

On the wall with
Charlotte Rae

Ham Youth Centre
behind the scenes

Leo Walton

Activity Day

Michelin Chef
in the making

Read all the news

COMPETITION TIME

Put your computational thinking
skills to the test...

Get in on the act with
Trinity Speech + Drama



**Buy a lotto ticket and
support the school**

**Grey Court School
Lottery**

Friday, 12 November 2021

eBulletin

Academic Tutoring Day
Thursday, 25 November 2021

Please contact Ms Plumridge
dplumridge@greycourt.org.uk if you
have not received your appointment.

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Avail of a 25% early-bird discount when you place your order.
The discount details are printed on your viewing instructions. If
you have any queries, please email

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Grey Court Uniform Shop

(opposite the sixth form drama studio)

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on
Thursday afternoons from 3pm - 4pm. Please note
that only card payments are acceptable.

School Calendar

2021-2022 **Term Dates**

2022-2023 **Term Dates**

News & Events Calendar

Attendance Focus Week

15 November to 19 November

371 Bus Route

The school has put a request in with TfL about
increasing the number of buses at the start and
end of the school day on the 371 bus route.
Should you wish to raise a concern with TfL
please contact them on **0343 222 1234**

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The Grey Court Breakfast Club



There is much evidence to show that eating breakfast supports children with their behaviour and adolescent growth and development. Often, when teenagers say they are feeling unwell, we find that they have not eaten breakfast and they feel much better once they have something to eat. If you are finding it hard to encourage your child to eat first thing in the morning, please ask them to attend the breakfast club at school, where they will be able to have a healthy and nutritious breakfast in a warm environment. For more information about the importance of breakfast, please read what happens **when kids don't eat breakfast.**

**FOOD
GLORIOUS
FOOD**

Grey Court School
offers a rotating

school menu



Lest we forget...

Remembrance Day





Put your computational thinking skills to the test...

Take part in the Bebras Challenge House Competition

Bebras is an international initiative to promote Computational Thinking among school students at all ages from over 50 different countries. We have supported this initiative at Grey Court for over 6 years by running the challenge with all students taking Computing (Years 7 to 9) or Computer Science (Years 10 to 13), and this year will be no different.

Pupils taking part will put their Computational thinking skills into practice to solve a series of Beaver related problems. The *Bebras* challenge promotes problem solving skills and Informatics concepts that are required by software engineers and developers to create applications and programmes. These skills are not only limited to programming and can equally be used to solve or complete tasks in any subject or activity we may encounter in life.

This year participation in the *Bebras* challenge allows pupils to earn points for their house in several different ways.

House points will be awarded to the top scoring student in each house within a year group.

House points will be awarded to the houses based on the average *Bebras* score of pupils in that house.

Pupils can also find the 5 *Bebras* posters around the school and submit their answers in a Google Form that will be posted in their Computing Google Classroom. They will get 1 house point for each correct answer.

How you can take part

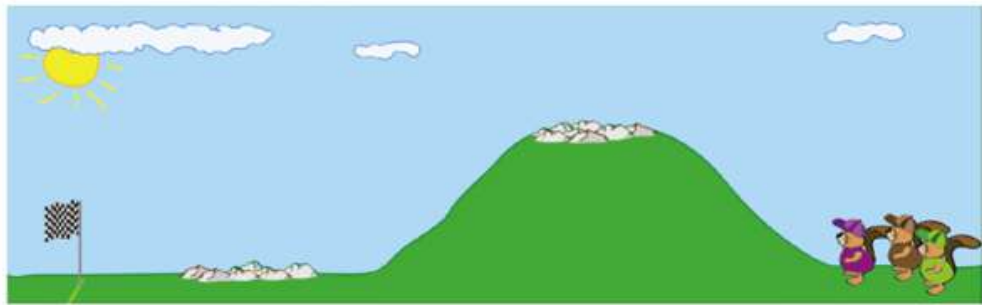
We would also like to invite family and carers to take part by answering the same poster questions. You will help to earn even more house points for your nominated Grey Court house.

Just go to tinyurl.com/GC-Bebras-friends-and-family and follow the instructions. Have fun!

Here is an example to get you started

Three fast beavers will compete in a cross-country run.

- Mr Brown will overtake one beaver when running uphill.
- Mrs Pink will take one beaver when running downhill.
- Mrs Green will overtake one beaver when running across rocks



The terrain is shown in the picture: uphill, followed by some rocks, downhill and then some more rocks.

Mrs Pink starts in the first position, followed by Mr Brown and Mrs Green.

Question:

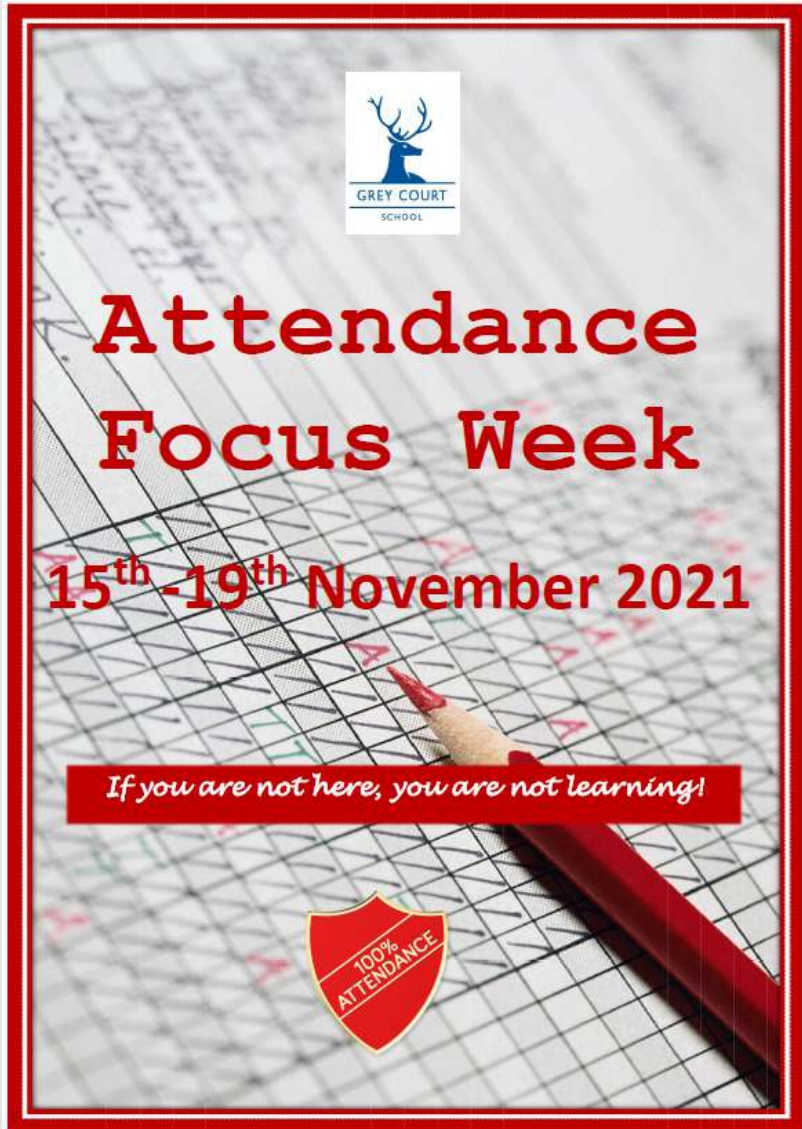
In which order will the beavers finish the race?	
A. Mrs Pink, Mr Brown and Mrs Green B. Mr Brown, Mrs Pink and Mrs Green C. Mr Brown, Mrs Green and Mrs Pink D. Mrs Green, Mrs Pink and Mr Brown	Your answer is:

'100 Club/Bash with the Cash'

starts on 15 November

The three-week '100 Club/Bash with the Cash' starts on Monday, 15 November.

Remember you've got to be in it (school) to win it (cash)!



A poster for 'Attendance Focus Week' at Grey Court School. The background is a grid of graph paper with a red pencil lying diagonally across it. At the top center is the Grey Court School logo, which features a blue stag head above the text 'GREY COURT SCHOOL'. The main text 'Attendance Focus Week' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below this, the dates '15th - 19th November 2021' are also in red. A red banner at the bottom contains the text 'If you are not here, you are not learning!' in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a red shield-shaped badge with the text '100% ATTENDANCE' in white.



**Attendance
Focus Week**

15th - 19th November 2021

If you are not here, you are not learning!

**100%
ATTENDANCE**

CLUB NEWS

Below are some highlights of the 20+ clubs that are on offer. See the **timetable** for all the club details.

STEM CLUB

Year Group: 7,8 and 9

Day: Mondays

Time: 03.00pm to 03.30pm

Venue: Lab 6

Teacher: Ms Scrambler

Creative Writing

Year Group: 7, 8 and 9

Day: Mondays

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: E3

Teacher: Mr Conder

ROCK AND POP CLUB

Year Group: All year groups

Day: Wednesdays +
Thursdays

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Practice Rooms

Teacher: Mr Millar and Mr
Allchurch

SPEAK YOUR MIND CLUB

Year Group: 10

Day: Mondays

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: E5

Teacher: Ms Comrie and Ms Laws

CHEMISTRY CLUB starts 1 December

Year group: 10 and 11

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: TBC

Bicycle Maintenance Club



Students getting stuck in at the bike maintenance course with the Cycle Coach



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 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!



#Y7

Mr Day

It was great to welcome Y7s back to school after the half-term break.

After the first half-term it is good for students to pause and think back to all the progress they have made since starting. They have adjusted fantastically to their new surroundings and I have had lots of positive feedback from teachers. Mr Willmore and the sports' department have been particularly impressed by the number of Y7 students who have been getting involved with sports too. Last Friday we took 5 boys football teams to play Hampton Boys' School which is an amazing level of participation. Well done to the A and B teams in particular who played well - losing narrowly 2-1 and 3-1 respectively.

At the same time, half-term is a chance for students to think about areas where they can improve. The first half-term can prove difficult to some students, who take time to adapt in what is a fast-paced environment. Now they are into the second half-term they should know the routines of the school, as well as their organisation and homework. Up until Christmas is a real opportunity for students to get fully in the swing of school life at Grey Court and excel.

#KS3+KS4

We had a poignant assembly about Remembrance on Wednesday for our Y9 students. Ms Hawkins told us about the heroes that gave everything for the world we live in today and the heroes that continue to do so; our front line workers. We heard about Elizabeth Choy, who was a Singaporean educator and councillor who is regarded as a war heroine in Singapore. Along with her husband, Choy Khun Heng, she supplied medicine, money and messages to prisoners-of-war interned in Changi Prison when the Japanese occupied Singapore during World War II.

We have multiple students taking part in the Borough Cross Country competition on Thursday, well done to all the students selected for the teams and good luck!

#Y8+Y9

Mr Ridley

#Y8 Graphic Design

Y8 have been designing a 3D bedroom for a chosen client, either a child or a university student, on illustrator. They are new to the design programme, so they have made excellent progress! See the designs by **Florence Lavercombe** and **Saskia Hollins**. Well done, girls!





Support your favourite charity when you buy your sprouts this Christmas

AmazonSmile- nominate Grey Court Education Fund and every time you shop with smile, the charity gets 1% of your basket value at no extra cost to you.

EasyFundraising- log onto easyfundraising.org.uk on your computer or download the Easyfundraising app, nominate Grey Court PA and allow the app to prompt you to accept donations every time you shop. Then, whatever you buy, from your favourite supermarket to M&S undies, that retailer donates a typical 1% of your basket value (sometimes more) to your nominated charity.

It's never been easier to fundraise for charity.

If every parent at Grey Court used the app for their weekly online grocery shop for one week, we would earn c. £1500. That's enough to buy:

- 7 Chromebooks (with licenses) to support digitally excluded pupils.
- One term's grocery supplies to enable students in years 7, 8 and 9 to have practical food tech lessons, or additional chemicals to support the new after school chemistry club for a whole year.

So, don't delay, download the app today!!



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.

Shifts from AM: 8:00-11:30 and/or PM: 12:30-16:00. Flexibility is, however, 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: 21 November 2021

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

This welcome, but unseasonably warm weather, has made the clocks going back far more pleasant than usual. The second half of the autumn term is always a very busy term with trial exams, end of term exams, school productions and more taking place. The business is to be celebrated as this half term feels far closer to a normal school year than before, long may it continue. It is important to note that if any students are struggling with the fast pace of this half term they should ensure they speak with any member of the KS4 team.

#Y10+Y11

**Mr Gordon
Walker**

Y11 Trial Exams: 29 November - 10 December

Y11 trial examinations commence on Monday, 29 November, and finish on Friday, 10 December. We have produced this **revision booklet**, as an invaluable resource that is designed to support all students with their upcoming examinations. Enclosed in the following pages are the exam timetable and bespoke revision guidance and exam information for each subject. Please do take the time to read and discuss this booklet in detail so that every student is as prepared as they can be for these examinations.

