

eBulletin

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Grey Court School | 30 January 2026

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



Cover photo: sunrise on the rugby field at Grey Court School

Grey Court Presents...

A Night at the Movies

Gym and Dance Show 2026

Join us for our annual Gym and Dance Show to watch our gymnasts, dancers, cheerleaders and trampolinists take the stage.

Tuesday 24th March at 7pm.

Doors open at 6:30pm

Adults: £6

Kids: £4

Payment via SCOPAY or on the door.

You dont want to miss it!

The bottom of the poster features a red carpet leading towards the center. On either side of the carpet are silver stanchions connected by red ropes. Silhouettes of photographers are positioned on the carpet, and several hands are shown holding cameras, ready to take pictures. The background is a dark blue with scattered gold stars.

#KeepInTouch

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The Uniform Shop

Thursdays 3:15-4pm

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Grey Court JustGiving QR Code



Diversity

Good

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Mr Clements

Grey Court's Equality and diversity collective met last week and updated me on the wide range of initiatives taking place across the school to promote an inclusive culture. The collective is formed from teachers across all the departments in the school as well as a vibrant and active sixth form committee. Ideas from the school's collegium are also standing agenda items that are discussed and actioned on a termly basis.

Well done to Ms James who has proved to be a standard bearer around the tricky issue of flags and national identity. Designed to promote thought and discussion over the polysemous nature of identity and the potential for flags to both unite and divide, the lesson will be unfurled to sixth formers as part of the PDW programme later this term.

A thousand thanks to Year 12 students Arfa, Hayah, Hannah, Swasti and Omran for planning and preparing a thought provoking "History of LGBTQ+" assembly which they will help me deliver to year 10 students next week.

Great work Ms Marchant in our computing department for initiating our participation in the computing cyber first girls competition with GCHQ year 8 and the year 9 girls hackathon at Imperial College.

Thank you to Mr Von Son for his assembly to mark Holocaust memorial day which highlighted the work of Sir Nicholas Winton for aiding the escape of Jewish children from Austria to the United Kingdom in the 1930s.

Brilliant work Ms Nair for securing a grant from Richmond Arts Challenge and innovation Fund for a project focused on supporting the integration and adaptation of recently arrived students from the Hong Kongese community which will involve short film making and strategies to improve well being.

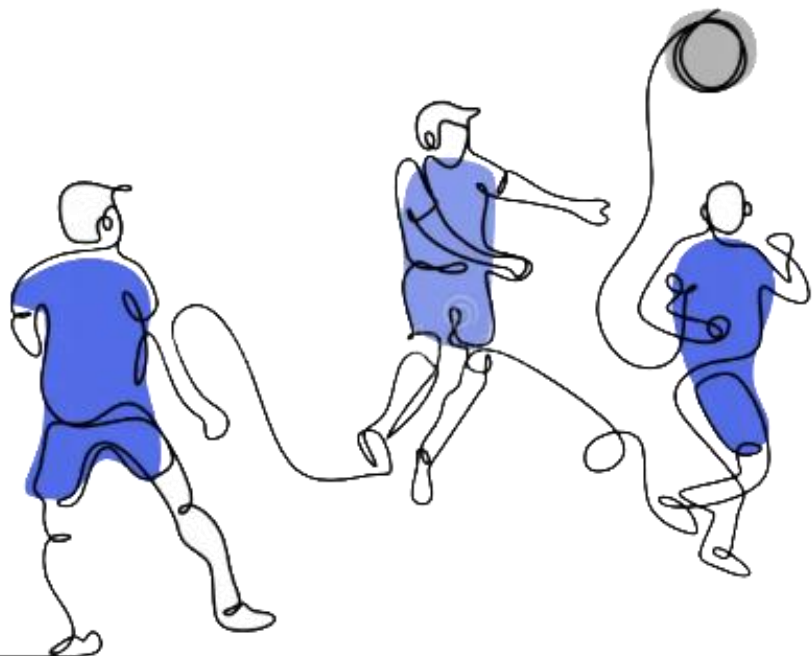
Additional thanks to Ms Nair for curating a series of displays with a local historian, Jill Lamb, that will inform and celebrate the diverse history of Grey Court. And well done to Mr Rhodes for funding the sizable canvases!

As referenced in these pages last week - well done to the Sixth Form model UN team for their sterling work on the Question of the Resettlement of Climate Refugees which they delivered at St Paul's school last weekend.

And a shout out to the English, Science, and Maths departments for answering the call of the collegium to develop displays featuring poets, scientists and mathematicians from Asia. The icons now light up our corridors.

A thank you to Grey Court governor, Tim Glover, for alerting us to the fact that the ITV sports anchor, Seema Jaswal is in fact a Grey Court alumni. We have tasked the committee with the job of reaching out to Ms Jaswal so she can inspire our media students.

And finally, great work to esteemed Sports teacher, Ms Ellie Pinhorne for her inspiring coaching of the girls U18 football team who narrowly lost to a Surbiton high school XI that featured a couple of England internationals in their midst. How Ms Pinhorne ensured that Bull meadow was fit to play on after a week of torrential rain, I will never know!



KS3+4 News





GREY COURT
SCHOOL


MOGOs 2026

**The Music of
James Bond**

19 March 2026

**Sign up to audition here!
Audition deadline:
30 Jan 2026**



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In what has been a busy week, we finished with a an assembly from Mr Von Son, who delivered a thoughtful and very engaging assembly on the Holocaust

Last week's assembly was based upon manners and common decency and it's been really nice to see so many examples of it around the school from our year seven students.

