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Charity Art Auction

13 October 2021

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School Photo Day

School Photo Day will take place on the 6 October.

Students who have PE on the 6 October can still wear their PE kit to school but must bring their blazer for their photograph.

Details on how to order the photos will be announced in due course.

6 October

Notices

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FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

school menu

Image on cover:

Ruth Blackford, *Kidsplay: Pogostick*, 2015

GREY COURT SCHOOL

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Charity Art Auction

13 October 2021

Our Grey Court charity art auction is just two weeks away. We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to see some of the remarkable works that are being auctioned for charity.

Click here to view the complete catalogue

Proceedings will be in the hands - and gavel - of professional auctioneer, Frances Christie of Sotheby's who has generously donated her time.

The Richmond Golf Club has been a generous community neighbour in hosting this event for us. If you've never taken the opportunity to visit this iconic venue then our art auction provides a perfect excuse. You will feel like Sean Connery's Bond approaching the golf venue in Goldfinger (you know, the one where OddJob decapitates the romanesque statue with his bowler hat) such is the grandeur of the setting. **Ticketholders** will be met with a welcome drink and canapes while ambient music will be provided by some of our talented Sixth Formers.

Can't attend but still want to bid?

If you like what you see and you want to own an original Sir Quentin Blake, Christian Furr or Axel Scheffler, **you can bid online here**

Want to grab a collectable artist for pocket money prices?

Half of the lots in the postcard art sale have been produced by professional artists.

The artist will only be revealed when the postcard is sold. The starting price for all postcards is £10.

Bidding for Affordable postcard art can be done here:

We hope you are able to support this truly unique event.

Several works of art are featured throughout this bulletin and can also be viewed in the catalogue link above.

CLUB NEWS

Extracurricular Club Timetable

Click **here** to download

ORIGAMI CLUB

Year Group: 7,8 and 9

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 03.00pm to 03.30pm

Venue: M4

Teacher: Ms Bozzard Hill

KS3 Maths Surgery

Year Group: 7, 8 and 9

Day: Thursdays

Time: 03.00pm to 03.30pm

Venue: M5

Teacher: Mr Lee

Y10 MATHS SURGERY

starting on Monday, 4 October

Time: 03.00pm to 03.45pm

Venue: M3

These paintings are part of the Postcard Auction

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#KS3+KS4

#Y7

Mr Day

Well done to Y7s for another excellent week.

This week would ordinarily be parents' information evening. We are doing this virtually this year. Please take the time to watch the videos made by myself, Mr Jacob and Ms Price on a range of important areas. We hope that you find these videos useful and informative.

Following from the videos our focus for the next two weeks in Y7 will be on HW. Students should now be settled in their routines and organisation after any early misunderstandings. Students must ensure that their planners are up to date and all HW written in with the date it is due. Please support us at home by ensuring that you sign your child's planner each week and ensure that they are being kept near and up to date. Y7s have access to the library at lunch times to complete any HW and can contact teachers via google classroom if they need any help.

A quick note on WhatsApp. Please be aware that WhatsApp (and many other social media platforms) have age restrictions of 12+ meaning no student in Y7 should have access to these. We find students in Y7 are unable to manage themselves on this app and leads to numerous pastoral issues. Please ensure your child is not on these apps - or if this is not possible that they are monitored closely. No student should be a part of a Grey Court WhatsApp group as this tends to lead to issues.

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Y7 STARS OF THE WEEK

A	Lizzy W	For outstanding planner organisational skills and kindness to others
B	Oscar B	For impressing teachers with his maturity and for always being organised and proactive during form time.
C	Kyara K	For being supportive and kind to her friends
E	Leo K	For always being positive and kind in form time as well as showing a great improvement in punctuality.
M	Rory C	For getting involved with lots of school clubs
O	Honey S	For always being smiley, positive and kind in form time
R	Deeba Z	For always putting in effort, being very positive and showing kindness to others
W	Fouad H	For quickly adapting to his return to school

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Our assemblies this week have focused on Pay it Forward for Y9 and Gradu8 for Y8.

#Y8+Y9

Mr Ridley

Pay it forward is about performing acts of kindness to people and how this can create a community that is positive and makes people feel good about themselves.

Most pay-it-forward lines in which someone pays for the order behind them don't last more than a few people, if even that. But after a woman at a Starbucks in St. Petersburg, Fla., paid for her iced coffee and the caramel macchiato a customer behind her ordered, the line continued for a whopping 378 people. Everyone accepted their free drink and paid for the customer behind them all the way up until 6 p.m. that night when the 379th person ordered a coffee and declined to pay for the next one. Apparently they didn't understand the concept of paying it forward, but it's pretty incredible it lasted that long to begin with. I highlighted this to the students and challenged them to seek ways in which they can pay it forward, with good deeds and kindness.

The Y8 students were formally introduced to The Gradu8 Challenge which is our core programme for the year. I talked through the different challenges and explained why we use this programme to help continue the high levels of focus and engagement that we typically see from Y7 students. The challenges will be posted on Google Classroom throughout the year, as well as the Information booklet that accompanies the programme.

A magnified section of the painting by S.Simler, *Bitumen Splash*

AR Stars of the Week

Accelerated Reader Stars are chosen because they have excelled at Accelerated Reader, whether it is because they have passed a lot of quizzes, earning lots of points whilst maintaining a high average pass percentage. These particular students should be praised and rewarded.

