Activity Day
Some snapshots of the day

Fundraisers

Race for loved ones Charity art auction

Date for your diary

Bingo Night, 12 November



eBulletin

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY - VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take school photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, has been sent home with your child.

Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird deadline of 2 November.

If, for any reason, your viewing card doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or

customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net





Grey Court Sixth Form Open Evening Invitation

10 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to invite you to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday, 10 November 2021. The event will be held in our Sixth Form Centre with tours and keynote speeches at 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Please book on the Grey Court School website.

During the course of the evening you will be able to meet Sixth Form staff and students, take part in A-level and BTEC activities, tour the site, meet our higher education officer and listen to a keynote speech from the Sixth Form leadership team.

You will learn about our academic ethos, teaching philosophy, enrichment programme and community engagement scheme. In addition, we will provide a clear explanation of the difference between a personalised school-based Sixth Form and a college experience.

I am very proud of the creativity, ambition and warmth exhibited by our current Sixth form cohort as well as the drive and focus of our teaching staff, which I am certain will be evident on the night. The confidence of these students has obviously been bolstered by the outstanding range of university and apprenticeship destinations achieved by last year's cohort.

I know they are very much looking forward to welcoming a new band of positive and forward thinking individuals (as well as their positive and forward thinking parents) into our vibrant Sixth Form.

If you have any questions about the evening or the Sixth Form enrolment process, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Higham Assistant Headteacher - post-16 education

Race for Loved Ones - £600 raised!!







On Saturday, 18 September, the 'Race for Loved Ones' (Colour Run) kick-started GFest. The sun was shining and the colour bags were ready to be thrown!

Many students, staff and parents took part in the 2.5km loop, which started on Bull Meadow, went down the footpath to Ham and Petersham tennis club, through the tennis courts and then another 1.5 laps of the main school field. The students were encouraged to raise money for the two-nominated charities; Momentum and Cancer Children Leukaemia Group. These two charities had been chosen by the parents of Mia Keene, who was a pupil at Grey Court School and who sadly lost her battle with Leukaemia in 2017.

Congratulations to everyone who managed to get sponsorship. A special mention goes to **Samson Walls** who managed to raise £140 and to **Sacha Crivellari** and **Dylan Cross** who both raised £100 each! A great effort by so many students to fundraise and a fantastic effort to finish the run. The total amount raised was £600 which will be split between the two charities.





Thank you to parents, friends and the wider members of the public who supported Grey Court's first ever charity art auction.

The atmosphere was fizzing with goodwill and warmth. The venue provided a superb opportunity for the artwork to truly shine.



A huge thank you should go to our amazing Y13 students (Andreia, Celine, Eylul, Nur-Khan and Li) who worked tirelessly on the night to ensure the event ran smoothly and to Alba and Jake for providing such fitting accompanying music to the occasion.

Our guest auctioneer, **Frances Christie**, oversaw the sales with calm professionalism - and a great sense of humour. There were moments of high drama, laughter and applause, all packed into 120 minutes.



The evening raised more than £4,000, but none of this would have been possible without the generosity of the donating artists.



club news

Extracurricular Club

Timetable

ORIGAMI CLU3

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

KS3 Art Club

Day: Thursdays Venue: A3

Time: 03.00pm

Come and join Ms Maybey every
Thursday to develop your skills and
use materials you don't get to explore
in class.

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HALF

YIO MATHS SURGERY

Day: Mondays

Time: 03.00pm to 03.45pm

Venue: M3

Student Feedback Rock and Pop Club

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THIS IS THE BEST CLUB thx mr allchurch

Need help with auditions?

Need help building public speaking confidence?



Want to act?

NEW to Grey Court School

Small group drama for all year groups

You can take an exam which might lead to UCAS points for uni

Drama Grades & Certificates from Trinity College

TRINITY SPEECH AND DRAMA COURSES run by Mr Page These are an addition



These are an additional enrichment offer and, like music lessons, will come at a small cost.

Please contact Mr Page for further details on rpage@greycourt.org.uk

First come, first served - so hurry!









Biscuits. A special thank you to our Y10 volunteers and mentors, who help and guide every week. They are Sofia Seghal, Bobby

Burrows and Lola Kennard.

Chefs of the Week

Ben Clarke (8R)

Andy Fedczuk (8W)

Keir Chambers (7C)

ACHEE

MUST THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST ORGANIZE LIKE AN ACCOUNTANT INSPIRE AND ACTIVATE LIKE A WARRIOR MOVE LIKE A TRACK STAR PLATE LIKE AN ARTIST AND COOK LIKE A GRANDMA



Grey Court Allotment Needs You!

Grey Court allotment students have been busy harvesting a mouth-watering array of fruit and vegetables these past few weeks to prepare the ground for the new growing season.

Students worked in teams to clear the weeds from the paths and also made a start clearing the first leaf fall of the year.

In order to continue running the allotment, we are looking for volunteers! (parents and friends of parents).

