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Cover photo: 50 young athletes attended the tempo run as the sun rose in Richmond Park on Thursday morning



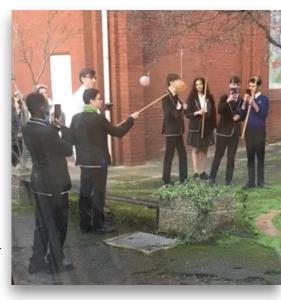


TRACURRICU See the timetable for all the extracurricular club details

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Last Wednesday saw the start of an explosive new club - CHEMISTRY CLUB! Several years on the back-burner, but now out burning brightly! Students from both year 10 and 11 were introduced to the five-week programme by producing profuse amounts of hydrogen gas by reacting magnesium and hydrochloric acid. This gas was collected in balloons, and we then took these balloons outside... and set them on fire! They may not have burned for long, but the explosion witnessed by all was incredible the acoustics of the quad between science and art adding to the experience.

Now that we've started off with a bang, we will be transitioning to some investigative chemistry looking at real-world problems (and some out of this world). It is not too late for students to join this group, but spaces are filling up fast! Click here to find the application letter. This club is aimed at students with a real interest in chemistry, and whilst the club is aimed at practical chemistry outside of the curriculum - to make the most of the club a strong understanding of what has been covered in the curriculum so far would be very beneficial.





Jake B pictured above blowing up his hydrogen balloon



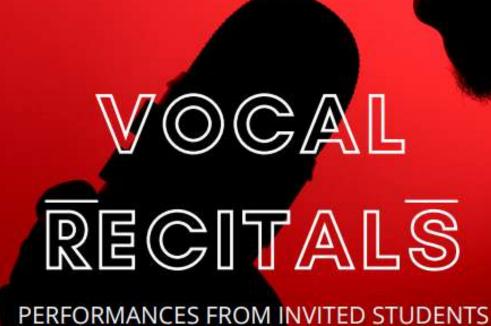
Boxing Club

Keen to try boxing?

Join the Boxing Club at the Ham Youth Club every Tuesday between 5pm-6pm. Available to all students free of charge.

It's a great opportunity to learn boxing skills, get fitter and stronger, and make new friends.

For more information contact either Matheus (mcantuariodasilva@greycourt.org.uk) or Ben (ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk)



ENTRY BY INVITATION ONLY!

FRIDAYS FROM 12.35PM IN MUA

SPEAK TO MISS COWPER FOR MORE INFORMATION

21, 28 JANUARY 2022 4, 11 FEBRUARY 2022



STREET DANCE CLUB

at Grey Court School Spring Term 2022

Tuesday's 3:30-4:30pm

Drama Studio, Years 7-9 & DofE



Studio K is an award winning dance studio based in Richmond that specialise in teaching street dance styles. Throughout the term you will learn skills in a variety of street dance styles (including hip hop, breaking, locking, popping and house). You will explore the foundations of each style and learn routines as well as building confidence to freestyle.

Grey Court is keen to ensure this opportunity is open to all students. Should you wish for your child to take part but may need financial assistance please contact Ms Hurley on ahurley@greycourt.org.uk

To book please email info@studiokdance.co.uk



MOGO AUDITIONS

Well done to everyone who auditioned for the MOGOs 2022.

The following incredible students were successful and will compete in the finals which will take place on 17 March 2022. All acts auditioned were fantastic and the year 11 judging panel found it very difficult to come up with their final 15 Acts.

Alfie Noble	Solo
Betty Thomas	Solo
Charlotte Alexandre	Solo
Euan Van Rooyen	Solo
Layla Banarse	Solo
Libbly Knowles	Solo
Marwa Najib	Solo
Maya Sills	Solo
Noah Cervantes	Solo
Rosa Duncalf & Annabel Locherer	Duet
Sophia Boyd	Solo
Turner Wild & Band	
Will Shaw & Band	
Charlotte Delaney	Solo
Alexander Lomaha & Band	



Year	Topic	
7	Being Inclusive This week: what is sexism? Next week: what is sexuality and LGBTQIA+?	
8	British Values This week: how does the British Parliamentary system work? Next week: what are British values?	
9	Financial Education This week: how can you budget? Next week: how can you save your money in the future?	
10	Body Image This week: is there such a thing as a 'perfect body'? Next week: what are eating disorders?	
11	Staying safe This week: how to stay safe in London Next week: why is the violent crime rate in London so high?	



