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

Cover photo: U15 ESSA National 4 x 50m relay champions. Superb achievement by Millie, Sofia, Oli, and Nathan.

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Congratulations!

Last weekend, our swimmers participated in the ESSA National championships in Birmingham. Huge congratulations to the teams for their incredible results.

The Inter. Mixed 4x50m Freestyle team finished **first** in the country.
The Inter. Mixed 4x50m medley team finished **third** in the country.
The Junior male Medley team 4x 50m finished **sixteenth** in the country.
The Junior male/Open 4x50m Freestyle team finished **twelfth** in the country.

Junior team: Zac Anyon, Fin Webb, Percy Calderon, Albie Teggarty-Sparks.

Mixed inter team: Sofia Miller, Oli Dorey, Nathan Austen, Millie Morgan

Matheus Da Silva
PE teacher



KS3+4 NEWS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS



Details for the Christmas lunch and jumper days by year group.

Please click on the linked dates to see further information for each year group, including timings and locations for non-Christmas lunch days

Year 7	Thursday 17 December
Year 8	Wednesday 16 December
Year 9	Tuesday 15 December
Year 10	Wednesday 16 December
Year 11	Tuesday 15 December

Y7

It was great to see Academic Tutoring Day so well attended, giving us more opportunity for some face-to-face meetings and strengthening the parent-teacher relationships. The reports were very good and the year group can look forward to continuing their progress with the targets they created on the day.

Well done to Mitchell from Maple, who took the victory in last week's tutor challenge: Table Pong!

This week we had House Assemblies, with each day assigned to a different house, to go through the Achievement point race and the upcoming competitions and opportunities for the students.

A reminder that it is Inset day on Monday 30 November, so we will see the students back in school on Tuesday morning. With the weather getting colder, please ensure all coats are labelled and students are bringing their sports tracksuit tops to lessons.

Adam Ridley
Year 7 Phase Leader

Mention Grey Court School to our team & 25% of the tree sale will be donated to the school

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Cut and potted Christmas trees
Festive wreaths for your front door
Winter-flowering plants and shrubs
Mature plants for instant garden impact
Houseplants to brighten your home



Y8

First, a massive round of applause for Efe H and Hannah C, who have officially claimed the crown as our Conduct Champs this week. Keep it up, you two!

Elsewhere, house rivalries officially heated up during our House Assemblies this week. Students got a look at the current leader board, factoring in everything from fierce sports matchups to brain-busting subject competitions. Every house now has a crystal-clear game plan on where to pull ahead, so expect some friendly competitive energy in the corridors.

We pressed pause on PDW this week to make way for Academic Tutoring Day. Honestly, it was an absolute joy reading through the Year 8 reports, your children are working brilliantly, and it shows. Thank you to all parents/carers who joined us to talk about their progress and map out their next steps.

