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Cover photo taken during A-level art trip to the Tate Modern on 14 July 2026

#KeepInTouch

Term Dates

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The Uniform Shop

Thursdays 3:15-4pm

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



Thank You!



A huge thank you to our wonderful mums - all sixteen of them - who raced in the Kingston Dragon Boat Festival on the 19 July and raised a whopping £1970 for Grey Court. Thank you! You are simply marvellous!

Invitation

I am writing to invite you to a local screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing* film on the risks to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate, as we have seen during this crazy summer.

Location: Ham Youth Centre

Date: Wednesday 30 September

Time: 7-8.30pm

No need to book just turn up. The film is for age 16+

The film presents evidence from leading UK experts on climate science, food security, health and economic stability and that we need radical action.

For educators like me, these issues increasingly affect young people's wellbeing, curriculum discussions, school and youth club infrastructure resilience (heat, flooding), and young people's future prospects.

The initiative is non-partisan and supported by organisations including the National Education Union and leading academic institutions.

Following the film, we will host a structured discussion on what this means locally.

We hope to see you there. See the film trailer [here](#).

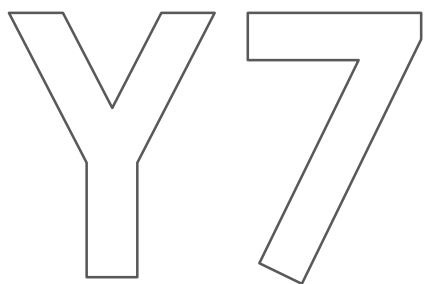
Ben Skelton

Senior Youth Work Practitioner

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KS3+4
NEWS



Year 7 have now completed their second week at Grey Court and are continuing to settle into their new routines with great enthusiasm. Pupils are growing in confidence as they get to know their teachers, classmates, and the wider school community. They have had assemblies from myself and our Associate Headteacher, Ms Price, who formally welcomed them to the school. This week also saw the launch of our extra-curricular programme, giving students the chance to stay active, develop new skills both in and out of the classroom, and make friends beyond their tutor groups. It has been wonderful to see so many Year 7 pupils taking these opportunities and showing such a positive attitude towards school life. Friday saw our first tutor challenge of the year, where 2 representatives from each form group took part in a challenge against each other for Achievement points, with the first competition being a Netball shooting challenge. These challenges are very popular and a great spectacle for the students.

Next Friday 18th September, the students will sit their CAT tests, as indicated in the letter on the next page, I would implore students not to be anxious about these; it is a cognitive exercise that looks at how they view problems and questions rather than a test of subject knowledge, so they cannot revise anything.

We are proud of the way they are embracing new challenges and look forward to seeing their continued growth in the weeks ahead.

I would ask parents to remind their children about their road safety if they travel to school on bikes, with a number of Yr7 students cycling on the wrong side of the road and joining the road from the pavement with no indication. I have addressed this in assembly, as we don't want to see anyone injured.

Adam Ridley
Year 7 Phase Leader

CATS TEST INFORMATION

We are hosting our Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT) on the morning of Friday 18 September. Each student in Year 7 will be completing the CAT Tests. CAT testing is commonly used across schools in the UK. It is used to give a broad reflection of cognitive ability. We expect the test to run from 8:45 - 11am and students will receive their break time as soon as they finish their tests.

Please assure your child that they need not worry about these tests. The nature of the tests mean that they cannot be revised for, and as such students simply need to try their best. CAT tests are very different to SATs as such extra time is not applied during these tests. All instructions will be explained to students on the day, and the tests include practice questions before they begin.

The CAT test is a diagnostic assessment that is designed to give schools a much broader, more rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. Tasks involve thinking about shapes and patterns (Non-Verbal Reasoning), words (Verbal Reasoning), numbers (Quantitative Reasoning) and some questions are answered by mentally generating and transforming visual images (Spatial Ability).

At Grey Court the CAT tests support the information we receive on SATs and are used to contribute towards completing accurate individualised targets and secondly it will enable us to target support towards every child to help them reach their full potential.

Students will sit these tests in the sports hall and the Library. If any student misses their CAT test we will arrange for them to take it in a mop up session soon afterwards.

Tom Gordon Walker
Deputy Head



Welcome to Year 8! The honeymoon period of secondary school is officially over! The students now know where the science labs are, they've mastered the art of looking busy, and they've hit the ground running. What an excellent start to the term—well done to everyone!

A huge shout-out goes to our very first Conduct Champs of the academic year: **Theo B** and **Emma L**. You've set the bar sky-high, and the rest of the year group is officially chasing your heels.

A reminder to please check the uniform policy posted on your child's Google Classroom. We've noticed a few subtle attempts at runway glamour recently. A reminder that makeup must be minimal—ideally so invisible that Ms Gilly can't spot it please!

Looking ahead, this year is going to be packed. Between the epic ski trip, the launch of the Gradu8 Programme, and a fantastic line-up of new teachers eager to put Year 8 through their paces, we're in for a brilliant ride.

Here's to a smooth, successful, and (hopefully please!) drama-free term ahead!

Emila Gilly
Head of Year 8



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer break and managed to recharge the batteries. Year 9 have made a positive start to the new academic year, and it has been great to see students settling back into routines and embracing the challenges ahead.

A huge well done to our conduct champions this week: **Milo, Louis P** and **Gabriel**. Their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes, and consistent effort have set a brilliant example for the rest of the year group.

This week, students enjoyed an assembly from Ms Price, who spoke about maturity and looking ahead to GCSE Options. While that might sound a little way off, Year 9 will soon have some important choices to make, so developing independence, taking responsibility, and thinking about their future are all increasingly important.

Finally, a quick reminder for our cyclists: students should not use the Sixth Form bike racks. Bikes should only be parked in the designated racks around the main school site. Thank you for helping us keep this organised and ensure everyone knows the expectations.

Anna Sutcliffe
Head of Year 9

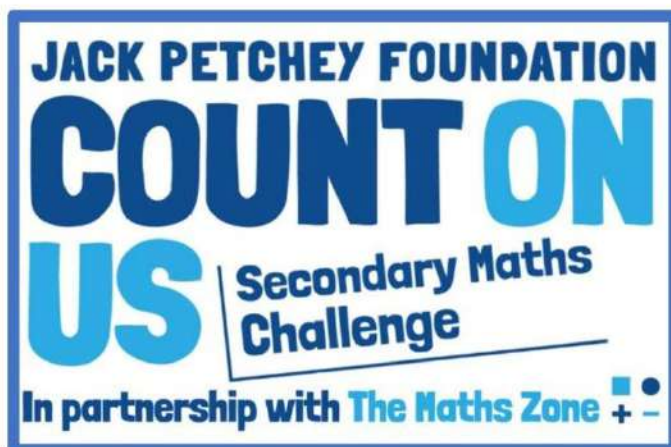
Year 7 – Year 9

MATHEMATICS

Challenge

Every

Please speak to Mr Edmonds or Ms Hunt for more information.



