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Cover photo: Tia Garrard – U18 British Pentathlon Champion

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Congrats!

Tia Garrard

What started as an opportunity for Tia to gain experience has turned into an extraordinary journey to the top of British athletics. In Year 9, Tia entered the Middlesex Pentathlon at Lee Valley with the aim of simply testing herself in multi events. Tia went on to win the competition, finish runner up at the Regional Championships and, later that season, be crowned English Champion. That success proved to be a defining moment for Tia, giving her the confidence, belief, and motivation to really commit to the demands of the multi events and see what she could achieve.

In January 2026, Tia secured an exciting sponsorship contract with Under Armour, further supporting her development as an elite athlete. The partnership has helped Tia build a greater understanding of nutrition, develop her mindset, refine her organisation, and discipline required to perform at the highest level.

Her progress has been nothing short of exceptional. Tia is now U18 British Indoor Pentathlon Champion, an incredible achievement and a reflection of her talent, hard work and ambition to reach the top.

Well done, Tia!

Steve Willmore
Director of Sport

View on Instagram


SCOTLAND



KS3+4 NEWS

Y7

The rain has arrived! It has been a wonderful sight to see KS3 taking on the Cross Country course in all weathers, with that effort setting the tone for our teams, where 5 have made it through the national finals!

Academic Tutoring day is this Thursday, so please check you have an appointment via SchoolCloud, information on which was sent out previously.

Our assembly today was on safeguarding and was led by Mrs Price, where we explained the process of our anonymous reporting form. This is an opportunity for anyone to fill in a form to notify of us of anything that might be causing harm or risk to our students. This is available to them via their form group Google classroom.

Our tutor challenge returns with table pong, being hosted by Rowan at lunchtime. Good luck to all those taking part.

Adam Ridley
Year 7 Phase Leader

Y7 B band Activity Day

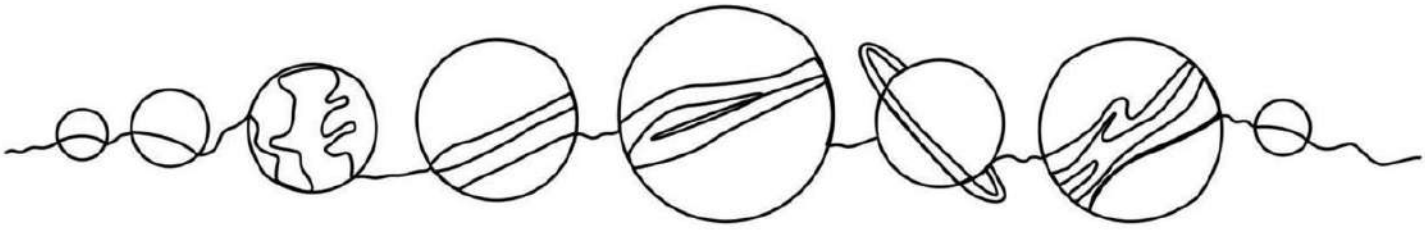
Despite the decidedly autumnal weather throwing everything it could at us, Year 7 B Band had an excellent day of exploration and intrigue. We had guest speakers in to show us different birds of prey, an inflatable planetarium, we built some incredible bird's nests and learned about black holes.

Wonderdome

Every group had the chance to experience a journey through the solar system in the Wonderdome. An inflatable planetarium with a projected show on the dome.

Chloe, the guest speaker, transfixed us with facts, narration and spectacle as we were absorbed in the universe beyond the Earth.

A tour of the Solar System was in store for us from the hot, rocky worlds of Mercury and Venus to the giants of the Solar System all the way to the freezing planets of Neptune and Uranus. We were astounded by the variety of conditions on the different planets and the uniqueness of Earth!









Birds

Falconry

Our wonderful Falconry host Jason brought along a variety of birds to educate the Year 7s.

The first bird we met was Bailey the eagle owl. We learned that many owls do not hunt at night. Animals that hunt at night are nocturnal but some owls like Bailey hunt at dusk and dawn making them diurnal. Also, while some owls have feathers on top of their head that look like ears, these are actually for scaring off other animals that may try to eat them.

Blue is a kookaburra with a very long beak and likes to make lots of noise. Kookaburra's originate from Australia and, despite being the largest member of the kingfisher family, they eat lizards, insects, worms and mice but not fish!

We next met Taz the tawny frogmouth. Taz is a passive hunter which means she sits camouflaged on a tree with her mouth open waiting for insects to fly into her mouth.

The smallest falcon in the world is a pygmy falcon. They can be threatened by other predators and have white spots on the back of their black heads that make them look like they have eyes in the back of their heads. This means they are almost as good as teachers who really do have eyes in the back of their head.

Finally, the biggest bird of all was Arizona the Harris hawk. Arizona is the only wild bird that we saw today. Originally from South America, Harris's hawks are large birds of prey that often hunt in groups and can catch other birds, lizards and mammals.


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Birds' Nests

Inspired by the incredible birds, our Year 7s made some amazing arts and crafts bird's nests. The thought, creativity and care that they put into their work was evident and I was thoroughly impressed with their efforts.

Thank you so much to our speakers Jason and Chloe for your knowledge and enthusiasm in sharing your subject with us. Thank you to all of the staff who helped run the activities and adapted so well to the inclement weather. A particular thank you goes to Charlie, Sam and Yasmeen for providing extra resources and activities at the last minute and always going above and beyond the call of duty.