If you have gardening and vegetable growing experience, we would love your assistance. There are two ways you can help:

If you have the capacity to oversee the planning and delivery of activities for the weekly allotment club which runs every Thursday from 12 till 1 then please do get in touch.

Likewise, if you would instead (or also) be able to volunteer to help with watering and allotment maintenance activities at other times during the week, that would be wonderful as well.

We are also in great need of more tools for our budding allotment growers to use, so please so get in touch if you have any spare wheelbarrows / spades / soil and leaf rakes / garden furniture / tools / gardening tools / hose pipes for watering the plants.

Please contact Sylvia Munday (<u>smunday@greycourt.org.uk</u>) and Helen Shore (<u>hshore@greycourt.org.uk</u>) for more information. Ms Munday and Ms Shore support the students with their allotment activities.



A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust. — Gertrude Jekyll (2011) 'Wood and Garden: Notes and Thoughts, Practical and Critical, of a Working Amateur' Cambridge University Press

#KS3+KS4

#Y7Mr Day

Y7 have come to the end of their first half-term at Grey Court. I, and the Y7 team, have been delighted with how the students have done. They have already become part of the Grey Court community and have been contributing significantly to wider school life. This was exemplified over the last two weeks where Y7 students have been ambassadors for our open morning, showing new perspective students and parents around the school site. Those who did so did so with excellence.

We hope students have a restful half-term. It is a good time for students to reflect on how their initial time at Grey Court has gone and areas in which they wish to improve. It is important that students can re-charge and enjoy their holidays and return ready for the next half-term up to Xmas. Now students understand our expectations, routines and behaviour policy, we will be keeping a close eye on this moving forward.

We hope you have a good half-term!

Our assemblies last week were about Black History month. Ms Hawkins discussed why it is so important that we learn about the unsung heroes, the stories that were not published, and the injustice faced due to the colour of someone's skin. She told of the very recent story in America where students, parents and teachers thankfully overturned a school's decision to ban books by black authors that might provoke unrest. We are running competitions to further highlight this issue and educate students on the importance of understanding the past so that we can change the future.

We had Inter-house Football at lunchtimes all last week for girls and boys, with the results going towards our Inter-House Cup competition at the end of the year. Well done to all those that have participated. I am have no doubt that the students enjoyed activity day which was held on Friday.

I hope that you have a wonderful rest over the half-term holidays.



Y7 Y9 STARS OF THE WEEK

Y7: Dylan Jenkins for a fantastic contribution in English class

Y9: Ahmad Alizada, Estelle Itorho, Indie Keig, Artem Kysil, Eva Meng, Harrison Middleton, Leonardo Moore, Isaac Morton, Jessica Nesbitt and Louie Reynolds for their SENECA scores in English



Mr Gordon Walker

Y10 STAR OF THE WEEK

Jake Cooke for excellent work in media studies class

Activity Day was a hive of activity! Both Y10 and Y11 students were on-site undertaking a wide variety of skills, training and educational experiences. Y11 worked incredibly hard on ensuring that their coursework was of the highest standard to allow them to make the most progress possible come the end of the GCSEs or BTECs. Y10 had a flurry of talks from the police, first aid practitioners and yoga instructors to name but a few, definitely enabling them to develop their life skills.

Y11 Interventions - our Y11 interventions started on Monday. Our interventions are the best in the Borough.No other school provides such a comprehensive offering. Students and parents have received emails outlining the time and location of the interventions, please encourage your children to attend. Check out our **full list of interventions**

INSET DAYS: 1 + 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. Timings for the days are as follows:

Monday,1 November

•Students arrive 9am and register on playground

English Revision: 9.10 - 10.25

•**Break**: 10: 25 - 10:45 •**Study Skills**: 10.45 - 12

·Lunch: 12 - 12.45

Maths Revision:12, 12.45 - 2pm

·Students leave: 2pm

Tuesday, 2 November

·Register students: 8.45

•**Maths exam**: 9 - 10:30

(ET finish 10.53)

Extended break: 10.30 - 11.30

·Line up students: 11:30

•**English Exam**: 11.35 - 1:20pm

(ET finish 1:46pm)

Students leave after exam

Food + Nutrition

by Ms Clark

We had our Y11s competing in the Future Chef Springboard competition this week. Our Y11s have developed their creativity and technical skills over the course of their GCSE to become highly skilled at a variety of dishes. Thanks to all that entered, but a special well done to our winners, **Gabriel Olalekan Kadir**_and **Anna Whitcombe**. Congratulations! They will go on to local heats and then hopefully to regional competitions later in the year.



SPRING3OARD OPPORTUNITIES

We also have another exciting opportunity from Springboard. They are delighted to present two exciting Apprentice Career Hubs during Apprentice Week aimed at school and college leavers to inform, educate and inspire students about the wonderful opportunities apprenticeships can bring.

Students can find out what apprenticeships are, how to apply, where they can work, as well as exploring if they are the right choice for them. They will also get to meet real life apprentices including **Katie Cooper** one of Future Chef's Alumni. **Katie Cooper** who is now working as a Home Economist for the Great British Menu on the BBC and took the apprentice route.