KS3 Maths Surgery

KS3 Maths surgery is on every Wednesday, 3-4 in M3.

This is a great opportunity to receive support on homework as well consolidate the work you are completing in class.

Chromebooks will be provided to support students with independent study.

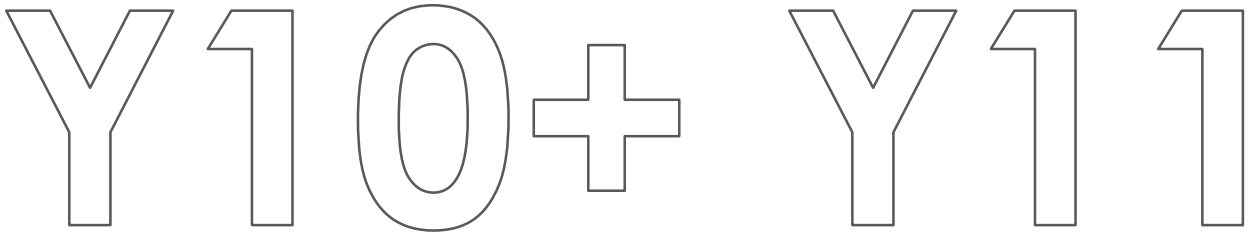
Any questions: Speak to Mr Edmonds!



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Welcome back to Year 10 and Year 11 students! We have had a really positive start to the term on the whole for both year groups, with lessons showing excellent engagement. Our assembly this week was led by Ms Price, who inspired our students to use this year to achieve their best, but to also be the best version of themselves. We have experienced some issues with social media being used outside of school in an unhealthy way, we would encourage parents and carers to continue to talk at home about positive online habits.

Year 10

Next week, the Year 10 leaders will take part in their training for the Leadership 'Be Great' programme. We look forward to seeing them there! A reminder that the deadline for changing options is fast approaching, so if your child is really struggling and needs to change their option, this must be done swiftly.

Year 11

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents to Parent Information Evening. This is a really important evening, looking ahead to exams and how you can support your child. See you there on Tuesday!

“I was the very first!”

Richard Clements

As we begin the new school year, the headline figure worth drawing readers' attention to is the fact that 95% of students at GCSE achieved grade 4 or above in 5 subjects or more. Why broadcast this figure one may ask? Why not the Oxbridge successes or the A* figures or the percentage of students achieving 9-7? Why not celebrate the sporting successes - Mack O'Keefe became a British Youth High jump champion! Or why not even publicise our teachers' achievements: Ms Moran knocked 16 seconds off her run to work according to her Strava account and rumour has it that Mr Nair won a fortune in an international baccarat tournament in Deauville, a casino on the North French Riviera.

In a comprehensive school the “moral purpose” is to ensure that the highest percentage of pupils succeed. Five GCSE passes is typically held up as a gauge of success. Success breeds confidence, success creates opportunity, success supercharges social mobility and this core purpose should be open to all and accessed by all. The education act of 1944, which created the comprehensive model, was intended to democratise opportunity and challenge a grammar system that was selective and often fee paying.

In a year where we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the school in 1956 - it is apt that an institution intended to serve its community in a fully comprehensive manner achieved its highest set of comprehensive results. But as Ms Price pointed out in her opening address to staff, “whilst we should rightly celebrate this success - attention must be paid to the five percent of students who fell short of this indicator.”

Ofsted's new framework - perhaps in recognition of the comprehensive ideal enshrined in the aforementioned 1944 education act - has rightly put a renewed focus on the concept of inclusivity. Hopefully, any parent who reads the ebulletin or attends school functions will recognise that we aspire to provide a set of inclusive opportunities. So expect the usual - sports celebrations, Christmas concerts, a passport to success, trips, treats, zippy lessons, quizzes, competitions, house assemblies, a comfort dog and Mr Holden's quirky fashion sense!

But alongside these mainstays the year promises further adaptations to our "universal offer" - innovative and shiny new facilities, a focus on belonging, a more intuitive curriculum model, new inspiring teachers, creative ways to engage everyone and hopefully a sense of fun supercharged by past successes. In essence - the challenge is to instil in everyone the sense of optimism felt by Ray Marshall, the first student to step through the Grey Court gates in September 1956.

Ray recalls, *"I got there so early, really excited to go, got there and was standing outside the gate and Mr Nicholson who was the headmaster came along and I remember him saying to me you're early and he went in and got the gate. Mr Bouchard the caretaker opened the gate and he walked through and I walked through behind him and I was the very first."*