Ted McCormick
KS3 Science Coordinator




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STEM







Y8 Y9

First up, a massive well done to **Minnie T** and **Efe H**, our Conduct Champions this week. While the rest of us were still trying to remember what day it was, Minnie and Efe were busy setting the gold standard for Year 8. Keep it up, you two!

In PDW this week, we tackled *Instagram vs Reality*. We spent time unpicking the smoke, mirrors, and suspiciously good lighting behind social media feeds. A great reminder for our students (and, let's be honest, most of the staff) not to compare our behind-the-scenes to someone else's highlight reel.

On Thursday, **Ms Price** did her annual safeguarding assembly. She delivered a vital message on looking out for one another and knowing exactly where to turn if something doesn't feel right—whether in the corridors or online. Year 8 listened brilliantly.

Have a restful weekend, recharge those batteries, and we'll see everyone bright and early on Monday!

Emila Gilly
Head of Year 8

"If a book is well written, I always find it too short."
-Jane Austen



Y10+Y11

It's been a very eventful week for Year 10!

Well done to those Front of House leaders who sold poppies last week in honour of all those who lost their lives during the first and Second World War. We held a minutes silence to honour their service, too.

We also had a very exciting trip to Cadburys World yesterday, where those Year 10s who study Food Tech were able to experience and see how the famous chocolates are made through an interactive tour.

Finally, Academic Tutoring Day is next Thursday the 26 November. Year 10s need to be in full uniform and bring their planners with them ready for conversations with their form tutors about setting targets for the academic year.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend!

Sara Handzar-Maldonado
Head of Year 10

Year 11 have been working through their NEA coursework deadlines and revising for their upcoming mocks, as well as planning out their revision timetable and completing the 30-hour revision challenge.

Next week they look forward to Academic Tutoring Day where they will be able to meet with tutors and discuss how these strategies are going, next steps and future plans.

Dan Tandy
Head of Year 11



BOOST Time Table

Stars of the Week Vocational and Social Sciences

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
10	Millie Morgan	Health & Social Care	Excellent classwork
11	Evie Johnson	Health & Social Care	Excellent engagement in class
12	Aoife Walker	Health & Social Care	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Lily Taylor	Health & Social Care	Excellent engagement in class
10	Jeevan Madaher	Creative Media	Excellent engagement in class
11	Nina Coverdale	Creative Media	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Olaya Muniz Garcia	Creative Media	Excellent engagement in class
13	Beth Caple	Creative Media	Excellent classwork
10	Liam Buckle	Music Tech	Excellent engagement in class
11	Harry Woolner	Music Tech	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Laurie Forest	Enterprise	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Addison Elliott	Enterprise	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Lora Hoxha	Sociology	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Keira Johnson	Sociology	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Sara Victoria Altun	Psychology	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Leem Mohamed	Psychology	Outstanding achievement
12	Neva Hutton	Criminology	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Addison Elliott	Criminology	Excellent classwork

Attendance Matters

9 November to 13 November

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	**98.1%**
Year 8	**95.4%**
Year 9	**95.6%**
Year 10	**94.3%**
Year 11	**94.3%**

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Beech	**99.7%**
8 Willow	**98.1%**
9 Maple	**98.1%**
10 Ash	**97.8%**
11 Rowan	**98.5%**

Our Jack Petchey Winners



Our winners of Jack Petchey awards from the last academic year had the opportunity to attend the medal giving ceremony alongside their families. The event was held on Tuesday 10 November at the Rose Theatre in Kingston and featured award winners from across the Richmond borough. Our students represented the school with class and poise. Another big congratulations to everyone who attended.

Karan Bhumbla
Assistant Headteacher

Shout-Out to Collect4Retro



A big shout out to Collect4Retro in Kingston for their donation of sporting equipment this week. This will be a massive help to our students, and is very much appreciated.

Steve Willmore




Wellbeing

MHST

‘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**

achieving for children

	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.

PDW

Personal Development and Wellbeing

This week

Thursday 19 November



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

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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

Draw Your Home at Christmas

A drawing competition for children aged 12 and under



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How to enter

1. Draw your home all decorated for Christmas, inside or out, on A4 paper. Crayons, paints, glitter, anything goes!
2. Write the child's first name and age, plus a grown-up's name, email and postcode, on the back of the drawing.
3. Pop it in our Christmas post box at 8 Eton Street, Richmond, or email a photo to **info@parkgate.co.uk**

