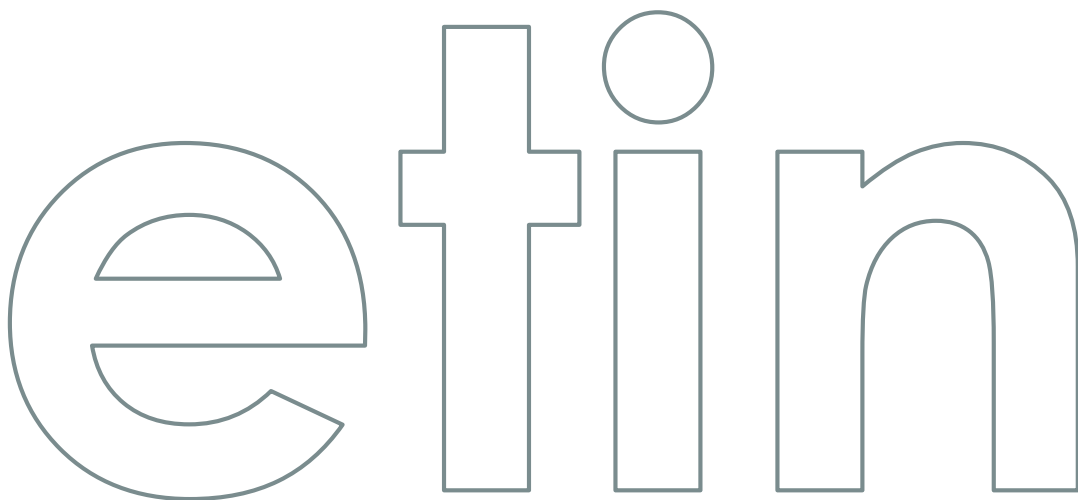




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Cover photo: U14 boys athletics team, taken at Lee Valley

#KeepInTouch

24-25 Term Dates

School Events

Sports TT

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Weekly Menus



Grey Court JustGiving QR Code

The Uniform Shop

Thursdays 3:15-4pm

**Contact:
sniss@greycourt.org.uk**

Congratulations

Congratulations to our U14 boys indoor athletics team who were crowned Lee Valley Champions on Wednesday. Sixty-one schools entered the competition at the group stages - so this is an unbelievable achievement.

The 4 x 200m relay team (**Joshua**, **Sergio**, **Taym** and **Grindan**) also broke a 10-year record at the competition running 1m 37.38 seconds.

Champions



<https://x.com/GreyCourtPE/status/1864413813778317549/video/2>



U14 team: J Gilbert, I McHardy, G Abrahams, S Beroldo, T Al-Rawi, S Ribeiro, A Barikor



**Grey Court
School
Xmas Concert
& Panto
2024**

Alice

In Wonderland

*Thursday 12th December
6.30pm School Hall*

**Adults £6 Children £4
Via Sco Pay**



Christmas Lunch Arrangements

Christmas lunch will be held during the last week of term at the times below:

Tuesday 17 December

Year 9: 11:35 – 12:15

Year 11: 12:25 – 13:00

Wednesday 18 December

Year 8: 11:35 – 12:15

Year 10: 12:25 – 13:00

Thursday 19 December

Year 7: 12:15 – 13:00

Break and lunch services will be available for other year groups as usual on these days

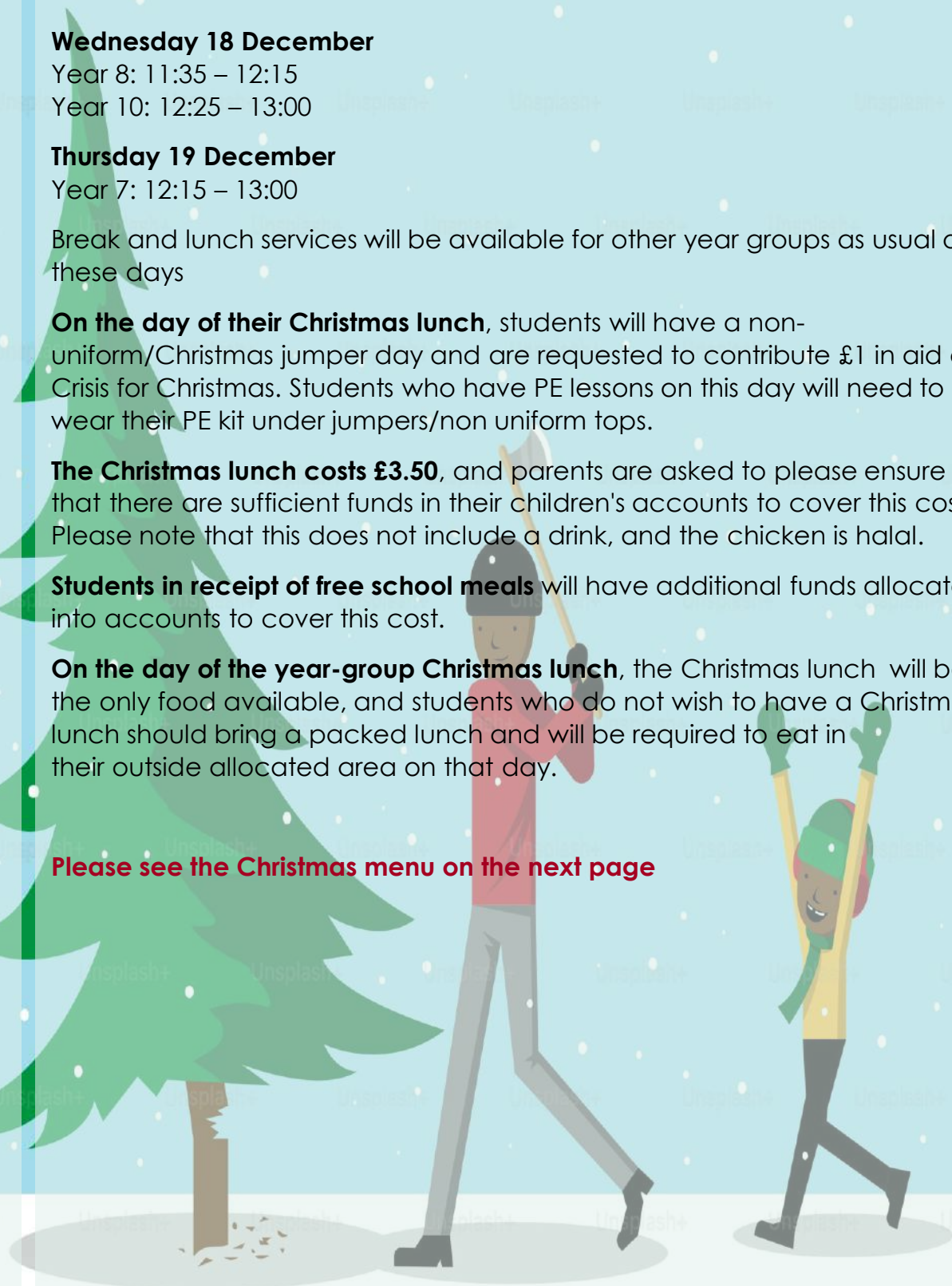
On the day of their Christmas lunch, students will have a non-uniform/Christmas jumper day and are requested to contribute £1 in aid of Crisis for Christmas. Students who have PE lessons on this day will need to wear their PE kit under jumpers/non uniform tops.

