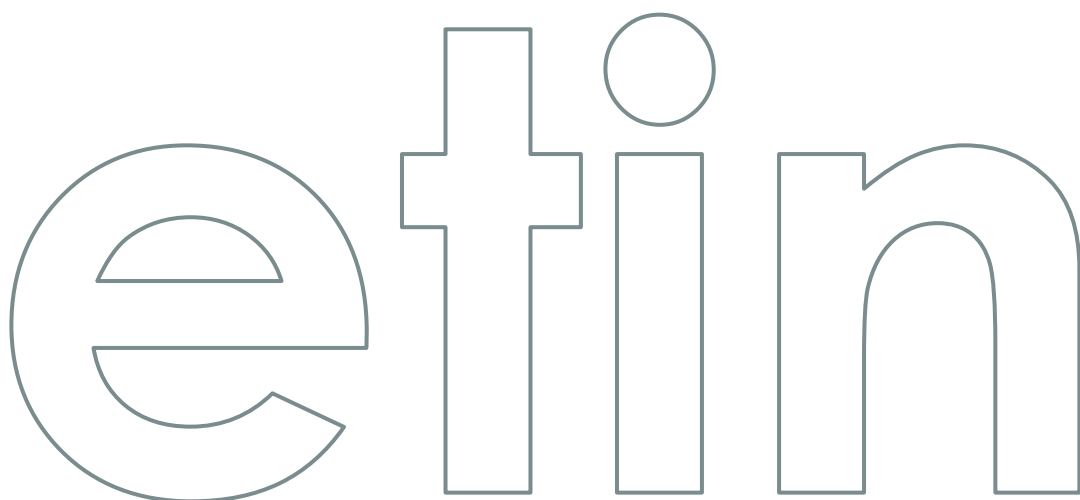




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"...a school where all pupils flourish" - Ofsted 2024



Cover photo: students preparing for the plant sale on Saturday 17 May

#KeepInTouch

24-25 Term Dates

School Events

Sports TT

Sport SOCS

Extracurricular TT

Education Fund

ScoPay

Weekly Menus



Grey Court JustGiving QR Code

The Uniform Shop

Thursdays 3:15-4pm

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

A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a dark school suit with white piping on the lapels, a white shirt, and a blue striped tie, is smiling and holding a black plastic pot containing two strawberry plants. He is wearing orange and yellow gardening gloves. In the background, a girl in a similar school uniform is working in a raised garden bed. The setting is outdoors with trees and a brick wall.

KS3+KS4 News

Herbie Hutton 7W with a strawberry plant



Grey Court Allotment Club Stall at the Ham United Group Plant Sale Saturday 17 May, 10am–12pm at Ham Library

We're delighted to announce that, for the first time, Grey Court School has been invited to host a stall at the annual Ham United Group Plant Sale, a fantastic community event filled with stalls, plants, and garden inspiration.

Ham United Group, a local volunteer-run organisation focused on sustainability and community wellbeing, is raising funds for their ongoing projects. To support the Grey Court Allotment Club they've kindly agreed that all proceeds from the Grey Court allotment stall will go directly to support our students' allotment club activities.

Tuesday lunchtime allotment club students have been busy growing a vibrant mix of fruit, herbs, and flowers, including strawberries, raspberries, mint, lovage, garlic, lavender, primroses, foxgloves, and the elegant *Sisyrinchium striatum*, a striking plant with soft yellow flowers, great for borders and wildlife gardens.

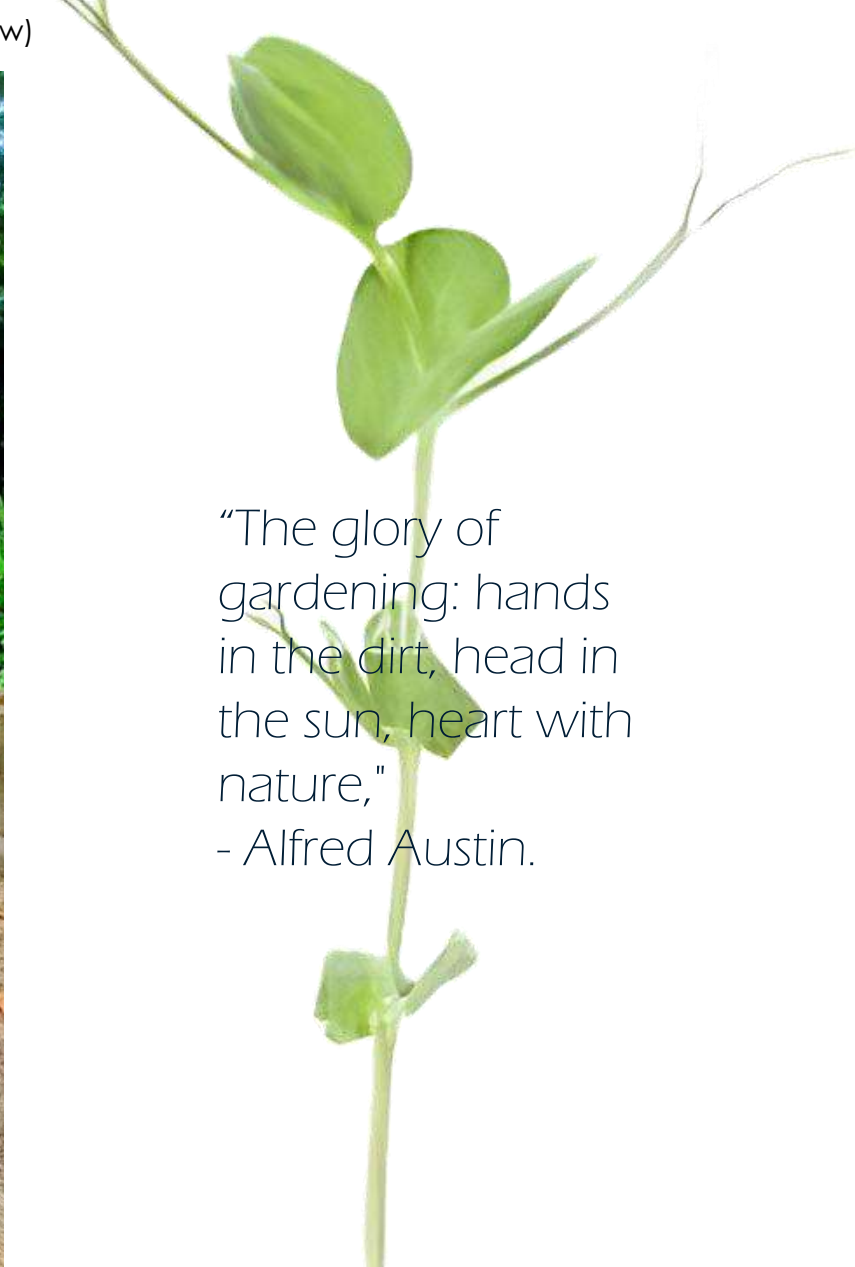


Sowing pea seedlings (above and below)



Alexander Englebrecht

"The glory of
gardening: hands
in the dirt, head in
the sun, heart with
nature,"
- Alfred Austin.



