



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

OPEN MORNINGS

The Open Mornings that we have been holding every Tuesday and Thursday are being very well attended. The reputation of the school continues to flourish.

ACTIVITY DAY

Friday 23 October is Activities Day. All year groups will either be going on a trip or taking part in events here at Grey Court. Year 11 will be having a Work Experience debrief and need to be in school for 10am. There will be key information about the forthcoming English exam and also Richmond College references.

QUIZ NIGHT

There is a Quiz Night on Friday 23 October at 7.30pm in the Year 11 canteen. This is organised by our highly efficient Parents Association. Please try to come along and support them in raising money for the school.

JACK PETCHY AWARD

I would like to congratulate the winners of the Jack Petchy Award. The presentation was held at Richmond Theatre and the following students were awarded a Jack Petchy medallion: Danny Knight (8W), Josh White (8M), Gus Lambri (9R), Joe Nellis (10B) and Henry Allan-Lowe (10B). Well done.

FOOTBALL

On the sporting front, The Year 8 football team have got through to the borough final. The team beat Shene 3-1. Well done boys.

ACADEMIC TUTORING WEEK 16-19 November 2009

A letter regarding this was given to your child today. Tutors will be holding appointments with parents throughout the week. A letter will be sent out week beginning 2 November with further details and your appointment time.

MISC

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.

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**
- 31 May-4 June 2010**

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Latest News

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Years 8, 10 and 11 - please return all HPV Immunisation Forms to school by Wednesday 21 October 2009.

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.

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

Friday 23rd October is Activities Day - All students should have received a letter for the Science Trip to London Zoo. Permission slips need to be returned to the Science Dept on Monday. If any parent/guardian is struggling with payments for the trips, please contact myself or Ms Stenner. No payment needs to be included with the permission slip and medical form.

Year 7 Quiz - Every Thursday
Year 7 are given a quiz to do as

part of tutor period to test their general knowledge. This is a form competition and currently the scores stand at:

7Ash - 23/30 7Beech - 19/30
7Cedar - 27/30 7Elm - 19/30
7Maple - 15/30 7Oak - 24/30
7Rowan - 26/30 and 7Willow - 27/30.

Mr. Low

Maths Exam

Students will be taking a maths assessment in lessons next week. All the work covered so far this term will be assessed, with particular emphasis on se-

quences, negative numbers, rounding and decimals. Students must have a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator for the assessment. The following websites can be used for revision and additional practice. Class teachers will be providing more detailed information and revision in lessons.

www.mymaths.co.uk - please see your teacher for the password and login
bbc bitesize

Ms. Price

Year 8

Head of Year 8 Mr. Chris Rhodes

Year 8 had their assembly on black history month. The students listened to an interview with Morgan Freeman who criticised the concept and argued that it only served to categorise people. The pupils then listened to Benjamin Zaphaniah's poem 'The British' that uses a recipe formula to convey the complex mix of people which make up modern day Britain. Finally some of our year 10 students performed some famous scenes from black history such as

Rosa Park's altercation with the state of Alabama and Martin Luther King's famous speech 'I have a dream'. The year group were asked to rejoice and reflect on the range of races, creeds and cultures that make our school so rich and diverse. All students listened attentively and were very appreciative of the efforts of the year 10s.

Mr. Rhodes

Maths Exam

Students will be taking a maths assessment in lessons next week. All the work covered so far this term will be assessed. Students

must have a pen, pencil, ruler, protractor and calculator for the assessment. The following websites can be used for revision and additional practice. Class teachers will be providing more detailed information and revision in lessons.

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Samlearning

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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.."*

Year 9

Head of Year 9 Mr Chris Rhodes

On Friday 23 October the year 9 students will be going to either The Imperial War Museum or on a Geography field trip to Box Hill. All slips and payments must be returned to the Finance Office by Wednesday 21 October. A copy of the original letter is attached at the end of this newsletter. The conduct of the students on recent excursions has been excellent and I hope that the pupils will continue to be excellent ambassadors for the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that students are allowed to wear coats within school but must always wear their blazer. Some students have been wearing long sleeve t-

shirts underneath their shirts. This is not allowed and students have been informed that they can wear the school jumper if they are feeling cold.

Finally I would like to thank Ms Mercer and the team of student support officers who conducted the 'Restorative Justice Conferences' last week. The students really appreciated the opportunity to get some things off their chests and many relationships have been strengthened as a result.

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Year 10

Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

With Year 11 on work experience, Year 10 are now top of the school. There is a lot of responsibility on your shoulders when you are the oldest in the school and I am pleased to say that Year 10 students are responding well. Many of the younger students will look up to the Year 10s and look for guidance and support.

It is good training for the Year 10s and with nominations for prefects taking place at the end of the year, I am on the lookout for any future Head Boy or Head Girl.

In assembly this week, students from Year 10 performed short pieces on the theme of 'Black History' month which were very well received by the

students. I would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in the assembly.

Mr. Burton

Science revision guides and re-sits

Year 10 Core and Year 11 Additional Revision Guides are available for purchase from the Science Prep Room. All payments of £3.00, must be made to the Finance Officer and the receipts taken to Prep Room for collection.

Mr. Pillay

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On the 13th November, Year 10 students in classes 10R3, 10R4, 10R5, 10B1, 10B2, 10B3 are taking their GCSE Module 3 (Number) Maths exams. They will be given a past paper to complete over half-term. This needs to be handed in to the class teacher on the first day back. Additional past papers and mark schemes can be found on www.aqa.org.uk

Ms. Price



Year 11

Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

Year 11 are currently on Work Experience and I hope that all students are enjoying this opportunity to sample what it is like to be in the workplace.

