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



Cover photo: one of beautiful Christmas card designs. This was designed by Mia



Grey Court School Xmas Show 2025

'The Little Mermaid'
of Greyt Court Reef



Thursday 11th Dec 6.30pm
Adults £6 Children £4
Via Sco-Pay

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We have just 50 medium baubles and 35 large baubles

How to order

Please order through Scopay.

Baubles will be sold on a first come, first served basis.



Collection

- Orders made before 5pm on Weds 10th Dec will be available for collection at our panto evening on Thursday 11th Dec.
- Uncollected orders will be either:
 - ❖ sent home with students from Friday 12th December, or
 - ❖ available for collection from our main reception during the last week of term.



Christmas is coming to
THE PALM CENTRE
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Mention **GREY COURT SCHOOL** to our team and
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KS3 + KS4
News

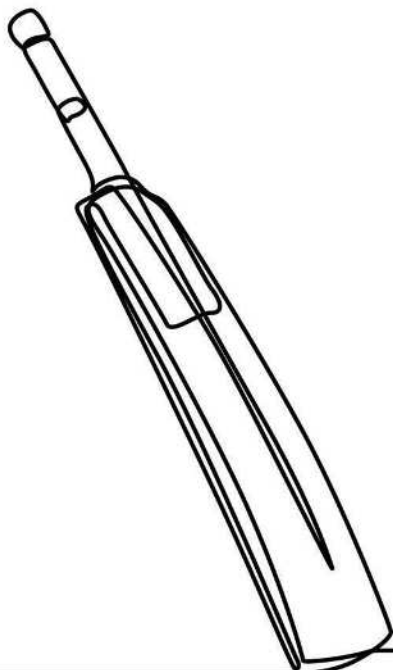
YEAR 7

This week's assembly was led by myself and we focused in on one of our core values that I discussed at the start of the year. We looked at respect and how we link it to our community, not just in Grey Court but also outside in the local community.

I discussed how students can often get carried away or not be aware of how their actions can affect other members of the community, so we looked at certain scenarios and situations that come up most commonly and how we can role model best practice to ensure that we're making a positive contribution to our community. We've been fortunate enough to have many year 7 students reported for positive behaviour, such as how they speak to members of the public, how they've offered their seats on buses and it makes us very proud to read those reports.

Our top performing tutor groups for achievement points this week were Oak with 249, Rowan with 264, but topping the bill were Willow with 313! Congratulations to Mr Clark and his clan for their exemplary work this week and B band are really heating up just as the outside temperature falls!

A brief reminder that there is the Grey Court Christmas Panto performance on the 11th and our year 7 Christmas lunch is on Thursday 18 December, with school breaking up for Christmas holidays at midday on Friday 19 December.



Cricket Needs You!

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Sports Development Team are looking for talented U13 boy and girl cricketers (school year 8 and under) to represent Team Richmond in the 2026 London Youth Games Indoor Cricket Cup.

This event is open to cricketers who either live, or go to school, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and who were under 13 on 1 September 2025 and selection is open to all boys up to but not including County level and all girls up to and including County level.

We will be running two trial days on Saturday 10 and Saturday 17 January 2026. These trials will take place at Whitton Sports and Fitness Centre. The boys trial will be between 2.00 – 3.30pm and the girls will be between 3.30 – 5.00pm. You can only attend one trial.

Successful trialists will attend training sessions on Saturday afternoons from end of January up until qualifiers takes place on Saturday 7 March 2026.

The training sessions will be free and will be led by experienced ECB coaches.

If you are interested please sign up with Team Richmond at the following link - [London Youth Games - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames](#)

Spaces are limited due to the capacity of the sports hall so please sign up early if you are interested.

If you have any questions, please contact The Sports Development Team at londonyouthgames@richmond.gov.uk

Year 8

Year 8 have powered through another cracking week, and I'm pleased to announce our conduct point superstars: Almus, Kasey, and Kalani. All three have shown fantastic effort with totals close to the 20s for this week - well done!

Students have also taken part in assemblies led by Mrs Moore and a team of sixth form volunteers. This was an informative session focusing on building confidence and preparing for future challenges.

As we enter the final couple of weeks of term, it's more important than ever that students keep standards high. That means strong effort in lessons, punctuality, smart uniform, and representing the school with excellent behaviour in public. Whether on the way to school, in the community, or on trips, Year 8 can and should show everyone the responsible, respectful young people they are.

