



**Our BAFTA Nominee  
Kitty Finnie**

*Deliciousness!*  
**Salmon en crouete**

**History Trip to  
Hampton Court**

**Action!**  
*Drama and Theatre Studies*

**Get your tickets!**  
*Comedy Night*

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*Our Sports' Stars*

**eBulletin**

Friday 11 February 2022

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## School Calendar

2021-2022 **Term Dates**

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## The School Menu

Breakfast Club  
daily from 7:45am to  
8:15am

**Cover photo:** Grey Court School U12s at the Richmond Rugby & Richmond Athletic Association grounds last Saturday



*An outstanding experience*



**EVERY CHILD,  
EVERY DAY  
ACADEMY  
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# BAFTA Nomination

*British Short Animation: Do Not Feed the Pigeons*



During **Kitty Finnie's** GCSE summer, she helped her older sister (Eve) on her short animation film. Eve was finishing a masters in film production design. Initially Kitty was there to just to build some models that Eve had designed. But due to the workload on other projects, Kitty ended up creating props, building sets and helping with the full build. One thing led to another, and Kitty spent a few busy weeks doing this, and eventually was credited as the Art Director on the film.

**Do Not Feed the Pigeons** has been nominated for a BAFTA at this year's ceremony. Other nominees are: **Affairs of the Heart**, **Night of the Living Dread**.

Well done, Kitty. We are all rooting for you!

# EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB **TIMETABLE**





## #Y7

### Mr Day

This week, we were very lucky to have our *Race and Equality Week* assembly led by Mr Baker. Mr Baker spoke to students about the importance of the language we use and changing habits. Grey Court is a very diverse school - accepting of all. Language, and the words we use, is the first step to fostering an inclusive community within the school.

A big well done to our year 7 girls' basketball team who recorded a close victory against St Richard's Reynolds this week. We also had a team competing at Orleans' Park sporting event last week. We were delighted with how the students represented the school at the event - showing fantastic levels of sportsmanship. It was great to watch the rugby team in a against Hollyfield on Monday. Over 20 students represented the school and got stuck in. Well done to all.



This poem by Amelie (7A) is about climate change. Year 7s have been studying poetry performance in English this half term.



# Change

Just stop think about what you'rE  
putting in the ocean,

You wonder what's causing this  
commotion

This whole time we've been on a  
stopwatch,

Nobody noticed that this needs to stop

Re-cycling, re use, produce less  
waste,

It won't make a difference unless we  
do it with haste

We have to find a solution,

To end the pollution

We love the birds and the bees,

So stop cutting down trees

To care for the world we've got to  
have faith,

We've got to take risks not play it  
safe

The world holds over 8.7 million  
species,

Lets not kill but let them be free

We only have one planet, one earth

So we have to show it what it's worth

the environment has been trying to  
disclose

the solutions which have been under  
our nose

The health of our planet is more  
important than you imagine,

But we have to work for it, these  
things don't just happen

Our planet needs to trust

That we are going to pay attention  
to the world around us

We need to stand up and make a  
change,

But the whole world has been trying  
to rearrange

Soon we will be at the earth's  
crust,

We are taking too long to adjust

Each and every day nature  
disappears

We need to stand and rise above the  
fears

The world is bruised but whole,  
we need to stand and take control

W- is for the wonders of the world

O- is for the opportunities the  
world gives us

R- Is for the roar the jungle will  
make for many years to come

L- is for the love the world  
spreads

D- Is for the determination, we  
must make a change

We live as one

We breathe as one

We change as one

### Mr Ridley

As part of our enterprise programme, and with the BBC's *The Apprentice* currently on TV, 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 latest teenage entrepreneur we have a look at is:

#### Ollie Forsyth (19 years old)

Ollie left school at the age of 16 with no qualifications but was determined to start his own business by the age of 20. Ollie began his business "Ollie's Shop" where he would sell products to teenagers.

Ollie was able to get suppliers to provide him with bracelets for free so he could sell them and make enough money to start buying from the suppliers and keep them on board with his business. Ollie's shop turned over £13,000 in its first year and Ollie went on to start up another business, UniBell, where students could buy and sell products at university campuses.

Ollie has stated in the past that people did not take him seriously as a young student but was able to change this after networking and making connections with people.

