eBulletin

Friday, 3 December 2021

Christmas cards for sale

Sign up!

New KS4 Chemistry Club starting in January '22

Black History Month Art Competition Winners

Our sports' superstars

Gymnastics

Rugby

Christmas Panto

Thursday, 9 December

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

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

No girls' boxing club on Monday before school

GREY COURT SCHOOL
An outstanding experience

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY ACADEMY TRUST

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Our Sports Superstars

This week has seen the Gymnastics and Trampoline teams take part in the first London Regionals of the year, with 12 students from year 8 to 13 competing.

On Sunday, 28 November, Mia and Zach travelled to Chessington for the London Trampoline competition - they both performed strongly with Zach placing second and Mia placing first. They now travel to Taunton in January for the Southern competition, where they will look to qualify for the National finals.

Then on Thursday, 2 December, 3 teams travelled to Putney High and competed in the Milano Gymnastics London Regional competition.

The U16 mixed team started with an outstanding performance on vault with James scoring a perfect 16.0, Corrado scoring 15.8 and Lily scoring 15.6. Combining that with strong performances on the floor, they came away in first and qualified for the National finals in February. The U19 mixed team performed an outstanding group routine, to complement their performances on vault and floor - Theo scored an almost perfect 15.95. This resulted in them coming first and also qualifying for the national finals.

The U19 girls team were against extremely tough competition, including - Surbiton, Putney, and City of London. They performed strongly on all apparatus to finish in sixth.

Ms Drinkwater

Mia Shingler

Zach Wilson

The U16 rugby team went undefeated to be crowned Middlesex Cup Champions again! The boys were exceptional with the ball, scoring 17 tries in 4 matches and defended valiantly, only conceding 2 tries all day. An excellent achievement from a very talented group of boys

Grey Court School Seasonal Cards to buy

Designed by year 7 students from Grey Court School.

£3 per pack of 8 designs.
£5 for two packs.
Envelopes included.

PLEASE NOTE:

Payment by cash only directly to an Art Department teacher or reception.

Please note cards may be printed to order depending on demand.

No Scopay payment is available for this purchase at this time.

CHRISTMAS TEA, OH,
CHRISTMAS TEA

Merry
Xmas

Some Christmas Quotes:

May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve - anonymous

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection - Winston Churchill

Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone. **- Charles M Schulz**

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**

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

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.

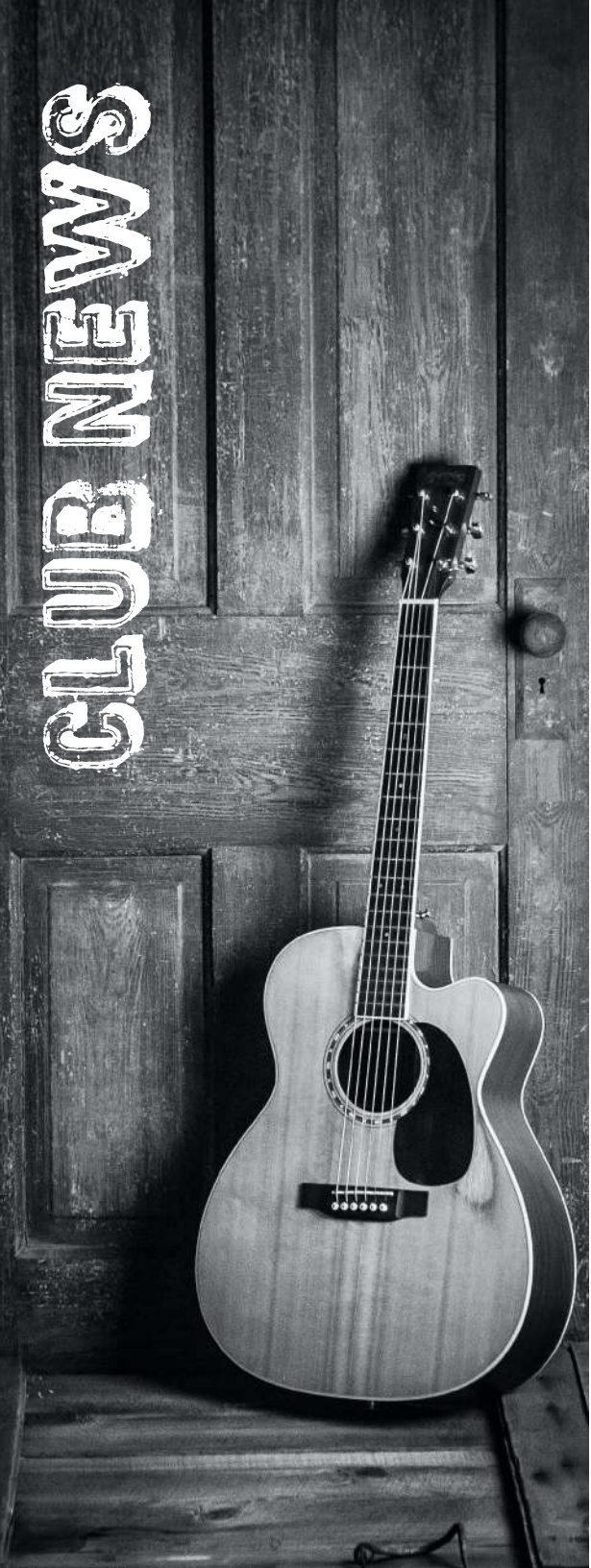
Up until 15th December The Park Brewery will donate 10% to Grey Court School if you purchase any of the cans listed and quote the following code in the NOTES SECTION at checkout: GCXMAS10

