



# eBulletin

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**Grey Court School | 13 February 2026**

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



**Cover photo:** early morning photo of one of our squirrels 'exercising' post-rain

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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!**



#KeepInTouch

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**The Uniform Shop**

**Thursdays 3:15-4pm**

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

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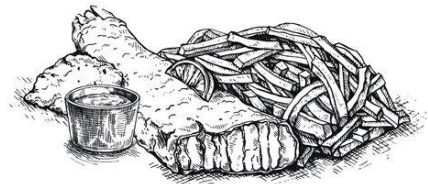
# MENUS

## Spring/Summer Menu

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We are delighted to announce our new spring/summer menu which will be available from Monday 23 February.

The menu was chosen by our student focus group after they sampled a range of food choices.



## Chinese New Year

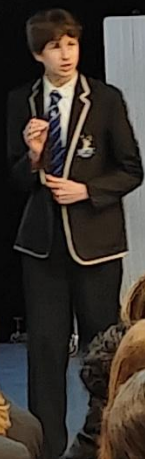
### The Taste Of China Menu

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, there will be a special themed lunch served on Monday 2 March.



# KS3 NEWS

Speak Out Challenge





GREY COURT  
SCHOOL

**MOGOS 2026**

**The Music of  
James Bond**

**19 March 2026**

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



# Y7



This week Ms Price delivered our assembly on Safer Internet Day, which coincides well with Children's Mental Health Week. The dangers online seem to be ever-growing and the long-term impact on our young people is pointing towards increased anxieties and poorer mental health. I hope we go the way of Australia and Spain and adopt a ban on Social Media for those under 16 and safeguard them against the content that is too readily available and deliberately served up to them.

Our tutor challenge this week is a 'Name the Flag' competition from Willow. Last week's winners of the Spaghetti and Marshmallow tower was Rowan!

Another busy half-term comes to a close with our Charity Non-uniform day raising money for Cancer Research. Thank you to all those that took part and donated. When we return, we have a short 5 week half-term and an Activity day early on, so plenty to look forward to! I would encourage students and adults alike to take stock of equipment and uniform/PE kit and replace anything that has gone missing or been outgrown, and that all holiday nails are removed by the first day back.

Have a wonderful half-term break!

**Mr Ridley**  
Phase Leader

# Y8



As we reach the end of half term, it's time to celebrate some truly impressive numbers. Since September, Year 8 have amassed an incredible 35,000+ achievement points - a phenomenal total that reflects their hard work, resilience, and positive attitude day in, day out. What an achievement!

A special half-term shout-out goes to our conduct champions, Kalani and Almus, who have racked up over 400 points between them. That level of consistency doesn't happen by accident - it's the result of excellent choices and a determination to do the right thing even when no one is watching. Brilliant effort from both of them.

It's also been fantastic to see students growing in independence and maturity through the Gradu8 programme. From restorative reflections to taking ownership of their goals, Year 8 are steadily building the habits that will carry them far beyond this year. The progress in confidence and responsibility has been wonderful to see.

Thank you for your continued support this half term - it makes a real difference.

Wishing all our Year 8 students and families a fantastic half term. Rest, recharge, and come back ready to go again!

**Ms Sutcliffe**  
Head of Year

# Congratulations Jasper Dyer



Congratulations to Jasper Dyer on his excellent achievement with the tennis squad Hawker Jets. Jasper won all six of his matches and was nominated as the Player of the Month for January. Well done, Jasper!

Y9



We come to the end of a busy and positive half-term. Well done to all the year 9s for showing fantastic maturity since Christmas. This has been noted by many teachers around the school.

This week in assembly we were lucky enough to hear from Mrs Price and Mrs Mercer our school safeguarding leads - on the topic of Online Safety. The assembly focussed on AI - and raising awareness to students of the risks of its use. This is an ever evolving area and we try to keep our students as educated and informed about it as possible.

After half-term we have a busy first week back. On Thursday 26 February we have our year 9 parents evening. Appointments can now be booked via School Cloud. On Friday 27 February, year 9 students will also have their options assembly, which outlines the whole GCSE option process. Parents will also be emailed information home and please have a look through this to inform yourself of the process.

**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



It has been a busy, rewarding, and positive end to the term for Year 10, with lots of celebrations in assembly recognising the many achievements, contributions, and successes across the year group. From academic progress to extracurricular involvement and personal development, there has been so much to be proud of. It has been particularly pleasing to see a strong improvement over the past half term in terms of conduct and attitudes towards studies. Many students have demonstrated increased maturity, resilience, and a more focused approach in lessons, showing that they are taking greater ownership of their learning as they move closer to Key Stage 4 examinations.

