



# Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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## Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

I have just finished in the Year 11 Record of Achievement celebration. It was really wonderful to see the way the students conducted themselves, the student speeches were delivered with such confidence and the musical input was extremely professional and entertaining. I would like to thank all concerned with the event, especially Kevin McGuire Editor of the Daily Mirror who spoke so eloquently to our young people.

Year 7 have exams after half term They all have revision booklets so they should be revising hard for these. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The next half term is incredibly busy with all sorts of activities happening in and out of school. We have Year 7 trips to St Omer and London zoo, a large number of Year 8 students are going to the Globe theatre in London, Year 9 are going to a PGL trip in Devon and a number of them are going on German cultural exchange. Year 10 have trips to Richmond College and a self awareness day. I would ask that all parents support the school when they receive letters with slips and monies to be returned. It is essential that we have your co-operation given the numbers of students our finance team are dealing with at any one time

I am now working on income streams for the school as it has become clear that the budget will remain a difficulty for some years to come. If anyone has any ideas about how we can bring in the pennies please contact me.

The next Parent Association meeting will be held

on 1 June in the Ingenium, Grey Court School, 7.30-9.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Topics to be discussed are the Summer Fun Day, next Car Boot Sale and an update on the school farm.

The Summer Fun Day will be on Sunday 21 June, from 12-4pm. An event for all the family. For this event to be a success the PA need volunteers to help on the BBQ, selling refreshments and running some of the events. Please contact Sophie McLoughlin (07821 086644) family@mcloughlins.wanadoo.co.uk Or Carol Tait (07719 725724 carol-tait@btinternet.com.

The Local Authority recently run a competition to get young people to redesign the youth pages of the borough website. The winner, Joe Bateson, 11 Rowan was selected by a panel of young people working with Youth Support Services. Not only was Joe's design striking and young-person friendly but he also gave the borough a lot of supporting information and suggestions of content for new web pages. The borough web team are now developing these web pages. Well done Joe, you are a great role model for Grey Court School.

Congratulations to Gus Lambri, 8R, who got a gold in Kumite (fighting) at a karate competition last weekend.

I hope everyone has a good half term break and comes back refreshed and ready for the busy weeks leading up to the Summer holidays.

Maggie Bailey



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

### 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.

### CAR BOOT LEAFLET DROPS

The Parent Association are trying to increase the number of buyers attending the car boot sales and are planning a leaflet drop in the local area.

If anyone can help, even to deliver just 50 leaflets, please contact Joanna@benefield31.wanadoo.co.uk - full details on page 5.

### DO YOU SPEAK ANY LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH FLUENTLY?

Freelance interpreters and translators are wanted by Richmond Borough's Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service.

If you are interested in being added to their database of interpreters and translators please email your contact details and languages spoken to Hilary Ewell: Hilary.ewell@richmond.gov.uk

## Year 7



### Head of Year 7 Mr. Andy Low

Exams - May I take this opportunity to wish Year 7 all the best for their exams. Do your revision over the holidays and I am sure you will reap the rewards when you get your results.

Uniform - We are approaching half term and I would like to see Year 7 maintaining a high standard of the appropriate dress code for school. Please ensure that if for any reason your child cannot wear the correct uni-

form that a note is provided and approved by myself or Ms Stenner.

Trainers and black plimsolls are not allowed and no brightly coloured shoe laces.

Mr. Low

## Year 8

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

In this weeks assembly Year 8 were fully briefed on the forthcoming house system that will be implemented in the final half term. The elected student representative (Collegium) have short listed four ideas for the types of houses. These are ancient civilisations, birds, famous sportsmen/sportswomen, and famous historical figures. The students will vote for which categorisation of houses they prefer and the

results will be announced after half term.

Students were very excited about the new initiative and eager to know which house they would be in. This new system will replace the existing system of rewards and will install a healthy system of completion where all students can participate.

I look forward to sharing the results with you after the holiday. Have a good break and make sure the pupils are refreshed and ready to learn

upon their return.

Thank you for your continued support  
C. Rhodes



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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 9

### Acting Head of Year 9 Mr Dave Winch

Well done to year 9 for their excellent conduct in the yr 9 exams.

Congratulations, too to the Health & Social Care and the Interactive Media students who were involved in the interviews for Richmond Adult College. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of them.

Year 9 students will be receiving confirmation of their options choices on the 5th June.

Ms. Price



## Year 10

### Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

#### Year 10 - Careers

Bernie Corrighan is the Connexions Adviser in school who will be seeing year 10 for impartial and confidential careers advice. Students will be seen in groups after half term to introduce them to their post 16 options and later will be seen individually to discuss their own career/college ideas. Bernie is in school every

Thursday and Friday in Newman House if students would like to talk to her. If any parents/carers would like to discuss their child or book an appointment they can contact Bernie on: bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk or 07827238907.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE OCTOBER 2009

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

## Year 11

### Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

Can I remind Year 11 students that full uniform is expected now and right through the exam period. Students will not be allowed to sit an exam if they are not dressed appropriately. Polo shirts are available to buy from the dinner hall at lunch time.

Thank you and happy revising!

Mr. Burton



## Other News

**WOULD ALL STUDENTS/STAFF RETURN ANY OUTSTANDING BOOKS/DVD's ON LOAN OR OTHERWISE TO THE LRC BEFORE THE END OF THE SUMMER TERM - YEAR 11 PLEASE NOTE.**

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

KS3 Design and Technology students who are currently with Ms Harris will be following the National 'Licence 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 an £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.

## 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.  
Mr. Low

### Sports fixtures/training:

- 2 June - Year 7/8 Rounders vs Christ's (H)
- 3 June - Athletics practice (all years). 3 - 4.15pm
- 4 June - Years 9/10 cricket vs Orleans Park (A)
- 4 June - Years 9/10 Rounders vs Christ's (A)
- 5 June - Trampolining with Motiv8. 3 - 4.30pm.



	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				Trampolining M8	DofE Club KS		Mountain biking SJC/AL

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# Parents' Association

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## CAR BOOT LEAFLET DROPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

The car boot sales we started last year are going from strength to strength. The last sale, at the end of April, saw over 50 cars come to the sale. We are hoping to build the boot sales up; to raise even more money to help our children's education.

We would very much like to increase the number of buyers visiting the sale. In order to make buyers aware of the sale we advertise in the papers, on our website, at our link schools and posters in local shops. The biggest part of our marketing is our leaflet drop to homes in our catchment area. At the current time we have a group of about 20 parents who volunteer to deliver leaflets for the different sales. There are currently nearly 700 families at Grey Court, it would be great if more families could join in helping to deliver leaflets.

If you are able to help, just 50 leaflets, which take less than one hour of your time to deliver, would make a difference!

If you can help, just e mail Joanna Benefield at

[joanna@benefield31.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:joanna@benefield31.wanadoo.co.uk)

Please name the roads you can leaflet, how many leaflets you require and your child's name and form. We will then send you the leaflets through pupil post in time for you to distribute before the sale. The next boot sale is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June and we will send out the leaflets the week before the boot sale takes place. Please e mail by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, so we know how many leaflets to order.

Thank you, in anticipation, for your support, it is much appreciated!

Best wishes,

From Grey Court PA



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Organised by Grey Court Parents Association



# Car Boot Sale

Last Sunday in month

**Sunday 28th June 2009**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

Details of Car Boot Sales at

[www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk](http://www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk)

**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**