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

SCHOOL MENU

The Grey Court Breakfast Club

Daily from 7:45am to 08:15am



See the **timetable** for all the club details.

History

Creative Writing

PANTOMIME

Speak your Mind

STEM

Maths Surgery

Ukulele

MUSIC TECH

Yoga

FOOD

Spanish Grammar

Origami

ROCK & POP

Chemistry Help

Click Photo

Computing

Textiles

Christmas Film Club Chemistry

MFL Homework

ORCHESTRA

Art

EDITING

Drawing

New Club!

Grey Court Science department is pleased to announce that, starting on **Wednesday, 12 January 2022,** there will be a new club offered to year 10 and year 11 students. This club will last up to an hour, starting at 3 pm and finishing around 4 pm.

This club will focus on practical chemistry (some practicals will tie into physics and biology). These practicals are outside of our science curriculum, and so this is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience something different. A lot of the experiments will be in the form of an investigation, so if you're looking for a puzzle and/or a challenge - then this may be the club for you!

There is no fee for students to participate; however, there is a limit to the number of places. Because of this, places will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. The club will run for five sessions in January 2022; however, if demand is high, it will run again later in the year, either for different students or with other practicals.

Please return the **slip** to **Mr Gundry** no later than 10 December 2021; so we can allocate places and know how many chemicals we may need to order.

KS4 Chemistry Club

THE UNIFORM SHOP

Grey Court School second hand clothing shop
(opposite the Sixth Form Drama Studio)

PRICE LIST (per item)

Blazers: £10
Jumpers: £5
Skirts: £5
White summer golf shirts: £3
PE tops: £2
PE shorts: £2
PE tracksuit tops: £5
PE tracksuit trousers: £5

ENQUIRES/DONATIONS

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

#Y7

Mr Day

#KS3+KS4

I was delighted to hear the Y7 girls football team won 3-2 on Tuesday in what was a close fought much in the Town Cup. We will progress to the next round and look to continue through the rounds as far as we can. It is great to hear that the uptake in girls' sports has been so good this year. I hope our footballers can take inspiration from Jorja Fox, a recent Grey Court student who is now playing for Chelsea - and hopefully England soon. England look like they are going great guns with the interesting 20-0 win midweek!

Masks are back at Grey Court. These should be worn on any public transport to or from school. In school they should be worn in corridors and any other communal areas. It is up to students if they would like to wear them in lessons. We suggest that all students carry at least two masks, in case one gets lost. We do have a small supply if masks are needed debut it is best if students bring their own. Classrooms will continue to be well ventilated so students are permitted to wear coats in class. If a student is exempt from wearing a mask parents / carers must email Mr Day (sday@greycourt.org.uk) with the reason and we will provide an exemption pass.

We are excited to look forward to Xmas themed festivities on the horizon. We will be holding our annual Xmas lunch as well as Xmas Mufti day. Students will be informed about this in the coming weeks.

Mr Condor delivered our assemblies on Cycle safety. We looked at the importance of being visible with bright clothing and lights and how crucial it is to wear a helmet. Accidents involving cyclists are often the fault of someone in a vehicle, so you can ride perfectly safely and still be involved in an accident that can endanger your health.

Mrs Mercer also launched another fantastic opportunity for our year 9 students with our summer term residential trip. It is a fantastic opportunity for the students that have missed so much over the past few years and promises to be another excellent trip. Letters have been sent home and all information will be included on them.

As ever, with the colder weather coming, hoodies and jumpers are not allowed in school. It is winter coat season, so make sure you are using a winter coat and not a jumper or hoodie for warmth.

#Y8+Y9

Mr Ridley

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker

We have been impressed with the effort, application and attitude of our year 11 students as they undertake their Trial Examinations. We recognise that this experience can be stressful for all involved. Therefore we feel it important to recognise the excellence that year 11 have shown during this first week of the exams. Next week the exams continue, however, there are fewer to complete, which should ease the load for our year 11 students.