While we celebrate these successes, it is important that we continue to build on this momentum. The remainder of the year will require continued resilience, determination, and consistency. Challenges will arise, but the progress already made shows that Year 10 is more than capable of rising to them. We must remain focused, support one another, and maintain the high standards that have been established over recent weeks.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we are excited for our upcoming Activity Day, where students will take part in option-based activities linked to their chosen subjects. This will provide a valuable opportunity to deepen subject knowledge, explore interests further, and experience learning in a different and engaging context.

We are incredibly proud of what Year 10 has already achieved this year. Let's carry that pride forward, stay resilient, and continue striving for excellence in everything we do.

**Mr Khan**  
Head of Year

# Rec Report

# Speak Out Challenge

Last week our five Year 10 finalists from the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge workshops spoke in front of the Year 8 and Year 7 assemblies. On both days, they captured their audience of students and teachers with their impressive cadence, courage and confidence.

Based on staff voting on both days, two students were chosen to represent the school at the regional final that will take place on the 10 March at Orleans Park School. Both candidates – Phoebe, who spoke passionately about empathy, and Charlie, who shared the lessons learnt from a scary cliff jump - show great promise as excellent public speakers and we look forward to their performance at the regional final.

- **Mr Bhumbra**



# Speak Out Challenge



# Y11



A big well done to the year 11 student who have made it through to half term for a well deserved break and rest! Please be aware that students will have a maths and English mock exam on Monday 23 February of which they need to be in school for, in full uniform, by 9:30am. Please help support our students for these exams by ensuring they are organised the night before with their equipment and uniform ready. When students return, intervention will continue on Tuesday, Week A.

In some positive news, following our focus week of "excellent progress" achievement point drive, a huge congratulations to the following top achievers!

Kian Kaci  
Lydia Smith  
Lilly Huskinson  
Sophie West  
Roberto Lentini  
Alamir Yerzhanov  
Scarlett Botfield

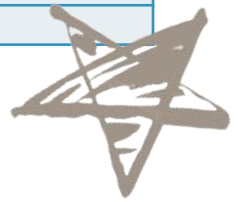
**Ms Woods**  
Head of Year

# Stars of the Week

English, Accelerated Reader, Creative Media



Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7M	Clio Saville	English Literature	Excellent engagement in class
10W	Lilly Lauder	English Literature	Excellent classwork
11C	Isla Reindorp	English Language	Excellent engagement in class
8B	Isla-Bleu Buckley	English Literature	Excellent progress in the subject
9C	Jaden Joseph	English Language	Excellent contributions
12B	Deborah Kuti	English Literature	Excellent progress in the subject
13D	Nicole Tahir	EPQ	Excellent progress in the subject
13C	Sophia Montenegro	English Literature	Excellent homework
7M	Kaashvi Chhabra	Accelerated Reader	Excellent engagement in class
8W	Charlotte Middleton	Accelerated Reader	Excellent progress in the subject
10R	Emme Hughes	Creative Media	Excellent classwork
11C	Dylan Jenkins	Creative Media	Excellent classwork

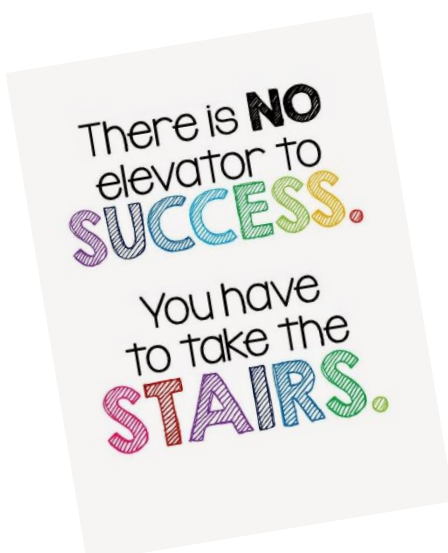


## Attendance Matters

2 February to 6 February

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	96.2%
Year 8	96.2%
Year 9	96.6%
Year 10	96.3%
Year 11	91.1%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Beech	98.4%
8 Ash	96.9%
9 Maple	98.8%
10 Rowan	99.4%
11 Elm	94.4%





**Wellbeing**



# This Week

- Year 7**      What is a 'legal high' and how dangerous are they?
- Year 8**      Does everyone see the same content online? (Echo chambers)
- Year 9**      What impact does the media have on relationships?
- Year 10**     Unconscious bias
- Year 11**     The importance of sleep

# 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)

## **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/>

## **Kooth Bytes**

This month, Kooth is sharing resources and sessions designed to support conversations about feelings, resilience and belonging

[Please find resources from Kooth.](#)

# PAPA News



**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](#).



**Exclusive discount  
for Grey Court  
parents and staff**

50% off storage with Big Yellow for 8 weeks exclusively for Grey Court staff and parents with a further 10% off thereafter. Just visit them via the link



# Sixth Form News

# Remembrance of Things Past – An Interview with a Grey Court Legend! Ms McNicol

- Mr Clements



The publication of this week's humble eBulletin will mark the last day of service for the Sixth Form's Supreme being and all round good egg, Ms McNicol, who is off to live a Bohemian existence in her home town of Newcastle!

