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Cover photo: allotment club students with the daffodils they have planted

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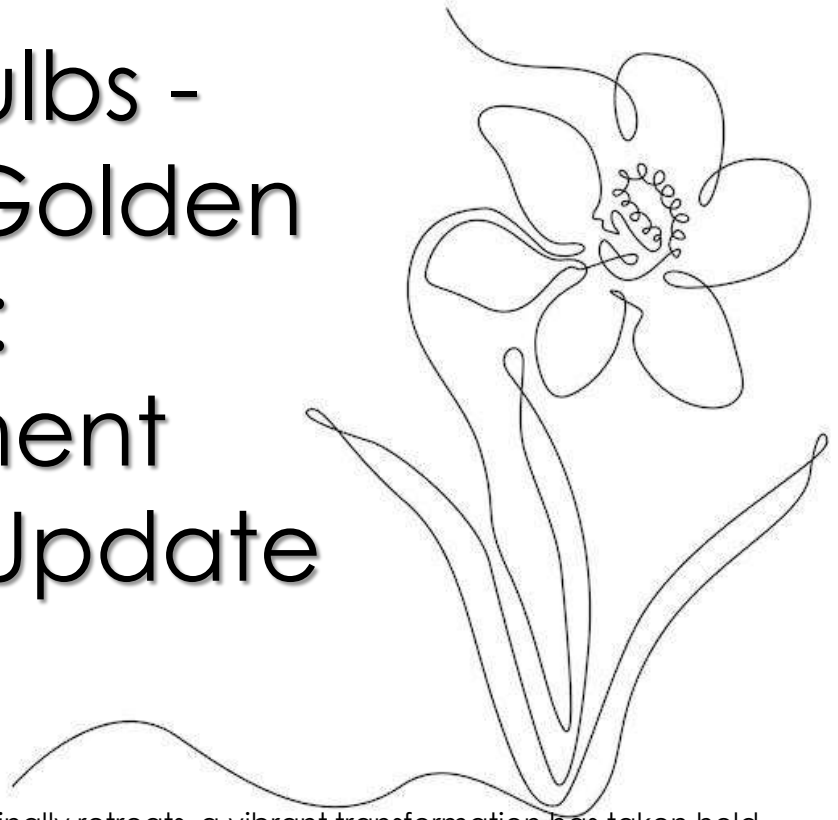
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380 Bulbs -
One Golden
Vision:
Allotment
Club Update

380 Bulbs - One Golden Vision: Allotment Club Update



As the frost of winter finally retreats, a vibrant transformation has taken hold around Newman House. If you've walked past lately, you've likely noticed a spectacular splash of gold greeting students, staff, and visitors alike. These aren't just any flowers; they are the proud handiwork of our Tuesday Lunchtime Allotment Club students.

The sea of yellow we see today is the result of a group effort back in October 2025, when our dedicated club members rolled up their sleeves to plant an incredible **380** bulbs across the school grounds.

The Star of the Show: The Tête-à-Tête Daffodil

The standout performers this spring are undoubtedly the Tête-à-Tête daffodils. While traditional daffodils stand tall and solitary, these miniature marvels offer something unique.

What makes them special? Multi-headed Wonders:

Unlike the standard Narcissus that usually produces one flower per stem, the Tête-à-Tête lives up to its name (French for "head-to-head") by producing two or three fragrant blooms on a single stalk.

Strength:

Standing at just 15-20cm, they are much sturdier than the classic "King Alfred" types, making them incredibly hardy against the breezy spring winds that might snap their taller cousins.

The Skills Behind the Bloom:

Our students didn't just drop them in a hole. They mastered Bulb Culture, learning to identify the basal plate (the flat bottom where roots emerge) and the Rule of Three, planting each bulb at a depth roughly three times its own height to ensure it stays protected from the winter chill.









Daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty.

- William Shakespeare



What's Happening Now?

The Tuesday crew are currently preparing for the growing season ahead:

Chitting Potatoes: Students are carefully placing main crop potatoes into egg boxes to "chit" - encouraging them to sprout indoors before they go in the soil.

Division and Propagation: We've been splitting our mint plants, turning each large plant into three separate ones to increase our stock.

Nursery Prep: We are potting up our remaining rhubarb roots, specifically destined for our upcoming plant sale!

Maintenance Care: From wheelbarrowing woodchips onto the path around the wildflower plot to clearing winter debris from the tyres and recycling old soil from the fruit cage pots, the team is ensuring the allotment is in peak condition.

- Ms Munday

SAVE THE DATE: 16 May

The Allotment Club Plant Sale!

The allotment is a labour of love, but it also requires seeds, compost, and fresh bulbs to keep the area around Newman House looking beautiful.

We need your help to keep us growing!

Join us on **Saturday, 16 May at Ham Library from 10am until 12pm** for our **Annual Plant Sale**.

All proceeds go directly back into the club to fund our next winter bulb order. Don't let your garden miss out!