In the run up to the end of term we do notice that uniform standards tend to drop, please can we ask that uniform standards remain high and that mobile phone use does not increase. We appreciate that it is cold, so students are of course welcome to wear their Grey Court jumpers and coats, no hoodies are allowed though.

Finally, as I am sure you are aware, COVID cases are increasing so please do ensure that testing is taking place twice a week

Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts

John Wooden

Christmas Pantomime 2021

Sleeping Beauty

By Amanda Burton

Featuring music from Preludium17, The People & Encore choir

December 9th

Doors: 6pm/ Start time: 6.30pm

Adult: £6, Student £4

Tickets online only

Masks to be worn unless exempt

Refreshments available to purchase, provided by the parent association

GREY COURT MUSIC DEPT PRESENTS

mogos 2022

AUDITIONS

Live Auditions

Scan to book an audition for you or your band

MON 10TH & WED 12TH JAN 2022 | 3 PM

MUA

Black History Month Art Competition: Proud to be

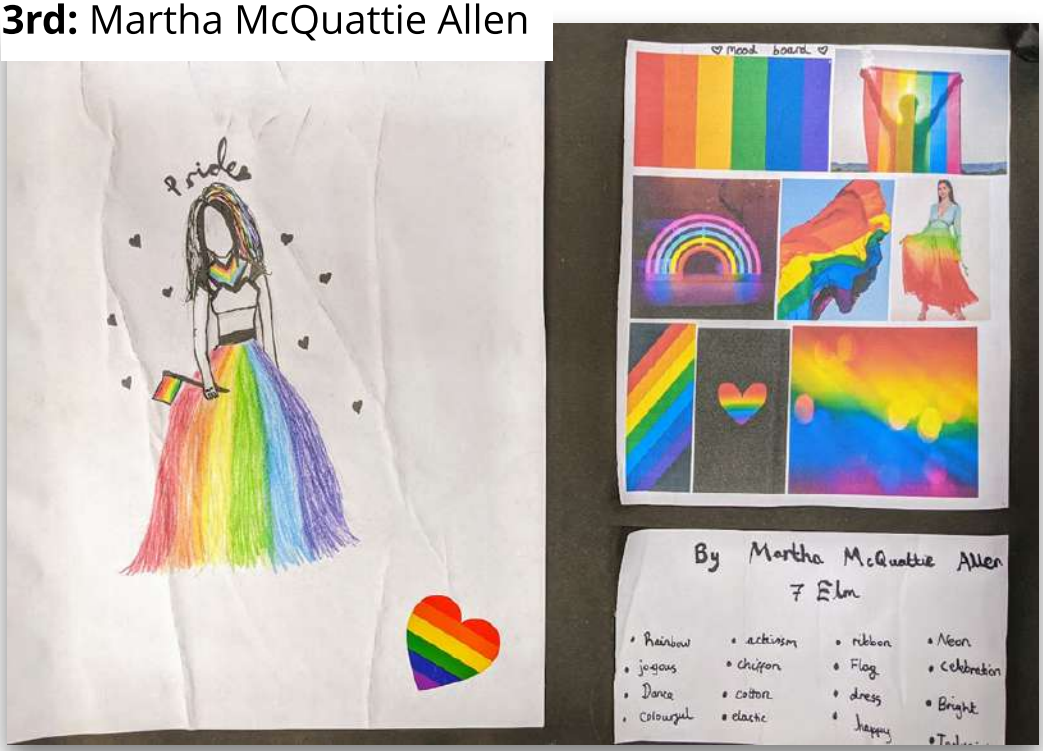
Students designed an item of clothing representing what they are 'proud to be'

This could be anything: gender, race, culture, religion, heritage, sexuality

The winner will have their item of clothing replicated and hung in the school.