I have known "Tammy" for 12 wonderful years and consider her the heart of all things sixth form. As well as being an amazing administrator, her work as a pupil (and staff) support officer and higher education advisor means that she has empowered a generation of students to realise their ambitions and believe in themselves! Whilst all of us are sad to see her leave - as ever - we will be left with her sense of optimism and the ethos she has instilled! The following interview is Ms McNicol in her own words!

## **How long have you now worked at Grey Court and in what capacity?**

Nearly 16 years, starting off working alongside the legend that is Tracy Sanders in the school reception moving on to work in Newman House as an SEN administrator. For the last 11 years I have been in the sixth form starting when the sixth form opened with our first cohort of 50? Students

## **Your three children came through the Grey Court system - how do you think it benefited them? How did they benefit Grey Court?**

All three of my children have very happy memories of their time at Grey Court. They made life-long friends and often reminisce about what they really got up to in school. I think they feel somewhat smug about being Grey Court people and, as they go through life and meet people from different backgrounds, they recognise how happy their schooldays were.

## **Describe yourself in three words?**

Coronation Street Fan

## **What inspired you to want to work in the sixth form?**

I think sixth formers are remarkable young people. Every year I am blown away by how incredible each cohort is. I feel very privileged to be part of the journey from 16 year old children to 18 year old adults. Unusually for current times, I am optimistic about the future knowing that it is in the hands of these great young people.

## **How has the sixth form changed during your 12 years as its heartbeat?**

The sixth form has grown and grown and we now have 380 students. Staffing has grown too but an indication of what an amazing place it is to work, is that so many sixth form teachers have been here for the long haul.

## **What do you like the most about your day?**

Talking to sixth formers who update me on what-is-what in the teenage world. I have often asked students to translate the latest slang and have had many patient students explain what something really means. And how out of date I am. There has been a lot of laughter in the mentoring room alongside a lot of tears.

## **You started a sixth form well-being club - what activities do you participate in and how do you think it benefits students?**

The wellbeing group has grown and grown - possibly down to word spreading that there are always biscuits. Students have taught themselves to knit and crochet and we have produced a wellbeing blanket made up of knitted squares (and not quite squares). We have expanded into mindful colouring with students happily crayoning away, whilst chatting and of course eating biscuits. The only rule in the Wellbeing group is phones are put away in bags. I am trying to convince our sixth formers that being released from having to look at a phone for a couple of hours a week is a good thing. This has led to some really interesting discussions about mobile phone use. Students are astounded that there was a time when we used landlines to talk to friends, made arrangements (and stuck to them) in advance and our parents had no idea where we were.

## **You have always been an advocate for social mobility as the sixth form's higher education advisor. I know your own mother set up the Speech and Language department at Newcastle University and was herself a pioneer in higher education. How have you helped students become more socially mobile in the sixth form and what more could we do?**

I believe that anyone should have the opportunity to move on to higher education if that is what they want to do. There is a lot of negativity in the media about the student finance system but fundamentally it means that when a young person arrives at university they don't have to pay a penny in advance. I have seen how many of our sixth formers, who have been the first generation in their family to go to university, have gone on to successful well-paid graduate jobs. All the data shows a graduate will earn considerably more in their lifetime and this should be open to everyone. The same applies to our potential Oxbridge candidates who I believe should not let the fact they have been educated in the non-selective state sector stop them from aiming for prestigious universities.

## **What's been your favourite moment in the sixth form?**

My favourite moment happens each day when the staff convene for lunch and The Guardian crossword. Daily, without fail, there will be an anecdote from someone which will make us all laugh out loud. The same applies to great conversations with sixth formers who have so many interesting things to share.

**How would you describe the sixth form culture?**

Kindness, inclusivity and support are the keywords for our sixth form culture.

**How do you feel we could improve our well-being provision in the sixth form?**

The two years of sixth form can be pressurised. Having opportunities to reset and take a break from academic studies is very important. I think our enrichment opportunities as well as our PDW sessions support student wellbeing. Volunteering is key in sixth form and the opportunity to give something back is a great way of improving wellbeing.

**What advice would you give to sixth formers who are feeling anxious?**

Anxiety can be a very challenging emotion to live with and difficult to understand for people who don't suffer from it. My advice is to think about what is causing the anxiety and what we can control. Some level of anxiety is normal, for example feeling anxious before an exam. Being mindful, regulated breathing and grounding exercises can help but it's important for each person to see what works best for them. Episodes do pass and being an anxious teenager doesn't mean you will be an anxious adult.