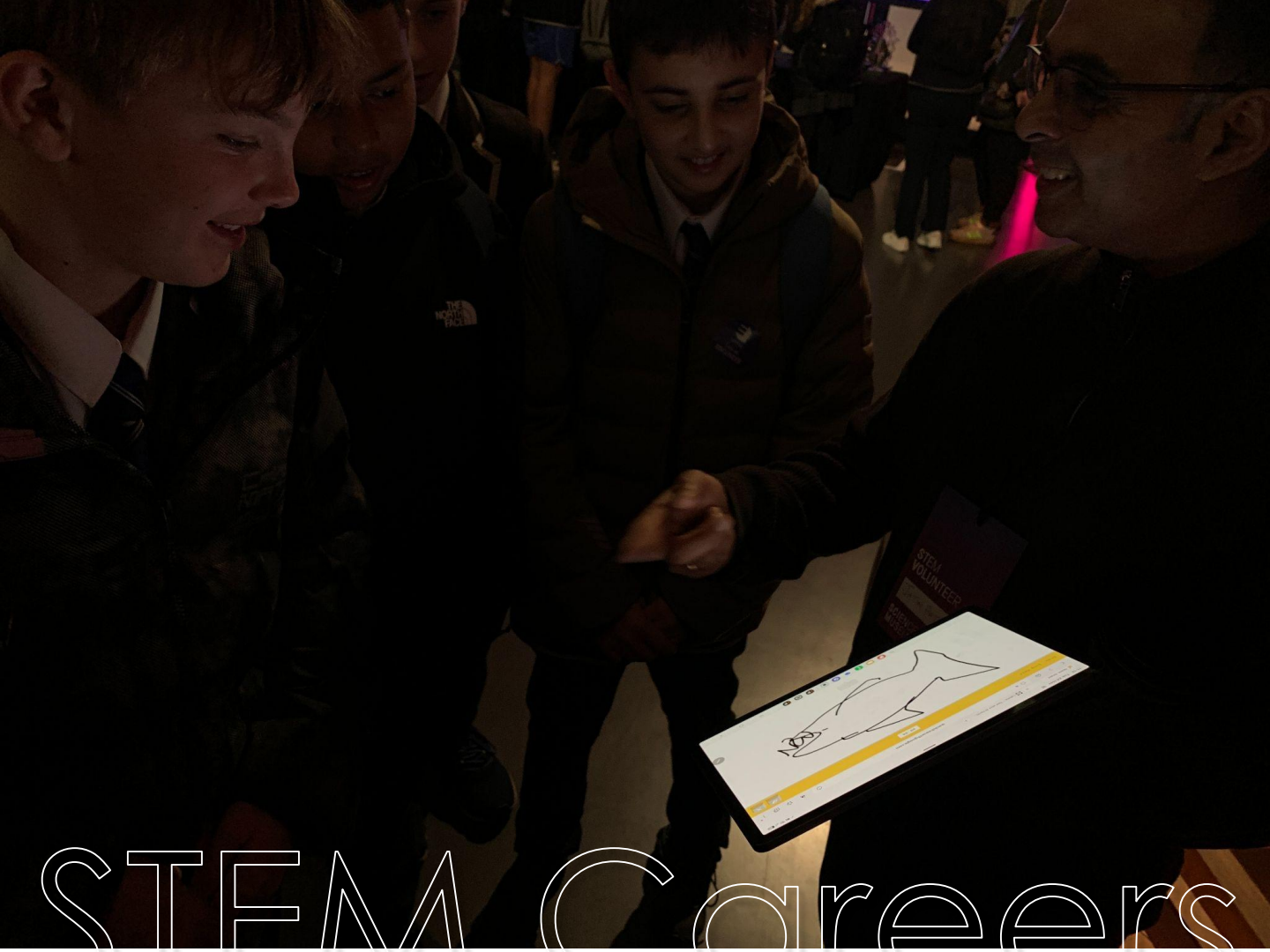
Finally, put away the alarm clocks for Monday: 30/11 is an INSET day. Students get a well-earned lie-in at home. Have a fantastic, restful long weekend!

Emila Gilly
Head of Year 8

Y9



STEM Careers



STEM Careers

On Tuesday, a group of year 9 students visited the Science Museum for their annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers event. Expertly organised by Mr McCormick, 30 students had the opportunity to speak to representatives from different industries in STEM fields and have hands-on experience of some tasks that they do as part of their jobs.

Companies such as GSK, STEM Learning, CGI, Techfirst and many more engaged our students in activities and talked about the range of jobs available. One student, Tom particularly enjoyed beating Mr McCormick in the speed reaction challenge with a time of 0.235 seconds!

Other students feedback about the event:
'We enjoyed the range of interactive activities e.g. making a binary coded key chain, the impact on Robots with human interaction, breaking the bank and the plug race'

This was followed by a Q&A session with representatives from Software Engineering and Robotic Engineering. Our students demonstrated their excellent communication and listening skills, asking the speakers some great questions and one student reflected ‘I learnt about working in the computing industry and how AI is impacting on jobs in tech’.