MOGOS 2026

**The Music of
James Bond**

19 March 2026

**£7 Adults
£5 Children**

**Tickets available via
Scopay**

MOGGOs Finalists

The MOGGOs competition returns on **19 March 2026**, this time featuring music from the James Bond film franchise. Congratulations to our finalists:

Maheen Aatif
Teddy Button + band
Amy Curley + band
Olivia Fisher
Victoria Godard
Dhruv Gokul
Dhane Hazlee
Freya Kirrage
Xavier Mtandabari + band
Heidi Phillips
Raul Saggarr + band
Amber Simon + band
Arian Sood + band
Ella Waldmann
Sophie Walsh

Tickets are available on Scopay (£7 adults, £5 children) - book early to avoid disappointment!

Grey Court Staff at the Battersea Parkrun



On a cold, misty Saturday morning, when most other teachers were enjoying their well-deserved lie ins, a group of athletes (the term used in the lightest way possible) from Grey Court's teaching staff were limbering up for the Battersea 5km Parkrun. Tensions were high at the starting block: the leaning tower of Mr McCormick was eyeing his PB, two years of training in the making, while Mr Holden was just hoping his legs would make it the distance. Mr Santos couldn't understand why there wasn't any gym equipment laid out of the route (he's a member of the Hyrox cult) and Mr Johnson was suffering from separation anxiety after having to lock up his road bike.

All in all, it was a brilliant event. The Tower got his PB with a borderline-silly time of 17:38, Ms Meadows, representing the female members of staff, smashed her run and Mr McCrohan's high-octane prune juice kicked in as he overtook me in the final straight, proving age is just a number.

I would encourage any students and parents, no matter your ability (if Mr Behre can do it, you can too) to get involved and give your local Parkrun a go, and stay tuned for the outcome as myself and Mr Santos take on the Rome marathon in two weeks.

- Mr Kempton



NEWS TSS3

Y7

We celebrated World Book Day in Year 7 with some doors being decorated with the theme of a favourite book, alongside some reading quizzes and our assembly from Ms Kellett on her love of books and how it was not always a straight, consistent line. She talked about how University left her feeling fatigued with reading due to the sheer amount that was expected to be read by an English Literature undergraduate. As ever, after some time not reading for pleasure, she had the opportunity to pick up a book and reignited that love, which has stayed consistent through her adult life so far.

We are motoring through the half-term and the trips on Wednesday were a great opportunity to get outside and learn through different experiences, at both Whipsnade Zoo and at Winchester Science Museum. At the Zoo, students heard about the animals that are endangered and what is being done to protect them, as well as why some are hunted in the first place, often for medicinal purposes or the illegal sale of them. The Science museum has a fantastic dome, where students learn about the solar system and the galaxies beyond, as well as loads of interactive activities to do with sound and light, with a bit of biology and dissection thrown in too.

It has been a great start to the half-term in Year 7, well done to the students for their efforts.

Mr Ridley
Phase Leader

Y8

It's been another excellent week for Year 8, and there are plenty of positives to celebrate. A huge well done to our conduct champions this week: Kalani, Damian, Anuki, Ted and Tabitha E. Their consistent positive behaviour, strong work ethic, and great attitude have really stood out.

One of the recent highlights has been Activity Day, where Year 8 enjoyed trips to St Paul's Cathedral and Leeds Castle. We were lucky enough to have some fantastic weather, and staff were delighted with the behaviour and enthusiasm shown by students throughout the day. World book day also stood out, with Miss Esail delivering assembly in an eye-catching get-up!

Thank you also for your continued support with uniform standards. Students have been looking smart and ready to learn. A quick reminder that skirts and shorts should be below fingertip length, trousers should not be falling down, and students should be wearing the correct uniform in full each day (including blazer). If there are any concerns or issues with uniform, please do get in touch so we can help.

Ms Sutcliffe
Head of Year

Y8 SHOUT-OUT Conduct Competition

In the final two weeks before half-term in Y8 we ran a conduct point competition. Conduct points are the total number of positive achievement points, minus any negative points. There were prizes for the individuals from each form group who had the highest number of points, as well as a pizza party lunch on the final day for the form group with the highest total. The individual winners are as follows:

Kalani M
Abhissri P
Dries V
Artie E
Emi J
Amity R
Talya F
Aniket G

And the overall form group winners were **8 Cedar**.

We were delighted to see such a high number of achievement points collected across the whole year group – and are hoping this continues in the run-up to Easter

- **Mr Day**

Mathletes, Mayhem, and the Great Taxi Escape



On February 26th, a quartet of our sharpest minds—two Year 8s and two Year 9s—headed to Guildford for the **UK Maths Trust Team Maths Challenge**. It was a day of high-stakes arithmetic and a travel itinerary that went rapidly south. The competition featured four gruelling rounds. Our team hit a "numerical speed bump" during the second **Shuttle round**, where a bit of a communication breakdown proved that even geniuses need a solid seating plan! However, they saved their best for the grand finale: the **Relay**. In a room full of fierce competitors, our students found their groove, sprinting through complex problems to finish brilliantly.