#Y7

Mr Day

Congratulations to some of our sports' teams who had notable wins last week. A special mention to our U12B boys football team who are through to the next round of the cup after an extra-time win over Hampton school. We will now be entering the final stages of the ESFA cup - a fantastic achievement!

Over the next three weeks, the Y7 team will be focussing on a few key areas. The vast majority of our students are on time. Punctuality is our main focus - we have introduced a new late system which involves keeping students back after school. We hope that this will act as a more significant deterrent for those who are late. We will also be focussing on homework and organisation. By now students should be well into the routine of signing planners, checking Google classroom and packing their bags.

As ever it is important that students take on board our top two tips: packing their bag the night before and ensuring they do their homework on the day it is set.

Organisation is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up - AA Milne



#Y7 Geography Homework

Over Christmas, the year 7s worked on designing their own sustainable city. Their projects are fantastically thought out and super creative. They should be very proud.

We feature some examples from 7E and 7R on the next three pages.





Arianne Belfield 7R

There is a water fountain and a bee keeping area near to the school. The children can learn about bees and how important they are to the environment.

Inside the bee house, there is a community farming area where people can go and grow vegetables together. A bakery next to the library provides bread and baked goods to the townspeople.

Picnic spots are scattered across the city and are open to the public.



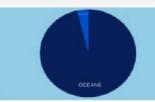
Wind turbines (Sustainable electricity)



How are we going to save water?



Use dirty used old bathroom sink water to flush toilet. Because it doesn't matter what you have in your loo as long as it carries away your poo.



By using this technology we can save millions of litres per year. Those litres of fresh water that we can drink.

Sonya Mishenka 7R

2. Housing

All the houses have plants inside and are equipped with either a living roof or solar panels. The wood used for the houses is from the sustainable wood farm. The natural light is perfect for banishing the shadows inside the houses and they don't need any man-made lighting during the day. At night the energy from the solar panels provides lighting. It isn't shown but each house has a water butt to collect rain water to use for watering the plants.

Matthew Chester

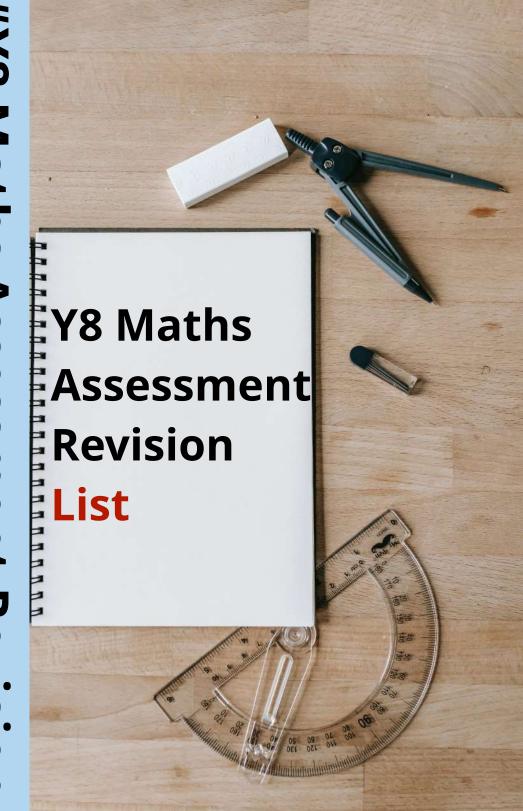




The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH





#Y8+Y9

Mr Ridley

We have just had Aztec's Enterprise Week and the budding young bakers produced an array of delightful cakes and sweet treats.

We have our next group in late February, who will look to emulate and out-do the Aztec performance.

A big thank you to Miss Clarke and Miss Bozzard-Hill for all the time and effort that went into facilitating this for the students, and a huge well done to all those that got involved.



With the start of a new season of BBC's The Apprentice, I wanted to take a look at teenagers that have started their own business and are already working for themselves outside of their school time.