**What frustrates you about sixth formers?**

Students who arrive late to sixth form or lessons and stroll through the front door - not appearing to be in a hurry. Although maybe this is a good thing as clearly they are not feeling anxious about their time keeping!

**You are hopefully moving back to your native North East - do you have any ambitions for your time there?**

The North East has the lowest number of students moving on to higher education in the UK. I am keen to work in local schools and colleges to help support UCAS applications and to spread my southern skills.

**What would you like your sixth form legacy to be?**

That students leave sixth form with happy memories and embrace whatever lies ahead for them.

“From coffee breaks to office chats,  
We've shared laughs, we've worn many hats.  
Now it's time to chase new dreams,  
And savour life's delicious themes.  
Though we're parting, don't you fear,  
Just think of all the fun we've had here!  
Go on, conquer the world, have some fun,  
Just remember, dear friend, you're second to none!”

# Y12 Year 12

We had an excellent PDW session delivered by Sarah Tucker on lateral thinking. She gave a fascinating and thought-provoking insight into her work (and subsequent book) with the late Edward De Bono and outlined ways in which lateral thinking can be useful both at school and at work. Well done for a fantastic half term! Attendance is excellent and students are working in a focussed and mature manner. Many students are coming into school early, or staying after lessons to work, which is really fantastic to see. Have a relaxing week off and see you all for the second half of year 12!

## Y12 Oxbridge Update

Following our visit to Oxford, there will now be an online introduction to Oxbridge applications from Jesus College Cambridge. This will take place in school at **4pm on Thursday 26 February**. Students should currently be working through the super curricular task on the google classroom for students to complete. This is in preparation for writing the first drafts of question responses for their UCAS forms. In addition to this, students should be researching the courses, colleges and entrance exams for their subjects to ensure they are fully aware of the expectations and the timeline in the year ahead. It is now important to reflect on their mock results and if they will be in a position to achieve the UCAS predictions required by the time they sit their full mocks in June.



# YEAR

# Activity Day

# 12

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

### Session 1

9:30 am – 11:00 am

12A & 12B: Egg drop Challenge

12C & 12D: Dragons' Den

12E, 12F & 12G: Team Building

### Session 2

12:15 pm – 13:45 pm

12A & 12B: Dragons' Den

12C & 12D: Team Building

12E, 12F & 12G: Egg Drop Challenge

### Session 3

13:55 pm – 15:00 pm

12A & 12B: Team Building


12C & 12D: Egg drop Challenge

12E, 12F & 12G: Dragons' Den



GREY COURT

SIXTH FORM



# Year 13

This week, year 13 students spent PDW creating and finalising their revision plan for both their A Level Exams and their March Trial Exams. [PDW: Revision Timetable](#) and they started their '50 hour challenge', in which they are expected to complete and log at least 50 hours of independent work between now and their trial exam. As they now start looking ahead to the final set of trial exams in March, students are encouraged to come into school early or stay at the end of the day in order to give themselves somewhere to work in a quiet and focussed environment. It is also vital that they use their free periods and supervised study sessions to complete homework, coursework or revision.

This is the link to the [Year 13 Trial exam booklet March 2026](#), which includes the timetable.

We know that some students may be feeling very overwhelmed and stressed at this point of the year, so we encourage them to come and speak to one of the sixth form teams if they would like additional support. There is also support available here: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com).

## Activity Day

Activities Day is Wednesday 4 March. EPQ students will be in school, working on their presentations and some students may be required to be in to complete coursework or catch up on class work. For the rest of the students, the focus is on wellbeing. [Y13 Final letter February 26](#)





## Headline Figures

79 students have heard from all five university choices and 102 students have had at least one offer. We also have a group of students who have applied for creative courses who have been invited to audition or submit a portfolio. Generally we are finding that our students are being made good offers which reflects the effort they put 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 6th May to accept your choices so there is plenty of time for making decisions.

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

Please see this [UCAS guide](#) to accepting offers.

## 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, and weren't accepted, or if you declined the offers you received.

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 an easier way to make a change to UCAS Extra.

# Update

## EPQ

This week was our final formal EPQ session. On Activity Day, students will be given the opportunity to come in to work on finishing their folder and, if necessary, creating their final presentations on their EPQ. This is in front of a small audience of their peers and will last about 10 minutes (including a Q and A session). Final folders should be handed in by the 6th March. This avoids any clash with preparation for Easter mocks.

# Careers

with Miss Corrighan

## Work Experience

# oBulletin

**All sixth formers should check the [Weekly opportunities bulletin](#) - this your personalised information sheet about work experience, careers talks, university tasters/summer schools, apprenticeships. Especially for year 12s as we advertise all the relevant opportunities so it's important that students do this as part of their weekly routine.**

Please see this week's bulletin: [GC Careers opportunities bulletin 13/02/2026](#)

# Work Experience and University Summer Schools

Students have been spoken to in tutor time and PDW about their upcoming work experience 29 June-3 July. Students can also access university summer schools during this week.

