



Grey Court School e-Bulletin

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Head's Line

Dear Parents/Students

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 11 students returned today from their Work Experience placements. We have received some really encouraging feedback and hope that the students go on embracing the experience of the world of work.

STAG RECORD LABEL

We are pleased to launch the Grey Court online Stag Record Label. The students have worked really hard to get this up and running. Please see page 5 for further details.

ACTIVITIES DAY 23 October 2009

We have had a really interesting mix of events today (Friday 23 October) for our Activities Day. The students seemed really engaged and have produced some outstanding pieces of work ranging from the development of their own music production team to team building activities on the field. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this.

ENGLISH AND MATHS EXAMS

Good luck to all students who are taking exams next month. This can be a confusing and stressful time for parents and students. If you have any queries whatsoever, please contact me directly.

English 9 November Yr 11 students
 English 12 November Yr11 students
 Maths 13 November Yr10 and Yr11 students
 Science 19 November Yr10 and Yr11 students

ACADEMIC TUTORING WEEK 16-19 November 2009

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.

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting is being held on Monday 9 November, 7.30pm at the Hawker Centre. Everyone is welcome.

UNIFORM

Uniform stays the same for the next 1 1/2 terms - white T-shirts can be worn under shirts, I recommend normal ones. No hoodies. Please ensure your child has a top button on their shirt and is wearing a tie, black shoes to be worn.

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.

Have a wonderful holiday

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 1 April 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

The Finance Office request that cash or cheques for trips and events are given to your child to bring in person to the Finance Office, which is open 8.15-8.45 or 1.30-1.50 (not throughout the day). Please do not post payments, leave at reception or give to teachers. Many problems can be sorted out if we have the child in front of us!

Also, as we are the ones who deal with lost property, could we again appeal to parents to mark uniform, especially P.E. kit. This is being

misaid by a lot of children (one day this week ten children reported losing theirs) and although not all of all of it finds its way to Finance, that which does is rarely marked with a name.

Mr. Williams - Finance Office

STUDENTS : NOTE

The password to mymaths has changed. Please see your Maths teachers for further information.

Year 7

Head of Year 7 Mr. Andy Low

Well they have done it; Year 7 have survived their first term at secondary school. From what I have heard from staff, as well as having a brief look at Progress Checks which are currently being done by all teachers, they seem to have settled in really well which is pleasing to hear. However, there are a few things which both Ms Stenner and myself feel could make their lives easier as well as the staff at the school, so here goes:

Lost Items - please can you ensure that all items of school clothing are named. Since the first week in the term, Year 7 love to leave things lying around assuming that everything is safe. Jackets, blazers, PE kit as well as the occasional pencil cases can be found all over the place. If items are not named, please can this be done over the half term break so they can be returned to the rightful owner if lost.

Organisation - if they are not doing so already, please can you encourage your child to pack their school bag the night before so things are

not left until the last minute in the morning.

Planners - please ensure planners are signed over the week-end ready for Monday morning.

Punctuality - please ensure your child leaves in plenty of time to arrive at school for 8.25am.

Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents/guardians of Year 7 for their support over the past half term and hope all students enjoy their week off from school.

Mr. Low

Year 8

Head of Year 8 Mr. Chris Rhodes

Year 8 have been looking forward to their activity day (23 October) in which they will be involved in a host of team building activities. This is an excellent way to finish a long yet very productive half term. The students have made an exceptional transition into year 8 and have an excellent record of attendance and punctuality.

The students enjoyed their last assembly of the year in

which members of the Humanities Dept played in a quiz against some students. Mr Ali was the quiz master and asked questions on History, Geography and R.E. The teachers were a little slow in raising their hands and eventually succumbed to a narrow defeat by the students.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish pupils and parents a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing them again in November.

Mr. Rhodes

Year 9

Head of Year 9 Mr Chris Rhodes

For year 9's activity day (23 October) the cohort have been divided into two. One group will be visiting the Imperial War Museum and the other will be going on a Geography field trip to Box Hill.

Students are very fortunate to have such extracurricular opportunities and should be excellent ambassadors for the school.