7 Ash
Harry Wright

7 Beech
Oscar Ballantine

8aC
Kimarley Lodge-Williams
Jasper Sguiri

8aL
Zeliha Asan
Zac Emmerson
George Fennell
Sophie Robinson
Laura Wise

8aV
Eva Logan-Wilson

8aX
Francis Dewar
Holly Gee
Felix Hodgkinson-Last
Alessandro Leguel
Pola Lewko
Nidhi Patel
Ali Shahjahan

8bL
Zakaria Selami
Jootveer Sohal
Alec Georgiev

8bV
Finn Davis
Lars Hesse
Martha Huddart
Indira Peters-Sutherland
Maia Sehgal
Mali Westbrook

Book of the Week

What's worse than hiding a secret? Liccle Bit's about to find out...
Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liccle Bit, and his two best friends, McKay and Jonah, never tire of telling him he has no chance with girls. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liccle Bit wishes he could do something - anything! - to make life better.

When the hottest girl in school starts paying Liccle Bit attention, he secretly hopes he's on a fast track to a first date. Unfortunately, as a new gang war breaks out, he finds himself on a fast track to something much more sinister. South Crongton's notorious gang leader has taken an interest in Liccle Bit. Before he knows what's happening, he finds himself running errands and his life spirals out of control.

"What a gripping tale of family and friends, love and loyalty ... Lemar's voice is so strong and I loved the humour in it too."
Malorie Blackman, Children's Laureate

Wheatle spent much of his childhood in a Shirley Oaks children's home. He was a founder member of the Crucial Rocker sound system; his DJ name was Yardman Irie. Wheatle was living in a social services hostels in Brixton during the 80s and participated in the 1981 Brixton riots and aftermath. While serving his resulting sentence he read authors such as Chester Himes, Richard Wright, C. L. R. James and John Steinbeck.
He received the London Arts Board New Writers Award in 1999 for his debut novel Brixton Rock.
In the Queen's Birthday Honours 2008, Wheatle was awarded the MBE for services to literature.

Axel Scheffler, *Janet and Bill, 2020*

#Y9

Isabella Flint passed her Grade 5 Ballet exam with Merit recently.

Not only did she do most of her classes remotely via Zoom due to the pandemic, but she progressed from Grade 4 exams to Grade 5 exams after only 6 months (usually this would take a year). She also obtained the second highest mark for her exam in the whole ballet school. Well done, Isabella!

FIGHTING CRIME WITH STEM

Our Y7, Y8, Y9 and some Y10 Computer Science students took part in the Fighting Crime with STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) webinars on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week as part of the Metropolitan Police Service's inclusion week.

The aims of the session were:

- To provide an insight into the different Science Technology Engineering and Maths activities
- explore roles that exist within the Metropolitan Police from technology to forensics.
- live panel of 3 MPS staff who will talk about their roles, what they do on a daily basis and how they got there.

There were 4 people on the panel. We heard from Paul, Chris and Julianne. Paul manages an audio and video forensic labs and spoke about device recovery and CCTV. Chris was a policeman and now works for the bodycam team bringing the latest technology to police officers everyday and looking at new technology to support active cases. Julianna is a forensic scientist and working in the biometric forensic science. The panel spoke about their roles, how they use STEM everyday, how students could start a role within the Metropolitan Police Service.

They also took questions from our students about their roles, talking about their cases, how their day to day job works and how their roles contribute to cases.

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker

Rugby at Grey Court is going from strength to strength. Each Wednesday, large crowds gather at the rugby pitch to support our 1st XV rugby team. We are delighted that so many Y11 students are there to support the team and especially pleased that our Y11 students are in the rugby team representing the school. Yesterday saw a closely fought match with local rivals Orleans Park, with Grey Court coming out the victor at the end. This represents Grey Court community at its best!

Important dates for your diary

Activity Day: 15th October

This whole school Activity Day is a Grey Court tradition allowing students to experience new opportunities or enhance their progress in crucial coursework subjects. Both Y10 and Y11 will be in school on the 15 October. Y10 will have a Life Skills day with a variety of activities and outside speakers on hand to engage with the students. Y11 will have an academic drop down day which will focus on subject that have coursework. Exact details to follow shortly.

INSET Days: 1 and 2 November - Y11 students are required to attend school on these days in their school uniform. Monday 1 November will be a revision studies day with students benefiting from bespoke revision sessions in English, Maths and Revision Skills. This is designed to support the students as they have Maths and English Trial Exams on the 2 November. We will inform students and yourselves of the exact timings of each day shortly.

#Y10
#Y11

Community Languages GCSEs

If your child speaks and writes a second language fluently at home, they may want to consider taking an additional GCSE in Community Languages this academic year.

These languages include: Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish and Urdu. The exam board we use is Pearson Edexcel.

The students will need to complete a mock exam at Grey Court in November and you will be provided with detailed information by email. There will also be a cost attached to your child's exam entry.

If they are interested in taking the exam and if you haven't been in touch yet, please send a confirmation email to Ms Song (osong@greycourt.org.uk) with your child's full name, tutor group and the language they are taking by 31 October.

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

Arabic
Biblical Hebrew
Chinese
French
GERMAN
Greek
GUJARATI
Italian
Japanese
Persian
Portuguese
Russian
SPANISH
Turkish
Urdu

PDW

Y7 The Grey Court Mindset

This week: Trust and Gossip

Next week: Friendship and Empathy

Y8 - UK Political Parties and Government

This week: What is Local Government?

Next week: Devolved Government in the UK

Y9 - Looking after your body

This week: Periods, the menstrual cycle and PMS

Next week: How can you maintain a strong immune system

Y10 - Starting GCSEs and Healthy Relationships

This week: What are coercive and controlling relationships?

Next week: What does a safe and positive relationship look like?

Y11 - Careers

This week: Applying to Grey Court Sixth Form

Next week: Unifrog

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Nick Bostan, Intimations of Immortality and Barn Doors

by Mr Clements

A huge congratulations to the Year 11 football team for their 4 -1 defeat of Christ's School on a blustery Thursday afternoon on Fortress Bull Meadow. It was great to see Nick Bostan "boss" the defence in true "Martin Keown" style. However, when I shouted "Keeeeoooowwnn" at him he looked dazed and confused - at which point Mr Murphy interjected that "Bostan wasn't born when Keown was playing, Sir." However, Mr Rhodes found the "Dad" joke funny, so that's okay.