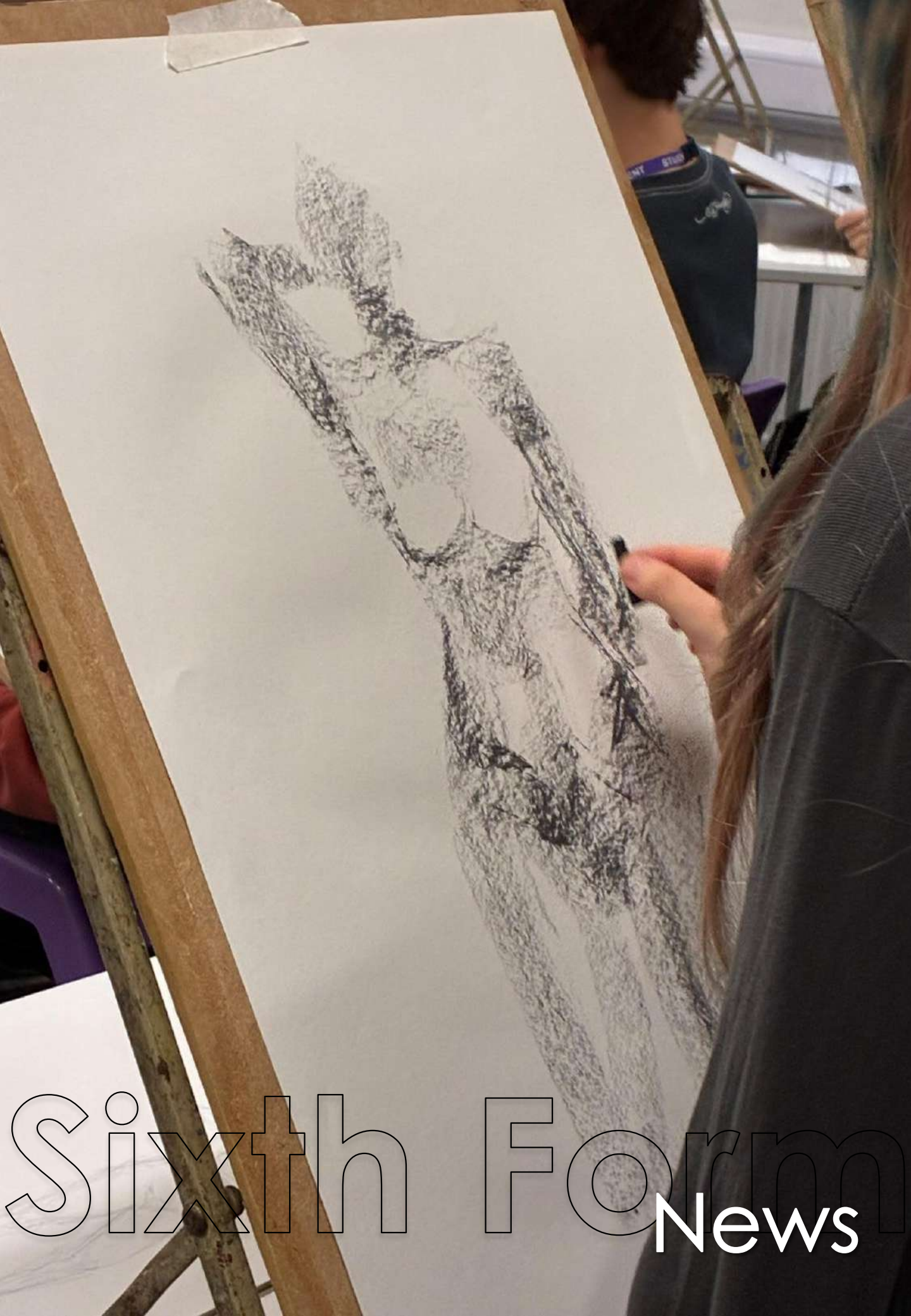
ENTRIES CLOSE 5PM MONDAY 14 DECEMBER

Winner announced Wednesday 16 December on Instagram **@parkgateestateagents**

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Open to children aged 12 and under in Parkgate's local areas. One entry per child. Entries may be shown in our window and on social media with the child's first name and age. Just let us know if you'd rather not.