**Well done to our year 8 and 9 students for their engagement this half-term.**

**I hope the year 9s found the feedback from teachers at parents' evening useful, and that they use the half-term to implement some of the information that was given to them.**

**Well done to the year 8 students on the trip to Strawberry Hill House Gallery, it was a great trip and the engagement of students with the activities was excellent!**

**Enjoy your half-term break, restock any missing uniform or equipment and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 21 February.**

**Goodbye!** Today is my last day (as I have now moved to Berkshire since having a baby) and I just wanted to thank all year 8 parents for your support during my time at Grey Court. I have learnt so much over the years and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the young people's lives. I wish you all much health and happiness for your future. *Ms Igoe, Year 8 SSO*

# Black and British - Year 7 Alternative Curriculum

by Mr Clements

As part of our endeavours to diversify our curriculum year 7 students were asked to engage with David Olusoga's text *"Black and British: a short essential history"* in their form times and accelerated reading lessons before Christmas. This important celebration of British history had been purchased for the school by the Grey Court Education fund. Our principle aims were to raise students' awareness about the contribution of black people to Britain's history and culture; and to provide students with the critical tools and language to debate and interpret ideas about culture and identity.

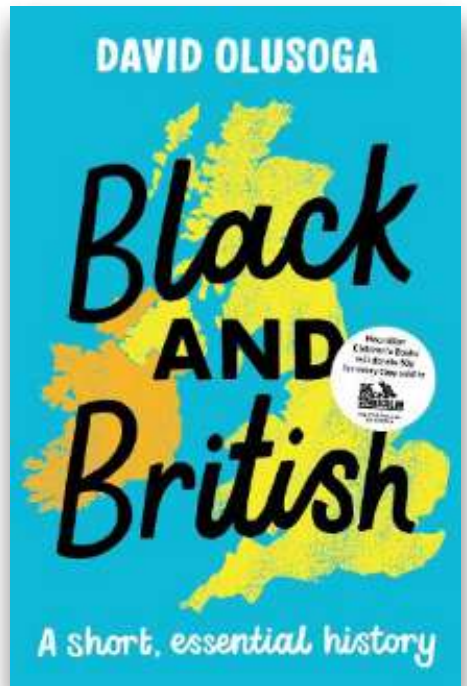
As part of their reading and the discussion based lessons around the text that tutors facilitated, students engaged with diverse black and British figures from our shared history such as: Dido Belle, Septimius Severius, John Blanke, Mary Fillis and Leroy Logan.

They also engaged in debates around institutional racism, the legacy of slavery, social activism and commonwealth ideologies.

In order to try to measure the impact of the project, our school librarian, Mr Johnson, initiated a survey on the reading that 184 students completed.

I have summarised some of the key findings from the survey below:

- 184 students took the survey and 172 gave very positive responses. 93% gave positive feedback on the book and the lessons surrounding it.
- Only 7% of students didn't know who David Olusoga is after reading the book.
- 89% of students now know who Dido Belle is.
- 78% know what diversity means and how important it is to accept it in society.





Mr Johnson has also curated a number of student comments about their experience of engaging with this text.

*"I have learnt about black Britons from the past and how they lived as well as how they made a difference in Britain."*

*"I have been informed about how Black people helped in the World Wars"*

*"I learned about the tough history of black people."*

*"I have benefited from reading this book as I have learnt all the challenges that black people who are British faced."*

*"I benefited from it because if I had never read the book I wouldn't have learnt all about this since usually schools only teach about white, famous people and never Black."*

We also garnered opinions about how we could improve the lessons when they are delivered to next year's cohort. Students felt that we should simplify some of the vocabulary as some readers found it *difficult to understand*." Others felt that we should *"encourage other schools to buy it"* or that *"we should make everyone in the school read the book."* Another contributor thought that it would be of benefit if we *"compared it to modern times."*

In his own review of the book, Mr Johnson felt that Olusaga succeeded in *"presenting his powerful subject matter in a clear, sensible and measured manner."* I would agree with Mr Johnson's wisdom and hope that students benefited from the experience of reading and discussing the text.

Our intention for next year, is to develop a similar scheme of lessons for women's histories and LGBTQ histories of notable Britons for form time and the accelerated reading provision. Many thanks to the students and their tutors for participating enthusiastically and for Mr Johnson for coordinating the project.