One issue that has come to our attention is that there have been TikTok accounts set up that many of our year seven students are following, despite not being the age permitted for an account. These accounts often result in online abuse and bullying and I would encourage all parents and carers to ensure they are aware of the content their child is consuming online.

This week's tutor challenge is due to be a piggyback and wheelbarrow race, being hosted by Oak, so we will find out who has claimed victory and has therefore added achievement points to the race for the house cup! Good luck to all participants!

Mr Ridley
Phase Leader

Y8

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Another strong week for Year 8 - a big well done goes to Arun and Almus, our conduct champions this week.

This week's assembly was led by Mr Von Sun to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Students listened with maturity and respect as they reflected on the importance of remembrance, tolerance, and standing up against hatred and discrimination. It was a powerful and thought-provoking assembly.

Our Enterprise project is also well underway, with budding salespeople in each form working hard to raise money. There's been plenty of creativity, persuasion, and teamwork on display - future entrepreneurs in the making!

Finally, a reminder to students about representing the school positively when out in the community, particularly when cycling over Teddington Lock. Safe, considerate behaviour is essential, and students should be mindful that they are ambassadors for the school at all times.

Ms Sutcliffe

Head of Year

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This week in assembly we reflected on the important topic of Holocaust memorial Day. Year 9s were lucky enough to have Mr Von Son present a fantastic assembly on the event. Mr Von Son spoke about the topic, which students study later in Year 9 for History, and focussed on the story of Sir Nicholas Winton who during WW2 saved many lives of Jewish children. The students listened impeccably throughout. The recent film called 'One Life' which centres around the amazing story of Nicholas Winton can currently be viewed in BBC iPlayer and is highly recommended to all Year 9 students.

As we enter the last two weeks of the half term we would like to maintain our excellent attendance record. As the days become longer and the mornings become lighter we hope that we are through the worst of the cold and flu season, and can keep our high attendance rate up until half-term.

Mr Day

Phase Leader

Introducing the Grey Court
2026 Musical...

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

2-3 July 2026



Sign up to audition here -
vocal auditions via Google Classroom



Y10

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Well done, Year 10. Another busy and positive week completed and we are now very close to the break.

This week, our mathematicians took part in the Maths Challenge. Students approached this with real focus and enthusiasm, and we are very proud of the effort shown across the year group. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes when the results are released.

It has been great to spend time in lessons this week and see such strong work being produced. Students are settling well into routines, engaging positively with learning, and continuing to show resilience and maturity as the term comes to an end.

As we move towards the final weeks of term, the attendance challenge is well underway. Every day in school really does count, and students should be making every effort to attend and support their tutor groups in the race to win the pizza party.

Mr Khan

Head of Year

Jack Petchey

Speak out Challenge

Workshop



On Wednesday this week, 28 Year 10 students participated in the second Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge workshop. They were provided sessions that allowed them to practise their oracy and improve their public speaking skills. Students showed great promise and it was lovely to see them grow in confidence throughout the day.

The following were chosen to showcase their speeches in the Year 7 and Year 8 assemblies next week: **Will Irons, Charlie Murphy, Max Murphy, Veekshita Padavala** and **Phoebe Perkins**

- Mr Bhumbra



Y11

A fab week for Year 11 as they have settled into their interventions.

Attendance has been fantastic and we encourage students to keep this up as we approach half-term. A reminder that students will have their mock English and maths exams on the INSET day Monday 23 February.

This week we also had our first prom committee meeting to start thinking about themes and designs for the night - very exciting stuff!

Below please see the names of our fantastic students who have received Star of the Month, nominated by their tutors - huge congratulations to all! **Lizzie Webster, Elena Bell, Ella Holliday, Leonardo Klapakis, Tara Arts, Andrei Tataru, Anna-Christina Samdark, Isabelle Shorthouse.**

Ms Woods
Head of Year

Stars of the Week: Humanities

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7W	Emma Lazar	History	Excellent engagement in class
8B	Bailey O'Carroll	History	Excellent engagement in class
9A	Jenson Shirlav	History	Excellent engagement in class
10R	Arjun Nagarsheth	History	Excellent classwork
11E	Adam Suleyman	History	Excellent progress in the subject
12A	Alkinoos Andraos-Doukas	History	Excellent progress in the subject
7C	Sebastian Maritz	Geography	Excellent contributions
8E	Freddie Hellman	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
9A	Quinn Andrews	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
10O	Mack O'Keefe	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
11A	William Shaw	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
12E	Valerie Lee	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
13E	Thomas Lowe	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
7M	Jessica Perkins	Religious Studies	Excellent engagement in class
8A	James Bryant	Religious Studies	Excellent progress in the subject
9M	Sasja Todd	Religious Studies	Excellent classwork
10M	Emily Zhang	Religious Studies	Excellent contributions
11R	Deeba Zamani	Religious Studies	Outstanding achievement
10W	Nehir Akatlar	Politics	Excellent contributions
12B	Isabella O'Brien	Politics	Excellent engagement in class
12F	Ben Clark	Philosophy	Excellent contributions
13A	Annie Jay	Philosophy	Excellent progress in the subject

Attendance Matters

19 January to 23 January



Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	96.8%
Year 8	96.6%
Year 9	95.5%
Year 10	95.2%
Year 11	94.9%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Beech	100%
8 Oak	99.4%
9 Elm	99%
10 Elm	100%
11 Beech	99.4%

A photograph of a sandy beach with gentle waves on the left side. A series of footprints is visible in the sand, leading from the top right towards the bottom center. The overall tone is warm and serene.