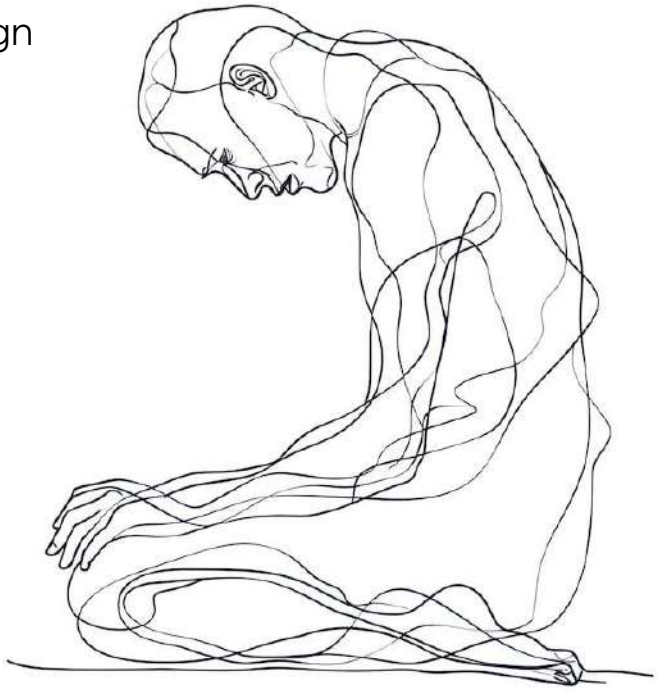


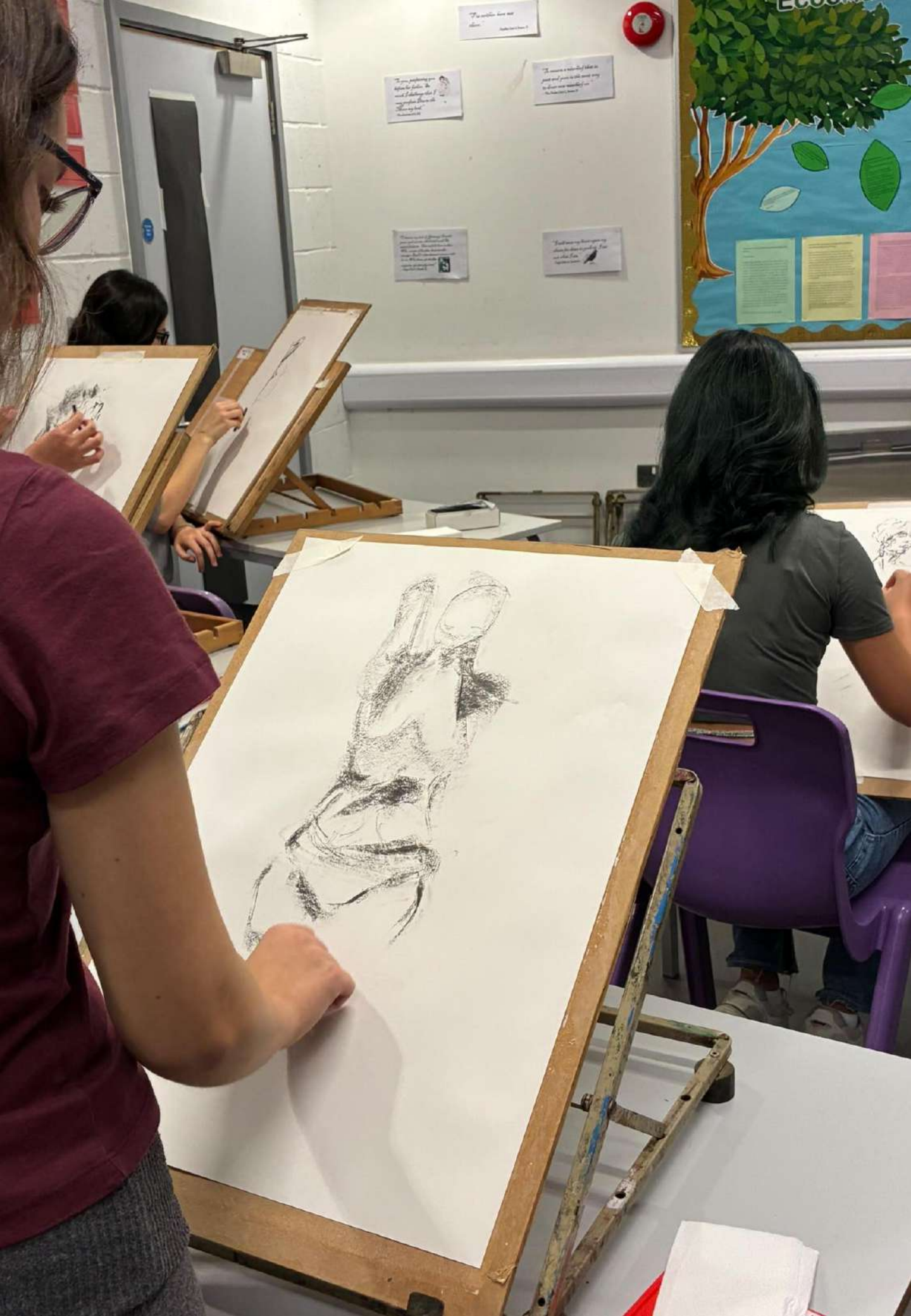
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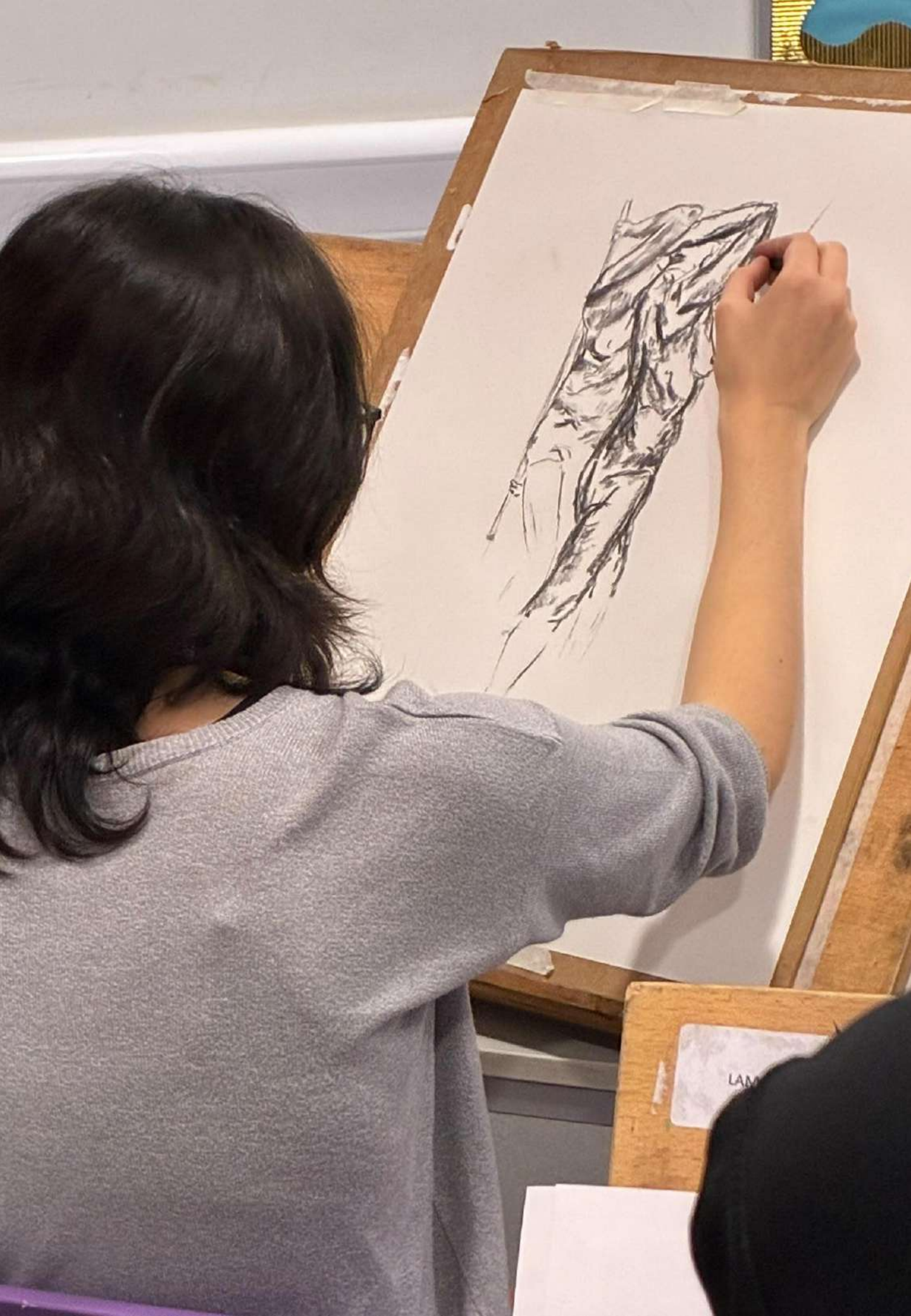
Life Drawing Workshop