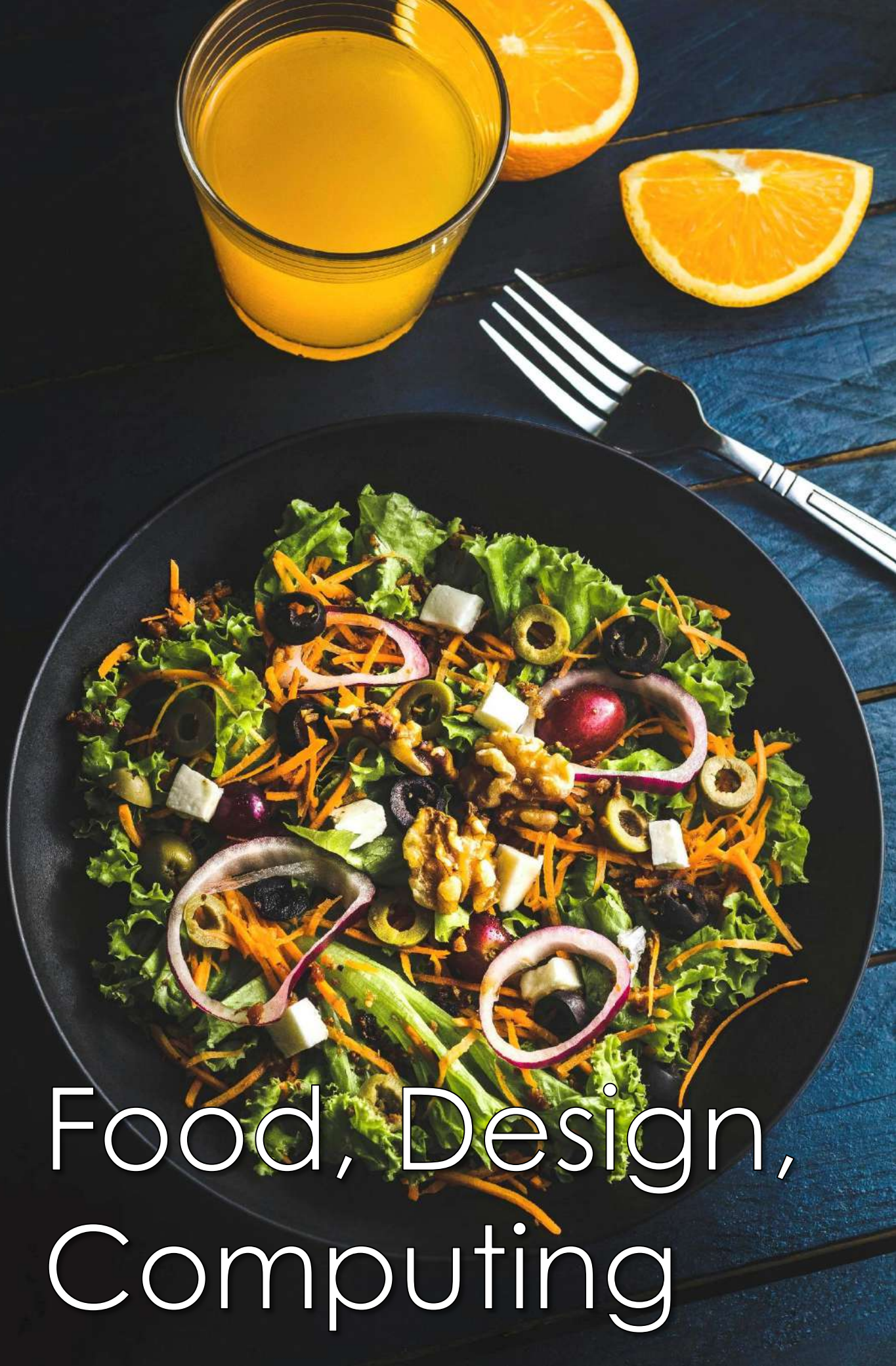
I hope that this year every child will want to be the very first through the gate, into class and in after-school clubs. This is how we should celebrate our 70th anniversary and honour the legacy of Mr Marshall, and the post-war comprehensive ideal.



Ray Marshall - from a boy to a man, the first student to walk through the gates of Grey Court School on the 4th September 1956.



A view of Grey Court School when it first opened on the 4 September 1956



Food, Design,
Computing

Food, Design, Computing

Welcome back to everyone from the Food & Nutrition, Design & Technology and Computing teams.

We are excited to get started with a new academic year and there are some reminders for all students, new and old!

Please remember a container for your Food and Nutrition lessons. We will charge £1 each time a student forgets their container, so please make sure to bring each week you have your food lesson. Ms Campbell has emailed home regarding contributions for lessons, if you are eligible we would really appreciate prompt payment. We are incredibly lucky to have Ms Hunt, our technician, to buy and organise ingredients so that we can provide these for your children. This enables lessons to run smoothly, it means they are inclusive and no one misses out on vital skills and learning. In regards to DT, this helps us to purchase materials to enable your child to make innovative products to take home.

September is better known as Snacktember in the Food and Nutrition department. Students will receive an assembly this term from Ms Campbell about healthy snack swaps and great healthy eating advice from the British Nutrition Foundation, linking to the National Curriculum and our Healthy Eating Policy. At the start of a new academic year, it is always brilliant to get into healthy eating habits that fuel our brains and learning! Please see the attached poster for more advice.

We have a plethora of clubs on offer this year. Please see the posters attached to the bulletin/below for more information on days, times, teachers and rooms! Something to note:

- Textiles Club** begins 6 October
- Food Club** begins after half-term
- Warhammer Club** begins after half-term
- Computing Club** begins 21 September
- Year 11 Food and Textiles intervention** support begins straight away!

Thank you in advance for all of your support with the Design and Computing Faculty this term.

Lucy Clark
Head of Faculty

Why healthier snacking matters

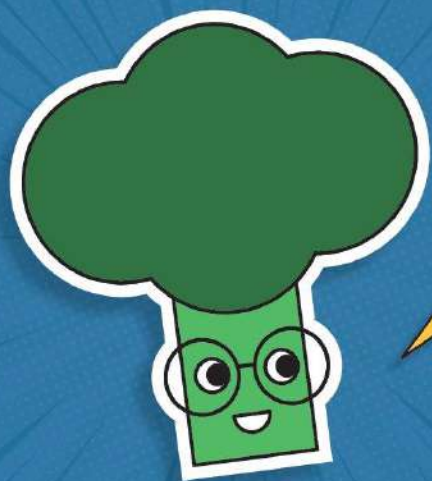
**Snack
tember**

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Snacking is a big part of children's daily routine, but many popular snack choices are high in saturated fat, salt and sugars, and low in important nutrients like fibre and vitamins and minerals.

Over time, eating too many of these types of snacks can lead to health issues like too much weight gain and dental problems.

Snacking isn't necessarily bad, it's just about choosing the right snacks.



HEALTHY SNACKS CAN:

- **Provide important nutrients** to support children's growth and development.
- **Be an opportunity** to have a drink to stay hydrated (water or milk are best).
- **Help children feel less hungry** so they don't overeat at mealtimes.

Better snacking. One bite at a time.

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TRY

these healthy snack ideas!

Snack tember

ON-THE-GO:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apple, banana).
- A slice of malt loaf.
- Two or three wholemeal crackers with a 30g portion of reduced-fat cheese.

AT HOME:

- Vegetable sticks (e.g. pepper, carrot) with hummus or a reduced-fat dip.
- Half a wholemeal bagel with reduced-fat soft cheese, cucumber and tomato.
- A rice cake with peanut butter and banana.



ENCOURAGE OLDER CHILDREN

to prepare their own simple snacks:

- Wholegrain breakfast cereal with milk.
- Wholemeal toast or crumpets with reduced-fat spread.
- Pizza toast (cheese and vegetables, such as tomato, pepper and sweetcorn, on toast).

CELEBRATE SNACK-TEMBER

by trying out these tasty snack recipes!

- Paprika tortilla chips and spring onion dip
- Beany dip and crunchy veg
- Homemade popcorn
- Fruit and oat bites
- Pizza muffins



Take a look at these recipes!
www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2026



Better snacking. One bite at a time.

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3.05pm - 4pm

Monday - T5 (food room)

Years 7-8

- ✓ Beginners welcome
- ✓ Some paints and minis provided
- ✓ You're welcome to bring your own too!