**Once the student has spoken to an employer and agreed a placement, this 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. A short video to show this step by step:

<https://cdn.unifrog.org/video/n193u79dee/720.mp4>

**The deadline for this to be completed by student, employer, parent and school on the Unifrog system is: 20 March**

**2026.** Contact Miss Corrighan if you have any questions

[bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk)

## Work Experience Stars of the Week

Well done to the following students who added their work experience placements to Unifrog this week:

- Zinnia Croxford
- Aaron Khiytani
- Enoch Tang
- Saanvi Prasanna
- Gabi Judekiewicz



# National Apprenticeship Week 2026 (NAW)

Last week we advertised a range of activities going on in National Apprenticeship week.

For more information on apprenticeships see our weekly bulletin in the apprenticeships section: [GC Careers opportunities bulletin 13/02/2026](#) Which includes lots of apprenticeships students can apply to including local and national companies. Also access; [Higher and Degree Listing - Amazing Apprenticeships](#) which was updated in January 2026 and lists the range of apprenticeships in the UK.

## Apprenticeships of the Week

### [Apprenticeships - BT Group](#)

Every year, we help more than 700 apprentices from all walks of life to start new chapters in their careers – more than any other private sector business in the UK – in software engineering, engineering, data and AI, transformation and delivery, service.

Application deadline: 22 February - apply now!

Find out more about the range of options: [Early Careers Exploration Hub](#)

### **National Physical Laboratory in Teddington**

This week, we're celebrating the positive impact of [apprenticeships](#), helping young people build confidence, develop practical skills, and **take the first step into an exciting career.**

Our **Measurement Technician Apprentice role** is now available for students to apply. As a Junior Measurement Apprentice, you will **build your knowledge** in the science of measurement, which is at the heart of all science and engineering. Share this with your students and networks to offer them the chance to **learn from world leading experts** while gaining a fully funded qualification to start in 2026: [Measurement Technician Apprentice in Teddington, United Kingdom - National Physical Laboratory](#)



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# 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!

