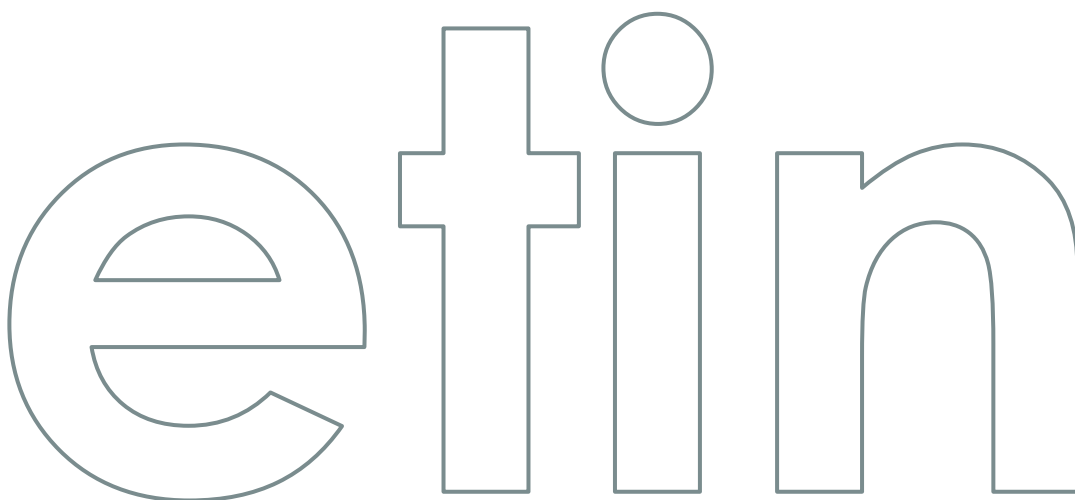




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"...a school where all pupils flourish" - Ofsted 2024



Cover photo: Charlie Tong

Congratulations Charlie Tong

Charlie Tong (featured on the cover) has been selected for the mixed 4 x 400m relay GB and NI U20 team in the 2025 Loughborough International on Sunday. Charlie is currently ranked as the second-fastest U17 runner in the UK this year.



GB & NI U20 TEAM NAMED FOR 2025 LOUGHBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL

A team of 50 rising stars has been selected to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the 2025 Loughborough International Athletics match on Sunday 18 May.

The U20 squad features a mix of European U20 medallists, British champions and emerging talent, as they prepare to take on athletes representing Loughborough, England, Scotland, Wales, and the National Athletics League in the traditional curtain-raiser to the outdoor season.

#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**



ALLOTMENT CLUB PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER *at the Ham United Group plant sale*

Come and support our students at the HAM UNITED GROUP PLANT SALE!

For the first time, Grey Court's allotment club students will be running their own stall at this popular community event - bursting with plants, stalls, and garden inspiration. From strawberries to vibrant blooms, everything on our stall has been grown by students in our Tuesday lunchtime club. All proceeds go directly back into supporting their work.

DATE: Saturday 17 May 2025

VENUE: Ham Library, TW10 7HR

TIME: 10am–12pm





Anglo-German cultural festival

Saturday 7 June 2025, 12pm-4pm

Grey Court School, Ham TW10 7HN

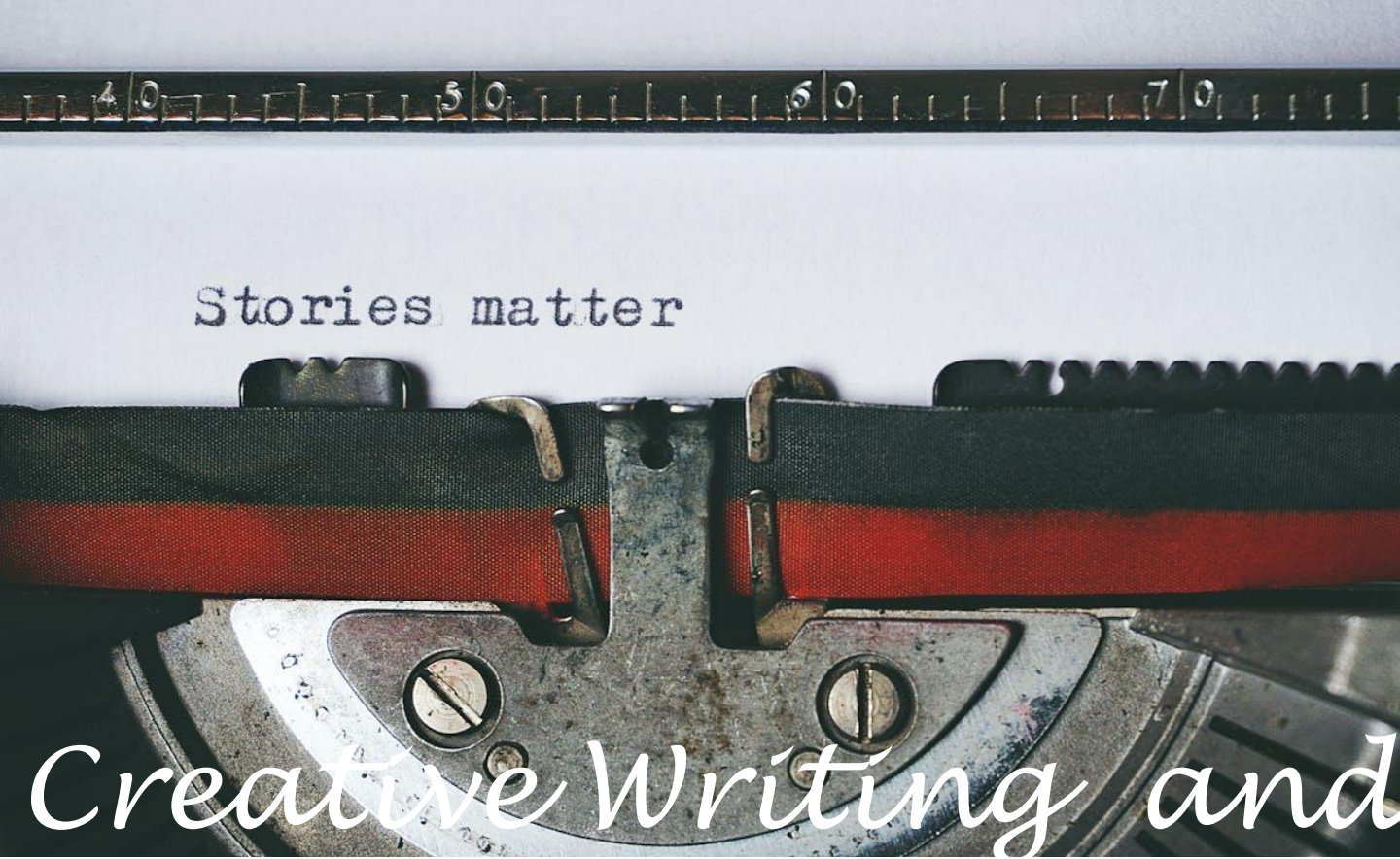
via Sandy Lane entrance

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

live music, entertainment, sport, food & drink



KS3+KS4 News



Stories matter

Creative Writing and Poetry Competition

Our House Prefects have run a creative writing and poetry competition with KS3+KS4

And our winners are:

Creative writing

First: Claudia Menendez (10 Rowan)

Second: Athena Andre-Fygle (9 Elm)

Third: Samson Sills (7 Ash)

Poetry

First: Arthur Spencer-Smith (7 Ash)

Second: Yaroslav Koshovji (8 Willow)

Year 7

Mr Ridley

The penultimate week of the half term comes to an end and we still have our tutor challenge being run by 7 Cedar who are challenging everyone to a sudoku challenge with the fastest completion taking the prize!

