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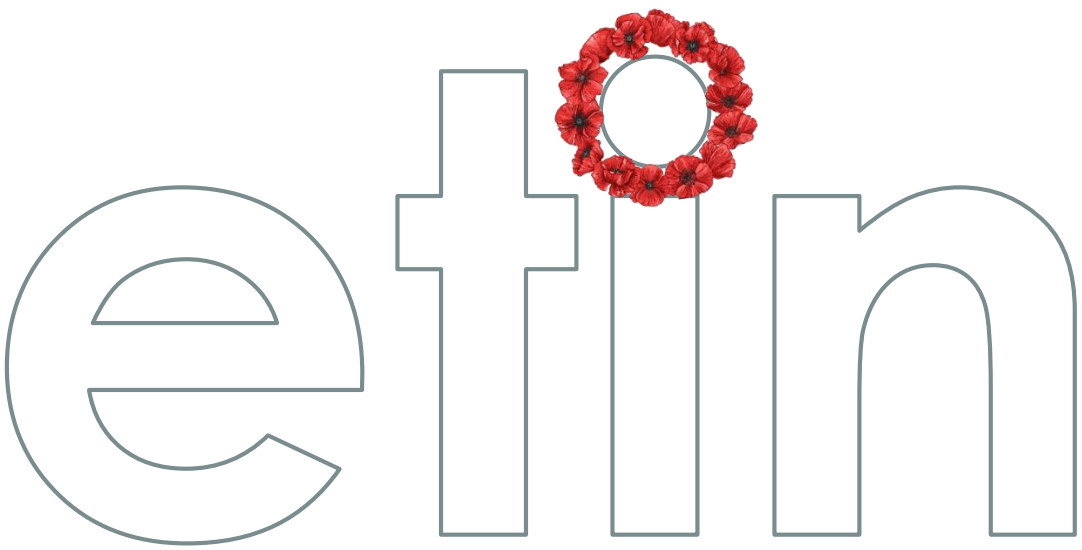
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"…a school where all pupils flourish" - Ofsted 2024

Cover photo: year 7 students listening to The Last Post during our Remembrance Day ceremony

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KS3&4
NEWS



We held our Remembrance Day ceremony and observed a two-minute silence at 11am on Wednesday 11 November. Our year 7 students demonstrated admirable reverence throughout, honouring the occasion with quiet reflection. The ceremony included a reading by two of our year 7 VPA scholars (Oya and Poppy) and the evocative sound of The Last Post, played by Felix, which added to the poignancy of the moment.

11 November

Lest we forget

Y7

I hope everyone had a lovely extended half term break where students could rest after they completed their first full half term at Grey Court. The pace continues this half term in what is a busy time of year in the lead up to Christmas. We have performances, fixtures, Christmas lunches, academic tutoring day and various other events also look forward to.

As the weather has turned colder, we have a renewed focus on our uniform to ensure students aren't bringing in hooded jumpers or sportswear that isn't Grey Court. As per our uniform policy, a uniform infringement will often result in 30 minutes after school in detention. This will be uploaded to EduLink.

We had a remembrance service at the front of the school, where year seven listened to a reading and observed a two minute silence with The Last Post being played, as we honoured those who had sacrificed so much in times of conflict. The year group's behaviour was exemplary during such an important period of reflection. Well done all!

Adam Ridley
Year 7 Phase Leader



Y8

I was very pleased to welcome back the Year 8s into school, they all looked refreshed and ready to learn! And I am delighted to report that they continue to raise the bar. First, a massive shout-out to **Luke E** and **Maxim A**, our official Conduct Champs of the week—top-tier effort, boys!

It was Uniform Focus Week across the school, and frankly, (most) Year 8s looked absolute perfection. I was thoroughly impressed. A reminder that our full uniform policy is always available on the school website if you ever need a refresher.

On Wednesday 11/11, our morning took a thoughtful pause for Remembrance Day. The year group observed a flawless two-minute silence during Period 3 to pay their respects. This morning, Mr. Clarke built on that solemnity with an extraordinarily inspiring assembly, reminding us all of the power of memory and sacrifice.

Rounding off the week, our PDW session tackled media literacy and how social platforms shape body image. It sparked fantastic, honest conversations about navigating the digital world with a healthy mindset. It is very relevant to Year 8s and we would appreciate it if you could continue these conversations at home!

Emila Gilly
Head of Year 8

Y9

A huge well done to Almus, Emi and Molly, who are our Conduct Champions this week! They have been recognised for their excellent conduct, positive attitudes and the example they set to others.

This week, Mr Von Sun delivered a thoughtful assembly on Remembrance Day. Students were given the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served in conflicts, and the importance of remembering the people behind the history.