***"I have benefited from reading this book as I have learnt all the challenges that black people who are British faced."***

## #Y10+Y11

**Mr Gordon Walker**

I am conscious that year 11 students have a very busy schedule after half term with regard to practical exams, activity days and trial examinations. I have sent a letter home detailing all the upcoming information that you [can view here](#)

Please note the timings for Monday 21 February's exams and activity day on 2 March

### **Trial examination 21 February timings:**

8.25am - students' line up

8.45am - start Maths exam

Break as normal

P3 & 4 as normal

Lunch as normal

1.05pm - students' line up

1.15pm - start English exam

### **Activity Day, academic drop down day, 2 March timings:**

8.45am - students' line up

9am - assembly

Lessons, break and lunch timings as normal

2.20pm - school day ends

## **Year 10 Reports**

Teachers are currently completing reports for year 10 students, this will include data on their current and predicted grades. Reports will be printed and sent out during the week of 14 March. Please keep an eye out for these. There will also be a year 10 parents' evening during the week of 14 March to discuss the reports.

# THE UNIFORM SHOP

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

**Open** on Thursdays between 3pm and 4pm

**Card payments only**

## ENQUIRES/DONATIONS

If you have any queries or would like to donate uniforms, please contact Ms Sarah Niss on

**[sniss@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:sniss@greycourt.org.uk)**

## 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



# 2022 GCSE & GCE Summer Exam Timetable

Click **here**

These timetables are provisional and do not include BTEC exams. An updated timetable will be circulated before the Easter break.

**Please note that contingency day is 29 June. Every student could be requested to sit exams, up to and including the 29 June. Therefore, they must be available to write until this date.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the exams department should you require any further information.



# Food + Nutrition

by Miss Clark

Year 10 this week were lucky enough to be gifted with some wild Alaskan salmon from the charity **F!sh Heroes**, who have previously donated some mussels for students to cook with. **F!sh Heroes** believe every student should have the opportunity to cook with fish in school and hope that they are able to develop their skills to cook confidently with a variety of fish and seafood beyond the school classroom. Year 10 made salmon en croute, learnt about the science and chemistry of puff pastry and also focussed on the issues of sustainability surrounding fishing.









Well done to all our students who have been cooking over the past few weeks. We try to challenge their cooking skills, and highlight the importance of making healthy dishes, as they navigate through their time at Grey Court.

*A special mention to our Chefs of the Week for being superstars*

**Chefs of the Week** are:

**Niah Westbrook** (year 10)

**Chloe Hole** (year 10)

**Pippa Kennard** (year 7)

**Martha McQuattie Allen** (year 7)



**Look out for some exciting competitions after February half term, including our pancake competition and a slightly different one this year in collaboration with the maths department, celebrating 'Pi Day.'**



As we bid farewell to our lovely Food and Nutrition technician, Mrs Anjum, she leaves us with some more words of wisdom. She discusses the highly debated topic of GM foods - which our year 10s will investigate after half term. We wish her all the love and luck in her new job. She will be sorely missed!

### *Genetically Modified Food*

*Most of the food we eat today was created through traditional breeding methods. Generally, changing plants and animals through traditional breeding can take a long time. Therefore, it is very difficult to make certain changes. After the development of genetic engineering in the 1970's they were able to make similar changes in a more specific way. To modify a food took a short time and less effort.*

*Genetically modified foods also known as genetically engineered food (GE Foods) or bioengineered food, defined as organisms (ie plants or animals) in which the genetic material (DNA) has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally by mating and/or natural recombination processes.*

*Most existing genetically modified crops have been developed to improve yield through the introduction of resistance to plant diseases or increased permissiveness of herbicides. GM foods also allow reduction in food prices through improved yield, reliability of product & innovation such as drug production, food quality, greater food security, sustainability and medical benefits to the world's increasing population.*

*In the coming years, genetic modification could be aimed at altering the nutrients content of food, decreasing its allergenic potential or enhancing the efficiency of food production systems. Here are some examples of genetically modified food; corn, soybean, cotton, potatoes, papaya, squash, canola, alfalfa. Although the current research suggests that GMO foods are safe to consume, some people and health experts are concerned about their potential health effects. There are some risks attached to genetically modified food such as allergic reactions, antibiotic resistance, immune suppression and loss of nutrition but due to lack of long term study and practice more research is needed to explore this fast growing technique.*