The second young entrepreneur in our series is Nina, who started her business when she was 14.

Nina Devani (16 years old)

Nina Devani is a 16-year-old entrepreneur who started her business, DevaniSoft, when she was just 14 years old. Devanisoft sells computer software to help remind people of their passwords and not have to store their information online and be at risk of getting hacked.

Nina had the idea to start her business when her Dad's Facebook account was hacked and meant that he had to change his passwords as they were the same on every account. In the beginning, Nina focused her efforts on finding investors to believe in her idea and raise enough money to start working on producing the app.

Nina now has a team of investors, coders and additional developers to help run her business. Nina mentions that businesses take a lot longer to start up than you would expect and things do not always go to plan.

Our year 11 Mock Results' Day took place on Wednesday, where all year 11 students received their Trial exam results and predicted grades. Mr Rhodes delivered a barnstorming assembly that both reassured and motivated the students. As students opened their results there was a palpable positive energy, they really engaged with the results they received and you could see the desire to improve. This photo sums it up very well.

MOCK
RESULTS'
DAY

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker



Year 11 parents' evening

Thank you to all of you who attended our year 11 parents' evening on Thursday. 97% of parents booked appointments. Feedback from staff and parents was extremely positive and, hopefully, students are clear on what their targets are for the coming months.

Year 11 interventions

Our intervention programme continues this term, and we hope that students engage with this. If students receive an email inviting them to an intervention, this is compulsory. It is worth noting that compared with other schools in the borough, we offer the most comprehensive intervention programme - literally every subject has one. To see the full list of interventions please click here

Year 10 student leaders

This week has been an important one for our year 10 student leaders. The students involved have volunteered and been trained on a variety of roles around the school from wellbeing mentors to eco-leaders. The uptake from our year 10 students has been really positive and we look forward to seeing the impact that their leadership will bring to the school community. Well done!

Our **Spring Activity Day** takes place on Wednesday 2
March and we are all very excited about the new and exciting trips and activities the students will be doing. All parents will receive further information and a medical form (for off-site year groups) via email, so please look out for these and respond as quickly as you can. Parents of year 10 students will need to make payment for their trips by half-term.

Click here for the schedule

If you have any queries, please contact Ms Hurley <u>ahurley@greycourt.org.uk</u>.





New Parenting Course

New parenting course for parents and primary school age children which focuses on building better relationships and led by Julia Langensiepen.

This course will run on Wednesdays at 8pm for 6 weeks via Zoom (with a break for half term).

Read more

Webinars

3 February 2022 8:00 pm

CBT Webinar

CBT is a behavioural therapy found to be an effective adjunctive treatment to children with ADHD. Find out what it is, how it works, how it can be helpful and advice for finding out more.

Find out more and book here

Post diagnosis workshops

Has your child recently had a diagnosis of ADHD? Do you want to learn about ADHD and how best to support your child?

Join one of our Post Diagnosis Workshops in 2022, which are presented over two sessions with separate workshops for parents living in Richmond & Kingston and those out of borough. Please check you book the correct workshop.

Find out more and book here

Run the Hampton Half Marathon for us!

Time for a New Year challenge! Some of our families have decided to run the Hampton Half Marathon or 'Palace Half' on 20th March to raise funds for us.

As you know, we are a small charity that manages to provide an incredible amount of services to our ADHD community - but we couldn't do it without your help. So dust off your trainers, you have time to get fit for March 2022!

Sign up here

Links to additional support and help

Parenting programmes

Strengthening families

Supporting parents and carers

Child in Mind

Reflective Parenting

Wellbeing is attained by little and little, and nevertheless is no little thing itself The Sixth Form Parents' Evening is taking place on Wednesday 2 February. This will run between 1pm and 6pm and appointments will be 10 minutes per subject. Please be aware that the school will close at 12:25pm in order to facilitate the appointments.

We are continuing to host our parents' evening virtually. The company we use is called 'School Cloud' and they are specialists in this area. All appointments will be live with the functionality to have video appointments with your child's class teachers. Below, is the guide on how to book your appointments.