We continue to enjoy the use of our beautiful playing fields at lunchtime and there are so many games being played in what has been glorious weather recently. The extra curricular opportunities are hotting up in what is going to be a very busy final half term of the year, as we look through to performances in VPA, sports days and athletics events, cricket, tennis and it was great to see so many attending Minecraft club which has been a recent addition to our program at lunchtime on Wednesdays. Any students that missed an exam and couldn't attend the mop up on Monday after school should discuss what they missed with their subject teacher to organise when they can sit it. Well done to everyone on the exam period, but our journey of progress continues as we make our way towards year eight.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 8

Ms Saccheri

This week marked Mental Health Awareness Week, with Ms Mercer leading an assembly on the ways students can seek support in school and practical strategies for looking after their mental wellbeing. Our Sixth Form Mental Health Leaders also spoke to the year group, sharing activities and ideas to help students look after their mental health day-to-day.

A huge congratulations to Yaroslav, who was named first runner-up in the recent Creative Writing Competition. Yaroslav's entry in the poetry category stood out among a high number of submissions - an impressive achievement!

Well done to 8 Oak for successfully wrapping up Year 8's Enterprise Challenge. There was plenty of enthusiasm and entrepreneurial flair on display with several students driving a very hard bargain!

Finally, a shoutout to our front-runners in the Achievement Points Challenge this week: Aaryav, Jenson, Jasmine and Nina F. Well done for your continued hard work and contributions across the board. With the penultimate half term drawing to a close, we'd love to see as many Year 8s as possible aiming to strike gold by the summer celebration assembly.

Year 9

Ms Sutcliffe

A big well done to Year 9 for a solid week – especially for their behaviour in their lessons while some teachers are helping with Y11 revision. One teacher even said: *"Their focus, effort and engagement was outstanding. They worked so hard and all got an achievement point. Please congratulate them personally as their conduct in that lesson, especially a cover one, did not go unnoticed!"* Well done Year 9 - keep that up!

Special shout-outs go to Oskar, Sophia W and Jason for topping the achievement points leader board – clearly putting in the work and reaping the rewards.

This week also saw an important assembly from Ms Mercer for Mental Health Awareness Week, focusing on *community* and how students can access support if needed. A timely and meaningful reminder that being kind and looking out for one another is just as important as academic success.

A final quick reminder: punctuality matters. Turning up on time sets the tone for the day – and the same goes for smart, correct uniform. Let's keep standards high across the board. Thanks for your continued support – here's to another successful week!

Year 10

Ms Woods

As the GCSE's continue, we congratulate those students who have completed yet another element of their community languages.

This week is Mental Health Awareness week of which Ms Mercer led an assembly on, reminding students of the outlets they can use at school if they feel they need to.

Our KS4 support officers also led an exam anxiety workshop by which students attended if they completed the google form. If you believe your child may have missed this and would benefit from the opportunity, please get in touch with the KS4 team.

Year 11

Mr Khan

Well done, year 11, on another successful week of exams!

Next week, you have the following exams scheduled:

- Chemistry
- PE
- Chinese
- Urdu
- English Literature (final paper)
- Computer Science
- French
- Religious Studies
- Politics
- Physics
- Arabic
- Turkish
- English

Please make sure you're well-prepared and aware of your exam timetable.

Next Friday is also our ROA (Record of Achievement) ceremony. As part of the tradition, students will take part in shirt signing. It's very important that they bring a spare shirt for this event.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Plastic Containers
Disposable Containers



Ms Campbell

Food

What's cooking?

Method of Production for Spicy Tomato Paste

1. Wash and peel the tomatoes.
2. Cut the tomatoes into small pieces.
3. Blend the tomatoes in a blender.
4. Strain the mixture through a fine sieve.
5. Cook the mixture in a pan over medium heat.
6. Add spices and seasonings.
7. Simmer for 10-15 minutes.
8. Store in sterilized jars.

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This week's food highlights

A shorter update this week, but no less exciting. We shine a spotlight on Coeliac Awareness Month, as we encourage our community to learn more about this often underdiagnosed condition. Year 7 students have been putting their spice tolerance to the test while crafting a flavourful tomato pasta dish as part of their food technology rotation.

With summer just around the corner, we look forward to longer evenings, seasonal ingredients, and plenty of fresh produce making its way into our kitchen activities.

Raising Awareness

Raising Awareness for Coeliac Disease – May Spotlight

May marks Coeliac Awareness Month, a time dedicated to increasing understanding of Coeliac disease—a serious autoimmune condition that affects approximately 1 in 100 people in the UK. Despite its prevalence, diagnosis can be delayed, and it's estimated that only 36% of those affected are currently diagnosed. Over half a million individuals may be living with the condition unknowingly.

Raising awareness is key. Individuals experiencing symptoms or with concerns are encouraged to complete a simple self-assessment and seek medical advice if necessary.

Fortunately, gluten-free options are now widely available across many supermarkets. In addition to specially produced gluten-free items, there are also many naturally gluten-free foods such as fruits, vegetables, rice, potatoes, meat, and dairy.

For those living with Coeliac disease, exploring a variety of gluten-free ingredients and recipes can be both enjoyable and empowering. This month is a great opportunity to try something new and raise awareness within our community.

[Coeliac UK free online self-assessment](#)



Naturally Gluten-Free Foods

The following grains, legumes, seeds, and other starchy foods are naturally gluten-free:

Amaranth
Arrowroot
Beans
Buckwheat groats (aka Kasha)
Cassava
Chia
Corn
Flax
Gluten-free oats
Millet

Nut flours
Potato
Quinoa
Rice
Sorghum
Soy
Tapioca
Teff
Yucca

Gluten-Free Recipes

- [1. Gluten-Free Recipe Hub](#)
- [2. Jamie Oliver](#)



ONE-PAN KEDGEREE-STYLE RICE

Year 7 Put Their Spice Tolerance to the Test

As part of their ongoing food rotation, Year 7 students have been exploring key culinary techniques, including the use of various components of the cooker, methods of heat transfer, and a range of cooking methods.

This week's focus was a spicy tomato pasta dish. Students created their own tomato sauce reduction and, for those feeling adventurous, added a touch of spice and chilli to elevate the flavour. The classroom was filled with concentration and enthusiasm, as students demonstrated excellent knife skills, confidently applying the bridge hold and claw grip while preparing garlic and onions.

It was a standout recipe that showcased both creativity and technique. Next week, students will be turning their attention to baking as they experiment with the perfect carrot cake.

Stay tuned—this cohort of aspiring chefs is showing great promise and a real passion for learning in the kitchen.











WAYS OF HEAT TRANSFER

CONVECTION
When heat is transferred through a fluid (liquid or gas) by the movement of the fluid itself.

RADIATION
Energy is transferred through electromagnetic waves.



HEAT AND TEMPERATURE
Heat is the energy that flows from a warmer object to a cooler object.