The Christmas lunch costs £3.50, and parents are asked to please ensure that there are sufficient funds in their children's accounts to cover this cost. Please note that this does not include a drink, and the chicken is halal.

Students in receipt of free school meals will have additional funds allocated into accounts to cover this cost.

On the day of the year-group Christmas lunch, the Christmas lunch will be the only food available, and students who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch should bring a packed lunch and will be required to eat in their outside allocated area on that day.

Please see the Christmas menu on the next page



Festive Menu



£3.50

Mains

Meat

Roast Chicken Thigh

Veggie

Vegetable Wellington

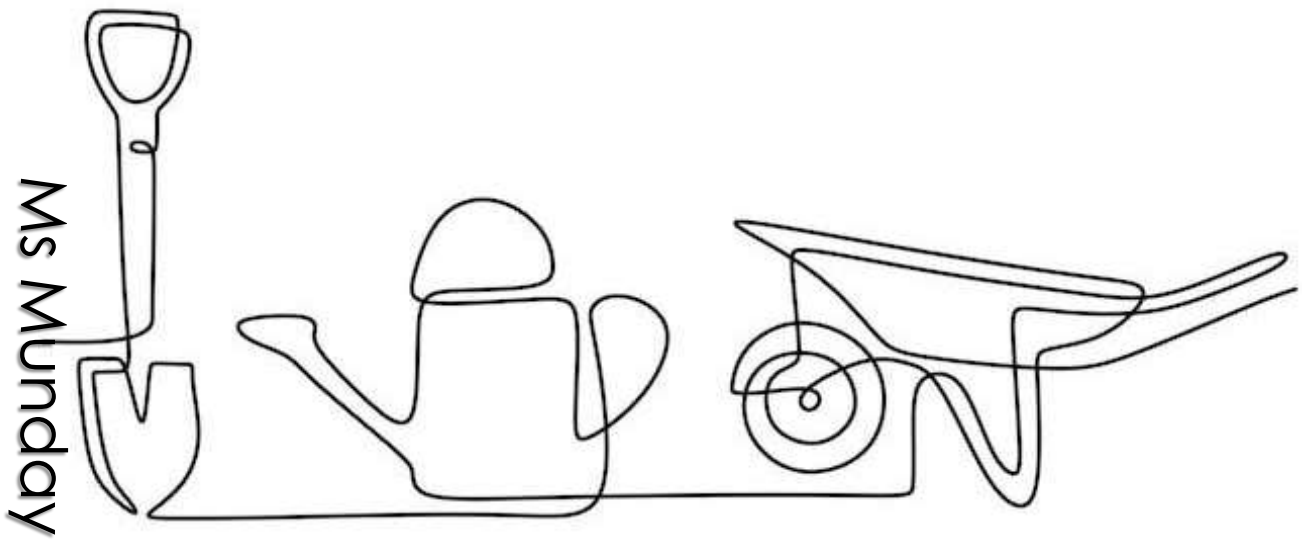
SIDES

- Pigs in Blankets • Stuffing • Roasted Potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables • Brussel Spout • Parsnips
- Gravy

Dessert

Freshly Made Christmas Cookie

THE
KITCHENEERS



Green Grafters in Action

On the morning of Saturday 30 November, the school grounds were alive with purpose as the Green Grafters, a dedicated team of volunteers from Ham United Group (HUG) set to work, giving up their time and bringing their expertise and passion to begin rejuvenating the outdoor area surrounding Newman House. Their efforts have laid the groundwork for a welcoming space that will benefit students, staff, and visitors alike. We are thrilled Green Grafters will be returning to continue developing this area. Their contribution is truly making a lasting difference for our school community!

The Green Grafters are part of HUG, a non-political community interest company that works tirelessly to enhance the environment and quality of life in Ham and Petersham. Driven by the ethos of collaboration, sustainability, and community improvement, HUG projects like this one ensure that local spaces are not only preserved but made vibrant and inviting for everyone. You can read more about their incredible work [here](#) and specifically about the Green Grafters [here](#).

The Green Grafters commitment to improving local spaces, have also recently worked their magic on the school allotment, clearing overgrowth and bringing in more light for crops to thrive. With the support of HUG volunteers, the allotment and garden spaces are developing as key areas for students to engage with nature, sustainability, and hands-on learning during Tuesday lunchtime allotment club.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share that this project is part of Grey Court's journey in enhancing our outdoor spaces. Keep an eye out in the coming months as we continue to "green up" Grey Court. We look forward to sharing more updates and further revealing these inspiring areas.















KS3+4
News

Year 7

I am sure the students have enjoyed the novelty of a four day week this week and have their sights set on the upcoming Christmas holidays. There is still plenty to do and learn before we get to the festive break, though. Preparations for the panto are in their final stages and the junior choir have been working very hard ready for their upcoming performances.

A reminder that as the weather turns cold, non-Grey Court jumpers and hoodies should not be brought into school and we have seen a rise in the amount of sweets, fizzy drinks and unfortunately, chewing gum in school too. Our brand-new netball courts are already being affected by chewing gum that is being discarded outside during break and lunchtime. Please instruct students to not bring any into school.

Each form group has also selected representatives for the student collegium, who meet with Mrs Mercer to discuss matters of well-being and other issues that concern them. This is an important aspect of student voice and gives our student body an opportunity to discuss matters which concern them, so well done to those that were selected.

Mr Ridley

Y7

Year 8

Good luck to 8 Ash, who will be kicking off the Year 8 Enterprise Challenge for Gradu8 next week. Who will rise to the top and achieve the greatest profit margins? We can't wait to find out!

This week's assembly, led by Ms. Marsh and Ms. Parr, focuses on '*Making Sport Everyone's Game*', promoting one of Grey Court's core values- inclusivity.

As the panto draws near, I'd like to give a big shout-out to all the students who are dedicating their time and energy to making *Alice in Wonderland* the most spectacular performance we've ever seen. A special thanks goes to our amazing tech team for their support behind the scenes!

Finally, a huge congratulations to the following students who have soared past the **100 Achievement Points** benchmark:

Mariella P
Alex P
Freya K
Jenson S
Emilia M D
Liam B



Ms Saccheri

Year 9

Year 9 have had an excellent week as we head into the final stretch of the term. Many have been preparing for the panto next week - Alice in Wonderland - which we are all looking forward to seeing! The backstage crew in particular have been working extremely hard and it promises to be a fantastic show.

Miss Marsh led assembly this week on the important topic of LGBTQ+ in sports and how all sports can be inclusive. She showed off her rainbow laces to support LGBTQ+ representation - if anyone would like to purchase then please let the PE department know.