Year 9

This week's assembly led by Ms Moore, focused on the value of volunteering. A group of Sixth Form students spoke to Year 9 about the different ways they volunteer and how those experiences have shaped them. They did a brilliant job of inspiring our year group to get involved themselves and it was lovely to recognise that many of our students are already giving their time through DofE.

A huge well done to our Year 9 girls' athletics team for their fantastic performance at the Lee Valley tournament this week. After catching up with Bea M, part of the victorious 4 × 200m relay team, I was informed that Miss Parr was kept on the edge of her seat as the girls were battling with the overall tournament winners till the end of the day. As Bea put it: *"We are building solid foundations at the indoor track events this winter which will make us well prepared for the outdoor summer season."* A brilliant effort from the whole team.



Year 9

We also had another sporting success to celebrate this week. Alex told me a little about his weekend playing hockey in the Netherlands, as well as the fantastic organisation he trains with. We're extremely proud of him for performing so well on an international stage. Below is his own account of the experience:

Hockey Mentors is a hockey organisation that provides training and match opportunities for children who attend state schools or come from ethnic minority backgrounds. Their aim is to open doors for young players who might not otherwise have access to the sport, as hockey is still dominated by private schools.

They also organise tours for their higher-level squads, including the one I was selected for last weekend. Alongside eight other boys from across the country, I travelled to the Netherlands, flying out on Friday and staying in a hotel in Rotterdam for two days. Each morning we travelled by coach to different hockey clubs.

It was an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience- not only playing against some of the strongest youth teams in the world, but also enjoying a weekend that I'll remember forever. Hockey Mentors already have another tour planned in Barcelona this February, which will be an outdoor tour similar to the Holland trip.

Overall, it was an amazing weekend. Thank you Hockey Mentors.



YEAR 10

What a fantastic week it has been for our Year 10s.

Our visit to Cadbury World was a huge success. Students showed excellent engagement throughout the day, taking full advantage of the learning opportunities on offer. It was wonderful to see such strong participation and enthusiasm from everyone involved.

A massive well done to the year group for an outstanding week of attendance. Year 10 have surpassed much of KS3, demonstrating real commitment as we move towards the end of term. Let's keep this momentum going.

As we approach the final weeks of term, we are heading into the last stretch of the Achievement Point Challenge. The celebration assembly is just around the corner, so it is important that students are working hard, demonstrating our school values, and collecting those remaining achievement points.

We would also like to remind students that if they miss lessons due to sporting commitments, clubs, or other school activities, they must take responsibility for catching up on the work they have missed. In Year 10, it is very easy to fall behind, and students need to be proactive in keeping up to date with their learning.

Keep up the brilliant work, Year 10. We are proud of you.



Not a lot of people know this but Mr Khan is an elite runner. Having paced the pavements of Tooting in preparation for the Wimbledon half marathon he posted a record time. The Tooting and Mitchem gazette has recently reported that crowds of admirers have been spotted clearing and clapping as in scenes reminiscent of "Rocky Balboa" as Mr Khan has mounted the steps of Tooting town hall in a Grey Sweatshirt and raised his hands aloft to the sky.

Next up is a run off with Mr Cameron "chariots of fire" Allan.

- Mr Clements



Stars of the Week

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7B	Luke Ellisdon	Maths	Excellent contributions
8E	Thomas Russell	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
9O	Vivaan Puranik	Maths	Excellent contributions
10C	Aarya Walke	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
11C	Kamsi Ogbu	Maths	Outstanding achievement
12C	Dylan Ellis	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
13G	Leo Shaw	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
10B	Louie Makriel	Statistics	Excellent classwork
12G	Andrew Fung	Further Maths	Outstanding achievement
13E	Jack Verwaerde-Daniels	Further Maths	Outstanding achievement



Designed by Sofia M. 7W



Designed by Sophia B. 7R



Designed by Mia A. 7R



Designed by Irma S. 7R

Grey Court School Seasonal Cards for sale:
Designed by Year 7 VPA scholars from Grey Court School.

£3 per pack of 4 designs and £5 for two packs. 8 cards in each pack. Envelopes included.

- Payment by cash only directly to an Art Department teacher or reception.
- Please note cards may be printed to order depending on demand. Please email vbolzanigask@greycourt.org.uk
- No Scopay payment is available for this purchase at this time.

