



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

School shop

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last few weeks regarding punctuality and uniform. Both have improved and students for the most part are respecting the rule about outdoor coats and scarves inside the building. **We are planning to open a school shop in January 2010** which will sell school uniform and stationery. In order to do this we will need to staff it with volunteers. If you are prepared to offer a few hours a week to help, please contact me as soon as possible.

Exams

The year 10 and 11 took module exams in GCSE Science this week. The general feedback was Biology and Physics were reasonable but Chemistry was a little more difficult. The results will come through in January. Well done to all the students who worked so hard this week.

Sports

Congratulations to the Sports Dept whose teams have shown some outstanding performances in November. The Yr10 girls badminton team won the Richmond Borough Badminton Competition and will go on to represent the borough in the South London Regional Finals. The Yr10 boys badminton team won the Richmond Borough Badminton Competition and they too will go on to represent the borough in the South London Regional Finals. The Yr9 football team won the final of the Borough Football Championship. The Yr8 rugby league team got to the final of the Richmond Rugby League Schools Championship but unfortunately lost, but played really well. The year 7 boys and the year 7 girls won the borough indoor athletics and we seem to be winning the majority of matches we are playing at the moment. I appreciate that winning is not everything, but it has created such an amazing sense of achievement in the P.E department which is permeating throughout the entire school. Well done to everyone involved

Richard Meyrick (Pianoman)

Richard is a world class pianist and acclaimed throughout the world. Richard will be giving a master class to six of our students on 30 November on pieces they have been working on. This is a great opportunity for the piano students to gain first class tuition from a renowned concert pianist and for the students watching to benefit from his advice. At 6.30pm on the same evening (30 November)

Richard will be performing at Grey Court School to parents, students, governors. Please see flyer attached for details. All parents are welcome to attend.

ICT and E safety Workshop

We still have places available for the internet safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the Ingenium. If you are interested in this workshop please email your details to Joanna Benefield at joanna@benefield31.wanadoo.co.uk. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Numbers have to be limited to 30 for this workshop and only one place per family will be allocated.

Academic Tutoring Week 16-19 November 2009

The figures for the Academic tutoring week were very good, overall it was 83%, which was an increase of 8% on last year. I would be interested to know what parents think of this format, so if you do have any comments, please do not hesitate to tell me.

Anti Bullying Week 16-20 November

This was very well organised and well received by the students. It is important to keep the principles of anti-bullying week high profile however, so please maintain a close eye on your children. Please ensure that you are aware of any changes in behaviour, beyond the usual teenage mood swings and endeavour to seek advice from the school or other agencies as appropriate.

Homework

There should be homework set every night according to the homework timetable. If your child is not doing homework or is not recording it please contact their Phase leader. Please inform me if it continues to be a problem.

Finally, please remember that I hold Parent Clinics on Thursday evenings between 5-7pm. 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

GREY COURT CAR BOOT SALE

Please note the next car boot sale will be on Sunday 29 November 2009. Please see page 9 for full details.

HPV IMMUNISATION

Year 8 and Year 10 first immunisation will be carried out on 15 December 2009. Please return any outstanding consent forms to school ASAP.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

9 December, 2.30-4.00pm, Grey Court School

If any students have a grandparent who would like to attend please contact my PA Debby Pace on dpace@greycourt.org.uk or 020 8439 8826.

Year 7

Head of Year 7
Mr. Andy Low

Academic Tutoring Week

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended appointments this week. I hope it proved useful to you all, as feedback has proved very positive for us as a school. Attendance was 95% With three tutors classes reaching 100%, a tremendous achievement.

Sporting Activities

Well done to the Year 7 indoor athletics team who won the borough tournament this week. Both the boys and the girls wiped the floor with the other schools including Waldegrave, Whitton and Teddington, so well done to all of you who competed.

Mr. Low

REMINDER

Tuesday morning 24 November, the Orange Tree are

coming to Grey Court to perform and run a drama workshop on 12th Night. Letters have already gone out, the cost is £2.50, to be taken to the Finance Office.