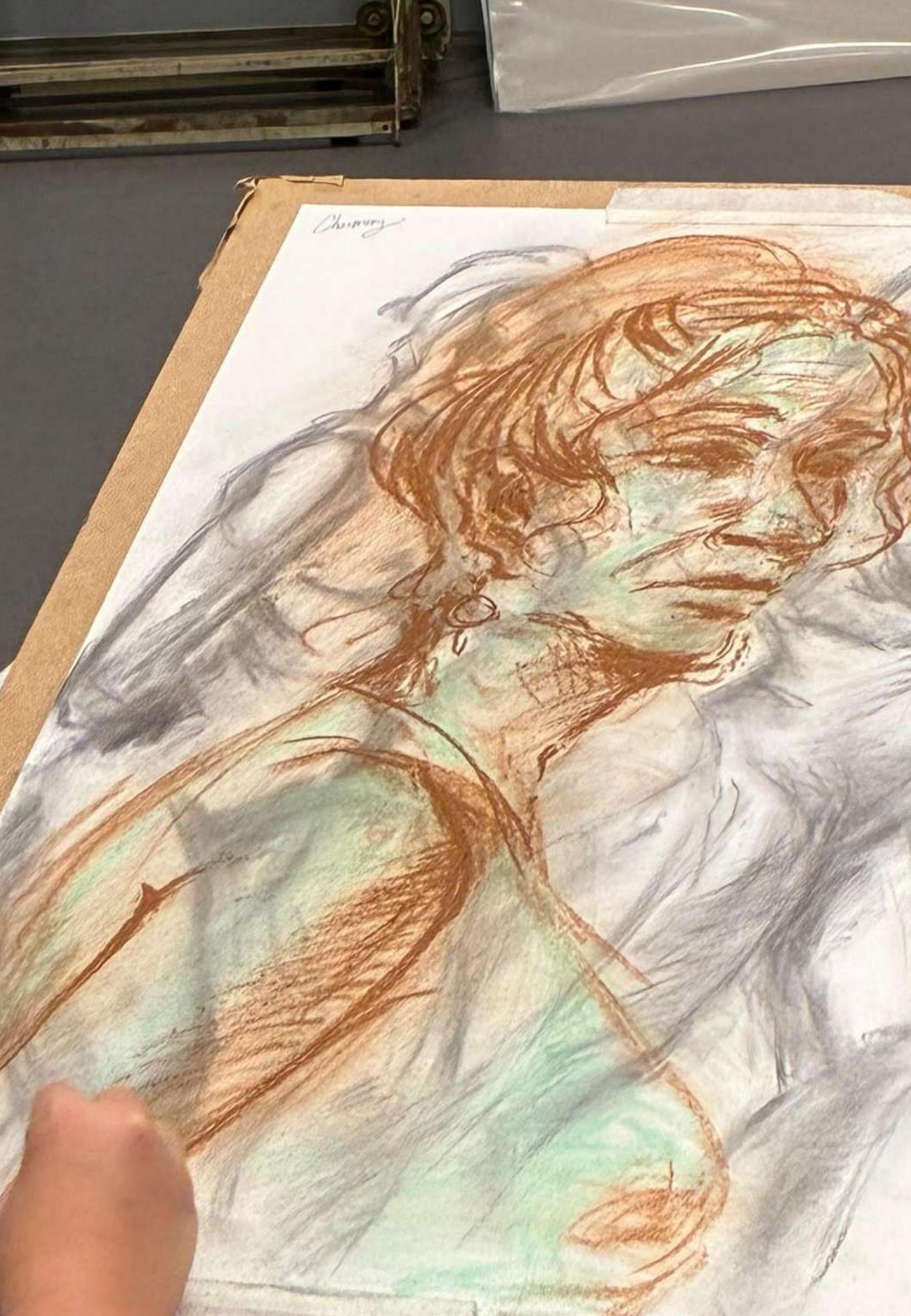
The Art Department has recently run a life drawing workshop for our A-level students. Working with a live model and Stuart Simler, students were ably guided through this invaluable skill and the drawings made were outstanding. Congratulations to all who took part and particular thanks to Ms Fincham for lending us her English room. The Art Department would also like to thank Stuart for agreeing to again run this invaluable workshop. Stuart also runs Drawing Matters at Grey Court School- an after-school Art Club for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Monday's. Flyers will be issued for the Spring club in the coming weeks in the eBulletin. This club carries a cost but funding options are available where needed.