The event takes place on Saturday 17 May from 10am–12pm at Ham Library, and it's always a popular one—so we recommend arriving early to get the best pick of the plants!

The Grey Court stall is just one part of this bigger community event—for more information about the Ham United Plant Sale as a whole, see below.

PLANT SALE



Join us Saturday 17 May 2025
10am - 12 noon
Ham Library Garden
TW10 7HR

We will be accepting donations of house plants, perennials, vegetables, flowering annuals, shrubs, fruit and herb plants from 9.45am.

We are happy to collect and store donations prior to the sale day. To arrange, please email us at info@hamunitedgroup.org.uk



The proceeds of the sale will continue to help support local initiatives and projects

Email info@hamunitedgroup.org.uk or visit our website hamunitedgroup.org.uk



Come along, support our budding gardeners, and take home some beautiful, wildlife-friendly plants to brighten up your garden or windowsill.

- Sylvia Munday





Anglo-German cultural festival

Saturday 7 June 2025, 12pm-4pm

Grey Court School, Ham TW10 7HN

via Sandy Lane entrance

Grey Court School & Deutsche Schule London
celebrate the re-affirmation of the twinning of
Richmond with Konstanz.

live music, entertainment, sport, food & drink

Year 7

Mr Ridley

This week saw the conclusion of our End of year exam period and well done to everyone for how they have approached and handled these examinations. For students that have missed any exams, there is a mop up period after school on Monday and subject teachers will also be allowing time in lessons to complete any outstanding assessments.

It's great to see so many year 7 students on the list heading off to Butlins for the annual football tour this weekend, it is a weekend full of memories that I hope students cherish and an excellent opportunity to further develop the teamwork and communication that is at the heart of any good football team. I hope you can go further than my beloved Arsenal and bring home some trophies!

It is worth noting that our public examinations have started, so there are areas that are out of bounds whilst an exam is in progress. Students that have lockers near the main sports hall need to collect anything they need before the start of the day, as they won't be allowed down there once an exam is underway. It is also expected that the corridor is silent if anyone needs to attend the PE office to see a member of staff.

Year 8

Ms Saccheri

A big well done to our top achiever this week- Evie S! Congratulations on your fantastic effort and commitment.

Next week marks the final round of our Enterprise challenge, with 8 Oak taking the spotlight. We're excited to see them put their best efforts into securing the highest profit margin of the year. We're also looking forward to our Inflatables Celebration Day, a well-earned reward for all the hard work and creativity students have shown throughout the Enterprise challenge this year.

Beyond the classroom, many Year 8 students have been actively involved in a wide range of extracurricular clubs and school fixtures - well done to all who continue to take part. There's still plenty of time this term to get involved, so please check the extracurricular timetable and encourage students to try something new.

Year 9

Ms Sutcliffe

Year 9 continue to impress with their energy and effort - well done to them all for another cracking week. A special shout-out to our top trio this week: Kirill, Scarlett M and Yahye, who've racked up the most achievement points.

A huge round of applause to Dason, who wowed at the fencing championships! His dedication is exactly what we love to see.



On a more studious note - yes, it's that time already - end of year exams are creeping ever closer. We'll be supporting students every step of the way, but a little extra focus at home will go a long way.

Year 10

Ms Woods

Well done to all the Year 10 students who have sat their first GCSE in a community language - congratulations! Also a big well done to those students who have met their first coursework deadline which is today! You have all worked really hard and we hope that your efforts pay off.

Please note that revision materials and Year 10 end of year exam information will be sent out to students and parents next week.

"Preparation for tomorrow is hard work today."

– Bruce Lee.

Year 11

Mr Khan

Well done to all the students who have completed their exams this week! Everything has run smoothly, and we are proud of everyone for being present and punctual. Please continue this great effort next week.

Next week is a significant one for exams, with Maths, English, and Science papers scheduled. Below is the complete list of exams. Your child will only sit the exams they are assigned to (please refer to their individual timetables for clarification).

Week	Morning (08:45)						Date	Afternoon (13:00)					
	Exam Board	Code	Subject	Tier	Duration	No.		Exam Board	Code	Subject	Tier	Duration	No.
2	AQA	8702/1	P1 English Literature		1h 45m	233	Monday 12 May	EDEXL/GCSE	1CNO 1F	P1 Chinese Listening and understanding	F	0h 35m	2
								EDEXL/GCSE	1CNO 3F	P3 Chinese Reading and understanding	F	0h 50m	2
								EDEXL/GCSE	1CNO 1H	P1 Chinese Listening and understanding	H	0h 45m	15
								EDEXL/GCSE	1CNO 3H	P3 Chinese Reading and understanding	H	1h 05m	15
								OCR	J277/01	*P1 Computer Science		1h 30m	51
	4 Clash students to sit Computer science at 12pm then Chinese at 2.30pm												
							Tuesday 13 May	EDEXL/GCSE	1BIO 1H	P1 Biology Higher Tier	H	1h 45m	68
								EDEXL/GCSE	1SCD 1BF	P1 Combined Science: Biology Foundation Tier	F	1h 10m	43
								EDEXL/GCSE	1SCD 1BH	P1 Combined Science: Biology Higher Tier	H	1h 10m	122
	AQA	8035/1	P1 Geography		1h 30m	128	Wednesday 14 May						
	EDEXL/GCE	8PLO/01	*P1 UK Politics		1h 45m	10							
	3 clash students to sit Politics at 12pm												
	EDEXL/GCSE	1MA1 1F	Maths P1 (Non-Calculator) Foundation Tier	F	1h 30m	30	Thursday 15 May	EDEXL/GCSE	1GN0 4F	P4 Writing in German Foundation Tier	F	1h 15m	2
	EDEXL/GCSE	1MA1 1H	Maths P1 (Non-Calculator) Higher Tier	H	1h 30m	206		EDEXL/GCSE	1GN0 4H	P4 Writing in German Higher Tier	H	1h 20m	24
	EDEXL/GCSE	1HI0 11	P1 History: Medicine in Britain		1h 20m	119		Friday 16 May					

To ensure students sit their exams on time, please remind them not to bring laptops or iPads to school. They are not permitted in the exam halls, and unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store them.



Careers

with Miss Corrighan

Careers Guidance Interviews and post 16 options

As year 11 are starting their final exams the careers team's attention is switching to the year 10 students they need to begin to think about their post 16 options at the end of year 11.

We will be having a careers assembly in May to introduce options and then Kingston College will be coming in to talk to students in PDW in June. We will also be doing a range of activities during the July activities week which includes: a trip to the University of Sussex and an experience of the workplace (more information to follow).