This week in
Science



Digging Deeper

with Mr Gundry

The mole (chemistry's "counting unit")

In chemistry, reactions happen because particles (atoms, molecules, ions) collide and rearrange. The problem is scale: even a tiny pinch of substance contains an absurd number of particles, far too many to count directly. The mole solves this by giving us a practical counting unit, like a "chemist's dozen".

A mole is defined as an exact number of specified particles:
1 mole = $6.02214076 \times 10^{23}$ particles (Avogadro's constant, SI unit of 'mol').

This matters because it links the invisible world to measurements we can actually make. When we measure mass on a balance or concentration in a solution, the mole is the bridge that lets us predict how much reactant is needed, what will be left over, and what yield is possible. That is why the mole sits underneath medicines (correct doses), water treatment (correct amounts of reagents), industry (cost and efficiency), and even environmental chemistry (how many pollutant molecules are in a given volume of air or water).

How big is $6.02214076 \times 10^{23}$?

A few mental pictures help:

Ants

- Best estimate: about 2×10^{16} ants on Earth.
- To reach 1 mol of ants, you would need about 30 million Earths, each with Earth's number of ants.

Grains of sand on beaches

- A commonly cited estimate: about 4×10^{20} grains of sand on Earth's beaches.
- To reach 1 mol of grains, you would need around 1,500 Earths.

Stars

- Estimates for the total number of stars in the universe are rough, often quoted as at least 10^{22} .
- A mol is about $60 \times$ larger than 10^{22} .

Doughnuts

- Earth's surface area is about 510 million km^2 . If one doughnut "covers" roughly a 10 cm diameter circle, it takes about 6.5×10^{16} doughnuts to tile Earth once.
- 1 mol of doughnuts could tile about 9 million Earths.

Cells

- A widely cited estimate of humans puts an adult having about 30 trillion human cells and 38 trillion bacteria (roughly similar orders of magnitude).
- 1 mol of human cells would require about 20 billion humans, slightly fewer for bacterial cells.

Further reading

1) Why the Avogadro constant matters; SI redefinition

<https://www.nist.gov/si-redefinition/kilogram/kilogram-silicon-spheres-and-international-avogadro-project>

2) Ants estimate

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/an-estimated-20-quadrillion-ants-live-on-earth-180980804/>

3) Stars in the universe

<https://science.nasa.gov/universe/stars/>

4) Grains of sand on Earth's beaches

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/do-stars-outnumber-the-sands-of-earths-beaches/>

5) Earth's surface area

<https://www.britannica.com/science/How-Big-Is-Earth>

6) Microbes vs human cells

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/scientists-bust-myth-that-our-bodies-have-more-bacteria-than-human-cells/>

7) Why cell counts are tricky

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/there-are-372-trillion-cells-in-your-body-4941473/>



YOUR
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LOTTERY

£5K FOR YOU, £5K FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Summer
Golden Draw

£10,000

Cash Bonanza



Enter our

Super Draw

Win a £1,000 Aldi Gift Card

OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE



YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY

The Golden Draw is BACK!

Did you know that Grey Court School has a school lottery? Every week, one lucky parent wins a cash prize.

The more parents who sign up, the bigger the weekly cash prize. It's currently around £20 - £30 for the winner with a 1 in 100 chance of scoping the winning. You win and we win. What could be easier.

Now, you can be put in the draw for the monthly Golden Draw jackpot. Just by entering the lottery you could win £5,000 for you and £5,000 for Grey Court School. Sign up [here](#).



Wellbeing



This Week

- Year 7** How can 11 people go to jail for 1 murder? Joint Enterprise
- Year 8** Can you trust everything you see on TikTok? Part 2
- Year 9** How can we keep vulvas and vaginas healthy?
- Year 10** What is a Hate Crime?
- Year 11** Resilience when stressed (exam stress)

Next Week

- Year 7** Dangers of smoking and vaping
- Year 8** How does online gaming perpetuate gender stereotypes?
- Year 9** How can we keep a penis and testes healthy?
- Year 10** Computing session 2 and wellbeing survey (in comp rooms)
- Year 11** Resilience and exam stress, part 2

Support

MHST Parent Information Leaflet (Spring 2026)

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



Supporting families and professionals

This month we are all trying to forget about the January 'blues' by focussing on our turbo-charged event calendar which is filling up fast for the Spring term. Full list of upcoming events [here](#), including our newly adapted 8-week [Behaviour Management Parents Course](#) which will focus on Parents with tweens and teens.