In recent years, with the cancellation of GCSE examinations, trial examinations have taken on an even greater importance. We stress that each student should take these examinations seriously and prepare themselves accordingly. In addition to this booklet, students have received a revision planning booklet that we discussed with them in significant detail on Monday. If any student is feeling anxious about these upcoming examinations they should of course contact any member of the KS4 to ensure that they receive the support and advice they need.

Y11 interventions

Our Y11 interventions started again after half term. We offer the best in Borough, with our intervention programme, 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. The full list of interventions is **here**

PDW

Year	Topic
7	Democracy in the UK What is democracy
8	Keeping Healthy A balanced diet
9	Careers and GCSE options What are options?
10	Extremism and radicalisation What is extremism?
11	Sex - Let's be realistic Is porn realistic?

Food + Nutrition



Food + Nutrition

by Ms Clark

The first year 9s finished their rotations last week, with our House Competition of 'Grey Court Star Chef'. They were challenged with producing a multicultural dish that was skilful, creative and nutritionally balanced. 1st place receives 100 points for their house, 2nd place 75 points, 50 points for 3rd place and 25 points for 4th place.

I am always amazed at what our year 9s manage to produce and this group was no different!

The winners and our chefs of the week were:

9A

1st place - Leo Walton
2nd place - Joshie Mauthner
3rd place - Tyler Foxen
4th place - Tom Faulkner

9B

1st place - Grace Ouvaroff
2nd place - Vlad Colea
3rd place - Isabella Flint
4th place - Leonardo Moore
4th place - Daniel Lowe

FOOD CLUBS

Y7 Food Club is held on Tuesdays after school in T5, 3-4pm.

Y9 Food Club will begin on Thursdays after Christmas!



A SPECIAL MENTION goes to **Leo Walton** for his beef wellington - a Michelin starred chef said she would give him a job based on his perfect version of this complex dish.

Well done Leo!



Y10 Food and Nutrition students are finishing off their Nutrition and Health unit, looking at special diets and nutrition through life. They had to design and make a vegan dish that appealed to teenagers. Look at some of them with their dishes - they were of an excellent standard.

Y11 continue to make headway with their NEA coursework and are into practical assessments now, focusing on Italian cuisine, dishes for young children or healthy dishes for those with cardiovascular disease.



Activity Day

News



Y7 at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo



Photo: Tyler Miles with Baroness Hale

During their Activity Day **Xavier Barratt** and **Tyler Miles** had to take a photo with a celeb in London - and they were lucky enough to meet **Baroness Hale**, ex-Head of the UK Supreme Court, and current peer in the House of Lords.

READ all about the
activity day adventures

#Y11 Activity Day



Y11 - It's a busy term for Y11s thinking about their post-16 options. On activity day, we had an inspiring talk by Robert from Kingston University on thinking about their future and I am am sure it gave our students some food for thought.

We have been supporting students with personal statements and applications and also using **Unifrog** to look at their careers and options. Students are reminded to log in with their school email address. If anyone needs any further career advice please contact Ms Corrighan.



Y9 Box Hill

They had a very fine day for Box Hill ... Nothing was wanting but to be happy when they got there. Seven miles were travelled in expectation of enjoyment, and every body had a burst of admiration on first arriving...

Jane Austen, Emma

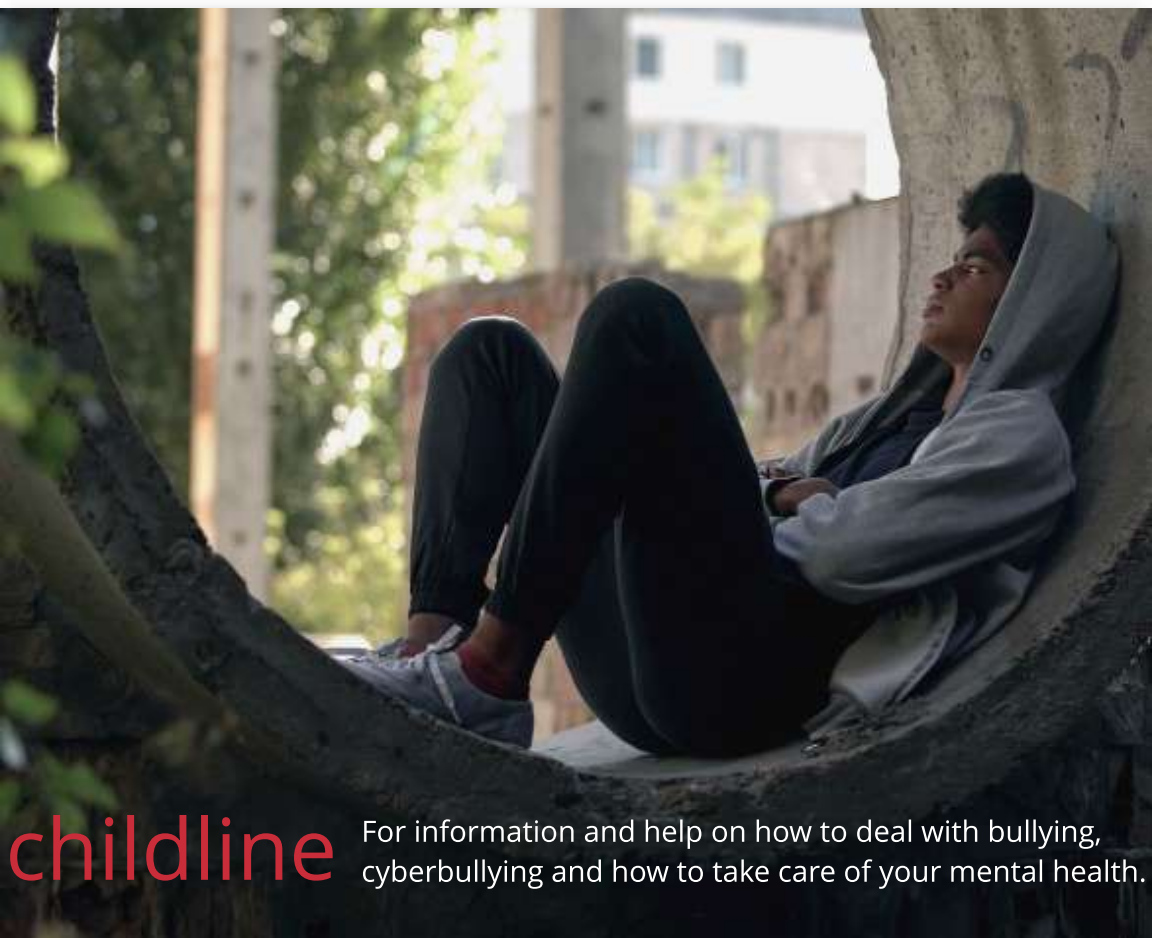
WELLBEING

A woman with blonde hair, wearing sunglasses and a red patterned sweater, is sitting cross-legged on a grassy forest floor. She is looking upwards towards the sky. The background is a dense forest of tall, slender birch trees with white bark and sparse green foliage. The lighting is bright and natural, suggesting a sunny day.