Finally, well done to our front runners for achievement points Aidan E and Zak N with 155 and 112 points respectively -leading the crowd is still Spencer H who now has a huge 239 achievement points!

Well done all for a great week.

Ms Sutcliffe



Year 10

A big thank you to all parents who took the time to see their Year 10 students tutors - feedback from the day has been very positive! The year 10s, as a whole, are working very hard this term and I believe this is starting to show within their reports and achievement points/comments from teachers - really impressive so far!

As we edge closer to Christmas please help to ensure that all students have the right equipment and uniform - the holidays can be a really good time to stock up!

As winter has settled in, there has obviously been a rise in absence/illness. Please remind students that the content they are missing in lessons is GCSE content and does definitely need to be caught up with at some point to ensure they are not missing anything essential. Please also continue to encourage students to be resilient to come into school if feeling a little under the weather where possible - when students are in school, they are learning. With a total of 1054 positive conduct points so far this term, we look forward to celebrating the students successes in celebration assembly soon!

Ms Woods

Y10

Year 11

The Year 11s have been working really hard over the last 2 weeks. Exam attendance has been amazing and we only have a few mop ups to complete next Monday. If a student has missed an exam, they must refer to their google classroom, where I have posted a spreadsheet with all the relevant information (roomings, times etc).

As we approach the end of the term, I would like the cohort to be really focused to get the most from their lessons. A band are currently dominating the leader board with conduct points (with Elm flying with close to 1000!). Students in B band need to be asking for those achievement points, at the end of every lesson, especially with the celebration assembly approaching!

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, uniform standards must remain high across the year group. I would like the cohort to be leading by example and setting good standards for the younger years. With this being said, please use the Christmas break to check your child's uniform.

Finally, thank you to all parents who attended Academic Tutoring Day. If you did not attend, please arrange a time to catch up with the tutor to discuss the report. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Mr Khan

Y11

Stars



of the week

Year Group	Name	Subject	Reason
7R	Nina Alijevic	Science	Excellent engagement in class
8A	David Grecu	Science	Excellent contributions
9W	Yahye Sharif	Science	Excellent engagement in class
10W	George Robinson	Biology	Excellent contributions
11B	Alkinoos Andraos-Doukas	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
12C	Libby Knowles	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
13F	Carlo Tillman	Biology	Excellent progress in the subject
10W	Esther Mudunkotuwe	Chemistry	Excellent classwork
11A	Laura Wise	Chemistry	Excellent classwork
12A	Joseph Belfield	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
13C	Noah Tang	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
10O	Harrison Kewley	Physics	Excellent progress in the subject
11M	Sophia Trybuszewski	Physics	Excellent engagement in class
12D	Avani Riat	Physics	Excellent engagement in class
13D	Jamie Ellis	Physics	Excellent engagement in class

Science

A person is standing in the center of the frame, partially obscured by a thick, billowing cloud of bright red smoke. The person is wearing dark pants and light-colored sneakers. To the left, a wall is covered in graffiti, including the word 'VEK' in blue. The background is dark and industrial, with some structural elements visible. The overall atmosphere is one of protest or civil unrest.

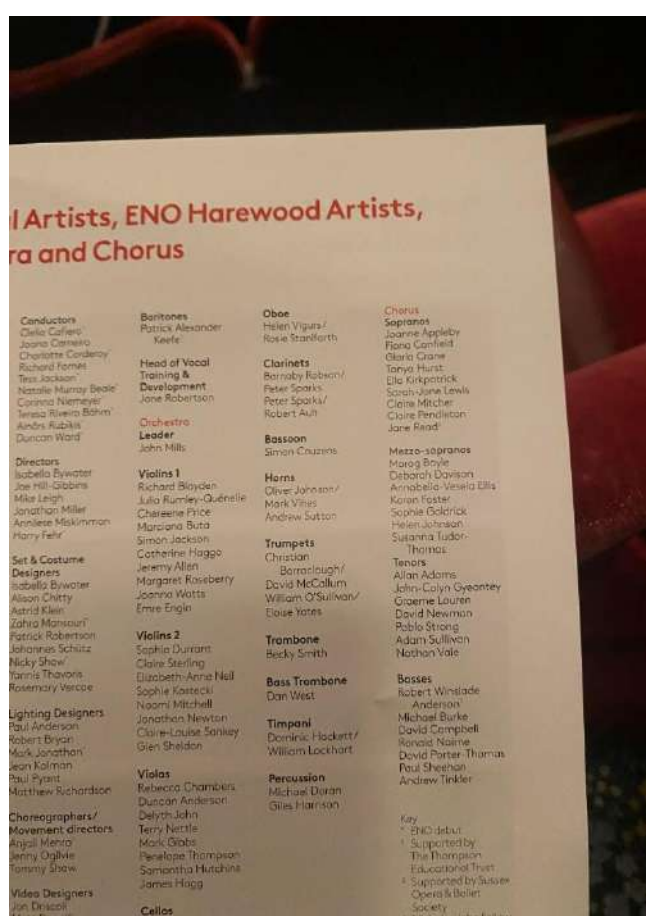
VPA

News

On Monday, I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to go to English National Opera to see our very own Miss Yates performing as part of the orchestra for the opening night of *The Pirates of Penzance*. I know this opera very well from my previous career in opera, but this was the first time I've seen someone I know play in the orchestra! Congratulations, Miss Yates for your fantastic Cornet playing - I look forward to hearing you play again in the future!

- Miss Cowper

A star in VPA...



VPA Scholars are Revolting!

On Wednesday afternoon, the VPA Scholars attended the matinee performance of *Matilda the Musical*. Check back next week to see their reviews!

- Miss Cowper





VPA SCHOLARSHIP

VPA Scholars of the Month - December

At the start of the year, the VPA Scholars were set a variety of challenges, ranging from completing graded exams on musical instruments to performing in shows outside of school. We will be celebrating the success of different students each month.



**Miss Cowper's
Scholar of the
Month**

Sophie Walsh - Music / Dance

Sophie is constantly working hard in the musical life of VPA, from playing in the string ensemble to singing in both Junior Choir and Grey Court Voices. She particularly stood out to Miss Cowper for her beautiful performance of *Unstoppable* in the VPA Scholarship showcase. Well done, Sophie!

Noora Sannie - Drama / Dance

Noora worked extremely hard on the Tyger display for the VPA Scholarship and played a key role in making the 3D sculpture. She gave up lots of her own time to do this and really impressed Ms Brown-Duthie with her attitude and enthusiasm during this project. Well done, Noora!



**Ms
Brown-Duthie's
Scholar of the
Month**



VPA Scholars of the Month - December



**Mr Allchurch's
Scholar of the
Month**

Wai Sze Shum - Art / Music

Wai Sze is a talented musician who works hard at everything she does. Recently she has impressed Mr Allchurch with her responsibility, professionalism and attention to detail during the VPA Scholarship Showcase, where she worked diligently to pack down after the performance to ensure all the equipment was stored safely. Well done, Wai Sze!