The real "nightmare" wasn't the algebra—it was the journey home. With every train cancelled, the team was stranded. In a final display of problem-solving, they hailed a cab, turning a rail disaster into a legendary taxi ride home. Well done to our mathletes for surviving both the fierce competition and the British rail system!

- Mrs Meadows

Y9

This week we have been celebrating World Book Day. On Thursday it was fantastic to see many members of staff dressed up for the occasion. Reading is such an important area for students - with lots of benefits in terms of language, writing and vocabulary. As we near the start of students GCSE course we encourage students to read up around the subjects they are looking to take next year.

On Wednesday we had our latest activity day. The theme for the day this year was Options and Careers. Students took part in a range of activities, including a stock market challenge, careers research, as well as speaking to different people regarding careers in a round robin interview task. Feedback from all the staff was that the Y9s behaved superbly and it is fantastic to see them start to think about the future.

Last Friday students and parents should have received a GCSE options booklet via email, which outlines the process and different options students can take. If you have not received the booklet please get in touch and we can resend this. Over the next few weeks all students will meet with a member of the year team or a member of the senior leadership team for an options interview. The interviews are designed to discuss with students their options and offer any advice or guidance.

Mr Day
Phase Leader

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!



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

Well done to Year 10 on an amazing week! Activity Day went smoothly, with many happy students and teachers involved. It was great to see students immersing themselves in the opportunity to explore their option subjects and see how these subjects are applied in the real world, something students can sometimes find difficult to connect with during their time at school.

We also celebrated World Book Day this week and tutor groups were tasked with decorating their doors based on their favourite books, quotes or authors. It was wonderful to walk into tutor bases and see the cohort fully engaged in these creative designs. A huge well done to Cedar, who won the competition and will be rewarded with a selection of sweets and treats!

Mr Khan
Head of Year

Y11

Congrats!

INTERMEDIATE PHYSICS CHALLENGE

Forty-one of our year 11 students recently competed in the Intermediate Physics Challenge Online, a national competition organized by the British Physics Olympiad that 6,070 students from 195 schools participated in this year. We are incredibly proud of our students' performance, which significantly exceeded national averages. Eleven of our students achieved Gold Awards, placing them among the top 20.3% of participants nationally. Twelve of our students achieved Silver and seventeen achieved Bronze. Following these excellent results, 7 of our Gold winners students sat the year 11 Intermediate Physics Challenge paper on Monday 2 March. This is a written paper designed to further stretch and challenge high-achieving students with more curious questions.

- Dr Alaian

The Grey Squirrel Speaks!

- Mr Clements

As the new half term is now upon us eating up the days like a freshly serviced Pinarello - a peloton's worth of Grey Court cyclists have suddenly arrived in our midst. This has prompted Le Grand director, Monsieur Rhodes, to order his chief domestique "the Grey Squirrel" Clements to provide some safe riding tips to future maillot blanc contenders!



1. Please wear your cycle helmet rather than hang it from your handle bars. This is a very unfortunate fashion in that the helmet is designed to protect the skull and it cannot protect the skull if it is draped across the handle bars!
2. Obey the highway code which means slowing down and stopping before zebra crossings as "Cyclists MUST give way to pedestrians on or waiting at a zebra crossing." This particularly applies to the zebra crossing immediately outside the school gates.
3. Avoid cycling along with ear-phones in. Digga D's latest "collab" with underground MC K-Pop Kempton should not be allowed to drown out the sound of approaching cars. You need ALL your senses available to cycle safely.
4. Please look left and right and slow down as you leave any of the school gates. This will help you avoid the possibility of being hit/or hitting cars, pedestrians or stationery Lime bikes.
5. Please avoid cycling along the roads without your hands on the bike's handlebars. You may think it looks "*certy/calm*" (this is yoot speak parents!) but it endangers yourself and other road users.
6. Do not read, answer or interact with your mobile phone as you are cycling as it is highly unsafe and can lead to prosecution for "careless or inconsiderate cycling."
7. Please do not leave your bike lying unattended across the pavement outside local shops as it obstructs pedestrians and generally annoys and intimidates old people.
8. Please bring a decent bike lock to school and lock it in the numerous cycle bays around school. I spend a disproportionate amount of my time trying to identify bicycle thieves by scouring through grainy CCTV footage.

9. Please avoid riding bikes across the Teddington Lock footbridge as it irritates members of the public and causes considerable reputational damage. Mr Jacob is also growing sick of disguising himself as an angler/swan guardian/bird watcher in order to catch the culprits.
10. Could younger members of staff/students please stop over-taking me on their electric bikes/tri-cycles and then turning around and waving smugly. It is annoying and humiliating.

And please note that ...if you obey the road rules and become an accomplished cyclist you might have the opportunity to become part of Grey Court's elite GCSE track cycling programme. Each year up to 25 cyclists have the opportunity to be mentored by "the cycle coach," James Hey. The students train at the iconic Herne Hill velodrome and take part in a Keirin. Past Grey Court student, Amy Duffy, represented Richmond in cycling at the London youth games whilst Mr Murphy has tipped the Roberts twins, Euan and Andrew, to be future Olympic triathlon contenders such is their talent. Amongst the staff body, Ted McCormack, "the White Fox" is a past winner of the Surrey Hills classique whilst Mr Richard Williams, "the dappled otter" recently finished Le Tour de Northumberland in 9th place.