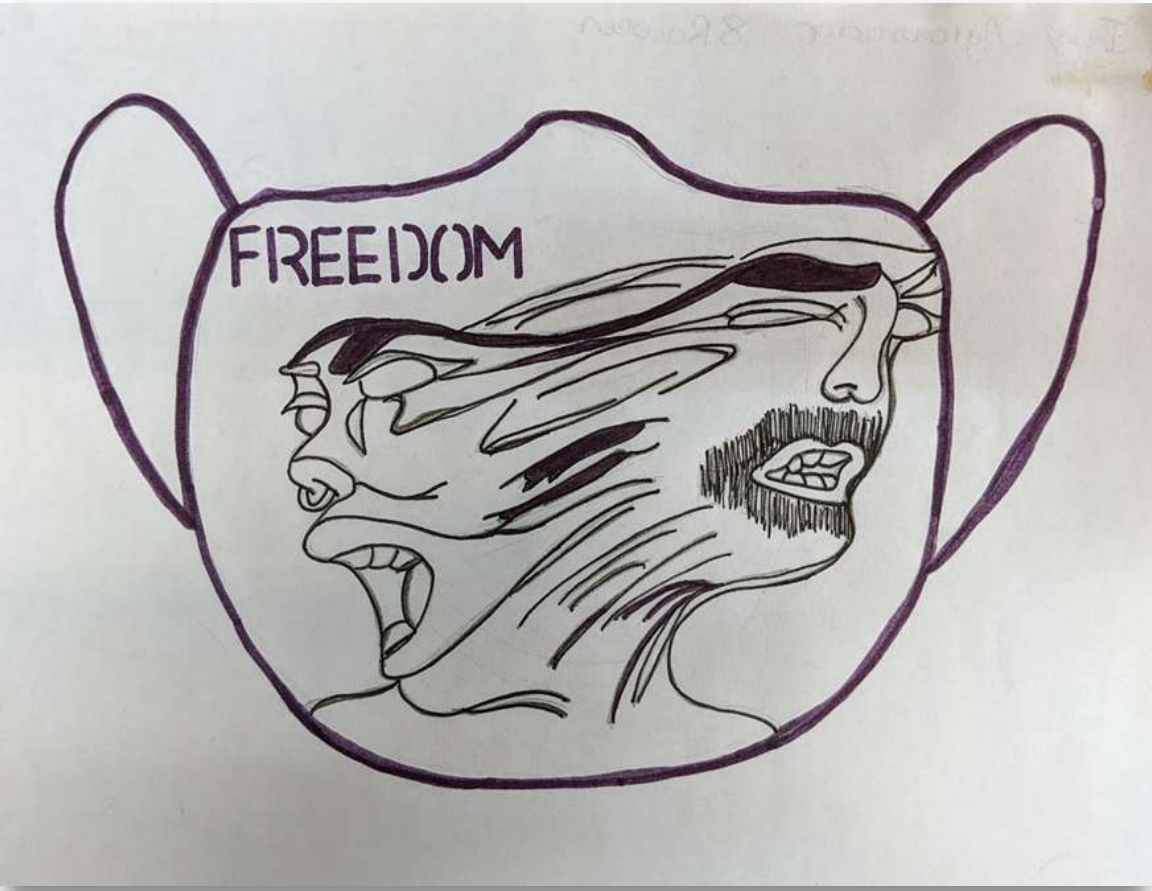
See the winning entries

3rd: Martha McQuattie Allen



2nd: Linden Curtis

1st: Izzy Agraviador



This piece will be made and exhibited in the school, well done, Izzy!

An off-piste route to success!

by Mr Clements

Many thanks to Commander Jacob for master-minding a simultaneous early morning ski-trip sign up and a strategic last minute examination cramming session. The good commander summoned me to open the school gates with a large iron key for 5.55am on Monday morning - on the condition that I picked Mr Rhodes up from his palatial chalet. I was thus treated to the first frost of the year and a hyper-active Mr Rhodes - at a time so early that the family, pet (and most important creature in the house) Holly, hadn't even woken up in the doghouse with me!

I was therefore astounded to see lines of cheery and slightly blurry eyed Grey Court students, queuing for Jacob's Canadian extravaganza. I even managed to spy several Sixth Formers in school about 7 hours before their habitual arrival time in our château of learning. An unexpected but most pleasant consequence of the black run was that the Grey Court apres ski event meant that T1 was full to capacity by 6.35am with year 11 students cramming for the maths and biology exams that kicked off the exam period.

As I popped out of school for a German doughnut or "Berliner" to wake me up, I also noted that the German cafe had students queuing around the block at 7.00 in the morning!

Indeed, so successful has this masterplan proved that instead of running ONE ski trip - the plan is to now run three and with not a dry-run in sight until February 2023, hopefully it is downhill all the way from here-in out!

Mock Exam Mentality

Congratulations are in order to the students, the exam's office and the KS4 and 5 pastoral teams for executing a perfectly planned mock examination season. I have been hugely impressed with the students' general cheeriness and fortitude in terms of their exam conduct. Attendance for the examinations has been at 2019 or pre-Covid levels which is amazing when you consider the potential disruption of winter flu, a new strain of Covid and Kingston traffic! This readiness will undoubtedly create a firm platform for the Spring and summer examinations seasons which along with the early scheduling of intervention sessions will hopefully secure outstanding outcomes for our students.