It was a welcome return to form for the year 11 football team which has coincided with the return of Bostan to defence after an intimation of immortality had caused him to proclaim that he was a "centre-forward." Mr Murphy, was even persuaded to apply for planning permission for two very large barn doors to be erected on Bull meadow. However, when these eluded Nick he was moved back to his natural place in the centre of defence.

Indeed, I have been observing Nicolas play a 7-a-side hybrid of rugby and football in the sports-hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays with his team-mates. He has proved to be outstanding at heading, barging, grappling, shuffling, kicking and elbowing - skills that "man of dual codes," Mr Murphy has rightly identified as the qualities of an outstanding centre back. The boys also seem to enjoy chest thumping, roaring, high-fiving, back slapping and hugging Luca Mohanty whenever a goal is scored - which is frequently.

In fact the biggest cheer of the afternoon was reserved for Bostan when he launched a thunderous clearance 300 ft into the air that threatened to land on the designer greenhouse of the local resident whose house backs onto Bull Meadow. Whilst the greenhouse - to middle aged men like me and Mr Rhodes is an object d'art - it is either an act of hubris or some metaphor for "fate" especially when Mr Bostan is playing!

With regards to *the other* code - I was impressed to see Billy Bachelor - play as Bostan's centre-back partner - only 24 hours after his front row appearance in the first XV's rugby team's two point victory over Orleans school. How he managed to play two games in such a short amount of time, I can only put down to strength, conditioning, optimism and YOUTH! Which - like a perfectly flighted pop pass allows me to transition effortlessly to returning Grey Court prop Xavier Barratt. The maverick Barratt - having recently recovered from illness and injury, opted to don a retro cotton weave Grey Court rugby jersey at the foot of the scrum, which made him look like a refugee from a 1970s Lions tour to New Zealand. Fatigued after bearing the weight of the team on his broad shoulders, but clearly rather pleased with his cameo, Xavier cited his inspiration for playing as Mr Willmore. With a masochistic and slightly worrying smile he stated, "I had to...or Mr Willmore would find me!"

After three warm up victories over Esher, Claremont and Orleans in the space of eight days: Murphy, Flood and Willmore (in an old skool motivational capacity) are currently holed up in the basement of Numan House - listening to Irish hip-hop and plotting the downfall of Tiffin in the next round - indeed if Bostan's clearance ever lands, maybe Mr Murphy will even persuade him to switch codes?

The Two Titans of the Tudor drive catchment will meet on the Grey Court paddock at 2.30pm next Wednesday. Grey Court CEO, (himself *a real veteran of 1970s Lions tours) Mr Ali, has even threatened to make a guest appearance as a guest "over-age" player. Spectators are welcome - bring your Barbours and Burberry blankets!*

London Marathon

Maths teacher, Y8 Elm form tutor and all round legend Rob Lunniss has been preparing for his first ever London Marathon.

The marathon is on Sunday, 3 October

Rob is raising money for two charities:

The Grey Court Education Fund which is fundraising to build a new sports Pavilion. As well as providing space for students, this will provide a vital home ground space for youth cricket for the area.

Momentum: this is a local children's charity that works with families across SW London, Surrey and Sussex whose children have cancer or other life changing conditions.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

How can you help

Support Rob's fundraising

follow the link and help Rob support these two charities

Spread the word Share his page far and wide among family and friends.

For those who are unfamiliar with the work of momentum, it is a charity close to the hearts of the Grey Court Community. It has supported many of our own families when they have faced the toughest times. The work they do is amazing, heartfelt, really, really difficult and absolutely necessary at a time of greatest need.

Others can help

Come and cheer along the route

Anyone who has ever run a marathon will tell you that the sight of family friends (and maths students) cheering you on provides a vital energy boost and really helps all runner across the finish line.

2 teachers for the price of one

If you decide to come and support, it won't just be **Rob Lunniss** pounding the streets, **Issy Garrard** is also taking part. Our PE teacher, hockey legend and running supremo has been invited back to compete in the London marathon once more by virtue of being one of the fastest runners in her age category. Two teachers means your support can have double the impact.

Good luck Issy & Rob.
We're all behind you!

A magnified section of the painting by Christian Furr, *Thames from Richmond Hill Fire*

Activity Day

Please click on the links below for additional information about the trips and costs involved.

Year Group	A band	B band
7	**Whipsnade Zoo** Click here for the letter	**Environmental Day** Click here for the letter
8	**Windsor Castle** Click here for the letter	**Portsmouth Naval Dockyard** Click here for the letter
9	**Box Hill** Click here for the letter	**Newlands Corner** Click here for the letter
10	**Life Skills Day** Click here for the letter	
11	**Drop down day for option subjects/personal statements** Click here for the letter	
12 + 13	**The Apprentice Challenge in London** Click here for the letter	

Friday 15 October

Activity Day

Activity Day

WELLBEING

THINK U Know - Our parents and carers website has been recently updated and provides advice and guidance on a number of topics such as sharing images, social media, live-streaming, gaming and more.

The Education Hub

For Mental Health Resources for Children

For useful links and sources of mental health support so that children and young people,parents, and carers click **here**

BBC Bitesize

Parents' Toolkit

For top tips, expert advice and fun activities to help you support your child's wellbeing and learning, click here

MHST Workshop: Separation anxiety

We recently advertised details of parent/carer separation anxiety workshops being run by the MHST. These workshops were incredibly popular and all spaces were taken in a very short amount of time! Two extra dates have been added at the start of October:

Does your child or young person really struggle to separate from you when they go to school? Following lockdown, a lot of children and young people are finding it hard to separate from parents and caregivers. The MHST will be running a live 90 minute workshop on separation anxiety for parents/carers. The aim of this workshop is to help you identify anxious behaviours, think about what maintains these and provide you with some ideas on what you can do to help your child or young person overcome these challenges.