WORK OF THE MONTH
Science
Miss [Name]





FROM PLAIN NON-SPICY TURNIPS PAKIA



Ingredients List
(Makes 4 servings)

2 Turnips
2 Cloves garlic
1 x can crushed tomatoes
(400g)
1 x 1/2 tsp onion soup mix
Frying oil

160g
Optional
- Fresh basil
- additional vegetables

Equipment List

Sharp knife
Chopping board
Large peeler
Small peeler
Can opener
Measuring spoon
Vegetable steamer
Gallo press
Colander

STARS

of the week

VIPS

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7B	Louis Plantin	Drama	Excellent engagement in class
8B	Dylan Kerr Elliott	Drama	Excellent progress in the subject
9O	Maheen Aatif	Drama	Excellent progress in the subject
10E	Lydia Smith	Drama	Excellent contributions
11A	Betty Thomas	Drama	Excellent attendance and engagement at support sessions prior to GCSE exam.
12C	Joseph Woodall	Drama	Excellent engagement in class
13C	Frankie D'Souza	Drama	Excellent contributions
7A	Amber Simon	Music	Excellent engagement in class
8E	Rory Moore	Music	Excellent engagement in class
9O	Maheen Aatif	Music	Excellent engagement in class
10B	Schanel Geeganage	Music	Excellent classwork
11R	Ethan Sethna	Music	Excellent contributions
7W	Mazhar Yahsi	Art	Excellent progress in the subject
8R	Aaryav Gautam	Art	Excellent engagement in class
9R	Ida Eikelberg	Art	Outstanding achievement
10O	Dylan Cross	Art	Outstanding achievement
11C	Sacha Crivellari	Art	Outstanding achievement
12A	Lucy Williams	Art	Excellent homework
13G	Josephine Webster	Art	Excellent engagement in class
10A	Frederick Weatherhead-Pusey	Music Technology	Excellent engagement in class
12E	Rhys Chow	Music Technology	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Eva Meng	Photography	Excellent homework
13	Alex Johnson	Photography	Outstanding achievement

6 May to 9 May

matters

“Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world”
- Nelson Mandela

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	97.9%
Year 8	97.5%
Year 9	96.7%
Year 10	94.3%
Year 11	95.1%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Oak	100%
8 Willow	99.6%
9 Maple	99.1%
10 Ash	98.4%
11 Rowan	97.3%



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 to see you thrive in events such as Multi-cultural evening and The Oscars.

Keep working hard!

Ms Maybey

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - HAM FAIR SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

An opportunity for keen young photographers to demonstrate their creativity and skill.
Open to young people in Richmond Borough up to the age of 16.
Photos will be displayed in the Art Marquee at Ham Fair on Saturday 14th June 2025.

We're looking for photos that are interesting and artistic, which highlight creative skills in choosing and composing pictures, as well as technical skills in using camera or smartphone settings.

RULES

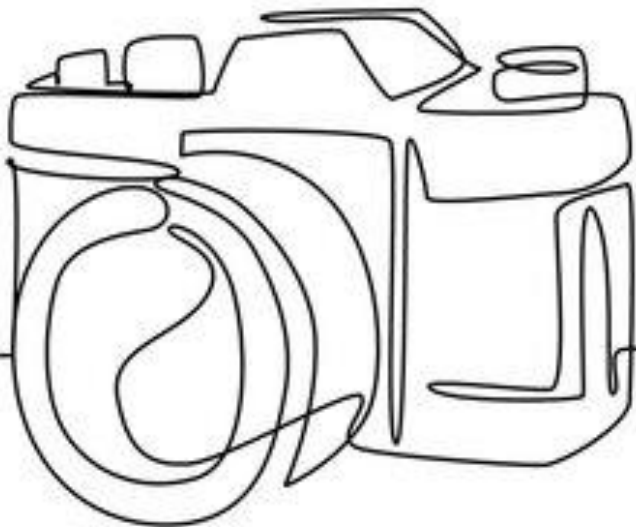
Young people, up to 16 years old, can submit up to 2 photographs that they have taken in the last 12 months. There is no theme to follow.
Photographs can be in colour or black and white, and have a gloss or matt finish.

Prints should be mounted on card or stiff paper – maximum size of entry, including mount, is A4.
For example, a 6 x 9 inch print mounted on an A4 card gives your photo a good frame.

The photographs must be entirely your own work and not lifted from any source.
Winning entries will be checked for originality. Images will be grouped according to age/year group and judged by the members of Kingston Camera Club.

Details on the back must include:
Name of author
School attending
Year group
Contact details, either phone or email address.
Title of image

PLEASE NOTE: To maintain anonymity during judging, NO INFORMATION MUST APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF THE IMAGE.