Emilie Alexandre - Dance / Drama

Emilie excelled in the VPA Scholarship Showcase, performing as both a dancer and an actor. She particularly impressed Ms Johnson with her ability to listen to and act on feedback during rehearsals and was extremely focused and professional throughout the entire process. Well done, Emilie!



**Ms Johnson's
Scholar of the
Month**

This week in **Art**

Ms Razvayand-Atwi



Year 10 Art

Last Friday, as part of their initial GCSE coursework project - entitled "JAPAN", our year 10 Artists set up and carried out a photoshoot of their recently made felt food sculptures.

This was inspired by the work of contemporary installation artist, Lucy Sparrow and the "Looks Delicious" exhibition of replica food models at Japan House in Kensington. The students used felt, thread, teddy-bear stuffing and beads to create life-sized sculptures of Japanese food items which they, themselves, had photographed as part of a previous homework task.

Once completed, the students worked together brilliantly to stage the work with studio lights in an eye-catching display and conducted a group photoshoot to present in their books.

Despite the short amount of time allowed for this task, I was so impressed with the quality of the work produced and the teamwork that took place, as all students shared the goal to make the individual sculptures, the group display and the photos the best they could possibly be.

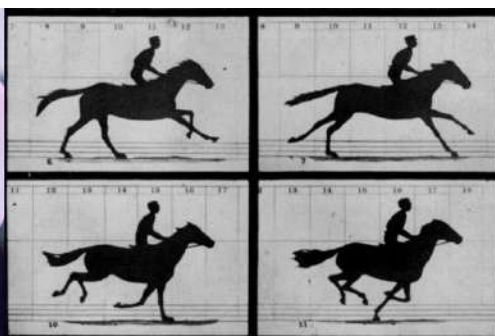








Grey Court School Seasonal Cards to buy
 Designed by Year 7 VPA scholars from Grey Court School.
 £3 per pack of 4 designs and £5 for two packs. Envelopes included.



**Grey Court School Spring 2025
 Photography for Y7-10 (& DofE)
 Thursday 3.10 - 4.10pm**

**Muybridge - Film Making - Teddington Lock
 Collage - Stop Motion- Portraits -
 Phoneography & Ghosts**

**9 Weeks from Thursday January 16th
 Course Fee £90 includes Canon Dslr cameras**

Please email clickschools@gmail.com
 to book your place. More details
www.clickphotographyworkshops.com



Grey Court is keen to ensure this opportunity is open
 to all students. Should you wish for your child to
 take part but may need financial assistance, please
 contact Ms Price by email vprice@greycourt.org.uk

Click Photography Workshops is run by award-winning
 photographer Philip Hollis & Sheridan Morley,
 former Nikon UK Fashion Photographer of the Year



DRAWING MATTERS



'Drawing Matters' is run by experienced practicing artists, Stuart Simler and Tahira Mandarino, who bring with them a broad range of skills from Fine Art and Ceramic backgrounds at BA, MFA (Hons)
This course is for all pupils who have an interest in Art and especially drawing, which is an important part of childrens creative development. We encourage freedom of expression alongside learning new techniques and skills.

Dates & Times: 2025

13th Jan -24th March: Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm

Cost: £104.00 - 9 weeks

No class: 17th or 24th Feb

Year Groups: 7-10

Grey Court

How to apply:

If you would like to book a place for your child on these classes please email: Stuart: stuartsimler@mac.com

Payment terms BACS: Company name: Raw Ground Arts Limited
Sort: 40-26-12 Account: 32189860

Cheques made payable to: Raw Ground Arts Limited and sent to:
56 Cedar Avenue | Twickenham | TW2 7HE

We look forward to welcoming your young artist onto the course.

Stuart & Tahira



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www.rawgroundarts.com
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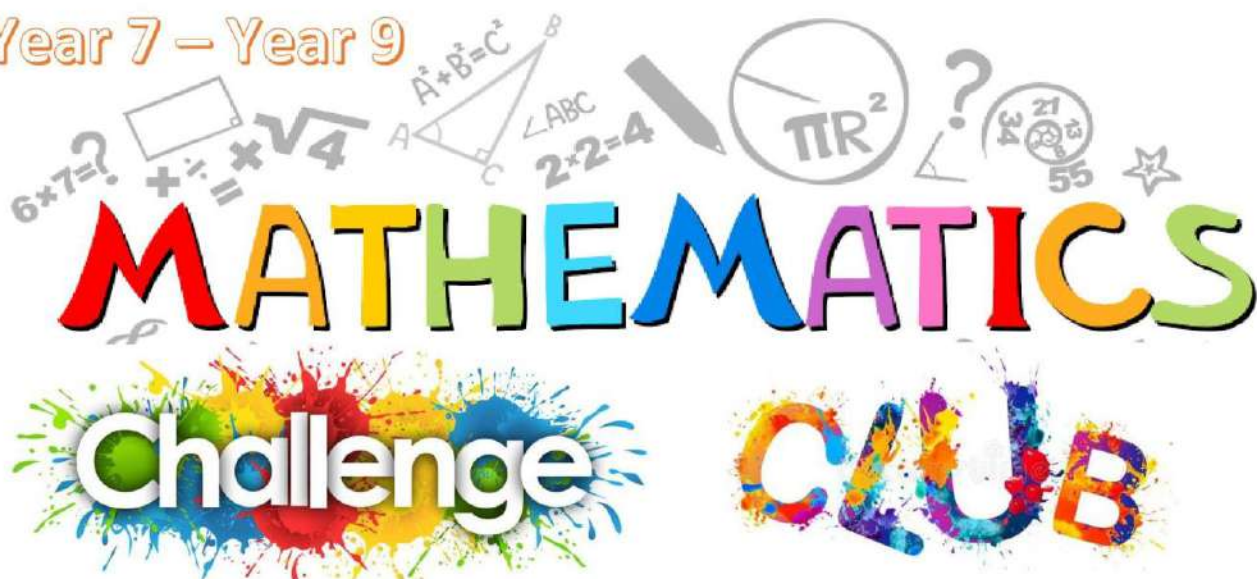
*For terms and conditions please visit: <https://www.rawgroundarts.com/drawing-matters>



clubs

Extracurricular
timetable

Year 7 – Year 9

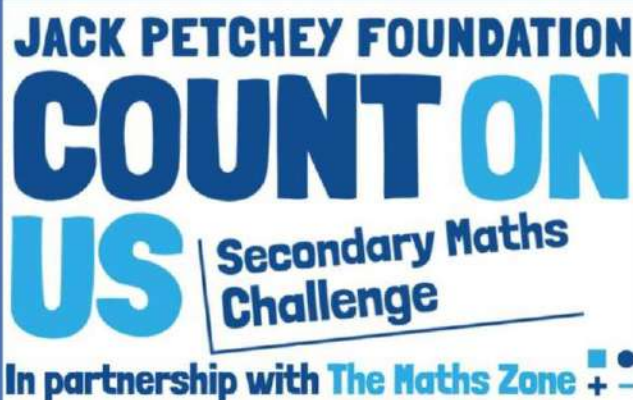


3 – 4 Every Wednesday in M5

- Opportunity to experience Maths in a different environment!
- Work in a team to solve puzzles, riddles and challenging problems!
- Opportunity to represent Grey Court in National Competitions!
- Refreshments provided!
- Please speak to Mr Lunniss or Mr Edmonds for more information.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust





Grey Court Friends and Founders Evening 2024

Mr Clements

What unites someone who has made a documentary film for the Discovery channel in New Zealand, an O.B.E awardee who has helped broker a peace deal in Liberia, a spin doctor who has orchestrated Robert Jenrick's conservative leadership campaign and a google programmer who is in charge of the company's staff social calendar? Well, all of the individuals made the time to attend Grey Court Sixth form's annual "Friends and Founders" event last Thursday.