COMPUTING CLUB

Open to all KS3 classes (Year 7, 8 and 9)



- Scratch
- Microbit



Programming
robots



- VR (Beatsaber)
- Cryptography

Club starts 24th September

WHEN: Every Thursday from 3:10-4:10

WHERE: T1 with Ms Ram

We will be doing Scratch until half term, and then using MakeCode to create retro games until Christmas.

Interested? Just come to T1 at 3:10 PM on Thursday 24th Sept! **32 spaces only**

Year 10 volunteers are welcome



Stars of the Week: English

Year	Name	Reason
7	Aydin Ahmadov	Excellent classwork
7	Dotty Golding	Excellent engagement in class
8	Ethan Ratnarajah	Excellent engagement in class
8	Lucy Burton	Excellent contributions
9	Enis Gul	Excellent contributions
10	Kartal Guyildar	Excellent engagement in class
11	Tate Lawler	Excellent engagement in class
12	Sara Victoria Altun	Excellent engagement in class
13	Paige Agar	Excellent engagement in class
13	Betty Thomas	Excellent engagement in class

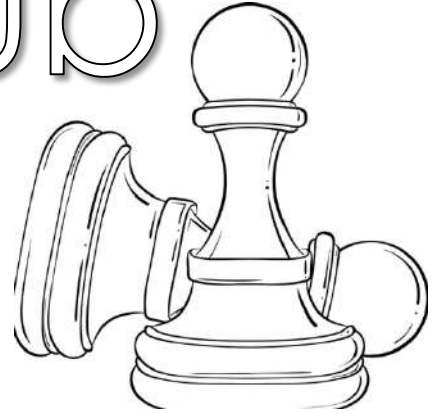




Club News!

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Chess Club



The GC chess club was well attended by students every Monday after school from 3 to 3:45.

Students engaged in cordial and informal games up until the last term, with new students learning the different moves and getting to grips with the game. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the students and they were always positive rivalry during the games.

In the last few weeks of the Summer term I held a tournament which was very well received by the students. They were excited and showed keen interest in the tournament. They all played exceptionally and there were 4 players who emerged on top.

Prizes were donated by Mr Denis Papaioannou, who kindly offered to sponsor the prizes for the tournament!

First Place: Mihalis Papaioannou (£50)

Second Place: Felix Hudston-Costello (£40)

Third Place: Daniel Kolarov (£30)

Fourth Place: Adib Salimi (£20)

Most improved player: Finn Burley (£10)

[To read more and see incredible photos of concentration and competition, please click here.](#)

Sen Nair

Come Join Us

GC CHESS CLUB

Open to all : Year 7, 8 and year 9
students

Here, you can hone your chess skills with
friends play, for fun, and participate in the
end of year chess competition.

Register Now!

**Starting : 14th
September 2026**

Venue: T2

Time: 3pm to 3:45

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DRAWING MATTERS



'Drawing Matters' is run by experienced practicing artists, Stuart Simler and Tahira Mandarino, who bring with them a broad range of skills from Fine Art and Ceramic backgrounds at BA, MFA (Hons). This course is for all pupils who have an interest in Art and especially drawing, which is an important part of childrens creative development. We encourage freedom of expression alongside learning new techniques and skills.

Dates & Times: 2026

14th Sept - 7th Dec: Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm

Cost: £118.00 - 10 weeks

No class: 26th Oct/ 2nd & 30th Nov

Year Groups: 7-10

Grey Court

How to apply:

If you would like to book a place for your child on these classes please email: Stuart: stuartsimler@mac.com

Payment terms BACS: Company name: Raw Ground Arts Limited
Sort: 40-26-12 Account: 32189860

Cheques made payable to: Raw Ground Arts Limited and sent to:
56 Cedar Avenue | Twickenham | TW2 7HE

We look forward to welcoming your young artist onto the course.

Stuart & Tahira

*For terms and conditions please visit: <https://www.rawgroundarts.com/drawing-matters>



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Autumn 2026

Thursday 3.15-4.30pm Y7-9 & DofE

The Click Photography Club is a fun and exciting introduction to Photography.
Students can use their own cameras or use our Canon Dslrs.
Click is an Approved Provider for DofE candidates

**Alphabetography, Composition, Light Painting, Selfies,
Land Art, Autumn Macro, Kingston Christmas Lights, & Ghosts**

**Classes begin on Thursday 24th September 2026
9 weeks Fee £90**

**Grey Court is keen to ensure this opportunity is open to all students. Should you
wish for your child to take part but may need financial assistance,
please contact Ms Price by email vprice@greycourt.org.uk**

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or email **clickschools@gmail.com**

Wellbeing





Supporting families and professionals

September can feel like a fresh start, but for children with ADHD it also signifies change with new teachers, new routines, expectations, noise, time pressures and emotions. We're here to help.

Our new digital [Events Calendar](#) is a mobile-friendly way to view all our upcoming events at the start of the school year. Our full programme of events includes our in-person [Post Diagnoses Workshops for Parents](#), our bespoke [Post Diagnosis Workshops for Young People](#), as well as our six week [Parenting Course](#) for parents of primary aged children.

We were disappointed with the recent misleading Channel 4 documentary "The Great ADHD Myth?" which included significant inaccuracies, and our position was vindicated by subsequent coverage on the [BBC](#).

Don't forget ADHD Awareness month starts in a matter of weeks. We have an in-person [Community Event](#) 13th October - pencil it into your diary, or go ahead and reserve your seat now.

Best wishes, the team at ADHD Embrace.

Careers with Ms Corrighan





GREY COURT CAREERS FAIR

YEARS 11, 12, 13



THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | MAIN HALL, DINEX, & LIBRARY



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- EXPLORE CAREER PATHWAYS
- MEET EMPLOYERS & APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDERS
- HIGHER EDUCATION OPTIONS
- COLLEGES
- ADVICE FOR POST-16 & POST-18



MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

- Local Businesses
- GC Alumni
- Universities & Colleges
- Training Providers



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE YOUR CAREER JOURNEY!

Save the Date

Save the date for our annual Careers Fair on Thursday 1 October 6.30-8.30

pm. This is our event for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. As a school, we enable our students to engage with a wide range of people from business, industry, and education who can talk to them about their career journeys and share their expertise. It will be an evening where students will be encouraged to talk about the skills they will need to be successful in the future. The volunteers who are attending will be confirmed before the event so you can plan your evening.

This is not only a time for students to learn more about future careers but also an opportunity to develop their networking skills. We have found in the past that many of the discussions which take place during the event inspire young people to go on to university or apprenticeships.