During PDW, students began exploring their GCSE options. This is an exciting next step, but also an important decision, so we have encouraged everyone to think carefully about their interests, strengths and future aspirations. There is plenty of time to explore the possibilities, so no need to panic just yet!

Finally, a big thank you to everyone for their efforts during Uniform Focus Week. It has been great to see standards improving. Please help us to keep this momentum going.

Anna Sutcliffe
Head of Year 9



Y10+Y11

Year 11 have been focusing on their next steps beyond GCSEs, taking part in a PDW session exploring apprenticeships and the range of post-16 education and training opportunities available in the local area. This provided a good opportunity for students to start thinking about their future pathways and the many options available to them. Alongside this, students have begun preparing for their next set of mock examinations. They have been introduced to the 30-Hour Revision Challenge, as well as a range of effective revision strategies, including the 'Power Hour'. Students have also been given a revision organiser to help them plan their time, build good study habits and make the most of the weeks ahead. There have also been coursework intensive sessions running across a range of subjects to help meet the looming NEA deadlines.



Dan Tandy
Head of Year 11



Ich bin ein Berliner: It's Achtung Day-by as day discovers his Dad!

- Mr Clements

Armed with my copy of Len Deighton's iconic spy novel "Funeral in Berlin," I donned my trench coat, wrote a message to Ms Illet (my co-agent) in invisible ink and embarked on a wonderful four day tour of Berlin with 50 very excited year 11 students. We were all ably looked after by Ms Collins, who had planned the trip like a resistance fighter who was about to parachute behind enemy lines; a laconic Mr Hurley and Mr Day, who intended to trace his East German ancestry.

The first day of the trip felt like we had journeyed back in time to 1989 as a 2.30am start, was followed by two and a half hours being interrogated in Berlin passport control! Suffering from a mixture of sleep deprivation and boredom, I was therefore not prepared for the ensuing bag mix up (an anonymous German agent walked off with Leia Talbot's bag at luggage collection). Fraulein Talbot was not amused by my offer to lend her my array of Arsenal tracksuit bottoms and oversized Grey Court ski-hoodies for the remainder of the four days! Luckily, Ms Illet saved the day by negotiating with the airline, Berlin's municipal aviation authority and several stasi agents to recover the luggage and arrive with the Leia in time for our 6pm nervous in a traditional German Gasthof where the students feasted on currywurst and pickled rhubarb in yogurt. (An old East German delicacy from the cold war days.)

Day 2 of our sojourn in Berlin was all about tracing Mr Day's East German ancestry which took us to the iconic Check Point Charlie, the epi-centre of cold war tensions. It was there that our group stumbled upon the picture of Mr Day's dad who had guarded the border on behalf of the DDR in the pre-Glasnost era. Thank goodness, Mr Day's own national service has been on behalf of Grey Court school



In order to feast upon Mr Day's "ostalgie" (love of all things Deutsche democratic republic) Ms Collins had added two new museums into our itinerary this year: the DDR museum and the spy museum. The DDR museum recreated the living rooms of old communist tower blocks built for the workers. Our students definitely immersed themselves in the spirit of all things "workers republic" by actually embedding themselves in the living room and playing card games! Meanwhile Thomas Melo Foxton decided he'd phone his three Uncles!





As a co-production between the history and German departments the trip was both a celebration of German culture and meditation on German history. Many of the experiences on the trip related to a period in German history where personal freedoms were compromised and prejudice based harm (a new phrase we have embedded in our equalities policy) was normalised.

As Grey Court students visited monuments such as the Jewish museum, Sachsenhausen, the holocaust memorial, the Berlin bunker and the topography of terror, they demonstrated the necessary restraint alongside engagement - both emotional and intellectual - in these disturbing relics of intolerance. Indeed, from my journey through passport control with them and by spending time with this cohort I became aware of the diverse ancestry our group had: an ancestry that would have been suppressed or even annihilated in the Berlin of the 1930s and 40s. Moreover, thankfully, the modern Berlin, like London, is both a liberal and vibrant city with a flourishing democracy - which was literally and metaphorically transparent in our visit to the class domed Reichstag parliament building.

This was the first time we have visited Berlin without a fluent German teacher to hand so many thanks to Mr Hurley for dusting off his own GCSE German phrasebook and his "99 red-balloons E.P" to help us appease our German coach driver after we were delayed at the airport. Moreover, my own belief in cascaded leadership and student responsibility was well and truly born out via our own Grey Court German speakers - Jakob, Ida and David who helped us buy German metro tickets and generally navigated our party around this iconic capital city.

A final thank you to Alys, Diana and Willow for talking non-stop for four whole days and for the group as a whole for proving to be great fun to take away.