All students are expected to continue with full time education, training or an apprenticeship until they are 18. There are a number of choices available:

- 1) Staying on in Grey Court Sixth Form to study A Levels or BTEC Level 3 courses
- 2) Choosing another School Sixth Form
- 3) Choose a Sixth Form College or Further Education College
- 4) Doing an apprenticeship with work based training

We normally advise students to apply to two of three schools/colleges. Most College applications begin in October of Year 11 (with the exception of Esher College which begins in July of Year 10).

At this stage it is worth students and parents beginning to visit different colleges and Sixth Forms. There are already some colleges running open events in the summer term. You can explore Apprenticeships via: [Student - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

College open events for year 11 and 10 students and parents/carers

The Grey Court sixth form open event usually takes place in November of year 11. You can find out more about the courses on offer via the website: [Subjects](#) applications usually open in late September and close in December of year 11.



Kingston College has their final open day of the year for 20 June 11am-1pm [Kingston College Open Event](#) Kingston will have more open events in Year 11.

PLEASE NOTE: They have two campuses, please ensure you go along to the correct campus:

Creative Industries Centre (CIC) KT2 5BP: Courses in Art & Design, 3D Design, Animation & Digital Arts, Fashion & Textiles, Games Design, Graphic Design, Media/Digital/Social and Multimedia, Music, Music Technology, Photography, Tattoo Illustration

Kingston Hall Road (KHR) KT1 2AQ: All other courses not listed under CIC above.



Another popular college is **Esher College** - their open day is Monday 30 June - they host one event a year so you can sign up now if you are in year 10: [Open Events and Tours – Esher Sixth Form College](#)



Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham) are holding a few open events in the summer term aimed at both Year 11 students who have not finished their applications or Year 10 students who are beginning to research different options.

17 June: [Open Event](#)

9 July: [Parent tour](#)



Nescot open event - Thursday 15 May 4.30-7.30pm. Register here: [Nescot Open Events](#) They have a range of courses from animal care to hair and beauty, media to construction, catering to performing arts.

Experiences of the Workplaces (formally work experience)

The Government is redefining work experience. Whereas traditionally this was a one or two week placement, they have recognised the world of work has changed and many employers can't offer this anymore. They are looking at more insight days for students to experience a range of workplaces. There will also be a range of options that include in-person or virtual/on demand opportunities and students and parents should be aware of this change.

In year 10 activities week students will be going on a workplace visit. We have confirmed companies such as Sky, Orange Tree Theatre and Kingston University STEM centre and Hopscotch Marketing so far, more info to follow.



Ms Campbell

Food
What's cooking?

Spring Fling

As the food and nutrition department has said goodbye to year 11 for the time being as they prepare for their written examinations; and their hard work in their practical studies have paid off, it is time to turn our attention back to key stage three.

of the week

Marie Monestel and **Austin Hobson**, as year 9 took part in their free cook assessment; these two were two of the many students who went above and beyond to produce two wonderful dishes, with consideration for presentation and skills.

A big well done to these two, and you'll see their outcomes very soon.

Recipe

of the week

Our continued focus on seasonal produce is supported once again by *Waitrose Magazine*, a fantastic resource that helps us make choices that are not only cost-effective but also environmentally conscious. By opting for local, in-season ingredients, we reduce food miles, support local growers, and enjoy produce at its peak freshness.

The month of May brings an abundance of seasonal offerings as the days grow longer and the evenings lighter—there's a distinct sense of renewal and promise in the air. This month, look out for: asparagus, baby new potatoes, pineapple.

These vibrant ingredients lend themselves beautifully to a wide range of dishes. Our recipe of the week celebrates the season with a simple yet flavourful pairing: fresh asparagus with whipped feta—a dish that evokes memories of sun-soaked days, blue skies, and the calm of coastal escapes.

In season

Asparagus & whipped feta tart

You can serve this relaxed tart warm or at room temperature. It's the kind of thing that goes well with a thinned-together green salad or as part of a summery spread.

Serves 4-6

Prepare 15 minutes + standing
Cook 30 minutes

- 320g sheet all butter puff pastry
- 1 large free-range egg, beaten
- ½ tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp nigella seeds
- 1 unwaxed lemon, zested
- 200g feta
- 100g natural Greek-style yogurt
- 2 x 100g packs Asparagus
- Tips:** woody stalks snapped off
- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra to serve (optional)

- 1 Preheat the oven to 190°C, gas mark 5. Roll out the puff pastry onto a baking tray, leaving it on the parchment it comes with. Score a 1.5cm border around the pastry, being careful not to cut all the way through. Brush all over with most of the beaten egg and bake for 8 minutes.
- 2 Meanwhile, in a pestle and mortar, lightly crush the cumin and coriander seeds and mix with the nigella seeds, season. In a mini food processor, pulse ½ of the lemon zest, the feta and yogurt to a smooth paste. Season. In a bowl, toss the asparagus with the olive oil, season.
- 3 When the pastry is ready, spread the whipped feta over the centre rectangle, then arrange the asparagus on top. Brush the border with the remaining beaten egg and sprinkle the crushed seeds all over. Bake for a further 18-20 minutes, until the pastry is golden and the asparagus is cooked through. Finish with the remaining lemon zest and a generous twist of black pepper, plus a little extra oil, if liked. Leave to stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Per serving (inc. 4): 2232kJ/536kcal/18g fat/32g saturated fat/32g carbs/3.2g sugar/2.4g fibre/18g protein/5.7g salt

COOK'S TIP

Short on time? Pick up a pot of The Levantine Table Whipped Feta Dip (£2.75/180g) to spread over the tart instead.

Fried coconut rice with asparagus & pickled shallots

There's so much flavour packed into this simple stir fry that it needs little adornment. It's naturally vegan if served on its own, but add some pan-fried salmon (below), roast chicken legs or a crispy fried egg and dinner is sorted.

Serves 4 as a side

Prepare 15 minutes
Cook 10 minutes

- 1 shallot/shallot, finely sliced
- 1-2 green chillies, finely sliced
- 2 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 2 x 100g packs Asparagus

Tips

- 1 tbsp groundnut or vegetable oil
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 25g ginger, peeled and cut into fine matchsticks
- 2 x 250g pouches coconut basmati rice
- ½ tsp ground white pepper
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 25g pack coriander, leaves roughly chopped
- 4 pan-fried salmon fillets, to serve (optional)



- 1 Start with the pickle in a bowl, toss the shallot and chilli with the vinegar, sugar and a pinch of salt, set aside. Meanwhile, halve the but tips of the asparagus lengthways, then cut the rest of the spears into rounds.
- 2 Set a wok or large frying pan over a high heat and add the oil, garlic and ginger; fry for 1 minute. Add the asparagus and fry for 4 minutes, then add the rice with the pepper and soy sauce. Stir-fry for 5 minutes until everything is lightly crisp and piping hot. Serve scattered with the chopped coriander and pickled shallots; top with pan-fried salmon fillets, if liked.