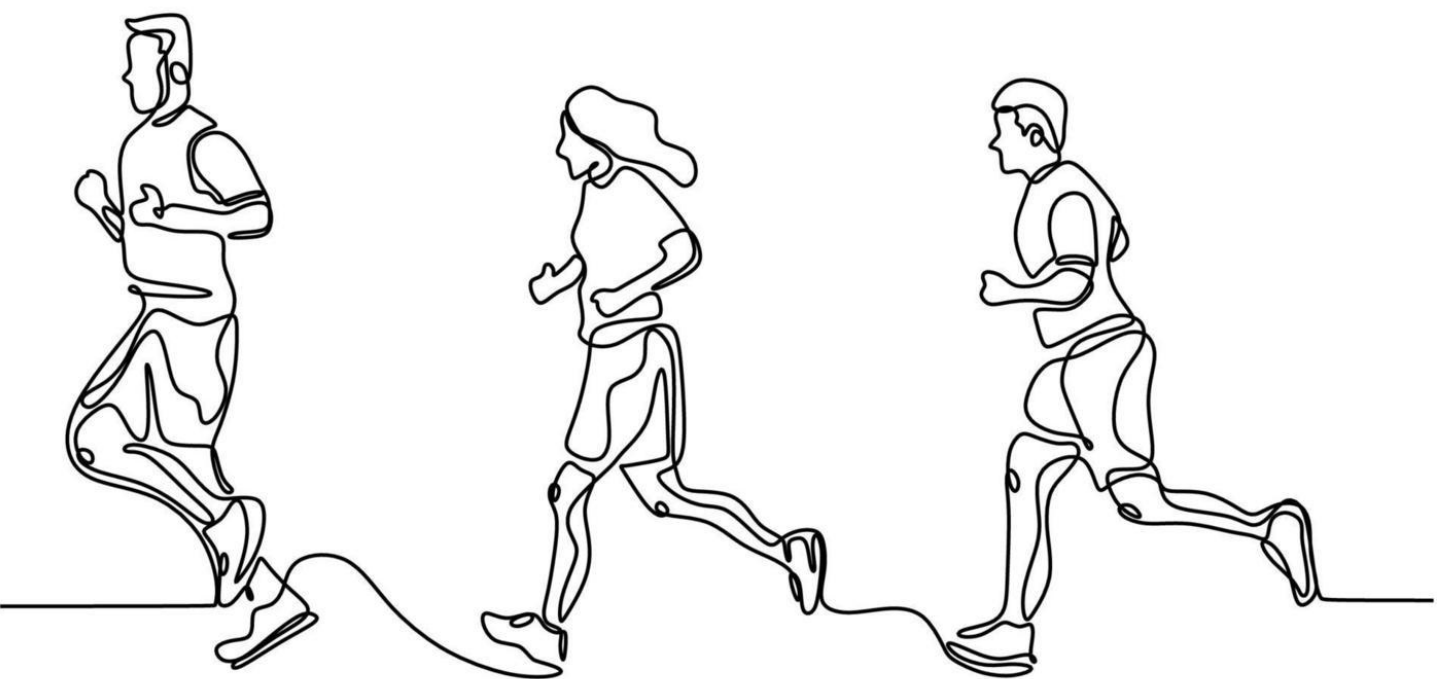


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PETERSHAM ROAD | RICHMOND | TW10 7AH**

[www.dslondon.org.uk](http://www.dslondon.org.uk)

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

# SPORTS News





**Daisy Baxter** and **Ruby Rock** both qualified for U15 English Indoor championships, Sheffield this weekend.

Results -

Daisy 8.07s 60m pb

Daisy 26.6s 200m indoor pb

Ruby 43.63s 300m



Congratulations to **Mack O'Keefe** who came joint second in the National Championship indoor U17 this weekend and a new PB 193.

# Cross Country



Our Cross Country runners had a great afternoon at the Middlesex Cross Country event at Harrow on Tuesday 10 February.

Congrats!

Alfie T

Congratulations to  
Middlesex Cross  
Country Champion:  
Alfie T



# Congrats!

**Congratulations to the year 7 boys who ran superbly at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships on Tuesday. All 5 runners finished in the top 9 out of 62 runners.**

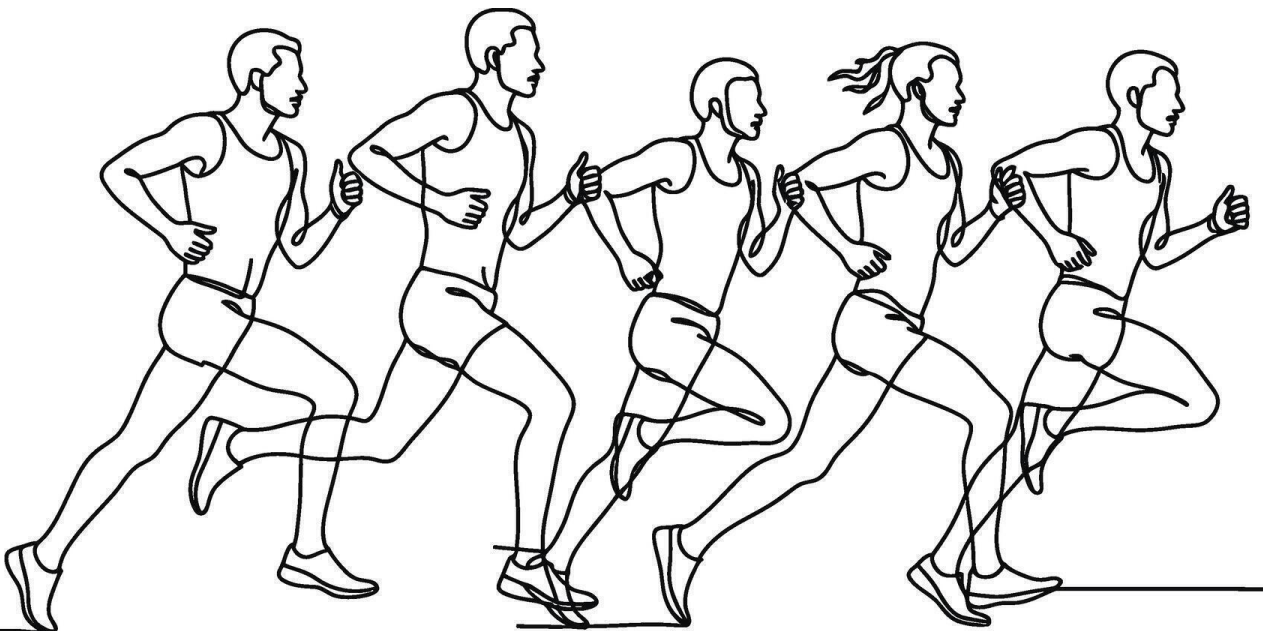
Alfie T – Champion, Finlay W - 5<sup>th</sup>, Woody C - 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Max H - 7<sup>th</sup>, Toren G - 9<sup>th</sup>



# Congrats!

The following students have been selected to represent Middlesex at the English Schools Cross Country Championships.