This week in
Science

Science

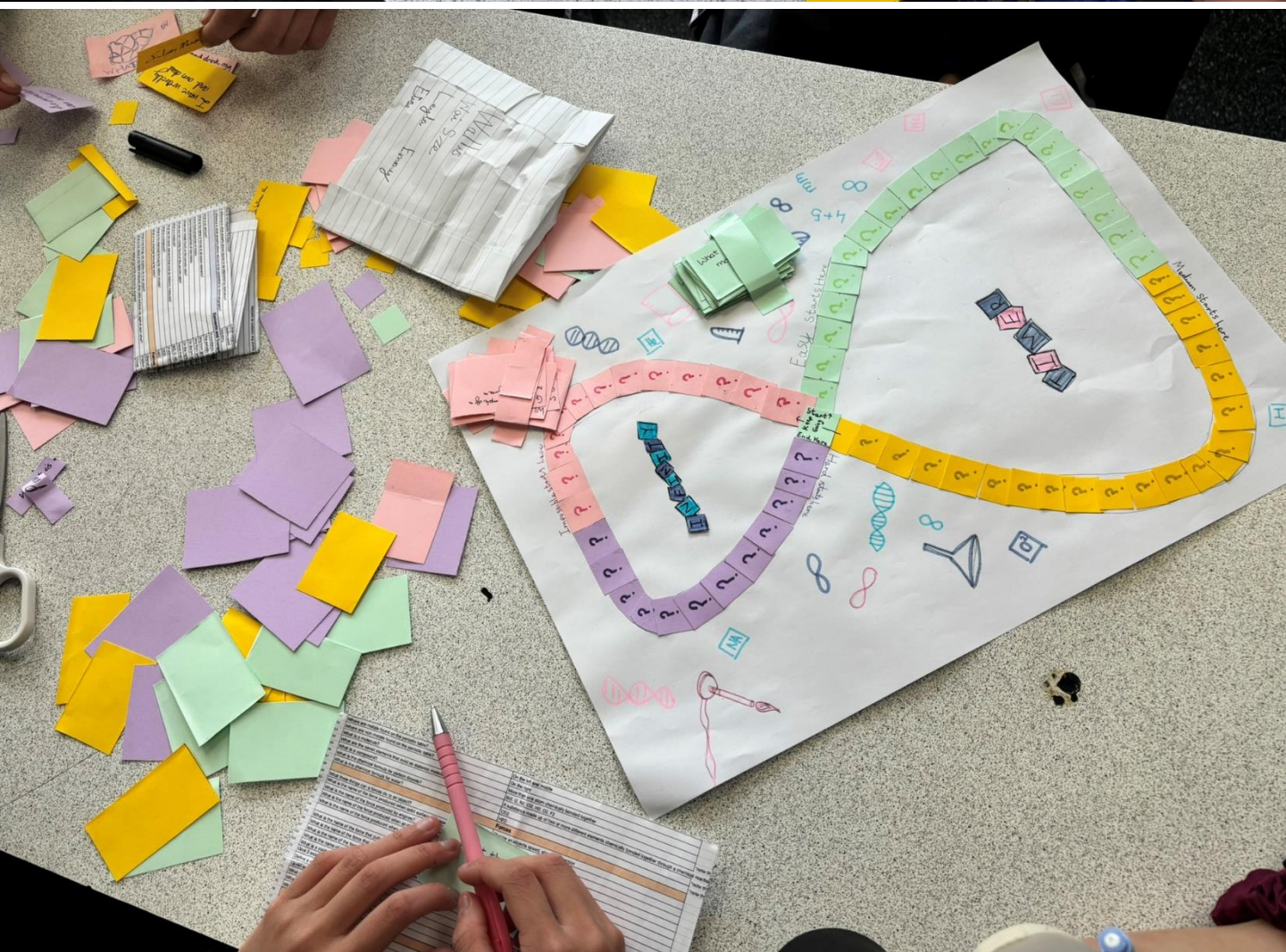
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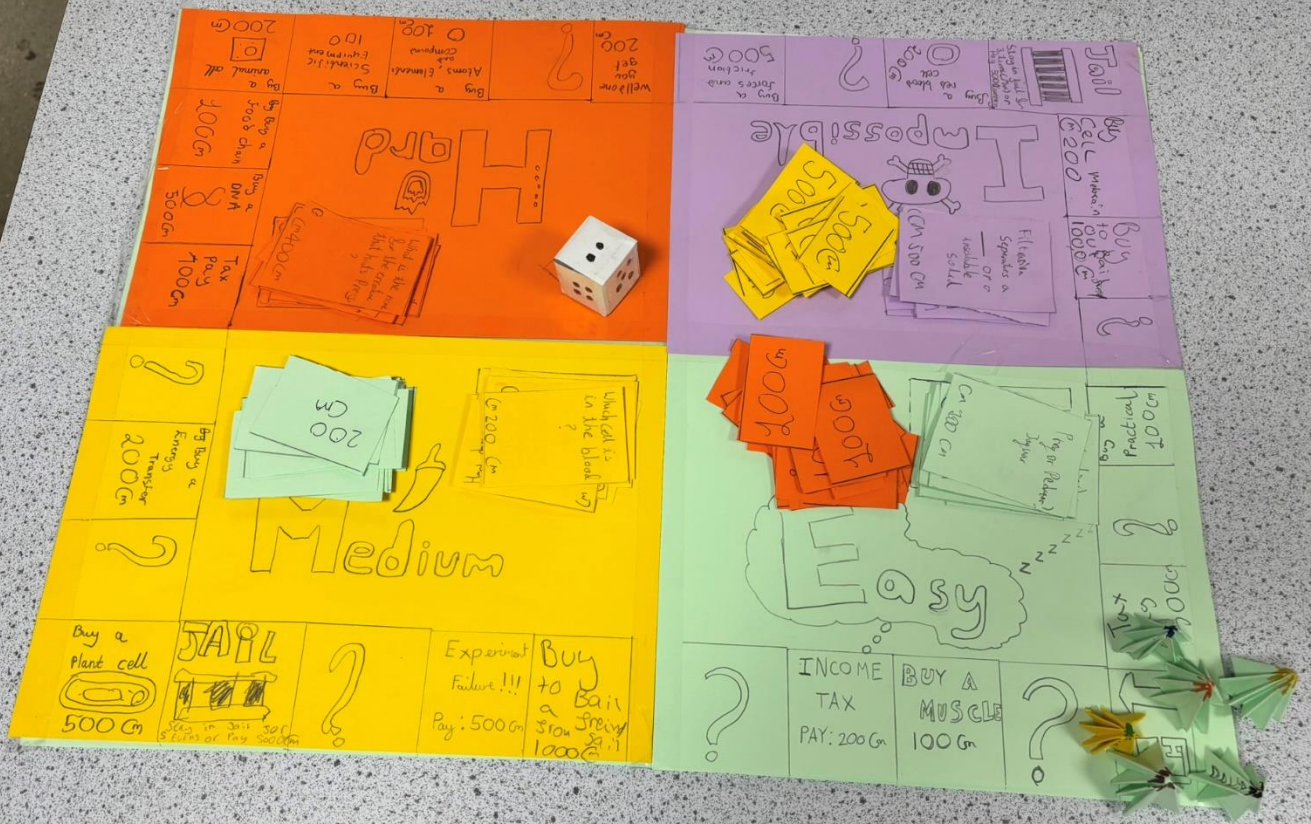
Mr Gundry

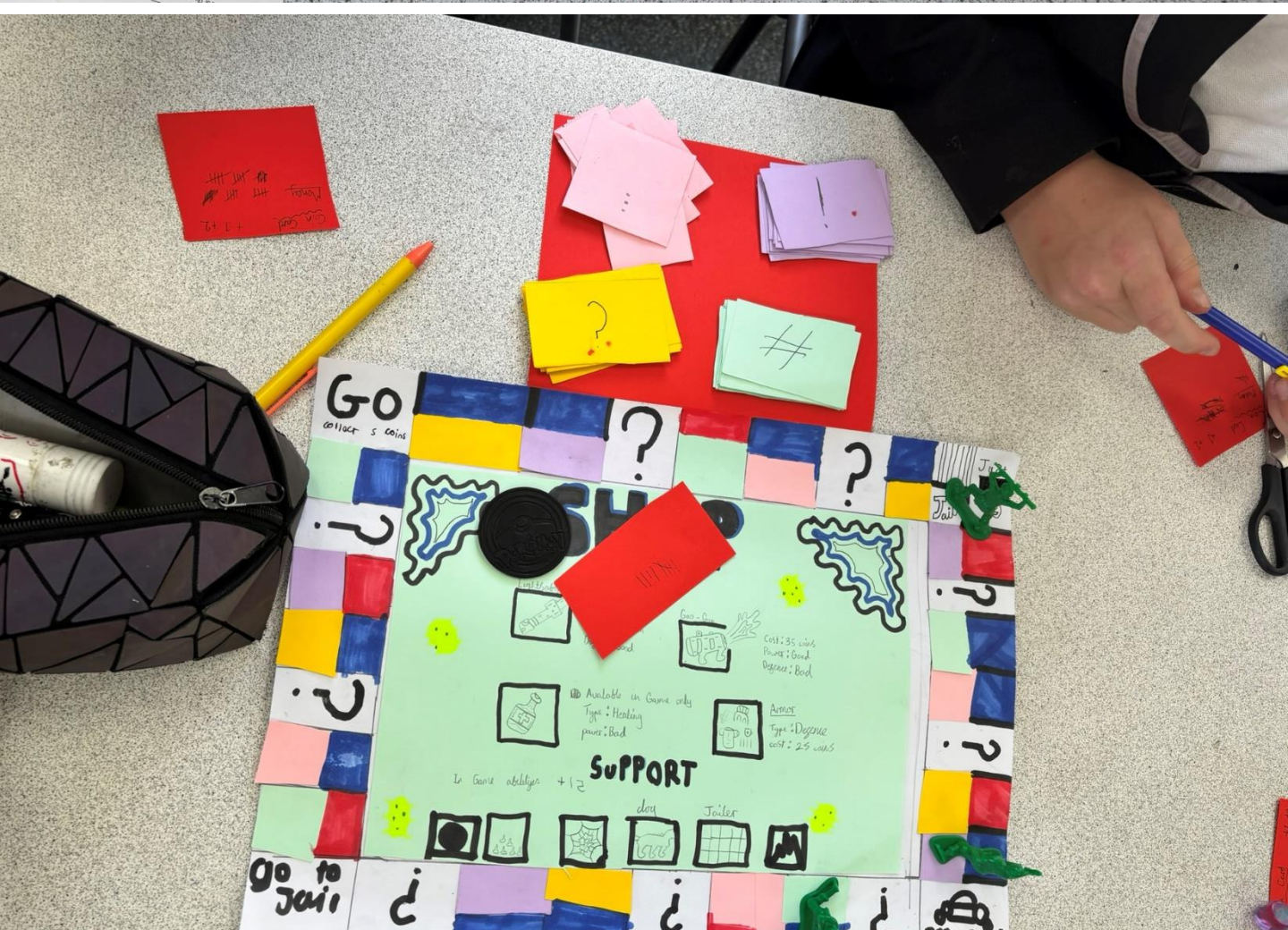
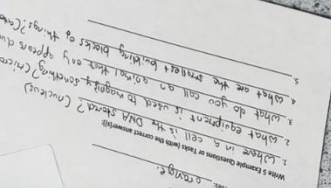
Earlier this term, I created two science revision activities to support my Year 7 classes in reviewing their learning in preparation for their end of year assessment. The response was fantastic - so much so that I challenged students to design their own revision games using the topics we've been studying.