These will take place on the **20** and **21 October at 10am until 10.45am**, with the opportunity to ask questions and speak with the employers, apprentices, and providers. **Students can register themselves for the Careers Hub.**To register https://careerscope.uk.net/career-hubs/. Once registered, students will be sent a link to the career hub where all the resources can be found.

Also find some photos of what Y10 have been cooking over the past couple of weeks as they continue with their Nutrition and Health unit.



























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

Arabīc Biblical Hebrew Chinese

French

GERMAN

Greek

GUJARATI

Italian

Japanese Persian

Portuguese

Russian

SPANISH

Turkish

Urdu

Exam Invigilators

A great opportunity for flexible work!

We are looking to appoint invigilators on a casual contract for the Internal and Public exams which are held sporadically from December to July. Invigilation will include the distribution and collection of exam scripts, stationery to students, and ensuring the exam rules and regulations are adhered by students and staff at all times. Previous invigilation experience is not essential as training and guidance will be provided.



WE NEED

YOU, YOU & YOU

Shifts from **AM: 8:00-11:30** and/or **PM: 12:30-16:00.** However, flexibility is required for the finish times as exams can be shorter/longer.

Hourly rate: £10.50 p/h

Interested applicants, please complete **this form** to receive an application form.

Closing Date: 1 November 2021

If you have not heard back from the school after submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.

PA News

PA Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 3 November

Time: 5pm

Venue: School library

Email contacts: greycourtpa@gmail.com (Lou and Amira), mthomas@greycourt.org.uk

(Maddy Thomas, Director of Development)

Virtual attendance can be arranged for those who would like to join but are unable to make it to school.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: We're looking for raffle donations. If you have any unwanted gifts or goodies, please drop them off at reception. Thank you!





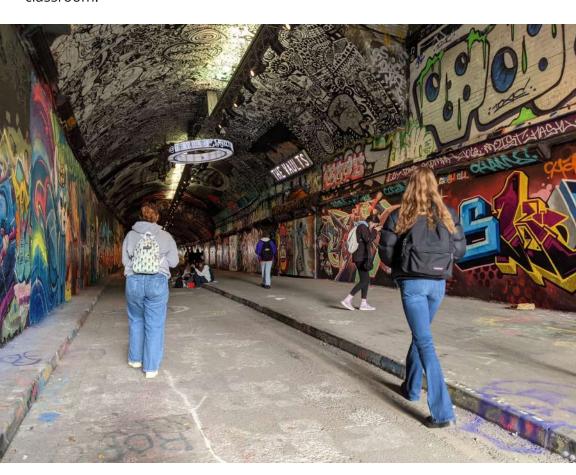


You see, I don't draw from life at all, but I do look out of my window a lot Ouentin Blake

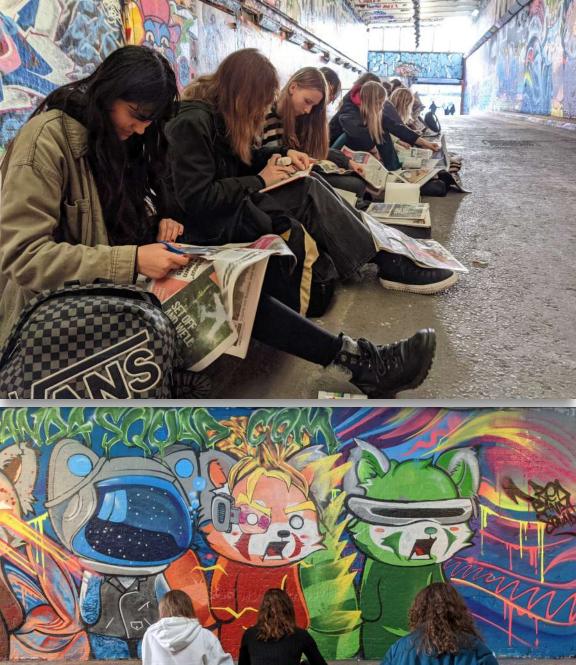
On Wednesday, 13 October, the long-awaited Art auction took place at Richmond Golf Club. It was a fantastic, successful and exciting evening of fundraising for the Arts. Thank you to all the artists who contributed work and to Ms Thomas for organising the event. See below the Sixth Form Art and Photography students who helped out with an original, unique Quentin Blake drawing which was made exclusively by the artist for the sale.



On Wednesday, 13 October, the Y12 Art and Photography students went on a London trip as part of their course. They explored the Leake Street Arches, the excellent Hayward Gallery exhibition Mixing It Up: Painting Today and the soon-closing Sophie Taeuber-Arp retrospective at Tate Modern. The weather was beautiful and students were focused, hard-working and an absolute delight to spend the day with. The Art Department is really excited to see what ideas this fosters back in the classroom!



#Y12 Art and Photography Trip to London













For the second year running, English Heritage are delighted to offer an opportunity for young people to capture and submit images from their local landscape on the theme of 'nature photography' as part of a Marble Hill exhibition. It is free to enter and there are two age categories - under 12 and 13-18 years.