Ms. Wharton
Head of Drama



*“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 8

Head of Year 8
Mr. Chris Rhodes

As part of the national anti-bullying week, the year 8 students have been using both tutor time and their assembly to focus upon the issue. They have discussed the different types of bullying and watched video clips about the consequences of bullying.

Ms Price produced an extremely informative assembly on the very topical subject of Cyber Bullying and the students were advised what to

do if they were subjected to any threatening texts or e-chat on social networking sites. The week has not only raised the profile of anti bullying, but many students have taken part by buying the "beat bullying" wristbands and contributing to class discussions on the subject.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who attended academic tutoring week, the very high proportion of parents who came further illustrates your commitment to the school and our efforts in raising attainment.

Attendance was 82%
Thank you.

Mr. Rhodes

Year 9

Head of Year 9
Mr Chris Rhodes

Please see page 7 for details of the Yr9 Spanish Exchange to Barcelona May 2010

As part of the national anti-bullying week the year 9 students have also been using both tutor time and their assembly to focus upon the issue. Like year 8 they have discussed the different types of bullying and watched video clips about the consequences of bullying. Year 9 have been working on restorative

justice during tutors times so this has tied in very nicely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who attended academic tutoring week, the very high proportion of parents who came further illustrates your commitment to the school and our efforts in raising attainment. Attendance was 83%
Thank you
Mr. Rhodes

On 11 January the Yr9 students will begin a week of exams in foundation subjects (every subject except Maths, English and Science). All students will receive a national curriculum level for their exam and these will prove very useful when students choose their options. Pupils can prepare for these exams by following the advice given in the revision booklets that will be issued on the 14th December. Good Luck.

Mr Rhodes



Year 10

Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

Year 10 have completed their Science exams this week. Can I thank Year 10 for their excellent behaviour during the exams and the mature approach they showed towards the process.

It was nice to see so many parents during academic tutoring week and to hear so many positive reports about the Year 10 students. If you did not manage to make the meeting and would like to discuss the progress of your child then please contact their

form tutor in the first instance. Attendance overall was very disappointing at 65%. Ms Bailey will be writing to all parents of year 10 students to find out why they were unable to attend Mr. Burton

Year 11

Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

Year 11 MFL Speaking exams

These are being held in the LRC on December 3rd (unless you have a clash in which case your exam will be re-arranged by your teacher). Our MFL assistants will be recording the oral topics for those students who have completed their written versions. They can then be downloaded by our network manager Mr Ali, whose office is in the annex. Students should see him with their USB sticks or iPods when their recording is ready.

Ms Clarke

Year 11 Media Students

FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY is the final deadline for Media Studies GCSE coursework with rewrites. Each student has been given targets for improvements from their draft projects. They must complete all four projects: Horror Films, Advertising, Cop Shows and Popular Music. The mock exam is on Popular Music and all students should be preparing this at the moment. This work will also go towards the final coursework grades.

Any queries please contact Ms Fincham - Head of English.

Year 11 have had a very busy two weeks completing GCSE exams. I would like to thank them for the mature way in which they approached the exams. They can be a very stressful time for students (and staff!) but it is down to the excellent be-



haviour of all the students that the exams went smoothly. With the Mock exams coming up there is no time to let the "foot off the peddle" as students should be revising hard.

Attendance at Academic tutoring afternoon was disappointing 73%. given how important this academic year is. Ms Bailey will be writing to all parents of year 11 students to find out why they were unable to attend Mr. Burton

REMINDER

Year 11 Trip Woman in Black
Could you please bring outstanding money into the Finance Dept on Monday 23 November for this trip.

So far only twelve people have returned their slips and payment. This is an important part of the curriculum and pupils who do not attend will not be able to complete their coursework.

OTHER NEWS

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

KS3 Design and Technology students will be following the National 'Licence to Cook' (LTC) programme during Design and Technology Food lessons this year. A letter has been sent home about the course and parents are reminded to send a £8 contribution to help pay for ingredients for the practical cooking lessons. A cheque or cash should be sent / taken to the finance office. Money received will ensure your child can take home what they have made and avoid disappointment. If there are problems regarding this payment please inform Miss Marr.

A sealable plastic container (approximately 2 litres) should also be brought to 'Licence to Cook' practical lessons to store and transport prepared food home.