And a final "shout out" to "Alyas" cycle mechanic supreme - from Ham's family run "cycle first" bike shop which is situated opposite Grey Court school. Mr Alyas patiently puts up with hundreds of Grey Court students leaning their bikes against his shop windows as they visit the adjacent sweet shop! He is also a constant source of advice and expertise as I am tasked with patching up the numerous punctured tyres, displaced chains and mis-aligned brake blocks that students pass my way. Thanks for your community service Alyas, whose shop - which has now been open two years - is now an established feature of our local landscape!

Stars of the Week: Science

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7W	Elias Hutchings	Science	Excellent engagement in class
9A	Erin Wild	Science	Excellent contributions
10O	Inigo Bell	Biology	Excellent test results
11E	Amelie Soni	Biology	Excellent progress in the subject
12D	Aika Mullen	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
13E	Georgia Hawes	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
10M	Megan Crane	Chemistry	Excellent test results
11E	Kingsley Fan	Chemistry	Excellent test results
12D	Gabrielle Judkiewicz	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
13E	Georgia Hawes	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
10W	Hilary Chan	Physics	Excellent test results
11B	Anton Vu	Physics	Excellent test results

Attendance Matters

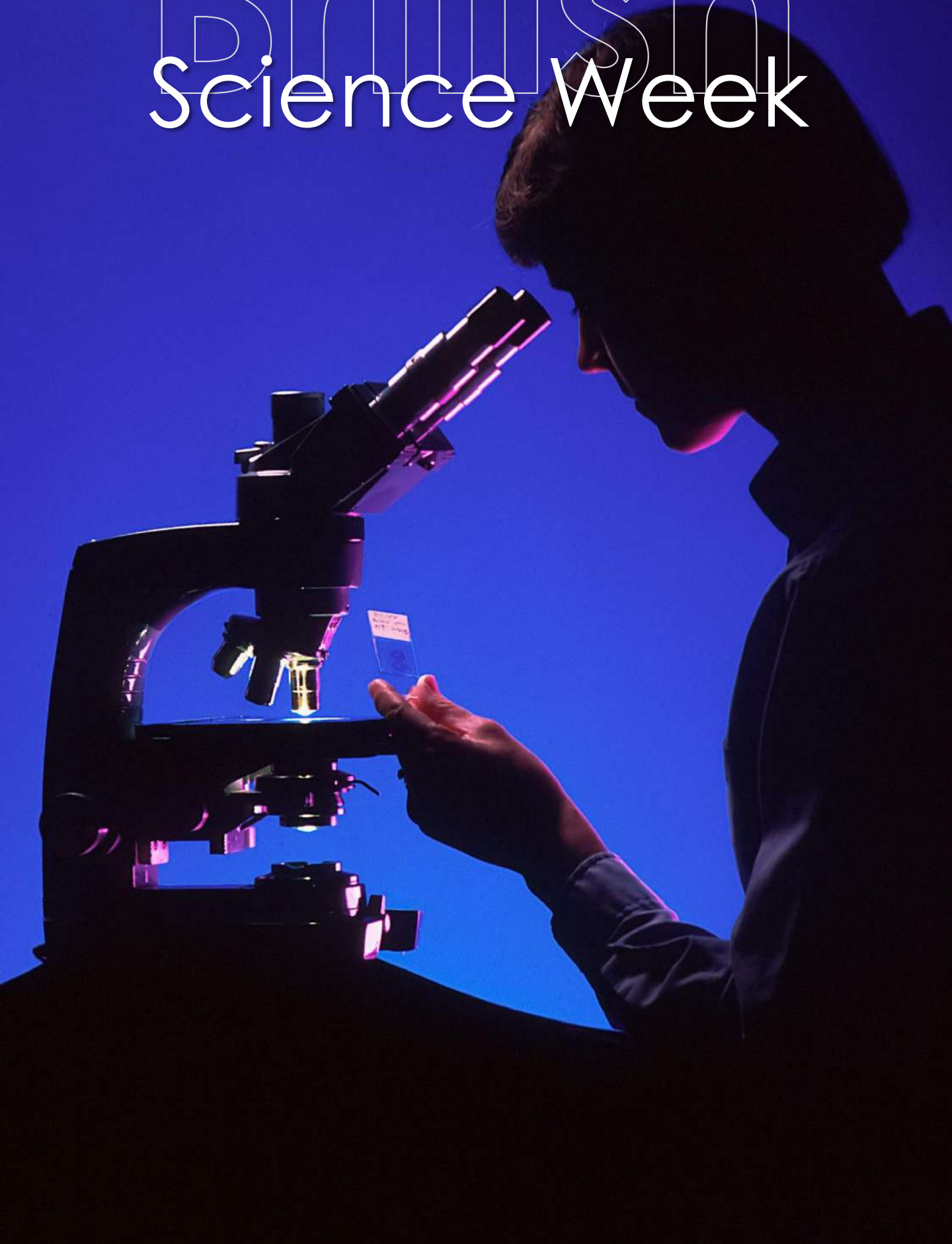
24 February to 27 February

Your future begins with your presence

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	96%
Year 8	95.8%
Year 9	95.9%
Year 10	95.1%
Year 11	93.7%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Ash	100%
8 Ash	99.6%
9 Maple	98.5%
10 Elm	98.4%
11 Rowan	98.8%

British Science Week



Next week is British Science Week which is an annual celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in the UK.