Ms Braham initiates a better day coming for Jamaica

- Mr Clements

For the uninitiated Ms Braham is our esteemed Health and Social care teacher who has transformed this department since she joined us in 2021. She does an amazing job in leading this subject in an organised, friendly and calm manner. If I am ever feeling agitated in my perambulations around the school I stop by Ms Braham's room to breathe in the calm. Hailing from Jamaica, Ms Braham, was incredibly upset when her homeland was devastated by the recent Hurricane Melissa. However, in her normal purposeful way - and with a little help from staff, students and the wider community - she set about initiating an immediate aid effort.

Inspired by the amazing student response, especially from Sixth Formers and our shared appreciation of Marcus Garvey, I took the time to quiz Ms Braham about her relationship with this beautiful island.

Ms Braham, in terms of your Jamaican heritage - were you born in Jamaica and do you have family members who came to the UK from Jamaica?

I was born in St George's Hospital in Tooting but later went on to live in Jamaica where I spent many amazing years. My maternal grandmother came from Kingston & my grandfather came from St Elizabeth. They separately came to the UK in the 50s, got married and then started their family of 4 children. My grandmother began a career as a nurse whilst my grandfather started off as a bus conductor but went on to become a doctor. Meanwhile my paternal grandparents came from Clarendon and had careers as a nursing Sister and engineer for Ford cars. Eventually 11 of their siblings on one side and 6 siblings on the other, all came to the UK, started their own family which grew the large family we have here now.

Do you visit Jamaica? Did you visit it as a child? What did you do when you went there?

Yes, keeping the link to Jamaica is vital to me which is why I spend most summer holidays there with my husband & children. In fact, my children even spent their young years living in St Ann, Jamaica with us. They went to primary school there, made friends and spent time with their multitude of cousins. My most vivid memories of Jamaica as a child was the amount of green space and open land I had to play in. As a 'tomboy' who loved climbing and being outdoors living in London, this was a dream come true! I had an abundance of trees to climb, fruits to pick and a river to get in trouble for playing in!

Which parish are your family from? What is distinctive about this locale?

When I go back to Jamaica, I stay in Runaway Bay, which is a community in St Ann. St Ann is the largest parish in Jamaica, situated in the north and is called the "Garden Parish" because of its floral beauty. I love it there so much because it's super close to Ocho Rios - one of the tourist hubs of Jamaica. For me, this is a beautiful mix of the "fast" life of London with the benefits of the tropics. St Ann is also where one of Jamaica's national heroes - Marcus Garvey - comes from, as well as the world famous Bob Marley!



WELCOME JAMAICA
We need your donations

How has the hurricane impacted on your community/family?

Sadly a lot. My family live there in various places in Jamaica but mostly St Ann, St Elizabeth, and Clarendon. My family in St Ann were "fortunate" that they only got structural damage and roofs that were blown off. St Elizabeth however is referred to as "ground zero" because that was one of the places with the most catastrophic damage. They have lost everything - their homes have been flattened, as have their businesses. Most of my family have been displaced because of this. Communicating with them is still almost impossible because the power lines were damaged. We only know they're "ok" because my other family members living outside of the parish visit them then report back to us.

What were students required to bring in and how did it help?

The response from GC has been remarkable (of course). When I started the relief support for Hurricane Melissa I requested donations that could support people with their immediate needs. For example, dry non-perishable food, sanitary items, nappies, paracetamol and water sanitation tablets. Alongside these needs I requested school supplies like pencils and notepads - as all of these were damaged by the rain water.

How much money did we raise?

Money wasn't the best way to help as it would be difficult for it to be collected as banks were also closed. Furthermore, there were no shops open to buy food or replace damaged items - in fact this is still the case in many areas. So it was felt the best method to support would be to ship these items in a barrel. When discussing these logistics, I mentioned that I would be over the moon if we collected enough donations to fill 1 plastic barrel... but we sent THREE! My heart was so full, I just couldn't believe it because I know it will have a large impact on so many people.

How are the materials being transported out there?

The 3 barrels were collected and shipped and it is estimated they will take 3 weeks to get there. My brother in law will collect the barrels and bring them to the community centre who will sort through the donations with some volunteers and distribute them to those who need them.

Which sixth formers and staff really helped/led the initiative and how?

To be honest Ms Mannion was the driving force behind everything. It wouldn't even have occurred to me to start this if it wasn't for her. Once things were started, Ms Duncan went into action and printed off the posters I created and put them up around the school almost immediately. After the collection deadline then came the mammoth task to sort through the donations and then actually fill the 3 barrels, which I knew would take hours. I'm so grateful that Ms Mannion and Ms Delachaise sacrificed their time to help me. In all, it took me 3 days to complete and it couldn't have been such a quick turnaround had it not been for their physical manpower. Also a shout out to Ms Kamwaza who gave some logistical advice when dealing with the shipping company.