Please inform Ms Marr if your child has a nut / food allergy or any other special dietary requirement.

Extra Curricular

FIXTURES

24 November Yr10 Rugby Union vs Twyford (H)
 Yr9 County Cup Football vs Rutlish (A) 2pm k/o
 25 November Netball Tournament at LEH
 27 November Borough Cross Country at Richmond Park, 1pm start
 Yr7 Rugby Union vs Ewell Castle (H) 2pm k/o



	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 Basketball SIMMS			
Tuesday		Badminton KS3 AW				Basketball KS3 BR		Rugby Union Y10 LSRFC	Girls Rugby LSRFC
Wednesday		5-a-Side SW				SHA Y7 & 8 SJC/SCW			
Thursday		Badminton GCSE SC/FR				Basketball KS4 MXA		Rugby Union Y8 & 7 LSRFC	
Friday	Table Tennis MXA								

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The Sporting Stag

November Sports Results:

A busy month so far for the students of Grey Court has yielded some outstanding performances.

Badminton:

At the recent Richmond Borough Girls Badminton Competition, held at Teddington School, our KS4 girls steamrolled the opposition on the way to the Borough Championship. Paired with Orleans Park and Lady Eleanor Hollis in the group stages, two very convincing victories set up a final match against Waldegrave. Waldegrave were resoundingly brushed aside in a convincing manner leaving the girls as Richmond Champions and being asked to represent the borough in the south London regional finals. The result was the least the team deserved after many weeks giving up their lunch breaks to practice as a group.

Congratulations to Emily Hailey, Samantha Litherland, Calli Browett and Leanne Carr who made up the team.

Football: Year 9 Final: Grey Court 2 Teddington 1 (played at Hampton Boys)

In the Final of the Year 9 Borough Football championship played at Hampton Boys School, Grey Court started brightly and could have scored with their first attack. The entire first half was constant Grey Court pressure as the midfield trio of Kersey, Broderick and Bellchambers controlled central areas and created opportunities for Gillard and Skinns up front. Grey Court took the lead after a powerful low shot by Broderick was only parried into the path of Gillard who scored with a classic poacher's finish. One-nil to Grey Court. Not long after, Ollie Kersey started a flowing one touch move involving Gillard, Bellchambers and Skinns before drawing the Teddington goalkeeper and placing the ball low into the corner.

Two-nil to Grey Court.

Teddington started the second half brightly and caught the Grey Court side off guard as Teddington clawed back a goal when Noah Whitely-Williams was beaten at his near post by a powerful low drive. Two-one to Grey Court. As the second half developed, Teddington applied more pressure to the Grey Court goal, meaning that Grey Court were limited to attacking on the counter attack from deep. As the light drew in and parents looked at their watches, Noah made a vital save low down at the base of the post that he'd been beaten at earlier to preserve the side's lead until the final whistle. At the end, in the November gloom, Grey Court collected the trophy signifying them as the best football side in Richmond.

Squad: Whitely-Williams; Westall; Reay; Purton; Taylor; Hammamy; Nbu; Broderick; Bellchambers; Kersey; Skinns; Gillard

Rugby League GC 10 : HCC 0 GC 8 : Shene 0 Grand Final Teddington 4 : GC 0

The boys from Teddington School successfully negotiated around the flooding and some water-tight defences to claim the title of Year 8 Richmond Champion Schools Winners! On a day when the saying "Defences Win Championships" proved quite true Christ's and Grey Court secured early victories, GC beginning what turned out to be a charge from Pool B into the Grand Final. They did this by overcoming the boys from H.C.C and Shene.

The Orleans Park team displayed some superb skills, but were unable to find the cutting edge when the try-line beckoned, whilst the Whitton lads were the only team to take a point off Teddington. Whitton eventually securing 3rd place overall after a hard-fought victory over H.C.C

The big winner on the day was undoubtedly Rugby League as all 7 Schools in the Borough produced a side to contest the title. The future of the Richmond Warriors also looks bright as many of the players to take to the field on the day are veterans of a successful Junior League campaign last season and will be joined by more of the boys who enjoyed their taste of Rugby League and are looking to pull on the Red and White of the Warriors next summer.