Per serving (inc. including salmon): 1379kJ/329kcal/17g fat/3.4g saturated fat/38g carbs/4.1g sugar/3.3g fibre/4.4g protein/1.1g salt/2 plant varieties



KS3

Update

Year 8 students continue to progress through their current rotation under the guidance of Ms. Delahay and Ms Holmes. The classroom is full of energy and enthusiasm every Tuesday and Wednesday—so much so that I may have even been offered a scone or two by some generous students!





KNIFE SKILLS

ALLERGENS

Plastic Containers
Disposable Containers

Burns and Scalds - First Aid

1. Immediately remove the affected part to or for your chest cold running water for at least 10 minutes or until the pain is relieved.

2. Remove anything that may cause contamination if there is any swelling, e.g. rings, belts, shoes.

3. Cover affected area with a dry sterile dressing.

4. Send to hospital if serious.

Meats and Poultry

Salad Vegetables



BOSS

FOOD AND
SUSTAINABILITY

zero waste

Where does our food come from?

FOOD CHAIN

WHY IS SUSTAINABILITY
IN FOOD SO
IMPORTANT?

FIRE
BLANKET

SANITISE
YOUR HANDS

Hotpoint

As part of our **Key Stage 3** curriculum, students are exploring the art of creating the best pasta dishes, with a particular focus on food science. When preparing classics like macaroni and cheese, pupils are encouraged to adapt their recipes by enhancing flavour, improving nutritional value, and expressing creativity.

Year 7 have begun their new rotation in food technology, with Ms. Burton, Ms. Gray, Ms. Holmes, and myself leading them through a range of technical skills and delicious recipe demonstrations designed to inspire confidence and curiosity in the kitchen.

Year 9 recently completed their free-cook practical assessment, with the added motivation of earning valuable house points ahead of the upcoming Sports Day. 9AX impressed with a variety of thoughtful dishes inspired by an international cuisine brief. Although the standard was exceptionally high, winners had to be chosen:

1st Place: *Marie Monestel* – 100 house points for an outstanding dish and presentation.





2nd Place: *Austin Hobson* – 75 house points for a creative and well-executed entry.



Joint 3rd Place: Anna Lowe and Thomas Clark – 50 house points each for their impressive contributions.



4th Place: Erin Stoller – 25 house points awarded for her beautifully made red onion tart.

Congratulations to all students for their hard work and creativity!









1. General Practical Skills
2. Knife skills
3. Preparing fruits & Vegetables
4. Use of Cooker
5. Use of Equipment
6. Cooking methods
7. Preparing, combining & Shaping

Food

& Nutrition

Practical Evaluation

Dish: Croque Monsieur

Skills: Practical skills, knife skills, use of cooker, cooking methods

What I think

How I improved

What I enjoyed





KS4 *Update*

Year 10 students are continuing with their course content in preparation for their end-of-year examinations. These assessments will encompass all topics covered throughout the academic year, providing essential practice for the written exam they will sit in Year 11.

After the half-term break, Year 10 will also begin the food science component of the curriculum. This includes key theoretical knowledge such as browning reactions, methods of heat transfer, and various cooking techniques—critical foundations for their NEA 1 coursework, which they will undertake in Year 11.

As **Year 11** students approach their final written examinations, we extend our best wishes for their continued success. With all coursework now marked and submitted to the exam board—accounting for 50% of their final grade—they are well on their way. Good luck, Year 11—you will be missed!

Stars of the week PE

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7W	Mazhar Yahsi	PE Core	Excellent progress in the subject
7A	Amber Simon	PE Core	Excellent progress in the subject
8C	Felix Gould	PE Core	Excellent contributions
8O	Olive Sill	PE Core	Excellent progress in the subject
9A	Joshua Gilbert	PE Core	Excellent progress in the subject
9W	Nehir Akatlar	PE Core	Outstanding achievement
10M	Zavier Kebblewhite	PE Core	Excellent contributions
10O	Jessica Bite	PE Core	Excellent contributions
11E	Christopher Cato	PE Core	Excellent contributions
10E	Isabella Keane	GCSE	Excellent progress in the subject
10R	Jack Martin	GCSE	Excellent progress in the subject
11R	Austin Cheyne	GCSE	Excellent contributions
11B	Dylan Ellis	GCSE	Excellent progress in the subject
10E	David Pandi	Sport BTEC	Excellent engagement in class
11B	Jaime Ott	Sport BTEC	Excellent engagement in class
12E	James Alleyne	Sport BTEC	Excellent contributions
13C	Archie Weir	Sport BTEC	Excellent progress in the subject

28 April to 2 May

matters

"If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

– Martin Luther King, Jr

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	97.8%
Year 8	98.8%
Year 9	95.4%
Year 10	93.4%
Year 11	96%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Beech	100%
8 Rowan	99.4%
9 Ash	98.7%
10 Beech	98.7%
11 Maple	99.4%



VPA Scholars of the Month - April

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**

Teddy Button

Miss Cowper has been impressed with Teddy's fantastic engagement and involvement in every lesson.

She has also recognised his engagement outside the lesson, with a fantastic performance at the MOGOs.

Well done Teddy!

Julia Gruszczynska

Miss Brown-Duthie has been very impressed with Julia's sculpting abilities over the last few weeks as the class has been creating set designs.

Julia's attention to detail and willingness to help others has been brilliant.

Congratulations Julia!



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



VPA Scholars of the Month - April

Noora Sannie

This nomination comes from Mr Davis who has seen exceptional dedication in LAMDA classes:

'I was blown away by Noora's progress over the Easter break. Noora knew her monologue inside and out and it was clear she had worked hard on her own movements, characterisation and acting. She'd also given detailed answers on the worksheets which form part of the exam - I was really impressed.

Sensational work Noora!



**Mr Davis'
Scholar of the
Month**

Congratulations to the Scholars, your hard work and dedication to the faculty has been impressive and we look forward see you thrive in events such as Multi-cultural evening and The Oscars.

Keep working hard!