November Wellbeing **Calendar**

Anti-Bullying Week

15 to 19 November



childline

For information and help on how to deal with bullying, cyberbullying and how to take care of your mental health.

Be careful with your words. Once they are said they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.



THINKUKNOW are excited to announce the recent launch of [#AskTheAwkward](#), their brand new resource for parents and carers of secondary-aged children.

#AskTheAwkward aims to help parents and carers have regular conversations with their children about online relationships and more. The resource includes three short films created in a social experiment style, with real parents and their children to capture their reactions to a range of questions.

What else is included in #AskTheAwkward?

A parent and carers introduction to #AskingTheAwkward: Young people want their parents and carers to have everyday conversations with them about relationships. We've produced this introduction for parents and carers on how to start having those awkward conversations with confidence.

A set of nine help sheets: Our help sheets give essential information on nine key topics, to help parents and carers understand more about the themes raised in the films. They also provide links to further information and conversation starters on each topic.



The ADHD Embrace popular parenting course 'Parents and Teens - building better relationships' is now open for booking!

You can now book your place on our [upcoming Parenting Course for parents of teens](#).

"A really insightful and practical course to help understand and reframe the challenges parents & teens with ADHD face"- Previous attendee

This online parenting course will be delivered by Julia Langensiepen, Psychotherapist and life-coach.

Start date: 3 November (running every Wednesday for 6 weeks)

Time: 8 - 9.30pm, via Zoom

Topics covered in this course will include:

- Psycho-Education or More Empathy, Less Stress
- Emotional Regulation
- Effective Communication
- Time-management

There will be a maximum of 8 participants on the course and while there are a lot of new concepts being introduced, the course will aim to be as interactive as possible - enabling invaluable discussion, sharing of experiences and ideas and the use of breakout rooms.

Spaces are £120 for the 6 sessions and couples wishing to join will need to book two places for this course. There are a limited number of assisted places available at the discounted price of £15 for those suffering financial hardship.

For more information and booking, please click [here](#).

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](#)



Ham Youth Centre

Since reopening in April we have seen a huge demand for the services we offer from young people and parents after so long in lock down. Young people were often bored and isolated and have relished having somewhere to meet their friends, talk to youth workers and take part in different activities.

We had an incredibly busy summer holidays open six days per week offering a wide range of things to do including fashion design, street dance, drama, archery, target shooting, parkour, computer game design, an urban art mural, music production and trips ice skating and canoeing.

Since the summer we have been running various activities every day after school open from 3pm until 8 or 9 each night. In September we had the grand opening of our new gaming lounge which was attended by Sarah Olney MP. Here young people can use state-of-the-art gaming consoles and PCs alongside their friends, rather than being stuck at home by themselves. We also offer accredited courses in game design and coding run by students from Kingston University

We have lots of other exciting projects going on. Alongside Brentford Football Club we are running a weekly football session on Ham Green, the group took part in a 6 aside football tournament at Heatham House in Twickenham over the summer. Working in partnership with TAG, a youth club for young people with disabilities, we have now started parkour classes on Sundays as well as the usual Thursdays due to extra demand.

Our Youth Orchestra is going from strength to strength with young people showing substantial progression in their grasp of Beethoven compositions! We also have a great arrangement with local arts group Makers United where they use our art studio for their own work but alongside this run workshops for young people.

During all these activities staff are there to support young people with any issues they may be facing. Recently this has been around mental health and anxiety, careers advice, education, sexuality and drugs and alcohol. We are always there for young people to talk to and we work closely with other teams within Achieving for Children such as CAMHS and social services to refer young people for specialist support where needed.

Everything we offer at the youth centre is free of charge. If you would like more information, please contact Ben Skelton at ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk.

Follow us on Instagram to see what we have been up to and what is planned for the future.



Yellow Fever

by Mr Clements

It was a case of 49 years of hurt for the Proud Roman Leader, Clemocrates, after a penalty shootout drama in the FINAL of the staff football five-a-side competition, as he continued his tradition of NEVER having won a football tournament in his whole life! Dreams of Roman domination went up in a swish-of-electric boogaloo as Aztec goalkeeper and international breakdance - Hounslow West - Champion, Mr Khan saved a Mr Lewis penalty pile-driver. As Lewis, the deposed penalty King and Latin scholar, sank to his haunches and wept into the Tiber, he could be heard to exclaim "Veni vici secondi!"

Statistics for the game compiled by "Strictly Come Dancing" fan, Mr Luniss revealed that Romans had taken the most shots on goal, whilst midfield enforcer, Ms Comrie, had made the most tackles. Indeed, the team as a collective had produced a brand of aesthetically pleasing football last encapsulated by the legendary Brazilian team of 1982. Unsurprisingly, this led Roman's Brazilian striker, Mr Cantuاريو da Silva, to reveal after the game that his father had indeed played for the last greatest Football Team never to have won a prestigious tournament.



Year 7 Black British History Initiative

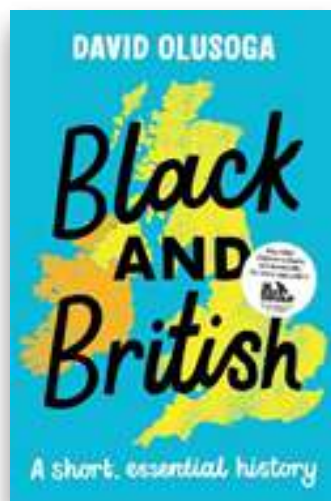
As part of Grey Court's commitment to developing an alternative curriculum Year 7 students will be reading historian David Olusoga's, "Black and British" in form time and through their accelerated reader programme. Mild mannered librarian, Mr Johnson, has developed a test for students to complete at the end of the 5 week programme, with students who achieve a pass mark receiving a congratulatory letter home as well as house points - as long as they are PROUD Romans!

Each student will be loaned a copy of Olusoga's book for the duration of the initiative which has been kindly purchased through the Grey Court Education Fund. A series of short lessons aimed at developing Year 7's debating skills as well as their cultural capital has been developed by the school's Diversity collective. The intention is to encourage students and their teachers to philosophise around issues related to their identity and the legacy of the Empire as well as to challenge stereotypical assumptions around our history.

For example, my own reading of the book has recalibrated my understanding of the Roman Empire which was considerably more meritocratic and cosmopolitan in outlook than I had previously imagined. Moreover, history is always so much more interesting on a micro-level and so I hope the individual stories of Dido Belle, John Blanke and Norman Manley will create interest and encourage thoughtfulness and debate.

For example, in the case of the Jamaican politician Norman Manley, who grew up as an impoverished orphan in Jamaica, it is interesting to note that he was a beneficiary of a Rhodes scholarship. This meant that he attended Oxford University graduating with a law degree, which led him to become a leading independence campaigner and social reformer in his homeland. Moreover, the moral legitimacy of the Rhodes scholarship is now muddled as much of the fortune he bequeathed was made from the exploitation of African labour and minerals. This then facilitates the class debate amongst Year 7s around the claim of whether the statue of Rhodes in Oxford's Oriel college, must fall?

We hope that when students study a diverse history of the past, they will be better placed to shape and make sense of the future in a more inclusive way.



#SixthForm

Sixth Form Application Process

Wednesday's Open Evening was a resounding success with the two tours seeing over 700 people through the doors. It was wonderful to have a Sixth Form full of prospective Year 11 students and for staff and Sixth Form students to be able to share their passions for their subjects. The excitement and enthusiasm of the prospective cohort was clear and we look forward to welcoming you into the Sixth Form in September 2022.

If you were unable to attend the event or want to go back through the presentation then please click [here](#). Additionally the prospectus on the school website offers the details of all the subjects that we run. Personally, the highlight of the speeches (and the one that gave the most insight into the Sixth Form) was the speech that was given by our head boy and girl - Jashan Ball and Daisy Whitlie - please click [here](#) if you would like to read it.

When you are ready to apply, visit the Sixth Form page of the website for the [application form](#). The deadline for entry in September 2022 is 15 December 2021.

Existing Grey Court students will have been invited for an initial transition interview in November/December 2021, then all applicants, internal and external, will be invited for a formal interview in January/February 2022. During this interview we ask you to show us a piece of work of which you are particularly proud, and external students are also asked to bring their latest school report, which should include attendance data. We will be in touch closer to the time with your invitation to interview and a reminder of the documents you must bring.

Oxbridge Update

Students had a meeting on Monday on the way forward with interview preparation. All notes from that meeting are to be found on the Oxbridge Google classroom. One of the first steps will be the practise online interview experience with our external tutor. Students have been given a time slot and will be provided with a zoom link to access the tutor support. Some subjects require students to log on early to read pre-interview material. All specific details will be outlined on the Oxbridge classroom. These sessions are running on 11th (Thursday), 12th (Friday) and 16th (Tuesday) November. It is essential that students stick to the specified time schedule and prioritise this opportunity over other activities or work.

EPQ Update

Last week students reflected on their progress to date and worked to fill in gaps from the first half term. This week, due to Open Evening, students have been working on their EPQ from home and need to move onto the planning and drafting stage of their project so they can begin drafting next week.

Stars of the week

It is impossible to pick a single star this week as we feel that our entire cohort were stars. We are incredibly proud of the support that they offered our staff at Open Evening and the universally wonderful way that they represented the Sixth Form.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Y12 Friends and Founders Event

Date: Wednesday, 8 December

Time: 6.30-8pm

We will be running our annual careers event for Y12 students. ALL students are expected to attend the evening in school and meet with people from a range of different career backgrounds.

We invite former Grey Court students (Founders) as well as contacts from business and the local community (Friends) to talk to you about the range of careers options. Ms Corrighan will be talking to you more about this. We ask students to come in business dress, and prepare a CV. This is a great opportunity to find out more, and many students have gained work experience from attending this event.

Weekly Careers' Bulletin

09/11 Opportunities for Sixth Formers

This is packed with university open days, tasters and lots of opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships.

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, please visit: [Careers at Grey Court](#)



at our Friends' and Founders' Career Event

Date: Wednesday, 8 December

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm

We are holding our Annual Friends' and Founders' Career Event for Y12 students. We invite Grey Court alumni, parents and friends of the Grey Court community to talk informally to the students about their career path. It's a great evening for networking and really does inspire our Y12 students.

You can see from the photo that we expect students to come in business attire and they will chat to the friends and founders informally in small groups.



If you think you can support, please do get in touch and we appreciate not everyone would like to come into school so if you can help virtually we would also love to hear from you. Please contact Ms Corrighan. bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Please see link for the details of the local sixth forms/colleges and applications deadlines: [College Sixth Form Open Days_Deadlines 2021-2022.pdf](#)

College/Sixth	Open event date, time & Registration link
Grey Court Sixth Form	Open evening took place on 10 November - to apply visit: Application and prospectus Applications open NOW and deadline 15 December 2021
Kingston College	Saturday, 27 November, 10am-1pm Kingston College Open Event Applications open October 2021
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Next event is 2 March. Applications open October 2021 Find out more about courses: Richmond College courses
Nescot College (Epsom)	Wednesday, 24 November, 4.30-7.30pm Event Registration · Customer Self-Service Applications open October 2021
BRIT School (Croydon)	Applications are open NOW and close on 15 November 2021 (Music, Dance, Musical Theatre) and 31 January 2022 (Media, visual arts and more creative subjects) https://www.brit.croydon.sch.uk/joinat16
Capel Manor College <i>Specialises in Animal & Land based courses</i>	23 November virtual event - 6-8pm Capel Manor Open events Applications open October/November 2021



Current apprenticeship opportunities

Way2Work is an Apprenticeship training provider offering apprenticeship vacancies and full-time job opportunities for young people aged 16-24. For more information contact way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk or register your interest [here](#). We'll meet with you, provide information on apprenticeships and add you to our pool of candidates for inclusion in our next cohort.

Teaching Assistants

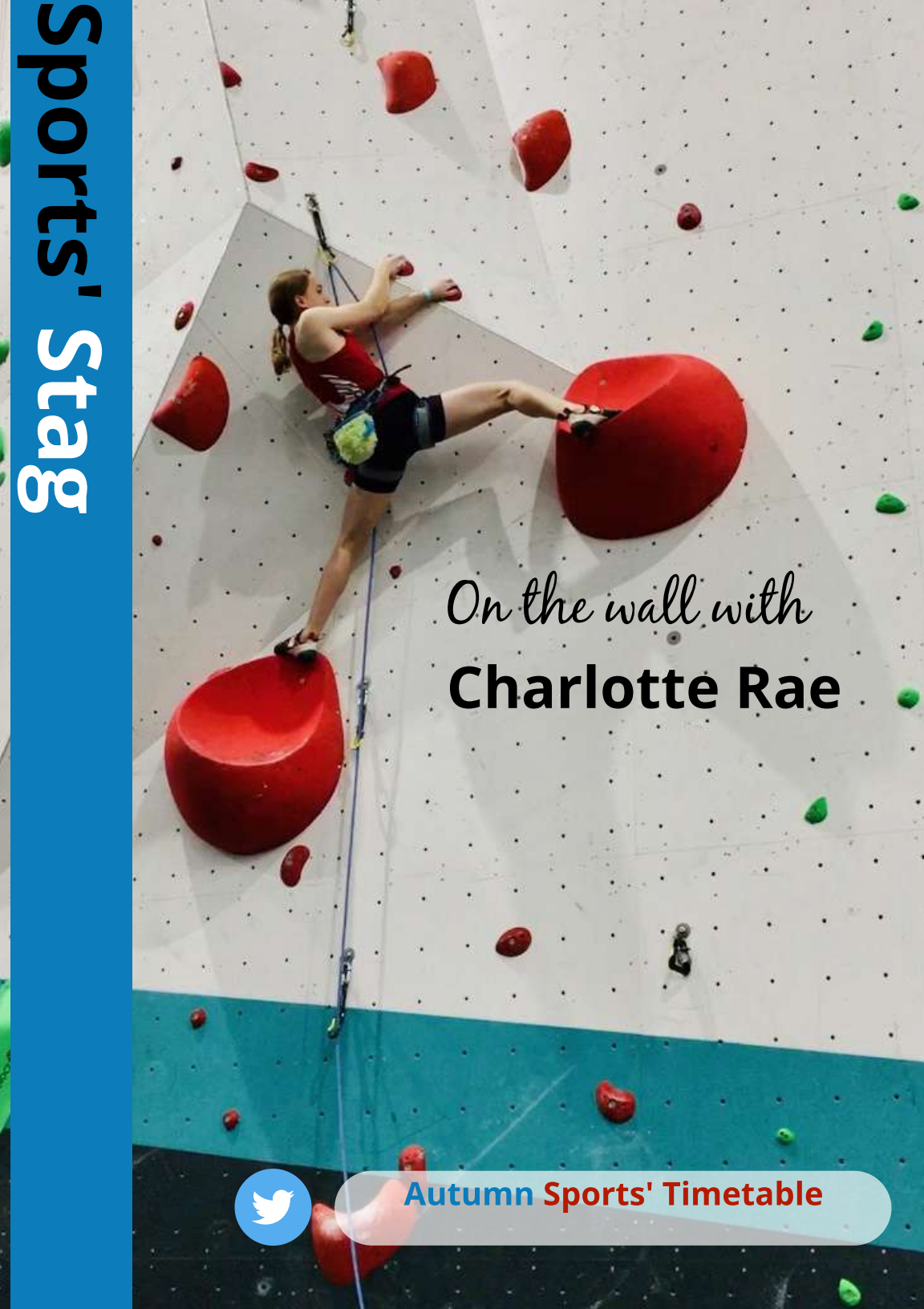
[St Marys and St Peters Primary, Teddington](#)
[Lime Tree Primary School, Surbiton](#)

Business Administration

[Achieving for Children, Twickenham](#)
[London Borough of Richmond upon Thames & Wandsworth Borough Council, Twickenham](#)

Early Years Practitioner

[Scamps Nursery, Teddington](#)

A photograph of a female rock climber, Charlotte Rae, ascending a white artificial rock wall. She is wearing a red tank top, black shorts, and a climbing harness. She is using large red and green climbing holds. A blue rope is attached to her harness and runs down the wall. The wall has a green base section.

On the wall with **Charlotte Rae**



Autumn Sports' Timetable

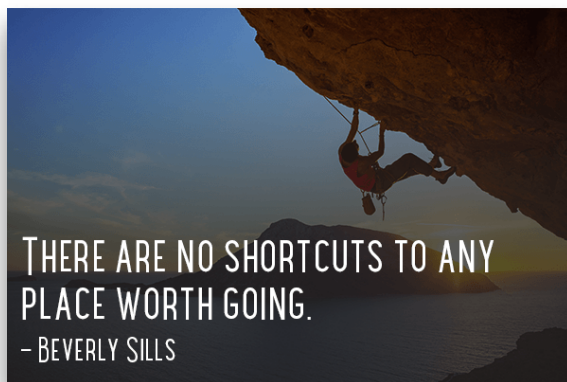
Charlotte Rae has been competing in the BMC Youth Climbing Series. There are four regional rounds: two roped climbing and two bouldering. The top three climbers in each age category from each of eight regions are invited to the grand final along with the top three climbers from Scotland and Ireland.

Charlotte performed strongly in all four rounds (she won round two) coming third overall and will compete in the final held in Southampton on 27 and 28 November.



She will also compete in the British Lead Climbing Championships at Westway on 20 November and the Junior British Bouldering Championships in Norwich on 4 and 5 December.

Well done and we wish you well for your upcoming events, Charlotte.



Congratulations to **Jaden-Dalas Martin** who was selected to attend the Basketball England South East Region aspire camp in Chichester during half term and has been selected to return for the next stage in December.

Congratulations to **James Alleyne** who has been nominated to attend the London Irish Developing Player Programme Trials. Players are nominated in recognition of their hard work and the ability they have shown in recent rugby matches! This is a fantastic opportunity. Well done, James.



Joshua Harwood White has been selected to play for England Hockey U15 Performance Centre Squad. He was selected from the county squad and was invited to attend a series of trials over the last couple of months and the final trial was a full day over half term. Superb achievement!

Congratulations to **Tom Williams** who has been selected for the Middlesex U18 rugby squad. We are thrilled for Tom who is a superb individual and role model to the lower school.

Congratulations to our **U13 table tennis teams** who performed superbly at the Borough tournament at RPA on Tuesday, 9 November. All players in each team won every match which was outstanding and the teams were rightly crowned Borough Champions. Well done!



Excellent performances by our U14 indoor athletics squads on Thursday night. The A squad finished second and have now qualified for the semi finals on the 24 November.

Superb victory for the U12 football team on Thursday in the cup. 3-3 AET and we held our nerve to win the penalty shoot out 4-3. Nick P with two great saves. Well done boys.





Huge congratulations to our u14 basketball team who won the borough tournament and will go on to represent Richmond in the LYG



A [#UWCL](#) debut for
18-year-old

[@jorjafox6](#) vs Servette on
Tuesday!



A brilliant 4-1 win away at Harris Academy Merton for the U15
Boy's Football squad. On to the next round of the County Cup!



Our u14 netball team played a very competitive game on Tuesday evening against a strong side from

[@JAGS_Sport](#) we sadly didn't come away with the win but lots to learn from. Good luck with the rest of the league

[@JAGS_Sport](#)



Great result in the Middlesex Vase for our U14 rugby team, winning 25-15 against a strong

@EnfieldGrammar side. Tries from Hugo, Gethin, Eli and Freddie.

Superb 5-0 victory on Tuesday by the U12 football team in the County Cup. F Stidwell (3) and G Robinson (2) with our goals. Well done boys!



#Y7

Interhouse Football Results

1st Spartan, 2nd Roman, 3rd Trojan, 4th Aztec



Well done to our U16 Basketball who beat RPA 51 43 on Tuesday in what was a very close game right till the end.





Superb performances from our U13 table tennis teams on Tuesday at the Borough tournament. Both teams won every game they played which was exceptional. Well done our Borough Champions.

Fantastic 3-2 victory after extra time by our U14 football team in Surrey County Cup on Monday. The boys showed great character and fighting spirit. S Roberts, A M Reddings and J Russell with our goals.



Boys' Player of the Month

Aiden Foxen

Y7



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

Y10



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 Y10 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 month. 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

U16 Girls' Netball Team



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.



Richmond Rugby would like to invite your daughter to attend a fun rugby pitch and play afternoon at their Club on Sunday, 14 November. There will be some fun rugby coaching sessions run by Richmond Women first team players and community coaches from 1pm. They can then stay and watch Richmond Women play Bath Women at 3pm. Entrance to the game is also open to any friends/family. To confirm your daughter's attendance please email: communitydept@richmondrc.co.uk

Please see the flyer at the end of this bulletin for more information

Attention all cricketers

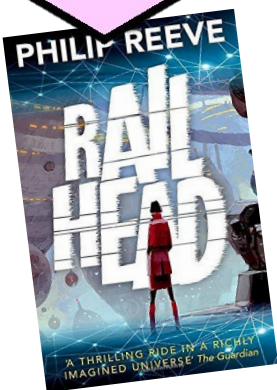
This is a fantastic opportunity to progress your game.

MCC Foundation Guildford (Surrey) has announced details of trials for 2022.

They are running separate boys' and girls' hubs. Players must be aged 11-15, at state school and not part of County Age Group squads. District/Performance players may apply.

All MCC Foundation Hub sessions are FREE of charge. Please see the **boys' registration form** and **girls' registration form** for more information.

Book of the
Week



The Great Network is a strange and wonderful world, crisscrossed by sentient trains, travelling across galaxies. It is also a place with great danger - especially for the leading character Zen - a petty thief who steals more than he expects one day, setting him on a dangerous and thrilling journey. But is it Zen or what he has stolen that is also a key to the whole basis of the Great Network, why is he being chased by so many very important people from the authorities and who will be his ally along the way?

The novel is difficult to characterise being a mix of sci-fi, fantasy, romance and thriller. A whole world is built through very imaginative use of language which underpins a complex but well-constructed plot. A plot that is kept light, inventive and original, engaging and fast-paced throughout with clever use of humour and wit. The characters are easy to relate to; due to the realistic and interesting way they are portrayed, even minor characters are rounded and engaging. Through exploration of some of the non-human characters there is an exploration of what it is to be human whilst also exploring quite harsh criticisms of society in subtle ways. This is an engaging, emotionally satisfying read, using exciting language to draw the reader in.

Philip Reeve was born and raised in Brighton, where he wrote his first story at the tender age of five about a spaceman called Spike and his dog Spook. He is a talented illustrator and writer, and he has illustrated several titles in the Horrible Histories series.

Philip is best known for his multi award-winning Mortal Engines quartet, which won the Nestlé Children's Book Prize, the Blue Peter Book Award, and the Guardian Children's Book Award. Philip has also won the prestigious CILIP Carnegie Medal with Here Lies Arthur. You can visit Philip's website and blog at www.philip-reeve.com



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.

7 Ash

Farhan Abbas
Gustav Alpsten
Irmak Bilik
Frederica Quierin
Leo Senanayake
Frederick Weatherhead-Pusey

7 Beech

Oscar Ballantine
Nikolas Meredith

7 Cedar

Archie Fedulov
Pippa Kennard
Isla Reindorp

7 Elm

James Houlding
Moujan Rezaei
Elizabeth Weatherhead-Pusey

7 Rowan

Edward Medcalf
Sonya Mishchenko
Deeba Zamani

7 Willow

Esther Mudunkotuwe
Anesh Premnath
Tamsin Thomson Farnden
Lyra Wade
Setayesh Walid

8aC

Chloe Blower
Jasper Sguiri
Anna Wild

8aL

Lily Bogstad
Matilda Scrivener

8aV

Aara Anjum-Smith
Lily Burnett
Samuel Ellisdon
Alex Van Dyk

8aX

Archie Boulton
Amelia Davies
Ali Shahjahan

8bV

Austin Cheyne
Zaydan Chowdhury
Stefan Godard
Jacob Heller
Katrina Killey
Florence Lavercombe

8bX

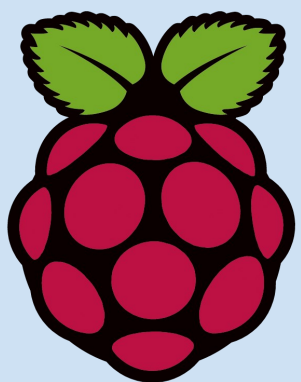
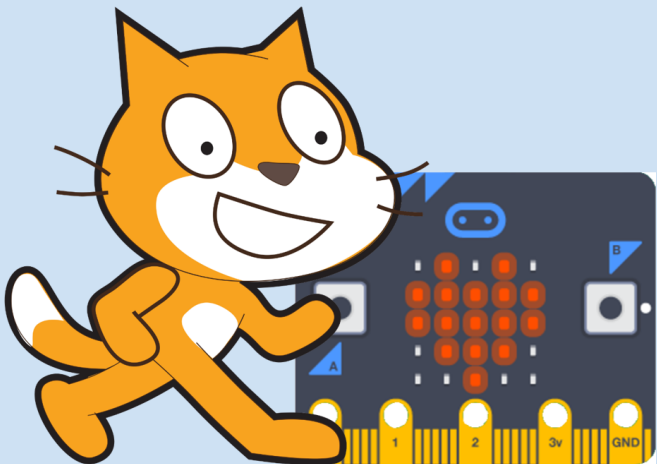
Luke Roscoe
Micah Smith

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All years welcome✓



Location & Time

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if day = "Wednesday" & time  
= "afterschool" {  
    print ("room = T1")  
}
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(Wednesday after-school in T1!)

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RICHMOND GIRLS RUGBY

FREE PITCH UP & PLAY AFTERNOON
SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - 1PM START



**Celebrate the launch of Richmond's Girls Youth Section
by attending our FREE Pitch Up & Play afternoon!**

- PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
 - OPEN TO UNDER 12S TO UNDER 18S
 - EXPERT COACHING AND SKILL SESSIONS
 - FUN RUGBY GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
 - FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
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- SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Have you ever debated before? Well, if you like to win arguments, it's time to start!

Debating's a great extracurricular for your CV, and it builds skills like confidence, teamwork, leadership and communication.

'Start Speaking' is for 1 hour every Wednesday via Zoom at 5:30pm from November 17 to December 15. We'll be covering the essentials of debate to get you debating in no time, including current events, how to structure and generate arguments, respond with rebuttal, and impact your arguments.

START SPEAKING

Learn how to debate!

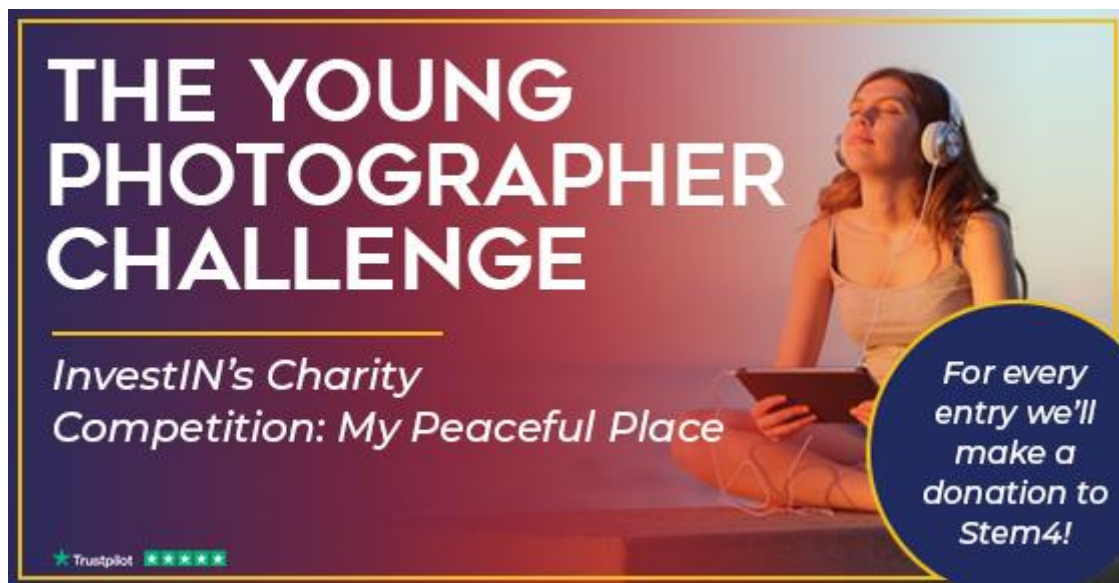
**5 SESSIONS: WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM
NOVEMBER 17-DECEMBER 15**

Sign up with the teacher in charge of debating at your school



The Young Photographer Challenge: Charity Competition

Help us provide essential support for youth mental health



"Every photo is...a vulnerable act of courage to build empathy." (Bryce Evans)

Studies show that 60% of young people feel unable to cope with stress induced by the pressure to succeed. Research also shows that the visualisation of a tranquil place can help reduce stress, anxiety and fear.

In honour of this and stress awareness week, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, [The Young Photographer Challenge](#). You should submit a photograph of your 'peaceful place' along with a title and short explanation. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each entry we shall make a donation to Stem4, a youth mental health charity. The deadline for entries is Tuesday 23rd November.

[Enter Now](#)

The Winner: The winning photograph will be shared across our social media and featured on our blog which will be seen by 10,000+ people. In addition, they will receive an InvestIN AmbitionX Membership, granting them one year's access to all our weekend live online programmes and evening events.



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Attendance Focus Week

15th - 19th November 2021

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You're Invited!

Richmond PCF's AGM & Birthday Celebration

Thurs 25th
November,
8pm

Join us in the Winchester Room at the Turk's Head to learn more about the Forum and help to celebrate our 2nd birthday.

We'll be holding a short meeting for Richmond PCF members earlier in the evening and non-members are welcome to join us from 8pm onwards to learn more about what the Forum does and meet other parent carers.

To book your place please email information@richmondpcf.org.uk or complete our online booking form [here](#)

Not a Richmond PCF member yet? Membership is FREE and open to anyone whose child with SEND is aged 0-25 years and lives or accesses services in Richmond.

Who we are, what we do

We are an independent group of parent carers who have come together to ensure that ALL parents are able to have their say in the planning of local services. We don't provide SEND services, but bring parents' voices to those that do.

8pm-10pm
25th November
The Turk's Head
28 Winchester Rd,
St Margarets,
Twickenham
TW1 1LF

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For more details contact

Ben Skelton

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Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, TW10 7PI

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Newcastle Falcons visit the BCS on Saturday 4 December for the #JustTryIt Family Day
- with entertainment and fun for the whole family guaranteed!

FREE KIDS' TICKETS

All child (11 and under) and junior (12-17) tickets are FREE when booked with an adult, following the below steps:

- Click [here](#)
- Choose your desired seat, select the price class 'Junior Free' and add to your basket
- Choose an adjacent seat, select the price class 'Adult Offer' and add to your basket
 - Repeat if necessary
 - Checkout as normal

The offer is valid for one free child/junior ticket for each paid adult ticket.

£5 RETAIL VOUCHER

As an early Christmas present, all tickets purchased by 5pm on Friday 12 November will receive a £5 retail voucher to spend on the London Irish Online Shop.*

So don't delay - be sure to book your tickets this week and join us for a festive family fun day at the BCS!

**The £5 online retail voucher offer will only be available for supporters who purchase a ticket before 5pm on Friday 12 November. Season Ticket holders and Members will automatically be included in this offer. A voucher will be sent out to all purchasers on Monday 15 November, to be redeemed within seven days, by midnight on Sunday 21 November. One use per customer. Minimum purchase £20.*



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The training dates are as follows:

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Wednesday 19th January 2022 (virtual) Time 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday 26th January 2022 (virtual) Time 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday 9th & Wednesday 23rd February 2022 (virtual) Time 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 (at Grey Court School) Time 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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