BOOST Time Table

Stars of the Week: Humanities

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7	**Alaa Yaou**	History	Excellent engagement in class
8	**Nico Brennan**	History	Excellent engagement in class
9	**Mavi Donmez**	History	Excellent engagement in class
10	**Demid Getmanov**	History	Excellent engagement in class
11	**Dina Nikpour**	History	Excellent progress in the subject
12	**Kyna Deshwal**	History	Excellent assessment grade
13	**Dora Cengiz**	History	Excellent homework
7	**Anthony Said**	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
8	**Robin Ostermann**	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
9	**Amber Simon**	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
10	**Mabel Ireland**	Geography	Excellent contributions
11	**Ruzgar Demiral**	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
12	**Elen Dutton**	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
13	**Philine Zoeller**	Geography	Outstanding achievement
9	**Audrey Edmonds**	Religious Studies	Excellent assessment grade
10	**Zoe Smith**	Religious Studies	Outstanding achievement
11	**Mia Helledie**	Religious Studies	Outstanding achievement
10	**Sofia Carvalho**	Politics	Excellent progress in the subject
11	**David Seeds**	Politics	Excellent engagement in class
12	**Samantha Kendel-Smith**	Politics	Excellent classwork
13	**Isabella O'Brien**	Politics	Excellent engagement in class

Attendance Matters

12 October to 16 October

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	**97.7%**
Year 8	**94.7%**
Year 9	**96.9%**
Year 10	**94.9%**
Year 11	**95%**

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Cedar	**100%**
8 Elm	**98.7%**
9 Beech	**100%**
10 Ash	**98.1%**
11 Elm	**98.1%**

InstaMoment

Celebrity Spotted



With upcoming nations league match Spain vs England on Sunday 15 November, our resident celebrity spotter, Mr Santos, had a quick chat about tactics with the legend Roy Hodgson.



Wellbeing

PDW Personal Development and Wellbeing

This week
Thursday 12 October

Year 7	An intro to UK politics
Year 8	What are eating disorders?
Year 9	GCSE options
Year 10	Establishing clear sexual boundaries
Year 11	Apprenticeship talk in the main hall

Next week
Thursday 19 September

Year 7	Main UK political parties
Year 8	Negative body image
Year 9	Savings and budgets
Year 10	Love bombing
Year 11	Porn and unrealistic body expectations

‘Helping teens with…’
Webinars for parents and carers 2026/27

Achieving for Children’s Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of secondary-aged children. The **‘Helping teens with …’** series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by young people, and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months.

Helping teens with …	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am - 10am	Evening 6pm - 7pm
Worries and Anxiety	In this workshop you will learn to help your teen to deal with feelings of worry and anxiety. The workshop will give you practical ideas on how to support your child in anxious moments and over time, as well as approaches that could help them to think more positively and develop their self confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	**Thursday 3rd December 2026**	**Wednesday 10th February 2027**
Digital wellbeing	In this webinar we discuss the positive and negative impact of the online world and gaming on a young person's mental wellbeing. We will share recommendations for navigating online life, how to have conversations with your teenager in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage digital wellbeing.	**Tuesday 17th November 2026**	**Wednesday 17th March 2026**
Understanding Changes in the Adolescent Brain	Adolescence is a stage of significant brain changes. These changes are influenced by neurological and hormonal shifts which impact behaviour and emotions. This webinar explains how the adolescent brain differs from an adult brain and its effects on emotions, relationships, and behaviour. Parents/caregivers will gain insight into adolescent brain development and practical strategies for supporting young people to regulate their emotions and behaviour, along with ways to connect with them during this critical stage of development.	**Tuesday 8th December 2026**	**Wednesday 28th April 2027**
Exam anxiety	In this webinar you will learn about tools to help your child manage anxiety as they prepare for and sit their exams. We know that this can be a stressful time for young people, and although it is normal for young people to feel stressed or worried during this	**Friday 27th November 2026**	**Thursday 25th February 2027**

	period, we would like them to feel as equipped as possible for managing stress and worries. The exam anxiety webinar covers evidence-based strategies shaped by Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for dealing with exam anxiety in the short and long-term.		
Friendship difficulties and bullying	In this webinar you will learn how to support your child to develop their friendship skills: learn to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky. We will also explore how bullying can affect young people and share tips on how to support your teen with this.	**Friday 22nd January 2027**	**Thursday 19th November 2026**
Self esteem	In this webinar we will explore what self-esteem is, how low self-esteem can develop and be maintained, and will introduce some practical techniques on how to support your young person to improve their self-esteem.	**Wednesday 9th June 2027**	**Monday 19th January 2027**

*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.

***Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar**.

How to sign up:

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by scanning the QR code or using the link below:

MHST Workshop: Helping Teens with... - Achieving for Children - Section 1

You can choose the date you would like to attend, and will need to provide your email address, the school your child attends, and their year group.