The MHST will be running one workshop over 2 dates (please note, it will be the same workshop offered on each date). Please book your tickets for one workshop using the Eventbrite link below.

Friday, 8 October (1pm - 2.30pm):

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-08102021-tickets-178134122957

Monday, 11 October (12pm -1.30pm):

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-11102021-tickets-178135797967

For further information, please read this leaflet.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre - National Crime Agency report concerns to CEOP using the "Click CEOP" button

Think U Know - resources and advice for parents, professionals, children and young people

Netaware- support for parents and carers from the NSPCC and O2, including invaluable guides to social networks, apps and games

NOS - provides knowledge parents need to understand online dangers and how best to react should an incident arise.

Childnet - toolkit to support discussions about online life, set boundaries around online behaviour and find out where to get further help and support.

Common sensemedia - provide independent reviews, age ratings and other information about all types of media for children and parents

Stop Online Abuse - report online sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia

Parent Port - report inappropriate content (on and offline)

Report Harmful Content - support users over the age of 13 who have already submitted a report to industry regarding harmful content and would like outcomes reviewed

Internet matters - provide age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls and a host of practical tips

Uk Safer Internet Centre- tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online

Parentzone - help for parents and carers on how to keep their children safe online

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation - Stopit now resources : Advice, self-help and educational programmes about online abuse (including peer on peer abuse)

Cyber Aware

Internet Watch Foundation

Keeping your Child Safe Online

Parental/Carer Support

Following on from the Parent/Carer Information Presentations (which can be found on the website) on how to keep your child safe online further information, support and guidance can be found in the links above.

Sir Quentin Saxby Blake, hand-drawn, untitled and drawn especially for Grey Court

Sir Quentin Saxby Blake, CBE, FCSD, FRSL, RDI, is an English cartoonist, caricaturist, illustrator and children's writer. He has illustrated over 300 books, including 18 written by Roald Dahl, which are among his most popular works.

#SixthForm

Parents' Information Videos

As we have not been able to have our usual Parents' Information Evenings we have put together a set of virtual assemblies for you to watch from home. If there are any follow up questions then please get in touch.

Year 12: Mr Taylor's Head of Year welcome assembly	Year 13: Mrs Moore's Head of Year Parent's assembly
Year 12 Welcome	Year 13 Welcome
- Structure of the school day - Attendance/signing in and out - Grey Court Edge - A Level license - Supervised study - Enrichment - Dress code - Threshold assessments	- Structure of the school day - Attendance/signing in and out - Enrichment - Dress code - Assessment cycle - UCAS - Wellbeing
Ms Higham's Wellbeing talk	**Sixth Form Wellbeing**

STAR OF THE WEEK

Oliver Zilli stopped on his way to school to help an injured member of the public, called an ambulance and waited with them until help arrived.

Huge congratulations to **Daisy** and **Emilia** for planning the very successful Macmillan bake sale during Friday's break time, and well done to everyone who contributed cakes and enthusiasm to the event! Nearly £60 was raised.

Macmillan Bake Sale

Alumni Update

An email from Alfie Price - Ex-Head Boy, now in Richmond, Virginia

Hi everyone,

I hope that you're doing great, and that the start of the new academic year has gone well.

I just wanted to give a little update on what is happening over on this side of the pond. I was elected as President of my Class last week, and I have attached a photo of me being sworn in so that was cool. I am volunteering as a middle-school literary tutor, a part of the Mock Trial Association, written 3 papers, and I am very much enjoying the weekends (Frat parties are actually really fun!).

I'll keep it short and sweet. But, I look forward to coming back in over the Christmas period to say hi!

Best wishes,
Alfie

Miss Fincham's Oxbridge Update

This week was the deadline for applying to the school's exams office for the pre-interview exams in November. If their course requires it, students need to be planning regular periods of work on past papers to prepare themselves for these papers. We have some links with Kings Wimbledon where some additional sessions will be offered. As well as this, some students signed themselves up for support from St Paul's, which is on-going. In school, I will be providing sessions for the students sitting the ELAT and Mr Conway will be looking at ways to support our cohort of engineers. All UCAS personal statements should now be complete and students need to have submitted these forms as a priority by the beginning of next week at the latest. A few of our most organised students have already submitted their forms and can now focus on the rest of the application process.

Miss FIncham's EPQ Update

Student action plans are due this week. Students should be broadening their research base and working on their bibliographies. I have been preparing the staff mentors and these will be assigned to students shortly. Once students know their mentors they will need to commit to meeting them weekly to update them on their progress and complete the key sections of their log book.

Oxbridge and EPQ in Y12

A few students in the new Y12 cohort have been asking me about Oxbridge applications and taking on an EPQ. Whilst I admire their enthusiasm, they need to use the first term to settle into their new courses and reflect on how well they are making the transition between GCSE and A level. If students are interested in Oxbridge, the process will start in February. EPQ for Y12 will begin in the summer after the Y12 exam.

TWENTY 20 COMMUNITY CRICKET

FOR THE LOVE OF CRICKET

Twenty20 Community Cricket are keen to provide cricketing sixth formers with some cricket action on Fridays after school. If you are interested please complete the booking **form**.

Careers @ Grey Court

by Ms Corrighan

(Head of Careers)

Grey Court provides a Career programme for all students. For more information on the Careers programme at school please visit:
Careers at Grey Court

Y11 Careers programme

In PDW this week students were introduced to a fantastic careers research called UNIFROG It is not just about University! It covers careers, sixth form/college, apprenticeships and much more. All students have been emailed their usernames and passwords to their school accounts.