I was incredibly impressed with the creativity, thought, and hard work that both 7 Cedar and 7 Maple put into this task. From anatomy-based games to science-themed twists on Monopoly™, the students demonstrated an excellent grasp of the material while thinking carefully about how to make learning both fun and challenging.

These projects weren't just about science facts - they involved teamwork, problem-solving, and a huge amount of independent effort. A massive well done to everyone involved.







The Biggest Chemical Cover-up in History

This week, I want to highlight a video recently released by Veritasium: The Biggest Chemical Cover-up in History. It focuses on a class of synthetic chemicals known as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), also known as 'Forever Chemicals', but the issues it raises go far beyond one chemical group.

PFAS are found in many everyday products: non-stick pans, stain-resistant furniture, waterproof clothing, fast food wrappers, and even some cosmetics. You've almost certainly encountered them without realising. They were first developed in the 1930s and gained commercial attention when a chemist at DuPont accidentally discovered polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) which was later marketed under the brand name Teflon™. Marketed for its extraordinary non-stick properties, it revolutionised much more than just cookware, but at a significant long-term cost.

Similar compounds have since been used in firefighting foam, outdoor gear, and food packaging, with contamination documented globally. The chemical stability that made these substances so useful also makes them extremely persistent in the environment. They do not readily break down and are now detectable in water supplies, soil, wildlife, and even human bloodstreams across every continent. They have even been documented to now be in rainfall across the whole world. The Forever Pollution Map (<https://ve42.co/foreverpollutionmap>) provides a sobering overview of known contamination sites across Europe, including many in our local area.

But this is not just a chemistry problem. It's a wider question of how we balance innovation with responsibility. The story of PFAS is also a story of delayed regulation, overlooked consequences, and the challenge of making informed decisions when long-term data is scarce.

This issue is about more than personal health. It raises fundamental questions about how we balance technological innovation with long-term environmental responsibility. Chemistry, like all science, does not exist in a vacuum - it shapes and is shaped by ethical, political, and economic choices.

The video presents a case study of how scientific knowledge, corporate behaviour, and public accountability can diverge, with consequences we are only beginning to fully understand. For chemistry students, it offers a valuable example of why scientific literacy must include critical thinking about the systems that science operates within.

You can watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SC2eSujzrUY>

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

GRAMMAR CLUB

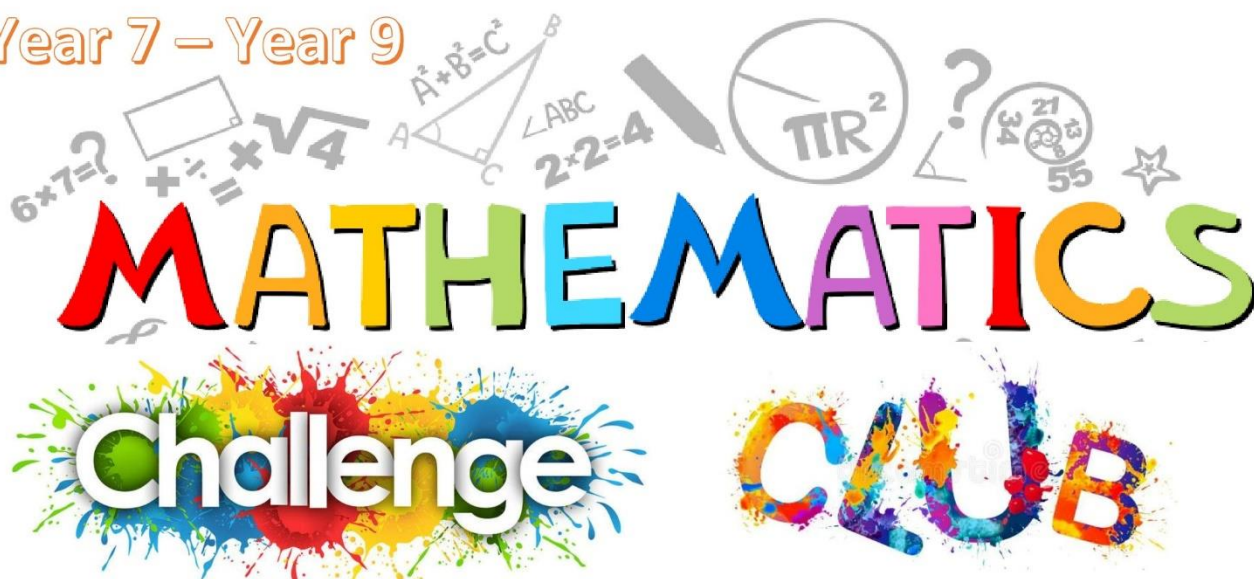
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EVERY TUESDAY

3:00 - 3.30

IN L7

Year 7 – Year 9

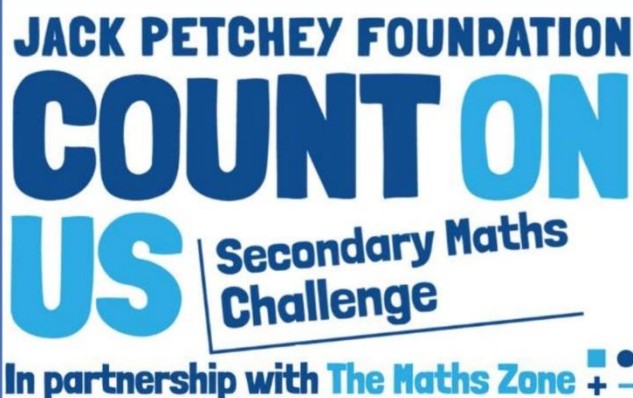


3 – 4 Every Wednesday in M5

- 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





Wellbeing

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week we have been celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week and all students have had an assembly on celebrating their community and how this can support wellbeing through providing a sense of connection and belonging.

Students have been introduced to all of the various agencies who come into school to support them and also our students wellbeing leaders.