The top two images from each age category will be displayed in the grounds of Marble Hill House in Twickenham until the end of 2021.

Read the instructions and entry rules.

The closing date is 1 November 2021.

Some of our

Activity Day

Photographs



#Y8 Windsor









LINKS TO INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ+ STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Achieving for Children

No Straight Answer

Mental Health resources

Free2Be

Gires

Mermaids

Support for Young Carers

School Holiday Programme

Kingston Carers

BBC Happy Heads

5 Ways to support Children's Mental Health





COVID-19 UPDATE LET'S KEEP GOING



There is a lot of misinformation online and for many young people it can be confusing as to why they should consider having the vaccine. We are regularly hearing that young people have questions but don't know who to ask.

The NHS and the Richmond and Kingston Youth Council (made up of young people across the borough) have created a number of tools that can help.

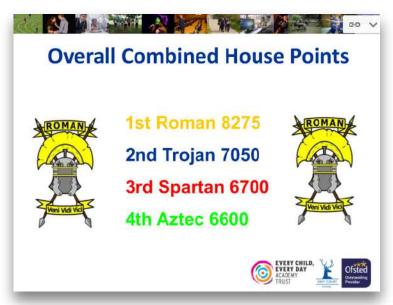
Below you will see links to:

- **A video** where Lydia Roebuck, a young person (15) from Orleans Park School and also the Youth Parliament Member for Richmond, interviews Nic Kane, the lead nurse in the borough for the vaccine rollout.
- An online website which has been co-designed with the local Youth Council, presenting the facts around the vaccine and testing for young people.
- A podcast for parents with a GP talking about the vaccine rollout for younger people.
- A recording of a parent Q and A that was held with the lead GP in the borough, regarding the rollout of the vaccine for younger age groups.

Roman Assembly Sparks Rout!

by Mr Clements

After a summer eating tagliatelle and resting on my Emperor's laurel, it was great to be back addressing the Roman masses in the Grey Court amphitheatre last week. Our assembly was a confirmation of a Roman romp to victory last year as we amassed 8275 house points and raised the eagle of the ninth over Grey Court.



In fact so comprehensive was last year's triumph that Bashford, Jacob and Price were consigned to latrine duties in Latin Scotia over the summer. However, mindful that it was time to rouse the troops for a second - even more exciting - campaign - I urged the troops to strap on their Caligae and prepare for the inter-house football.





I am therefore delighted to already announce five-a-side football victories for the Y11 boys and the Y10 girls as well as a second place for the Y9 girls.

Hail Rome and Hail Gazzetta football Italia - thank you to all our wonderful Roman participants. This evening I will celebrate by feasting on a roast dormouse, drinking some Roman water with Germanic hops and reading some Asterix comics in an ironic post-colonial manner.

So thank you to the ballers, to the newly crowned Y7 Roman sports captains: Alice Allnutt, Isabelle Shorthouse, George Robinson and Eddie McCarthy AND finally to Y7 spec bar mover Lexie for her courage and precision: Victoria Concordia Crescit!

Son of Tufty

Many thanks to Ms Yasmin Laws, for sending me this picture from her Y7 playground duty entitled: "Squirrel munching a wotsit." It seems that Tufty (after a well-deserved rest from his Covid lockdown escapades) has fathered a son. And so just when we thought it was safe to go back on the astroturf, Tufty's child appears - having munched through Ms Price's blueprints for next year's timetable.

It's certainly a great "en media res" pic from Ms Laws, featuring Y7 students in a range of transfixed states, after the son of Tufty posed the existential question: wotsit all





Somali Baristas celebrate World Court Ruling!

Nadira and Fardosa - resident Grey Court baristas at the newly refurbished "Cafe Qualita," proved to be even more cheery than usual this week. The reason for their good cheer, according to Nadira, is the World Court's award of 100,000 square miles of ocean to Somalia containing seabed that is potentially rich in gas and oil reserves.

Our two baristas are an eternal source of happiness in my day: they provide me with all the student and staff gossip alongside their insights into local and international affairs. They are unfailingly polite and patient and are a great intellectual and interpersonal resource to the Sixth Form.



Costa's Grey Court Spiritedness prevents mass iced latte meltdown

And on such a hyper-caffeinated note, many thanks to COSTA COFFEE on Ham High Street, who allowed our Sixth Formers and three members of staff, to use their wifi on Wednesday afternoon, after an "outage" left Grey Court internet-less for a day. With the Oxbridge and medicine deadlines looming, we really appreciated Costa's Grey Court spiritedness which allowed artisan reference writers Ms Higham and Ms Clifton to craft their persuasive masterpieces alongside the students until latte in the afternoon!



INSET DAYS: 1 + 2 November

Please note the different arrangements for Y12 and Y13 with regards to whether they attend virtually or are required to be on-site.

