend, so you are keeping up-to-date with your coursework.

Mr. Willmore

[State Independent Partnership: Year 10 Science Masterclass](#)

As part of our partnership with Independent Schools, five year 10 gifted and talented Science students attended a masterclass at King's College School, Wimbledon. The masterclass was run by the Head of the European Space Agency who explained what the ESA has discovered since its creation. Students were shown how rockets work and the effect of forces on rockets as they leave and return to the atmosphere. This was followed by a carousel of ac-

tivities to do with Space. It was a fun and interesting afternoon which provided insight into the work of the European Space Agency.

Ms. Price



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 11 Art Exam will be held first week after Easter 2/b 21 April - 24th April.

Year 11 GCSE public perform-

ance of exam pieces 22 & 23 April - evening performances for invited guests, friends, parents and staff.

Year 11 drama exam is on 28 April.

[YEAR 11 WORKSHOP](#)
[Work Skills](#)

On Monday 3 delegates from the Richmond Business Partnership delivered a whole day workshop on work skills to 20 students from Year 11.

The students had to design a CD cover and market their

product to the other students. The whole day was fantastic and went extremely well. The day culminated with the teams delivering a presentation to the rest of the group. I would like to say a big thank you to all the students who took part in the day.

Mr Burton

Other News

Year 9 students will be having assessments in Maths, English and Science as indicated below:

English : Shakespeare Assessment on the Tempest will take place in English lessons in the week beginning the 23rd March.

Science Assessments in lessons in the week beginning 23rd March.

Maths Assessment (not Ms Price's class) in lessons in the week beginning 23rd March.

KS3 Licence to Cook - £8 for ingredients + allergy or dietary information

KS3 Design and Technology students who are currently with Ms Harris are following the National 'Licence to Cook' (LTC) programme during Design and Technology lessons. 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.

Please inform Ms. Harris if your child has a nut/food allergy or any other special dietary requirement.

Mr. Burton

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Please continue to send in your vouchers to enable us to buy equipment for the students.

Extra Curricular

Sports fixtures/training:

23 March - Year 7 & 9 Girls Rugby League competitions at St Marys 11.30-3pm
 24 March - Year 7 Football vs HCC (Home)
 24 March - Year 7 & 8 Netball (Away)
 26 March - Year 9,10,11 Netball (Away)
 26 March - Year 9 Football vs HCC (Away)
 27 March - Year 8 & 10 Girls Rugby League Competitions at St Mary's 11.30-3pm
 27 March - Year 7 & 9 Rugby Union Regional Finals at Bishop Stortford (all day)



	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

Year 7 & 9 - Rugby Union

On Friday 27th March, our Year 7 & 9 rugby union teams have qualified for the Regional Finals of the HSBC rugby tournaments. This is a fantastic achievement from both teams and highlights just how much rugby is growing as a sport at Grey Court School. The Regional Finals are being held at Bishop Stortford School. This is going to mean an early leave and a long trip for the boys but it should be a very enjoyable day. Whatever the outcome on the day both teams have done brilliantly to get there.

Year 10 Rugby - Matthew Arnold 15, Grey Court 12.

This was an exciting game which we should have won if we had kept possession better and gone through our phases. Matthew Arnold had the edge on us up front and this is something that we need to improve on if we are going to give our exciting backs a chance to excel. Matthew Arnold scored first, but we then replied with an excellent solo run by Milan Ferguson. We went further ahead through a Jason Wang try in the second half and Archie Wright slotted over the conversion. Matthew Arnold replied with a try of their own and conversion and kicked a winning penalty with 4 minutes remaining to win the game. This was a good test for the team and we just came up short, but the boys realised where the mistakes were made so that is a positive thing. Luke Taylor and Ben Baas were outstanding.

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

HARLEQUINS RUGBY LEAGUE YEAR 7 RICHMOND COMPETITION MANAGERS RUGBY LEAGUE FESTIVAL



The Sporting Stag

ARTICLE TAKEN FROM THE QUINS WEBSITE

Grey Court School completed a fairytale journey to claim gold at the Year 7 Richmond Competition Manager's Rugby League Festival, part of the Harlequins Rugby League school programme.

Under the strong leadership of Steve Colvin, Grey Court School in Richmond have come a long way in the past 18 months. Mr. Colvin, as he is better known to the Grey Court troops, has entered the school in as many Harlequins Rugby League competitions as possible and pushed Rugby League into the school's curriculum. The commitment definitely paid off and the look of pride was clearly noticeable on Steve's face.

Four schools battled it out at St Mary's University College for supremacy in the 9-a-side tournament organised by Richmond Competition Manager, Mike Skinner, and the infallible School Sports Coordinator for Rugby, Maggie Morrell. Harlequins Rugby League Development Officer Jimmy Giblin ensured the Richmond festival went off without a hitch, delivering an unparalleled school sports product to the entrants, pupils, teachers and volunteers.

The weather held off long enough for the entrants to showcase some fabulous skills on the field, which left onlookers amazed. The ever-present Whitton School and Sports College and Christ's School again showed their usual might, alongside the bookmakers favourite, Teddington School, who did not disappoint.

In line with the new National Competition Manager's competition framework, the Richmond Schools Sports Partnership successfully rolled out a boys competition after previously hosting a girls tag festival in November 2008. The strength of the Sport in borough of Richmond is at an all time high, and coincides with the growth local club Richmond Warriors over the past two seasons. The Warriors continue to recruit players from the boroughs obvious talent pool.

Congratulations and well done to all the schools who have contributed to the successful Harlequins Rugby League schools Rugby League programmes this year.

Link to internet:

<http://www.league.quins.co.uk/news/9429.php>



The Performing Stag

Create the Band

21 students will be participating in the Street Lights Music Academy - "Create the Band", a 3 hour workshop on Friday morning March 27th. The workshop costs £5 and will also entitle the student to a priority pass to see the guest band, "Sondura" on Monday 30th March in school.

Spring Show Charity Gig

Auditions for the Spring Show Charity Gig have now taken place and a list of those who have made it through has been posted up in Mr Millar's office window in the VPA Atrium. The year 11 judges have been really pleased with the standard of performances.

The event will be held on Thursday 2 April at 7pm in the Main Hall.

New Music Technology Suite!

The music department has just completed its new Music Technology suite. The department now boasts a fully functioning recording studio containing hardware and software used in the modern industry. This development will allow our Key Stage 4 students the chance to get some real experience in a professional studio environment, opening new possible career paths for the future.

The studio is equipped with an Apple Powerbook running Logic 8 and Main stage which receives both live audio and MIDI signals through an Alesis IO 26 Fire wire interface enabling the system to create industry standard compositions and recordings.