Never a Gray Moment

In my present capacity as Senior Leader in charge of cover - a mysterious and saturnine position, that involves annoying everyone, I'd like to thank Ms Gray for patiently organising the cover rota. Ms Gray has the unenviable task of wielding the cover board in the staff room every day like the Grim Reaper wields his scythe. She carries these duties out in a very good humoured way and covers up to 30 lessons a week - many of them in the cold!

Here she is pictured managing a penalty shoot out under picturesque winter skies. So many thanks to Angie and to our staff for keeping the cover burden at a historic low in difficult times. The students really benefit from the consistency of teachers they know and trust and I very much appreciate the sacrifices you make in keeping the school running! After-all without you we would have to close and the students would not have the benefit of early morning PE in sub-zero temperatures!

PDW

Year	Topic
7	**Democracy in the UK** This week: what is the House of Commons? Next week: what is the House of Lords?
8	**Keeping Healthy** This week: healthy eating hacks Next week: helping someone with allergies
9	**Careers and GCSE options** **What are options?** This week: hobbies and GCSE options Next week: reasons for choosing your GCSE options
10	**Extremism and radicalisation** This week: what is a cult? Next week: right wing extremism in the UK
11	**Sex - Let's be realistic** This week: talking to your partner about contraception Next week: rape and consent

Announcing Kingston University's free 2022 Saturday Clubs in Art & Design and Science & Engineering for year 10 students

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

December Wellbeing Calendar

Winter has arrived with the sharp drop in temperature and it is a reminder that we are fast approaching the Christmas period. As the temperature drops, the idea of cosy nights in with the family might seem attractive. But we know that for children with ADHD, staying active and spending time in nature is hugely important.

Writing in this month's National Trust magazine, bushcraft expert Ray Mears explains nature grabs our attention in a different way from modern life. Because our attention is attracted by sensory stimuli in a random way, (providing relief from our much called upon direct attention), we can improve our ability to focus when it's really needed. Research evidence also shows time outside in nature, has both mental health and psychical benefits as it:

1) Enhances mood 2) Results in increased positive feelings and a reduction of negative feelings 3) Helps us to be more resilient and reduce stress 4) Improves sleep

The value for children with ADHD of being outside, whatever the weather, is clear. This newsletter has some ideas for outside activities over the festive period. We are also hugely excited to have been selected as one of two chosen charities for the White Hart Lane Christmas Festival (see more details below).

We hope you are able to enjoy some family time outside in the run up to Christmas. We will be back with our mid-month bulletin during December. In the meantime please see a **round up** of our upcoming events.

The ADHD Embrace Team

Telephone Support Service for Parents from Off The Record Twickenham

Off the Record provides a telephone support service for parents & guardians of young people. Our experienced counsellor can offer an hour on the phone to discuss any challenges you're experiencing, give support and listen. This can be particularly helpful when the young person is reluctant to try counselling. Our support can include looking at what you find challenging and/or ways you might support your child. What is discussed is confidential unless there is a concern about the safety of a child. Contact Off The Record Twickenham on **020 8744 1644** or find more information about supporting your child on our **website**

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

#SixthForm

Year 13 Assessment Week

During assessment week students will be on exam leave for the whole week. Should they want to attend lessons then subject teachers will provide students with revision materials or they can revise from home.

A note from Ms McNicol

Dear year 13s

I hope you have a copy of the exam timetable and know when your exams are taking place – including mop up sessions.

Before an exam you must wait in the sixth form library area until you are told to walk over to the main school hall. Ms Higham and myself will take you to the main school where we will wait until the exams team calls us into the hall. As soon as you enter the building you are under exam conditions and so must remain silent. You will be asked to leave your bags at the back of the hall. Please note all phones must be switched OFF (not set to silent) and put in your bag. If a phone goes off in your bag during a formal exam your exam may be invalidated.

If you are sitting your exam in a small room environment, for example, if you have use of a computer, you should wait in the sixth form library until you are called into your room by the exams team.

Good luck everybody!

Ms McNicol

Friends and Founders Career Event is now VIRTUAL!

Talks on Wednesday, 8 December, between 5-7pm

We have an exciting programme of talks just for Grey Court students! The programme will be released on Monday and will include Grey Court alumni, parents and contacts of the school. **We have a range of people from: healthcare to law, media to science and engineering to film and many more!** Students will have a briefing on Monday morning in assembly.

The talks will take place every 30 mins between 5-7pm and we expect students to log on, engage and ask questions. We have run this event for the last 7 years and many students reference their conversations in their personal statements, so we can't stress the importance of these conversations. Students will be expected to attend at least one talk, but can sign up for as many as they like.

If you have any questions about the event please feel free to ask Miss Corrighan: bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Stars of the week

Red Cook for very patiently teaching Ms McNicol how to crochet in the wellbeing enrichment group.