And with the new term underway, now's a great moment to book one of our subsidised [1:1 advice clinics](#).

the Team at ADHD Embrace

Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Iverson Trust)

The Iverson Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach. During March 2026, the Iverson Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at:

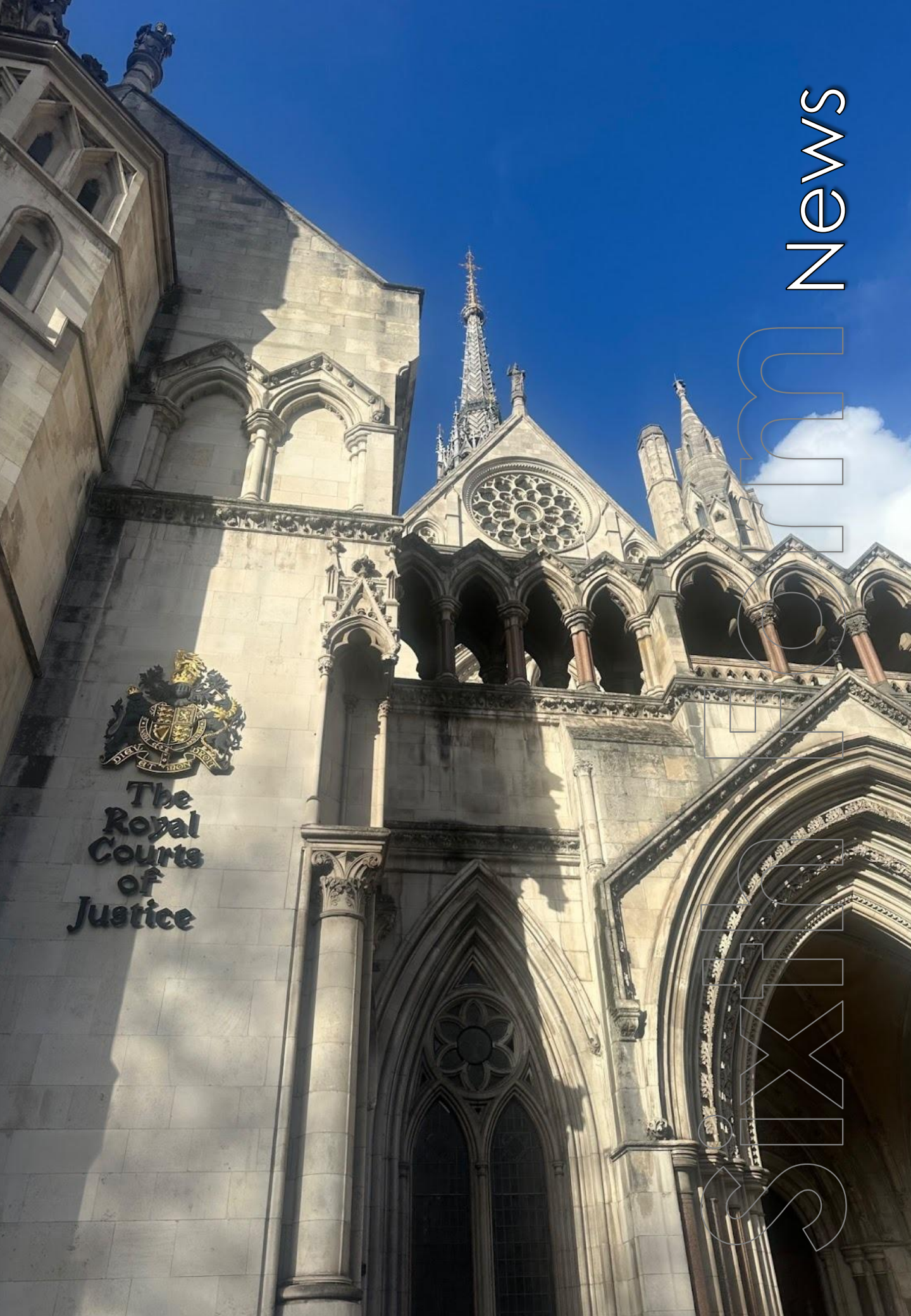
<https://iversontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

Hub of Hope

We are the UK's largest mental health support directory. Whether you want to find a service to help you feel better or you want to support someone who is struggling, we can help.

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>





News



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Y13 Parents Evening

Thursday 5 February, 4pm to 7pm

The online booking system will open on Thursday 29 January at 8.00am and will close on Wednesday 4 February at 6.00pm. You must ensure that your appointments are booked before it closes. Due to some teachers having multiple classes it may be that they are unable to speak with all parents in the evening. If you would like to ask for feedback from any teacher you are unable to meet, please feel free to send them an email.

Please note, we cannot accommodate more than one booking per child, due to limited availability. Therefore, parents in different households will need to join meetings together. In addition, if your child has a teacher for multiple subjects, please only book one appointment slot, to ensure as many families get to have appointments. Additionally, please be aware that it may not be possible to see all of your child's teachers, due to the number of students some teachers teach.

If you have any concerns about how to book, or if you would like us to book the appointments for you if you are unable to, please contact ouluduzatakan@greycourt.org.uk.

[School Cloud Booking Guide](#)

Academic Licences

Emails have been sent to students regarding academic licences. Academic licences are based on the following:

- December Trial Exams
- Attendance (including enrichment and supervised study)
- Punctuality

UCAS headline figures

The UCAS deadline has passed and all year 13s who wanted to apply met the deadline and submitted an application. 17 students have accepted their offers by making a firm and insurance choice of university. 69 students have had responses from all of their chosen universities, the majority of whom have had offers from all five of their choices. 106 students have had at least one offer and seven students are waiting to hear from any of their choices. This is a real credit to the hard work that went into their applications.

What comes next?

Once you have heard from all five courses you applied to you should choose a firm choice and to put in an insurance choice of university. Sounds scary but you have a deadline of 6 June to accept your choices so there is plenty of time for making decisions. [Click here](#) if you have any questions about accepting your offers.

When you are making your choices you should base your decision for your firm choice on the course you most want to study. When choosing an insurance choice it should be a course that has made you a lower offer (but you are still happy to go to that university). This will mean that if you miss your grades for your firm choice you will still be given a place at your insurance university and won't have to go through the Clearing process in August.