How can we build community links with Jamaica as a sixth form in the future?

There are many schools with sixth forms and colleges in Jamaica, especially in my parish of St Ann, that would love to foster international relationships with us. Perhaps to gain insight, to come visit us and even for us to visit them! It would be an incredible opportunity for our London students to experience a week in the life of a Jamaican student. I remember how shocking it was for me to see how different a Jamaican classroom was: a year group assembly sitting & concentrating in 32 degree heat whilst having to battle mosquitoes, not to mention the strictness of their uniform policy!

Thanks for all your hard work Ms Braham and to the sixth form team for their support. It was really interesting to learn about your relationship with your homeland!

Wellbeing + PDW





Welcome to December's Newsletter

As we all start preparations for Christmas, it's worth reflecting that its true meaning goes far beyond wrapped gifts and festive cards. It is a moment to pause, open our hearts, and share compassion with those who need it most.

Look out for us this week at [Barnes White Hart Lane Christmas Evening](#) or see Santa and his sleigh as we ride through Twickenham with the Rotary Club, or visit us on [Instagram](#). And, even as the Christmas season gets into full swing, our seminar programme and post-diagnosis workshops, continue in December and early 2026, and are available to book [here](#).

And finally, a small gift for you. We've made a video about the charity - do please share. [See the video and read about other events](#).

So, this Christmas, let us embrace giving in all its forms—kindness, patience, donations, and shared community—to ensure every local child with ADHD feels included and uplifted.

Best wishes, and a Merry Christmas to you and your family.

The team at ADHD Embrace.

Support for You

MHST Information at a Glance

General information about AfC MHST services, including the links to the Helping with... Parent webinars (topics chosen by parents)

express is an independent user-led organisation based in the borough of Kingston upon Thames. Our aim is to support autistic people and their families, and promote awareness and acceptance in the community. We are a CIC, which is a community interest company meaning that we operate as a not for profit organisation.

YoungMinds

We offer tailored information, advice and support to parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's mental health. You can speak to us over the phone, or chat to us online. You can use our Helpline service if you are the parent or main carer of a child or young person aged 25 or under. Our service is available across the UK. It is free and confidential. **Parents Helpline**



We're still here

Supporting you over the festive period

Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period

24th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm – 8pm
25th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm – 8pm
26th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm – 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm – 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm – 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm – 10pm on weekdays and 6pm – 10pm on weekends.

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SIXTH FLOOR NEWS

Y12

Year 12 Trial exams

The year 12 trial exams will run from 5 January for two weeks. These will be sat in lesson time and they will be managed by classroom teachers. Students need to plan their revision carefully, in order to ensure that they can go over all of the content required.

All information can be found in the [Trial exams booklet and timetable](#)

English Speaking Union's School Mace Competition

As an extension to the Enrichment Debating Club, three year 12s took part in the first round of the English Speaking Union's School Mace competition on 27 November at Tiffin Girls School where they faced representatives of five other Richmond and Kingston schools. The team had to support the proposition, '***This House Would impose a tourism tax in major cities facing overtourism***'. All three members of the team performed brilliantly, and they were unlucky to narrowly miss out on a place in the second round. Well done to **Isabella O'Brien, Sophie Mak** and **Eshwa Haidrani**.

- Mr Hurley

A Taste of Sampling Techniques

Year 12 Sociology students had a brilliantly colourful (and temptingly tasty) lesson this week as they used Skittles to uncover the secrets of sampling techniques. Armed with bowls of rainbow "participants," they tested random, systematic and stratified methods, all under the watchful eye of Ms Duncan, who reminded them *repeatedly* that ethical guidelines absolutely forbid eating your sample. The room buzzed with debate, laughter, and only a few suspiciously empty spaces where Skittles had mysteriously "disappeared." A vibrant and memorable way to bring sociological research to life!



SAMPLING

Your task is to represent your sample, you will be given a population, based on your target population. You will be given a target population.

To do this you will need to use the following information:

Target Population

Color	Frequency
Red	10
Orange	10
Yellow	10
Green	10
Purple	10

Random Sampling

From a population of 100 candies, you will take a random sample of 10 candies. You will then count the number of candies of each color in your sample.

Color	Frequency
Red	10
Orange	10
Yellow	10
Green	10
Purple	10

and then you will compare the results of your sample to the target population.