Ms Maybey



Clubs

Extracurricular
timetable



KS3

**SPANISH &
FRENCH
CLUB**

EVERY TUESDAY

**12:30 —
1:00 PM
L7**

EVERY TUESDAY
12:30 pm in L7



FOR Y10

SPANISH

GRAMMAR CLUB

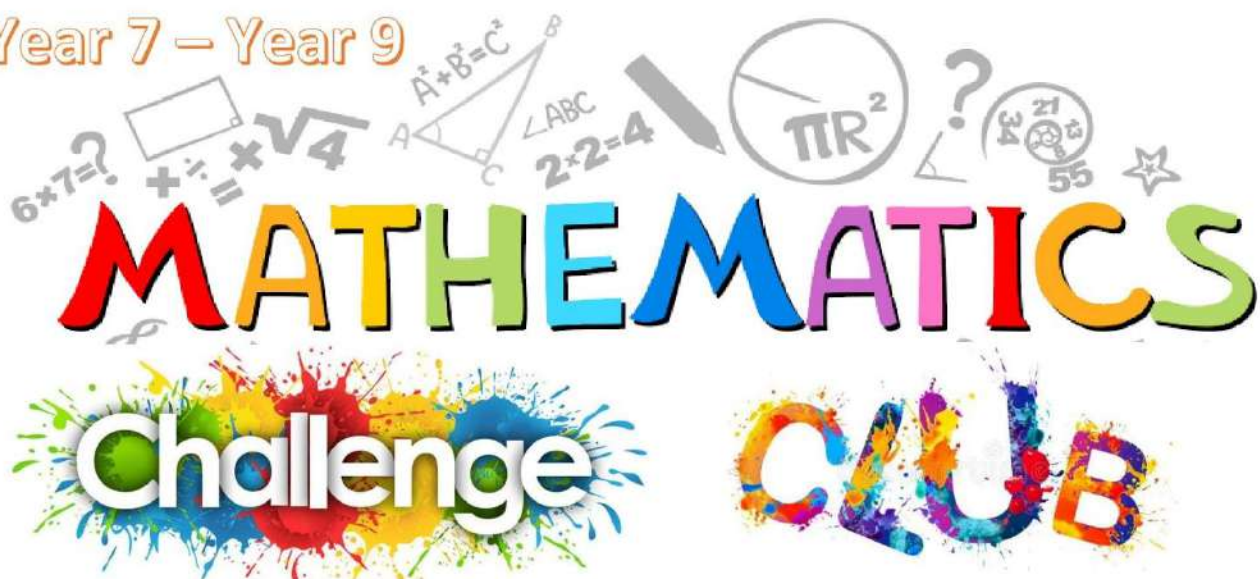
Y10

EVERY TUESDAY

3:00 - 3.30

IN L7

Year 7 – Year 9



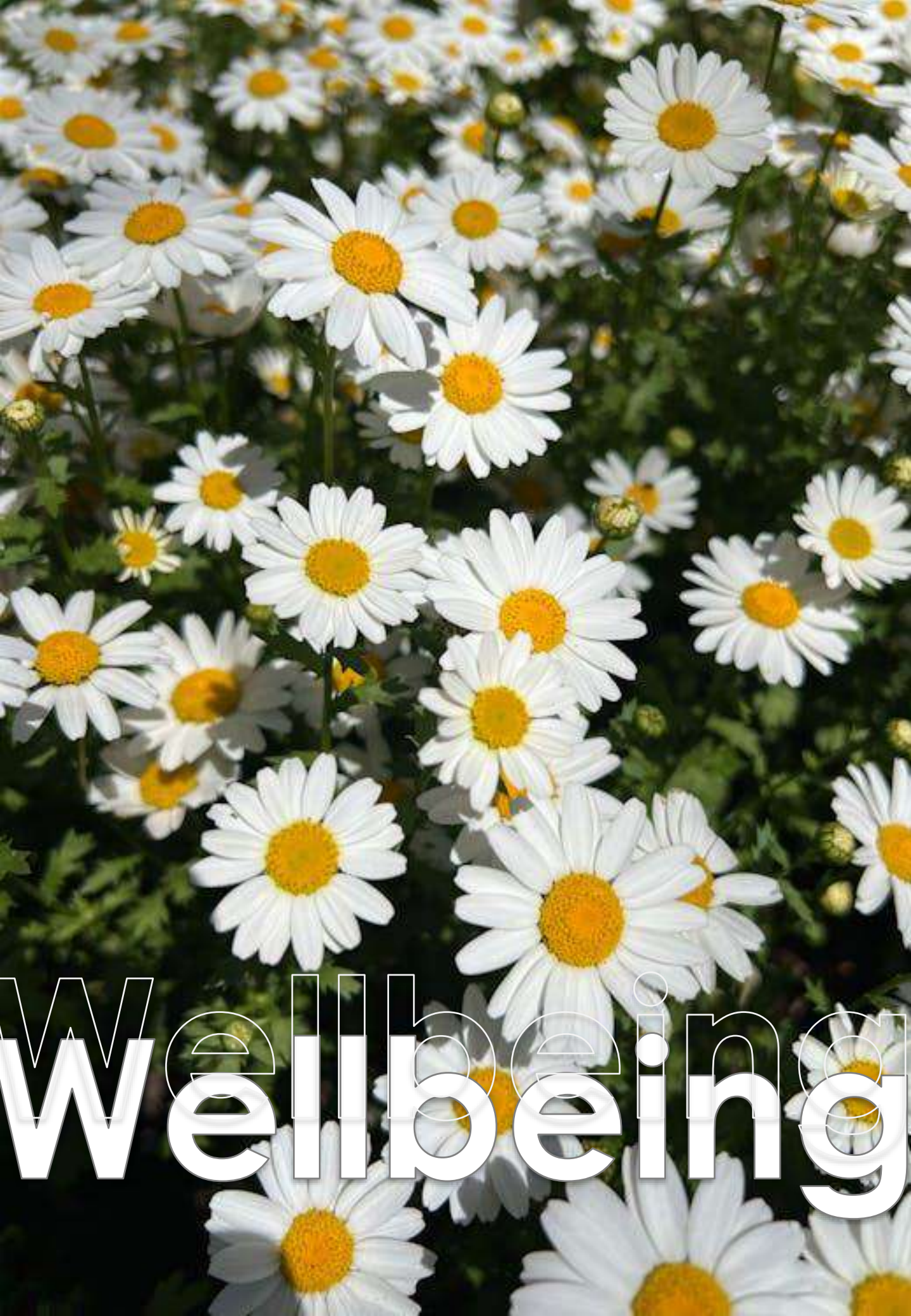
3 – 4 Every Wednesday in M5

- 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

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Challenge
In partnership with **The Maths Zone** + -



Wellbeing

2025

Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

FRIDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

Free Wellbeing Evening at Latchmere School Wednesday 21 May

We're excited to share an invitation to a special, Wellbeing Evening that we're hosting here at Latchmere School on Wednesday, 21 May, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and we'd love for you to join us.

This event is all about supporting the emotional and mental wellbeing of our children and families. We'll be welcoming guest speakers from The Grace Dear Trust and The Mental Health Support Team, who will be sharing practical advice on topics such as:

- Building emotional resilience
- Developing healthy, supportive friendships
- Managing stress and promoting positive mental health

There will also be opportunities for informal discussions and helpful tips for both parents and children on creating a healthy and supportive home environment.

This is a **free** event, open to all local families, and a wonderful chance to connect with others and gain valuable insights.