	Y12	Y13
1 November Students to work remotely	Introduction to Unifrog KS5 Student Launch - Watch Video Students have all been signed up to Unifrog which is a fantastic platform that provides students with insight into all the different options that they can take beyond Sixth Form. this includes all of the courses on UCAS and a range of apprenticeships. Students need to use the day to go through their competencies to start building their profile.	UCAS enhancement day/EPQ day
2 November	Intervention drop down day - students will have the opportunity to catch up on outstanding work	
	UCAS enhancement day/reading day where they can access a wide range of podcasts from home to support the competency work that they did the day before. Some students will also be invited into school to attend drop down sessions and catch up with work.	Y13 will be on site to allow them to also work with staff on UCAS applications and catch up on outstanding coursework.

Unifrog for Parents

All Y12 students are up and running on **Unifrog** researching their post sixth form options and logging their competencies in preparation for writing their personal statements at the end of the year. To find out more about this useful tool you can watch this short video.

UCAS

Oxbridge and Medical applications have now been submitted and there are also a number of non-Oxbridge/medical applications that are ready to be sent which is fantastic. We already have a number of students who have received an offer which is a testament to the hard work that went into their applications.

The internal deadline for all UCAS applications is **Tuesday**, **19 October**.

This means that students have completed their UCAS form (including personal statement) and submitted it to us so that we can QA it and add our references - this doesn't mean that they all need to have sent it to the Universities by then. With a year group of 150 we need to make sure that we can get on top of them early and have time to tailor our references to their applications. For many students this will then mean that they are ready to apply as soon as they submit it to us, however others will want to wait - either to continue to work out their short list, or to wait for the results of later assessments.

Studying Abroad

A Star Future is an organisation specialising in university courses at overseas universities. They have written an articleattempting to summarise the situation for British students looking to enter EU universities for degrees taught in English. We thought you might find it useful if your child is thinking about studying abroad.

Brexit and studying abroad

STARS OF THE WEEK

Every single student who has submitted their UCAS application before the deadline.

Emilia Chittenden for receiving the first university offer!

Ella Walton for organising the first sixth form house event of the year - a volleyball competition.

Ms Fincham's Oxbridge Update

All applications are now in.

Students now need to focus fully on the next stage of the process.

Cambridge applicants will receive a supplementary question form to complete as part of their initial application. Many students need to now fully focus on the pre-interview assessments or preparing work to be sent off to colleges in the first week of November. After this, the preparation for interviews will begin.

Ms Fincham's EPQ Update

All students have now been assigned their personal mentor and they need to arrange their initial meeting to discuss their progress and fill in more detail in their AQA log book. Action plans need to be updated and students need to have a very clear time plan for the work they are going to complete over the half term break. When students return after half term, they need to be ready to start drafting their essay or creating their artefact so the first version of their piece is completed before the onset of TILL December mocks and there is time for their mentors to provide feedback for improvements over

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Weekly Opportunities Bulletin

11/10/21 Opportunities for Sixth Formers

Apprenticeships Events

We have been focusing on University applications as these are always very early in the Autumn Term. We would also like to encourage all our sixth form students to consider the apprenticeships route. **Therefore we are advertising upcoming events that students can tap into, which are during half-term** and won't impact on their study time. Please see the **apprenticeships and work experience grid**.



Careers @ Grey Court by Ms Corrighan Head of Careers

It's been a busy half term for both Y11s and Y13s completing applications for college/sixth form/university. Y11 have been following a PDW programme to support them with their choices and there was a talk by Kingston University to help students think about future opportunities. Unifrog is a resource that Y11-13 can use in school and we encourage parents/carers to look at this with their children Unifrog - Careers platform and you can make an account yourself with the code: **GREYCPARENTS**

Career Entitlements

As part of the careers education at Grey Court we want to highlight the provision students will receive at their time at Grey Court. This week all tutors were given posters to share with their tutor groups and each poster is different depending on the Key stage. Careers experiences happen in a variety of ways and we want to also share this with parents/carers.



KS4 CAREER ENTITLEMENTS



Careers advice interview
To discuss your career options

Receive support
From SLT, Careers Team,
Tutor & others on your
future options

To inform on post 18 pathways

Careers events talks

Apprenticeships, college, Sixth Form options

Encounters with employers

Speakers from the world of work

Information and resources
e.g. Start/ Unifrog careers
programmes

Receive guidance

About managing your money and financial planning

To evaluate individual achievements eg. record of achievement







Zuko Robb competed in the Central England Karate Championship and took home a Gold after five very tough fights in a large category of 34 fighters.



Congratulations to our Y10/Y11 boys and girls who have qualified for the Lee Valley Inter-Schools' Cup Final on Wednesday, 20 October



INTERHOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS

















Very proud of our u14 and u15 netball teams at the Middlesex tournament, a strong performance to come away with 5th and 7th



@KGS_Sport winning 10-9. Well done to all who played and a special mention to M Sills who got player of the match!



Well done to the U15 Rugby team who had a impressive win over Orleans Park. We now advance to round 3 of the National Comp. Impressive performance by Frankie A scoring 4.



