



## Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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### Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

Last week, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, I was honoured to receive an award on behalf of the school from London Challenge DSCF which recognised Grey Court as one of the most improved schools in London. It was all as a result of the hard work and commitment of the staff, governors, students and parents and it made me extremely proud to be the headteacher of our rapidly improving school.

In light of the above, I am very keen that we ensure that the good progress that we are making at the school is being publicised in the wider community, so I am presently working on a marketing plan for the school. I would be grateful for the help of any parent who has expertise in this area and would be prepared to help write the plan or review it once it has been drawn up.

On Thursday 22 January we had the launch of the key marginals programme for year 11, "Raising our Game". On this programme students are encouraged and challenged to spend their last few months to ensuring that they achieve their full potential. The atmosphere was very positive and I know it makes a difference to these young people's exam results.

Please could parents check student's equipment for school. There are still a small number of students who are coming to school without basic equipment. I find, as a parent, the only way to monitor this is to check my sons' pencil cases etc at least once a week.

We do intend to move forward with the planning for a smallholding at Grey Court. We are being supported by a number of charities who have secured funding/expertise on our behalf. In order that I can gauge your opinion and explain the benefits this facility on the school site will bring, I am holding a meeting for parents and students on Wednesday 10 February at 3.00pm in the In-Genium, if you would like to attend.

Please note that I hold Parent Clinics every Thursday 5-7pm. If you have anything you would like to discuss regarding your child please contact the Headteacher's PA Debby Pace on [dpace@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:dpace@greycourt.org.uk) to arrange an appointment time or telephone the school on 020 8948 1173.

Thank you for your support  
Kind regards  
Maggie Bailey



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

#### Key Dates

- Spring Term 5 January to 3 April 2009
- Half Term 16—20th February 2009
- Inset Day 31 March 2009
- Year 7 Parents Evening on 29 January
- Year 9 Options Evening on 5 February
- Year 9 parents evening on 26 February
- Deadline for return of options forms 5 March

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### Latest News

#### Snow 2009

Please could all students make sure that they bring a photocopy of their passport and E111 European Health Insurance card by Friday 6th February. If you do not currently have a EHI card then you can apply online at [www.e111.org.uk](http://www.e111.org.uk) or by collecting a form from your local post office. Please be aware that you will have to send off an application form for

this card and will not be able to collect one at the last minute. Any student who does not own a valid EHI card will not be allowed to travel with the group. Miss White

## Year 7

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

**Parents Evening 29 January 2009**

4.30-7.00pm, letters and appointment sheets have been issued to students. Spare copies can be obtained from reception.

A. Low



## Year 8

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

Year 8 assembly this week concentrated upon pupil aspirations and their need to dream. After being shown a short clip from Dr Martin Luther King's famous speech "I Have a Dream" the students were spoken to about the need to believe and apply themselves. Ms Price focused upon the link between the inauguration of President Obama and the forthcoming

American holiday to commemorate the death of Dr King. She implored the students to reflect upon their current position in their academic career and to relate their progress to achieving their dream.

C. Rhodes

## Year 9

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

**5th February** : Year 9 options fair - the options booklet, Year 9 exams and a progress check will be issued on this evening.  
**26th February** : Year 9 parent consultation evening- an opportunity to speak with year 9 subject teachers  
**5th March** : Deadline for return of options forms.

**Year 9 Into Key Stage 4 options.**

Six students from Year 9 attended the launch of the new

specialised Hospitality and Catering Diploma at Richmond Tertiary College last week. The new Specialised Diplomas are qualifications that are designed with industry, based around work rather than traditional subjects, as well as functional skills in Mathematics, English and ICT. This is a new way of learning, helping to develop skills that are needed and wanted in the work place. Students will spend 1 to 1.5 days a week studying for these new courses which are the equivalent of 5 – 7

GCSEs.