Please see the poster on the next page for more details

To help us plan, we kindly ask that anyone who would like to attend completes the short booking form via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6EGDkdsrGd>

Kind regards
Latchmere School



www.latchmereschool.org



Guest Speakers

*The Grace Dear Trust
and The Mental Health
Support Team*

Wellbeing Evening



**SCAN QR
CODE TO
SIGN UP**

21 MAY, 2025 | 6:30 pm - 8:30pm

Latchmere School
Latchmere Road
Kingston
KT2 5TT



'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](#)

Heatham House and No Straight Answer present

PRIDE EVENT

FRIDAY
30 MAY
1PM TO 5PM

NO
STRAIGHT
ANSWER

Come along and help us celebrate the diversity
of the LGBTQ+ community

The event will host a range of fun and exciting activities
such as rodeo, arts and crafts, festival makeup, music and
much much more

This event is free to LGBTQ+ young people aged 11 to 19

For more information, contact **Alexandra Quenell**,
or **Dwayne Leid**

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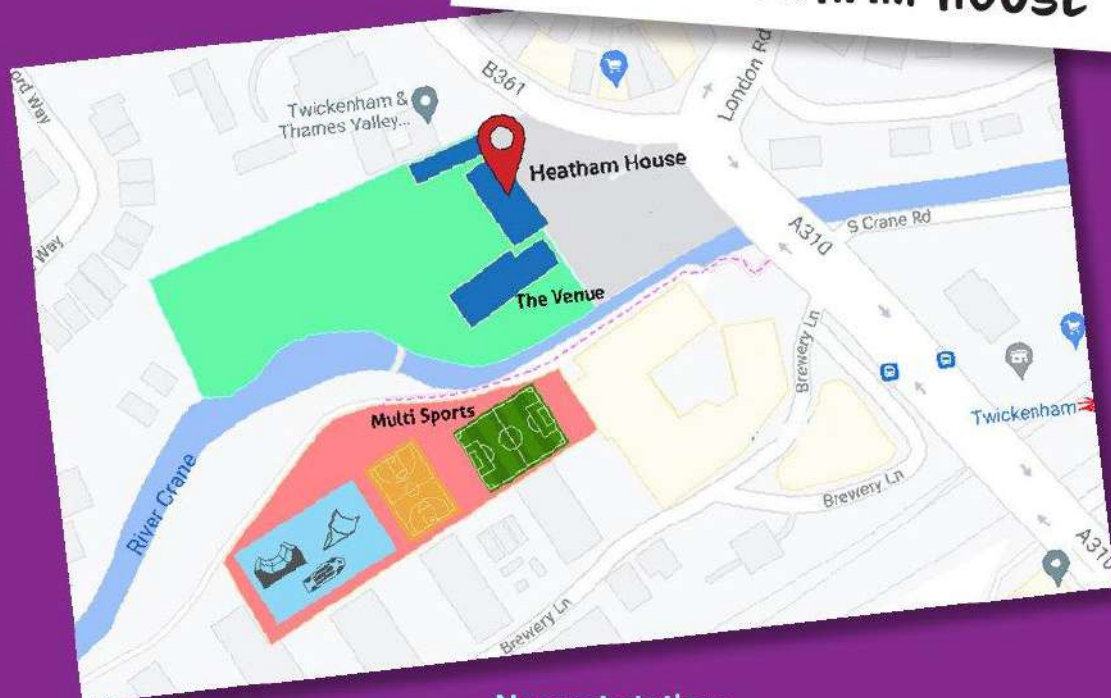
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for children**

How to find us....

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A photograph of a student presentation in a library. A male student in a striped shirt stands on the left, gesturing while speaking to a group of four seated students. The seated students, three males and one female, are listening attentively. They are in a room with high bookshelves filled with books. A projector is mounted on the ceiling, and a large window is visible in the background. The text 'Sixth News Form' is overlaid at the bottom.

Sixth^{News} Form

Year 12 Oxbridge Talk the Talk Event - Jack Petchey

Last week a group of 30 of our year 12 Oxbridge application hopefuls got the opportunity to participate in a workshop to develop their public speaking skills and help prepare them for an interview at either Oxford or Cambridge. The students participated in group work tasks and had to speak about themselves and their interests in front of the specialist Oxbridge interview trainer. There were many different tasks throughout the day, the students really enjoyed it and found it a very productive workshop.

Here are some of the year 12's in action honing their presentation skills.

- Miss Edmunds - STEM Oxbridge Coordinator



Year 12

TRIAL EXAMS

18 June - 27 June

For more information please look at the [Trial Exam Booklet](#). The Trial Exam Timetable is on Page 3 of this booklet. Both the booklet and the timetable have been posted on the year 12 Notices Google Classroom.

Study leave does not start until Wednesday 18 June. Year 12 students are expected to be in lessons on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June.

Higher Education Evening

Thank you to those of you who attended the Higher Education Evening last night (photo on the next page). It was a great success and it was fantastic to hear from Jim Calcutt (University of Winchester) who provided some excellent advice for University applications and things to consider when searching and applying to University

If you were unable to attend please find the presentation with all [the relevant information here](#).

[Higher Education Booklet 2025](#)

Higher Education Evening

8 May 2025



UCAS Discovery Day

Wednesday 4 June 2025

We are taking year 12s to a UCAS Discovery Exhibition on 4 June at The University of East London (UEL). This is an excellent opportunity for students to meet with representatives from over 100 universities (UK and some overseas institutions), employers, apprenticeships and other post-18 opportunities. This is also in line with the Government's Gatsby Benchmarks of Good Careers provision, by offering students a range of opportunities to explore their post 18 options.

Students will leave at breaktime to travel to The University of East London (UEL).

A letter outlining the trip has been emailed to Parents/Careers & Students. [You can access the trip letter here as well.](#)

EPQ and Oxbridge



The EPQ qualification has been launched with year 12. If students are interested in taking part in the course then they need to complete the google form. Following this, they will be invited to the EPQ classroom and given initial application tasks to complete

Students need to upload draft UCAS paragraphs and initial EPQ plans to our google classroom for their 1:1 meetings which started this week.

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Oxbridge

Work Experience

30 June - 4 July

Most students have now confirmed their plans for 30 June - 4 July. We are working with those final students to put programmes together and remember work experience now takes place in a range of forms - from in person to online or on demand and many companies are offering insight days or up to a week or 2. There is no longer a 'normal' work experience with the change in the way people work. Any questions please get in touch with Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

We have some really impressive placements with students being accepted for a range of work placements and summer schools.

This week well done to Ridwane who has gained a place at Mash Media in Kingston, James who secured a finance placement with Svelland Capital, Raja who gained a place on the Ravensbourne Creative Summer School and Kiara who secured a virtual course with the Ministry of Justice.

Work Experience and Careers Bulletin

This is great to see our students are so pro active in seizing opportunities. Please do check the **Sixth Form Careers bulletin** with more opportunities that sixth formers can get involved in, this is personalised for Grey Court students and we encourage all students (and parents/carers) to check this **bulletin for work experience, uni events & summer schools and apprenticeship opportunities**:

[09/05/2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

Y12



PRM
Class of 2025

PROM

Class of 2025

Year 13 enjoyed their Prom at The Wharf in Teddington last week. They all looked fabulous, dressed to impress and I hope that they all enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to Ms McNicol and Ms Duffy, for organised the event and taking care of decorations. The venue contacted us afterwards with this: "We are delighted you all had a wonderful time. It does help when you have wonderful students. What a great bunch. So well behaved and they looked wonderful." Wonderful all round!

