Sports Hall Athletics:

Tuesday saw the first leg of the Richmond Sport Hall Athletics League for Year 7 visit Grey Court. After closely contested field events to start with, where Grey Court boys and girls won many of the A and B string events against 4 of the other schools in the borough. It was the running events where Grey Court's year 7s really began to shine though, as they won all but one of the running events, spurred on by Mr Willmore who had spent a long time training the team in the weeks leading up to the event.

Final result of the competition:

Boys:	Girls:
1. Grey Court	1. Grey Court
2. Whitton	2. Whitton
3. HCC	3. Waldegrave
4. Shene	4. HCC
	5. Shene

The Art Stag

VPA NEWS

After School Clubs:

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

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Ham In Session - For all musicians out there

Tuition at Ham Youth Club - Friday - 4.00 - 6.30pm in:
Studio production / Beat making / Dee Jaying / Electric guitar
All types of music: Grime, rock, hip hop, metal, drum and bass and many more

For further information contact Ben Skelton, Ham Youth Worker
Tel: 0208 288 0916 Email: ben.skelton@richmond.gov.uk

KICKZ RICHMOND Timetable

Mondays	Multisport (indoors) @ Grey Court School 4.30-6pm - Meet at Ham Youth Club at 4.15pm (DO NOT MAKE YOUR OWN WAY TO THE SCHOOL - Coaches will take you to venue)
Tuesdays	Multisport (outdoors) @ Kew Association FC 5-7pm
Wednesdays	Ham Youth Club at Ham Green 6-8.30pm
Thursdays	Multisport (outdoors) Ham Green 5.30-6.30pm
Fridays	Ham Football @ Ham Green 5-7pm

MISC

Success Circle

We would like to bring to your attention *The Success Circle*. This was set up last term primarily for dyslexic children. We do a variety of things within the circle, for example, sometimes we concentrate on handwriting as this can be a major drawback for dyslexic children. We also do various spelling techniques and games.

Self esteem is incredibly important whilst learning, so we are going to be bringing it in through the 'back door', just to help the children feel good about themselves and be encouraged at their achievements, however small or big those achievements may be.

The *Success Circle* is on Tuesdays at 3pm – 4pm. We provide a drink and sometimes, if they are very lucky, cake!

We also intend, at a later date, to give prizes for various efforts. If your child would like to come along they will be made very welcome. Any questions you may have please contact Denise Bosque on dbosque@greycourt.org.uk

Reading Programme

The English Department are starting a programme from next week to encourage our students' wider reading. All educational studies suggest that reading a whole range of texts outside of school, both fiction and non-fiction, has a direct impact on school achievement across all academic subjects. We also wish to create an ethos in the school where students, staff and parents enjoy sharing their reading experiences with the wider school community.

We are beginning this project with 'Grey Court Recommends'. We are asking staff, students and parents to recommend their favourite (age appropriate) books with a small review to support the recommendations. Students should fill in the recommendation slips which have been given to their tutors and pass these on to the school librarian. We would also like recommendations from parents to include in our list. Please email these directly to Ms G Fincham Head of English at gfincham@greycourt.org.uk.

We will update you via the school newsletter with the top choices made each half term. Key stage three parents who wish to support their son or daughter's reading further at home should make use of the reading lists attached to the homework booklets provided for each unit of work by the English faculty.

Thank you and happy reading
Ms.Fincham

Year 9 Spanish exchange to Barcelona May 2010

Letters have gone out this week to all students studying Spanish in year 9. Ms Gonzalez is organising a 5 day exchange with a school near Barcelona in May next year. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to soak up the language and culture of a truly fantastic city and we hope to fill all 30 places on the trip. Please see the letter for further details and look out for more information in the ebulletin over the coming months.