Parents/carers can log in themselves using the form code 'GREYCPARENTS' and access an introductory presentation Parent_Launch_Presentation_Unifrog.pptxabout the programme.

Please see below for open events and details for the most popular options for our Y11 students:

College/Sixth Form	Open event date, time & Registration link
Grey Court Sixth Form	11th Nov 2021 - to be decided if in person or virtual. For information from 2020 event: Open evening 2020 Applications open NOW & close 15th December 2021 **For the PDW presentation on how to apply for Grey Court please see:** L3 - Applying for Grey Court 6th Form
Kingston College	Sat 9th October 10am -1pm Kingston College Open Event Applications open October 2021
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Sat 16th Oct 11am-1pm, Weds 20th Oct 5-8pm & Tues 9th Nov 5-8pm (Virtual events) Richmond College courses Applications open October 2021
Esher College	They have cancelled their July open event and are now offering tours in July & Sept. Book: Esher Open Events **Applications are open NOW and close on Monday 4th October 2021**
Nescot College (Epsom)	Sat 16th October 11am-2pm Event Registration · Customer Self-Service Applications open October 2021
BRIT School (Croydon)	Applications are open NOW and close in November 2021
Capel Manor College *Specialises in Animal & Land based courses*	Sat 9th October 10am-3pm Capel Manor Open events Applications open Oct/Nov 2021

Opportunities for students and parents/carers

On Wednesday, 13 October, 6.30- 8pm Hollyfield School are hosting a careers event which Y11 Grey Court students and parents/carers are invited to attend. There will be a range of careers represented as well as colleges and universities. Sectors covered are: graphics, medicine, armed services, construction, law, media & TV, finance, tech, sport, computing, psychology and much more! Ms Corrighan will be there to welcome Grey Court students/parents/carers into the event.

Please see the **Sixth form weekly opportunities bulletin** with the latest work experience, university events, apprenticeships and careers tasters: **27/09/21 Opportunities for Sixth Formers**

The Grey Court Training School

The Early Career Teachers National Programme Launch

It was a great pleasure to launch the national programme for the Early Career Teachers (ECTs) who started teaching in our Every Child, Every Day Trust, this September.

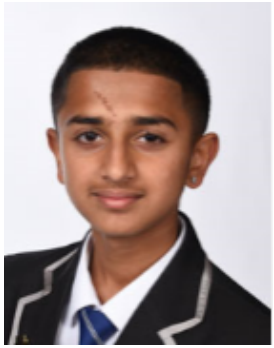
Ms Meri, Lead Facilitator in the Trust, gathered and welcomed all the 14 Early Career Teachers in our Trust, their mentors, their school governors. Ms Beedham and Ms Jones, the CEO of our Academy Trust, Mr Ali, Mr Denys Wallace, the Director Wandle Teaching School Hub (WTSH) and Strategic ECT Lead, the headteachers Ms Jackson and Mr Rhodes, the Induction Tutors Ms James and Ms O'Shea. This big event, captured by Ms Song, our talented Mandarin teacher, mentor and photographer, had a very warm celebration feeling to welcome everyone, and especially the ECTs. For the next two academic years, they will be trained along with their mentors, to follow the national programme designed by the University of Central London (UCL), and delivered by Ms Meri, Ms James and the team from The Wandle National Teaching School Hub. There are currently, in the UK, 270 Schools, 397 ECTs, 290 mentors to date and 48 facilitators following this national programme under the umbrella of UCL and The national Wandle Teaching School Hub. This is a real boost to our teaching profession because their mentors will also be trained, as well as their facilitators. As a Trust, we have been working with UCL for many years, training our middle leaders and senior leaders with their leadership courses, so we totally trust them with the high quality training and resources they will provide our ECTs with, and all the colleagues around them, supporting them. We wish all the best to our ECTs and their teams in their teaching journeys and professional development.

Sports' Stag

Autumn Sports' Timetable

Click **here**

Our U14 boys represented Richmond at the London Youth Games on Sunday, 19 September. The boys won the silver medal.

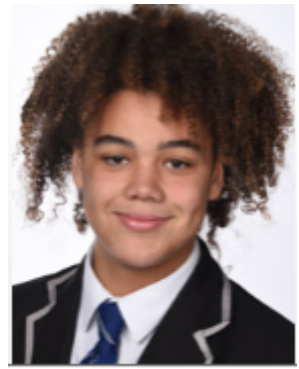


Isaiah LOURDES-KHAN

Congratulations to **Isaiah Lourdes-Khan** on being selected for the U14 Surrey Football Squad. Fantastic achievement!

Zuko Robb

Congratulations to **Zuko Robb** who won Double Gold at Meopham Open Karate Championship. Well done!



ESAA 1st round Cross Country at Harrow School

Great performance by the individuals and teams this week. Please see Link to all races.

Standout performances

Junior Boys: Rory Macgregor 2nd, Leo Dorey 4th - Junior Boys won the comp

Intermediate Boys: Luca Luetchens 2nd, Joshua Harwood-White 3rd, Jonas Buchbinder 6th and Jack Crane 7th - Intermediate Boys won the comp

Senior Boys: Sam Nesbitt 1st, Charlie Richardson 11th - Senior Boys 3rd

Junior Girls: Neve Rugette 10th, Bade Isik 12th - Junior Girls 8th

Intermediate Girls: Nina Blazevic 18th, Elsie Hobson 19th - Intermediate Girls 10th

Follow Grey Court PE

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE COURSE

The Cycle Coach Workshop is a **Beginner Bike Maintenance Course** that will train pupils how to perform preventative maintenance and repairs on their bike.

Workshop Programmes

The Cycle Coach workshop consists of 3-levels, BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD.

Bronze: Preventative Maintenance
Silver: Basic Repairs
Gold: Advanced Repairs

Note: Pupils that enrol on the Gold programme will also cover the content in the Silver and Bronze programme.