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After lunch, students got to spend time in the Space Gallery discover inspiring stories of human achievement in space travel, and see significant space objects e.g. The Sokol spacesuit worn by Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space.



Many thanks to Ted McCormick, Charlotte McCorriston and Bernie Corrighan for leading the trip.

Please see the following resources for students and parents/carers who want to explore the range of jobs in STEM industries:

STEM Careers - Youth Employment UK
Explore STEM careers | Be inspired | Imperial College London

Y11

Year 11 students took part in Academic Tutoring Day on Thursday, where they reviewed their reports, celebrated what is going well and identified areas for further improvement. They also set targets to help them focus on the next stage of their learning.

Looking ahead, their first trial exams began today and continue throughout the following week. This is an important opportunity for students to put the revision techniques and strategies they have developed this term into practice.

We wish all of Year 11 the very best of luck in their exams!

Dan Tandy
Head of Year 11



South Thames Colleges Group T Level Virtual Open Event for parents + carers: post-16 options information - Wednesday 9 December, 6 - 7pm

South Thames Colleges Group's schools partnership team will be sharing important information about T Levels as a post 16 option across Merton and Kingston, particularly focusing on Engineering and I.T options at the colleges.

The webinar will cover:
· the difference between T Levels and more traditional BTECs and A Levels as a post 16 option;
· the student experience (including teaching and learning, employer engagement and industry placement); and
· how a T Level is assessed, what success and what typical progression can look like

Our schools partnership team regularly go to schools across South West London, Surrey and Middlesex to present options and next steps to students.

This online information evening on Weds 9 Dec (6 - 7pm) is geared towards parents and carers and their children, to inform and support their understanding of T Levels as a post 16 option.

Please click here to sign up.

This virtual open event will take place on Microsoft Teams. Joining instructions will be sent prior to the start date.

Stars of the Week
English

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7	Zoe Buckle	English	Excellent contributions
7	Maisie Shaw	English	Excellent classwork
8	Imogen Shearer	English	Excellent classwork
8	Sofia Mursalimov	English	Excellent engagement in class
9	Elliot Green-Reed	English	Excellent engagement in class
10	Kaitlyn Glass	English	Excellent test results
11	Dina Nikpour	English	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Odile Furminieux	English	Excellent homework
13	Valerie Lee	EPQ	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Stanley Monaghan	English	Excellent homework

Attendance Matters

16 November to 20 November

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	**96.8%**
Year 8	**95.1%**
Year 9	**96.4%**
Year 10	**95.3%**
Year 11	**93.8%**