Appointments can be made from Wednesday 26 January from 12pm and will close on Tuesday 1 February at 12pm. If you do not have access to the internet, please email tmcnicol@greycourt.org.uk who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Guide to booking appointments

SIXTH FORM PARENTS' EVENING

UCAS - What Comes Next?

Well done to all of our year 13s who have submitted their UCAS forms. Many of our students have now heard from all five of the universities/courses they have applied to and many of our students have received offers from all five of their choices. So now it is decision time for our students to choose a firm choice and to put in an insurance choice of university. Sounds scary but each student will have been given a date to reply by which will be in May so there is plenty of time for making decisions. Below is a brief presentation and a short video link to a UCAS guide on how to accept offers.

How to Accept your University Offers

Y12 Oxbridge Launch: student feedback

The Oxbridge talk consisted of an engaging introductory presentation about the application process for entry to the universities and was made available to anyone who expressed an interest. The well presented powerpoint clearly exhibited every part of the process, including an overview of the courses available at both universities. Beginning with a summary of the Oxford and Cambridge collegiate system, the speaker later announced the deadline for applications. It was also explained how applicants can do prior research into their desired degree. By acknowledging the Oxbridge universities as 'corporations', in which students and professors contribute to the beneficial environments of each college, the speaker introduced the universities as welcoming to all ambitious students. This insightful and informative talk ended with a helpful Q&A. by Irene Hurmusiadis

An Oxbridge classroom has now been set up for year 12 and students can now join for further support in the application process. If they would like to be added to the classroom then they have been asked to complete a google form that has been posted on the main year 12 classroom. Joining the classroom doesn't tie them into the application process but does allow them access to specialist support and guidance.

Stars of the week

All students who did their first session of volunteering at Strathmore this week, and those who joined the new Ham Lands project. The feedback from the organisers has been really positive, so well done! A huge thank you also to our prefects who have started their lunch duties in the lower school. Your help with monitoring the waste is much appreciated and has already made a huge difference. Extra thanks go to Ella Trousdale who has also agreed to help out, even though she isn't a prefect, and it's not in her remit!

Congratulations to all of the students who sat their external BTEC exams this week - we were really impressed with how well you had prepared and trust that the results will reflect this.

University, apprenticeships & Careers

Year 12, this is a good time to build up your skills and knowledge of university, apprenticeships and careers. We are planning to do in person work experience which takes place in the summer of year 12. However we encourage all year 12 to take advantage of virtual opportunities to develop skills along the way.

Keep a record on Unifrog of any taster sessions, lectures, work experiences etc you attend so when you come to writing your personal statements or job applications in year 13 you will remember!

Just a couple of useful resources to share with you this week.....

- <u>Uptree</u> offer a range of workshops from employers as well as virtual work experiences and apprenticeships- sign up to find out more
- <u>S4S work experience</u> this week's highlights are RAF insight days, construction, engineering and some bespoke international women's day events which take place in March.

Take a look at this week's opportunities bulletin packed with apprenticeships, work experience, careers events, university tasters and much more......18/01/2021 opportunities for sixth formers



This week, we want to highlight some opportunities open to students to help them develop their skills and gain an insight into different careers.

Linklaters

Law Careers' Event and Competition: Year 12 and 13

Link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Linklaters-Event

Linklaters is a leading global law firm headquartered in London. They will be hosting their first big insight event taking place on **Wednesday 26 January from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.** We will be given a general introduction to the company with the main focus of the event to discuss their Making Links competition. You will hear more about this during the session but briefly, **the competition gives you a chance to personally win £1,250**, your school £3,000 as well as be a part of their Making Links Discovery programme which is an 18-month long work experience opportunity.



How does some work experience at Europe's biggest bank sound? On Monday 24 January from 5:00pm - 6:00pm we'll be hosting HSBC's introductory work experience session as they take us through all their upcoming UK-wide summer work experience opportunities and how to best ensure your application can stand out and align to what they're looking for. The work experience will be a mix of in-person and virtual days and they have opportunities in most of their branches / offices across the country so no matter where you are in there's a good chance you'll be able to get involved.