Ms. Clarke

PIANOMAN

Richard Meyrick in concert

Grey Court School
Ham Street
Ham

NOV 30th 2009
6.30pm

To reserve seats please email your request to
pmillar@greycourt.org.uk
Tickets £3 (suggested donation)

RECITAL PROGRAMME

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| SCHUBERT | Impromptus, Op 90/D.899
No 3 in G flat
No 4 in A flat |
| CHOPIN | Scherzo No 2
in B flat minor Op 31
Scherzo No 3
in C sharp minor Op 39 |
| DEBUSSY | Clair de lune |
| LISZT | Consolation No 3 in D flat
Mephisto Waltz No 1 |

PIANOMAN

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Evening Standard
"thrilling technical wizardry"
Daily Telegraph
"a pyrotechnician of the highest level"
Washington Everett Herald



Biography

A dynamically powerful pianist, Richard Meyrick's charismatic performances at major concert halls and more intimate venues frequently bring audiences to their feet in rapturous acclaim for his "thrilling technical wizardry ... superb rich sonorities and genuine sensitivity" (Daily Telegraph). Awarded a foundation scholarship to the Royal College of Music at sixteen, Meyrick made his concert début at the Wigmore Hall, while still a student. This was followed by a live televised performance of Brahms' Piano Concerto No 2 conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

Exceptional musician

Acclaimed by the music press and fellow musicians he has won accolades throughout North America, Russia, Australia and Europe. Meyrick premiered the Khachaturian Piano Sonata in the USA, Europe and the Antipodes. Richard also recorded the Five Beethoven Concerti with the Hungarian State Symphony Orchestra and the Complete Chopin Nocturnes. Both recordings are on international release.



Passion for teaching

Richard founded and is director of the celebrated **Piano Studio** in the City of London. This unique venture introduces or reintroduces busy City executives to the joys and therapeutic benefits of playing the piano. His many pupils have been able to enjoy and be inspired by his concerts in local venues such as Wigmore Hall and St Paul's Cathedral.

The Horowitz Connection

Richard recently embarked on a dauntingly ambitious project. By repeatedly studying available recordings and globally researching rare, hitherto secret, archive material, he is gradually introducing the entire Horowitz transcriptions legacy into his concert repertoire. Richard's performances of the Horowitz/Liszt Rákóczy March and the Horowitz/Saint-Saëns Danse macabre have earned standing ovations at Wigmore Hall recitals. He performed these as well as Chopin's Second Piano Concerto at the prestigious Chelsea Festival with the City of London Sinfonia orchestra. His performance as soloist in Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto was given in London in the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra.

Classical music for young audience

Richard is passionate about getting young people involved in classical music and, with generous sponsorship from Man Group plc, created the **pianoMan** programme. Originally conceived as a series of 70 recitals and masterclasses for young people throughout the UK, the success and feedback from the project has resulted in its extension to over 190 events combined with two DVDs - the original pianoMan DVD covering Richard's life and featuring the inaugural PianoMan launch concert recorded live at London's Cadogan Hall, and the new teaching pianoMan DVD, showing Richard in action as masterclass presenter and pianist demonstrating his approach to six of the world's best-loved piano pieces. This latest DVD is accompanied by the pianoMan Legacy Series CD recordings.

Through pianoMan, Richard has brought to many thousands of youngsters the opportunity to experience, at first hand, the technical wizardry, the physical strength, the prodigious feats of memory and the melodic and harmonic genius involved in the composition, interpretation and live performance of some of the world's great musical heritage.



Grey Court School, Sandy Lane
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Organised by Grey Court Parents' Association



Car Boot Sales

Last Sunday of the month

Sunday 29th November 2009

Sunday 31st January 2010

Sunday 29th February 2010

Details of 2010 Car Boot Sales at

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

Sandy Lane Entrance, 371 and 65 Bus Routes



Parents' Association

Charity No: 296593

Grey Court School, Ham Street, Ham, Richmond, Surrey TW10 7HN

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: ICT and E safety Workshop

We are pleased to advise you that an internet safety workshop has been arranged for parents on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm in the Ingenium.

The talk will be given by Mr Peter Cowley, who is an ICT and e-safety Adviser for the London Borough of Richmond. The evening will consist of a presentation, some activities and a question and answer session. The whole workshop lasts around 70 minutes.

If you are interested in this workshop please e mail your details to Joanna Benefield at joanna@benefield31.wanadoo.co.uk. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Please note that numbers have to be limited to 30 for this workshop and only one place per family will be allocated.

Yours sincerely,

Grey Court Parents' Association