At Grey Court we are hosting a range of activities:

YEAR 7

Year 7 will be competing in an Egg Drop Challenge and have been asked to bring in materials such as empty cardboard boxes, single use carrier bags, used yoghurt pots etc. to their double lesson next week. These items should be rescued from recycling bins. More details can be found on Google Classroom.

YEAR 8

Year 8 will be competing in an aluminium foil boat challenge during their double lesson. All resources will be provided to them.

YEAR 9

Year 9 will be shown some exciting and informative demonstrations as well as taking part in activities which deepen their understanding of science and scientific discovery.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

All year groups are invited to participate in the National Poster Competition:

- The UK Government are thinking about how to build a positive future for children. They are keen to understand children and young people's own ideas on this, so they are asking: **What makes children's lives positive? What will a positive childhood look like in the future for young people your age?**
- Your task is to design a poster and submit it to Mr McCormick before Friday 20 March.
- You can submit it as a physical A3/A4 poster or a photo of the poster or as a digital poster
- Everyone who submits a poster will earn an achievement point.
- The 5 best posters will be submitted to the national competition.
- Further details can be found in the [BSW activity booklet](#)

In addition to all of the activities at Grey Court here are some alternative ideas for you to consider that are all free to do:

- Visit a museum such as the [Science Museum](#), [Natural History Museum](#), [The Wellcome Collection](#), [Science Gallery at King's College London](#), [Faraday Museum at the Royal Institution](#)
- Have a go at some of the [Do Try This at Home](#) activities from the Institute of Physics
- Watch a science documentary on the [BBC iPlayer](#) or [ITVX](#)
- Talk to family, friends or experts about science.

- Mr McCormick



Wellbeing

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/>



How you can support your child to manage exam stress

Join Kooth for a free 45-minute webinar and you'll hear from one of our community engagement team, alongside a clinician from Kooth.

They will offer expert tips on:

- When to take action
- Share practical ideas to help children manage their anxiety
- Discuss how Kooth can provide extra support.

The content has been written predominantly for families with secondary and higher aged children sitting GCSEs, A- Levels or Nationals and Highers in Scotland.

[Book 9th March, 6:00pm](#)

[Book 16th March, 7:00pm](#)



Neurodiversity Week, 16 to 23 March, aims to transform perceptions and support for neurodivergent individuals by recognising their many skills and talents.


For schools, this is an apt moment to heighten awareness of ADHD amongst pupils, staff and parents. We do [school visits](#) where we offer staff training on ADHD and also would be happy to lead an ADHD awareness session at school hosted parent meetings. Email the team on schools@adhdembrace.org. Or recommend us if your school is looking to fundraise for a neurodiversity charity. Can't think of a better muffin day theme!

With the release of the SEND White Paper we have added a new webinar for March, [ADHD, SEN support and Reasonable Adjustments in Secondary School Education](#), plus we have news on the launch of our internship programme, and in a busy month, we have created an e-book to share our latest [Annual Review and Impact Report](#).

For additional information and events, click [here](#).

Team at ADHD Embrace

Supporting families and professionals



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YOUNG MINDS

 3 min read

No matter what a young person is going through – whether it's relationships, school stuff or our mental health – parents and carers are often the first person they turn to.

That's why for **Children's Mental Health Week** this month, we were talking to parents. We want parents and carers to know:

You're there when they need you most – and we're here for you.

Check out the expert advice from our Parents Helpline advisors below and share them with a parent who might need it.

We'll also be talking about:

- Leaving a gift with lasting impact
- Real stories
- The latest headlines

Parents Helpline

[Our Parents Helpline](#) is here – no matter what a young person is going through. Advisors are a call or a click away and ready to help, but it can be hard to take that first step.

That's why we want to do more to reach parents who need us. And this month our partners M&S stepped in to help.

If there's a child or young person in your life that is struggling with: anxiety, avoiding school or feeling low often, these tips can help.

But first, if you or a parent you know could use some advice from people who get it, visit our parents section for guidance, support and someone to talk to.

Careers

with Miss Corrighan



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National Careers week took place this week and this provides the school with the opportunity to discuss the importance of planning for the future life and exploring different opportunities.

Year 9, took part in their career speed networking event on Activities day (Wednesday 4 March) which gave them the opportunity to meet with a range of people from different professions. They also developed vital skills in communication, listening and how to present themselves to our volunteers.