Open to years 10-13. https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HSBC-Work-Experience



BBC Apprenticeships

If you've ever wondered how the lighting effects work on the dance floor on Strictly, or how Match of the Day gets onto the iPlayer, or even how they calculate that over 12 million people watched the final episode of Line of Duty, then why not think about working in business or technology at the BBC? This could be your chance to start your journey on a behind-the-scenes career at the world's biggest broadcaster. In September 2022 we'll welcome a further 200 new apprentices. Many of those will be on our Business and Technology schemes which are now open for applications. These apprenticeships offer opportunities right across the BBC and workplace experience for broadcast engineers, software developers, business advisors, camera operators, HR advisors, data analysts, social media executives, UX designers and many more.



Apprenticeships in the local area

Way2Work is a professional UK based Apprenticeship training provider offering apprenticeship vacancies for young people aged 16-24 with local employers who value and encourage them to achieve their full potential. They have varied apprenticeship opportunities in business administration, customer service, childcare, team leading, management and teaching assistants.

For more information contact <u>way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk</u> or register your interest <u>here</u>. We'll meet with you, provide information on apprenticeships and add you to our pool of candidates for inclusion in our next cohort.

Teaching Assistant

- Lime Tree Primary School, Surbiton
- Grand Avenue Primary School, Surbiton

Early Years

- Blue Iris Day Nursery, Whitton
- Barnes Primary School, Barnes
- Milkshake Montessori, Whitton

Business Administration

- Richmond and Wandsworth Council, Twickenham
- Achieving for Children, Kingston

#Sports' News







Spring Sports' Timetable





The Y7 A team were back in rugby action on Wednesday, beating Christ's school. Some excellent tries scored as a result of some powerful running. U12 A, B and C matches will be held next week.

Enjoyably first game of the year for our 1st XV beating Latymer 56 to 17. Hat-trick for Seb and 7/7 conversions for Raoul. Great afternoon of Rugby.







Boys' Scholar of the Month

Eddie McCarthy

Y7



The Boys' Sport Scholar of the month is Eddie McCarthy. Eddie has shown real promise during the 1st term at Grey Court. Eddie is a fantastic athlete, he won the 7A inter-house cross country, and also finished 11th in the Borough cross country event.

Eddie plays centre midfield for the year 7A football team and has really blossomed over the past couple of months, he is a hard working and skilful player but is also very combative which is great for the team.

Eddie has also been training hard in rugby and was part of the A team which were joint winners of the Middx shield on 3 December. Keep up the hard work Eddie and continue to drive for more success throughout the year. Well done.

Girls' Scholar of the Month



Sara Altun

Y7

The Girls' Sport Scholar of the month is Sara Altun. Sara is an athlete that throws herself into any sport on offer at school and at local clubs. She was part of the U13 team who took part in the first Teddington girls touch rugby festival. As a year 7 she performed extremely well against teams who were mostly year 8. Sara scored countless tries and made some well-timed tackles.

At netball club, Sara is a supportive team mate who is encouraging to all she plays with. When representing the school she is an example student, polite to the opposition and an excellent role model to her peers. She is developing her skills well and comes to sessions ready to learn each week.

Sara also plays club hockey and attended the elite hockey session at Tiffin Girls' School recently, working hard to listen to the coaches and grow her game. Well done, Sara! Keep up the good work!

Boys' Player of the Month

James Alleyne

Y9



James Alleyne is our player of the month. James has made a fantastic start to the year and throws himself into every sport with great enthusiasm and always has a smile on his face. James is an outstanding all- rounder, he plays full back for the rugby team and was part of the successful U14 rugby team which reached the final of the Middx Vase.

James is also an outstanding gymnast, he is part of our elite coaching squad who train on a Tuesday morning before school. James is also part of the floor and vault squad at Richmond Gymnastics and trains a further 7.5 hours there each week. James was part of the London Regional winning squad and his squat through vault achieved top marks at the event. The team have now qualified for the National finals in 2022.

James is also a key member of the basketball team who have qualified for the Surrey Cup semi-finals to be held in January 2022 and is also a key member of the indoor athletics squad.

James demonstrates incredible commitment and maturity towards his sports and is a fantastic role model.

Well done young man and keep up the good work.