Y13

Well done to year 13 for all of the hard work that you have put into your trial exams 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

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

- Oliver Van Der Veen
- Felix Marchis
- Will Meadows
- Lucy Williams
- Layla Banarse
- James Russell

Six of our Year 13s have been incredibly efficient and have made their firm and insurance course choices. Well done!

Saturday Netball: Walton & Hersham vs The Tiffinettes

On Saturday morning, Walton and Hersham Netball Club took on the Tiffinettes, but Ms Duncan had a bit of a surprise when she arrived at Notre Dame School and discovered her team would be playing against two Year 13s!

It was great to see Olivia and Mia in action, they showed confidence and amazing teamwork. Olivia was awarded Opposition's Player of the Match, and the Tiffinettes gave their award to Ms Duncan (although that may have been slightly biased!).

The Tiffinettes won 38–31. Well done, girls!



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.

Oxbridge Update

Interviews are still coming through for our current year 13 but congratulations to those who have received one. 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.

The process has now started with yr 12. Interested students attended a meeting during enrichment and need to complete a google form to be signed up to the new google classroom and apply to attend the trip to Oxford on the 27th January. Current key advice for interested students is as follows;

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 and Open day opportunities on the Google classroom
3. Work on super curricular (not extracurricular!) This means extra reading, online courses and lectures, and relevant visits to museums. Links and models to support this have been posted on the new Oxbridge Classroom.

O-Bulletin

Please see the [weekly opportunities bulletin](#) to develop your skills and experience and find out about all the latest work experience, university events, careers talks and apprenticeship vacancies

THANK YOU!

Grey Court Friends and Founders Evening

On Thursday evening, we held our annual careers networking event for our year 12 students. They came dressed to impress with their CVs and met with over 50 volunteers from the world of work.

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 this is a list of our amazing alumni who supported us:

Alexandru Soare	Digital Marketing & Business
Cameron Allister-Crooke	Management Consulting (Financial Services)
Charlotte Shore	Primary Teaching
Chris Howden	Medicine/Psychiatry
Daniel Gracie Cheng	Data and AI
Freya Davidson	Forensic Science & Communications
Graham Clark	Business, sales & Recruitment
James Sinatra	Law
Jasmin Glynn	Politics & Policy
Lara Tabuteau	Politics and International Relations
Lottie Allister-Crooke	TV/Film
Martha Johnston-Bailey	Sports/Science & Teacher training
Martin Ashford	Motion graphic design and animation
Sam Tabuteau	Sports Journalist
Yahya Messenger	Digital Marketing & PR
Zineb Ait Ziane	Computer Science

Well done to all the year 12 students who came and impressed our guests - some fantastic feedback and we will do a bigger feature in next week's bulletin.



Remember

- Can you name all you...
- Can you remember the year of...
- Describes what happens when...
- How would you define...
- How would you outline...
- List the...in order of...

Critical Thinking Questions

- How would you...
- Is there a better...
- Why do you agree...
- The outcomes...
- What would you...
- What details would...
- support the view...

Louise Gibbons
Outreach Specialist
National Physical Laboratory

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The Ham Land Volunteers

The image shows two young men standing in a grassy field. They are both wearing dark, quilted jackets. The man on the left is wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans, and the man on the right is wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. They are carrying a large bundle of cut branches on their shoulders. The background consists of a grassy field with trees in the distance under a cloudy sky.

The Ham Land volunteers have been the best cohort to date this year. The team, consisting of both year 12 and 13 students, have built up a brilliant link with the local community group 'Friends of Ham Lands' and are making a huge difference to the area. The sixth form team has adopted an area that the school has been maintaining and developing over the past five years and we are beginning to see some really big changes, our work being very beneficial to the landscape and natural wildlife.

Flowers and plants that are rare to find in London have been beginning to thrive with our help and care such as Bee orchids that have been spotted in areas we have cleared.

The team of students are dedicated, mature and have gone above and beyond this year, even attending sessions when it has not been compulsory, what great role models and what a privilege to have such a great team working with the local community.



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 16th of 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 symbolizes generosity, good will and connection. We should strive to ensure everyone experiences a joyful and blessed holiday.





SPORTS

News

Congrats



Congratulations to our Girls and Boys Cross Country teams who were crowned champions at the Judge Cup.

Congrats



Congrats



Congrats

to the boys who placed third in the boys B Final



Congrats

to the girls who placed second in the girls A Final –
missing out by 2 points!