Tom B  
Leonie  
Lola  
Ruby



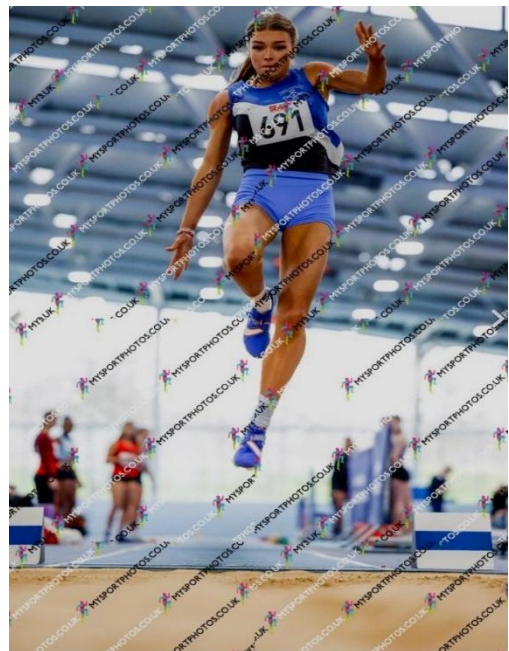
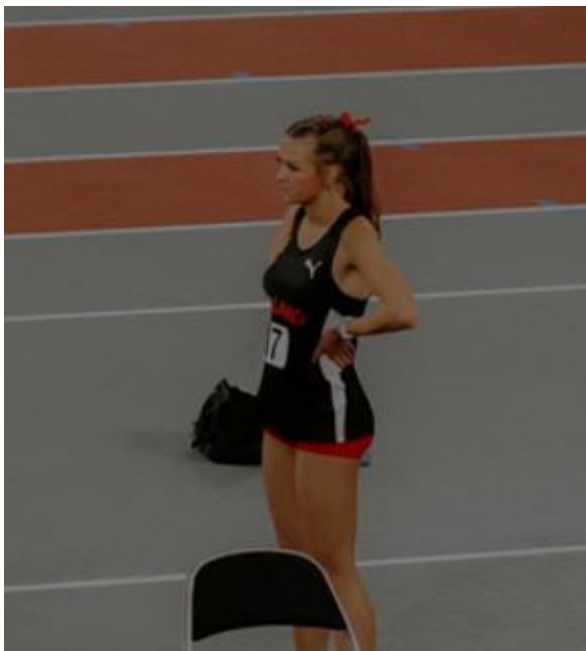
# Performer of the Month

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> (Gold)

800 freestyle – Overall result 1<sup>st</sup> (Gold)

1500 freestyle – Overall result 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silver)

200 freestyle – Qualified for the Finals. Overall result 3<sup>rd</sup> (Bronze)

100 freestyle - Qualified for the Finals. Overall result 7<sup>th</sup>

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!





What's happening ...

## Boatworks's Post



**Boatworks**

February 7 at 7:00 AM · 🌐



Bird flu has been detected on the Thames in Teddington.

DEFRA has published guidance for lower non tidal Thames

Sadly our contractors discovered dead swans on the Thames in Teddington, DEFRA have confirmed the lab reports to be positive for bird flu🐦.

Report dead birds to DEFRA here: <https://report-dead-wild-birds.service.gov.uk/.../DNTH.../0>

**BIRD FLU HAS BEEN  
DETECTED IN THIS AREA.  
DON'T RISK SPREADING IT!**

Keep to footpaths, with  
**dogs on leads**

Do not feed wild waterfowl

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sick wild birds

Do not touch wild bird feathers or  
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If you keep poultry or other birds,  
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# Brentford FC Community Sports Trust

Calling all year 10 and 11 girls!

Brentford FC Community Sports Trust to invite female students who have an interest in football to attend our upcoming Girls football trials, taking place during the February half-term.

The programme is aimed at girls who are passionate about football and would like to explore opportunities to develop their playing ability within a structured development programme, alongside their education. The session will give players the opportunity to experience our coaching environment and be assessed by our coaching staff.

## **Girls Trials**

**Date:** Friday 20 February 2026

**Time:** 10am - 12 noon

**Venue:** Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub, Popes Lane, London, W3 8LQ

To register for the girls trial, please complete the link below.

[Please fill in this form forms.office.com](https://forms.office.com)

# TABLE TENNIS

**TOURNAMENT**

OPEN TO ALL 10-16 YEAR  
OLDS

17TH  
FEB  
2PM



Based at Ham Youth Centre, TW10 7PL  
Email [ben.skelton@achievingforchildren](mailto:ben.skelton@achievingforchildren) to enter.  
Prizes for top three in each category





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Join us this  
February half-term  
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Gardening Together  
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## Gardening Together

Wednesday 18 February

1.30 - 3.30pm

Free entry, but registration is  
essential



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# The Mayor's Silent Disco

Orleans Park School, Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 3BA

**Saturday 28 February 2026**

Welcoming and Relaxed Afternoon Session – 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Designed for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Tickets £10 – accompanying adults attend for free.