Girls' Player of the Month

Mia Shingler

Y13





Mia Shingler is a talented trampolinist, training up to 6 hours a week with her squad at Tolworth Gymnastics Club.

In the lead up to the current year 13 mock exams, Mia has been competing most weekends, recently she travelled to Cardiff where she came $3_{\tiny ell}$ and qualified for the National league final.

She represented Grey Court in the Schools Trampoline London Regional and placed first out of a tough field of 11 trampolinists. This was an outstanding achievement for Mia in her last opportunity to represent the school, she will travel with the team to Taunton in January to compete in the Southern competition and hope to qualify for the National finals in Yorkshire.

Mia has more National league competitions, regional grades and the English Championships in July. We wish her all the luck for the year.

Girls' Team of the Month

Year 8/9 Cross Country





The year 8/9 girls cross country team were crowned Borough Champions beating the likes of Waldegrave, LEH and Orleans Park. In total, there were 14 schools who took part at the Richmond Park event in November.

Tilly Dibb won the race finishing the 4.4km course in 17 mins 58 seconds. **Elsie Hobson** finished 6th in 18 mins 40 seconds, followed closely by **Neve Rugette** in 10th place. **Rosie McDermott** finished in 20th place in just under 20 minutes.

Leyla Anjum-Smith ran a great first lap but struggled with a knee injury in the 2nd lap and **Lily Bogstad** ran well and came 36th place. **Wilma Roberts**, **Julia Ciasnocha** and **Julia Prestigiacomo** came 50th, 51st and 52nd respectively out of a total of 93 runners.

This is a fantastic achievement and one the girls should be exceptionally proud of, well done!

Boys' Team of the Month

U16 Boys' Rugby Union Team



The U16 boys' rugby union team have once again demonstrated what a special team they are finishing off their 5 years at Grey Court winning the Middlesex festival and becoming double Middlesex champions backing up their impressive title at U14 level. The team won all 4 matches at the festival against Hampton Boys, St Benedict's, London Oratory and UCS. The team gradually went through the gears putting 50 points into London Oratory in only 22 minutes.

This team is the best team that we have seen at Grey Court, they are a superb bunch of boys who deserve this success.

Well done lads!



The first amazing book in the Warrior Cats The Prophecy Begins series, Into the Wild starts a huge amount of breath-taking books. Warrior Cats has 7 series (each with 6 books) and many more Super Editions.

For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their warrior ancestors. But the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger, and the sinister ShadowClan grows stronger every day. Noble warriors are dying - and some deaths are more mysterious than others. When a curious house cat called Rusty ventures into the forest, his life will never be the same again.

Erin Hunter is actually the collective name for 4 children's authors (Cherith Baldry, Kate Cary, Victoria Holmes & Tui T.Sutherland). The first 'Erin' was Victoria (Vicky) Holmes. They have made 7 series of Warrior Cats and many more Super Editions (like Firestar's Quest) and field guides. They have also made the Survivors and Seekers series.

Oscar Ballantine 7 Beech

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

Harry Wright

7 Beech

Jenin Abo Zeinah Oscar Ballantine **Charlotte Davis** Nikolas Meredith

7 Elm

Sophia Prawdziak

7 Maple

Coco Mtandbari

7 Oak

Harrison Kewley

7 Willow

Josephine Sinclair

8aC

Kimarley Lodge-Williams Borja Rodriguez

8aL

Zac Emmerson Yik Tung Lam Matilda Scrivener

8aV

Aleeza Bilal Lily Burnett **Noah Cervantes** Corrado D'orsa Milo Louvre Rory MacGregor Charis Wilson Lilian York

8aX

Archie Baker Jones Rosie Bowers Dylan Ellis Eshwa Haidrani Felix Hodgkinson-Last Jamie Ott Gabriel Roussinov

8bL

Emily Phipps Sam Sidebottom Jootver Sohal

8bV

Benjamin Clark Sasha Fedczuk Andy Fedczuk Jacob Heller Florence Lavercombe Kin-Yee Leung Indira Peters-Sutherland Maia Sehgal



Thank you to Richmond libraries for coming in to talk to us about this year's Cover Story Competition. Grab a booklet from the school library to enter or click here to submit an online entry.