Cat Bowie
Subject Lead for Art and Design











UAL Creative Arts

On the 11 November UAL visited Grey Court Sixth Form to discuss further education options in the creative arts. This powerhouse of an institution encompasses 6 Art colleges as 1 creative arts university and is therefore able to offer an extraordinarily broad range of course options within incredible facilities across London. Recruitment officer Claudia gave two talks - one aimed at Year 12 students giving information about UAL, courses, accommodation and applications, then a second aimed at Year 13 students giving information about portfolios and interviews. We are incredibly grateful to Claudia for giving us her time and all the students who attended, who were focused throughout and asked a number of pertinent questions. Ms Corrighan and Miss Bowie are always available and delighted to speak to students interested in a creative arts future.

Cat Bowie
Subject Lead for Art and Design

Academic Tutoring Day

In preparation for Academic Tutoring Day on 26 November, students have been asked to fill out a reflection form in which they need to include SMART targets for each subject. Students have been given time during tutor time to make a start on these, and they will form the basis of the conversation with the tutors on Academic Tutoring Day.

SMART Targets Booklet 2026
Y12 SMART targets Google form
Y13 SMART targets Google form

Jane Higham
Head of Sixth Form

Trial Exams Y12

Year 12s will have their first set of trial exams in lessons starting on 7 January. Further information will be provided to students in December.

UCAS

The majority of Year 13s have submitted their UCAS forms and are now receiving offers. Twenty nine students have now heard from all five choices of university. Students who have not submitted their form should meet with Mrs Moore, Mrs Tanner or Ms Higham to complete their forms. The mock exams are fast approaching and students find having their UCAS forms done and dusted frees them up to concentrate on revision.

Miss Fincham's EPQ Update

This week, students have been working on their drafts based on their improved essay or artefact plans. Once their exams have been completed, students should then turn their focus to getting a full draft of their essay or artefact completed. This should be ready to hand in to their supervisor at the beginning of January.

Miss Fincham's Oxbridge Update

Calls for interviews will start to come in. Interviews can sometimes clash with the mock timetable. Students have been reassured that the exam schedule will be adjusted to fit round their interviews. Details of interview dates will be shared with the exams office so that papers can be rescheduled on a student by student basis to allow them to prepare for both effectively.

Work Experience and Careers Support

Y12

Year 12 work experience was launched this week in assembly, please see the assembly slides: Autumn 2 2026 - Week 3 WEX

Work experience takes place 28 June - 2 July 2027 and it is recommended that students now start looking for placements. All placements have to be entered on to the Unifrog placements tool to be approved by the school by March 2027.

This week in PDW, students were working on their CVs in preparation for work experience opportunities.

Careers Opportunities

Please see the **weekly careers opportunities bulletin** which has info on work experience as well as careers talks, uni tasters, apprenticeships and more: GC Careers opportunities bulletin 20/11/2026

Friends and Founders Event

Thursday 3 December
6.15pm to 8.15pm



We will be running our annual careers event for year 12 students. ALL students are expected to attend the evening in school and meet with people from a range of different career backgrounds (over 60 volunteers already confirmed!). You will bring your CV that you will be working on over the next couple of weeks and there will be a briefing before the event to prepare all students. If you have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan (Careers) bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Apprenticeship of the Week

Ready to start a career at the BBC?



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With opportunities across the UK and routes from **Level 2** to degree-level qualifications, you can build your skills, gain industry experience and earn a starting salary of **£24,650**. Remember to say you saw the role on Amazing Apprenticeships when applying!

Catch up on the webinar to find out more:
Discover apprenticeships at the BBC Webinar


SPORTS
News

Football



Friday 13 November: well done to our year 7 footballers who came fourth at the six-a-side comp today!



Monday 16 November: superb 3-0 victory for our year 8 boys. 2 for George and 1 for Samuel.

X-Country



Saturday 14 November: superb performances by both our Junior Girls and Inter Girls at the ESAA Cross Country Regional Finals. Both finished second and qualify for the National Finals. Well done, girls



X-Country



Saturday 14 November: great runs by the Inter and Senior Boys teams qualifying for the National Cross Country Finals.

X-Country



Saturday 14 November: outstanding first place by the Junior Boys Cross Country squad at the ESAA Regional Finals and qualify for the National Finals. Brilliant runs, boys

Basketball



Tuesday 17 November: congratulations to our U14 girls on another win. Superb effort all around to beat Twickenham Academy 53-22. POTM Chloe C

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!



Team of the Month

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

Toren Griggs
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!


What's happening...

UNIVERSITY of York

HAVE YOUR SAY ON SCHOOL FOOD

BECOME AN ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER & PEER RESEARCHER

THE FREE SCHOOL MEAL PARENTAL EXPERIENCE PROJECT

TAKE PART IN OUR STUDY AS A PEER RESEARCHER AND/OR AN ADVSIORY GROUP MEMBER



Your Voice Matters

We are working with School Food Matters to understand whether and how, feelings linked to entitlement to free school meals impact a family's choice to have school meals.

We are looking for parents/carers whose child(ren) are entitled to income-related free school meals. Your input will help build the evidence needed to improve free school meal services, ensuring every eligible child can access their meals comfortably and with ease.

Help shape the research

Meetings will be online using zoom.