UCAS Extra

Extra opens on 26 February 2026 and it allows you to add another course choice if you have received decisions from all five courses, weren't accepted, or if you declined the offers you received.

If you did not use all your choices in your initial application, you don't need to use Extra, you can just sign in to your application and add another choice, as long as it's before 4th July, and you have not accepted or declined any offers.

Please come and talk to Ms Duncan before turning down any offers you have been made and using UCAS Extra. It may be that contacting a university and asking to change your course will be a better way of making a change than using Extra. Or waiting for Clearing in August might be a more effective way of getting a place on your preferred course.

PDW: Apprenticeship Talk

On Tuesday 27 January, Year 13 students welcomed a guest speaker from Education Development Trust, who spoke about the different types of apprenticeships available. They explained why some students choose this pathway, outlining the pros and cons as well as the various apprenticeship levels.

It was fantastic to see students staying behind afterwards to ask specific questions related to their own journeys and current apprenticeship applications.

[Here is the link for the Apprenticeship presentation](#)

Useful links to help research into Apprenticeships:

- [1. Find an Apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)
- [2. Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- [3. UCAS Apprenticeships](#)
- [4. RateMyApprenticeship](#)
- [5. Not Going To Uni](#)
- [6. Success at School](#)
- [7. National Careers Service](#)
- [8. The Apprenticeship Guide](#)
- [9. Talentview](#)

PDM

Higher & degree apprenticeships

- 1 University fees paid by employer/ Government
- 2 No debt
- 3 Single and degree or degree level
- 4 Experience
- 5 4 years
- 6 100% satisfaction (colleges, training providers)
- 7 City & Guilds awards/ University provide



Updates

EPQ

Y13

This week students are working on the completion of the main body of their projects and preparations for presentations will take place in the two weeks following half term.

Oxbridge

This week we took 23 of our current Oxbridge group to Oriel college Oxford for an outreach day. It was an excellent opportunity for students to find out more about the application process and the life of an Oxford student.



Y12

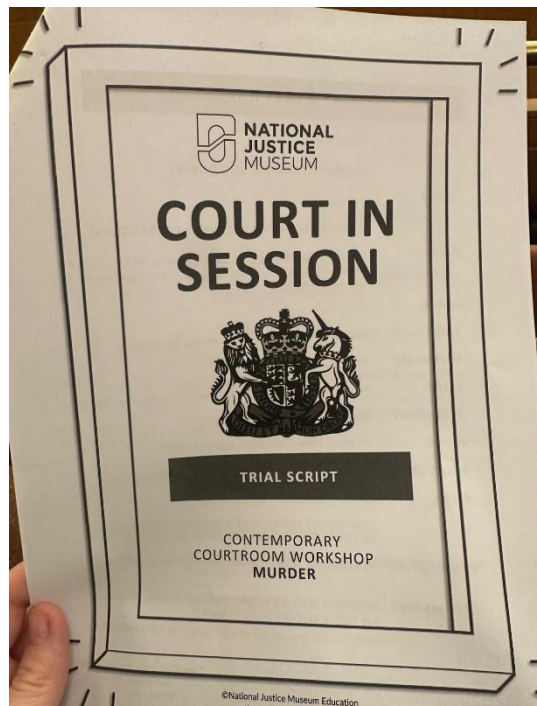
Royal Courts of Justice: Mock Trial

Year 12 Law Society and Criminology students took part in a mock trial held in a real courtroom at the Royal Courts of Justice. All students performed fantastically, taking on a wide range of roles including a judge, usher, witnesses, jury members, and barristers. The barristers and their teams were clearly well prepared and delivered thoughtful, well-constructed questions to the witnesses. A special mention should go to Edward H and Max J, their roles were prosecution barristers, both students were incredibly organised, spoke with confidence and had fantastic preorganised questions to ask in the trial. The facilitator spoke very highly of the group of students, they definitely represented Grey Court Sixth Form in an outstanding way.

Following the trial, students had the opportunity to hear from a sitting judge, who spoke about their degree and career journey before answering questions. Once again, the students demonstrated real maturity, asking insightful questions such as *“Does AI affect your job?”*, *“Do you ever feel unsafe in your role as a judge?”* and *“What do you enjoy most about your work?”*

The judge gave the students very insightful advice drawn from his own experience. Having been brought up on a social housing estate in South London, he understood the importance of pushing boundaries and refusing to accept a predetermined ‘place’ in society. He encouraged us to seek out new experiences, not only within the field of law, but also through meeting new people and travelling to new places. A message I hope they will carry with them going forward.

- Ms Duncan





Year 12 Work Experience

Students should now be looking for work experience placements or a university summer school for the week **29th June-3rd July 2026**. Students may like to do extra work experience at different times but they **MUST** have something planned for our designated week.