A massive thank you to all our volunteers who helped with this event - we will do a bigger feature on this next week but thank you to all the parents and alumni who came in to support the event. It was great to see Sam, who is now a Sports Journalist and Henry, who is a Physiotherapist, both attended Grey Court sixth form and now living their dream jobs! Thank you to local employers who supported us and we also had the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Penelope Frost, who attended the event - it was a fantastic day!

In PDW, Year 9 were looking at the [BBC Bitesize Careers](#) resources to research into their ideas and they have access to [Unifrog](#) which is a careers platform we use from year 7-13.

Students in year 10 also had subject related trips which linked in with careers. For example, year 10 computing students visited Ada, the National College for Digital Skills. Presentation about Careers in tech and how Ada can support students into digital jobs.

Careers education takes place all year round and we are proud of the activities and the programme we offer our students.

Y11

Sixth Form and College Applications for September

Many students may decide to stay in the Sixth Form, but you need to ensure you have a backup plan and apply to college. **Kingston College, NESCOL, Richmond upon Thames**, and others are still taking applications, so if you have not applied yet, you need to do so as a matter of urgency as you have to confirm your place for next year. There are still open events to explore these options:

Kingston College: Wednesday 18 March, 4.30pm-6.30pm [Register here](#)

Apprenticeships: students, parents, and carers can look at the [Find an apprenticeship](#) website and look for jobs that will start in September 2026. If you are not sure how to apply, speak to Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk who is based in the Careers office.

Resources for Parents/Carers

[Talking futures](#) is a great resource to inform parents and carers about the options available to their children. It has conversation starters, information about the range of options, which include technical qualifications and apprenticeships and more. It is a really good starting point for parents and carers to find out more about what their children can do in this ever-changing education landscape

[NEXT STEPS LONDON](#) which is a collection of guides designed to support young people, parents, and educators as they explore future career pathways across the capital. These resources aim to spark meaningful conversations, build confidence, and provide practical tools for navigating the next stage of the careers journey.

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

Y12 Year 12

Y12 UCAS Discovery Fair @ Excel Centre

On 24 March, Grey Court Year 12 students will be travelling to The Excel Centre to gain first-hand information about a wide range of different universities and courses on offer. They can also talk to providers about degree apprenticeships and open days. Students considered various pathways during PDW this week, and I encourage them to look at the UCAS website to start doing their own research into universities and courses. All students are expected to attend and have been sent a link via UCAS to sign up. [Trip Letter](#)

PDW

PDW this week will give students an opportunity to explore university courses and apprenticeships and to start compiling their shortlist on the Unifrog website. They also need to start looking at registering for open days in the summer term.

Oxbridge Update

This week students should be continuing to add to their super curricular record in preparation for next week's UCAS statement drafting session in enrichment. Student should be aiming to confirm the specific course they wish to apply to so they can tailor their statements to its specific requirements.

Stars of the Week



Ms Mannion has been nominated for a Richmond Community Heroes Award, for her long-term commitment to restoring and protecting Ham Lands' biodiversity through weekly volunteering. Ms Mannion, in true Ms Mannion style says that it is all down to the wonderful students involved with the Ham Lands Project, so well done to all of you!

Congratulations to Aleeza, Arielle, Ethan and Swasti, who have been accepted onto the King's Business School Summer School in July.

Attendance Stars



A huge well done to the following students, who had 100% attendance and zero lates during last half term: Freddy Saville, Ben Clark, Sopia Trybuszewski, Omran Walli, Hazel Keung, Ernest Pidduck, Saanvi Prasanna, Beth Caple



Year 13

Students have been working hard to get ready for their final set of trial exams, and are logging all of their work as part of the 50-hour challenge.

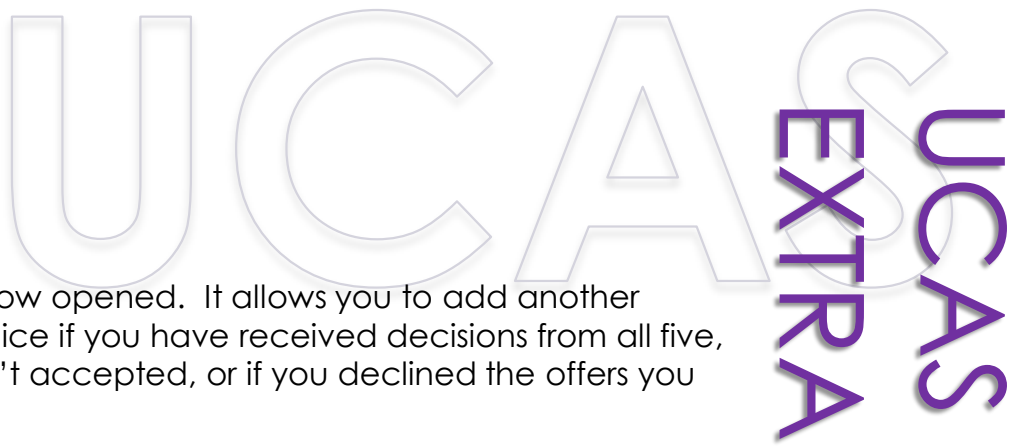
UCAS What comes next?