Are you free to help at our Fair on Thursday 1 October? We are still looking for volunteers from people from a range of sectors, including healthcare, hospitality as well as sport and creative industries. If you are available to help, please contact Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Post-16 Options

Year 11 should also be beginning to think about their choices for education, training or employment after this year. The expectation is that students will either remain in the [Grey Court Sixth Form](#) or choose another sixth form or college or train as an apprentice.

Our advice to all Year 11s is to have a first choice and also a backup plan B, just in case they do not get the grades they need to do a particular course or circumstances change.

Most students should therefore have two or three applications.

It is the statutory responsibility of the school to ensure that all students and their parents are aware of the different academic and vocational choices available at post 16. Esher College opened their applications at the end of June and if students wish to apply to this college, then the deadline is midday on September 29th.

However, there are many other local colleges and sixth forms who will open for applications from October onwards and will be holding their open events during the next few months: [Open events 2026 - 2027](#)



Parents/Carers have an important role to play, and please encourage your children to talk through their different ideas for their post 16, 18 and career options. Get your child to think about their interests, hobbies, their strengths and weaknesses as this can provide the basis for an initial discussion.

Talking Futures is a great resource to inform parents and carers about the options available to their children.

Careers opportunities bulletin

We encourage sixth form students, parents and carers to access our **weekly Careers**

Opportunities bulletin [HF Careers opportunities bulletin 11/09/26](#)

This includes;

- Work experience
- Careers talks
- University open days/tasters
- Apprenticeships
- Unifrog resources and events



Year 10, 11 and Sixth form Students who are interested in careers in Medicine and Health Care

The start of a new academic year is the perfect time for students to begin thinking seriously about their future healthcare careers and, importantly, to start building the experiences that will strengthen their applications.

The **Get into Medicine and Dentistry Conferences** are a complete guide to the medical or dental application journey. **Your aspiring medical & dental students in years 10-12** are eligible to attend a FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Conferences on the dates shown.

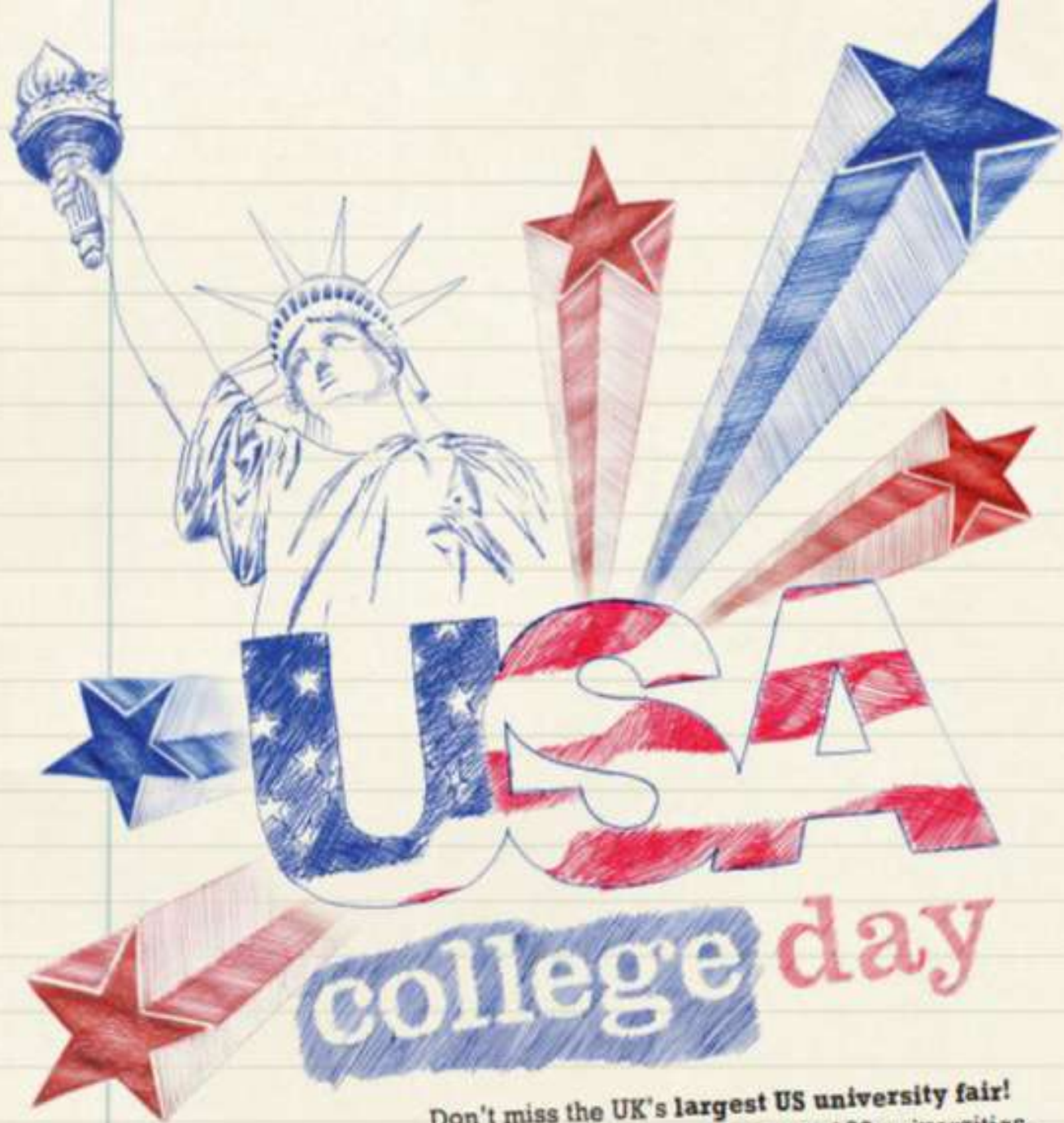
Medicine: [Get into Medicine Conference - Medic Mentor](#) **Dentistry:** [apply](#)



The next **Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience Programme** takes place on **Sunday 4th October 8:30 am - 5 pm:** [Interactive Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience](#)

During the programme, students will follow realistic patient cases from initial presentation through to treatment and recovery, seeing how different healthcare professionals work together as part of an NHS multidisciplinary team: Students will explore careers including:

Nursing Midwifery Paramedicine Physiotherapy Occupational Therapy Dietetics Radiography Pharmacy Speech and Language Therapy Prosthetics and Orthotics



**25
-26
Sept**

Don't miss the UK's largest US university fair!
Meet representatives from over 120 universities.
Learn admissions tips from experts in the field.

25 September 2026, 4pm-7pm
26 September 2026, 10am-3pm
Kensington Conference and Event Centre, London

Free when you register at
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G-FEST 2026

Saturday, 26 September
2pm to 8pm

Gates open at 1.45pm – Colour run starts 2pm

TICKETS

Child	£5
Adult	£10
Family of 4:	£25
Family of 5:	£30

Available from
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**Weeks Commencing
21 & 28 September!**

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Many research studies show learning to play an instrument can help build self-esteem, as well as increasing feelings of well-being and reducing feelings of stress and anxiety.