Who to contact

If you have any questions,please contact your school's Mental Health Lead, who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.

GREY COURT PARENTS ASSOCIATION (PA) – HELPFUL WAYS TO SUPPORT

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- Every ticket bought helps the school
- Win up to £30 weekly
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DONATE TO THE GREY COURT EDUCATION FUND WHILE YOU SHOP!

- Donate to Grey Court School while you shop without spending any additional money.
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- Each time you shop, your retailer donates a % of the value of your basket to charity!

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

1. Visit [giveasyoulive.com OR easyfundraising.org.uk]
2. Sign up with email & select a password
3. Choose 'Grey Court Education Fund'
4. Download the donation reminder

OR

5. Download the app



NOW YOU CAN SHOP AS USUAL, KNOWING EVERYONE'S PURCHASE IS HELPING GREY COURT!



12 Days of Giving is the festive final phase of the Benefact Group Movement for Good. In December, we'll be giving 240 charities £1,000 each over 12 days.

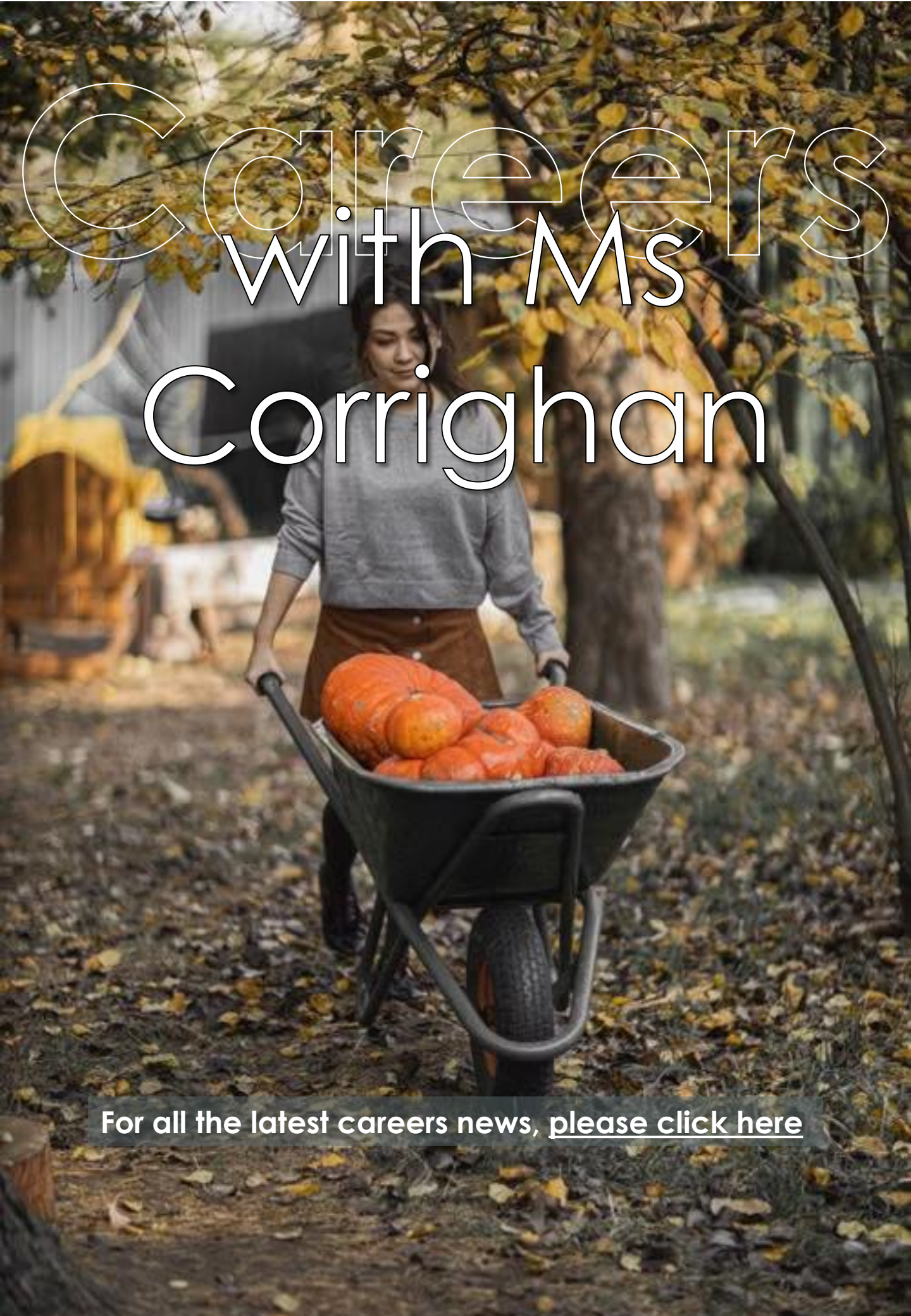
The first draw takes place on **1 December** and the last on **16 December** with 20 charities drawn every weekday.