The three different programmes cover a range of pre, during and post ride maintenance activities which will help your pupil look after their bike and reduce the number of visits to the local bike shop.

Our qualified Bike Mechanics will use various forms of delivery to train pupils to understand the mechanics of their bicycle. These delivery methods include, discussions, observations, demonstrations, practicals and videos.

The three Workshop Orogrammes are divided into 4 categories:

Routine Maintenance & Repairs
Braking Systems
Contact Points (Saddles, handlebars and pedals)
Drivetrain (Gears, cassettes, derailleurs etc.)

How does it work?

·12 Pupils to 1 Mechanic per programme
·Workshops Programmes to be delivered at Grey Court School (after school)
·Pupils are encouraged to bring their own bikes although bikes can be provided.
·Up to 2.5 hours of bike maintenance and repairs (dependant on programme)
·Bike parts will not be provided for pupil's bikes but guidance and support will be given to pupils whose bikes are in need of new parts.

How to enrol: Anyone who is interested can express their interest by filling out this form.

SCAN ME

Boys' Player of the Month

Ricards Misins

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Ricards Misins has been playing ice hockey for 8½ years. He started learning the game at Lee Valley Lions and now plays for Haringey Hounds. They have been South East League Champions for the past 3 seasons.The team also qualified for the National competition and achieved 4th place which was a superb team effort. During this competition, Ricards was awarded the stand out "center forward" award. Ricards was then selected to play for the South East in the GB development tournament against selective teams from the Midlands, North, South West and Scotland). Ricards showed his quality again and was awarded the best forward of the tournament award. During summer Ricards travels around Europe to do International camps and tournaments. During a Luxembourg tournament in 2018/19 his team finished runners up and Ricards got the International sponsored MVP award of the tournament. Ricards has just been selected to attend an England U14 training camp which is an outstanding achievement. Ricards dream is to play International hockey for England and to play in the NHL.

Boys' Team of the Month

U14 Boys Football Team

The U14 boys football team have enjoyed a fantastic start to the season. The team were victorious at the Ibstock Place 6-a-side competition winning every match whilst playing entertaining football. The team have won all 3 of their 11-a-side matches so far scoring 21 goals and only conceding 2. The majority of this squad were also chosen to represent Richmond in the London Youth Games and they won the Silver medal.

Richmond Rugby Community

Richmond Rugby are continuing their FREE community offerings this school term.

Click **here** for the programme.

ANNOUNCING

A brand-new session at **Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub** called: **3Play**.

3Play is designed to allow children the opportunity to experience games that will challenge and encourage problem solving and decision making. The 3Play environment will encourage and allow players to express themselves, developing their creativity and imagination in possession. They will experience mixing with children both older and younger than themselves, which enhance their social skills and provide a physical challenge in a safe environment.

When: Thursdays 5:30-7pm
Who for: School year 3 to 6
Venue: Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub (session located inside the sports hub)

First two sessions free!!!!

Further information can be found on our booking page below or please feel free to contact Peter Prickett directly (pprickett@brentfordfccst.com).

Booking page:https://www.brentfordfccst.com/event/autumn-3play/

School Games Organiser & London Youth Games Organiser

Click here to apply

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RICHMOND SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIP

2022 London Youth Games Cross Country

Date for your diary

The 2022 London Youth Games Cross Country has been confirmed for Saturday, 20 November, at Parliament Hill. This is to make you aware of the event and be prepared. Final details have not been received yet. Full details will follow as soon as we are informed by London Youth Games.

In order to take part runners will need to complete a 5km Park run between 1 October and 30 October.

The next email will also include the application form that runners must complete to be considered for the Cross Country team. The Sports Development Team will then contact the fastest runners in each age group. It will also include the age groups. It is usually U11s to U17s but London Youth Games has changed a lot of late so we will confirm.

You do not need to wait to start running in Park runs. Please register your runs now and once the application form is ready you can apply. The more races you take part in, the better chance to run your best time and make the team!

It will be great to try and build on our Virtual Cross Country success in real life!

Look forward to seeing plenty of applicants!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Serving Richmond and Wandsworth Councils
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Dyslexia Week 2021

October 4 -10

Invisible Dyslexia

This year we are focusing on Invisible Dyslexia

Because dyslexia itself isn't visible, individuals with dyslexia often feel unsupported, unseen, **invisible.**

This dyslexia week we are focussing on Invisible Dyslexia, to explore the entire theme of visibility within our community. We'll highlight the importance of mental health, increasing the visibility of under represented groups and raising the serious issue of dyslexia being overlooked within education and the workplace.

Follow us on social media or visit our website for more information.

@BDAdyslexia
www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

British Dyslexia Association

Now delivered virtually as a webinar on Wednesday 20th October from 9.45 to 11.45am

About the Webinar
'Understanding Autism' is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children who have received a diagnosis of autism or are on the pathway for an assessment of autism.

The webinar will help families to:
> develop an understanding of autism
> discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis
> identify how autism can affect families
> explore practical ideas for developing communication strategies