*Though, GM food is not commercially grown in UK, a variety of products can be imported e.g oil seed rape, soya bean, cotton seed oil, maize, sugar beet. What are your thoughts on this highly debated issue?*



Click **here** for  
the programme

If you have any queries, please  
contact Ms Hurley  
([ahurley@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:ahurley@greycourt.org.uk))

**SPRING ACTIVITY DAY: 2 MARCH**

# Year 12 History Trip: **Hampton Court**

On Thursday 3 February, our year 12 history students went on a trip to Hampton Court to get a deeper understanding of the topic *Henry VIII and the Reformation*. The students got to explore the palace and grounds before attending a workshop with a reformation expert. It was a great opportunity for the students to get a feel of what life would have been in Henry VIII's court, and was enjoyed by all.









# ARTIST WORK SHOP

with  
**Sophie Herxheimer**



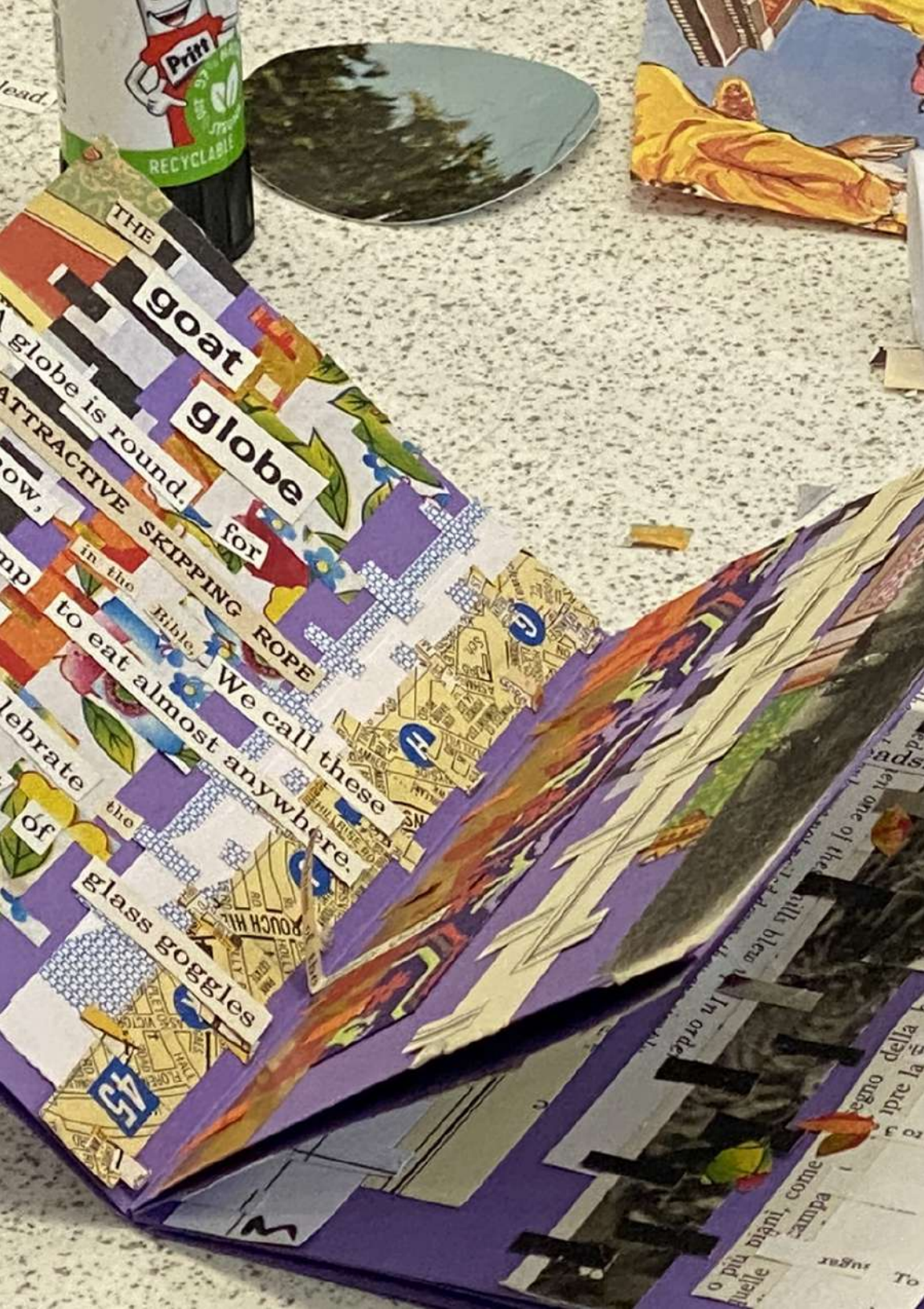
On Friday 21 January our year 13 Art students had a long overdue artist workshop with artist and poet Sophie Herxheimer. As they have been denied gallery visits due to the pandemic, this opportunity was vital to enrich their course. They learnt about the power of words and how to form collections and combinations which could then translate into visual art forms.