If your charity has already been nominated in one of our earlier £1,000 draws this year, you're automatically entered. However, you can **increase your chances** of receiving a £1,000 award by asking your supporters to nominate too.

We've created a range of **resources** to help you spread the word and boost your nominations.

Nominations are open now and close at 23:59 on 15 December 2026.

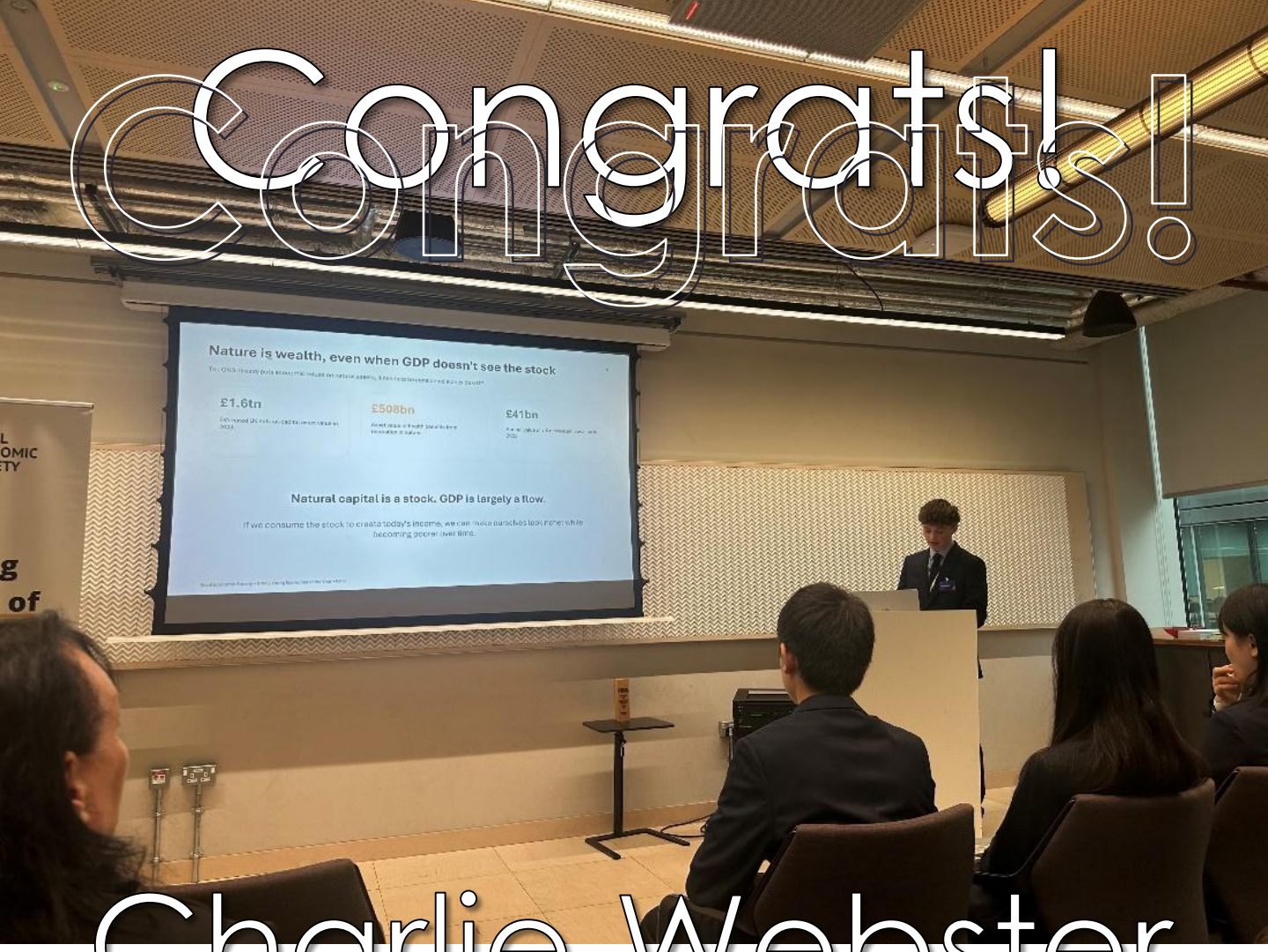
NOMINATE A CHARITY for £1,000



For all the latest careers news, please click here



Sixth Form News



Congrats!