Once you have heard from all five courses you applied to you should choose a firm choice and an insurance choice of course. Sounds scary but the earliest deadline for responding is the 6th June so there is plenty of time for making decisions.

Many students will have received invites to Offer Holder Days. This is the best way of helping students choose the best course and university for them. You should look at not just the university but the city or town where it is located. Consider factors such as whether you like the set up of a campus university or a university spread across a city. Think about where you might live in the second year when you will not be living in university accommodation. You might want to think about whether there will be opportunities for part time work to help supplement your living expenses. Check out transport to and from university - how long will it take you to get there and arrive in time for your 9.00am lecture? How long will it take to get back to your family home and how much will it cost? What social activities does the student union offer?

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.



Extra has now opened. 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 or Ms Tanner 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 preferable way of making a change to UCAS Extra.

Student Finance

Full-time undergraduate 2026 applications are opening in late March. It's quick and easy to apply and should take less than 30 minutes. To make sure you get your funding in place for the start of your course: new students should apply before the 31st May. If you have any questions about student finance look at the UCAS pages [Student Finance - Everything you need to know](#).

This is also a very good link that breaks down student finance:

<https://www.comparethemarket.com/loans/content/how-do-student-loans-work/>

Update



Presentations are well under way. Completed folders need to go to supervisors in the next week for marking. These need to be printed and tagged together in the order specified on the google classroom. The only element that currently remains electronic is the log book. However, this also needs to be completed for this stage of grading. This week gave students the opportunity to use activity day to finalise their folder. Formal sessions for this qualification are now ended.

Careers

with Miss Corrighan

Year 12 Work Experience + Summer Schools

OBulletin

All sixth formers should be checking the [Weekly opportunities bulletin](#) in year 12 and 13 notices - this your personalised information sheet about:

•**Work experience - we have some great work experiences in business, finance and property for our year 12s to apply to!**

- Careers talks
- University tasters/summer schools
- Apprenticeships

Especially in year 12 we advertise all the relevant opportunities so it's important students do this as part of their weekly routine. Please see this week's bulletin: [GC Careers opportunities bulletin 06/03/2026](#)

Work experience and University summer schools

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

Please can we urge parents/carers to speak to their child about their placement and 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. 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: 20th March 2026.** Contact Miss Corrighan if you have any questions bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Congratulations to the following students who have secured work experience this week: Kaela, Beth, Sophia, Alkinoos, Louis H, Olivia S, Charlotte J and Lawrence. WSP Engineering placements were offered to: Zac, Isaac, Ryan, Mydah, Matthew, Charlie W and Komal. And all the students who gained work experience with the Orange Tree Theatre; Ada, Saskia,

SPORTS News





Tuesday 3 March: well played to our U14ABC and U13A teams who played their first ever games against St Thomas College!



What a day for some rugby!! Our year 7 girls enjoyed some T1 rugby in the sunshine!



Tuesday 3 March: U13 cricketers came third in Middlesex Indoor Competition. So close to a place in the final. Well done all



Friday 27 February: our U13 netballers took on the borough tournament!!



Player of the Month

March 2026

Ida



Well done to Ida Heggarty-Sparks, who is our player of the month. Ida has competed for Grey Court in the annual Richmond Borough Swimming Gala. Ida took part in Fly and Freestyle races, as well as the Girls Open 100m IM which she won! Ida was also a key member of the relay teams.

Outside of school, Ida competes for Teddington Swimming Club. Ida has achieved the following so far this season:

Middlesex County Championships at London Aquatics Centre

- County Champion (Gold) in 400 free
- 200m free - silver
- 100m free - bronze

Wales Winter Nationals, Swansea National Pool

- Ida swam in the age group above but still managed to win -
- 400m free - silver
 - 200 free - silver
 - 800 free - bronze

Also, Ida was selected for **Swim England's National Age Group Development Programme (NAGDP) 2025-26**; she regularly participates in swimming development days and online training about swimming and nutrition as part of the National Age Group programme.

Ida continues to show determination, dedication and enthusiasm towards her sport. We are also looking forward to seeing her in the athletics season. Well done Ida!!

Scholar of the Month

March 2026

LYLA



Lyla has proudly represented Grey Court in indoor rowing and netball, demonstrating outstanding commitment and versatility across multiple sports. Her determination and resilience are clear every time she competes, always pushing herself to achieve her very best while encouraging those around her to do the same.

In indoor rowing, Lyla showed tremendous focus and stamina, giving her all in this new sport for her. On the netball court, she combines skill, composure, and excellent decision-making, making a significant impact for her team.

Beyond her sporting ability, Lyla is a natural leader. She leads by example through her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and unwavering commitment to her team. She motivates others with her encouragement, sportsmanship, and dedication, truly embodying the values of our Sports Scholarship programme. A fantastic role model and an integral member of our sporting community, Lyla should be incredibly proud of her achievements.

Well done, Lyla!