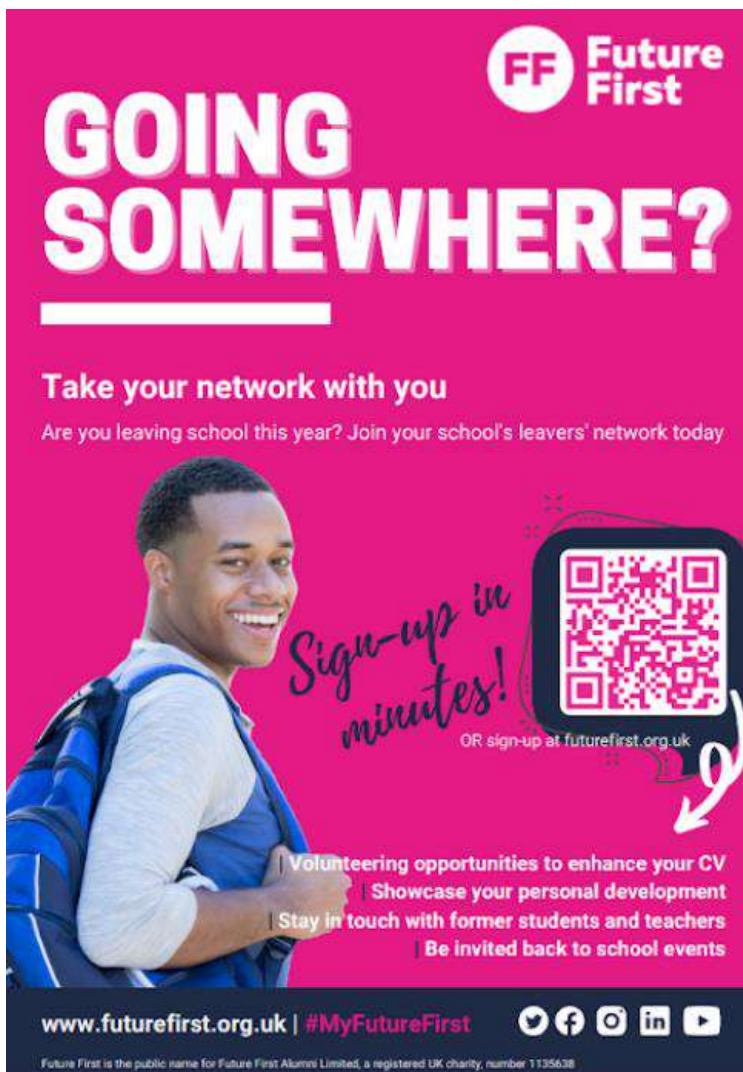


We also held our final assembly this week, attached [here](#).

Message from Mrs Moore: I have been incredibly proud to be Head of Year to such a fantastic group of young adults. They are kind, supportive, hard-working and resilient individuals, and all of them play an important role in making Grey Court Sixth form the vibrant and inclusive place that it is. They are going on to study a wide range of subjects, including Liberal Arts, Aerospace Engineering, Film Making, Primary Education, Law, Medicine and Economics. Several students are going to study abroad, and some are taking a gap-year or starting an apprenticeship. I wish them the very best of luck in their exams and look forward to seeing them on results day!

UCAS reminder - students need to accept their firm and insurance offers by 5 June.

Stay in touch with Grey Court after you leave!



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Going For Gold!

Mr Clements

One of the great pleasures of teaching A-level English is that it is invariably populated by classes full of witty, opinionated, organised, erudite and generally well read teenagers. In case, all of this sounds like a piece of Grey Court propaganda, a typical Monday morning will also involve these aforementioned teenagers laughing uncontrollably, yawning, flicking one another's hair and absent mindedly fiddling with various nose piercings. Yes, they are generally very annoying!

So I was surprised, honoured and delighted last week to be approached by Mia, Rosa, Cerys, Sophia and Maryse with a request that I honour their Gold Duke of Edinburgh "Famous Five meets Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey with sheep" style adventures in the form of the humble eBulletin.

So an hour later, having reconvened in the catacombs of the Grey Court library they recounted their bucolic Welsh adventures to my greedy ear! I have resolved to faithfully recount their utterances sans embellishments, exaggerations or bad jokes.

Mia: We would like to subtitle the 11-17th April as 7 days of wholesome misery in the Brecon Beacons where we climbed Wales' tallest mountain "Pen-y-Fan."

Rosa: The trip was organised by Active Adventures through the amazing Ms Casey who has supported our D of E adventures throughout our time at Grey Court.

Sophia: We walked 18-30KM a day carrying our tents, food, sleeping mats, fuel, a toothbrush and spare mascara.

Cerys: On some days we didn't even shower!

Mia: On day three we even had lunch at the Star chamber pub in Merthyr where we had burger and chips and they even had a TUCK shop!

Rosa: It was great - the leaders checked in on us but we were mostly Free range!

Maryse: There were 2 groups of six of us: Rosa, Maryse, Mia K, Cerys, Georgia, Sophia (all English students - Yay!) And Elsie, Anna, Evelyn, Avani, Abeer and Angus.

Mia: We had to demonstrate lots of fortitude and resilience: Rosa got stuck in sinking mud and was rescued by Cerys and Maryse and we braved 60mph winds!

Sophia: I learnt that mountains were really steep and we had to dig our nails into the soil and grab onto shrubs for dear life!

Cerys: There was even no service for our phones so we had to play UNO at night!

Rosa: And we heard a sheep give birth outside the tent!

Mia: And Cerys' jar of frankfurters leaked in her rucksack!

Rosa: I even revisited the site of my parents' marriage on a remote Welsh hill and Cerys found her family village! We felt truly connected!

Sophia: At night it was so cold I had to wear 5 layers!

Mia: Sir, we would recommend it because we bonded, de-stressed, appreciated the simple life and had a bit of digital detox!

Cerys: We even experienced the natural sublime!

Rosa: And slept in a barn!

Maryse: And the group leader "Tom" looked like Angel Clare from *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*!

Mr Clements: Enough, enough - safe-guarding, risk assessments, no salaciousness!

Mia: And it only rained twice!







News

U19 Floor and Vault National Finals

Last weekend, the U19 Mixed Floor and Vault Regional Champions travelled to Stoke-on-Trent to compete in the National Finals against schools from across the country. The team travelled by train to and from the competition, experiencing delays not only from the trains but also because Will thought he had seen Raheem Sterling on the way to Richmond Station. And, of course, we had to have our traditional Nando's dinner on Saturday evening.







