



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

We had our first inter-house sports competitions last week, Aztec house won both the football and netball Ms Price who leads the Aztecs is feeling very proud indeed.

Please would all parents check their children's planner for comments from teachers and/or homework. If you feel your child is not getting homework or is not writing it down please contact the Phase Leader responsible for your child.

Punctuality is a key area for the school. The procedures are quite clear. All students need to be in school by 8.25 am as registration starts at 8.30am. If your child is late, they will queue up at the gate, their names will be taken and they will have a "call back" after school. Where there are obviously major traffic problems or there is a note in their planner we will make exceptions but in no other circumstances. For example if you drop your child off at the gate later than 8.30, they will have a "call back" unless you inform us of a genuine reason why this should not happen. I am sure you will appreciate the need for a fair and consistent policy and trust you will support us. Employers will not tolerate poor punctuality so we would be failing in our commitment to your child's future economic wellbeing if we failed to highlight this area of their education.

INFORMATION

We are trying to update the website regularly but if you are unsure and there seems to be any discrepancies between the website and the e-bulletin, **please use the e-bulletin for the most up to date details regarding the school.**

LETTERS

Given the problem with Royal Mail, we will continue to send out letters by post but we have also

placed copies at the back of the e-bulletin.

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 11 work experience starts on Monday 12th October and ends on Thursday 22 October. All year 11 students are then expected back in school on Friday 23rd October for their debrief and final guidance for their English GCSE. We wish the students all the very best.

YOUR THOUGHTS

As parents you are fully aware I am sure, how much I value your opinions and increasingly your ideas about how we can improve the school. I cannot stress enough the importance I place upon an open and honest dialogue with parents and members of the local community. I will be setting up an email distribution list of 50 parents to contact regarding changes to the school. If you are interested in making your views known to me on a regular basis and think you can offer advice/opinions on some of our school improvement plans and/or you can give some creative solutions to some of our short term concerns I would be interested to hear from you. The communication will be mainly by email and on a monthly basis.

Please remember that I hold Parent Clinics on Thursday evenings between 5-7pm. If you would like advice, would like to express a concern, offer an idea or would just like to talk to me please do not hesitate to contact my PA Debby Pace: dpace@greycourt.org.uk to arrange an appointment time or telephone the school on 020 8948 1173.

Kind regards as always.

Ms. Bailey - Headteacher



Maggie Bailey | HEADTEACHER

KEY DATES

- Autumn Term
- 1 September 2009
Inset Day
- 2 September 2009 Year 7
and Year 10
- 3 September 2009 All year
groups
- End of term 18 December
Half Term
26-30th October 2009
- Spring Term
- Term begins 5 January
2010
- End of term 31 March
2010
Half Term
15-19 February 2010
- Summer Term
- Term begins 20 April
2010
- Term Ends 23 July 2010
- May Day Bank Holiday
3 May 2010
Half Term

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Latest News

Could all parents please ensure they label their child's clothing, especially PE kits. There is a lot of uniform in lost property, which is all unlabelled and therefore cannot be returned.

Message from Finance Office:

Please note there was an error in the tear-off slip accompanying the Year 7 trips letter. If you want to spread payments, £20 is due now, followed by 4 x £20, not 4 x £25, by the dates given in the letter.

QUIZ NIGHT at Grey Court School

Friday 23 October 2009
7.30pm in the Year 11 Canteen
£5 per person on the door
Licensed bar : Raffle
Maximum of 8 people per team

Organised by the Parent Association

Year 7

Head of Year 7
Mr. Andy Low

First Impressions

To find out how Year 7 have settled in during their first few weeks of school a competition was put into place on their First Impressions of Grey Court School. Having now looked at all entries I can now announce the winners.

They are:

1st Joanna Phillips 7Willow
2nd Eloise Singham 7Elm
3rd Miarah Lucas 7Oak

for your support.

Mr. Low

Well done to all 3 winners and prizes to be awarded in our next assembly.

Planners

Please can I ask parents/guardians to check planners on a weekly basis. Some children are struggling to cope with homework, so please let tutors or myself know via the planner, or by contacting the school via email. Thank you

Year 8

Head of Year 8
Mr. Chris Rhodes

As part of National Poetry Day the year 8 assembly was taken by Josephine Rollings who is a spoken word artist. She performed a collection of poems that dealt with many of the sensitive issues of growing up. Her rap like style captivated the students and all listened attentively during the performance. It was great to see the students so enthralled and they gave

her a huge round of applause at the end of the performance.