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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 10

Head of Year 10 Mr Andrew Burton

Year 10 will be taking part in an Enterprise Day on Friday, 23 October. The theme of the day is 'Music Mania' where students will be designing and presenting their own music event. The day will draw on communication, team working and innovation and should be a lot of fun! We will also have guests from the Richmond Education Business Partnership who will be on hand to assist with the running of the

day.

The upcoming holiday will give all students the chance to relax and recover from a long half term. I hope everyone will find time to enjoy themselves and come back raring to go. Can I remind students that punctuality and good attendance is essential as this can affect future college applications and references.

Have a nice holiday!

Mr. Burton

Year 10 French Excursion to Lille

Letters went out during w/b 19 October to students. Please ensure that the remaining payment is made by **Tuesday November 3rd** and that a photocopy of your child's passport is handed in to Ms Clarke.

There will be a short briefing at **6pm on November 16th**. Please can you send a note in with the passport copy to say if you will be attending as Ms Clarke forgot to put a reply slip on the bottom of the letter!



Year 11

Head of Year 11 Mr Andrew Burton

I hope all Year 11's have enjoyed their work experience placements over the last 2 weeks. Many of the staff who have visited pupils have come back with fantastic reports from the employers. A final reminder that all students should be in school for 10.00 on Friday (23 October) for their Work Experience Debrief. Full uniform is required for this day.

Finally, I hope all students can take time out to rest over the holidays and come back fully prepared for their Maths and English exams.

Mr Burton

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Please note that 2 November is the last day for Year 11 HPV consent forms. No forms will be accepted after this date for this year. Vaccinations will be carried out on 4 November.



OTHER NEWS

Yr 10 and Yr 11 only

A reminder that maths module examinations take place on the 13th November. Practice past papers and mark schemes can be found on

www.aqa.org.uk. The syllabus code for Module 1 (Data handling) is 43051 and for Module 3 (Number) is 43053. Please ensure that you have the necessary equipment, including a calculator, ruler, black pen and pencil for this exam. Maths packs of equipment and mathswatch revision cds are available from the school.

See Ms Price for further details.

YEAR 7

Online payment for the Year 7 trips has been delayed by some database problems and now by the postal strike (individual login details need to be posted). We should be up and running shortly but in the meantime if you were intending to pay on-line, please ask your child to bring a cheque or cash to the Finance Office, which is open 8.15-8.45 or 1.30-1.50.

Mr. Williams, Finance Office

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

3rd Nov - Year 7 Boys Football vs Christs (A)

5th Nov - Year 10 Rugby Union vs Latimers at Richmond Rugby Club. 4.30pm k/o
Junior & Senior Boys Table Tennis at Hampton School.

6th Nov - Year 9 Rugby League Tournament at Lensbury.



Congratulations to the staff AZTEC Football Team for winning the staff house competition on Friday 16 October. Thank you to all the students who supported their house.

	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

YEAR 7 will have the pleasure of the Orange Tree Theatre coming in to perform Twelfth Night on Tuesday 24 November. Students will be asked to contribute £2.00 and a letter will be sent out w/b 2 November

Ms. Wharton

Stag Records Launches

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new online school record label. Stag Records has been set up in conjunction with the Musical Futures initiative and offers our students a chance to upload and promote their music work to thousands of other school pupils from across the country. The label is open to anyone that is actively making music both in and outside of Grey Court and offers them a safe environment to publish and receive feedback on their work. Please see attached flyer.

Stag records can be found at:
www.numu.org.uk/stagrecords

Students can join the label at:
www.numu.org.uk/join/stagrecords

For further details please see Mr Robinson in Music.



Other News

Jack Petchey Award

We will shortly be looking for nominations for autumn term 2009 winners. Students and staff make these nominations and then our Collegium (School Council) vote on the most worthy winners. Winners get a badge, certificate and £200 to use for a charitable cause. The Jack Petchey Award is to recognise achievements both inside and outside of school such as fundraising for charity, supporting others, excellence in sport or music etc and any other non-academic achievement. An example of a Jack Petchey Award winner from last year is Solomon Rees-Jones. He not only climbed Ben Nevis but also did a 20 mile sponsored walk, raising a considerable amount of money for charity. It is this type of commendable activity that we wish to recognise. Sometimes however we are not aware of what students do outside of school. Please let me know of any achievements that your child has that we may not be aware of.