Ryder Emmerson, Jude Emmerson, Mustafa Billal and Hamza Sarfraz competed in the Berkhamsted Invitational Schools' Golf Tour on Monday, 11 October.



Outstanding performance from our U16 netballers in the borough tournament. They did not lose a game in the group stages, beat LEH 10-6 in the semis and then lost 9-5 in a close final to Christ's Borough runners up



Huge win for the U14 Boys Football team in the cup, coming from behind to beat Dr Challoner's 4-3 on Wednesday



Congratulations to the Y10/Y11 boys and girls indoor athletics teams who have qualified for the Lee Valley finals on 20 October.







Excellent win for the U13 rugby team. The boys moved the ball well and scored some lovely tries. Next game is on Wednesday 3November.



A tough loss for the U14 Rugby team. Conceding in the last play of the game to lose to Salesians College. MVP Ben Hislop

Boys' Player of the Month

Aiden Foxen





The boys' player of the month is **Aiden Foxen**. Aiden has made a fantastic start at Grey Court, his attitude, commitment to the school and motivation has been extremely impressive. Aiden has represented the school in Rugby, Football and Cross Country. Aiden has scored 7 goals in 5 games for the football team and has also been awarded the MVP on two occasions. In Rugby Aiden's quick turn of pace has been a real asset to the team scoring much needed tries in what has been a difficult run of fixtures for the Y7 team. Aiden was also selected to travel to Harrow School as part of the U12/13 Cross Country team which he unfortunately missed due to injury. Aiden has also stood out in PE lessons where he has impressed in his fitness testing. We look forward to the athletics season with Aiden as he is showing all the signs of impressing here as well.

Girls' Player of the Month

Lauren Jackson





Lauren has had a fantastic month of school sport representing the school U16 and U15 Netball teams and the U15 Football team. She is a highly committed student who always gives 110% to every club and fixture.

She plays C in both age group netball teams and is a pivotal member always connecting well with the defence and attack. Her work-rate is second to none. Lauren's understanding of the attacking and defending principles are outstanding. She is also an influential player in the year 10 football team playing CM predominantly. She also trains with Fulham Academy football club outside of school.

Lauren is Trojan sports' captain and was dominant in the Y10 inter-house football competition this month. She is also a GCSE PE student who has made a fantastic start to the course. She is an outstanding role model to her peers and is a pleasure to teach.

Boys' Team of the Month

U12 BOYS FOOTBALL 'A' TEAM



The U12 boys' football team has enjoyed a fantastic October. The month started with an entertaining 3-2 win away to Lingfield in our first Saturday fixture for the team, which was followed up with wins against St Richard Reynolds and George Green's school, 3-1 and 8-1 respectively. They've scored 14 and conceded 4 and are eying up their next challenge, Hampton Boys after half-term. Well done lads!

Girls' Team of the Month



The U16 netball team have had a brilliant month, coming from behind to win their first round of the National Sisters in Sport plate competition against Ranelagh School, 33-30. Skye Swift deservedly won Player of the Match, Lola Ireland had an excellent game against a tough WD. Amy Duffey demonstrated high levels of fitness in her WD role.

The team have also beaten St Richard Reynold, 34-4 with Maddie Warren picking up Player of the match and most recently the squad competed in the Borough Competition at Waldegrave beating Turing House, St Richard Reynolds and Teddington and drew with Christ's qualifying for the semi-finals. Lauren Jackson was exceptional as C in her defending and attacking roles. A strong performance from Florence Woolner at WA and through court connections from Bea Andrews and Nina Blazevic enabled a comfortable 10-6 win sending the team through to the final. A tough match ended in a 9-6 loss to Christ's however the team can be proud of their runners up final position.

A **New Teen Yoga** class starts in November, on Thursday at 5.15pm - 6.15pm at the Garage Studio in East Sheen. See the flyer at the end of bulletin for more details. **Grey Court Students can avail of a 10% discount**

Teen yoga classes

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.



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



Please start registering your runs now, and complete this application form. The more races you take part in, the better chance to run your best time and make the team! Make sure that you fill this out before Saturday, 31 October. Any late entries will not be considered. You must also run your parkrun on or before the 31 October.

If you have any questions, please contact: Dan Hayden, Sports Development Officer Serving Richmond and Wandsworth Councils, 020 8831 6133

<u>Daniel.hayden@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk</u> <u>www.richmond.gov.uk/www.wandsworth.gov.uk</u>



The Virgin London Marathon are inviting all students to take part in this year's 'London Marathon in schools', all you have to do is complete 2.6 miles before Friday, 22 October.

Up to 500,000, who take part, will receive a free commemorative Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon in Schools pin badge.

Complete the **Google Form** once you have completed the distance - you need evidence of completing it. Remember to screenshot a fitness app or sports watch.

Good luck!