'This is such a good opportunity to get direct experience of how to run your own restaurant whilst you are at school. An opportunity not to be missed" (Ryan Blackman 90). "I like the idea of this course as it is so practical. You are doing things. It is exciting to think that a restaurant will be our classroom." (Amy Parker 9 C). For further information on the new Diplomas go to <http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas>

Ms. Price

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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 Talent**  
Photo by Peter Wellham in 9R



## Year 10

### Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

Charity Talent Event in February. Year10's will be organising the event to take place at lunchtime and will include talents such as stand up comedy, singing, magic tricks and much more!!

Please see Ms Wharton for further details.

Congratulations to the following GCSE PE pupils who

achieved over 75% in their recent test on the Respiratory System.

Jake Benefield, Amy Mawson, Kirsty Newell, Joe Jones, Matt McCloughlin, Ryan Kerbi

Mr Willmore



## Year 11

### Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

#### Y11 Art Clinic

Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm

Art clinic sessions are available for all year 11 students who need to catch up with any missing class work and homework. These sessions are not optional, they are compulsory and letters will be sent out for all students involved.

#### Year 11 Physical Education GCSE Notice

Fridays 3.00-4.00 p.m.

All pupils who are behind need to attend

Compulsory coursework catch up clinic with Miss White/Mr Low.

#### Year 11 Coursework & Speaking Exam Support Thursdays 3.15-4.15 in Languages classrooms.

All the Languages staff are running after school help sessions from January to March on Thursday afternoons.

Some students will be invited by letter (in which case attendance is compulsory) but all are welcome.

**See your Languages teacher or Ms Clarke for further information.**



## Other News

### 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!

Mr. Millar  
VPA

## Extra Curricular

### Sports fixtures/training

26 January -Year 7,8,9 -Volleyball training 3.00-4.15pm  
 27 January - Year 7,8 - Netball vs Whitton (H)  
 27 January - Year 10 - Rugby Union vs Magna Carta (H) 3pm K/O  
 28 January - Year 7 - boys Basketball Tournament at Grey Court - 3.45-5.15pm  
 28 January - Year 7 - Sports Hall athletics training - 3.00-4.15pm  
 28 January - Year 10,11 - Rugby League vs Christs (A)  
 28 January - All Years - Netball training - 3.00-4.15pm  
 29 January - Year 7 - Rugby League vs Christs (A)  
 30 January - Year 9,10,11 - Netball vs Orleans Park (A)



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			Trampoline M8	Girls Basketball KS3	Rugby Union Year 9 SJC	Rugby Union Year 7 SCW
Fri	Table Tennis MXA				Trampoline 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 7 Football Result.

Ewell Castle 5, Grey Court (B) 7.

This match gave an opportunity to a lot of the pupils who have been attending training sessions to play a competitive fixture and it was certainly an entertaining and enjoyable match. Grey Court were leading 5-1 with 20 minutes to go but Ewell Castle battled back to make it 5-5. We then showed tremendous character to score two further goals and win the match. Our goals scorers were Omar Parsons (2), Ayman Nasr, Ben Mawson, Olelagan Akinbami, Edward Maxted and Tom Skea.

Year 7 squad. Jonathan Grambeck, Edward Maxted, George Allan-Lowe, Edmund Patterson, Ayman Nasr, Omar Parsons, Cassien Barlow, Tom Skea, Yasar Dickman, Olelagan Akinbami, Ben Mawson, Joseph Taveria, James Hainsby, Tom Steward.

Well Done boys.

### Grey Court Sports Ambassadors-

Last Friday 15 students from Grey Court School took part in the Borough's Olympic Education Day held at Whitton School. These students looked at the ethos of the Olympic and Paralympic movement and the opportunity to ask questions to Andy Baddley, finalist in the 1500 metres for Great Britain at the Beijing Olympics. The afternoon session enabled students to discuss what, over the next few years prior to the London 2012 Games, can be done at Grey Court to spread the Olympic ethos. All students were impeccably behaved and a pleasure to take.

A. Low



## 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**

At

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**