Sophie developed their ideas throughout the day through her own inspired collections and by explaining her working processes. She also read out poems from several of her own illustrated publications including *Velkom to Inklandt* - a collection of poems told in the voice of Sophie's grandmother.

The resulting student-self-made sketchbook poem collections were of a fantastic standard and have enriched our A -level artist experience.

Grey Court is indebted to Sophie for this truly unique opportunity and we look forward to working with her again in the future. <https://www.sophieherxheimer.com/>











Monthly Talky.

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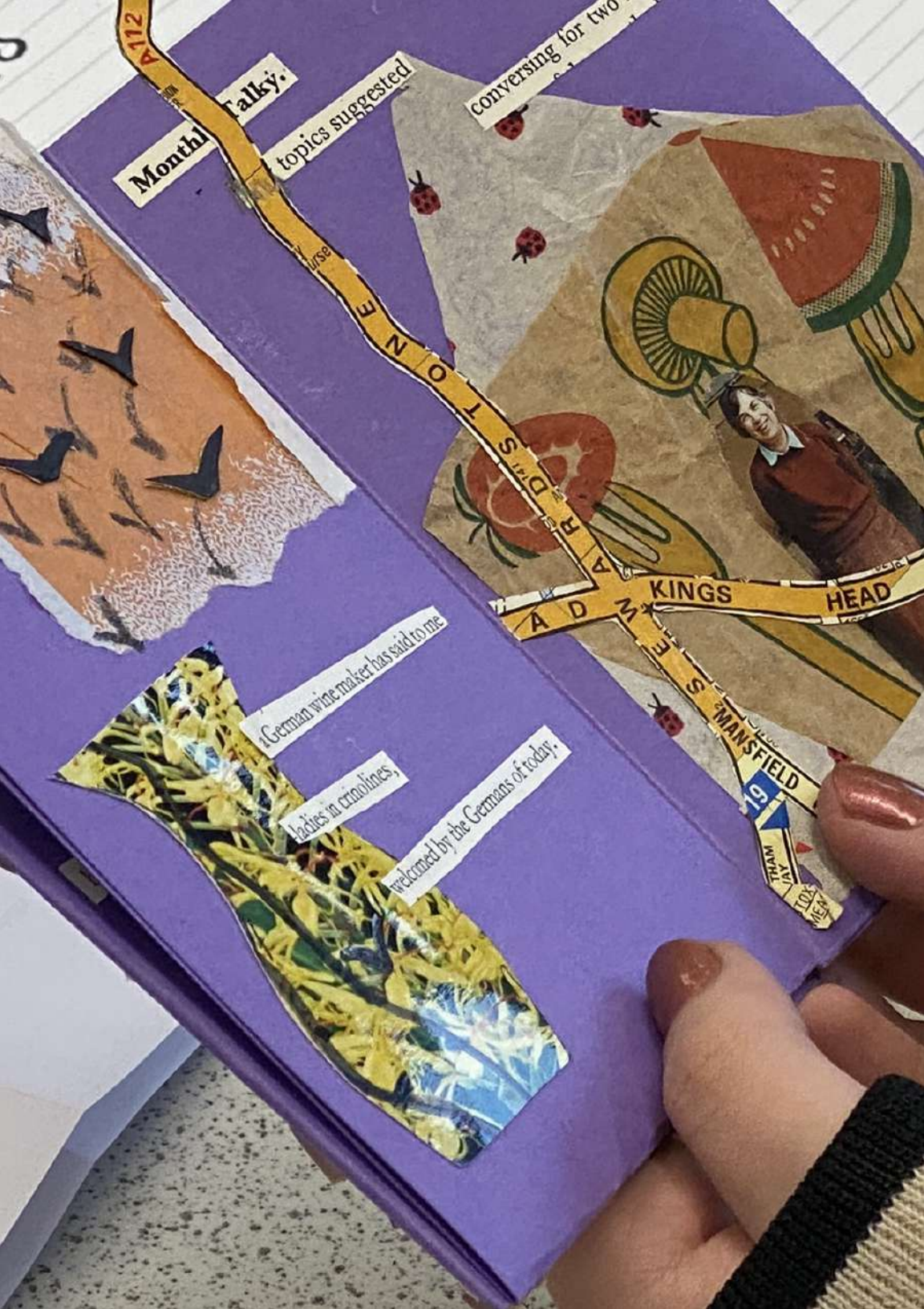
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A German wine maker has said to me