Alba McCann-Carrasco or proposing a plan to enhance motivation for exam preparation by putting together a series of student-led structured rooms for the Sixth Formers. This will be launched when we return in January.

UCAS

We continue to have a very successful UCAS cycle and currently have one student with interviews to study medicine, nine with Oxbridge interviews and many students who have received offers from all of their chosen universities.

There are a few students who have not yet submitted their UCAS applications and it is essential that those come in as soon as possible so that we can add references and check them over. Even if students are planning on waiting until their mock results, they still need to submit now so that we can make sure the application is ready.

Oxbridge Update

We are almost at the end of the process for year 13. We have nine through to interview and they are in the final stages of preparation for interviews which are happening in the next two weeks. Good luck to all of these students. We will find out in mid January how many have secured a place.

This means the process for year 12 will be launched in the new year after the January Mocks. There will be an opportunity to hear from an Oxford outreach tutor and for students to sign up to a google classroom if they are interested in taking part in the Oxbridge programme. January mock results will be a good indication for students to see if they are likely to meet the required grade profile.

EPQ Update

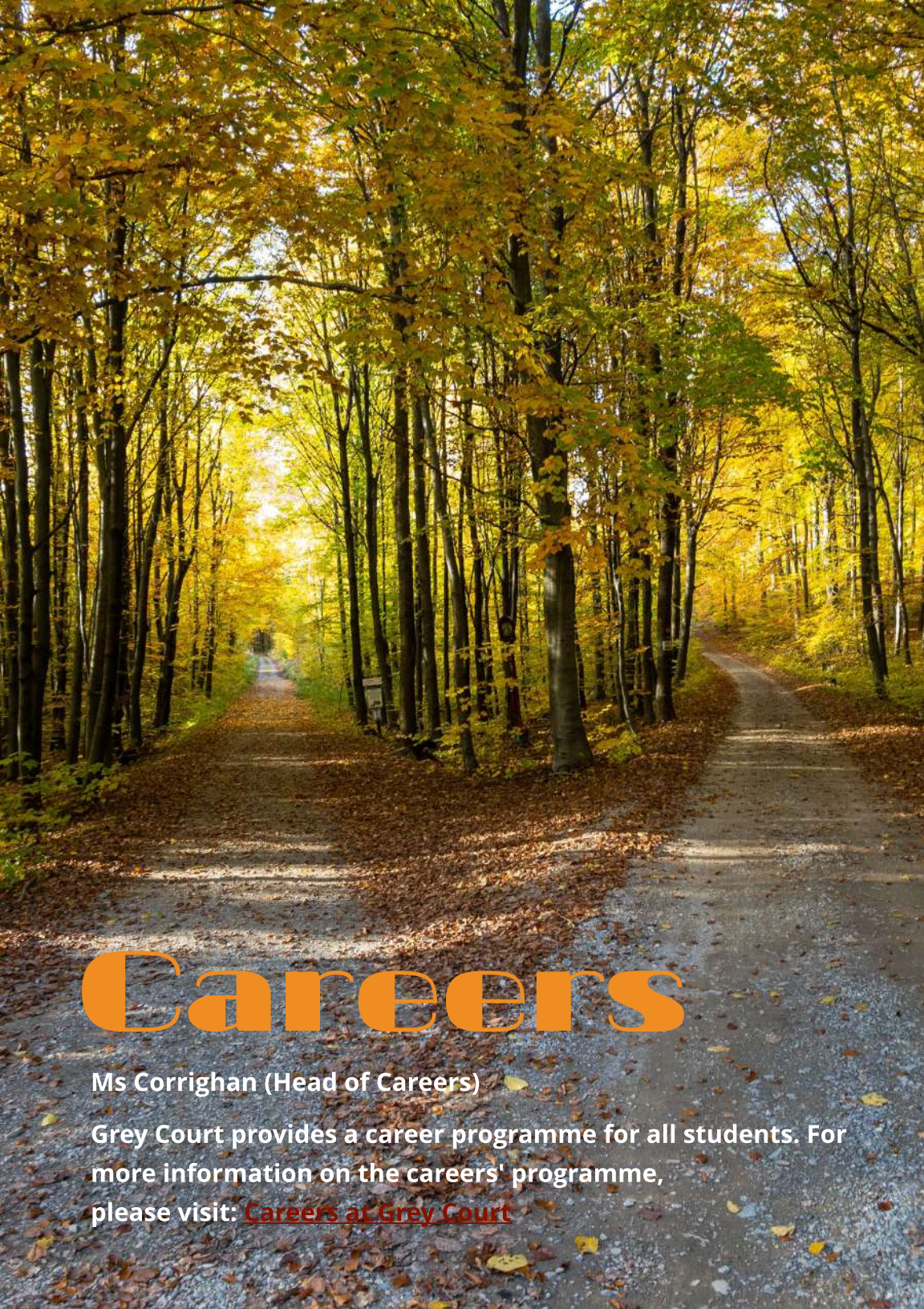
Students have been sent a December checklist via the EPQ Google classroom to chart their progress and set work goals for the rest of December into January. As soon as they have completed mocks, students should be using any additional time to get their projects up to date. By January students should be moving towards final drafts of their essay or artefact.