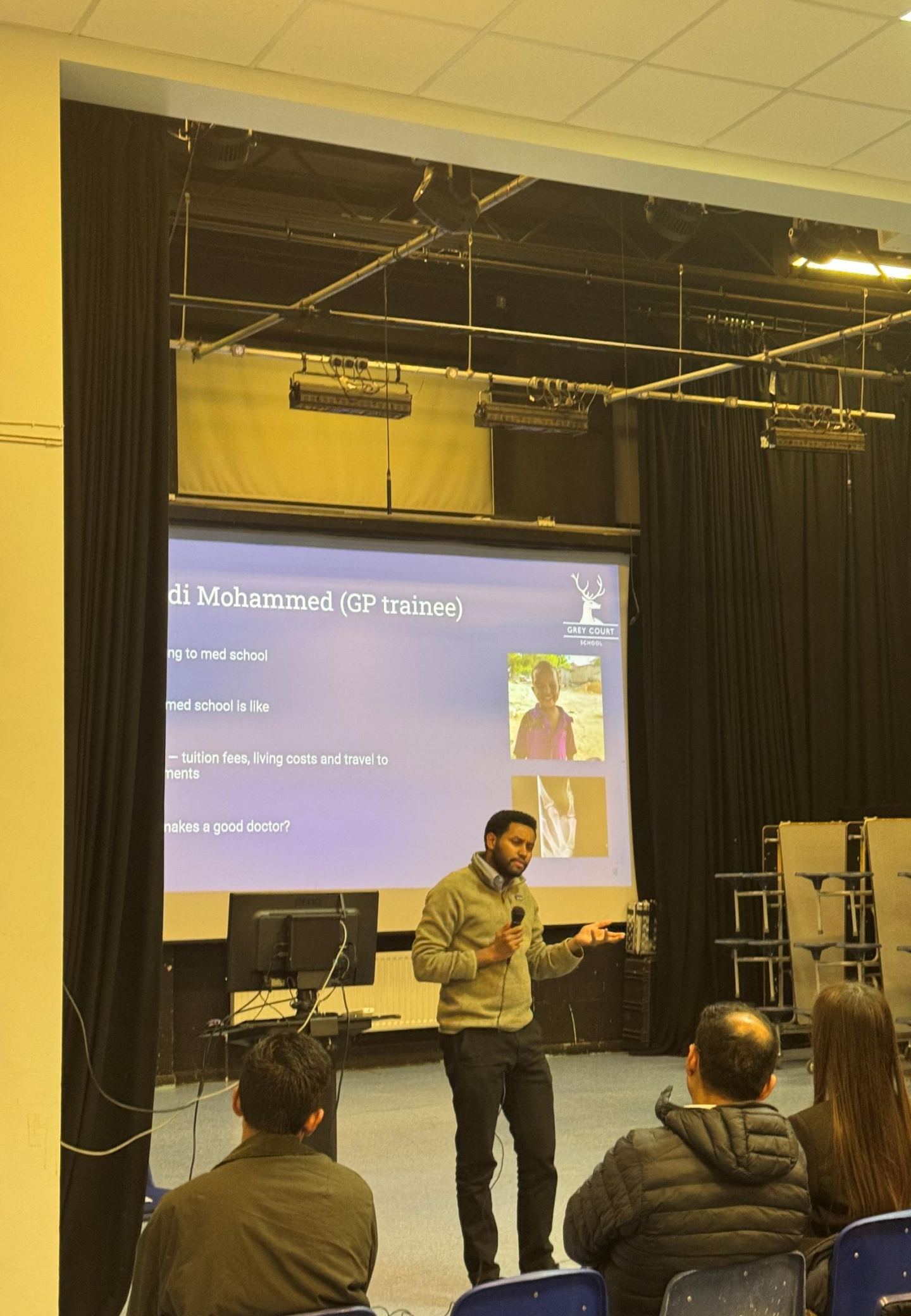
Tutor Group	Attendance %
8 Beech	**99.4%**
8 Elm	**98.7%**
9 Rowan	**98.8%**
10 Elm	**98.7%**
11 Elm	**98.1%**



Meet the Medics

We were delighted to welcome professionals from across the healthcare sector to Grey Court last Thursday for our **'Meet the Medics'** event. The evening brought together an inspiring group of speakers, each sharing their experiences, journeys and insights into the realities of working in healthcare.

A huge thank you to:
Dr James Bapty – Military General Duties Medical Officer and Ophthalmologist
Janine Shaw – Physiotherapist
Dr Scott Ferris – Medical Psychotherapist and former Grey Court student
Dr Sophie-Golda Reginald – GP Registrar and Medical Educator, and former Grey Court student
Dr Abdi Mohammed – GP Trainee
Andrew Chappell – Paramedic
Dr Luciana Melo – Consultant in Endodontics and Senior Lecturer at King's College London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Meet the Medics

Students from Years 10-13 particularly benefited from hearing these first-hand experiences and having the opportunity to put their many questions to our speakers during an interactive Q&A session, finding more about navigating the medical school application process and life as a medical student to the day-to-day responsibilities of different healthcare professionals.

There were some important messages for our aspiring medics:

Seek out opportunities to work with and engage **directly with people**. Understanding how to communicate with and care for others is invaluable.

A career in healthcare can be demanding, but it also offers enormous opportunities to make a **meaningful difference** to people's lives.