Can I remind students that they have to be back in school for 10.00 on Friday 23rd October for their Work Experience Debrief. Attendance is essential as there will be key information about the forthcoming English exam and also Richmond College references. I look forward to seeing you all on the 23rd.

Mr. Burton

Science re-sits

Information packs have gone out to all Year 11 Re-sitting their Science modular exams. Revision sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in Labs 5 and

8. Science Modular Exam: 19th November 2009.

Mr. Pillay

Maths Exam

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Additional past papers and mark schemes can be found on www.aqa.org.uk. Those taking the exams have been given past exam papers to complete over half-term. These need to be handed in to the class teacher on the first day back after the break.

Ms. Price



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

20 October Yr7 Boys Football vs Shene (H)
Yr7/8 Girls Football vs Shene (A)

22 October Yr9/10/11 Netball vs Christs (A)
Yr9 Boys Football vs Shene (H)



	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

Thursday 22nd October - Year 7 House Football

All students who are taking part in this competition should have been informed by now via their form tutor or by the team captain for their house. I would like to wish all students good luck and remember to play your best and play by the rules.

Mr. Low

Year 8 Football League result. Grey Court through to Borough Final.

Shene 1, Grey Court 3.

Grey Court produced a battling performance to beat Shene 3-1 and progress to the Borough Final. Shene opened the scoring, But Tom Skea equalised on the stroke of half time. We played better in the second half and a superb Ben Marquez free kick put us 2-1 in front, then with a couple of minutes remaining, Tom Skea grabbed his 2nd of the match.

Well done boys.
Mr Willmore

OTHER NEWS

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

The winners of the Jack Petchey Award from Grey Court School attended a prestigious event on Monday evening. It was the first to be held at Richmond Theatre and presentations of a Jack Petchey medallion were made to Danny Knight (8W), Josh White (8M), Gus Lambri (9R), Joe Nellis (10B) and Henry Allan-Lowe (10B). Well done again to these students. The evening also included music and dance from talented youngsters from the boroughs of Richmond and Kingston.

Mr Bashford
Deputy Headteacher



Grey Court School Humanities Week - 19th to 23rd October

Next week is Humanities week at Grey Court School. The Humanities Faculty will be running the following events:

- ◆ Tutor Group Quiz
- ◆ Humanities starter activities for years 7 to 9 in English, Maths and Science Lessons.
- ◆ A No-Power Wednesday - all non-essential electrical appliances to be switched off and a predominantly vegetarian menu in the canteen
- ◆ Students v Staff Humanities quiz in year 8 and 9 assemblies. Featuring Mr Bashford as staff team captain.
- ◆ Year 9 trips to Boxhill and the Imperial War Museum.
- ◆ Poster Competition.

For further details please see Mr King, Head of Humanities



(c) Suszle Vignoles

Petersham Festival

Friday October 23rd @ 7.00pm – 7.20pm

Children aged 8 – 16

can see & hear **John**

Williams - the world

famous guitarist

“Warm Up”

(No complete pieces will be played)

@ St Richard's Church.
Ashburnham Rd. Ham.

**Free Entry @ 6.55pm, but all children must
be accompanied by a responsible adult**

Petersham Festival is a registered Charity (No1121498)



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Date: 23rd September 2009

Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Boxhill

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your son/daughter is invited on a geography field trip to Boxhill on Friday 23rd October. Students will be carrying out environmental studies and river work. Students will not be required to wear school uniform but they will need to wear warm sensible clothes including if possible, wellington boots and a raincoat.

The cost of the trip will be £10.00 and students must bring a packed lunch for the day. The coach will leave school at 9.00am and will return by 3.30pm.

Please could you sign and return the attached permission slip with payment by 9th October 2009. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr L.J King
Head of Humanities

Permission Slip

I _____ (Parent/Guardian/Carer), give my permission for
(Student) _____ (Class) _____ to attend the Geography field trip.

Please find enclosed payment of £10.00



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Date: 23rd September 2009

Year 9 History trip to Imperial War Museum

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your son/daughter is invited on a History trip to Imperial War Museum on Friday 23rd October. Students will be asked to complete worksheets set during the course of the day when visiting the Horrible Histories Trenches exhibition. Students will need to wear their school uniform for this trip.

The cost of the trip will be £10.00 and students must bring a packed lunch for the day. The coach will leave school at 9.00am and will return by 3.30pm.

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Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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16th October 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

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Arrangements are now being put into place for Academic Tutoring Week. Tutors will be holding appointments with parents throughout the week beginning Monday 16th November 2009. First appointments will start at 1.15pm with the last one at 3.15pm and will last approx 15 minutes.

As in previous times, an appointed day and time will be allocated to you. If your child has a sibling in the school, their times will be arranged to run consecutively. Letters will be sent out in the week beginning Monday 2nd November. Regrettably, we cannot meet with each parent's individual request, however if you need to set up an alternative appointment, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor direct.

These appointments give parents the opportunity to meet with their child's tutor, collect their reports and discuss any issues or concerns they may have. Parents will also be notified of the targets that have been set for their child along with information on how these will be monitored throughout the year, so it is important that you try to attend.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Bashford
Deputy Headteacher