Now in its ninth year this ode to the power of the social network linked 180 Year 12 students (looking splendid in their "city" attire and clutching freshly minted copies of their curriculum vitae) with 46 "friends and founders" for five fifteen minute insight sessions punctuated by the Alpine ring of a Swiss cowbell!

Adeptly curated by Ms Bernie Corrighan - the beating heart of our thriving careers network - our guests regaled eager sixth formers with anecdotes about how they had found success and distilled advice about job applications, unique selling points and perfect interview techniques. They were also encouraged to explain their own epic failures in the job market so our students could learn from their career mistakes!

The careers tentacles of Ms Corrighan reach far and wide for us to run such a successful event now that the sixth form has tripled in size from its humble beginnings. Parents are invited to attend through carefully crafted prose in the ebulletin, staff are encouraged to bring partners, lovers, mistresses, in-laws and friends and Grey Court alumni are contacted via Ms Corrighan's "red contacts" book.





In fact such is the value of this careers ark of the covenant that Grey Court's dapper human resources manager, Mr Aatif Shuja has even insured this prized artefact through none other than Lloyds of London! Ms Corrighan herself has even revealed that a handsome German spy was once charged with seducing her (she politely declined) such is the tome's value to various nefarious governments!

A new innovation this year has also been exploited via Ms Corrighan's membership of several niche social networks such as the "Transport for London's STEM society" which magically conjured up Edmond Mulligan. Attired in a flashing badge in the signature purple of both the Sixth form and the Elizabeth line, he illuminated students on secrets of engineering and cyber security.

The event couldn't run without attendees being so generous with their time and wisdom and without the emotional investment of members of staff. In particular, thank you to Mr Jacob and Mr Lunniss who promoted the noble teaching profession in such a charming and equitable way. Meanwhile, Ms McNichol, Ms Moore, Ms Duncan, Ms Howell and Ms Weston were their usual positive and proactive selves. Finally, many thanks to the sixth formers who represented the school in such an ambassadorial light - I will leave you with some soundbites from - in Ms Moore's words - "a really jolly night."

Sixth Former Aimee Howkins - "one of the most inspiring things I was reassured about during the friends and founders event was the idea that it is okay to not know what career path you want to follow at this stage in life, and that a change of job, career, and lifestyle is always an option in the future!"



Sixth Form alumni, Izzi Brooks - "I wanted to come back because I felt so happy when I was at Sixth Form here - Mr Hurley was such a kind form tutor...(and) "When choosing my career path I thought what am I good at? Empathy and people. That's why I have chosen education and mental health as a career pathway."

Martin Ashford (long term Grey Court alumni and regular Grey Court careers supporter). I recommend hot-desking in Teddington - there's a great co-working space by Teddington loch - we play table tennis every lunchtime!"

Hollie Bolithio - Grey Court alumni and political influencer - "See you next year: I'll bring a well known M.P with me next time!"

Richard Broome - (Parent and New Malden goals midfield maestro) "It's fine to be shy...(and) if you are unsure of a particular career choose a degree that will open doors into a wide range of jobs."

Leah Howell (Staff member) "My oldest friend has come along - we were at kindergarten together!"

Sixth Former Mia Kirkwood - "I left on a high, with feelings of promise and ambition for my future."





Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Enrolment

Thanks to all who have already signed up. The final day for enrolment fees to be paid will be Friday 13 December.

Please contact Ms Casey if this is not already available on your ScoPay account for payment. Thanks to ActivAdventure our expedition providers for their recent presentation to students and parents.

Please see a [link](#) to their presentation. If you have any questions regarding the expeditions, please contact ActivAdventure directly.

Grey Court will supervise and approve the remaining Volunteering, Physical and Skills activities evidence as and when it is uploaded to the DofE website/app.

GOLD		<i>Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</i>
Volunteering	12 months	
Physical	one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months	
Skills		
Expedition 4 days 3 nights		
Residential 5 days 4 nights		



Wellbeing



This week

There was no PDW due to Y11 and Y13 exams

Next week

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Year 7 | What does it mean to be British and what are British Values? |
| Year 8 | Who is to blame for an 'epidemic of negative body image' in the UK? |
| Year 9 | Who pays for schools and hospitals? |
| Year 10 | What is the 'dark world of Incels'? |
| Year 11 | What are the principles of a healthy sexual experience? |

AfC

'Helping teens with...' series

Achieving for Children's mental health support teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of secondary-aged children and young people. The 'Helping teens with...' series of webinars covers a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers with these difficulties. In the third and fourth columns of the table, you will find the sign-up links.

Support for Parents 'Helping teens' series

Links for help and support

[Autism Services and Support](#)

[YoungMinds Parent Helpline](#)

[Looking after your child's mental health](#)



Sixth Form
News

Year 12 Mocks

The year 12 mock exams will run from 13-17 January which is the first week back. These will be sat in lesson time and they will be managed by classroom teachers. The only exception will be the Pure Maths paper which will be sat by all Maths students in enrichment.

Please find the Year 12 Trial exam information booklet which will also be sent out on email to parents and students

[Jan 2025 Year 12 Trial exam info booklet](#)

BTEC External Exams

There will be the following BTEC exam occurring around this period as well:

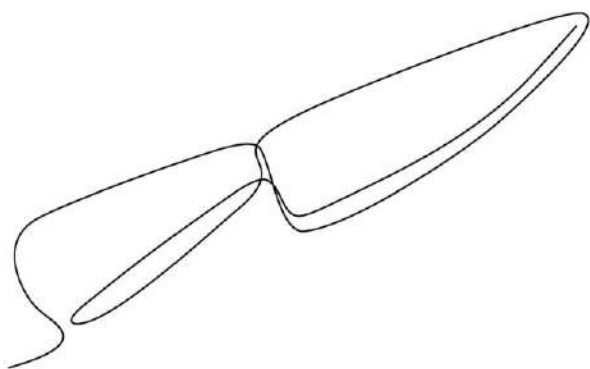
Sport	12	Unit 1	Anatomy and Physiology	8.45	10.01.25	1 hour 30
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Health & Social Care	12	Unit 1	Human Lifespan Development	13:00	10.01.25	1 hour 30
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BTEC exams students need to attend their lessons as normal during this week



Miss Duncan





Who was known for committing the Moors Murders?