Although any detrimental behaviour is extremely rare in the year group, the students were also spoken to upon the issue of low level disruption and the way it has such an impact upon learning.

ial was disrespectful of their peers. The students were urged to take responsibility for their own conduct and in doing so, helping the learning environment, and benefiting the progress of all.

Mr. Rhodes

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Year 9

Head of Year 9
Mr Chris Rhodes

The year 9 students will soon be taking assessments in a number of subjects and will receive national curriculum levels. Students must view these assessments as a benchmark of progress and begin to take greater responsibility for their revision. By revising well, the students will start to understand which methods suit their own learning styles. This will serve as a huge advantage when they begin to prepare for their year 9 examinations.

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Mr. Rhodes



Year 10

Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

All students who study Business Studies have been selected to take part in the national Young Enterprise Scheme. This is a fantastic opportunity for these students to experience running a real company and selling real products. The scheme will run for the whole of the year and students will have the opportunity to take part in the national competition at the end of Year 10.

It was really nice to see so many of you at the recent ca-

reers event on Wednesday at the school. The evening was a great success and hopefully gave some of you an insight into which path your child might take in the near future.

Mr Burton



Year 11

Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

Work Experience 12-22 October

Year 11 students will be starting their block Work Experience in a few days time. Students should by now have made contact with their employer and been briefed on who to report to on their first day.

It is now the time for Year 11 to go off into the big, wide world of work and experience what it is like in the working world! On Friday, all students will be fully briefed on our expectations for their work experience. We will have visitors attending from the Richmond Business Education Partnership to help our students

get fully prepared for their two weeks away. I wish all students the very best in their work experience and I am sure that they will come back with a story or two from their time away from school.

Mr. Burton



Other News

POST 16 OPTIONS EVENING 7 October 2009

Thank you to all the year 10 and 11 parents and students who attended the post 16 Options and FE Fair. In spite of the appalling weather there was a good turnout and from the reports it was a very successful evening.

Ms. Holmes

Extra Curricular

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All students need to wear the new full Grey Court PE kit. This can be ordered direct from Sportswear International. www.sportswearinternational.com. Go to parent login and the Grey Court logo and then register OR Telephone 01928 599959

Please can you also ensure that items of clothing are named.

FIXTURES

- 13 October - Year 8 Football vs Shene (A)
Year 9,10 Netball vs Waldegrave
- 15 October - Year 9,10 Netball vs Shene (H)
- 15 October - Year 10 Rugby League Tournament at Lensbury, 2pm start



	Lunch Time Clubs				After School Clubs (15:15-16:15)				
	Gym	S/Hall	Field 1	Field 2	Gym	Sports Hall	Bull Meadow	Main Field 1	Main Field 2
Monday								Girls Football KS3 & KS4 St Marys	Rugby Fitness Training All LSRFC/AA
Tuesday		Badminton KS3 AW					Football 7/8 SW/SC	Girls Rugby AW	Rugby 9/Snr SC/LSFC
Wednesday		5-a-Side SW			9/Snr Netball AW/PA	Sports Hall Athletics SC/SW/AL			
Thursday		Badminton GCSE SC					Football 9/Snr SC/SW		Rugby Year 7/8 AA/AL
Friday	Table Tennis MA								

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The Art Stag

VPA NEWS

After School Clubs:

Art/Ceramics club & workshops	Tuesdays 3 – 4pm	Mr. Ridyard
Drama Club	Wednesdays 3 – 4pm	Ms. Wharton
Music - Singing/Choir	Monday Lunch time	Mr. Burton
Music - Instrumental group	Thursday 3 – 4pm	Mr. Millar
Music - Rock school	Tuesday 3 – 4pm	Mr. Robinson

The Sporting Stag

Year 11 Interhouse sports competition

The first Interhouse sports competition was held on Monday 5th October for both Year 11 girls and boys. The girls took part in Netball and the boys 7-a-side football. Both competitions were very competitive and pride was at stake.

Results - Netball.