Scholar of the Month

March 2026

Finlay



Huge congratulations to Finlay Webb, our scholar of the month, after an outstanding period of sporting achievement.

Finlay recently finished an impressive 5th at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships, showing excellent endurance and determination in a highly competitive field. He also enjoyed great success at the Borough Swimming Gala, winning gold in backstroke, silver in butterfly, and playing a key role in the gold medal-winning freestyle relay team.

Alongside his competition success, Finlay is a keen and regular attendee at Triathlon Club, consistently demonstrating commitment, resilience and a strong work ethic across all three disciplines.

A brilliant example of dedication and all-round sporting excellence, well done, Finlay!

Team of the Month

U14+U16 Girls Rugby Team



RUGBY

Congratulations to the U14 and U16 girls rugby teams for their fantastic start to the season.

They were recently faced with a brutal match against the Elite Rugby Academy; a star studded group of players who train together regularly with many competing at county level. But Grey Court didn't let that faze them! We held our own and did not back down.

We had some moments of brilliance on the day. Molly Roscoe scored a pitch length try against all odds, swerving, dodging, and sprinting her way to score. Laila Talbot-Smith was sublime; making tackles left right and centre, her dedication clear for all to see as she was caked from head to toe in mud! Finally, Mabel Ireland showcased her exceptional leadership by playing smart rugby and we even saw her goosey despite the mud.

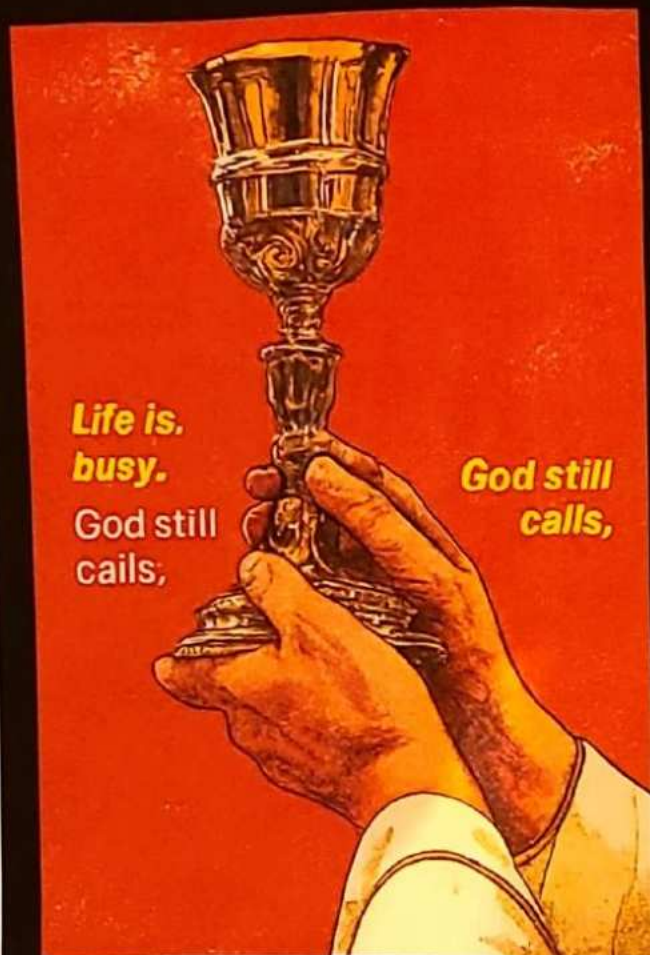
All attention is now set on Rosslyn Park 7s - our golden ticket to the national stage of rugby 7s where we plan to put training into practice and put in a winning performance for Grey Court School.

What's happening ...



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DSL Forum



Benefits Workshop

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Did you know that some children and young people are eligible for financial help because of their SEND? Join us for a workshop with a benefits advisor who specialises in helping families with SEND access the support they are entitled to.

When: 10am or 12pm, Tuesday 10th March 2026

Where: Online via Zoom

Workshop One - 10am-11.30am

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Carer's Allowance
Universal Credit Disabled Child Element

Workshop Two – 12pm-1.30pm

Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
Moving from DLA to PIP
Universal Credit for 16/17 year olds

Book Your Place [here](#) or scan the QR code

Have your say on support services to help families access benefits advice [HERE](#)



Who we are, what we do

We are an independent group of parent carers who have come together to ensure that ALL parents are able to have their say in the planning of local services. We don't provide SEND services, but bring parents' voices to those that do.

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Coffee Morning

Are you thinking about the transition to Secondary School for a child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

Please join us at The Patch in Twickenham where we'll have a focus on the move to Secondary school. If you've just been offered a secondary school place for your child, are considering which school to name as your preference or are thinking ahead to your child's next steps this event may be useful for you. If your child has completed the move to secondary and you need support or would like to share your experiences you might also wish to attend.

When: 10am-11.30am, Thursday 12th March 2026

Where: The Patch, 42 York Street, Twickenham TW1 3LJ

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- 📅 March 30 - April 10, 2026
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- 🕒 09:00-16:00

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