☐ Myra Hindley

☐ Peter Bryant

☐ Ian Brady

Who was known as The Gay Slayer?

☐ Capitol Hill

☐ Cleveland

☐ Detroit

On Thursday, 5 December, Ms Duncan took a group of Year 12 Criminology students on an engaging and thought-provoking trip to the *Serial Killer Exhibition* at The Vaults. This immersive experience offered students an unparalleled opportunity to explore the dark and complex world of criminal psychology.

The exhibition showcased hundreds of original artefacts, including documents, drawings, and personal belongings from some of the most notorious criminals worldwide. Students were captivated by the detailed recreations of crime scenes, which brought the subject to life in a way that textbooks alone cannot. They also gained invaluable insights into the methodologies used to investigate and understand the psychological profiles of serial offenders.

A particular highlight of the trip was the opportunity to use cutting-edge Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, which allowed students to virtually enter and explore different criminal scenes.

The trip sparked lively discussions among the students about the criminal mind, and why individuals commit such violent crimes—a topic they will delve deeper into in Unit 2 of their Criminology course starting in January.

The students represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating curiosity, engagement, and maturity throughout the experience. This trip has undoubtedly sparked further interest in criminological studies and provided students with a real-world context.





SERIAL KILLER
THE EXHIBITION
WORLD TOUR

GRANDMA



Enrichment **Congrats!**

Congratulations to 'The Lakers' who won the basketball competition which took place in enrichment on Wednesday 27 November!



Year 13

Well done to year 13 for all of the hard work that you have put into your mocks so far. We are incredibly proud of the mature and responsible way that you have approached them and are sure that the results will reflect your efforts.

UCAS Update

51 students have heard from all five of their university choices including:

- Helena Ferreira
- Niah Westbrook
- Emma Costeanu
- Zineb Ait Ziane
- Abishek Ponnusamypillai
- Allesandro Marino



Stars of the Week

A huge well done to the students who took part in the second round of the **Maths Challenge!** There were some incredible results in this very difficult round.

The top scoring 25% of students received a merit and it was only the top 11% that got through from the previous round.

- Doruk Alpay
- Raja Singh Khurana
- Viet Hoang Nguyen
- Bertie Budden
- James Howe
- Hamzah Malik
- Jonathan Seeds
- Aysenur Yassikaya

Miss Fincham's EPQ Update

As exams have finished for the majority of students this week, it is now a key time for getting up to date with EPQ folders. A work checklist has been posted on the EPQ Google classroom and students should be making every effort to communicate with their supervisors over the final week of term. It is their responsibility to arrange these meetings as part of their project management grades. Dates for essay drafts and feedback need to be agreed with supervisors. Redrafts of essays will need to be written in January.

Miss Fincham's Oxbridge Update

Interviews are still coming through for our current year 13. We have Five accepted for interview at the time of writing. Students will not hear about offers until the second week of January. Good luck to all of you who have interviews in the coming days. We look forward to starting the process with the new hopefuls in year 12 at the end of January. Between now and the end of January there are several things students can be doing if they want to make a competitive application:

1. Most importantly prepare thoroughly for the mocks. Results in these will be a good indicator of potential. Less than a B in anything would suggest a student will not meet the grade profile.
2. Look at study day opportunities. [Here](#) is a link for one current example
3. Work on super curricular (not extracurricular!) This means extra reading, online courses and lectures, and relevant visits to museums.

I will send out an email to gauge interest once the mocks are completed.

Careers with Miss Corrighan

Thank You!

A massive thank you to our Grey Court alumni, parents and contacts for giving up their evening to share their experiences, it really was inspiring and we look forward to working with you again soon!

It's always great to see lots of previous Grey Court students back offering advice and some of our amazing alumni who supported were: **Alessandro Antonelli** (Marketing), **Amelia Goodwin** (Branding and Market Research), **Eghosa Ewansiha-Vlachavas** (Computing), **Izzi Brooks** (Psychology), **Jasmin Glynne** (Politics), **Martin Ashford** (Graphics), **Graham Clark** (Business/Sales), **Edward Snow** (Healthcare), **Daria Ibrujl** (Finance), **Holly Bestley** (Biology), **Oli Jeffery** (Engineering), **Hollie Bolitho** (Politics) and **Sarah Gotvald** (Nursing).

Sixth Form Opportunities

Please see the **weekly opportunities bulletin**. This will help you to develop your skills, experience, and will assist you in finding out about all the latest work experience, university events, careers talks and apprenticeship vacancies:

06/12/2024 Sixth Form Careers Opportunities

Sixth Form Christmas Hamper Charity Initiative

'Giving a gift can often be more rewarding
than receiving one'

The sixth form is hosting a Christmas Hamper competition to collect non-perishable food, toys, toiletries and other items, to be gifted to people less fortunate during the Christmas season.

Sixth form tutor groups are in competition and the goal is to donate as many items/non-perishables as possible, while also decorating the hamper to the best of your ability as a form group. The winning form will be given a box of chocolates as a prize. The deadline for this is the 16 December.

All items collected will be sent to the Vineyard Project, a charity which runs a walk-in centre for the homeless in Richmond.

We urge you to donate to support people who are struggling so that everyone is able to feel the joy of Christmas. It is incredibly important to give at this time, gift giving is central to Christmas as it symbolises generosity, good will and connection. We should strive to ensure everyone experiences a joyful and blessed holiday.



SIXTH FORM CHRISTMAS HAMPER CHARITY INITIATIVE

**'GIVING A GIFT CAN OFTEN BE MORE
REWARDING THAN RECEIVING ONE'**

**DEADLINE | MONDAY
16TH | DECEMBER**

**ALL ITEMS COLLECTED WILL BE SENT TO THE
VINEYARD PROJECT, A CHARITY WHICH RUNS A
WALK-IN CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS IN
RICHMOND.**





Sports

News

Thursday 5 December: great netball tonight against @tiffingirls pe! No wins, but some fantastic performances! Photos previous page and below





Thursday 5 December: thanks [@KGS Sport](#) [@KGS Netball](#) for the fixtures - two wins for Grey Court and some great netball played!



Thursday 5 December: well done to the U14A & B netball teams who had some close games

Thursday 5 December: well done to the U18 rugby team who were Plate winners at the Middlesex Festival





Friday 29 November: excellent 4-0 victory in the ESFA Cup. Well done, boys!

Wednesday 4 December: our year 12 BTEC Sport students received a great talk from [@CFCFoundation](#) about their sport and coaching degree at St Mary's university.