ladies in crinolines,

welcomed by the Germans of today.



# Sculptures with artists + photographers + music

Year 12 Artists have been developing sculptures in response to the theme of London. The year 12 photographers then led a workshop in the studio, experimenting with lighting and coloured gels.







Year 12 artists also took part in a workshop responding to a sound piece Mr Allchurch had created. They experimented with how to respond to sound and performance (below).



# #Y13 Drama and Theatre Studies



CONGRATULATIONS to our year 13 drama and theatre studies students who completed their practical exam on Monday evening in front of an intimate Covid-safe audience. The students demonstrated their performance skills in the most amazingly diverse play extracts with Edie performing the soulful Nina from Chekov's *The Seagull*, Alba performing the inebriated Imogen from *Cleo*, *Camping Emanuelle* and *Dick*, Ella clowning as Francis from *One Man Two Governors*, Sophie playing the devastated Izzy from *BU21* and Kitty entertaining us all with the awful Beverley from *Abigail's Party*. Thankfully, they all performed their best work yet. We will now turn our focus to the written exam in the summer.

It was brilliant also to have five Media students working with us to do the lighting and to record the work for the exam board and to edit multi camera work for the students' show reels. We do, however, need a 4K film camera...anyone???

Huge thanks to the drama department for the support and to those friends, family and particularly the year 11 students who came to watch.

**Mr Page**

P.S. the image is some form of celebratory formation!







## Exam Invigilators

A great opportunity for flexible work!

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

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

**Hourly rate** £11.00 p/h

**Interested applicants**, please complete [this form](#) to receive an application form. **Closing Date to submit application form is 16 February 2022.**

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

# PA NEWS

Grey Court Parents' Association working with the school and community to raise funds to support this outstanding school

## GoFundMe: Digital Screens for Science

Please support our appeal to buy new digital screens for science labs as the old ones are now no longer working. The screens are fully interactive and cost £3000 each. We will need one for each of our 8 science labs, which is a total of £24,000. This is a large sum of money that the school have to find for equipment that will benefit our students across all the year groups. This is just one of several initiatives the school has to find funding for, and so we are calling on our parents to donate what you feel you can to help us raise these valuable funds. We know times are tough and we are as always grateful to our super generous parents for any donation no matter how small. Click [here](#) to donate.

**CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR  
TICKETS FOR COMEDY NIGHT:  
Friday 25 March**

# COMEDY NIGHT

**HOSTED by Erich McElroy of CRACK  
COMEDY**



**FEATURING:**  
**EDDY BRIMSON**  
**NJAMBI MCGRATH**  
**STEPHEN CARLIN**

**FRIDAY**  
**25**  
**MARCH**

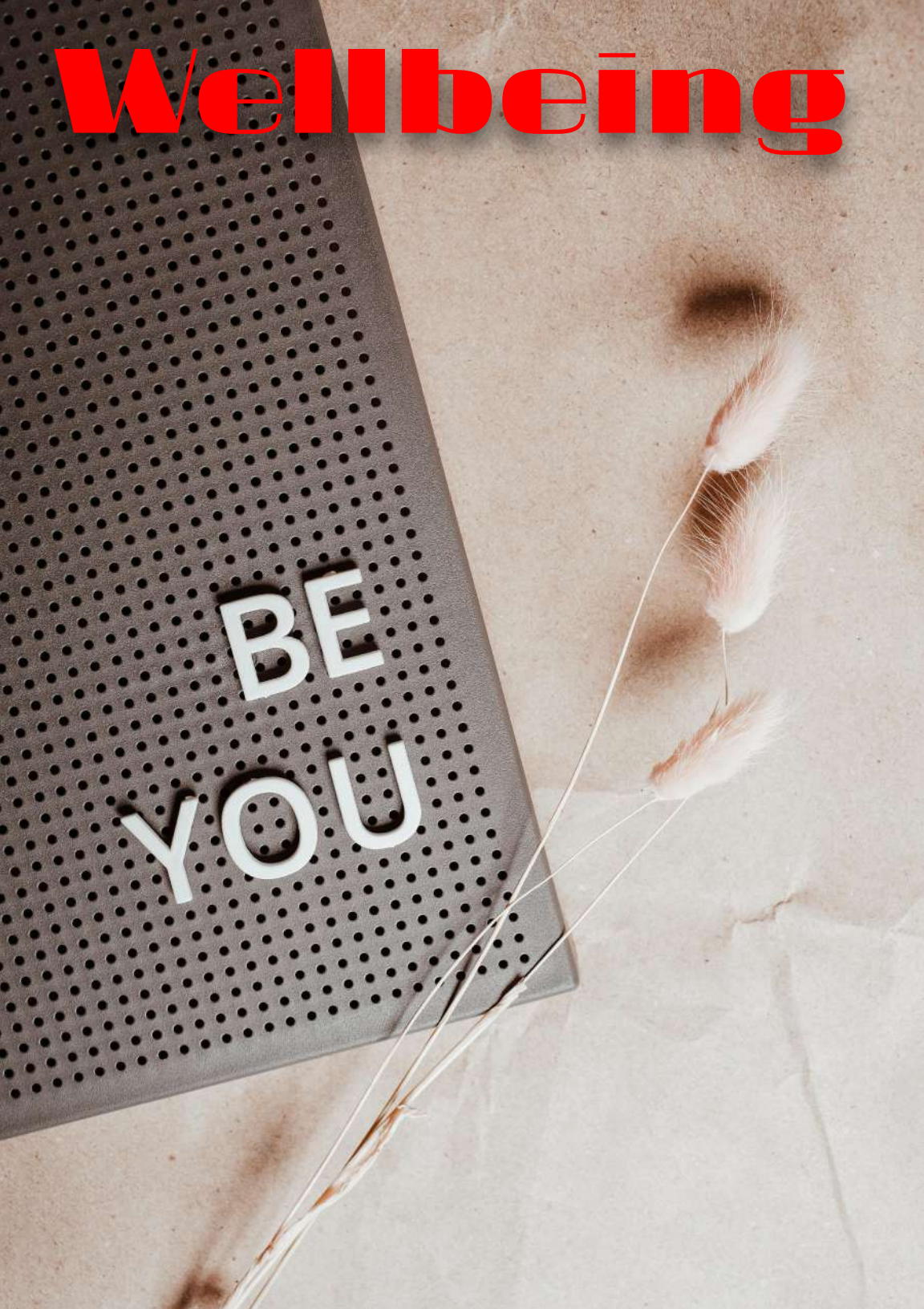
**Over 18s only**  
**Doors open 19:00**  
**Starts 20:00**  
**Licensed bar**

**Tickets via:**  
**[pta-events.co.uk/greycourtschool](http://pta-events.co.uk/greycourtschool)**



# Wellbeing

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# Thinkuknow

Supporting you to help protect children and young people from online sexual abuse



## Advice for Parents and Carers

You can help parents and carers you work with keep their children safer online by sharing these new resources:

### **Stop Abuse Together: A new government resource to help keep children and young people safer from sexual abuse**

Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important for everyone to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support if concerned.

The new Stop Abuse Together website ([stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk](https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk)) can help parents and carers learn to spot the signs, have regular conversations with their child which can help keep them safer, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.

### **Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents and carers**

This guidance for parents and carers is based on the voices of children and young people and gives tips to adults about how they can support children to stay safer online.

The guide for parents and carers and summary poster are available to download from the [Children's Commissioner for England's website](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk).