There is **no single route into healthcare**, and the range of careers and specialisms is far broader than many students realise. Even within one specialism, no two careers are the same and you can align it with your passions.

A **genuine interest** in people, a willingness to learn, resilience and hard work are essential.

The evening was a great success, and we hope it left students feeling both informed and inspired. The slides can be found here for more information.

A final, enormous thank you to all our speakers for sharing their experiences and giving up their precious spare time to support the next generation of healthcare professionals. We look forward to welcoming Dr Sophie back to Grey Court for a medical ethics session with our sixth formers, and to welcoming our next cohort of aspiring medics into MedSoc in 2027!

Hannah Bapty
Head of Biology


Dr James Bapty - Army Doctor
Supported by Army through university
University of Nottingham
F1, F2 Portsmouth
General Duties Medical Officer (3yrs)
Now NHS Ophthalmology
Occupational health
Force health protection
General practice
Pre-hospital care


Andrew Chappell (Paramedic)
GREY COURT
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Ham House
Workshop

Ham House Workshop

On Thursday 19 November our VPA scholars, select GCSE Textile students and Creative Writing and Poetry Club students visited Ham House. This was to launch a very exciting project in which these students will be making artwork and creative writings inspired by the environment of Ham House and a four hundred year old Chinese screen which will be displayed at the House next year. On what was a very busy visit the students gathered information and ideas all under the expert leadership of Sarah McGrady- Collections and House Manager- who commented 'they were so engaged, inquisitive and very respectful of the house and the historic objects we were looking at'. With congratulations to all the students involved and particularly thanks to Ms Clark for planning a trip which actually ran on her day off! The work Grey Court students make will be displayed from May 2027. We look forward to showing you how they progress.

Cat Bowie
Subject Lead for Art and Design








Ham House


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Wellbeing



Webinar for parents and carers

I Wish I'd Known – a webinar for parents and caregivers on young people, drugs and decisions from the DSM Foundation.

We would like to invite you to a drug and alcohol awareness webinar for parents and caregivers led by drug education charity the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation and funded by Kingston Public Health. This will be held on Tuesday 1 December at 6:30pm.

This session provides an opportunity for you to become more aware of what issues face your children, and what you can do to help them stay safe. You can ask questions before the session via the online survey link you will receive, and during the workshop itself.

Find out more here.
Register for the event here.

ASD
Parent/Carer Support Group



Wednesday 2nd December 2026

9.30 to 11am

at

Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

Join us for coffee, biscuits and chat to other parents that understand!

If you would like to come along, please register by following this link: https://forms.gle/McLWXffuk7ykEXWZA
or contact

Jane Pidduck (e-mail jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk*)*

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.

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2. Sign up with email & select a password
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4. Download the donation reminder

OR

5. Download the app



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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

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A drawing competition for children aged 12 and under



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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.



Sixth Form News

Y13



This year is the 50th Anniversary of Agatha Christie's death. As such, our current year 13 English literature students were lucky enough to attend a crime fiction festival at the British Library. We visited the new Agatha Christie exhibition, took part in a workshop on crime writing and attended a panel discussion with a range of current crime writers. This included Lucy Foley, who has written the new Miss Marple for the Agatha Christie estate. It was a marvellous opportunity for literary enrichment and also useful knowledge for the crime literature paper we study in year 13.

Gemma Finchman

Trial Exams Y13

Year 13s have started their trial exams in an exemplary fashion, with all students arriving on time and with a positive attitude. Many students have chosen to come into school to revise quietly, or in small groups, which is really lovely to see. Students are welcome to work at school during study leave if they would like to. Please be reminded that study leave runs until Tuesday 8 December, with all students back in for normal lessons on Wednesday 9 December. Good luck to everyone!

Maths Challenge

Our students have excelled at the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge again with seven students finishing in the top 11% of entrants and progressing to the next round, the UKMT Senior Kangaroo. We eagerly await their results.