Charlie Webster

We are incredibly proud of Charlie Webster who was the runner-up in the prestigious Royal Economic Society Young Economist of the Year competition 2026, sponsored by KPMG.

The grand final took place on Monday 12 October at the KPMG offices in Canary Wharf. Charlie was one of five finalists chosen from an initial pool of over 3,000 candidates nationwide. After a highly competitive final round where students staked their claim for the top spot, the judges highly praised Charlie's exceptional performance. His outstanding talent did not go unnoticed; representatives from three world-class universities - UCL, King's College London, and LSE - immediately approached him with enrolment details.

Having been filmed and interviewed extensively throughout the event, Charlie has undoubtedly secured a very bright future in the field. The entire Grey Court community extends its warmest congratulations to Charlie. We are also immensely grateful to the dedicated staff members who generously gave their time, support, and guidance to facilitate his success: Vicki Price, Richard Clements, Karan Bhumbla, Jane Higham, Penny Moore, Sasha Braham, Rumbi Kamwaza, and Hannah Duncan.

Alan Thompson
Economics

InstaMoment

Ham Lands Volunteers



We are incredibly proud of our team of students who volunteer with Ham Lands! You rock!

Open Evening

The turnout to our Open Evening was extraordinary, with over 1,000 people attending the event and it has been clear from the feedback that visitors took advantage of the opportunity to explore individual subject areas, engaging in meaningful conversations with teachers and current Grey Court sixth formers.

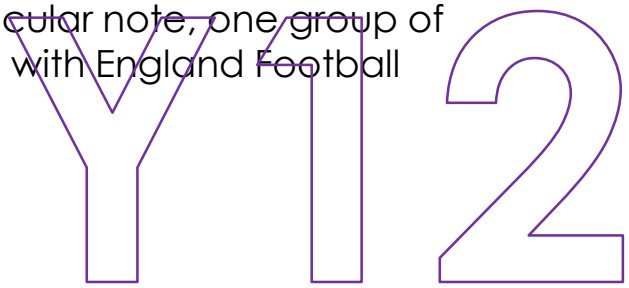
Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out at Sixth Form Open Evening last week. I was absolutely delighted to see so many Year 12 students helping with their subjects, or marshalling visitors. Every single one of them represented the school in a mature, warm and enthusiastic way, and visitors got a really good sense of what Sixth Form is like here.

Jane Higham
Head of Sixth Form

Apprentice Day

On the day before half term, our Year 12 students took part in "Apprentice Day" in London, tackling a series of creative and challenging tasks. Despite the awful weather, the students approached the day with enthusiasm, good humour and had a lot of well-deserved fun, after a very busy half term.

The photos that the teams submitted as evidence of their tasks were brilliant and the sixth form team had a lot of fun looking through them. Of particular note, one group of boys managed to get a photo with England Football legend, Chloe Kelly!



Academic Licences

Year 12 students will find out next week if they have been granted their Academic Licence. This is based on several factors - attendance and punctuality, successful completion of the 35-hour challenge, baseline assessments and overall readiness for sixth form. For those students who do not get their Licence at this stage, it will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Students who are granted the Licence may leave the school site when they have a free period. Please also note:

- **All students need to be in on a Monday morning for Assembly**
- **All students must attend all PDW sessions**
- **All students must attend all supervised study sessions**
- **Students only need to be in registration if they have a P1/2 or P5/6 or Twilight**
- **No PM reg on a Wednesday due to enrichment**

UCAS

We are incredibly proud of this Year 13 cohort. The majority of students have now submitted their UCAS applications, and offers are coming in every day! 92 students have received some offers, with 10 students having received all 5 offers already. This is a really exciting time as our students begin to receive recognition for all their hard work and dedication throughout their courses. So what happens next? Students do not need to make any decisions regarding their firm and insurance choices yet. All details are on the UCAS website, but key dates are below.

Y13

Reply Dates

These are based on when we get the last decision in from your unis or colleges. **Check your application to see your personal deadline.**

2027 entry applications
If you receive your last decision on or before **31 March 2027**, your reply date is **5 May 2027** (except it you're using Extra to find a place)

If you receive your last decision on or before **12 May 2027**, your reply date is **2 June 2027** (except if you're using Extra to find a place)

If you receive your last decision on or before **14 July 2027**, your reply date is **21 July 2027** (including Extra choices.)

PDW

The next two PDW sessions focus on student finance and budgeting.

Trial Exams

Friday 27 November to Tuesday 8 December

Students will be on study leave for the duration of the exams, starting on 27 November. The exams will take place in the main hall with external invigilators. While we are aware that this may cause stress and anxiety for students, it is important that they experience formal exam conditions, as this allows them to familiarise themselves with the set up and also provides teachers and students with vital data regarding their progress.