Congratulations to our Junior Boys team who were crowned Champions at the Junior Knowle Run on Friday 28 November



Our Junior Girls and Boys who competed in the Junior Knowle Run on Friday 28 November. Alfie finished third; Clio, fourth; and Finlay, sixth

Congrats



Not a win on Tuesday 1 December for our U14 team, but some great play! Shout out to Chloe for two 3 pointers!



Excellent 5-3 victory for the u15 hockey team on Thursday 4 December. Goals by Theo H (2), Gabriel, Zac and Theo M. Kian P was outstanding in goal

Amber + Charlotte

Performer of the Month

This month, our **Performer of the Month Award** goes jointly to **Amber** and **Charlotte** in recognition of their fantastic achievement in being selected for the **Surrey County Cricket squads** — **U13 for Amber** and **U15 for Charlotte**. This is an outstanding milestone for both players and a well-deserved reward for their dedication, effort and passion for the game.



✦ Charlotte – U15 Surrey CCC Talent Pathway ✦

Charlotte has shown remarkable commitment to cricket, and her selection for the **U15 Surrey Talent Pathway** is a wonderful achievement. She is now back to playing full cricket and continues to develop her skills across multiple roles, performing both as a right-arm pace bowler and a wicketkeeper for Ham & Petersham CC.

Charlotte's weekly schedule reflects her determination — from Winter training with H&P on Tuesdays, to her GC sessions on Wednesday mornings, and her ongoing involvement in the club's U8 coaching on Thursdays, where she generously gives her time to support younger players. Her Surrey Winter nets begin next week, marking an exciting new chapter in her cricket development.

✦ Amber – Surrey U13 Squad Selection ✦

Amber's selection for the **Surrey U13 squad** marks her fourth consecutive year with the county — a truly impressive feat, especially given the highly competitive and challenging trial process this season. Her consistency and strong performances continue to set her apart.

Amber will be training with Surrey on Saturdays throughout the Winter, before moving into a busy Summer programme of midweek and weekend training and matches. Amber shows great maturity in balancing her county commitments with her school and Ham & Petersham responsibilities. Her resilience and enthusiasm remain key strengths that shine through in everything she does.

Their dedication, skill and unwavering commitment to cricket have led them to this fantastic achievement. Being selected for Surrey County Cricket is something to be extremely proud of, and both girls have demonstrated the work ethic, talent and attitude needed to succeed at this level.

Player of the Month

Mack O'Keefe



Mack has made a hugely impressive start to his time at Grey Court. As a High Jump specialist, he jumped 1.90m at the Indoor Athletics London Finals, helping the team to go on and win the title!

He has also combined his athleticism with his Rugby skills to become a valuable member of the Rugby team, scoring a hat-trick in his first game for the school against Christ's, as well as a try against his old school, Fulham Boys to help us win a big cup match. Outside of school Rugby, Mack has been selected for the Harlequins Pathway Programme, which will further help him progress his skills. He has also found time to help coach our junior high jumpers at Kings Meadow athletics track, which will stand them in great stead for the summer competitions. Well done Mack!

Scholar of the Month

Woody Cowie



Congratulations to our Scholar of the Month for November – Woody Cowie. Woody has made an excellent start since joining the Sport Scholarship Programme, immediately standing out for his outstanding attitude and determination. In scholarship lessons, he consistently shows focus, effort, and a real desire to improve, making him a valuable member of the group.

His hard work outside of lessons has also paid off. Woody has earned a starting place in the Boys' U12A football team, where his commitment and performance have been impressive. In addition, he has secured a spot on the Junior Boys' Cross Country team and was part of the squad that qualified for the National Cross Country Championships.

A strong work ethic, enthusiasm, and ambition define Woody's approach, and his progress so far has been exceptional.

Well done, Woody—an excellent start to your scholarship journey!

Zara

Scholar of the Month



Congratulations to Zara P, our Scholar of the Month for November! Zara truly reflects everything our Sports Scholarship programme stands for: dedication, talent, and a drive to excel. Her achievements across a range of sports have been exceptional — she has represented Grey Court at individual gymnastics, earned a place in Surrey Cricket, competed in cross country, and played U12 football.

Whether she's on the field, in the gym, or training with her teammates, Zara consistently shows focus, determination, and a brilliant work ethic. Her versatility across multiple sports highlights not only her natural ability but also her willingness to push herself and embrace every challenge.

Beyond her sporting success, Zara brings enthusiasm, positivity, and a supportive attitude to all aspects of school life, making her a valued member of our community.

Well done, Zara!