Connect with parents

Help us reach and invite other parents/carers eligible for free school meals to take part in the research.

Share your insights

Help us make sense of what families told us in interviews, and plan a workshop to create practical tools that will improve school meals

Get paid

£25/hour + interview recruitment support bonus

Gain research skills

Develop a "behind the scenes" perspective on how research is set-up and carried out.

Extra opportunities

Free training to build your research skills as a peer researcher + hands on experience running workshops.

Express your interest or get in touch:

sundus.mahdi@york.ac.uk



SCHOOL FOOD MATTERS

Kids & Adults Kickboxing

KING KICKBOXING

Group classes in **Twickenham**!

- Kids Classes Ages 7-11
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- Promotes Confidence
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Twickenham, TW2 5LH

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AUTUMN 2026

HAM YOUTH CENTRE

HAM YOUTH CLUB

FUN!

TUESDAYS



3-6PM

Cooking, Art, Karaoke, Table Tennis, Gaming, Dodgeball, Pool, Air Hockey.

WEDNESDAYS



3-7PM

Football Training, Gaming, Dungeons and Dragons, Cooking, School of Rock.

THURSDAYS



3-5PM

Art, Music Studio, Sports, Archery, Badminton, Pool.

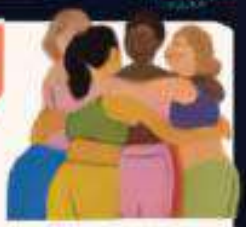
FRIDAYS



3-5PM

Basketball, Music Studio, Gaming, Art, Street Dance.

SATURDAYS



6-8PM

Roller Discos, Parties, Movie Nights, Nerf Gun Battles. (Also Youth Orchestra 12-2)

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR 11 - 19 YEAR OLDS!

A safe space to meet new people, try new things or just come and chill with your friends.

NEAR 371 BUS STOP. TW10 7PL



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HAM YOUTH CLUB

Make music. Together.

Classical instrument lessons for ages 8 to 18





Violin • Cello • Clarinet
Flute • Saxophone • Piano

Discover the pleasure of learning an instrument and the opportunity to play in a small ensemble.

SATURDAYS | TERM TIME

12:30-2pm

A small charge per session

Ham Youth Club • Ham Hall
Ham Close, off Ashburnham Road
Ham, Richmond TW10 7PL

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GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE

Dr. Firas Ali
firas@thealis.org

Saturday 5 December
From 9-11am or until skip is full (whichever comes first)

Cambrian Road, outside Cambrian Community Centre, South Richmond

MEGA SKIP DAY

Get rid of your unwanted items for FREE



Please note that we are not currently accepting fridges and freezers due to a national shortage of processing capacity.

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

Sunday 6th December 2026 at 6pm
St Peter's Church
Church Lane, Petersham, Surrey TW10 7AB

HANDEL MESSIAH

Selected highlights



The ELYSIAN SINGERS of London

THE ELYSIAN SINGERS AND PLAYERS

Sam Laughton conductor

In aid of St Peter's music and

The Vineyard Community & Richmond Foodbank

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Events.stpeterspetersham@gmail.com

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and friends



An extraordinary evening celebrating wildlife, adventure and conservation.

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Sunday 20 December | 7.00pm
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A night to remember.
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Rotary
Club of Kingston upon Thames

Christmas 2026 Street collection



Is Santa coming up your road?

Santa brings Christmas music, collecting for local charities, with Rotary and charity volunteers

Every sleigh night, 5:45pm – 8:00pm

Week 1 — MONDAY 7 TO THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

MON 7 DEC — Ham South

Beaufort Road · Broughton Avenue · Burnell Avenue · Dysart Avenue · Fanshawe Road · Hardwicke Road · Lammas Road · Lawrence Road · Lock Road · Maguire Drive · Simpson Road · Vancouver Road · Langham Gardens*

TUE 8 DEC — Ham Central

Ashburnham Road · Back Lane · Broughton Avenue · Craig Road · Lock Road · Sheridan Road · Cleves Road* · Fellbrook* · Lovell Road* · Mariner Gardens* · Mead Road* · Mornington Walk* · Mowbray Road* · New Road* · Randle Road* · Watermill Close*

WED 9 DEC — Ham North

Ashburnham Road · Murray Road · Riverside Drive · Stretton Road · Willow Bank · Woodville Road · Breamwater Gardens* · Lake Gardens* · Neville Road* · Perryfield Way* · Russell Gardens*

THU 10 DEC — Ham Common East

Arlington Road · Buckingham Road · Clifford Road · Ham Common · Ham Street · Lauderdale Drive · Meadlands Drive · Petersham Road (service road) · Sandy Lane · Evelyn Road* · Martingales Close*

Week 2 — MON 14, WED 16 AND THU 17 DECEMBER

MON 14 DEC — Barnfield and Latchmere

Barnfield Avenue · Hollybush Road · Latchmere Close · Latchmere Lane · Tudor Drive · Barnfield Gardens* · Beard Road* · Cowper Road* · Garth Road* · Ham Ridings*

WED 16 DEC — Norbiton West

Charter Road · Douglas Road · Ernest Road · Gloucester Road · Homersham Road · Neville Road · Norbiton Avenue · Porchester Road · Rosebery Road · Waters Road · Charter Square* · Ernest Square* · Rosebery Square*

THU 17 DEC — Norbiton East

Arundel Road · Dickerage Road · Gloucester Road · Kenley Road · Orme Road · Revell Road

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* Santa's helpers walk these streets while the sleigh waits nearby

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BeSports x RKFC CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS 2026

Two 3-day camps of football, games, skill development & tournaments!

