



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

Welcome back to the term to all staff, students and parents. The school looks stunning and we are very lucky to have such a wonderful working environment.

This is an extremely busy term however, so we all need to stay focused and work together to ensure our young people get the support and guidance they need.

Year 11 have got the most difficult term ahead but Years 9 and 10 also have exams coming up very shortly. Students please ensure that you know exactly what is expected of you and parents please ensure your children are working hard and revising at home. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the relevant phase leader.

I would like to remind Year 10 parents that parent consultation evening is on Thursday 30th April i.e. next week.

Some of our year 9 students took GCSE module tests, two years in advance, all of them got Cs or above and the vast majority of them achieved A*/As. This is a tremendous achievement and a real credit to students and staff alike

Please could I make a personal plea for parents to attend the Parents Association meeting on Monday evening? It is absolutely essential that we grow the number of parents helping out in order,

not only to ensure we can build the ethos of the school, but also to help with fund raising and relieve the parents who always attend and help out at P.A events. The more people we have, the more ideas we can generate and the more activities we can hold which benefit all the children in the school.

School polo shirts will be on sale w/b 27 April in the dining hall, 1.15-1.45pm. Please do not send your child into school with a plain white polo. Our shirts have the Grey Court logo on and will only be available from the school. Blazers are compulsory. No jumpers with the polo shirt.

Finally, I would like to personally congratulate Solomon Rees Jones (7E) who climbed Ben Nevis, which is the highest mountain in the UK, on Easter Sunday. The following week he went on to complete an overnight hike on the Isle of Skye, a 16 mile round trip. Well done, this is a tremendous achievement. Full details on page 2.

Please note that I hold Parent Clinics every Thursday 5-7pm. Please contact my 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
 Inset Day 6 July

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Latest News

Grey Court Car Boot Sale Sunday 26th April

The next car boot sale is on Sunday 26th April 2009! Please tell all your friends and come along yourself to bag a bargain! Full details on page 9.

See www.greycourt-car-boot-sale.co.uk for details of all Grey Court Car Boot Sales.

Help required for the Richmond May Fair

The PA require help for the Richmond May Fair on May 9th where the PA are running a BBQ and selling cakes and cold drinks. They need help specifically for the following time slots:

- 8-10am to help set up
- 2 helpers from 10-12 midday
- 2 helpers from 12-2pm
- 3 helpers from 2-4pm
- 2 helpers from 4pm onwards

Thank you for your support, the more parents, the easier the load!

Please contact Sophie McLoughlin on 07821 086644 or family@mccloughlins.wanadoo.co.uk Please call as soon as possible so that the rota can start to be filled.

Year 7

Head of Year 7
Mr. Andy Low

[St Omer trips \(2nd * 9th July\)](#)

We will be completing the collective passport application early in the w/b 27 April. If your child's forms have not been returned by this date, then they will not be included on the passport. Please consult Mr. Low's letter regarding the payment schedule.

Ms. Clarke

On Easter Sunday, Solomon Rees Jones of 7E climbed Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the UK. It was a steep and long climb and a kilometre was done in snow/ice to reach the top. Solomon walked/climbed for 7 hours to achieve this.

The following Tuesday, Solomon completed an overnight hike on the Isle of Skye - starting at Sligachan, climbing Druim Hain, walking to Loch Coruisk, scrambling round the coast using climbing rope at times, to Camasunary, sleeping out in a mountain bothy (mountain hut).

He eventually returned to Sligachan - a 16 mile round trip.



Year 8

Acting Head of Year 8
Mr. Chris Rhodes

[Please be advised the Year 8 parents evening is being held on 14 May.](#)

Year 8 returned this week with a very positive attitude that has been commented upon by several of the teaching staff. This new term promises to be very exciting, with a broad range of extra curricular clubs starting and activities being planned for

within school time. In accordance with the weather change the school has decided to introduce a polo shirt that can be worn instead of the shirt, tie and jumper. Student reaction has been positive and they have been issued with letters detailing prices and where they can be bought. It is important to note that the blazer will remain obligatory.

The parent teacher consultation evening is rapidly approaching and is scheduled for

Thursday 14th May. This is a very important event and an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and highlight any areas for development. Students will be issued with letters on Mon 27th April that will inform you of all the relevant details.

Mr. Rhodes

*"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 9

Acting Head of Year 9
Mr Dave Winch

[Year 9 PGL Trip to Barn Hall - July 2009](#)

The final payment for the Year 9 trip is due by 5th May. Please send in your payment of £75 to the Finance Office as soon as possible. If you have not yet paid the last interim payment, please ensure that all outstanding monies are paid by 5th May. The total cost of the trip is £175.00.

Thank you
Ms. Mercer

[Year 9 German Exchange to Konstanz](#)

Please make sure the completed medical forms, the photocopies of passports and EH1C health cards are returned to Ms. Boyd and that any remaining payments are made by Friday 8th May.

Ms. Clarke

[Year 9 internal exams in English, Maths and Science are being held in May](#)

Please look on the student intranet for full details and to access revision topic sheets.

Mr. Bashford

Year 10

Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

[Year 10 MFL exam revision guides](#)

If you have not purchased your revision guide yet (which will also be invaluable when preparing for your final exams next summer), take cash or cheque for £5.00 to the Finance Office, then pick up your guide from Ms. Clarke.