1st - Aztec House 2nd - Roman House 3rd - Trojan House 4th - Spartan House

Results - Football

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Congratulations to Lawrence Grant and Hollie Haran (Sports Captains) who led their House to victory. Next up, Interhouse Cross Country - Roman House's favourite.

7 Girls Rugby League

Congratulations to the following girls who were runners up in the Borough Year 7 Tag Rugby clinic and competition. They lost out in sudden death to Orleans Park:

Mabel Baxter Dalrymple / Jenny Billingham / Brook Bridges / Libby Brown / Scarlett Cawley /
Francesca Hardcastle / Bronte Kisoon / Georgie Knight / Hannah Levin / Nancy McNab / Abigail Tricker
/ Reeve Woodgate

Year 7 Boys Football

Commiserations to the boys who lost 4-3 to Finchley Catholic school for boys in the 2nd round of the English Schools Cup. This is the first time the school has entered in this competition and all the boys should be proud of this achievement.

Year 11 Rugby League Result

Christ's 24, Grey Court 0. Grey Court put up a spirited performance but were missing key players (Luke Taylor, Jason Wang and Archie Wright through illness and injury). This team has potential but all must commit to training if the team as a whole is going to improve.

Activities, Events and Courses

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the autumn term well under way I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about what is happening in school and within the local community.

Throughout the year, there will be regular updates in the newsletter of activities, events and courses available.

If you require any information about Extended Schools please feel free to contact me.

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Extended Schools Coordinator
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Flikz

Flikz is a great activity taking place on the last Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 8:30 at Orleans House Gallery and the next one will take place on Wednesday 28th October. It is completely free, and there will be snacks for those attending.

HUG

Ham United Group are inviting all members of the local community young and old, to take part in a consultation at Ham Youth Club on the 14th of October from 7pm. The consultation is to find out and discuss what fitness equipment you would like on Ham Green.

Learning Resource Centre

Homework clubs are running Monday to Friday in the Learning Resource Centre before, during and after school for all students. Every Wednesday from 3.15pm there is a homework club for students with Special Educational Needs.

LRC Opening Times:

7.30am - 8.30am
1.15pm - 1.55pm
3.15pm - 5.00pm

For more information on what's available in the LRC please contact Ena Nicholls



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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are aware the English Department are currently preparing students for the November entry for GCSE English exams.

In order to provide as much support as possible, they have developed a comprehensive revision programme online which is available through the school website. It is called FRONTER, it has revision for all aspects of the exam including past papers and feedback from last years examiners. All year 11 students have been issued with their usernames and passwords. If you need either of these please contact dpace@greycourt.org.uk who will forward you the details.

Please familiarise yourself with this revision package and support the English Faculty by monitoring and encouraging your child in its use.

During the half term holiday I will be in school to assist students with their revision and give advice and guidance:

Monday	8.30-3pm
Tuesday	8.30-3pm
Wednesday	8.30-3pm

All students who think they will work better at school or do not have internet access are welcome and I will help them individually or in a group. They do not need to wear school uniform.

We hope your child is taking this GCSE entry very seriously and if you have any further questions regarding your child's revision and preparation, then please contact your child's English teacher.

Yours sincerely

Ms. M. Bailey
Headteacher



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Re: Year 11 BTEC

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter will be entered for the BTEC Science course this year. This course does away with the need for coursework, revision and examinations and increases your child's chance of attaining a pass grade in Yr 11 Science. With this extra time, your child will have extra time to study for, and re-sit the modules they underachieved in during Year 10, allowing them to gain a pass grade in Core Science

The BTEC course will allow your child to attain the equivalent of two pass grades in GCSE Science. These grades can range from the equivalent of 2 C's, up to A's

The grading criteria are;

All modules passed at pass level = 2 C's equivalent

All modules passed at merit level = 2 B's equivalent

All modules passed at distinction level = 2 A's equivalent

Although these qualifications do not allow for pupils to go on and study Sciences at A Levels, they do provide pupils with the chance of gaining two almost certain GCSE's, (88% of pupils last year attained 2 C's) and this, in conjunction with their Year 10 exams could result in 3 Science GCSEs. I trust that you will see this as an excellent chance for your child to boost their overall GCSE results and support us in this decision. If there are any problems, please contact me on scaraher@greycourt.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Caraher

Acting Head of Science Faculty



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October 2009

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 7 London Zoo Science Trip
Friday 23rd October 2009**

Ash, Beech, Cedar & Elm arrive at school at 8:30

Maple, Oak, Rowan & Willow arrive at school at 9:15

I am writing to inform you that the Science department are planning to take the Year 7 students to London Zoo on the above dates. As this trip forms part of the KS3 curriculum, namely units 'Adaptation and Classification,' students are expected to attend.