MedSoc

Year 12 students have now signed up for MedSoc. This will run on Wednesdays during form time. We will be focussing on the UCAT exam and how to get work experience. Year 13 students are awaiting interviews.

Weekly Opportunities Bulletin for Students, Parents & Carers

For all the latest opportunities - work experience, uni tasters/talks, apprenticeships and more - see our weekly opportunities bulletin: [29/11 opportunities for sixth formers]



Careers

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

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Many companies have adapted to the pandemic by offering virtual work experience days and we want to highlight these to our students. **Lloyds Banking Group** is one organisation which we worked with during the summer term and 25 of our year 10s had a great insight into the business world. See below for their recent offer and also highlights of some other companies:

START SHAPING YOUR FUTURE WITH LLOYDS BANKING GROUP'S "WORLD OF WORK" EXPERIENCE

FROM 1–4.15PM FRIDAY 10TH DEC 2021 AND FRIDAY 18TH FEB 2022

Wondering what to do when you leave school? Lloyds Banking Group's "world of work" experience offers you an inspiring, engaging and interactive afternoon designed to help you understand how to use your strengths and interests to craft a future that's just right for you.

As we continue to see high demand for our virtual **work experiences for years 9+** we have released two additional dates for our World of Work Experience event on **10 December** and **18 February** between **1-4.15pm**. This 3 hour live event helps students to learn about strengths, brand, potential careers and the practicalities of finding and securing work. Each live event features graduates and apprentices from Lloyds Banking Group to help students understand at a more practical level what different pathways involve after further education.

We feature roles and explore opportunities beyond the traditional view of financial services. These include careers within ***customer services, general management and leadership, customer segmentation & marketing, commercial finance, accountancy, auditing, data analytics, software development, artificial intelligence, robotics, engineering and cyber security.***

Students can sign up as individuals following this link LBG Early Careers (explorelbg.co.uk). Events are free of charge. We release 250 spaces for each event. Students can join from home or school.

Year 10-12 students

The Get into Medicine Conference is a significant turning point for Medic Mentor students. Saturday, 11 December (register by 8 December) we will be looking at:

- What is it like to be a doctor?
- Perspectives from recent successful and current applicants
- CV Building
- Getting Work Experience
- Medical Personal Statements
- Medical School Interviews
- UCAT & BMAT Exams
- How to access Medical Awards, Prizes, Leadership Programmes, and Scholarships to study Medicine at University.

Register for **FREE** using the coupon code: Teacher21 here: **Medicine National Healthcare Weekend**

Opportunities Bulletin

For all our latest opportunities see our weekly opportunities bulletin

29/11 opportunities for sixth formers

STEM Learning is excited to invite young people to attend the ***Apprenticeships: Earn while you learn*** virtual careers fair taking place over 6 to 10 December 2021. Aimed at 14 to 19 year olds, this event will showcase up to 30 national employers who are currently offering apprenticeships across a wide range of sectors, supporting young people to be better informed when it comes to making decisions about their future. To receive the exhibition link when it goes live, please complete the quick form:
STEM Apprenticeships sign up

Unifrog

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

Parents/carers 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).

Sports' Stag

See some of the sports' action over the past week

Congratulations!
See our superstars

Players, Teams and Scholar of the Month !
See our stars

Autumn Sports' Timetable

Hats off to the year 9 Rugby team. An impressive cup run ended in defeat in the final on Tuesday but they should be proud of their efforts - some heroic defending and superb running in a cracking game of rugby. Missing from the photo is Tyler and we hope he makes a speedy recovery.

Well done to our U14 team, they worked extremely hard in their town cup game today, coming away with a 2-2 draw

Well done to our year 7 football team, a well deserved 3-2 win over TKA in the Town Cup today

The year 8 rugby team played some excellent rugby in Tuesday's Middlesex Festival. Thanks to

@StJamesBoysPE for the hospitality

A confident team performance from the U14 girls basketball team beating @OrleansPark 45-9 in the Borough league! POM - N Rugette

Fantastic 4-0 victory for the year 7 football team in the 4th round of the ESFA Cup today. Goals from George (2), Aiden and Freddie. Well done boys

The U18B team had a great win 20-7 vs @EwellCastleUK with sharp shooting and fantastic turnovers especially in the 2nd half | POM Lily

An excellent 38-29 win in the National Vase for the Year 10 rugby team today. In to the next round on Tuesday

Well done to the u18a netball team on their win 20-19 against a tough side from

@EwellCastleUK #gcnetball

Congratulations to the u14 indoor athletics squad who have qualified for the A final at Lee Valley on the 8th December. Superb achievement boys

2 fantastic netball matches played this evening v @KGS_Sport Our U14A team winning narrowly 14-13 and our U14B team loosing narrowly 4-3! Well done to O Woolner and S Boyd on their POM awards!