Trial exams booklet and timetable

Miss Fincham's EPQ Update

Students should now be working through the draft production phase of their project; creating either their essay or their artefact. This is worth 20 out of the 50 marks as is at the heart of the qualification. Students need to plan carefully to manage this alongside preparation for their mock exams and come to an agreement with their mentor for a date to submit their draft for feedback.

Miss Fincham's Oxbridge Update

If students have been successful in securing an interview, they will be informed between mid-November and the beginning of December. Currently, we are sharing with students a range of interview material to help them prepare. Many students have met with Mr Daymond to guide them on how to research interview skills and requirements for their subject. All students' application details have also been shared with Kings' Wimbledon. We are hopeful they will also be able to offer some additional support.

MedSoc Update

This week our Year 13 students focused on looking at interview styles used by the universities they applied for and received an overview on how to prepare. Our Year 12 students reviewed their wider reading and got advice about what type of work experience to seek and how to make the most of it.

Sixth Form Opportunities

Students and Parents/Carers - Please see our weekly opportunities bulletin GC Careers opportunities bulletin 13/11/2026
which shows a range of careers, work experience, university and apprenticeship opportunities. These opportunities are great to add to their experience and help students think about the future.



Work Experience and Summer School Week 2027

We are launching our Work Experience and Summer School Week in assembly on Monday 16 November - it's very important students attend this assembly. Summer School week takes place 28 June - 2 July 2027.

To support work experience, next week in PDW students will be looking at CVs and this is the first step in presenting themselves to employers. This is also needed for our upcoming event, the Friends and Founders evening on 3 December.

Friends & Founders Evening

Thursday 3 December

6.15pm to 8.15pm

All year 12 students are expected to attend

The Friends and Founders event is our annual networking evening for our Year 12 students. This offers the opportunity for all Year 12 students to meet and network with a wide variety of organisations and employers to discuss future career plans and potential work experience placements for the summer.

All Year 12 students are expected to attend and take part in this activity. Only under exceptional circumstances will non attendance be excused. This is a compulsory event for our students as it is part of the careers programme we offer in school.

The evening will provide the chance for students to meet with volunteers who are drawn from Grey Court Alumni and other school contacts we have developed over the years. The expectation is that students take this evening as a serious opportunity to make contacts and they will be expected to dress as formally as they would for a job interview and to bring their CVs. **Students will be expected to arrive at 6.15pm in the sixth form** for a short briefing and then the networking event will run from 6.30-8.00pm, with time to speak to any other guests 8-8.15pm.

We will provide more information in the coming weeks so students can plan for the event. If you have any questions about the evening please speak to the Sixth form team or Miss Corrighan who are organising the event.

SPORTS News





Tuesday 10 November: great day out for GC rugby. Fantastic to see so many girls competing. Congratulations to the U14 girls placing second in the tournament



Well done to all our Rugby players this week who went along to the Middlesex Comp! U14s came second, Year 7s had their first run out and Laila won player of the match! U16s had a great training session with others from the county!



Tuesday 10 November: a big win to start off the season! Congratulations to our U14s on a 38-27 win against LRP



Thursday 12 November: superb individual victories by Woody, Blakely and Clio at the St Pauls Cross Country. Finlay, Louisa and Thaddeus all finished in the top 3 as well. Fantastic runs by all.



Congrats!

Congratulations to Clio who finished sixth at the Parliament Hill Cross Country event on Saturday 7 November.

Well done, Clio



Congrats!

Congratulations to Finlay, Alfie, Woody, Thaddeus and Toren who were part of the Richmond team that won team gold at the Parliament Hill Cross Country on Saturday 7 November.
Well done, boys



Congrats!

Congratulations to Robert (4th), Ruby (11th) and Felix (56th) who all ran for Richmond at the Parliament Hill cross country event on Saturday 7 November.



Scholar of the Month

Mimi Simon

Mimi Simon
Scholar of the Month

We are thrilled to give Mimi Girls Scholar of the Month for October!

Mimi has thrown herself into Grey Court PE, Scholarship lessons and a variety of extracurricular clubs since starting in September. Mimi has shown dedication, enthusiasm and hard work when applying her skills. Mimi is the goal keeper for the U12 Footballer and WA for the U12 Netball team.

Mimi showcased her skills in the ESFA Cup match against Reigate School. Mimi made some incredible saves to help the team stay 1-0 up. The opposition scored in the final 30 seconds resulting in a draw. The game went to penalties. Mimi remained calm, and with lots of encouragement from her team mates she went up confidently for the first penalty. Mimi saved 5 out of 6 penalties and we scored 6 and therefore won the game!!!

We are looking forward to seeing how Mimi gets on this year. We are looking forward to the Cricket Season as Mimi is an avid wicket keeper. She currently plays for Ham and Petersham CC and is trialling for Surrey. Keep up the good work Mimi!