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One-to-One	30 mins	£18
Group 2	30 mins	£12 per pupil per lesson
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BOOK A FREE TASTER LESSON TODAY!





Sixth Form News

Sixth Form

Welcome back!

Welcome back! It is lovely to have the Sixth Form full of students ready to start a new school year after the amazing success of the outgoing Year 13 cohort. The new Year 12 students have made a fantastic first impression and it has been wonderful to see them getting settled into the rhythm of life in Sixth Form, and getting used to the new rules and ways of working. Students have already been given the opportunity to think about life beyond school, when we visited Royal Holloway University last week. It also gave students a chance to get to know each other or catch up after the long summer holidays! I would like to extend a huge welcome to our new students, and I hope that they are settling in well.

Jane Higham
Head of Sixth Form



Our new cohort of Year 12s at Royal Holloway University

Parents Information Evenings

Thank you for attending these meetings - the slides are here:

[Y12 Parents' Information Evening 2026](#)

[Y13 Parents' Information Evening 2026](#)

Y13 Year 13

Year 13s have made a fantastic start to their final academic Year at Grey Court and they are being excellent role models to the new year 12 cohort. Well done for coming back with such a positive and focused attitude!

Mark Evison Foundation Grant and Expedition

Massive congratulations to the epic team of students, Francis Dewar, Vincent Noroozi-Rad, Matthew Hole and Will Pitt, who spent months putting forward a proposal to gain a grant for their Ben Nevis expedition. Not only did they get the grant, but they had the adventure of a lifetime and raised money for the charity. Well done to all of them!

Read their report and marvel at the pictures below:

"The hardest part of any challenging journey you choose to take in life is having the courage to put your shoes on and go for it. Our group consisted of four people, who all decided to take on a challenge that would take us away from the comfort of our homes and push us to endure a new setting continuously.

The journey we chose is the West Highland Way trail for 7 days, followed by Ben Nevis for one day after a rest day. We planned our itinerary thoroughly as well as our food, items, kit and navigational resources. At first, our parents were uncertain regarding the safety of the expedition, however with enough convincing they acknowledged that it would be essential for us as growing young men to step out of our comfort zones and face trials and tribulations in the form of a wild camping hike.

We set out on our journey from London to Glasgow, and as soon as we reached the train station to take us to the central coach station my bag buckles snapped. This was nearly a big panic, however with composure I was able to repair the bag temporarily with carabiners until we would reach Milngavie and I would purchase a new bag. Upon arrival in Milngavie the next morning following our coach ride, we met a lovely gentleman named Andrew from the West End Outdoors hiking shop in Hillfoot, who provided us with camping points and POIs along the route on our physical maps. Shortly after our breakfast, we set off. On our fresh legs, we managed to push through 40km until we camped at the Garadhban Forest and called it a night after we ate dinner and set up our tents. After the first day, group morale was slightly low for the first couple days as the group began to get blisters and our feet felt like ground mince.

While we were at camp on our second night at Rowardennan, our gas stove burst into flames near our tents and we were unsure on what to do. Luckily, two hikers on the trail told us exactly what to do as we moved our tents away and waited for the fire to go out. Things could have gone worse, but luckily we were safe. Francis had a spare gas stove, so we could still warm up food. The following days were strenuous and lengthy, however we pushed through and didn't allow ourselves to give up. On the fifth day, one of our tents got soaked due to heavy rainfall and wind, making our bags weigh more due to the water accumulation in our kit, however we had to keep going as we had the Devil's Staircase ahead, a 600m steep incline and decline. This was a hard task, but we pushed on and got to dry out our kit a couple days later upon arrival at the Glen Nevis campsite.

Overall, the West Highland Way worked out well regardless of the occasional mishaps and general difficulty. At many points, I had thoughts in my head of "How is it possible to keep going? At this point, I feel extremely tired and I don't think I can make it!" However, we all had to drown out our negative thoughts and keep pushing in order to make ourselves and others proud.

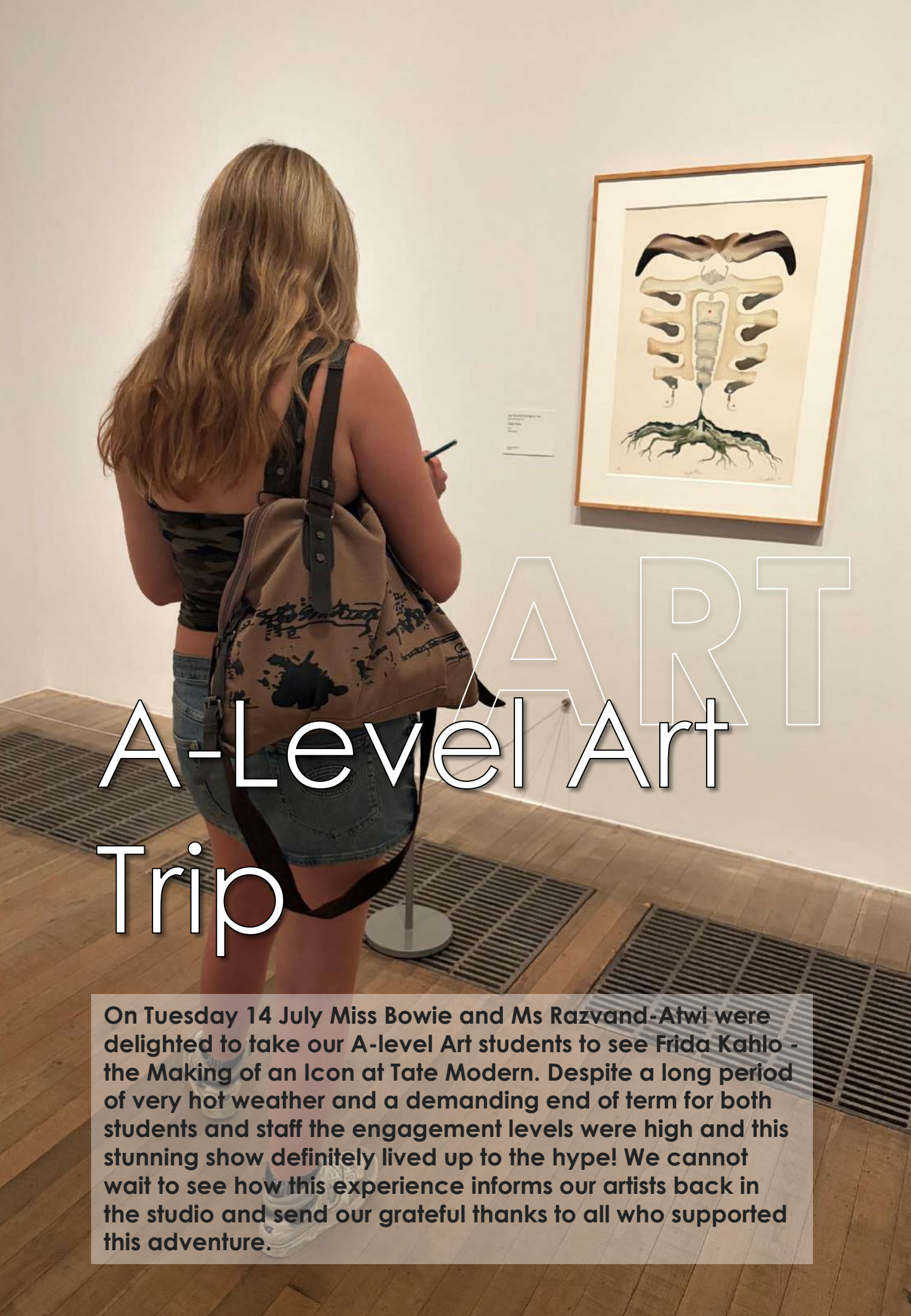
Ben Nevis was fortunately a very easy feat for the group, as going up the mountain without our heavy bags was a light task that we had been conditioned to easily accomplish and because it is a fairly easy mountain to complete. Overall however, we did feel at many points along the journey that we were struggling and tired, but the group had to keep moving and we weren't willing to give up at any point. I fondly remember at one of our campsites when the group were chatting, and we were speaking about how we will never take the easy way out in life ever again if we know that we are capable of completing such a challenge. Out of this trip, the major sense of accomplishment motivates us in our personal lives to do the hard things even if they hurt, because we have been through worse.