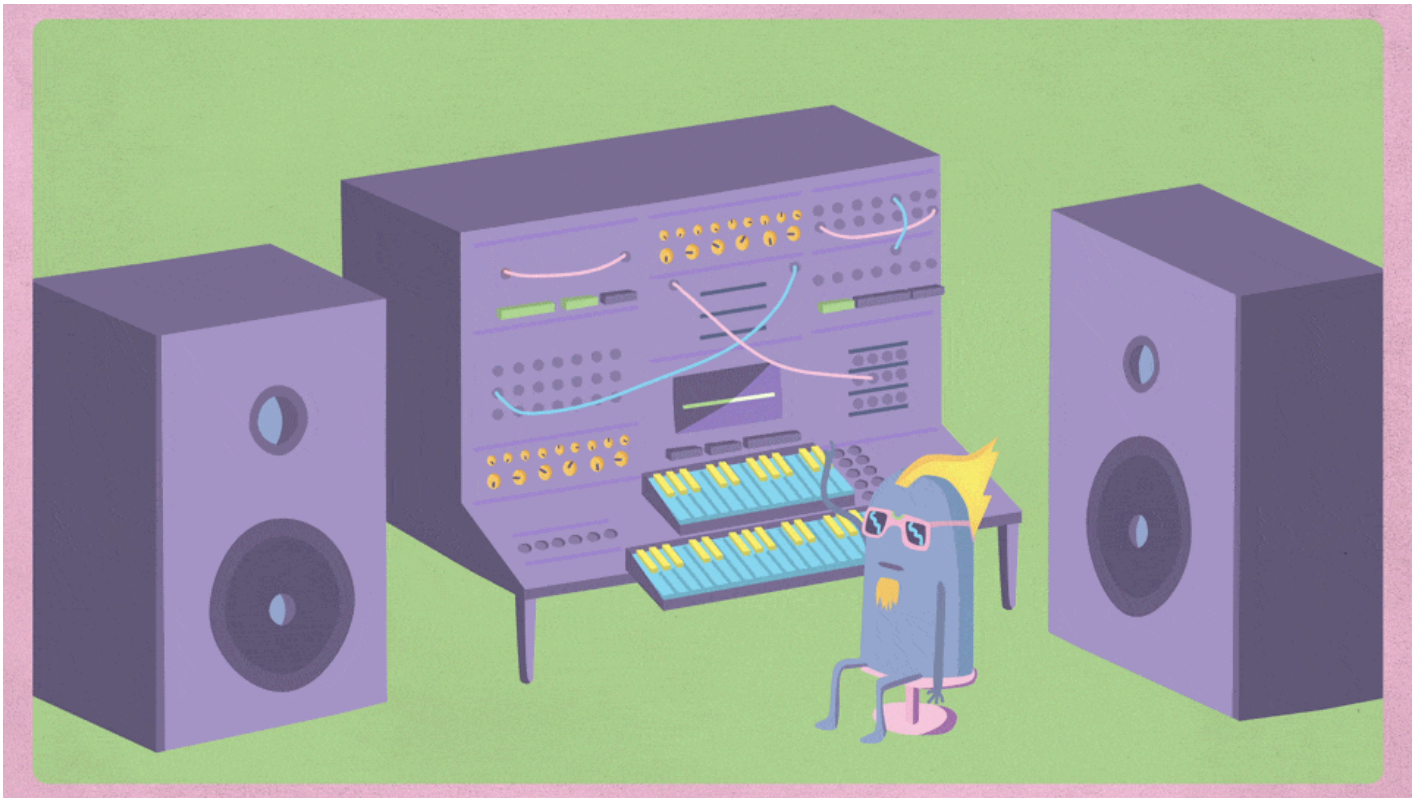
Seminar cost?
The cost is free while the seminars are being delivered as a shortened webinar during the school day and will be limited to 30 people on a first come first served basis.

How to book a place
Please complete the registration form by following this link -
https://forms.gle/ca65b8Z3eXRBp2y56

or contact the webinar facilitator below for more information.
Name: **Jane Pidduck**
Email: **jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk**
Telephone: **020 8399 5344**

As places are limited please only book a place if you are able to attend and let me know ASAP if you know that you can no longer attend, so that I can give that place to someone else.

KS3 Music Tech Club
Thursdays 3pm-4pm
in the Ingenium



Learn to make music on a computer with state of the art, industry standard software. Record your own instrument, singing or rapping, make your own beats, or play the keyboards.

HAM YOUTH CENTRE

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FOR 11 TO 19 YEAR OLDS

- TRY NEW THINGS
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- CHAT TO FRIENDLY YOUTH WORKERS

EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT HAM

Fully equipped gaming lounge with Play Stations, gaming chairs and gaming PCs

New art studio run by professional artists and fashion designers

WHAT'S ON AT HAM YOUTH CENTRE?

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FOOTBALL TRAINING	HAM IN SESSION MUSIC		HAM IN SESSION MUSIC	HAM IN SESSION MUSIC
3.00 to 5.00pm	3.00 to 6.00pm		3.00 to 6.00pm	3.00 to 6.00pm
THE HANDMADE CLUB	THE HANDMADE CLUB	THE HANDMADE CLUB		THE HANDMADE CLUB
3.00 to 5.00pm	3.00 to 5.00pm	3.00 to 5.00pm		3.00 to 5.00pm
	JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB	YOUTH ORCHESTRA	PARKOUR	AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN
	4.00 to 6.00pm	3.30 to 5.00pm	3.00 to 6.00pm	3.00 to 5.00pm
GOOD4GIRLS	GAMEJAM	SENIOR YOUTH CLUB	DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS	
5.00 to 7.00pm	6.00 to 8.00pm	5.00 to 7.00pm	6.00 to 8.00pm	

Football training: Open to all, coached by Brentford Football Club. We hope to form a team and enter inter youth club tournaments.

GameJam: come and try out new state of the art gaming lounge. Take part in workshops on coding and game design.

Good4Girls: Exciting new project for young women focusing on emotional wellbeing, trying new things and having fun.

Ham in Session: Come and use our state of art music studio where tutor Zad can teach music production, guitar, drumming and studio recording.

Handmade Club: Work with professional artists in textiles, painting, fashion design and printing on fabric.

Parkour: Tuition from expert coach, Jason - learn to precision jump and cat leap with our range of specialist equipment.

TAG Youth Club: Independent charity working with young people with disabilities. www.tagyouthclub.org.