Gary Bashford - Deputy Headteacher

Safety in Cyberspace

Can you create a one minute multi-media message about staying safe in cyberspace?

... Win a 32GBiPod Touch .. 8GBiPodShuffle .. HMV Voucher

As part of anti-bullying week, the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames is running the above competition.

For further information go to www.antibullying.richmond.lgfl.net or see Ms Price.

The closing date for entries is 27th November 2009

FREE FIREWORK DISPLAY - 5th November

The young people of Ham Youth Centre are holding a fireworks display on Ham Green on November 5th. A group of young people have fundraised and organised the whole event. They wanted to do something for the whole community, of all ages and also to remember the fifth anniversary of the tragic death of Cally Simpson, a young woman from Ham.

This will be an organised, professional fireworks display starting at 7pm. The fireworks will last about 15 minutes then there will be music and food in the youth centre afterwards. We hope all sections of the Ham community will join us and young people from other youth clubs are also invited.

Ben Skelton

Area Youth Work Lead - Ham and Petersham

Ham Youth Club, Ham Close, TW10 7PL

Tel/Fax: 020 8288 0916

Mobile: 07903 349719

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/youth_ham_petersham

Extended Schools Activities

Film Club.

A new and exciting film club begins after the half term holidays. Students in KS3 and KS4 will be able to watch, debate and review films of their choice. The clubs will run on a Tuesday (KS3) and Thursday (KS4) after school with screenings being shown in the Ingenium.

More information will be provided in assemblies and during registration periods after the half term break.
Cost: Free

Kickz:

After a long absence Richmond Kickz in association with Brentford FC will be delivering football and multi skills sessions here at Grey court. The sessions are open to all students between the age of 12- 16. Boys and girls are both welcome.

When: Mondays (beginning 16th November)

Where: Sports Hall

Time: 5 - 6pm

Cost: Free

Play Rangers:

Will be delivering sessions during the half term holiday on Ham Green and several other locations across the borough.

For more information please see the attached flyer

When: Half term

Where: Ham Green

Time; 3.30 - 5.30

Cost: Free

If parents/carers would like to volunteer to run or support any after school clubs please contact: apatterson@greycourt.org.uk

Abraham Patterson

Extended Schools Coordinator

Grey Court School

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Are you:

- An aspiring young musician?
- Creating music outside of school?

What is Stag Records?

- An online record label specially designed for Grey Court School
- A safe and friendly online environment to publish your music
- Receive constructive feedback from other schools across the country

Sign up Today

www.numu.org.uk/join/stagrecords

For more details please see Mr Robinson

**Come
out
and play
with..**

**PLAY
RANGERS**

Join in with our team of experienced play rangers and take part in freely chosen play and exciting adventures, in a park near you in all weathers, all year round.

Our aim is to enable all children to make the most of their local outdoor spaces and parks for play, fun and games and socialising with friends.

Important information: Play ranger sessions are 'open access', which means children are allowed to come and go and join in as they wish. No pre-booking or registration is needed, however children will be expected to know their home contact details

at each session in case of emergency. This is not a childcare service, so parents should be contactable if needed. However parents and carers are very welcome to stay if they would like to.

Age group: 8 to 14 year olds **Cost:** FREE

Weather and what to bring: Play will continue whatever the weather, so come prepared for all possibilities - clothing and footwear may get messy and dirty. Bring plenty to drink and a light snack.

Valuables: Phones, keys, bikes and other personal belongings are the child's responsibility at all times. Staff cannot supervise their safe keeping or use.

Children with disabilities or learning difficulties and special needs are encouraged to join in, to discuss your child's needs or any other enquiries please get in touch with Claire Chapman on 07951 485130

Look out... for sessions taking place at: **Castelnau Recreation Ground, Sandy Lane Recreation Ground, Crane Park, Kneller Gardens and Hampton Common.**