LOCATION:
RKFC, Ham Playing Fields
Riverside Drive, Ham

TIME:
9:00AM – 3:00PM
(Ages 5-14 years)

- FOOTBALL COACHING
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- MATCHES & TOURNAMENTS
- FUN & GAMES

CHRISTMAS CAMP DATES

CAMP 1: Mon 21st – Wed 23rd December

CAMP 2: Mon 28th – Wed 30th December

2026 • TWO 3-DAY CAMPS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

https://tmcamps.classforkids.io/camp/34

FOOTBALL FUN THIS CHRISTMAS!
BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE

HAM YOUTH CENTRE WINTER Holiday Camp



Mon 21st – Weds 23rd December 2–6pm

Join the holiday fun!

THE DETAILS

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FOOTBALL - COOKING - GAMING - ARTS - MUSIC STUDIO - BASKETBALL - BADMINTON - SOCIALISING - TABLE TENNIS - POOL

ALSO

- MONDAY : STREET DANCE
- TUESDAY : XMAS MOVIE NIGHT
- WEDNESDAY : XMAS GIFT MAKING

FREE! AGES 10-16

HAM YOUTH CENTRE, TW10 7PL

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Richmond Synagogue and Richmond Council

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, 24th January 2027 7pm – 9pm

Doors open 6:30pm

Attendees must be 14 and over

PROGRAMME

HANNAH LEWIS MBE



Hannah was born 1937 in Wlodawa, Poland, a small market town on the river Bug. When the Nazis arrived in 1943, Hannah and her family were rounded up and marched to Adampol, a slave labour sub camp of Sobibor extermination camp. Hannah's journey to survival is bitter, tragic and miraculous. She will tell her story and how she eventually arrived in London. Hannah has been a Holocaust educator for many years and was awarded an MBE for services to Holocaust education in 2018.

Jacqueline Saphra, published poet and playwright

Musicians Steve Levi of Oi Va Voi and friends

The Battles of Holbeck Moor and Cable Street 90 years on

Rabbi Golker of Richmond Synagogue

The Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Nancy Baldwin

Refreshments and conversation

Please, register here:

https://bit.ly/HMD2027

For any questions please contact info@rjch.org.uk

RJC Richmond Jewish Community

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Weekly sessions term time

Qualified coaches

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GREY COURT SCHOOL,
RICHMOND UPON THAMES,
TW10 7HN

TUESDAY 5.00-6.00PM
SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 10

SPRING TERM: 12 JAN - 23 MAR



COACHING TEAM



Emma Toft



Miss Parr

www.netballcoachuk.com/RICHMONDACADEMY

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

TRANSISTION TO TUNED PERCUSSION CLUB

An opportunity for Grade 3 Trinity / ABRSM drum and piano players – to try out tuned percussion, meet other young musicians and perform at the Royal Academy of Music.

Session Dates: January 10th, 17th, 24th 10.30am – 1.30pm and final performance January 31st

- Three intensive half-day sessions led by Rosie Bergonzi, whose credits include Neneh Cherry, English National Opera and Chineke! Orchestra and Beth Higham-Edwards, whose work includes the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company.
- Hands-on workshops and practical seminars exploring a range of percussion instruments and playing techniques.
- Collaborative music-making with young musicians from across London and the Southeast, with opportunities to try percussion instruments and make music together.
- Inspiring demonstrations and interactive sessions with professional musicians, offering insight into their practice and experience.
- A performance opportunity at St Mark's Church, Marylebone Rd, to share what you've learned with friends and family

Requirements:

Participants must be between 11-14 years old working at Trinity / ABRSM Grade 3 level or above in piano or drums.

We are committed to increasing economic, ethnic and cultural diversity in classical music and warmly encourage applications from young people who are currently under-represented in the sector. We are especially keen to hear from looked after children, care-experienced young people, and young people with SEND, as well as from those who may not otherwise have access to opportunities like this.

The session will take place at St Marks Church, Old Marylebone Rd. **Sessions are free of charge and travel costs can be reimbursed**

To book a place or for more information please contact the Participation Team on participation@ram.ac.uk

Application deadline: **Monday 30th November**

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC

ORCHESTRAL PERCUSSION CLUB

For orchestral percussionists – a chance to enhance your skills, meet other young musicians and perform at the Royal Academy of Music.

Session Dates: January 10th, 17th, 24th 2.30pm-5.30pm and final performance January 31st

- Three intensive half-day sessions led by Meadow Brooks, who has performed with ensembles including the BBC Concert Orchestra, Knussen Chamber Orchestra and London Contemporary Orchestra, and Ignacio Molins, a freelance percussionist and timpanist who has worked with leading orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra and Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra
- Hands-on workshops and practical seminars exploring a range of percussion instruments and playing techniques.
- Collaborative music-making with young musicians from across London and the Southeast, with opportunities to try percussion instruments and make music together.
- Inspiring demonstrations and interactive sessions with professional musicians, offering insight into their practice and experience.
- A performance opportunity at St Mark's Church, Marylebone Rd, to share what you've learned with friends and family

Requirements:

Participants must be between 14- 17 years old and are working at ABRSM Grade 5 level or above. We welcome applications from culturally and ethnically diverse young people.

The session will take place at St Marks Church, Old Marylebone Road. Full details will be provided, and travel costs covered to the site

To book a place or for more information please contact the Participation Team on participation@ram.ac.uk
Application deadline: Monday 30th November