Tom Barry

Boys Player of the Month

Congratulations to **Tom Barry** who has been awarded this month's Player of the Month for November. On the left, you will see Tom looking like he's just had a walk in the park but in fact, he had just run a 16:34 5km Parkrun! On the right is a photo of Tom when he was awarded Scholar of the Month back in April 2022 when the write up about Tom commented on; "...his excellent attendance to training sessions and additional running are an example to everyone, proving that 'practice makes progress'." This is certainly still true for Tom and his consistency over recent years is admirable. Tom trains 5 times a week typically running 45-50km, consisting of 3 easy runs, 2 at 6-8 km, and a 14 km long run, as well as a track session at St. Mary's usually around 8-9 km mark. He also does a tempo session once a week which is not for the faint hearted! Tom will continue to increase his mileage in the coming weeks so that he is in peak condition for some big Cross Country races coming up. Tom's training is paying off - he finished 5th in the ESAA Regional Final (4.5KXC) to qualify for the Nationals in a time of 14:57, as well as running 2:07 in the 800m at the Lee Valley Indoor Final. To top it all off, Tom went on to be crowned Borough XC Champion following last week's race in Bushy Park! Well done Tom, keep up the excellent work! Please see below for Tom's impressive personal bests over a range of distances:

800m - 2:07.29 1500m - 4:22.75 3000m - 9:36.03 5km - 16:34



Millie Morgan

Girls Player of the Month

Millie Morgan competes in numerous sports in and out of school and this month we recognise her achievements in swimming, trampolining and cross country.

As previously reported in the eBulletin, at the Harts Swimming Gala finished first in her age group for 1500m – time 20.55 and 800m – time 10.51, a brilliant achievement for her first long distance swim competition! She has also been selected for the Swim England Middlesex Development Programme and has qualified for the Welsh Winter National Championships which take place on 5 to 8 December.

In trampolining, Millie got a Bronze and Silver at the London Regional Qualifier for Trampoline and the Double Mini Trampoline. Another fantastic achievement for Millie!

Millie has also been a key member of the school Cross Country team, competing in the Winning Year 8 Knole Run team and Borough team this month. Millie has shown great determination and drive when it comes to her running. We are looking forward to the athletics season in the summer.



Troy Lee

Boys Scholar of the Month

Troy Lee has had an exceptional month, excelling both on the sports field and in the classroom. Representing the school in both football and rugby, Troy's dedication and athletic talent have been clear to see. His rugby performances have been particularly impressive, with a highlight being his phenomenal four tries in one match against St. Paul's. His determination, skill, and ability to lead by example make him a vital member of the rugby squad.

In addition to his sporting success, Troy has shown an outstanding attitude in his scholarship lessons. His focus, commitment, and positive approach make him a standout student. He consistently puts in maximum effort, actively engages in lessons, and is always willing to help and encourage his peers.

Congratulations, Troy, on being named Scholar of the Month! Your hard work and achievements on and off the field have been amazing, and we can't wait to see what's next for you!



Emily Fine

Girls Scholar of the Month

It's a true privilege to recognise **Emily Fine** as our Sports Scholar of the Month.

Emily's commitment, work ethic, and pursuit of excellence both on and off the field are incredibly inspiring. This past month, she has set new standards for what it means to be a leader for her team as she has captained the Y7 football team and has played up in the Y8 squad on multiple occasions.

Her performance in every game has been exceptional - she consistently pushes the limits of her skill, proving not only her athletic ability but also her mental toughness.

She is frequently voted Most Valuable Player by her own team and her opposition alike.

Congratulations, Emily!



Year 10/11 Athletics

Boys Team of the Month



The Year 10/11 Athletics Team finished second place against a very strong field in the recent Lee Valley Indoor Cup in which they competed against some of the best schools in London. Every single team member played their part in this achievement, with notable performances from Tom Barry (800m - 2:07), Charlie Tong (200m - 23.59) and the 4x200m relay team who flew around the track in a blistering 1 minute 38 seconds. The team continue to work hard in both school and club training sessions and we look forward to following their progress as many of the team build towards their final Borough Championships in which they will hope to be crowned Champions once more wearing the Grey Court blue!

Girls Team of the Month



We are excited to honour the U14 cross country team as our team of the month, celebrating their remarkable performances and incredible teamwork this autumn.

Leonie, Millie, Lola, and Ruby showed tremendous dedication and skill, delivering an outstanding win at the Junior Knole Run.

At the Borough Cross Country Championships, Evie, Leonie, Millie, Ruby, Lola, Vesper, Josie, and Ida all put in exceptional efforts, helping Grey Court School secure a fantastic victory. Their individual achievements and collective strength were truly inspiring.

Special mentions goes to Evie for her first place finish, Ida for her impressive fourth place, Ruby for fifth, and Leonie for securing seventh place.

Blast from the Past

Grey Court is throwing it
back to the Noughties.

We are looking for dancers or gymnasts to audition
for our Gym and Dance show which will be taking
place on Tuesday 1st April.

*We would like you to pick a song from the years
2000-2010 as our theme this year is Blast from the
Past.*

Auditions will be taking place in the small gym
at 3:00pm on Monday 27th January.

Please ensure you have signed up on the [google form](#)
which was also posted on google classroom.

Please speak to Miss Parr if you have any questions.



CLICK [HERE](#) to sign up to audition

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Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club

Hampton Wick Royal CC has a thriving juniors section that caters for children aged 5 upwards.

This year we have set up a girls section and are looking to grow it. We have entered the Middlesex softball league and Surrey hardball league for girls and hosted a Surrey SMASH event at the club, with a number of clubs from across Surrey attending.

HWRCC won both the u10s and u11s events.



All ages and standards are welcome.

Training takes place on Sundays 10am-12pm, starting 12th Jan.

HWRCC have kindly waived all girls' memberships this year!

Bushy Park
off Park Road
Hampton Wick,
Kingston-upon-Thames
Surrey KT1 4AZ
<https://hwrcc.co.uk/>

For more information in joining the girls section contact James Watson
j.watson@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk



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Winter 2024
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DATES AND TIMES

4th November 16:30 - 18:00
11th November 16:30 - 18:00
18th November 16:30 - 18:00
25th November 16:30 - 18:00
2nd December 16:30 - 18:00
7th December 14:00
9th December 18:00

★ ACTIVITIES ★

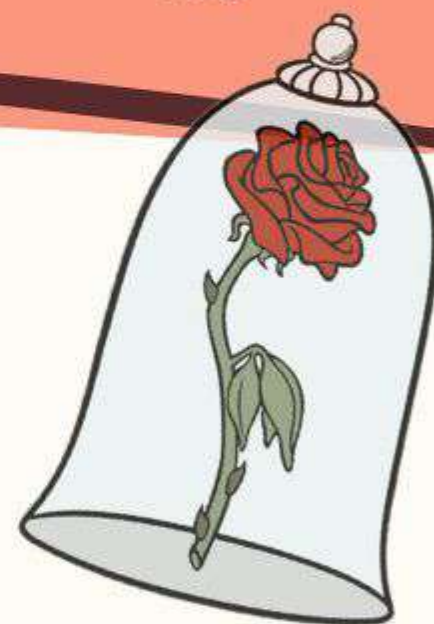
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Improvising
Performing



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In Partnership with:

Richmond Theatre Trust



Sunday 8th December 2024 at 6pm
St. Peter's Church
Church Lane, Petersham, Surrey TW10 7AB

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Selected highlights



**THE ELYSIAN SINGERS
AND PLAYERS**
Sam Laughton conductor

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Enquiries

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**FRIDAY
13 DECEMBER**



DISCOVERY DAY

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See what we're about with a free Discovery Day session. Our performing arts classes teach children and young people to build confidence and life skills, something we call Creative Courage for Life.