Harlequins 'PROJECT RUGBY HUB'

5:30 - 6:45pm Mondays 11th Oct - 15th Nov

London Welsh RFC, TW9 2HN

Free to new players aged 14 & above Scan QR to sign up

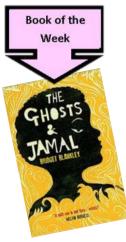












13-year-old Jamal wakes one day to find that all the other inhabitants of his West African village have been killed. He alone has survived, his hut being some way from everyone else's. He surveys the destruction around him, trying to make sense of it. Then he packs his copy of the Qur'an and sets off in search of food and safety.

A powerful and moving story set in a violent world and perceived through innocent eyes. When Jamal finds the lethal gas canister responsible for the carnage, he presumes the wisps of yellow gas to be soul-seeking ghosts. He concludes that he survived because they were scared off by the evil spirits that he knows possess him – the spirits that sometimes cause him to twitch and fall unconscious.

Throughout the book, ignorance about the epilepsy which causes Jamal's regular fits makes him a target for prejudice and suspicion. Even well-intentioned medics and humanitarian volunteers who try to help him are guilty of a fundamental failure to understand the implications of the condition for a boy in Jamal's position (naively instructing him to keep his medicine stored in a fridge).

This is a beautiful, mesmerising book, its harrowing nature both tempered and augmented by the fact

that it is told from Jamal's perspective of youthful simplicity. It does not end with tidy answers, but rather leaves the reader with uncomfortable questions about a world which can allow such intolerable inequality and brutality.

Bridget Blankley is a prize-winning author who comes from a family of storytellers and fable weavers, who has recently started recording these tales on paper. She spent most of her early life in Nigeria returning to England to finish school.



AR Stars of the Week (Wednesday to Wednesday)

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.

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EDINBURGH'S AWARD NEWS

A BIG Congratulations to all our year 11 and 12 Students who completed their Practice and Assessed Expeditions under some severe weather

conditions recently!"

YEAR 12

Florence Bradley
Mae Sayers
Amelie Gowe
Amelia Shaw
Jack Pocock
Alex Brew
Sam Longhurst
Freddie Dembrey
Lewin Hutchison
Jackson Knott
Arun Surman
Ozee Ogun



YEAR 10 SILVER AWARD

- Everyone should have by now received an email to the address used on their enrolment form, from the DofE directly with their username and password.
- Students should have logged on and filled in their contact/address details to which their welcome pack will be sent to.
- Students should also have filled in their choices of Physical/skill/volunteering activities
 (and started them by now) and how long they are doing each for. If you have done
 Bronze you will do 2 activities for 6 months and 1 for 3 months. If you are a DIRECT
 entrant and have not done Bronze then you need to do 1 activity for 12 months, 1 for 6
 months and 1 for 3 months.
- Any issues please contact your SILVER LEADERS: Miss Casey or Ms Mannion.

YEAR 9 BRONZE AWARD

- Everyone should have by now received an email to the address used on their enrolment form, from the DofE directly with their username and password.
- Students should have logged on and filled in their contact/address details to which their welcome pack will be sent to.
- Students should also have filled in their choices of Physical/skill/volunteering activities (and started them by now) and how long they are doing each for.
 2 activities should be done for 3 months each for 1 hour a week and 1 activity should be done for 6 months for 1 hour a week.
- Any issues please contact your **BRONZE LEADERS**: Mr. Nair, Mr. Curran or Mr. Conder