Scholar of the Month

Bobby Middley

Bobby Midgley

Scholar of the Month

Bobby is well deserving of the Scholar of the Month award for October having been a key player of both our football and rugby teams.

Bobby's predominantly a rugby player and has demonstrated his quality in all Year 7 matches to date, with his elusive running with ball in hand and outstanding reading of the game, which brings out the best in those around him too. Bobby's outstanding performances for the Year 7 A team have earned him a call up to the Year 8 team against Cardinal Vaughan. Bobby more than held his own and showed great feet to get himself in to space and get the team on the front foot.

Bobby has also worked his way up to the football A team and takes his tenacity into all his duels on the football pitch, causing problems for opposition defenders with his physicality and willingness to work hard for the team, as well as scoring a brilliant goal against Richard Reynolds!

His attitude in Sports Scholarship lessons is also superb - always wanting to get better and take on board feedback. Well done on a great start to the year and we wish you a speedy recovery from your injury!



Year 7 Football Team

A huge congratulations to the **Year 7 girls' football team**, who have made a fantastic start to their football journey at Grey Court.

The girls played their very first match together in the **Surrey Cup** and produced an excellent performance to progress into the second round. Despite playing in the pouring rain, the team worked incredibly hard, supported one another and showed great determination throughout the game.

For the majority of the match, the girls were in control and looked comfortable, but football can be unpredictable! With just 10 seconds remaining, the opposition scored to make it 1–1, taking the game to penalties.

Despite the late equaliser, the girls remained calm, composed and focused under pressure. They showed fantastic character and confidence during the penalty shootout to secure the victory and book their place in the **second round of the Surrey Cup**.

There were some excellent individual performances, but what stood out most was the way the girls worked together as a team. For their first game together, they demonstrated great teamwork, resilience and a willingness to work hard for one another, even in the challenging weather conditions.

This was a brilliant achievement for the Year 7 girls, and they should be incredibly proud of how they represented the school.

Congratulations to the whole team! We look forward to seeing what they can achieve as their football journey at Grey Court continues.



Team of the Month

Junior Boys XC Team

A huge congratulations to the Junior Boys' cross country team, who produced a superb performance at the Harrodian event on Tuesday 6 October.

The strength of the year 7 squad was evident where our runners claimed the first five places, led by an outstanding victory for Thaddeus Oyegun Soerensen, followed by Felix Williams, Leo Farrow, Hunter Silic and Rowen Burkett.

Grey Court year 8 runners also dominated the results, securing five of the top seven places with Alfie Thorpe taking an outstanding first place; followed closely by Finlay Webb in second; Woody Cowie finishing fourth; Toren Griggs, sixth and Max Hardie, seventh.

These results highlight the incredible depth of talent within our cross country squads. This was a fantastic achievement. Well done, boys.

Player of the Month

Millie Morgan

Millie Morgan

Player of the Month

Millie is a talented all-around athlete, competing for the school in Netball, Football and Cross Country. Millie always shows up with a great attitude and is a fantastic team player.

Outside of school, Millie swims in the Performance 1's squad for Teddington Swim Club and has been selected for the Swim England National Development Pathway scheme. She has recently qualified for the SE London Winter Regionals and Welsh Winter Nationals in multiple events and is aiming for British Nationals at the end of the season. She also competes in open water events, winning the 3k London Open Water Championships last summer and qualifying for the 5K English Nationals.

Alongside swimming, Millie trampolines for the Kingston Trampolining Club and competes at Regional level for both Trampolining and Double Mini Trampoline. Last season she placed 1st and 2nd in all regional events across the season.

Keep up the good work Millie!

Player of the Month

Toren Griggs

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Player of the Month

Toren has enjoyed a brilliant start to the year and is a thoroughly deserving recipient of our Player of the Month award.

Toren is a talented and versatile sportsman, he has made an excellent contribution across three different sports so far this half-term.

He has impressed in goal for the football team, while also playing scrum half for the rugby team, where his energy and involvement are invaluable.

On top of this, Toren is a key member of our cross country team, which has already enjoyed success by winning two competitions this season and they will be looking to make it 3 wins in the 1st round of the ESAA Cup on Thursday 15 October.

Toren's willingness to represent the school across multiple sports, combined with his enthusiasm and dedication makes him a fantastic example of what it means to be a Grey Court sportsman.

Congratulations, Toren, on a superb start to the year!


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3-7PM

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THURSDAYS



3-5PM

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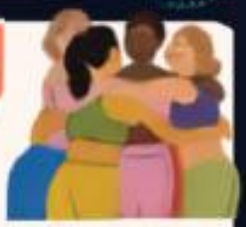
FRIDAYS



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