Alongside this, we have encouraged students to be proactive in supporting their own wellbeing through the [NHS five ways to wellbeing](#)

[The final words gratitude](#) go to Mr Santos

2025

Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY



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

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

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

TUESDAY



6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

WEDNESDAY



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

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

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

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

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

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

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

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

SUNDAY

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

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

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

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why



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**

T: 020 8288 0950

E: heathamhouse@achievingforchildren.org.uk



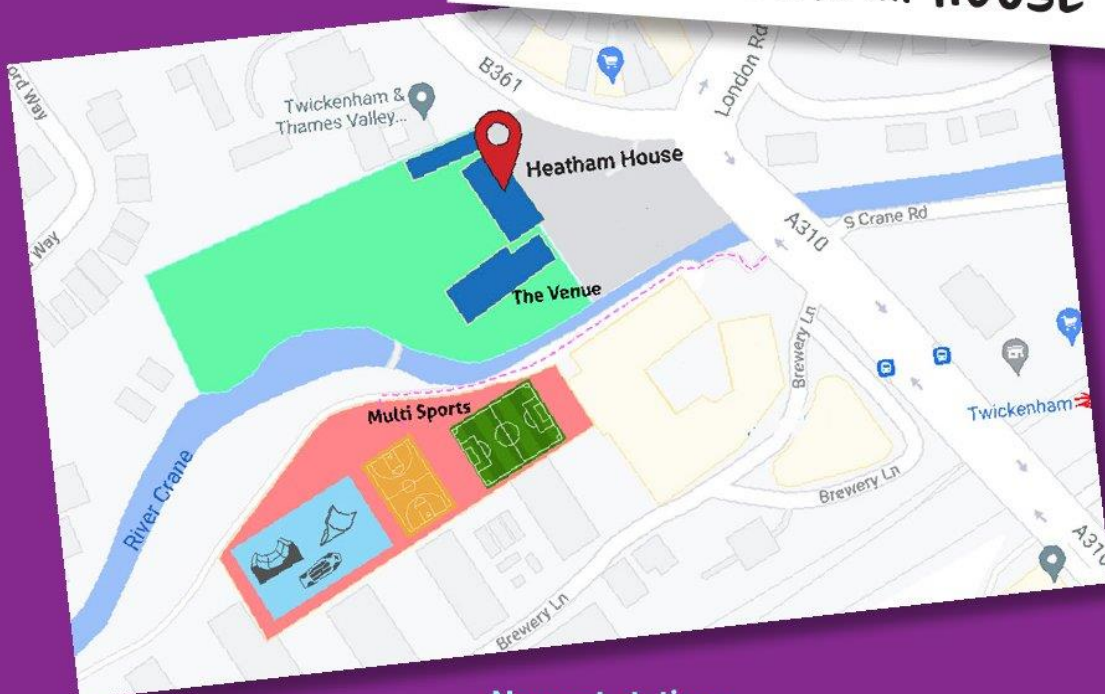
**achieving
for children**

How to find us....

Heatham House Youth Centre, Whitton Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BH



HEATHAM HOUSE



Nearest station:

Twickenham (2 minute walk)

Nearest bus stops:

Whitton Road (Stop S) 267 & H22 (2 minute walk)

Whitton Road (Stop N) 267 & H22 (2 minute walk)

Twickenham Station (Stop B) 267, 281, 681, H22 (2 minute walk)

Twickenham Station (Stop C) 267, 281, H22 (2 minute walk)

Heatham House (Stop L) 281 681 (1 minutewalk)



Sixth ^{NEWS} Form

Alan Partridge Lookalike Contest and a load of Old Djurgarden!

Mr Clements

Last week I was privileged to be in the company of Ms Duncan and a group of attentive year 12 parents for our UCAS higher education evening. During the course of the event the benefits of undertaking a degree were presented using statistics from the Institute of Fiscal studies which estimated that graduates are 100,000 -120,000 pounds better off than their non-graduate counterparts as a degree unlocks “networks and pathways into elite professions as a consequence of transferable skills.”

...Now at this point, I could tell that the transferable skill (allegedly gained from an English and American Studies degree) of public speaking had been lost on me, as I could spy one gentleman checking the Conference League Djurgarden semi-final score and another lady finalise her Ocado shop. So I have reflected on how the study of The Vietnam War, Malcom X, F Scott Fitzgerald and Francis Ford Coppola's “Godfather trilogy” has prepared me in any way for some of the tasks I have had to carry out over the past week.

1. Quality assuring Mr Bashford's collection of Pierre Cardin sweaters in order for him to have the best chance of winning the Alan Partridge “knowing me, knowing you” lookalike competition he was planning on entering.

2. Researching the availability of an Oompah band and finding a sound technician who might be able to set up a stage for them with Ms Thomas.

3. Sourcing the best non-chafing lederhosen costume to hire for my turn at the Anglo-German festival.

4. Finding a large pole (the metal variety rather than a citizen of Poland) to dislodge a year 10 student's football from a tree that was overhanging a Ham resident's garden.

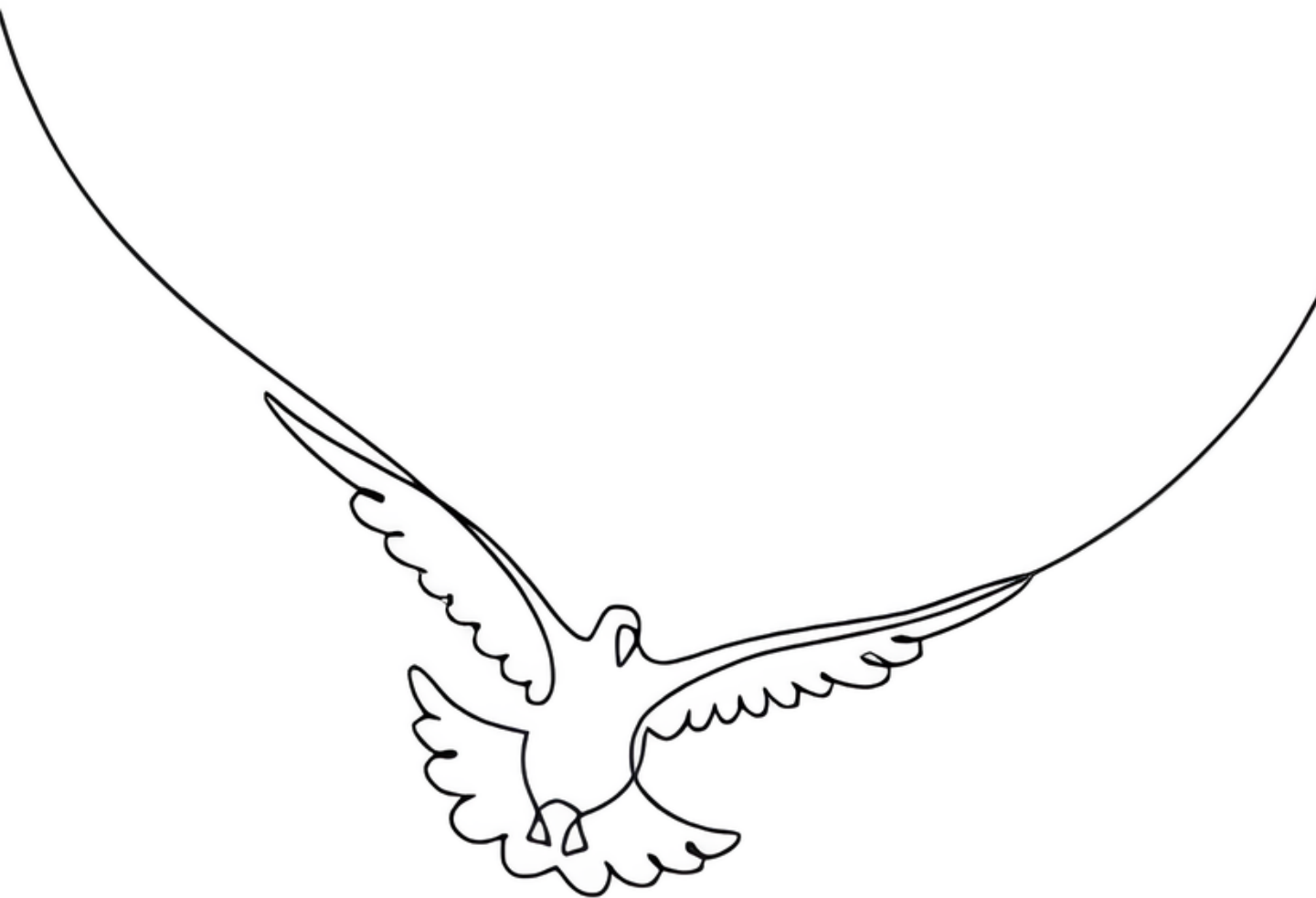
5. Chasing a stray pigeon out of the sports hall.