Through trials and tribulations, the mercilessness of nature and the beauty of the valleys we persevered and achieved the true rewarding delayed gratification that carries meaning and value rather than short-term satisfaction that constant comfort provides.

We are truly grateful to have had the opportunity to go on this journey, and every one of us has felt a positive change in character, thanks to the Mark Evison Foundation and our sponsors."







A-Level Art Trip

On Tuesday 14 July Miss Bowie and Ms Razvand-Atwi were delighted to take our A-level Art students to see Frida Kahlo - the Making of an Icon at Tate Modern. Despite a long period of very hot weather and a demanding end of term for both students and staff the engagement levels were high and this stunning show definitely lived up to the hype! We cannot wait to see how this experience informs our artists back in the studio and send our grateful thanks to all who supported this adventure.











Charlie Webster

Congratulations

We are celebrating further success in economics following Ali Shahjahan's victory in the 2025 Eton College Investment Prize. Student **Charlie Webster** has been named a finalist in the Young Economist of the Year 2026 competition, sponsored by KPMG.

The competition examiners praised the high standard of work submitted this year:

"We were overwhelmed by the scale and quality of entries this year. We are delighted to inform you that you have been selected as one of our finalists for 2026. Your work was of an exceptionally high standard and demonstrated a really strong grasp of economic concepts."

As a finalist, Charlie has been invited to the national final at KPMG's Canary Wharf offices on Monday 12 October 2026. Ahead of the final, Charlie and an accompanying teacher will attend a visit to 10 Downing Street to meet senior policymakers and learn about the role of economics in government.

Alan Thompson
Head of Economics

UCAS Applications

Year 13 students are working on their UCAS applications, all of the 'admin' side of UCAS should be completed and students are now working on their personal statements. Once their first draft is completed, they must share this with their tutor. All PDW sessions this half term will be focused on UCAS.

Once a member of the sixth form team has completed their reference and predicted grades, we will send the forms off to UCAS. As soon as this is done students will be granted their academic licence for year 13.

Year 13 Assessment Week

We are running an assessment week (w/c 14 September) for Year 13. There are a number of reasons for this:

1. UCAS predictions - while we do have the results for the summer assessments we want to give them an opportunity to get a better grade.
2. Providing an accurate picture of where all students are so that staff are able to support.
3. Getting them back into A Level mindset as quickly as possible.

These are going to be run within lessons and each subject will set an exam paper that is between an hour and an hour and a half long. Subject teachers will communicate the content of the assessments to students in lessons and an overview will be posted in google classroom.

Sixth Form Applications for September 2027 open on 18 September

The applications system will be available via the sixth form section of the website from September 18th and will remain open until January 3rd 2026. All applications must be made via this form. Any applications received after January 3rd will be classified as 'Late' and will only be considered once we have processed our on-time applications.

Miss Fincham's Oxbridge Group

This week students should have handed in their personal statements ready for feedback and making final amendments ready to submit to UCAS. The school deadline for forms to be submitted is the 25th September to ensure the checks and administration can be completed by the sixth form team in time for the University deadline in October. Students also need to ensure they have signed up for any pre-interview assessments that are required by their subject. Students need to be focusing time on this preparation as these tests are highly competitive. This is another reason to ensure that the UCAS form is submitted as early as possible.

EPQ with Miss Fincham

This week students have been required to upload their evidence onto the EPQ classroom to prove they have done an appropriate amount of research over the summer holidays. If they have not completed this preparation they will not be able to continue with this qualification. The taught sessions for EPQ start after the assessment week in enrichment and are a compulsory part of the course that all EPQ students are required to attend. This involves explicitly taught sessions which is vital to success in completing the project. They will also be assigned a supervisor who they will meet in a designated period each week.

MedSoc

Students have made a successful return to school and are busy revising for their trial exams that are to take place next week. Most have also done their UCAT over the summer and now have a better idea of the universities they will be applying for. Students will continue to receive 1-to-1 support for their UCAS application.

Careers Information

We produce a **Weekly opportunities bulletin** for our sixth form students and parents/carers to access. We encourage our students to check this every week via google classroom and take advantage of these opportunities which could be work experience, uni taster courses, careers talks and more.

We also advertise apprenticeships which many students might like to be aware of if pursuing that pathway after sixth form, it's important to be proactive and explore these options.

Please see this week's bulletin: [GC Careers opportunities bulletin 09/09/2026](#)
Highlights this week include the **USA College Fair** - an essential event for anyone interested in studying abroad.



Careers Fair - save the date!

**Thursday 1st October
6.30-8pm**

- * hosting our annual careers fair
- * for year 11 and sixth form students and parents/carers
- * in the school hall and library



Sixth Form Events

This is one of the many sixth form events we put on during the year to support our students. There will be a networking event for our year 12s in December. Details to be announced.





SPORTS News

Amber and Charlotte played for a select Southern team against a Northern team ahead of the Knight/Stokes cricket final held at the Home of Cricket 'Lords' on Thursday 10 September. They both played very well and had a great experience. Brilliant to see both girls doing so well.

Conor + Charlotte's Amber



Congratulations to Mai who has been selected to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Hopes competition in Czechia this November.

Well done, Mai



Congratulations
Mai

Congratulations to Ollie who was part of the u13 Teddington Cricket Club team who won the U13s Middlesex Junior Cricket Association League.

Well done, Ollie



Congratulations
Ollie Greenwood

Congratulations to Adys for her incredible achievements in badminton over summer:

Wiltshire U17 (Melksham)

Bronze

Gold in girls doubles

Gold in mixed doubles

Sankey Academy U17 (Milton Keynes)

Silver

Bronze mixed doubles

SBA U17 (Oxford)

Bronze

Silver in mixed doubles

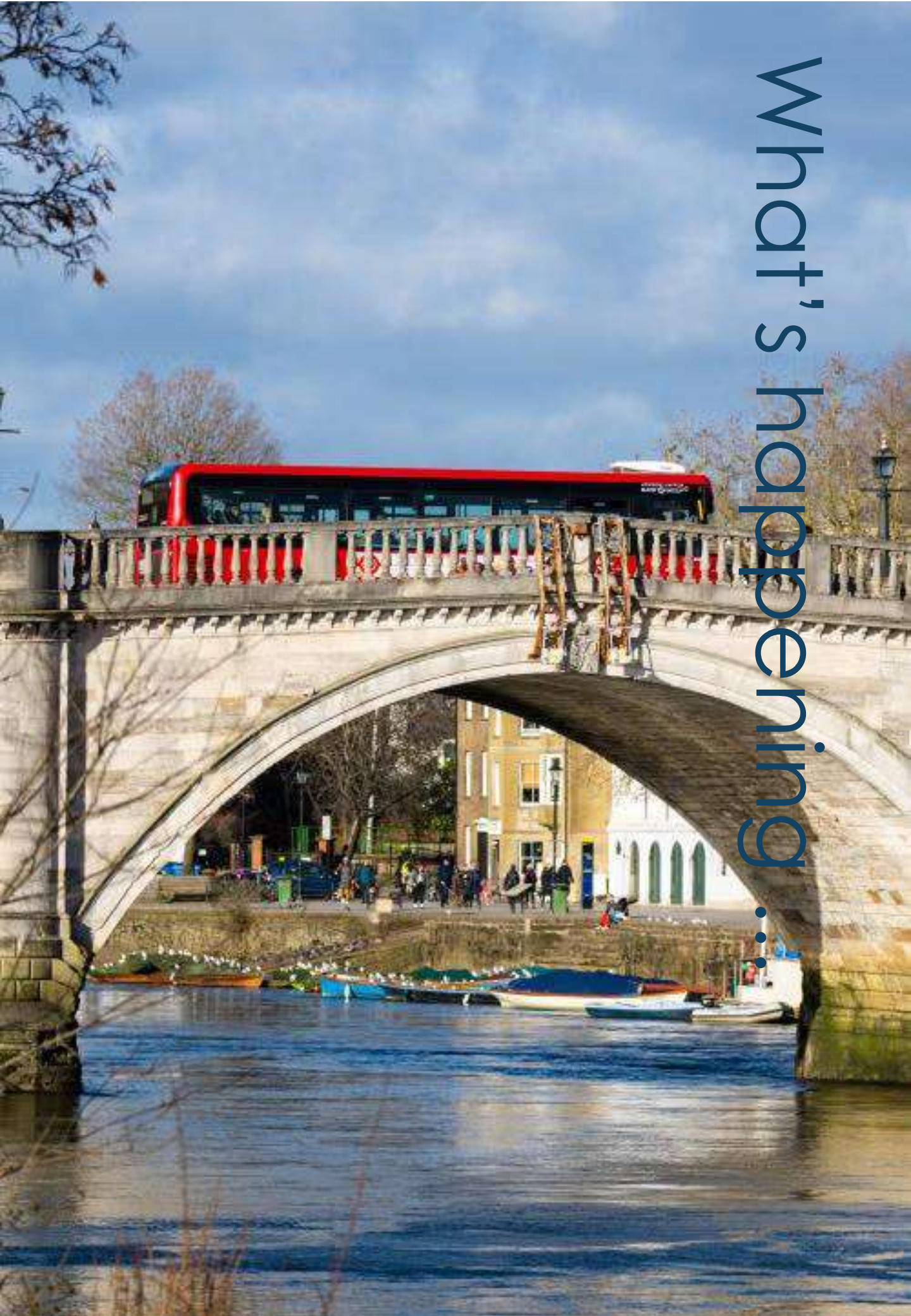
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What's happening



Arts Richmond Young Writers Festival 2026/27



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Arts Richmond Young Writers Festival is open to all pupils who either live or attend schools or clubs in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. It is their chance to demonstrate writing skills, specifically short stories or poems.

Entries are judged in four age groups with prizes for all winning entries. The shortlisted entrants are invited to a gala awards event at The Exchange Theatre Twickenham on Sunday 21st March 2027 where their work is performed by a group of young drama students.

We also produce and sell a professionally printed anthology of all the 40 shortlisted pieces of work.



Anthony Horowitz writes:

It's now been five years since I moved to Richmond and this wonderful borough continues to inspire me with its history, architecture, wild life and of course the glorious River Thames. I'm delighted to support Arts Richmond who draw on this same inspiration and, with their Young Writers Festival, encourage young people to tap into their own creative skills. Long may it continue!

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U18 7:00 – 8:00PM

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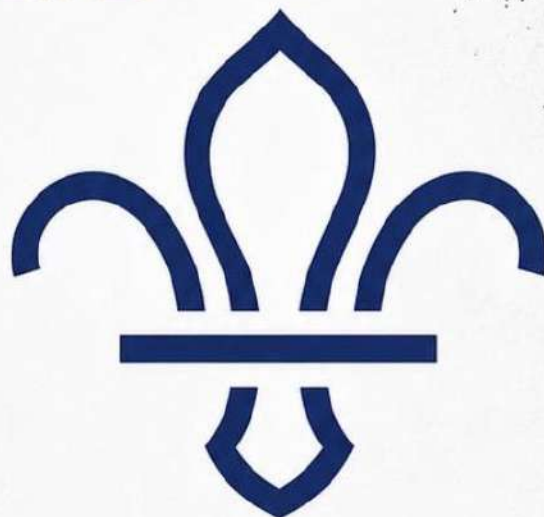
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