Congratulations to: Matthew Bassi, Dylan Ellis, Ki Wai Lau, Sonya Mishchenko, Boris Petrov, Roan Williams, Frank Wong

UCAS Update

Please can the students who have not submitted their form see Ms Tanner, Ms Moore or Ms Higham. The feedback from students is that it is great to have it out of the way before their current exams and having offers is a great incentive to revise and achieve.

There is plenty of time for students to select their firm and insurance choices. Please talk to Ms Moore or Ms Tanner if you need help with making your choices. Remember an insurance choice should have lower grades than a firm choice just in case a student misses the grades for their firm choice.

Miss Fincham's EPQ Update

Once students have completed their mocks they must complete the December work review and use this to plan their work before and during the Christmas break. The 6th January is the approximate date by which all students should have submitted their draft to the google classroom for feedback from their supervisor. Specific dates for completion should be agreed with individual supervisors. By January students should be moving towards final drafts of their essay or artefact and preparation for their final presentations.

Miss Fincham's Oxbridge Update

We are almost at the end of the process for year 13. At the time of writing, students are finding out if they are through to interview and completing their final preparation. Good luck to all of these students. We will find out in mid January how many have secured a place.

This means our attention turns to those interested in the programme in the current year 12. There will be an opportunity for students to sign up for an initial trip to Oxford taking place in February. There are 28 places available and there will be an initial meeting in enrichment to outline the Oxbridge timeline and expectation to help students decide if they may want to pursue this pathway.

MedSoc

Last week students had the opportunity to have a conference call with one of our alumni who is in Year 3 of her medicine degree at University of Exeter. The students were able to get advice about how to approach their studies application process and interview preparation from someone who had recently gone through it. Year 12 students also volunteered their time to help run the Meet the Medics event organised by Ms Bapty (Head of Biology). This event featured 6 medics from different fields who inspired students to get into a medicine related career. Year 12 students reflected on their experiences last week and started to take a look at various work experience opportunities and their importance. The Year 13 students are starting to get their interview invites and will be meeting with Mr Bhumbla as part of their preparation.

Work Experience and Careers Support Y12

Work experience was launched in assembly for year 12 last week, please see the slides: WEX student launch - Nov 2026
Work experience takes place 28 June - 2 July 2027 and students can now start to look for placements. All placements have to be entered on to the Unifrog placements tool to be approved by the school by March 2027. Students are working on their CVs to help them to prepare to apply 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 27/11/2026

Friends and Founders Event

Thursday 3 December
6.15pm to 8.15pm

Students should meet in the main school hall at 6.15pm and the networking event runs from 6.30-8.15pm.

ALL YEAR 12 Students are expected to attend and they will meet with a range of people from different career areas, the idea is to open their minds to different education and career pathways. They also develop vital skills for the future including presentation and communication skills, which are vital in an increasingly competitive job market.

They will be matched with volunteers based on their answers from a recent questionnaire and they will have free time in the last 15-30 mins to talk to any guests they didn't get matched with.

We advise students to dress smartly as they would for an interview (See photos)





You need to bring a copy of your CV that you have produced over the last couple of weeks.

Students will have a briefing on Wednesday 2nd Dec.

This event has often led to work experience placements and in some cases full time jobs.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan (Careers)
bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

SPORTS News




Borough Comp
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Borough Comp X-Country



Some of our year 7 students at the borough comp on Friday 20 November.

Scholar of the Month

Valentina Vazquez Mendizabal

Valentina Vazquez Mendizabal

Scholar of the Month

Valentina is a truly deserving recipient of this month's Scholar of the Month award, demonstrating exceptional talent, dedication and determination across a range of sporting activities.

Valentina has had an outstanding start to sport here at Grey Court, particularly in cross country, where her hard work and commitment have seen her reach the National Finals which will be taking place on Saturday 5th December. She has also competed at the Borough Cross Country Championships where she placed in the top 3 runners and has quickly become a huge asset to the U13 running squad.