Students will be supervised at all times as they visit the various parts of the zoo. Each student will receive a work book which they will be expected to complete; therefore it is essential that students arrive equipped with a pen or pencil. During the visit students need to be aware that they will be representing the school so it is imperative that their behaviour reflects this, any students that misbehave and fail to follow instructions will remain with the teacher in charge for the remainder of the day. No I-pods, MP3 players or computer games are allowed.

School uniform is to be worn, however, the zoo covers 36 acres of land so sensible footwear and rucksacks for carrying packed lunches are advised. There will not be an opportunity for students to buy lunch. Students may have the opportunity to visit the Zoo gift shop but spending money must be kept to a minimum and be the sole responsibility of each child.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend this trip then please complete the slip below along with the medical form and return in an envelope marked with your child's name, form group and Science set along with a cheque made payable to 'Grey Court School' for £10.00 to the Finance office by 15th October. The entrance to the zoo is free but a voluntary contribution of £10 towards transport would be appreciated. No child will be excluded on the basis of being unable to pay and the school will always seek to help if it can. If this aspect is likely to cause you difficulty, please let me know in writing.

If your child does not attend the Zoo then alternative arrangements will be made for them within school.

Yours Sincerely

Mr S Caraher
(Acting Head of Science Faculty)

Year 7 London Zoo Science Trip 28th October

Name of Student: _____ **Form Group:** _____ **Science Set:** _____

I give/do not give permission for my son/daughter to attend the London Zoo Science trip. I have completed the medical form and enclosed a cheque for £10.00.

Parent Signature: _____

MEDICAL FORM

1. **Child's name** _____

2. **School journey to** _____

From: (date/time) _____ To: (date/time) _____

3. **Medical information**

i. Name and address of family doctor (GP):

ii. Child's date of birth: _____

iii. Is your child at present under medical supervision or any form of medical treatment?
 Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Condition: _____

Treatment: _____

Name of hospital attended (if applicable): _____

If your child is taking any medicines, a supply sufficient to last the visit/journey must be given to the party leader on or before the departure date, together with written details of the dosage copy of the doctors prescription form and times of administration. This applies also to medicines which may be needed only occasionally. If appropriate, in accordance with medical advice, your child could manage his/her own medication

iv. Has your child, in the past, suffered from:

Asthma:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Hay fever:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Epilepsy:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Other allergies? (eg. allergies to antibiotics/plasters/food etc) Please provide details:

Any serious illness?: _____

v. Have any restrictions been placed on your child's activities on medical advice?:

a) swimming:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
b) climbing or using equipment at heights:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
c) strenuous activities:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
d) other:	_____			

- vi. Is there anything your child should not eat?: _____

- vii. Does your child wet the bed? Yes No Occasionally
(This would not necessarily prevent your child from travelling but it is important that the party leader should know.)
- viii. Does your child suffer from travel sickness? Yes No Occasionally
- ix. Has your child been vaccinated against poliomyelitis: Yes No
Please give date: _____
- x. Has your child been protected against tetanus? Yes No
Please give date: _____
- xi. **NB: Parents should notify the party leader in writing if there is any change in the medical information given above before the journey commences. Parents should obtain advice from the family doctor or school medical officer, and also notify the party leader, if the child comes into contact with an infectious disease during the three weeks before the journey.**

4. Declarations

- i. I consent to:(child's name) _____ being examined, if necessary, by the school medical officer, prior to the journey.
- ii. I consent to:(child's name) _____ receiving any emergency medical, surgical or dental treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.
- iii. These medicines will be available if required. May they be used on your child?
- Calpol Yes No
Calamine Yes No

Signed:(Parent/Guardian) _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Tel no: Home: _____ Work: _____

Mobile tel nos: _____

Telephone numbers for emergency contact for period of the visit/journey if these are different from the home number:

