eBulletin

Friday, 26 November 2021

Ski trips

On the horizon... Feb 2023

Sun Peaks, Vancouver
Masella, Spain

Rainbow Laces House Competition

Food + Nutrition News

Jack Petchey Award Winners

ALUMNI UPDATE

Buy a lotto ticket and sign up to easyfundraising to support the school

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Urgent Mental Health Support for Young People

There is now a single 24/7 crisis line for our local families and the South London Partnership CAMHS crisis line.Please call this number **before** attending A&E unless there is an emergency medical need.

0800 028 8000

Find additional Contact numbers for Shout, Kooth, Childline etc

Ski Trips 2023

Letters about the ski trips planned for 2023 for the current years 9 - 12 to Sun Peaks, Vancouver, and for the current years 7 - 8 to Masella, Spain, have been sent to parents. Should you require any information about the trips, please contact:

Mr Jacob: rjacob@greycourt.org.uk (Canadian ski trip)

Ms Moran: amoran@greycourt.org.uk (Spanish ski trip)

School Calendar

2021-2022 Term Dates
2022-2023 Term Dates

News & Events Calendar

Y7 - Y11 Flu Vaccinations
will take place on the 13 December

GREY COURT SCHOOL
An outstanding experience

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY ACADEMY TRUST

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Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping this year.

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to Grey Court Parents' Association for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. You can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

This means more than gifts for loved ones, it means donations that help make a big difference to the school!

Sign up today: **https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greycourtpa**

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention

Oscar Wilde

Seeing as we are *nearly* in December we feel that we can justifiably start mentioning Christmassy stuff, so please take a look at the fabulous festive offers the PA have secured with The Palm Centre for Christmas (tees, wreaths etc), and also with the Park Brewery for some joyous local ale.

Up until 15th December The Park Brewery will donate 10% to Grey Court School if you purchase any of the cans listed and quote the following code in the NOTES SECTION at checkout: GCXMAS10

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

The Grey Court Breakfast Club

Daily from 7:45am to 08:15am

SCHOOL MENU

CLUB NEWS

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

History Club

Year Group: 7,8 and 9

Day: Mondays

Time: 3pm to 4pm

Venue: E4

Teacher: Ms May

Origami Club

Year Group: 7, 8 and 9

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 3pm to 3.45pm

Venue: M4

Teacher: Ms Bozzard-Hill

Textiles Club

Year Group: 7, 8 and 9

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 3pm to 4pm

Venue: T7

Teacher: Ms Casey

Rock + Pop

Year Group: All groups

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3pm to 4pm

Venue: Practice rooms

Teacher: Mr Millar + Mr Allchurch

Spanish Netflix Club

Year Group: 7 and 8

Day: Fridays

Time: 12:30pm to 12:50pm

Venue: L5

Teacher: Ms Lopez

NEW CLUB STARTING IN DECEMBER

See the flyer on the next page

Christmas Film Club

Wednesdays from 1st Dec

From 3pm for 30 mins

Room E1

Watching short Christmas Films,

talking about Christmas Films

Mince pies and other Christmas fayre

provided!

FOOD + NUTRITION

This week, in collaboration with Fish Heroes, a volunteer group from the Food Teachers Centre, our year 10 GCSE group were experimenting with cooking mussels. Fish Heroes kindly donated 10kg of fresh mussels and year 10 came up with different ways to serve these. They were focusing on sustainability, safety and creative skills. See some of them in action!

Chefs of the Week

Pansy Bull (year 9)

Oliver Englebrecht (year 9)

Isla Dempster (year 10)

Daniel Ofori (year 10)

Key Stage 3 were looking at how to make healthier versions of classic takeaways this week. Year 7 were making higher fibre fish and chips, Year 8s were making healthy burgers this week and looking at the impact of meat production on the environment and year 9 were exploring food miles and food waste during their oracy day.

As the weather gets colder and we approach Christmas, in the Food and Nutrition department we think about those less fortunate than us and look at how we can support those suffering from homelessness this winter. We will be making donations to local food banks and showing our support for the Trussell Trust (visit them here (https://www.trusselltrust.org/) who fight the hunger problem and food insecurity we face in the UK. Mrs Anjum, therefore, discusses Food Injustice this week. If you would like to get involved please visit their website and look out for some Christmas themed fundraising events towards the end of term.

Why is food Justice important?

Food justice is emerging from communities in response to food insecurities (economic pressure that prevent access), exercising their right to grow, sell and eat healthy food. Food insecurity is the inability to supply safe and nutritious food for a community, whether it is local, national or international. Due to climate change, political upheaval such as Brexit and health crises like the Covid pandemic, we have seen food insecurity become more prominent and serious. Food should be nutritious, culturally appropriate, affordable and grown locally with care for the wellbeing of land, workers and animals. Food justice is important for everyone because food is culture, family, love, pleasure and a way to communicate with each other.

Being able to enjoy and prepare food that actually nourishes the body and keeps us healthy is linked to our ability to stay safe as human beings. To us, remodelling the food system in a way that democratises access to affordable nutritious food, expands job opportunities for classical disenfranchised people and ensures environment and sustainability and helps to stabilise food insecurity.

Food justice began as an effort to attain distributive justice. But the movement has expanded into a broader spectrum. The right of people (farmers) to define their own agricultural and food system. The policies and procedures involved in production, distribution and consumption of food focus on creating an ecologically sustainable system and healthy lives for people, rather than profit for the corporations to market their names and brands.

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BBQ
BEAT
WORK OF THE MONTH
COLOUR CODED CUTTING BOARDS
RAW MEAT
RAW FISH
PLASTICITY

IT'S BURGER O'CLOCK

Congratulations!

Jack Petchey Award Winners

Student nominated: Ricards Misins
Nominated by: Mr Flood
Tutor group: 9B
Reason for nomination:
Ricards has been playing ice hockey for eight and a half years. He started learning the game with the Lee Valley Lions and now plays for the Haringey Hounds - who have been South East League Champions for the past three seasons. His team also qualified for the Nationals and achieved 4th place which was a superb team effort. During this competition, Ricards was awarded the 'stand out center forward' award. Ricards was then selected to play for the South East in the GB development tournament and Ricards showed his quality again being awarded the best forward of the tournament. During the summer months, Ricards travels around Europe to do international camps and tournaments. Ricards has just been selected to attend an England u14 training camp which is outstanding and his dream is to play International hockey for England and to play in the NHL.

£250 Award money was spent on: New football tops for the KS3 and 4 girls/boys football teams including goalkeepers tops and gloves.

Student nominated: Joshua Harwood-White
Nominated by: Mr Willmore
Tutor group: 9C
Reason for nomination:
Joshua is an outstanding field hockey player and a superb athlete who is destined for a great sporting future. Joshua started playing hockey at Old Kingstonian Hockey Club when he was only nine and now plays for Teddington. He was selected for the Middlesex County squad also. He trains twice a week for Teddington and plays matches on Sundays. Joshua is an extremely versatile player and can play in either midfield or defence, his skill level and performance has blossomed over the last two years and he has just been selected for England Hockey U15 Performance Centre Squad.

Joshua is also an extremely talented runner. He favourite event is the 800m but is also a lovely cross country runner. His Personal best in the 800m is two minutes 10 secs. He won the Lee Valley indoor 800m in November in only 2m13 secs. Joshua is also an integral part of our school cross country team. He finished 3rd in the ESAA Inter Boys County race which was an exceptional run.

We wish Joshua the very best for the season ahead.

£250 Award money was spent on: New running spikes for our boys/girls athletics squads.

Student nominated: Sofia Seghal
Nominated by: Ms Clark
Tutor group: 10M
Reason for nomination: Volunteering at Food Club

Sofia is an extremely hard working student who is dedicated to all things food! She has been a volunteer with the school's Food Club with Year 7s since the beginning of term and acts as a mentor and real support to some of our more vulnerable year 7s. She has helped build their confidence and independence in the kitchen and she has shown true leadership and dedication this term. Even despite being very ill with Covid and having to catch up with school work, she still made time for Food Club. She also continues to stretch and challenge herself outside of the classroom in regards to her GCSE Food and Nutrition studies.

£250 Award money was spent on:

A trip to Borough market to complete a skills based workshop there for Sofia's class

Student nominated: Andreia Pandi
Nominated by: Ms Thomas
Tutor group: 13A
Reason for nomination:

The school's fundraising 'Charity Art Auction' would not have been possible without the help of a small team of sixth formers who were there on the evening. Andrea stood out by showing immense initiative, organisational skills, calm demeanour and professionalism. She liaised with successful bidders, allocated sales chits, distributed around 40 works of art (unobtrusively and accurately) at a live event - the likes of which she had never had prior exposure to. It was an immensely mature impressive performance and her efforts helped to raise £4,000 for charity in a single night.

£250 Award money was spent on:

Two sewing machines to be used in creative Art work.

THE UNIFORM SHOP

Grey Court School second hand clothing shop

PRICE LIST

Blazer: £10

School jumper: £5

School skirt: £5

White summer shirt (golf shirt): £3

PE top: £2

PE short: £2

PE tracksuit top: £5

PE tracksuit trouser: £5

ENQUIRES/DONATIONS

If you have any queries or would like to donate uniforms, please contact Ms Sarah Niss on sniss@greycourt.org.uk

#KS3+KS4

#Y7

Mr Day

I hope that academic tutoring day proved to be a helpful day for parents/ carers as well as our Y7 students. It is a good opportunity to take stock and reflect on their start to Grey Court and look for areas to improve. It was a pleasure to read through a lot of the reports of our Y7 and witness a sea of 'Goods' and 'Very goods' which exemplifies the fantastic start the students have made. If you have any questions or queries which have arisen as a result of Academic Tutoring Day feel free to get in contact with classroom teachers for curriculum matters or myself or Mrs Shore for any pastoral issues.

As the weather is changing and becoming much colder it is recommended that students wear a jumper to school. Hoodies are not permitted in school. If students have PE they should wear a Grey Court branded sports jumper or tracksuit bottoms to ensure that they are warm. It is also becoming dark early so any students who cycle to school should ensure they have adequate lights on their bikes and high visibility clothing is advised.

#Y8+Y9

Mr Ridley

In what has been a very busy week with oracy day Wednesday, meaning no pens were allowed to be used as well as visits from our governors, we also launched the ski trips! What a fantastic opportunity to go away and enjoy a new sport in a new country and to make lasting memories with your peers.

We've had loads of positive news with the borough cross country teams having great success as well as fantastic sporting performances from our netballers, basketballers, the under 14 rugby league team as well as the under 14 indoor athletics squads.

Academic tutoring day was very well attended and is a key process in building towards progress and achievement for our young students.

As the weather gets colder the temptation is to wear jumpers and Hoodies that are not Grey Court uniform or kit, please ensure that you are not wearing these items as they will be confiscated.

#Y8 GRAPHIC DESIGN

Year 8 Graphics presented their interior design vision boards in class this week, aiming to persuade their chosen client to hire them as graphic designers. They all delivered a clear, confident and well informed presentation exploring both hand drawing and illustrator designs, resulting in a very close 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. 1st place was awarded to **Saskia** and **Mania**; 2nd place was awarded to **Alec** and **Addison**; and joint 3rd place was awarded to **Austin**, **Finn**, **Chloe** and **Florence**. A huge well done to 8RWV!

#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. 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**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Congratulations **Moujan Rezaei** 7E; **Xavier Mtandabari** 9R; **Lamar Mansour** 10M and **Marwa Najib** 11B! They have all received prizes this week for their excellent contributions to the History & English Black History Month competition!

Students were encouraged to read a book by a black author and write a short explanation of why they'd recommend this book to others. There were some great applicants, but these four were chosen for their great reviews and explanations.

Moujan read 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman; Xavier read 'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas; Lamar read 'Dreams From My Father' by Barack Obama; and Marwa read 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' by Maya Angelou. If you're looking for a book to read (or buy for someone this Christmas) why not give one of these a try!

above: Xavier (l) and Marwa (r)

above: Lamar

A Level Drama

by Mr Page

I was thrilled to be taking our A Level Drama students, finally, to see some live theatre together. However, it was with some trepidation that I took the group to The Rose Theatre to see "The Seven Pomegranate Seeds" by Colin Teevan as it had only received two stars and the reviews were, shall we say, mixed. Kitty's previous experiences included Jane Eyre at the National which she has not stopped criticising for over a year, so I knew that I needed to find something which might reignite her passion for theatre and theatre-making and a brand new play, with an amazing cast, only 80 minutes at our local theatre, had to be in with a chance. I booked it months earlier in full knowledge that this reworking of stories of women in Greek mythology for a contemporary audience would inform their own studies and ideas for their productions of Antigone.

For the Year 12 students this was a chance to experience a shared event and reflect on how the theatre can impact upon us. The play is "seven stories grounded in prominent, mythical origins".

Whilst aspects of the narratives confused us and lacked the clarity we needed to identify simply the people, time, place and problem, we agreed that at no stage were we disengaged, or that the amazing set, light and sound designs merely served the action.

The interdependence of sound, light and set to create the events was stunning and the pin-spotlight pouring of fine salt from height was a stunning visual effect.

The relationship between past and present was both apparent and ghostly simultaneously, as we tried to understand how the contemporary stories reflected the original versions and whether or not that was, actually, the point.

We considered whether the role of individuals throughout time, the sum of human experiences and our understandings of history, that the pains and injustices suffered 2500 years ago are no different, but the contexts have altered. It was a challenging set of narratives in an aesthetically symbolic production which has made us all think a lot about what we expect and what we need from art, and especially theatre. Let's hope Kitty likes our next venture to see "The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night Time" a little bit more!

Rainbow Laces House Competition in conjunction with the PE Department

by Mr Clements

All hail to Ms Drinkwater and Ms Angel for initiating the **Rainbow Laces Campaign** in PE which we are running in conjunction with the House system. In recent years great strides have been made in sport with regards to the acceptance of LGBTQ identities. For example, Megan Rapinoe is a celebrated and iconic football captain and political commentator who is proud of her LGBTQ identity. Meanwhile in basketball - 90s Chicago Bulls legend - Dennis Rodeman has long been feted for his gender fluid lifestyle. However, whilst footballers have made collective leaps in confronting issues around race with the "Take the Knee" campaign there is still a great deal of ambivalence in terms of the acceptance of gay footballers. It is certainly an indictment of a prejudicial culture that no football players in the history of the Premier League have felt confident and accepted enough to openly talk about their LGBTQ identities whilst they have been playing.

Whilst we cannot have an impact on the past, Grey Court teachers and students are committed to having a direct impact on the future. For example, popular ex-Grey Court chemistry teacher, Mr Karan Bhumbla, has recently been featured on a BBC news programme promoting the example of the **London Knights** the UK's only competitive gay basketball team. His example, highlights the importance of an inclusive sporting arena where teams which feature players identify themselves as LGBTQ or as an LGBTQ alley are normalised rather than stigmatised.

The rainbow laces campaign presents our school community with the opportunity to make a symbolic change. "LGBT people are often made to feel unwelcome in sport, and Rainbow Laces aims to change that. Rainbow Laces aims to make sure that everybody feels welcome within sport – whether they're watching or taking part, whether they're professional or playing in the park with their friends. LGBT people and their allies wear Rainbow Laces and armbands to show their commitment to making sport everyone's game."

I have therefore posted the following message on the Roman House notice board to fire up the Roman citizens to embrace the rainbow challenge and become an alley not just to the Roman Empire but to the LGBTQ community at large:

Dear Romans - yes it is only....one day since we have won a house event (well done to the Year 10 Roman netball team for destroying the opposition yesterday) and so I call on you to go to SCOPAY and purchase a pair of Roman laces for £1. When the laces arrive they will be distributed by those Amazonian icons - Ms Drinkwater and Ms Angel of the inclusive PE department. Thread them through your Jordans, Nike Air Max, Green Flash or Reebok classics and you will be recognised as an LGBTQ ally.

When the Rainbow bundle arrives we will nominate a day when the school playground will be a sea of Rainbow laces with the Romans - as ever - leading the way! After all according to the Museum of London when Emperor Hadrian visited the city in the year 122 CE, he felt so confident enough about his LGBTQ identity that "he would have been entirely open about it, and many bystanders will have thought his behaviour quite normal, if only because they themselves had same-sex relationships."

So strike a pose Romans - for the Empire, for Hadrian, and for the Rainbow laces campaign! **The rainbow laces will be available to buy until Monday, 6 December, on the SCOPAY *other products* menu. If more than one pair is required please enter a multiple amount on Scopay.**

Student labelled a "fruitcake" by Food Tech teacher

Well done to budding chef and all-round positive person, Ruben MAUTHNER, for getting me in a whole heap of trouble with Ms Clark. So proud of his food tech coursework was Ruben that he sent me a picture of the mouth-watering bake-off worthy delicacy to feature in a previous eBulletin. However, his email was swiftly followed by a dictate from Ms Clark telling me to censor the front page as if we printed the mouth-watering delight we would contravene EU rules and GCSE coursework regulations! I've therefore removed the epicurean wonder from its frame to whet your appetites. The wonder will be printed in the summer when the embargo is lifted by which time I am sure Ruben will have delivered me a loaf of my favourite "farmhouse" fruitcake!

PDW

Year	Topic
7	**Democracy in the UK** This week: local councils Next week: HOC
8	**Keeping Healthy** This week: drinking water Next week: healthy eating hacks from the GC Sixth Form
9	**Careers and GCSE options** **What are options?** This week: how do we learn? Next week: hobbies and options
10	**Extremism and radicalisation** This week: what is hate crime? Next week: what is a cult?
11	**Sex - Let's be realistic** This week: how can you have safe sex? Next week: contraception - the responsibility of both partners, including the negotiating contraception use with a partner.

Announcing Kingston University's free 2022 Saturday Clubs in Art & Design and Science & Engineering for Year 10 pupils.

What

Saturday Clubs for Year 10s from across local schools, running at Kingston University KT1 2EE

Led by expert tutors and supported by University students.

One club in Art & Design, one club in Science & Engineering (pupils can't be part of both, they are at the same time!)

Clubs run 10.30 – 12.30 (Science & Engineering) /1.30 (Art & Design) on a Saturday

Everything is **free** for pupils selected, except travel to/from the club

Clubs run for 16 Saturdays between 22 January – 18 June 2022 (with some weeks off)

How

This 14 min video explains everything you need to know

Pupils and parents/carers must then **both** complete application forms:

Pupils application form

Parents/Carers application form

Application deadline: Monday, 3 January

Decisions will be emailed by Wednesday, 12 January

WELLBEING

November Wellbeing Calendar

Winter Wellbeing

Winter can be a time our mental health suffers. The colder weather and shorter days may leave us feeling low or lethargic without us really knowing why.

We may feel pressure around preparing for the festive season or we may see a change in our daily routines and social calendar that can leave us feeling stressed, burnt-out, or overwhelmed. For some, the period may bring feelings of isolation or loneliness, and we may find our ability to cope is challenged.

Richmond Borough Mind is running a series of workshops and activities as part of their Winter Wellbeing campaign to help you adapt to the seasonal changes and fully enjoy what this time of year can bring.

All of their Winter Wellbeing workshops and events are free, however, they invite you to make a donation if you can (suggested amount of £10), to help them continue to support our local community. As a result of the Covid-19 crisis, there will be a lot more people who are struggling with their mental health this Christmas.

You can **view full details** about their Winter Wellbeing workshops and activities and links to register.

Grief & Loss *a guide for parents*

EATING DISORDERS

NEW Support for parents and carers in London from Beat. (UK's leading eating disorder charity).

Beat CareEd Support Line for London: 0808 801 0356

From here, parents and carers can access:

NEXUS - weekly telephone coaching

SOLACE - peer support group over Zoom

Dr Brinda Paramothayan

GP LEAD CAMHS and ND, RICHMOND

CLINICAL LEAD SWL CYP MH PROGRAMME, CAMHS & ND

Here is a flyer with guidelines for primary care professionals.

The Tony Little Centre presents a

How can empathy help educators support students?

Free Empathy Webinar for Parents
Monday, 29 November, from 4pm

Why is empathy important in the classroom?
How can educators help with emotions that interfere with learning?

What are mental health problems?

Watch this short **video** on what mental health problems are, and how to ask for help.

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for better mental health

A REMINDER:

Year 13 Assessment Week
29 November

During assessment week students will be on exam leave. Should they want to attend lessons then subject teachers will provide students with revision materials or they can revise from home. Please click here for the exam timetable and here for the revision booklet, both of which are on the Google classroom for students.

These will take place in the exam hall with external invigilators. While we are aware that this may cause stress and anxiety for students, it is important that they experience formal exam conditions as this allows them to familiarise themselves with the set up and also provides teachers with data about how they perform in a formal exam scenario.

The Department for Education is committed to its plans to hold GCSE and A-level exams next summer as usual. However, Ofqual has completed a consultation on a "plan B", in case exams need to be cancelled for the third year in a row. If exams are cancelled, teacher-assessed grades (TAGs) would be used again. Therefore trial examinations have an even greater importance than ever due to the previous cancellation of exams. Ofqual has asked that we inform you that in the unlikely event that GCSE and A Level exams be cancelled this set of trial examinations will form part of the 2022 TAG evidence base that we used to ascertain each student's TAG. Therefore, we stress that each student should take these examinations seriously and ensure that you prepare yourself as effectively as you would for the real exams at the end of the year.

#SixthForm

UCAS *a note on predicted grades*

It is important to note that the grades that are predicted for UCAS are aspirational as they have been taken from the best grades that were achieved in the mock exams and that we add an additional grade per subject in order to allow for aspirational predictions and university offers that inspire and motivate. For example, if you got CCC last year then we would predict BBB; BDD would turn into ACC or BBC.

However, while our UCAS predictions are aspirational, they are not necessarily a prediction of what classroom teachers feel students will achieve and do not form part of the body of data that we take into consideration when assessing how students are doing. Therefore the predictions that came home in reports are the most accurate indicator of what teachers feel are the most likely grades to be achieved at the end of the year. These are based on mock examinations, classwork, coursework and practical work (when relevant).

Calls for interviews have been coming in and all students who have made it to this stage are being offered further opportunities to gain interview experience with our colleagues at St Paul's, Kings and Ibstock Place. Students must also use their own initiative to make use of the wealth of support material for interviews that the universities supply online and find ways to respond in their preparation to the feedback they received from the private tutor last week.

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

Oxbridge Update

EPQ Update

Students should now be in the 'Develop and Realise' stage of their project. Writing the draft of their essay or creating their artefact. They need to arrange a schedule individually with their mentor for submitting their draft and receiving feedback. A final version of their product will need to be completed in January.

Stars of the week

Huge congratulations to the Sixth Form students who started their lunch time jobs with the canteen - it's lovely to see you around the school and being such wonderful representatives of the Sixth Form.

Year 12 students

DRESS TO IMPRESS!

Friends and Founders Event

DATE: Wednesday, 8 December **TIME:** 6.30-8pm (arrival from 6.15pm)

We will be holding our annual careers event for year 12 students. ALL students are expected to attend the evening in school and meet with people from a range of different career backgrounds. Your tasks over the next 2 weeks are to make or update your CV (don't forget the Unifrog CV tool) and complete the interests questionnaire - all posted on the year 12 Google classroom. If you have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan (Careers) bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

Students & Parents/Carers - Please see the **weekly opportunities bulletin** to develop your skills and experience and find out about all the latest apprenticeship vacancies : **22/11 opportunities for sixth formers**

Alumni News

by Mr Clements

Mateusz Domosud

Back in 2015 when the first wave of sixth form students raced through the doors of our hallowed halls, young Mateusz made quite an impression with his unique haircut and breakdancing skills! So much so in fact that he graced the front covers of many of our Sixth form posters and advertising brochures at the time. Whilst his academic escapades as a Sixth Former caused me to lose my hair as he grew his unique barnet, it was great to see him at the recent Sixth form Open Evening showing his sister, and prospective student, Paulina, around our palace. It was certainly a family affair as he was also accompanied by his very suave brother, Kamil. Mateusz informed me that, having graduated with a computer science degree from university, he is now developing IT systems for a city law firm! Well done Mateusz and I hope Paulina keeps it in the family and joins us next year!

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

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

Y11 Post-16 Options

Kingston College Open Event
Date: Saturday, 27 November Time: 10am-1pm

Find out more and register: **Kingston College Open Event**

Please see link for the details of the local sixth forms/colleges and applications deadlines: **College _ Sixth Form Open Days_Deadlines 2021-2022.pdf**

UNIFROG

Don't forget the fantastic resource of Unifrog - it's not all about University! It has information on careers, personality profiles, subjects and much more!

Parents can create their own account using the code: **greycourtparents**
Log in: **unifrog.org/code** where you can fill in their details and enter that code. You will then be able to use Unifrog as if you were a student. You can also see the Parent Pack found in the Resources Library (**here**).

Way2Work Apprenticeships offering apprenticeship vacancies and full-time job opportunities for young people aged 16-24 with local employers who value and encourage them to achieve their full potential.

Current Vacancies

Teaching Assistant roles:

- St Marys and St Peters Primary, Teddington
- Lime Tree Primary School, Surbiton

Business Administration roles:

- Achieving for Children, Twickenham

Upcoming Careers Talks

Date	Speaker	Info
Monday, 29 November 4:30pm start	Finding Your Stride with Chris Robshaw and Camilla Kerslake For KS3-5	Hear from International Rugby star Chris Robshaw and Brit-nominated opera singer Camilla Kerslake on finding your feet and stepping into leadership. Send this link on to your students. This talk will be on Zoom.
Tuesday, 7 December 4pm start	Women in Industry with Mehreen Baig For KS3-5	Join Mehreen Baig, TV presenter, podcast host, writer, activist and ex-teacher, on navigating the working world as a woman. Send this link on to your students. This talk will be on Zoom.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

Students & Parents/Carers - Please see the **weekly opportunities bulletin** to develop your skills and experience and find out about all the latest apprenticeship vacancies : **22/11 opportunities for sixth formers**

Sports' Stag

Autumn Sports' Timetable

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Zuko Robb** who competed on Sunday (21 November) at The Yamaguchi Goju-Kai Karate Competition - taking double gold.

Well done, Zuko!

Congratulations to the U16 basketball squad who beat Turing House 40-6 and Twickenham 44-0 to win the Borough Tournament and progress to the London Youth Games!

Superb 46-7 victory for the U14 boys' basketball team today in the quarter finals of the Surrey Cup. Well done boys.

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

#Y7B Boys

First: Milo
Second: Tom
Third: Aiden

It was also a 1-2 finish for Trojan House.

#Y7B Girls

Individual winners:
First: Sophie J
Seond: Sophie S
Third: Emily C L

Overall results:
First: Trojan
Second: Aztec
Third: Roman
Fourth: Spartan

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

#Y8

First: Dylan H (Aztec)

Second: Lucas G D (Spartan)

Third: Herbie H (Aztec)

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

#Y9B Boys

First: Janik B (Roman)

Second: Luca M S (Aztec)

Thirds: Tom L (Trojan)
Toby P (Aztec)

#Y9B Girls

Individual winners:
First: Wilma R
Second: Emma P
Third: Julia C

Overall results:
First: Roman
Second: Spartan
Third: Aztec
Fourth: Trojan

INTERHOUSE NETBALL

#Y9

First: Spartan
Second: Roman
Third: Trojan
Fourth: Aztec

#Y10

First: Roman
Second: Trojan
Third: Aztec
Fourth: Spartan

Boys' Scholar of the Month

George Robinson

Y7

The Boys Sport Scholar of the month is George Robinson. George has shown excellent commitment and a superb attitude throughout the 1st month of the scholarship programme. George is captain of the year 7 football team and has been a key figure in the teams' great start to the season. George plays centre midfield, and his range of passing is outstanding. George has also impressed the Pe department on the rugby field, in cross country where he finished 12th in the Borough championship and in the theory lessons where his booklet has been completed to a high standard every week.

Well done George and keep up the hard work.

Girls' Scholar of the Month

Elen Dutton

Y7

Elen is an excellent student who shone at trials for sports scholarship and her place was never in doubt. She is the sports captain for Spartan house and has been brilliant so far in arranging teams for inter house events. She is also the year 7 football team captain and is a fantastic leader and motivator on and off the pitch. She has already achieved 4 player of the match awards voted by the opposition team in matches. She is also an integral part of the year 8 girls football team. Elen has been playing football since the age of 7 and she plays outside of school for Teddington Athletics. She is a versatile player who can play at right back or striker when called upon. She has played for 4 years for Teddington and play's matches weekly. She also trains weekly dedicated to everything she does. She has just taken up boxing on a Monday morning before school and is a dominant player in the U12A netball squad, representing her school in many fixtures early on in the season.

Elen also plays hockey out of school for Teddington and plays Right back. She trains weekly for that and often plays matches against other local areas. Elen is also a keen swimmer and attends a boxing club. She has passed all of her levels at Teddington swimming pool and continues to swim weekly. Elen is a superb athlete and pupil who wants to strive for perfection in everything she does. Well done Elen for your hard work and for throwing yourself into the scholarship lessons!

Boys' Player of the Month

Milo Downey

Y7

Milo Downey is our player of the month. Milo has made a fantastic start to his time at Grey Court and to be selected as Player of the Month as a year 7 after such a short time at the school is a real testament to MIlo and to the commitment and maturity he has approached his sports with since joining the school.

Milo represents the school in multiple disciplines, he is an integral part of the year 7 football team who have started extremely well winning 7 out of their first 8 fixtures, with their only loss coming to a narrow defeat to Hampton Boys. Milo has played in all of these impressive victories scoring 5 goals in 8 games.

Milo has also represented the school in XC placing 33rd in the English Schools qualifiers at Harrow school and followed this up recently with an impressive 7th place finish in the Borough competition in Richmond Park.

Milo has shown himself to be a bit of an all-rounder also taking quickly to a new sport for him, Rugby which he is improving quickly at as well.

Well done young man and keep up the good work.

Girls' Player of the Month

Tilly Dibb

Y8

Tilly is an outstanding runner who recently won the year 8/9 girls cross country Borough at Richmond Park. This is an incredible achievement mainly due to the fact that Tilly is in year 8 and beat all the other runners in year 9 across all the schools in the Borough. She completed the 4.4km course leading from the front finishing in under 20 minutes.

Tilly is an exceptional athlete and will be a key member of our year 8 athletics team this year, competing in the 800m and long jump events. She was on the sports scholarship programme last year and currently trains with the U14 basketball academy at school as well as the year 8 netball squad training on a Thursday after school. She has a superb attitude, works hard in all lessons and training sessions and is a fantastic role model to her peers.

Girls' Team of the Month

U14 Basketball Team

The U14 Basketball squad were crowned Borough Champions this month at the Borough Tournament! This means that they progress to the London Youth Games Finals next year. The squad are part of the Elite Basketball Academy at Grey Court and train two early morning sessions a week. In their Strength and Conditioning sessions they have recently moved into the fitness suite in the 6th Form and are learning how to use the free weights for circuit training exercises. All players are putting in 100% effort in each session and this has shown on the court. Their league has just started and we are very excited to see all of the girls in action as we take on our local rivals in Richmond Borough. Well Done!

Book of the Week

Shortlisted for the British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book of the Year 2020

Bestselling author Katherine Rundell returns with an exquisitely crafted story about resourceful children let loose in prohibition-era New York.

Vita set her jaw, and nodded at New York City in greeting, as a boxer greets an opponent before a fight.

Fresh off the boat from England, Vita Marlowe has a job to do. Her beloved grandfather Jack has been cheated out of his home and possessions by a notorious conman with Mafia connections. Seeing Jack's spirit is broken, Vita is desperate to make him happy again, so she devises a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home. She finds a young pickpocket, working the streets of the city. And, nearby, two boys with highly unusual skills and secrets of their own are about to be pulled into her lawless, death-defying plan.

Katherine Rundell's fifth novel is a heist as never seen before - the story of a group of children who will do anything to right a wrong.

One of the most inventive and original authors of children's fiction, Katherine Rundell, born in Kent, Rundell grew up in Zimbabwe and her experiences of her life there and of leaving to move to Brussels when she was 14 were a strong influence on her first novel, The Girl Savage, written when she was just 21. A fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, Rundell wrote Rooftoppers - a novel influenced by her own hobby of clambering on Oxford's college roofs - whilst studying for her masters. She followed this with The Wolf Wilder, The Explorer, which won the Costa Book Award, One Christmas Wish and Into the Jungle, a sequel to Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book.

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
Abbas Farhan
Leo Senanayake
Frederick Weatherhead-Pusey

7 Beech
Jessica Chrobot
Poppy Rudd
Saihaan Zawar

7 Elm
Lara Coleman
Pablo Navas-Parejo

7 Maple
Coco Mtandabari
Poppy Pritchard

7 Rowan
Matthew Chester
Linden Curtis
Bella Duncalf

7 Willow
Oleksandr Borkin

8aC
Kim Lodge-Williams
George McCann
Jasper Sguiri
Anna Wild

8aL
Zeliha Asan
Matthew Hole
Matilda Scrivener
Oliver Watson

8aV
Myla Aihevba
Lily Burnett
Mydah Malik
Alex Van Dyk

8aX
Aaron Khiytani
Ali Shahjahan

8bL
Alec Georgiev
Harry Elsden

8bV
Benjamin Clark
Herbie Henry

8bX
Christopher Cato
Saskia Hollins

the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm

the national sleep helpline

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday
7pm - 9pm

POWERED BY the sleep charity

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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

HAM YOUTH CENTRE

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 20 TO THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER

FOR 11 TO 19 YEAR OLDS

- TABLE TENNIS
- ARCHERY
- FENCING
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- BAKING
- PARKOUR
- MOUNTAIN BIKING (WEATHER PERMITTING)
- FILM MAKING DAY WITH MEDIORITE
- ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP
- TRIP TO MUSICAL MUSEUM IN BRENTFORD

ARCHERY

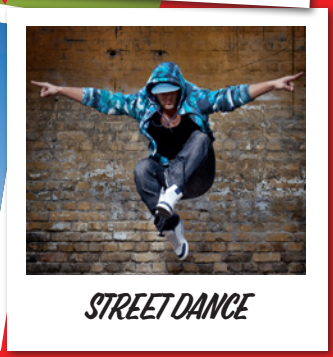
BAKING

TABLE TENNIS

MOUNTAIN BIKING

FENCING

PARKOUR


STREET DANCE

LUNCHES PROVIDED EACH DAY

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BEN.SKELTON@ACHIEVINGFORCHILDREN.ORG.UK

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RICHMOND BOYS RUGBY

FREE TASTER SESSION
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: 10:30AM-12PM

Are you in Year 7 or Year 8 at school? Come along to our FREE Boys Taster Session, delivered by Richmond First XV players!

- SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 10:30AM-12PM
- OPEN TO YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 STUDENTS
- EXPERT COACHING BY FIRST XV PLAYERS
- RUGBY SKILL SESSIONS, DRILLS & GAMES
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
- RICHMOND ATHLETIC GROUND, TW9 2SF

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Christmas Handball Open Day for Juniors

Saturday
Dec 4th

Sports hall Chelsea
Academy School

All children 8+ year old welcome

Come and discover playing handball with Chelsea Handball
Free Christmas Handball training and games
address: Chelsea Academy school - Lots road SW10 0AB
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Contact: juniors@chelseahandball.com

PROOF

Girls Only Winter Holiday Camp – Bedfont Sports Club

Come and join us for our **FREE** girls' football camp at Bedfont Sports Club. Our football camp is delivered by our experienced football coaches who have expert knowledge of girls' football. The camp will include learning new football skills, playing matches, and having fun in a safe environment. No prior football experience is required. Please supply your daughter with a packed lunch on the day (No nuts are allowed as a safety precaution). We will **not** be providing food on the day.

Date: Wednesday 22nd December
Time: 10.30am to 2pm
Age group: 6 to 16 years old
Cost: FREE
Address: Bedfont Sports Club – Bedfont Rec Ground/Hatton Rd, Feltham TW14 8JA
To book: https://www.brentfordfccst.com/event/girls-only-football-winter-holiday-camp/

Girls Football Development Centre Trials

Date: Tuesday 21st December 2021
Time: 10am-12pm
Venue Address: Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub, Popes Lane, London, W3 8LQ
Cost: £12 Players will participate in a two-hour training session consisting of one hour of technical practices and one hour of conditioned small-sided games. No feedback will be provided on the day. The trial is available for new players wishing to join our football programme and is available for both outfield and goalkeepers. Existing players in our football programme do not need to re-trial.

To register: https://www.brentfordfccst.com/event/girls-trials-december/