On Sunday morning, we headed over to Fenton Manor to watch the early session and support our competitors. The U19 team competed in the afternoon. James, Will, Lily, and Frankie took to the floor, performing outstanding routines. James, Will, Lily, Frankie, and Max all competed on the vault, each scoring over 14.9 out of 16. Once the routines were over, we all waited in anticipation for the final results. Lily and Shakur were fantastic cheerleaders and photographers throughout the weekend. Unfortunately, Lily C was unable to compete on the day due to an ongoing injury.



Floor



Vaults





The team placed **3rd in the country** in the U19 Mixed category. Miss Parr is very proud of and impressed with the team and their performances over the weekend. It has been fantastic to get our Sixth Formers involved with the elite gymnastics teams and competitions this year—we hope this continues.

A big thank you to Mr Da Silva for coming along to help and support the team as well.

Congrats



The player of the month goes to **Lola Cammack** who has been chosen for her outstanding performances not only on the football field but on the athletics track too. Lola has shown that hard work and dedication to her training and continues to improve.

Lola has had a fantastic season for both the U13 and U14 girls' football teams.

Despite often playing outside of her favoured position, she has consistently delivered strong performances, showing great versatility and commitment. Her determination and football intelligence have helped her adapt and thrive in different roles on the pitch. Lola has also scored many crucial goals, making a significant contribution to what has been an outstanding season for both teams.

Lola started the year by impressing us with her Cross Country and has developed this determination by focusing on her long distance running. Lola showcased her skills at the Essex's Open Cup where she competed in the 800m. Not only did Lola win her race, she clocked a solid time of 2 minutes 32 seconds.

A fantastic start to the Athletics season and we look forward to seeing Lola compete in the English Schools Cup next week.

Well done Lola!

Daniela Buchan Scholar of the Month



We're thrilled to award **Daniela Buchan** Scholar of the Month.

Daniela has been a fantastic asset to the Grey Court Athletics team. She competed in Indoor Athletics throughout February and has continued to develop her skills in hurdles and high jump in preparation for the summer season.

On 30 April, Daniela took part in the Essex Open Cup, showcasing her abilities in both hurdles and high jump. She performed very well in the high jump, clearing 1.30m confidently. Daniela also attempted 1.35m and came very close to clearing it. This is an excellent start to the athletics season, and we are looking forward to seeing how Daniela progresses this summer.

Daniela is also an asset in her Scholar lessons: she always leads by example, tries her best and proves her ability consistently across a whole range of activities.

Well done Daniela!

NFL Flag Football U13 + U15

We are thrilled to celebrate the achievement of our **U13 Mixed and U15 Girls** NFL Flag teams on their progression to the Regional Championships! This is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork each player has shown throughout the season.

The **U13 Mixed** team has demonstrated speed, skill, and teamwork on the field, overcoming tough competition with grit and determination. Some stand out players are Geraint for his superb leadership, Pascal for his speed and agility, and Sydney for her defence.

Equally impressive, the **U15 Girls** team demonstrated strong defence, smart passing plays, and crucially in the final minutes of the qualifying game: staying focused under pressure. The team has pulled together to overcome a tough matchup and build real momentum heading into Regionals.

Congratulations on this well-deserved success. We can't wait to see you perform at the Regionals later this month!

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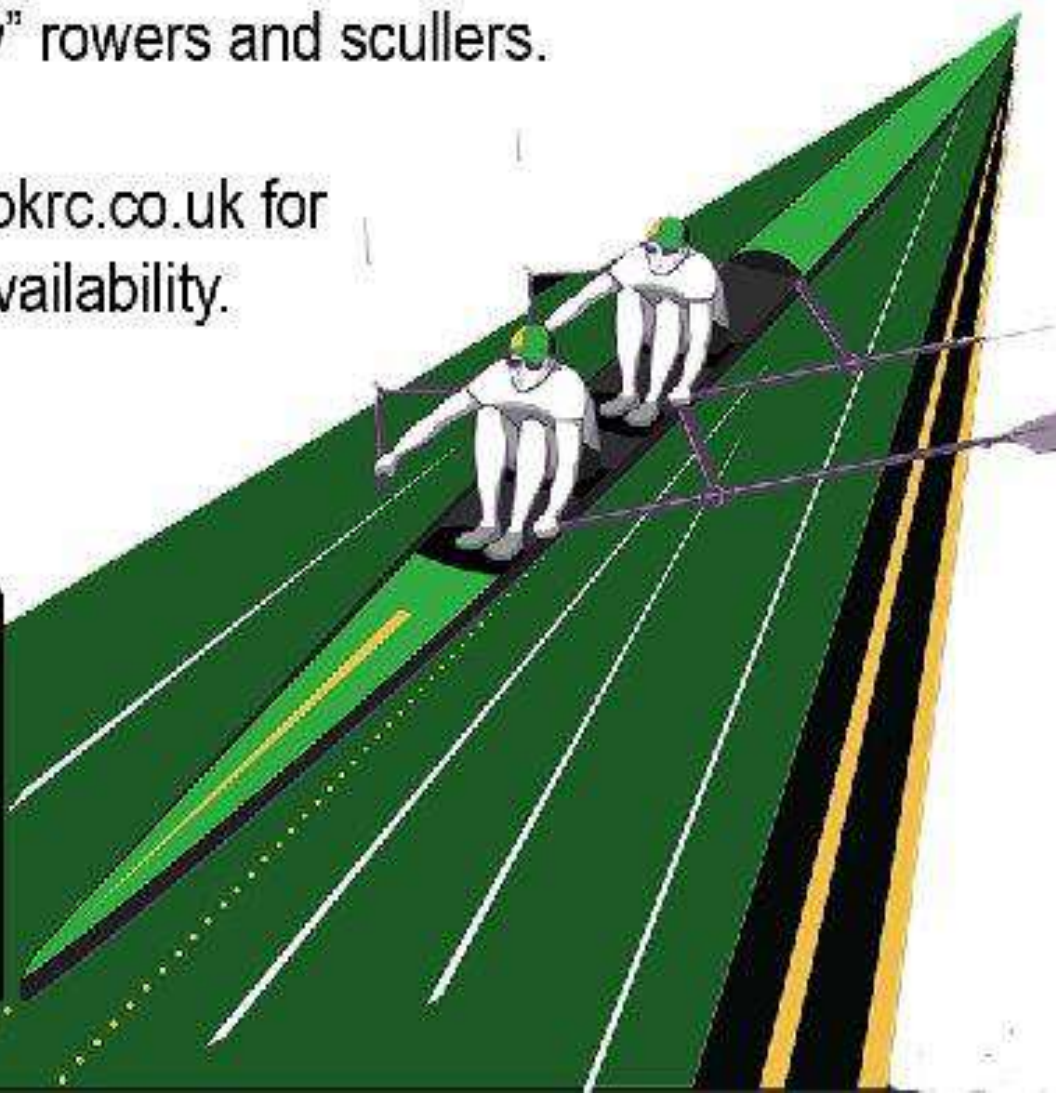
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