Evening Session – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Open to everyone – come and dance the night away!

Tickets £20 – 25% discount for groups of four or more.

A chill-out zone/quiet room will be available.

Free headset when booking in advance.

Booking

Tickets can be purchased

via: [www.richmond.gov.uk/mayors\\_charities](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/mayors_charities)

Box Office: 020 8891 7123

All proceeds go to the Mayor's charities:

Crossroads Care – Supporting Carers

Small Steps – Helping Children with Disabilities



# Quiz Night

**Fundraising Quiz Night,  
for the 2027 Abiball**

**£15 per person (£7.50 for students)  
which includes a homemade all-you-can-eat buffet**

**6pm**

**6 March 2026**

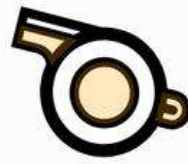
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**GREY COURT SCHOOL,**  
RICHMOND UPON THAMES,  
TW10 7HN

**9.00AM - 12NOON**

SCHOOL YEARS 5-10  
(SPLIT AGE GROUPS)



# Whitton Waves



## Junior Netball Club

### February 2025 Half-Term Netball Camp

#### Dates

17th & 18th February

#### Time

10am - 3pm

#### Cost

£45 per day (2 for £80)



#### Location

Richmond Upon  
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For more info. contact:

[ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk)



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# **FREE Dance Classes**

*As part of our weekly Monday youth club for young women, Ham Youth Centre are teaming up with dance collective Daisy Roots Movement to offer free dance classes every Monday in a variation of Dance styles including elements of Hip Hop, House and Shuffle  
All abilities welcome!!*

***Every Monday  
(only during school term)  
4:30pm-5:30pm  
Ham Youth Centre,  
Ham Close, TW10 7PL***

***Contact Ben Skelton for more information:  
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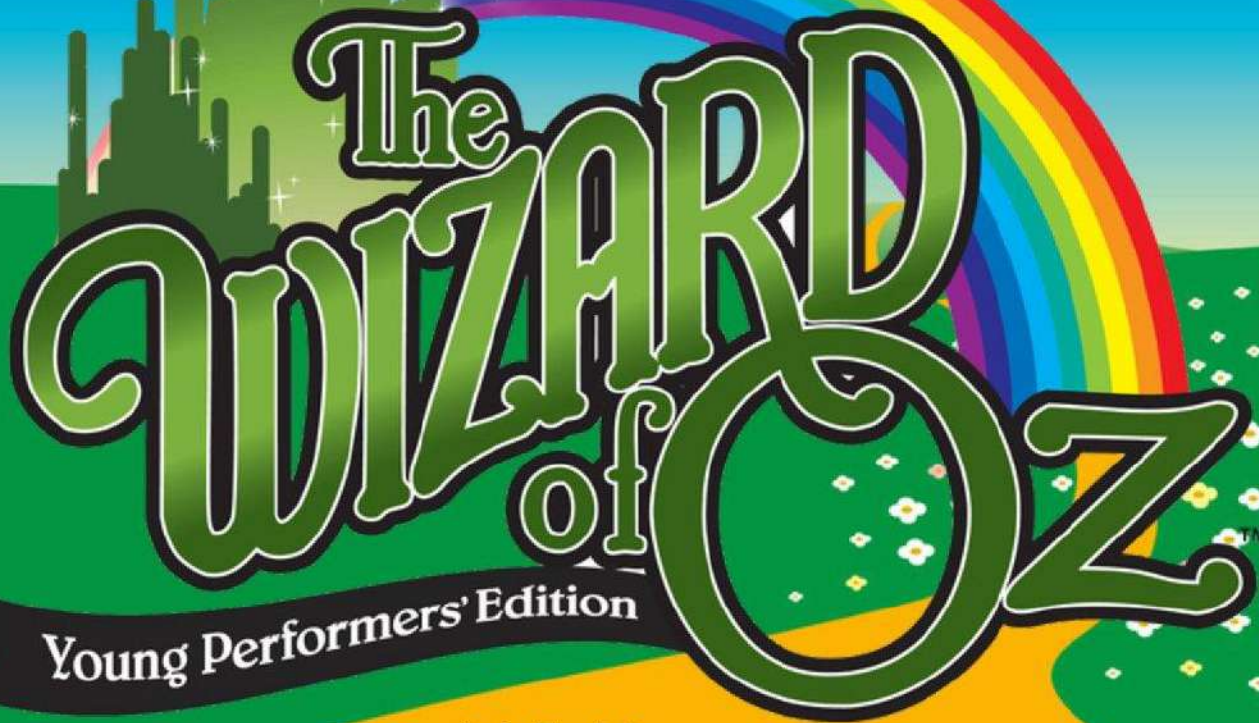
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