Youth clubs: Open access youth club where young people decide our programme of activities - art, cooking, sport, trips, games, filmmaking, drama and lots more. (Juniors: Years 6 to 8, Seniors: Years 9+)

Youth orchestra: We have a selection of instruments available - come and learn with musicians Firas and Micka who are looking to form a small orchestra for performances and concerts.

For more info contact Ben Skelton
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E: ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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THIS GIRL CAN

CALLING ALL GIRLS IN YEARS 7 & 9

At Teddington Athletic we believe there has never been a more important time for our football club to play its part in supporting women and girls to be physically, socially and emotionally well.

It's a chance for you to make new friends, get fit and become part of your local community in a fun and engaging way. The club currently has 13 girls' teams who participate in the Surrey County Women & Girls League.

The club delivers weekly training sessions which take place on a Friday evening at 6.30 pm and is delivered by FA qualified coaches.

Home matches are played at Bushy Park.

Interested in joining a team? Please contact Samantha Roff Girls Football Development Manager at tafcgirls@gmail.com

www.teddingtonathleticfc.com

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Youth Services

HEATHAM HOUSE

AN AMAZING YOUTH CENTRE IN THE HEART OF TWICKENHAM

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FOOTBALL PITCH

BASKETBALL

SKATE PARK

POOL AND TABLE TENNIS

ACTIVITY: PHOTOGRAPHY

TRIPS: ARCHERY

MONDAY

3.30 TO 5.30PM: INTERS SESSION (SCHOOL YEARS 7 TO 9)

Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, DofE skill and physical sections, chill-out and more.

4.30 TO 5.30PM: STREET DANCE 1 (8 TO 12 YEARS OLD)

6.00 TO 7.00PM: STREET DANCE 2 (13 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Learn to street dance with sessions for both primary and secondary school aged young people with our talented and creative instructor. Beginners welcome. Contact us to register your interest and book onto future sessions.

5.30 TO 7.30PM: SENIORS SESSION PLUS (*11 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, DofE skill and physical sections, chill-out and more.

*All sessions are for young people aged 11 and in secondary school to 19 years old, unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY

12.00 TO 2.00PM: COLLEGE DROP-IN

Drop in session for young people attending college or sixth forms. Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, chill out, sexual health information and more.

3.30 TO 5.30PM: TRANSITIONS SESSION (SCHOOL YEARS 5 TO 7)

Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, chill-out and more.

3.00 TO 6.00PM: R.A.P: RECORDING AND PRODUCTION (*11 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Session for young people interested in rapping, singing and producing urban music.

5.00 TO 6.00PM: SURVIVORS TAE-KWON DO (9 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Kick your way to success with these fun Olympic sport sessions. NOTE: There is a cost for this session, but is free for AfC referrals.

WEDNESDAY

3.30 TO 5.30PM: MUSIC LIFE SKILLS
(*11 TO 16 YEARS OLD)

Session for young people interested in music production and developing band skills - young people need to be booked onto this session.

3.30 TO 5.30PM: SENIORS SESSION
(*11 TO 16 YEARS OLD)

Activities include football, basketball, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, DofE skill and physical sections, chill-out and more.

5.30 TO 7.30PM: SENIORS SESSION PLUS
(*11 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, DofE skill and physical sections, chill-out and more.

THURSDAY

12.00 TO 2.00PM: COLLEGE DROP-IN

Drop in session for young people attending college or sixth forms. Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, chill out, sexual health information and more.

3.30 TO 5.30PM: YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP (*13 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Drop in session exclusively for young women with activities including music, sports, arts, cooking, pool, table tennis and sessions based around issues impacting young women.

MONTHLY: R.A.P OPEN MIC NIGHT (*11 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Open mic night for young people wanting to perform in the Heatham House rehearsal and performance space - young people can attend to perform or watch.

FRIDAY

12.00 TO 2.00PM: COLLEGE DROP-IN

Drop in session for young people attending college or sixth forms. Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, chill out, sexual health information and more.

3.30 TO 5.30PM: JUNIORS SESSION (SCHOOL YEARS 5 AND 6)

Activities include football, basketball, music, skate park, cooking, pool, table tennis, art, chill-out and more.

5.00 TO 6.00PM: SURVIVORS TAE-KWON DO (9 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Kick your way to success with these fun Olympic sport sessions. NOTE: There is a cost for this session but is free for AfC referrals.

6.00 TO 8.30PM: NO STRAIGHT ANSWER (*11 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Drop in session for young people who identify as LGBTQ+. Activities include music, cooking, pool, table-tennis, art, chill out, sexual health information and more.

MONTHLY: 'SOUND CHECK' BAND NIGHT (*11 TO 19 YEARS OLD)

Band night for local youth bands to perform at - young people can attend to perform or watch.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All sessions and activities are **completely free** unless otherwise stated.

We are constantly running new activities within the youth sessions and evolving our youth programme. To stay up-to-date with everything that is happening at Heatham House follow us on our social media channels and check www.afcinfo.org.uk

If you would like more information about Heatham House and its youth sessions and activities, please contact:

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THE CYCLE COACH

Workshop

BEGINNER BIKE MAINTENANCE COURSE

MAKE YOUR OWN REPAIRS AND **MAINTAIN YOUR BIKE LIKE A PRO**

CONTENT

- Perform preventative maintenance and annual services to keep your bike in good working order.
- How to check key parts on your bike for wear and tear.
- Tips & tricks to keep your bike in top condition.
- Pre, during and post ride maintenance.
- Understand what you can and can't fix.
- Carry out basic repairs – and, if necessary, replace – the parts on your bicycle.
- How to handle breakdowns on your ride.
- What you need in a basic toolkit.

The Beginner Bike Maintenance Course will help you tackle your own bike maintenance and repairs, so you don't have to take it to the shop for routine tune-ups or call for help if you have an unexpected breakdown.

This 2hr hands on programme will show you how to keep your bike in top working order and provide you with the steps to take to ensure safety and comfort on your ride.

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