6. Unblocking the sixth form toilets.

7. Standing in front of the DJ booth at the prom in order to protect both our deposit and the DJ from 100 sixth formers moshing to a Gangnam style remix. (Allegedly I looked quite grumpy.)

8. Advising Ms McNichol on whether she should give season 1 of "Yellowstone" a go!

So, although, to paraphrase Liam Neeson in "Taken 2" I do possess a "unique skill set," aside from point 8 the answer is, not a jot!



Y12

Year 12

TRIAL EXAMS

18 June - 27 June

These trial exams are crucial as the **results will be used to determine predicted grades** for UCAS applications.

All Year 12 students have been working on a **revision plan** this week and have now started the **50 Hour Challenge**.

Each student must complete **at least 50 hours of revision** between now and the start of the trial exams. This revision must be **clearly evidenced**, so students are encouraged to keep detailed logs or use their revision planners.

If you have any questions or need support with planning your revision, please speak to your subject teachers or the Sixth Form team.

[Year 12 Trial exam booklet Summer 2025](#)

Year 12 Exam TT

DAY	Session 1	Session 2
Start	8.30am	1pm
Monday 16 June	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.
Tuesday 17 June	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.	NO STUDY LEAVE. YEAR 12s MUST ATTEND LESSONS AS NORMAL.
Wednesday 18 June		Mathematics paper 1 (Pure) - 2 hrs - In Sports Hall
Thursday 19 June	English Literature - 2 hrs 30 m Physics paper 1 - 1h 30 m Sociology paper 1 - 2hrs	
Monday 23 June	Biology paper 1 - 1hrs 30m Philosophy paper 1 - 3hrs Economics paper 1 - 2hrs	Psychology paper 1 - 2hrs French Paper 1 - 1h:45m Listening, Reading & Writing Spanish Paper 1 - 1h:45m Listening, Reading & Writing
Tuesday 24 June	Physics paper 2 - 1h 30m Politics - 2hrs	History Paper 1 2h 30m Geography paper 1 - 1h 55m
Wednesday 25 June	Mathematics paper 2 (Statistics & Mechanics) - 1hr 15m	Chemistry Paper 1 1h 30m
Thursday 26 June	French Paper 2 Writing - 1h:30 Spanish Paper 2 Writing - 1h:30	Psychology paper 2 - 2hrs Computer Science - 2hr 30 m
Friday 27 June	Geography paper 2 - 1h:55m History paper 2 - 2h:30m Chemistry paper 2 - 1h:30m	Economics paper 2 - 2hrs Biology paper 2 - 1h:30

PRACTICAL EXAMS

ART: two full days (10 hours total mock exam) on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June

DRAMA: Performance of Abigail's Party (after school, date to be confirmed)

UCAS

In PDW this week the Year 12s started their UCAS journey.

They have registers and connected their UCAS applications to the school using the buzzword: GC62026

The next step will be completing the admin side of UCAS, this will take place during PDW on Wednesday 4th June Period 1.

[Registering for UCAS PDW 13/05/25](#)

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.

All year 12s have been sent an email titled **You've been invited to a UCAS exhibition**. Please click on the link in the email to pre-register and to get your entry QR code. If you don't pre-register you will have to do it when you arrive which will mean joining a boring queue instead of using the VIP lane!

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.](#)

Y12

30 June - 4 July

The list of students without work experience placement is shrinking fast which is amazing news! It's been brilliant to see the enthusiasm around Sixth Form, with students stopping me in the corridors to share their successes. **One standout moment this week was a Year 12 student proudly announcing they've secured a placement at a law firm, what an incredible opportunity!**

We are working with the final group of students to put programmes together. 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 two. There is no longer a 'normal' work experience with the change in the way people work.

We ask parents/carers to talk to their children about what they are doing for the work experience week and make sure they have completed all the relevant paperwork on Unifrog.

Any questions please get in touch with Miss Corrighan

bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

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**:

[16/05/2025 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

The Google form to express interest in EPQ is now closed. Following this, students will be invited to the EPQ classroom and given initial application tasks to complete.

One-to-one meetings regarding UCAS statements continue this week. After these meetings, students should amend their drafts based on feedback.

Y13

Year 13 students continue to impress me with their attitude and approach to their exams, with many of them opting to revise at school, armed with snacks and drinks! We have had 100% of students arriving on time and with a positive mindset which is a great way to start their exam. Very well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

UCAS Deadline

Thursday 5 June 2025

The UCAS accepting offers deadline is **5 June**.
Please see this [UCAS guide](#) to accepting offers.

Applying for Student Accommodation

Once you have put in your firm and insurance choices you will be contacted by the universities asking you to apply for student accommodation. Different universities use different selection criteria - some are first come first served and some put all applications together and allocate accommodation after a particular date. Whatever the system it is a good idea to apply as soon as you can to improve the chances of getting your preferred halls of residence.

Have a look at [UCAS Student Accommodation](#) for more advice on choosing the right place for you.

Stay in touch with Grey Court after you leave!



The poster features a smiling young man with a backpack on a pink background. The text 'GOING SOMEWHERE?' is in large white letters. The Future First logo is in the top right. Below the title, it says 'Take your network with you' and 'Are you leaving school this year? Join your school's leavers' network today'. A QR code is shown with the text 'Sign-up in minutes!' and 'OR sign-up at futurefirst.org.uk'. A list of benefits is provided: 'Volunteering opportunities to enhance your CV', 'Showcase your personal development', 'Stay in touch with former students and teachers', and 'Be invited back to school events'. The bottom includes the website 'www.futurefirst.org.uk', the hashtag '#MyFutureFirst', social media icons, and a small note: 'Future First is the public name for Future First Alumni Limited, a registered UK charity, number 1135638'.

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Most year 13s signed up in the leavers assembly. We would like you to sign up.

It takes 2-3 minutes via the website: [Future First Hub](https://FutureFirstHub.org.uk) or scan the QR Code in the poster.

Why keep in touch:

Stay connected and you can hear all the Grey Court news!

Improve your CV:

- get a reference for job
- volunteer

Support Grey Court students or be a role model

We can support you after you have left

SPORTS

News



Middlesex Track and Field Cup @ Lee Valley

Success!