Ms. Clarke

[PLEASE NOTE](#)

Year 10 exam period has been moved to Monday 11 May - Thursday 21 May. This is due to the high number of external exams taking place in this period. Year 10 students will have received a revision guide which explains which exams they will be taking.

Ms. Price

[Year 10 Parents evening](#)

Can I remind students and parents that Year 10 Parents Evening is on Thursday 30 April. Students should be making appointments with their individual teachers. This is a crucial point in the GCSE course as it will give an opportunity to find out at what level your child is working at and the potential for success next year.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Mr. Burton



Year 11

Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

[MFL GCSE Speaking exams 28th and 29th April](#)

Letters have gone out this week with time slots for the Year 11 speaking exams for French and German. Please also note that red pathway lessons will be suspended for the 2 days in order to give students preparation time at home. Option lessons will still be running if students wish to attend these. You can support your child with this (rather stressful) exam by checking that they have a prepared oral topic and brief

notes to bring with them and make sure they have learnt the key role play phrases.

Good luck
Ms. Clarke

[Year 11 GCSE PE practical moderation](#) is taking place on 27 April. Good luck to all pupils performing.

Mr. Willmore

[Year 11 Exams](#)

I hope that all Year 11 students managed to enjoy the Easter break and are now back refreshed for the com-

ing weeks. It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Easter revision sessions and I know that these sessions were valuable to your ongoing revision. On this subject, it is now essential that all students are following a structured revision plan and completing a set amount of work per evening. If students still need help with this then they should see their form tutor as soon as possible. Specific arrangements for the exam period will follow shortly, but students will be expected to be in lessons up until their last exam in each subject.

Mr. Burton

Other News

COOKING CLUB

Due to the very small number of students attending cooking club recently, next week will be cancelled until there is a larger take up. We will run the class for a minimum of 15 regular students, this means we need at least 20 students signing up with Miss Harris to restart the cooking club. Cooking club is usually every Wednesday 3 - 4:15. See Miss Harris in T1 by Friday 1st May to sign up and collect a recipe, we will expect your regular attendance. I will post further updates on the intranet and e-bulletin.

Thanks
Rosie Harris

Extra Curricular

Sports fixtures/training:

27th April - Year 7 Football vs Orleans Park (A)
 27th April - Year 9 Football vs Orleans Park (H)
 27th April - Year 11 Basketball Final at Orleans Park



	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

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Good luck to all pupils performing.

Mr. Willmore

Grey Court School Rugby Charity Raffle

This spring students involved in the school rugby teams are holding a charity raffle in order to raise funds for a new set of playing kit. With the increase in participation this year has come an increase in success for all the teams. With a top prize of a signed Harlequins Rugby League Shirt and several other prizes kindly donated by the PTA, the raffle is an exciting opportunity for the school community to help support the development of a popular sport in school. Tickets are £5 each and available with the form downloadable from the school website or the school reception. The draw will take place on Friday May 15th with Ms Bailey drawing the winning ticket.

Closing date: 14th May 2009

Steve Colvin/Head of Sport

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.

HARLEQUINS RUGBY LEAGUE YEAR 7 RICHMOND COMPETITION MANAGERS RUGBY LEAGUE FESTIVAL



Arts Stag

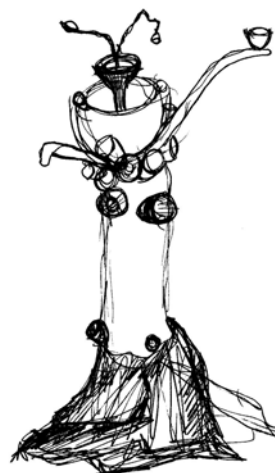
Ceramics Workshop

Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15 NOW OPEN

This workshop is now open, so come and join in.

You can learn pottery, work on your sculptural skills and help build art work for the school community. The workshop is run by Miss Poulsen (alumni of Chelsea College of Art & Design and our sculptor in residence), who is simultaneously working on her own art work in the workshop. You can develop your skills and inventiveness alongside her work in progress, and take part in group projects to help develop the school grounds. Work produced may become a permanent part of the school environment, so don't miss the opportunity!

To cover costs of materials, it has been decided that a fee of £20 will be charged for a 10 week course bringing us up to the summer break. Alternatively you can speak to Ms Poulsen about paying £2 for a session.



Furthermore, art work made at the beginning of this term can be entered for the Director's Art Awards (see poster). The winning entries will be on show at Orleans House Gallery in July.

Look out for news on the work produced in the workshop and for an artist's profile of Miss Poulsen in upcoming Grey Court ebulletins.

Director's Art Awards 2009

Nick Whitfield, Director of Education and Children's Services invites all pupils in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames to enter the Director's Art Awards 2009.

Winners will be awarded at the School's Celebration of Achievement Awards 2009.

Please see a member of the Art Dept for more information.
Closing date for entries 22 May 2009



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Organised by Grey Court Parents Association



Car Boot Sale

Sunday 26th April 2009

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

**Future dates:
Sunday 28th June 2009**

For details of our Car Boot Sales see our website at

www.grey-court-car-boot-sale.co.uk

Future Car Boot Sale dates, from September 2009, to be posted soon!