A very cold running club this morning! Such commitment from these students #runningclub #commitment #dedication #hardwork #running #training

James and Isaiah represented the U14 Surrey County Schools on Saturday in a game against Middlesex County Schools. U14 Surrey County won the match 3-0.

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

Globally bestselling *Divergent* author Veronica Roth delivers a breathtaking fantasy featuring an unusual friendship, an epic love story, and a galaxy-sweeping adventure.

Cyra Noavek and Akos Kereseth have grown up in enemy countries locked in a long-standing fight for dominance over their shared planet. When Akos and his brother are kidnapped by the ruling Noavek family, Akos is forced to serve Cyra, the sister of a dictator who governs with violence and fear. Cyra is known for her deadly power of transferring extraordinary pain unto others with simple touch, and her tyrant brother uses her as a weapon against those who challenge him. But as Akos fights for his own survival, he recognizes that Cyra is also fighting for hers, and that her true gift--resilience--might be what saves them both.

When Akos and Cyra are caught in the middle of a raging rebellion, everything they've been led to believe about their world and themselves must be called into question. But fighting for what's right might mean betraying their countries, their families, and each other. When the time comes, will they choose loyalty or love?

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
Irmak Bilik
Emilia Ciasnocha
Franciszek Ciasnocha
Tabitha Lloyd
Leo Senanayake
Harry Wright

7 Beech
Oscar Ballantine
Martha Fewtrell
Poppy Rudd
Saihaan Zawar

7 Cedar
Hashem Abdallah
Ella Holliday
Aleesha Raghvani
Isla Reindorp
Harriet Warbrick

7 Elm
James Houlding
Leonardo Klapakis
Martha McQuattie Allen
Pablo Navas-Parejo
Heidi Phillips
Lydia Smith
Jacob White

7 Maple
Oscar Black
Poppy Pritchard

7 Oak
Zachary Allen-Macfarlane
Samson Wallis

7 Rowan
Emily Costigliola Logue
Charles Perret

7 Willow
Kritika Jha
Esther Mudunkotuwe
Lyra Wade

8aC
George McCann
Jack Tomkins

8aL
George Fennell
Matilda Scrivener
Oliver Watson

8aV
Lily Burnett
Sacha Crivellari
Samuel Ellisdon
Marcus Luetchens
Alex Van Dyk
Charis Wilson

8aX
Bade Isik
Danilo Pajovic
Jake Sansbury

8bL
Isabella Agraviador

8bV
George Archer
Andy Fedczuk
Sasha Fedczuk
Jacob Heller
Lars Hesse
Indira Peters-Sutherland
Brook Quinton
Mitchell Reader
Kulsoom Syed

8bX
Christopher Cato

Harlequins FOUNDATION

Christmas Holiday Schemes

The Harlequins Foundation are delivering FUEL again this winter.

FUEL is Achieving for Children's Holiday Activities and Food Programme. Funded by the Department of Education, **FUEL is FREE** for children between the ages of 8-14 and in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Children not within that criteria are able to join us, but there is a fee of £25/day per child.

When: 20th and 21st of December | 10am – 2pm

Who can come: Anyone aged 8 – 14 years

Where: Richard Challoner School, School House Richard Challoner, Manor Dr N, New Malden KT3 5PE

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MONDAY 20 TO THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER

FOR 11 TO 19 YEAR OLDS

- TABLE TENNIS
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- FILM MAKING DAY WITH MEDIORITE
- ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP
- TRIP TO MUSICAL MUSEUM IN BRENTFORD

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BAKING

TABLE TENNIS

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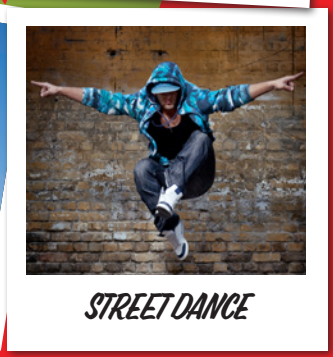
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Come and join us for our **FREE** girls' football camp at Bedfont Sports Club. Our football camp is delivered by our experienced football coaches who have expert knowledge of girls' football. The camp will include learning new football skills, playing 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/

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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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