Alongside her impressive running achievements, Valentina plays a key role in the Year 7 girls' football team, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and commitment. She has also represented the school in the U12 Girls' T1 Rugby team, helping the team achieve an excellent second place in their pool at the Middlesex competition.

Valentina is a fantastic all-round sportswoman who consistently demonstrates a positive attitude, resilience and a willingness to challenge herself. Her determination to succeed, combined with her natural talent and hard-working attitude, makes her a wonderful role model for others.

Congratulations, Valentina! You should be incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. Keep up the fantastic work!

Scholar of the Month

Samuel Smith

Samuel Smith

Scholar of the Month

Samuel has had a great month of sport, representing the A team in football, rugby, cross country and Hyrox. Samuel's willingness to work hard for his team no matter the sport shows the grit and determination that he brings to all of his performances.

He has cemented his place in defence for the football team where his pace, power and physicality have been instrumental. His desire on the pitch sets the standard for others, which is a great quality to have on a football pitch. Samuel takes that mentality into his rugby too, always willing to make a tackle and run hard, making him an important part of the rugby team in recent weeks who will be hoping to win their Borough semi final after Christmas. Samuel has also worked really hard since the start of the term to get himself in the cross country team and was selected for the Borough cross country team last Friday.

As winter nets have started for our best cricketers across the school, Samuel has had the chance to enjoy morning nets with our coaches. Samuel's technical ability is clear to see and we look forward to seeing what the cricket season brings for him and our Year 7 team. On top of this, Samuel has been chosen as the Roman Sports Captain for year 7.

Well done, Samuel.



Team of the Month

Girls Rugby Squad

Congratulations to our **Girls' Rugby squad**, who had a great performance at the Middlesex Rugby Festival.

The **U14 team** demonstrated speed, skill, and teamwork on the field, overcoming tough competition to place 2nd overall. A standout performance from top try scorer Erin B, with some incredible interceptions and footwork.

This was the first-ever fixture for our **U12 team**, with many never having played rugby before. The girls came away with 2 wins, showing great teamwork and ball-handling skills throughout.

Our **U16 girls** competed in a mixed team that combined players from different schools around the borough. Congratulations to Laila T (U16) for being awarded Player of the Tournament - a fantastic achievement.



Mixed Swimming Squad

A huge congratulations to our Inter Mixed Swimming Squad consisting of Nathan, Oli, Millie and Sofia who are our team of the month following an outstanding performance at the ESSA National Finals on Saturday 21 November at Sandwell Aquatics Centre. Competing against some of the very best school swimming teams in the country, this quartet showed their tremendous talent throughout the gala. The team secured an impressive 3rd place in the 4 x 50m Medley Relay and then went one better in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay, producing a superb swim to claim the National title and become ESSA National Champions. Winning a national final is an incredible achievement and a testament to their talent and the countless hours of training that these 4 students do. Nathan, Oli, Millie and Sofia have represented the school brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of them. Well done to our National Champions.


What's happening...

Did your child miss their flu vaccine at school?

From 1 December, children in Reception to Year 11 who missed the school flu vaccine can have it free on the NHS at local pharmacies, including The Kingston Pharmacy on Surbiton Road. It's the same nasal spray given at school, and you can book a time that suits you through the pharmacy's **online booking form** or by calling 020 8546 0372.

Children with a long-term health condition such as asthma can be vaccinated now. A parent or guardian should come along to the appointment.

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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

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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.

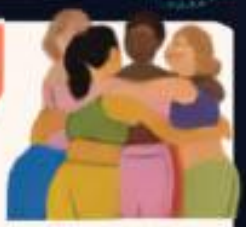
FRIDAYS



3-5PM

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

SATURDAYS



6-8PM

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Week 1 — MONDAY 7 TO THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER

MON 7 DEC — Ham South

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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

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Sunday, 24th January 2027 7pm – 9pm

Doors open 6:30pm

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PROGRAMME

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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

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The Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Nancy Baldwin

Refreshments and conversation

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Emma Toft



Miss Parr

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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
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- 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

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