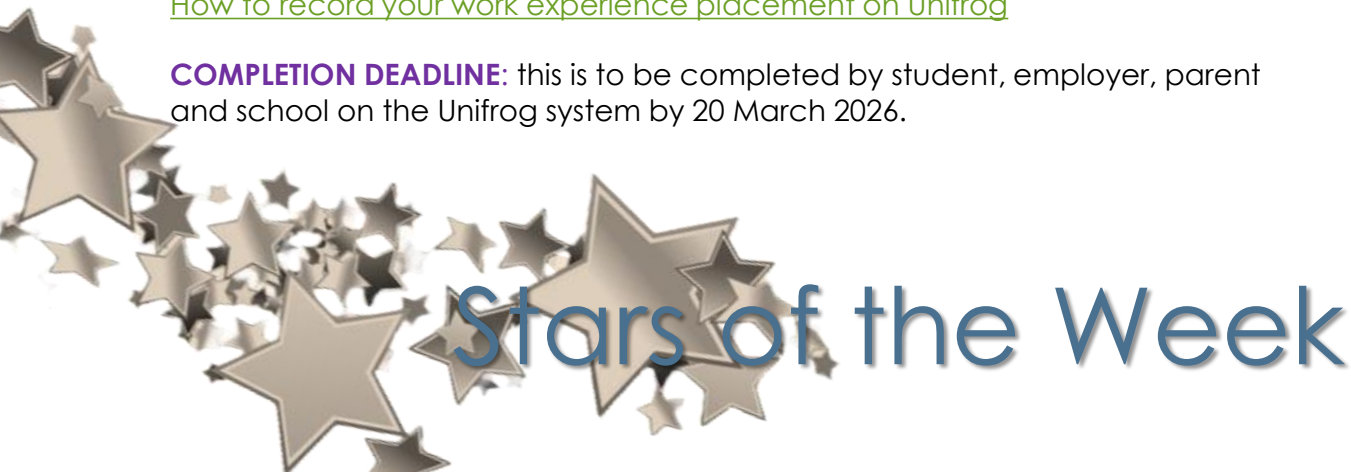
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Once they have spoken to an employer and arranged this it needs to be added to the Unifrog placements tool as this is where all the information is kept and shared between the student, employer, parent/carer and the school.

[How to record your work experience placement on Unifrog](#)

COMPLETION DEADLINE: this is to be completed by student, employer, parent and school on the Unifrog system by 20 March 2026.



Stars of the Week

Our work experience stars of the week for putting their placements on Unifrog are **Frank Wong, Matteo Selini, Freddie Saville, William Makepeace**. Well done to all of you!

Careers Opportunities + O-Bulletin

It is important for all our year 12s and 13s to check our [GC Careers opportunities bulletin 30/01/2026](#) on a weekly basis for new opportunities: work experience insight days, careers events, university tasters, and much more. This includes work experience details offered exclusively for Grey Court year 12 students.

The Eton College summer school have said they will email the application details at the start of Feb so more information to come for those who want to do a more academic week.



KING'S BUSINESS SCHOOL 2026

Monday 13th to
Friday 17th July

A sector-leading programme designed to equip tomorrow's leaders with the skills, confidence, and drive to succeed as entrepreneurs.

Keynote speakers from previous years have included Nick Wheeler OBE (founder and chair of Charles Tyrwhitt Shirts), Michelle Kennedy (founder and CEO of Peanut), and Nick Robertson (co-founder of ASOS).

Places for students at King's partner schools are competitive and generously funded by the Kusuma Trust.



To apply we ask all students to:

1 Register your application



and

2 Submit a two-minute video that covers any one or more of the following:



- Your Passion
- Your Experience
- Your Goals

The deadline to complete your application is **1st February 2026**.



**DEUTSCHE
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LONDON**



CAREERS FAIR

24.02.2026 4pm - 7pm

MEET | CONNECT | ENGAGE

**..... with representatives from Universities
in Germany and in the UK:**

Universitäten Köln, Mannheim & Paderborn, TU München & Nürnberg,
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management

Universities of

Cambridge (German language dep.), Durham, York, Cardiff, Swansea,
Lancaster, Northumbria, Bristol Business School, Brighton & Sheffield
Imperial College London, Royal Holloway, Queen Mary, American University
London, School of Journalism

Talk by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) at 5:30pm:
“Studying in Germany”



Scan QR code to register for your free ticket
via Eventbrite.

Parents/carers and teachers are welcome.
Herzlich willkommen!



**DEUTSCHE SCHULE LONDON | DOUGLAS HOUSE
PETERSHAM ROAD | RICHMOND | TW10 7AH**

www.dslondon.org.uk

Bus stop: 371 & 65: Petersham Fox & Duck / Sudbrook Lane
No parking on school premises

SPORTS News



Netball



Thursday 29 January: a nice afternoon of netball for our U13CD team against KGS. POM Ava and Laila

ALUMANNI

News



At the weekend, former Grey Court student, Tom Woodward, represented Newcastle University at the British University and Colleges Sports (BUCS) in boxing as a light heavyweight. It was the fight of the night against a fantastic opponent. Unfortunately, Tom lost on points but he proudly gave it all he had. [Here is a link to a YouTube video.](#)