Team of the Month

Junior and Inter ESAA XC Team



Our Junior and Intermediate teams competed in the ESAA Regional Finals having progressed through the first round. It was another fantastic performance with grit and determination from the boys, resulting in Overall First Place for each team!

In the Juniors, Alfie was 3rd, Pascal 4th, Finlay 11th and Oli 22nd. The Intermediate boys had Euan 3rd, Andrew 5th, Ifan 6th and Avery 14th!

They now go onto the National finals taking place on December 5th, good luck lads and well done on the hard work you have put in to become Regional Champions!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

from the Teddington Hockey Club

The Tuesday hockey club is finished for 2025;
Tuesday 2 December was the final session.

Once the plans for 2026 have been confirmed,
details will be circulated and signups can begin.

Clubs

Extracurricular
timetable



Grey Court Presents...

A Night at the Movies

Auditions for our Annual Gym and Dance show will take place on **Thursday 22nd January 2026** at 3:10pm in the small gym.

Please ensure you pick a song from a film to perform to.

If you would like to audition please complete the google form by 20th January.

Any questions, please speak to Miss Parr.

The show will be taking place on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7pm



What's happening ...



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FOOTBALL

Day: Saturdays

Time: players age 11 to 16 - 11.15am-12.15pm
players age 5 to 11 - 12.15pm-1.15pm
Adult players - 11.15am-12.15pm

Dates: 13 September to 13 December (not 1 Nov)

Venue: Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre

Cost: £4.50 per person per session

Coached by coaches from Kew Park Rangers (KPR), a local England Football 3 Star Accredited Community Club, footballers practice a variety of techniques and skills to develop their agility, balance and coordination. KPR encourage players to join in competitively and socially.

These sessions take place indoors in a sports hall.

FUSION ADULT DANCE

Day: Mondays **Time:** 6.00-7.00pm

Dates: 8 September to 15 December (not 27 Oct)

Venue: Teddington Sports Centre

Cost: £52 per person for the term

Fun, energetic and social dance sessions with Combination Dance which will increase fitness, mobility, self-confidence and teamwork. Performers will learn choreographed dance routines to a variety of music genre.

RISE TO SHINE SWIMMING

Day: Tuesdays **Time:** 6-6.45pm

Dates: 9 September to 16 December (not 28 Oct)

Venue: Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre

Cost: £65 per person for the term

Part of our RISE to Shine project, training athletes aged 8-18 years who live or go to school in the borough to compete for Richmond in the London Youth Games. It is a very welcoming group focusing on stroke improvement. Swimmers need to be able to swim a 25m length of the pool unaided.

MULTI-SPORTS

Day: Saturdays **Time:** 12.15-1.15pm

Dates: 13 September to 13 December (not 1 Nov)

Venue: Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre

Cost: £4.50 per person per session

Activities for children 8+, young people and adults Delivered by Brentford Community Sports Trust. Come along and join in with a variety of different sports and exercise activities. These sessions are fun and engaging with the opportunity to try lots of different activities.

FUSION JUNIOR AND TEEN DANCE

Day: Saturdays

Time: 11:30am-12.15pm (Yr7 +)
12.30-1.00 pm (YrR to Yr6)*

*expression of interest as not currently running

Dates: 13 September – 13 December
(not 25 Oct or 1 November)

Venue: Up and Running, Teddington

Cost: £54 per person for the term

These weekly, fun and lively dance classes are led by Combination Dance Company and are ideal for developing gross motor skills, flexibility, self expression and confidence.



To book any of our activities please visit - <https://bookwhen.com/lbrut-rise>

If you would like to attend any of these activities or for more details, please contact the Sports Development Team on 020 8831 6134
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Time: 11.15am-12.15pm players 11 to 16 years in secondary school
12.15pm-1.15pm players 5 to 11 years in primary school

Day: Saturdays **Dates:** 13th September to 13th December (term time)

Venue: Whitton Sports Centre, Twickenham School, Percy Road, Whitton, TW2 6JW.

Cost: £4.50 per person per session. There is no charge for parents, carers or support staff.



Coached by coaches from Kew Park Rangers (KPR), a local England Football 3 Star Accredited Community Club, footballers practice a variety of techniques and skills to develop their agility, balance and coordination.

KPR encourage players to join in competitively and socially.
These sessions take place indoors in a sports hall.

We would ask that you please sign up and pay in for the sessions in advance by using the following booking link –

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NO STRAIGHT ANSWER



@ Hampton Youth Zone

Thursdays
4pm to 6pm
Years 7 to 13

A session for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning young people to have a safe, supportive space to explore their identities with like minded people. Activities include cooking, arts, sports, music and many more.