Age: 4 - 6 years

4.45pm - 5.45pm

Age: 6 - 18 years

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Grey Court School, Ham St,
Richmond TW10 7HN

 stagecoach.co.uk/richmond

 **0208 979 5276**

 richmond@stagecoach.co.uk

ENROL TODAY





THE GOLF GROOVE



Matchday Club

Sign up to The Golf Groove's Matchday Club and enjoy a free pint while watching the next Premier League or Champions League match. Once a member of the Matchday club, every time you watch a game at The Golf Groove you can enjoy pints for only £4.90 during the game. Sign up [here](#)

Christmas at The Golf Groove

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FESTIVE FOOD



From 1st November we're serving up our hand-crafted Christmas menu, with the perfect mixture of festive favorites, such as mini mince pies & pigs in blankets, and great finger food to enjoy while you play.



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TIS THE SEASON OF GAMES

Bored of board games? This Christmas take game time to the next level with our spectacular selection of fun & interactive simulator games. From bullseye, to scrapyard challenge, there's something for everyone of all abilities. Ensuring your night is a competitive one, that you'll be talking about until the new year.



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CHRISTMAS PACKAGES



Our Christmas packages are the best way to enjoy the festive season and to take the stress out of organising.

Our packages include a selection of festive food, drinks to get the party started and of course, time in our simulators. Packages start from as little as £60pp.



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CHRISTMAS CHILL BAR & LOUNGE

When all the competitive fun and partying gets too much, chillout in our bar & lounge and catch up with friends. Or looking for the party to continue outside the simulators? Then our stunning bar area with our party playlist is the perfect place to be.



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AUDITION CLUB

BETWEEN JANUARY - MARCH 2025

For aspiring young musicians studying at London secondary schools.

Audition Club is a free workshop with Royal Academy of Music students on audition tips and insight, when applying to a music school or a conservatoire, or studying music at university.

The session will include:

- Information on audition preparation, stage presence and confidence
- Information about our Saturday school Junior Academy and applying for / studying at the Royal Academy of Music
- The opportunity for one student to gain feedback on their audition piece.
- An open Q & A with Academy students around personal experiences of auditions and managing nerves.

Previous participants of Audition Club have often gone onto our other free programmes which include Jazz Club, Composers Club, and Percussion Club.

A code will be offered to all those who participate in Audition Club to be able to audition for Junior Academy for free (Discount of £40) and get expert feedback on their audition.

The session is intended to take place within your school setting and is best suited for 12- to 18-year-old who have a strong interest in studying music. The session is approximately 1 hour, with flexible dates across the spring and summer terms. Please bear in mind that the deadline for applying to Junior Academy is 1st March 2025** (for a Sept 2025 start).

Once confirmed we can organise a date for the session to take place and give you more information about the workshop.

If you have any questions or would like more information and to book a place, please email participation@ram.ac.uk

Further Notes

*We are happy to work around the school day, and find a time and date that works for you

**There is potential for a later admissions cycle for those who are ex-participants of Audition Club, ask us for more information.

SPRING COMPOSERS' CLUB 2025

For aspiring young composers studying at London secondary schools.

Session 1: Sunday 19th January, 11am-5pm

Session 2: Sunday 16th February, 11am-5pm

Course to include:

- Two intensive day long sessions at the Royal Academy of Music for 12 young composers.
- A series of engaging composition tasks, led by Royal Academy of Music teaching staff and research students.
- The chance to collaborate with leading Academy instrumentalists, who will perform and record the new pieces written during the course.
- Learn more about writing for instruments through demonstrations and interaction with performers.
- An open Q & A session offering information on studying composition at degree level and career options for professional musicians.

For further information and to book please contact us on participation@ram.ac.uk

Participants will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis as recommended by their teachers or local music authority.

Application deadline: Tuesday 3rd December 2024

We recommend that participants are between 14-18 years old (i.e. currently studying GCSEs or A-Levels) and are working at grade 5 level or above (or have an equivalent understanding of staff notation).

The Royal Academy of Music's Widening Participation team are working to increase inclusivity across the conservatoire sector and are keen to hear from ethnically diverse applicants.

SPRING JAZZ CLUB 2025

A free opportunity for aspiring young Jazz Musicians 14–17-year-olds.

Dates: Saturdays February 8th 15th 22nd, 2pm-5pm

Location: St Marks Church and Royal Academy of Music

Course to include:

- Working with leading musicians from the London jazz scene and Junior Jazz tutors Matt Anderson and Gareth Lockrane
- Developing skills in small-group improvisation, including playing by ear, interpreting written music/lead sheets, and developing rhythmic, harmonic, and melodic language.
- Meeting like-minded young musicians from across London and beyond.
- Exploring a broad range of repertoire from across the jazz tradition, with a wide stylistic remit.
- Learn about how to take musical interests further, with advice on auditioning for programmes like the Academy's Junior Jazz

For further information and to book please contact participation@ram.ac.uk with the instrument that you play and previous music experience.

Application deadline 3rd December 2025

We recommend that participants are currently working at ABRSM / Trinity Guildhall at Grade 5 level or above.

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GRADE 6 THEORY CLUB

Seven sessions focused on developing understanding and confidence in preparation for the Grade 6 Music Theory exam, led by Junior Academy General Musicianship teacher, and leader of the "Springboard to Grade 5 Theory" Summer programme, Poppy Beddoe.

Session Dates: February 23rd at the Royal Academy, February 26th (online), 5th March (online), 12th March (online), 19th March (online) 26th March (online) and 30th March at the Royal Academy

Sessions to include:

Small group sessions with a skilled musicianship teacher from the Royal Academy of Music's Junior Academy that will take place in person / online after school

The opportunity to consolidate your Music Theory skills and receive individual feedback on your progress.

Support in working towards Grade 6 Theory exams, preparing for GCSE/A-Level exams and/or developing core skills to support composition.

Requirements:

Participants must be between **12- 17 years old** and working at **ABRSM Grade 4/5** in Music Theory. We are keen to encourage young people from groups that are currently under-represented in classical music, particularly those who are ethnically and culturally diverse.

The sessions will take place online and in person at **Royal Academy of Music, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5HT**. The session is free of charge and travel costs can be reimbursed (receipts will be required).

To express your interest or for more information, please contact the Participation Team on participation@ram.ac.uk. Places are limited so please apply early.

Application deadline: Tuesday December 3rd

BARNES YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2025

WOODWIND MASTERCLASS

**6th
February
2025**

5-7PM

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STRINGS MASTERCLASS

**10th
February
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5-7PM

ST PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL



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BARNES YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2025

BRASS MASTERCLASS

**11th
February
2025**

5-7PM

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PIANO MASTERCLASS

**13th
February
2025**

5-7PM
HARRODIAN SCHOOL



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BARNES YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2025

ORGAN MASTERCLASS

**26th
March
2025**

AFTERNOON
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