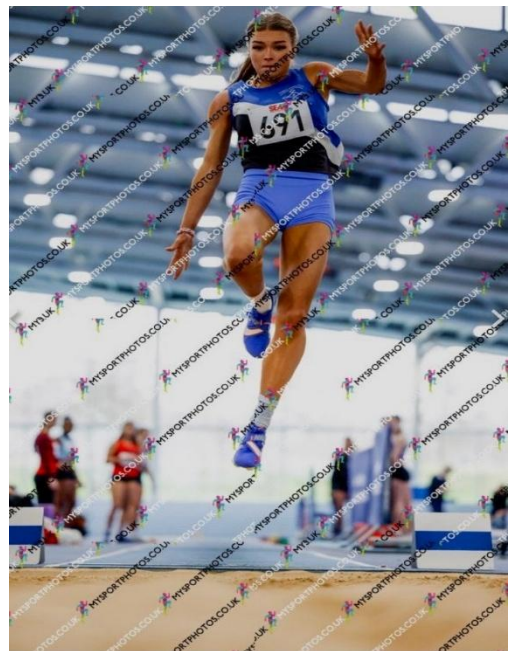
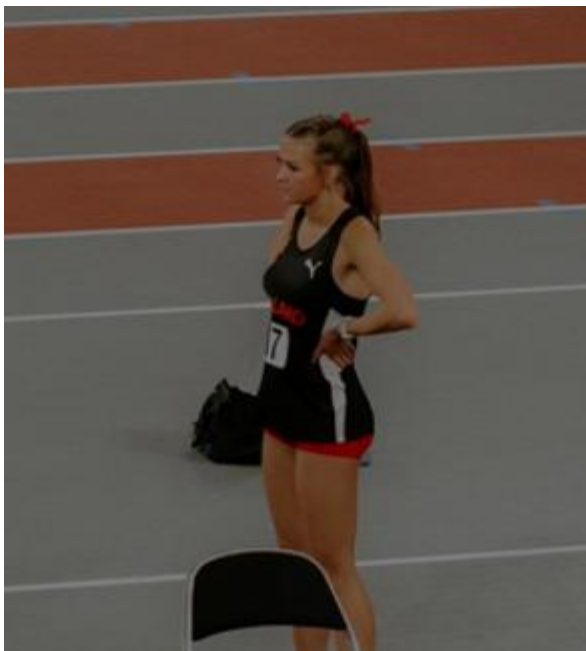
Performer of the Month

Tia Garrard

Tia delivered an outstanding performance at the South of England Indoor Athletics Championships in January, competing in the long jump against a strong and highly competitive field. Demonstrating consistency, focus, and technical excellence, Tia secured an impressive **2nd place overall** with a jump of **5.40m**, highlighting her continued progress and commitment to improvement.

Alongside her indoor success, Tia is currently training hard in preparation for the **European U18 Championships**, which will take place in July. Her dedication to training and competition has already seen her represent **England on two occasions** in both the **Pentathlon and Long Jump**, where she achieved an excellent **3rd place** in each event. These achievements are a true reflection of Tia's work ethic, determination, and passion for the sport.

We are incredibly proud of Tia's accomplishments so far and excited to watch her development as she continues to build towards the summer athletics season. We wish her the very best of luck in her upcoming competitions and look forward to seeing what she achieves next.



Sportsman of the Month

Charlie Morgan

Congratulations to Charlie Morgan on an outstanding performance at the Welsh Winter National Championships held in Swansea. Charlie is an exceptional talent in the pool. All of the races except the 800m and 1500m were swum as heats with the fastest 8 swimmers from each age group competing in the finals.

Charlie (14/15 age group)

400 freestyle – Qualified for the Finals. Over all result 1st (Gold)

800 freestyle – Overall result 1st (Gold)

1500 freestyle – Overall result 2nd (Silver)

200 freestyle – Qualified for the Finals. Overall result 3rd (Bronze)

100 freestyle - Qualified for the Finals. Overall result 7th

Other races - 200 IM and 200 Backstroke (PBs achieved)

Superb achievement, Charlie!



Scholar of the Month

Lulu El-Borgi

Congratulations to Lulu, our Scholar of the Month for January 2026!

Lulu is an incredible winger who uses her speed to devastating effect, consistently making an impact in every game she plays. Her game awareness is outstanding, allowing her to read, play intelligently and make smart decisions under pressure. Whether she's on the football pitch, handball court or in the gymnastics hall, Lulu gives 100% every single time.

Her dedication to training, relentless work ethic, and positive attitude truly reflect the values of our Sports Scholarship programme. Lulu's commitment to improving herself across multiple disciplines highlights not only her natural talent, but also her determination and love for sport.

Always focused, driven, and supportive of those around her, Lulu is a fantastic role model and a valued member of our sporting community.

Well done, Lulu!



Scholar of the Month

Griff Cope

Griff has made an excellent start since joining Grey Court in September, quickly standing out for his positive attitude, strong work ethic, and commitment in both scholarship and PE lessons. He is consistently focused, eager to improve, and sets a great example to others with his approach to training and learning.

His involvement across school sport has been impressive. Griff has represented the Boys' U12A football team, captains the U12 rugby team, and has been invited to train with the U13 Rugby 7s squad in preparation for the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens tournament.

He has also shown great maturity in the way he has embraced new challenges, particularly in taking up hurdles, where he has been working hard to push for a place in the Junior Boys' athletics team this summer. Alongside this, he continues to train consistently at winter cricket nets.

Well done, Griff, a thoroughly deserved Scholar of the Month award.



Team of the Month

U14 Girls Football Team

The **U14 Girls Football Team** are the team of the month following an outstanding season so far, marked by commitment, teamwork, and impressive results on the pitch.

The squad have played seven matches to date, recording six victories and just one defeat, a fantastic return that reflects both their hard work in training and their growing confidence in competitive fixtures. Their attacking strength has been clear to see, with an incredible 51 goals scored, while defensive discipline has limited opponents to just 12 goals conceded.

Cup competitions have also brought success. The team battled their way to the 5th round of the ESFA Cup, a brilliant achievement at this level. They are also still very much in contention in the Surrey Cup, having reached the quarter-finals and now eagerly awaiting confirmation of their next opponents.