Contact

Ash Lewis: ash.lewis@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Alex Quennell: alex.quennell@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Address: The White House Family Hub, 45 The Avenue, TW12
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8 TO 18 YEARS



CLASSIC MUSIC TUITION

Ham Youth Centre has started an exciting new music project under the tutelage of three highly qualified music teachers. Young people will receive individual tuition and the opportunity to play in ensembles.

We offer instruction in piano, violin, cello, clarinet and flute. For this wonderful opportunity we are asking for £100 per term which also includes a wide range of classical instruments available for young people to take home to practice. Young people's progress will be recognised through AQA accreditation.

We are looking for dedicated and passionate young musicians of any level of experience. We aim to improve young people's musical proficiency and enable them to take part in performances in the future.

EVERY SATURDAY, 12PM TO 2PM

Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, TW10 7PL

Contact **Ben Skelton** for more information:

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Juniors Session: 10 to 14 years old. Tuesdays 5 to 7pm.
Including arts, sports, cooking, gaming. Year 6s welcome!

FOOTBALL SESSIONS

- **Football training:** Wednesdays 3 to 5pm at youth centre
- **Football training:** Saturdays 12.30 to 2.30pm at Richmond and Kew Football club



MUSIC

Tuition, recording, production, guitar, drumming

- **Music studio open:** Each day 3 to 7pm. Please book.
- **Orchestra:** Saturdays 12 to 2pm



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Wednesdays 3 to 5pm, Saturdays 3 to 5.15pm



INFORMATION

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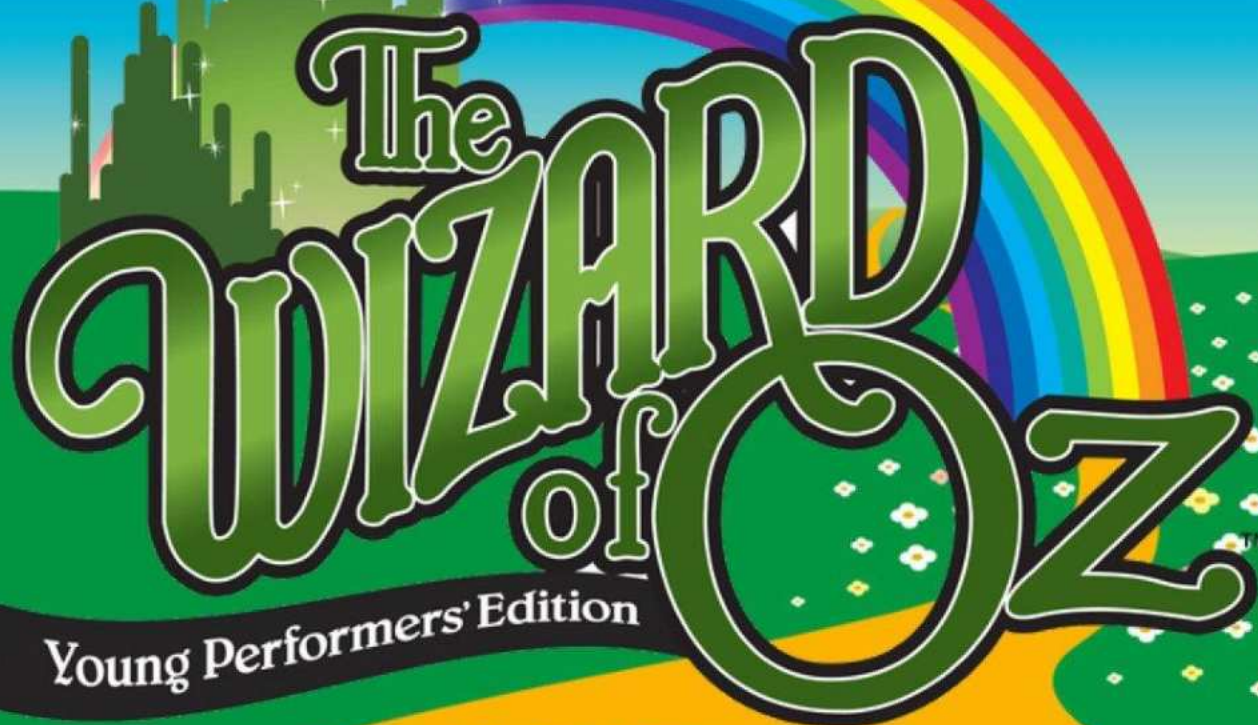


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