ESAA English Schools' Track and Field Cup 2025

Round - 1, MDX 2 : Lee Valley - Tuesday 13th May 2025



Junior Boys

Posn	Points	School
1	418	Grey Court School, Richmond Upon Thames
2	412	The Latymer School, London
3	348	Belmont Mill Hill, London
4	309	Orleans Park School, Twickenham
5	305	Enfield Grammar School, Enfield
6	299	Isleworth & Syon School, Isleworth
7	172	Kingsmead School, Enfield

Junior Girls

Posn	Points	School
1	420	Grey Court School, Richmond Upon Thames
2	355	North London Collegiate School, Edgware
3	334	The Latymer School, London
4	320	Orleans Park School, Twickenham
5	274	St Helen's, Northwood
6	200	St Augustine's Priory, Ealing
7	181	Belmont Mill Hill, London
8	153	Kingsmead School, Enfield

Intermediate Boys

Posn	Points	School
1	491	Grey Court School, Richmond Upon Thames
2	383	The Latymer School, London
3	359	Mill Hill School, London
4	359	Enfield Grammar School, Enfield
5	312	Isleworth & Syon School, Isleworth
6	196	Kingsmead School, Enfield

Intermediate Girls

Posn	Points	School
1	393	Grey Court School, Richmond Upon Thames
2	390	North London Collegiate School, Edgware
3	352	The Latymer School, London
4	347	St Augustine's Priory, Ealing
5	298	St Helen's, Northwood
6	262	Mill Hill School, London
7	143	Kingsmead School, Enfield

Congratulations to Robert C who threw the hammer 37.54 metres at the Middlesex county champs and won the silver medal.



Surrey Athletics Championships



Tia Garrard - Surrey U17 Champion in High Jump (1m60) and in Long Jump (5m21)



**Grindan Abrahams - Surrey U15 200m Champion (22.04)
- sixth fastest U15 runner ever in the UK. And Surrey U15
100m runner up (10.90) - seventh fastest runner ever in
UK.**



Charlie Tong - Surrey U17 400m Champion - He ran 48.31 (superb time)

Charlie is currently ranked as the second-fastest U17 runner in the UK this year. On the back of his recent performance, he will represent the U20 GB team in the 4 x 400 m relay on Sunday.



Congratulations to the U13 cricket team for their win on Thursday and to Alex Vermeulen for the brilliant hattrick!



A special mention to Euan and Andrew R who competed in the super series triathlon in Wales on Saturday. These two boys are ultimate competitors and leave everything out there in every race. They both had good races, Andrew lost his shoe on the bike and cycled with only one shoe for the 12K but showed lots of resilience and managed to overtake a few people on the run.

Well done, boys!



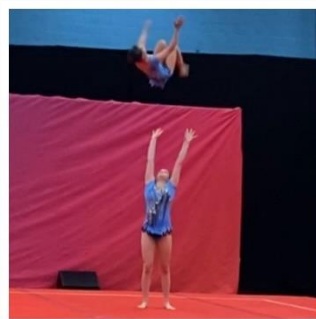
Acrobatic Gymnastics

Diana Gjocaj

We're thrilled to celebrate Diana Gjocaj's incredible journey in acrobatic gymnastics this year! Diana and her partner have earned their place in the National Finals Acrobatic Competition on 10 May 2025 representing the London region.

Her path to Nationals began with a great performance at the London Regionals on 23 March, where she dazzled the judges and clinched first place in the Grade 5 Women's Pairs, earning the well-deserved title of Regional Champion.

Earlier this year she also attended an international competition in Graz, Austria, which was an incredible experience!



Butlin's Trip

Some photos of the U12 boys enjoying themselves at the Butlin's tournament which took place last weekend





What's happening ...

Our New Year's

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The London Floodlit Sevens 2025

Sat 17 May 2025 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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The Floodlit Sevens returns on Saturday 17 May!
Featuring 12 elite men's teams competing under the lights in London.

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**Select tickets – The London Floodlit Sevens 2025 –
Rosslyn Park FC**

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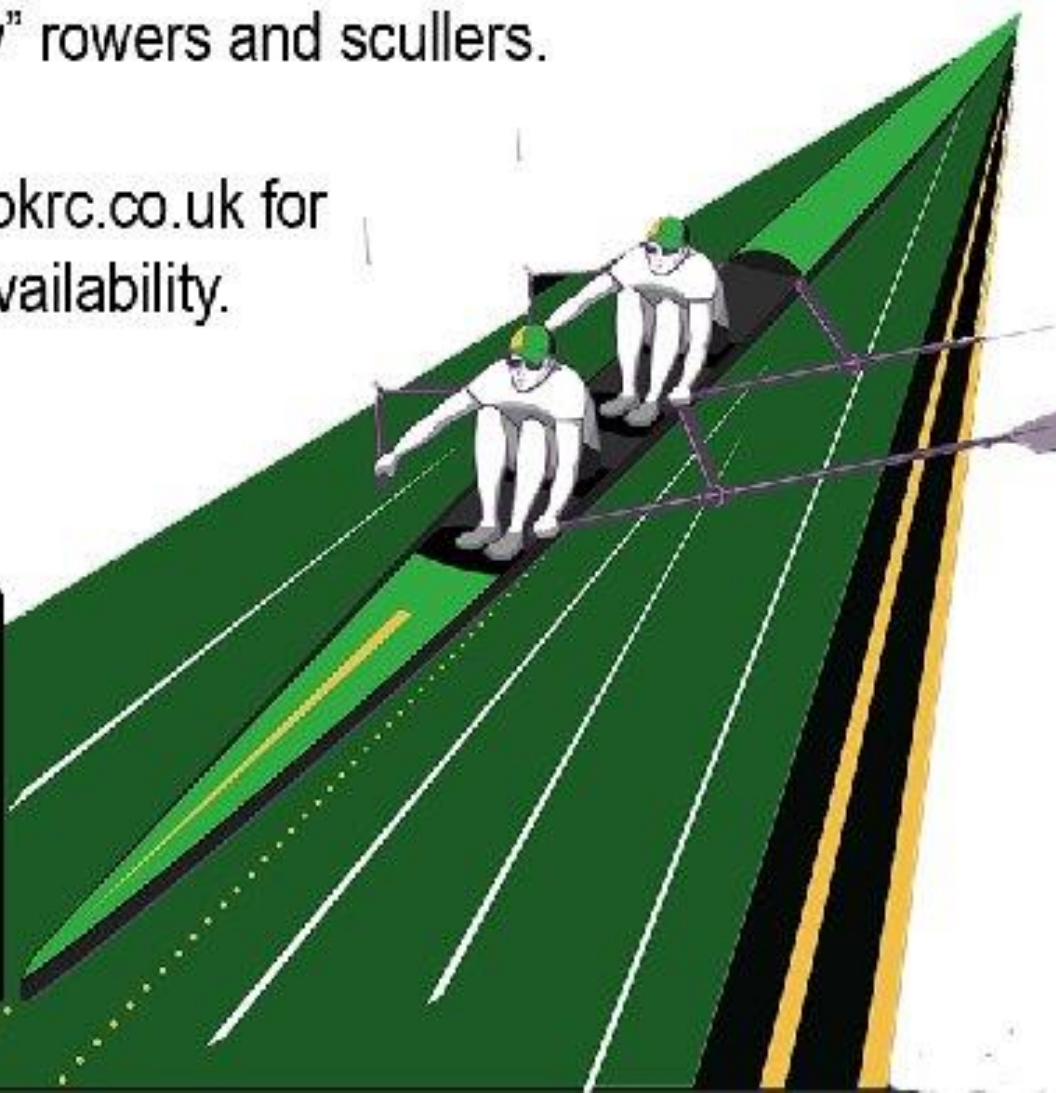
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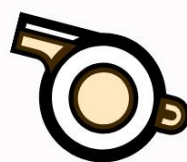
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