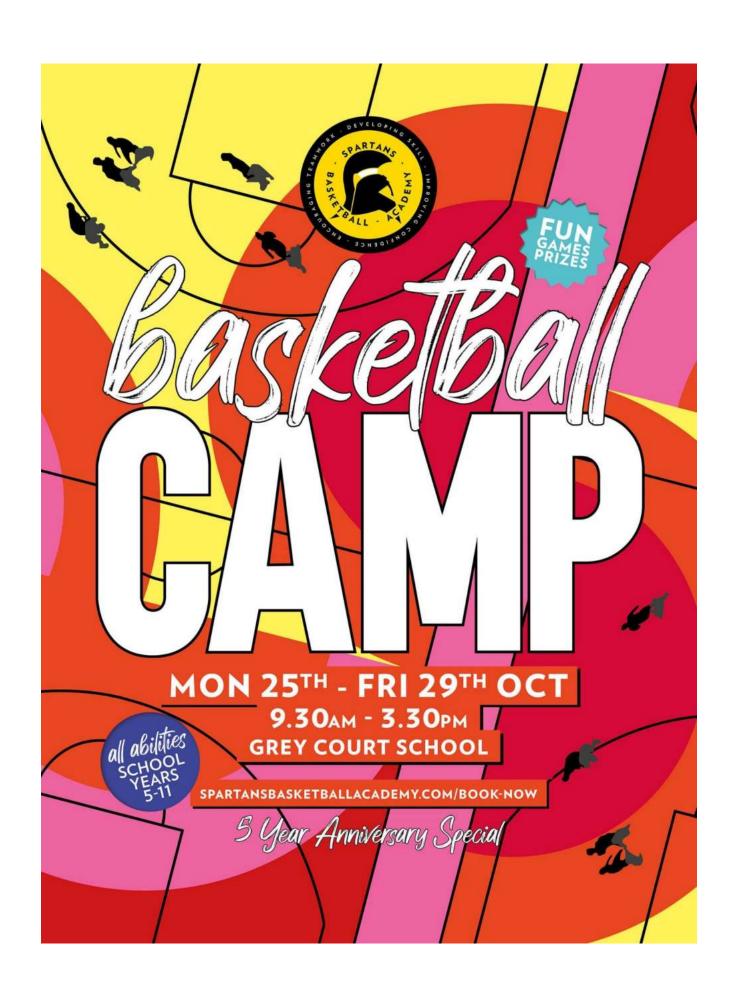
YEAR 11

Ben Hallett **Theodore Butcher Gabriel Halls** Arthur Song-DuSoir Marcus Rodgers Yana Chilcote Daralis Mavale **Eleanor Hayward** Flora Wilson Isabella Asghar Martha Collins Reuben Thomas Sam Morris Hannah Sutter **Darcy Champ Thomas Watson** Tallulah George Katie Holroyd Ximena Harrington Katherine Cattermole Enya Pasic **Jack Collins** Leo Morjaria **Ned Thomas** Victoria Haugaard **Shane Grimshaw**

ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS:

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PLAYERS WANTED 2021 / 22 SEASON

Under 12 Colts (Year 7)

The Under 12 Colts are running trials for new players to join the squad for the coming season. The side play on Sunday mornings in the Surrey Youth League and train on Wednesday evenings.

For more information and trial dates contact manager Steve Bainborough at steve@sdbsecuritysystems.co.uk





London Youth Games 2022



CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

For full details visit www.richmond.gov.uk/london_youth_games, phone 020 8831 6133, or email londonyouthgames@richmond.gov.uk

If you wish to be considered for Team Richmond you must complete a 5k parkrun between 1st October and 31st October 2022.

Age categories are as follows:

U11 boy/girl (born between 01/09/2010 and 31/08/2011) U15 boy/girl (born between 01/09/2006 and 31/08/2008) U13 boy/girl (born between 01/09/2008 and 31/08/2010) U17 boy/girl (born between 01/09/2004 and 31/08/2006)

If you are selected for the squad, the competition will take place on 20 November at Parliament Hill.

5km parkruns take place every Saturday at 9:00am. You can take part in more than one run and we will take your fastest time between the allocated dates. For more information on your local parkrun please visit www.parkrun.org.uk

You can also find us on social media: 🏏 @TeamRichmond LYG











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FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 6PM - 8.30PM

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LIVE DJ AND PERFORMANCES

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WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 6.30PM - 9PM

HEATHAM HOUSE, WHITTON ROAD, TW1 1BH

WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE A LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE ATTENDING AND NOT TO ATTEND IF YOU TEST POSITIVE OR HAVE SYMPTOMS

FOR MORE INFO CALL: 020 8288 0950



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Enquiries to:

richmond.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk

TO ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 9

October 2021

Dear parent or carer,

RE: Schools that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10

You are receiving this letter because the Government has made it a legal requirement that all Local Authorities must write to parents and carers of all pupils in Year 9 to tell them about schools in or within travelling distance of the Local Authority area that admit pupils at the beginning of Year 10.

The Government wishes to ensure that parents and carers are well informed about all the options available for children of this age.

This letter is for information only and it does not mean does not mean that you are required to move your child from your existing school if it is the best option for them. For the great majority of children the school they are already attending will remain the most appropriate place for them to continue their education. So if this is of no interest to you, please disregard this letter.

University Technical Colleges are set up by universities and business and specialise in one or two technical subjects. In years 10 and 11 they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to a typical secondary school, including English and Maths, as well as their specialist subject. You can find out more at www.utcolleges.org/utcs/

Studio schools are similar to UTCs in that they have employer involvement in the curriculum and focus on developing skills needed for employment, involving personal coaching and work experience. They have a similar curriculum to a typical secondary school. You can find out more at www.studioschoolstrust.org/

A list of all schools in the London area which admit pupils into Year 10, together with contact details, can be viewed on <u>Richmond Council's website</u>.

The application process is set out on the website for each school.

I remind you that you do not need to do anything if your option is for your child to remain at their current school.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Scott Head of School Admissions

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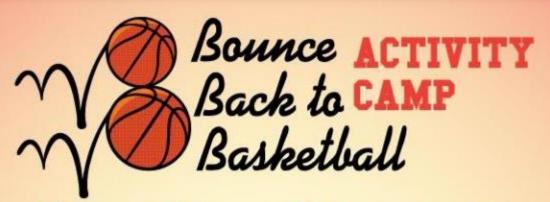


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Venue:

Waldegrave School

Dates:

25th - 29th October

Time:

9:15am-9:45am (arrival window)

2:45pm-3:15pm (pick up)

Cost:

5 Days - £139 | 4 Days - £129 | 3 Days - £109

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Venue:

Waldegrave School

Time:

3:45 pm - 7:15 pm

Dates:

25th - 29th October

SCHOOL YEARS:

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