Looking ahead, February will see the start of their borough campaign, where they will aim to retain their league title. With the form they've shown so far, they will go into this stage of the season full of belief and determination.

Overall, it has been an amazing season so far for this talented group of players. Their effort, resilience, and team spirit make them thoroughly deserving of Team of the Month recognition and there's plenty more to come.



Team of the Month

U13+U15 Boys Volleyball Team

The team of the month for January is awarded to both our u13 and u15 volleyball teams. They were both victorious in the Borough Competition at Grey Court on Monday 19 January. The U13 team trained extremely well in the build up and demonstrated excellent team cohesion throughout to take the gold medal. The U15 boys team led by Sebastiano were dominant throughout, winning all 4 matches, scoring lots of points claiming the gold medal.

Double gold for the teams and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon of volleyball.

Well done, boys!





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Applications page: www.thamesmt.org/getinvolved.htm

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Emma Toft



Miss Parr

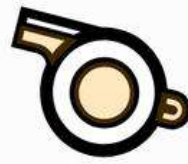




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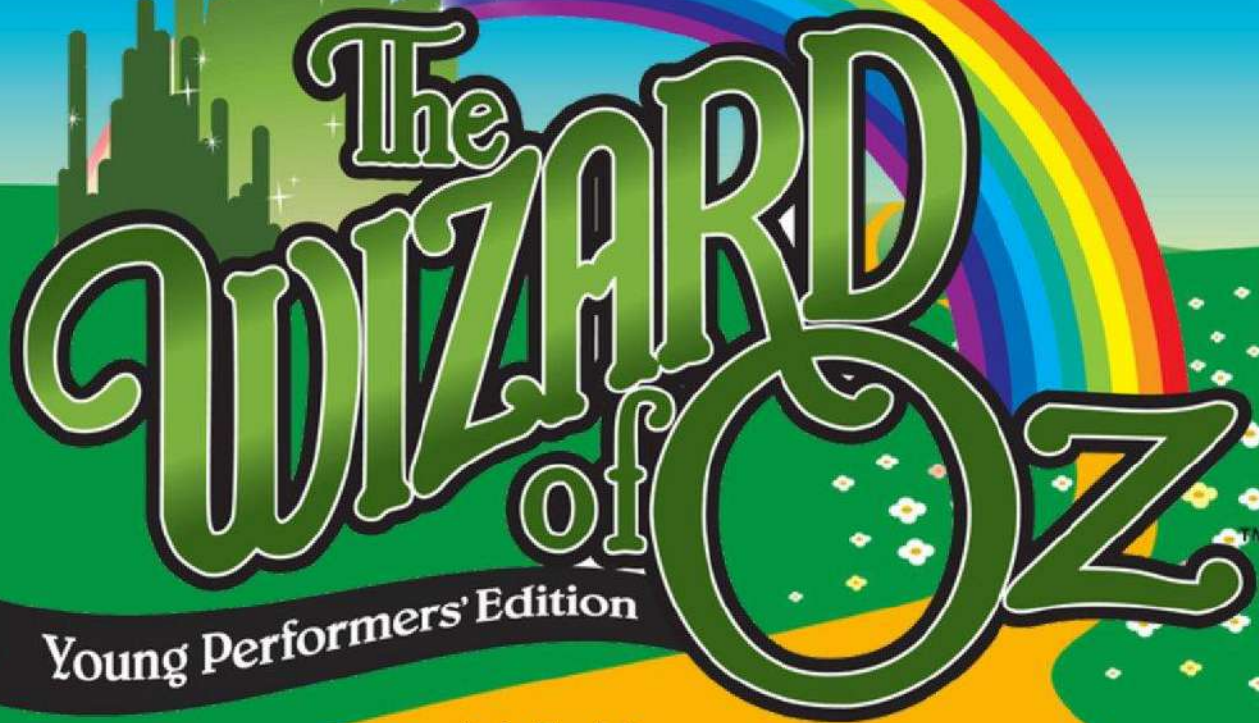
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Speed Mentoring	Filmmaking	Filmmaking	Speed Mentoring	Mobile Game Design
Art & AI	Talk'n'Paint	Spoken Word & Sound	Art & AI	Spoken Word & Sound
Mobile Game Design	Panel Discussion	Tree Planting	Talk'n'Paint	Panel Discussion
			Panel Discussion	
4-4:30 Open Networking				

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Orleans House Gallery

Out of the Shadows – Event Information

Key Information

Who is this event for?

Anyone aged 16-30 who is interested in a career in the arts.

What will the day look like?

Sunday 22 Feb, 11am-4pm. A day of hands-on workshops, speed mentoring and panel discussions. Turn up at a time that works for you and choose your activities.

Where is it?

The event is based at Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham, which is a short train ride from Clapham Junction.

How do I book?

Tickets are free, but booking is advised to avoid disappointment. You also receive a free hot drink from the cafe with your ticket. [Book your day ticket!](#)

Longer Description

Are you aged 16-30? Want to kick start your career in the arts but not sure where to start? Or maybe you're just curious about what a career in the arts looks like?

Out of the Shadows is a **free** creative careers day aimed at all levels and experience. Join artist led workshops, panel discussions, networking and speed mentoring. We'll be joined by artists from sectors such as video game design, alternative hip-hop and writing, film making, art and AI, painting and more.

Our wide-ranging, award-winning and renowned art professionals have created for Glastonbury Festival, Boomtown, The Barbican, V&A museum, Camden Art Centre, Tate and more.

Links

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