## Safer Internet Day

The theme for this year's safer internet day was '**All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online**' and as a result the Sixth Form tutors took the students through an assembly assessing how to navigate the world of financial fraud and how it can link to social media. For a taster of what they discussed please feel free to watch [this](#) video and think about the following questions:

From your social media posts, could someone work out:

- Your full real name?
- Your Birth date? (e.g. from photos of a party)
- Your address (or very close)
- Where you go to school
- Where you work or socialise
- Where you are at certain times?
- The answer to any of the common security questions?

**Here are examples of some common security questions:**

- In what city were you born?
- What is the name of your favorite pet?
- What is your mother's maiden name?
- What high school did you attend?
- What is the name of your first school?
- What was the make of your first car?
- What was your favorite food as a child?
- Where did you meet your spouse?

## stars of the week

**Vinya, Lan My** and **Nivi**, for putting together an informative and detailed presentation for tutor time, detailing the current situation with Russia and the Ukraine. Well done all of you!

**Celine Asmar** for her unconditional offer from London College of Fashion and Eylul Alsat for her offer of a place on the Art and Design Foundation course at Morley College. **Ms Bowie** and **Ms Maybey** are so very proud of you both!





[www.amazingapprenticeships.com](http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)

is a great resource to start your search and all of these organisations advertise apprenticeship schemes so register for updates:

- [Uptree](http://Uptree)
- [notgoingtouni](http://notgoingtouni)
- [allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk](http://allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)

## Opportunities Bulletin

Our **weekly opportunities bulletin** is packed full of activities to boost your skills and find out more about careers, university, apprenticeships, work experience and much more:

[09/02/2021 Careers opportunities](#)

And finally, we are delighted to be sharing the second edition of the Sixth Form Literacy magazine in its entirety. This is an entirely student led creation and we are proud of the way that the students have taken ownership of the process and truly explored their creativity.

### **A note from the editor**

*Thank you very much for reading this year's edition of the Literary Magazine. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed working on it! Just as last year we have a collection of articles, creative writing and art pieces from very talented sixth formers. Please be aware that a few articles may make reference to mature topics and themes so depending on your age read with discretion.*

*If you can, please consider donating to the charity of our choice - the **Coram Beanstalk** charity which supports better literacy in primary schools.*

*Edie (the editor)*



Click [here](#) to read



A person wearing a black cap, a light blue t-shirt, black pants, and a black backpack with yellow accents stands with their back to the camera on a dirt path in a forest. The path is covered in brown fallen leaves and leads into a dense forest of tall trees with green foliage. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day.

# Careers

Miss Corrighan, Head of Careers

Careers at Grey Court





A big thank you to Miss Holmes who has been busy this week running another fantastic Jack Petchey public speaking workshop. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their communication and presentation skills which are vital for the world of work.



Every year we run a careers' networking event with our year 9 students. Last year this was held virtually. However, this year we want to hold this in person. It is a vital part of our young people finding out about the world of work.

Parents/Carers and contacts of Grey Court have always been great at sharing their experiences. **If you think you can spare some time to talk about your career on Wednesday 2 March** please do get in touch with [Bernie CORRIGHAN](#) who can give you more information.



As it was National apprenticeship this week we wanted to highlight a selection of opportunities and activities to raise awareness of apprenticeships. These can be found in our **weekly opportunities bulletin** which full of information on apprenticeships, work experience and more - please check this out and take advantage of all of the opportunities: [09/02/2021 Careers opportunities](#)

## Amazing Apprenticeships

There a range of resources on the amazing apprenticeships website [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

and see below for a couple of resources you can access to raise the profile of apprenticeships:

This 90 second clip about apprenticeships gives an overview of what apprenticeships are: [Apprentices Are Amazing - Amazing Apprenticeships on Vimeo](#)





## THE APPRENTICESHIP QUIZ 2022!

### [The Apprenticeship Quiz 2022](#)

How much do you know about apprenticeships? Test your knowledge with our fun quiz and learn a little more about what roles are available, when to apply, when companies advertise and what they might be looking for.



You can only  
grow if you're  
willing to feel  
awkward and  
uncomfortable  
when you try  
something  
new.

**Brian Tracy**

## Current apprenticeships in the local area

For more information contact [way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk) or register your interest [here](#). We'll meet with you, provide information on apprenticeships and add you to our pool of candidates for inclusion in our next cohort.

### Teaching Assistant

[Lime Tree Primary School, Surbiton](#)  
[Fern Hill Primary School, Kingston](#)

### Early Years

[Blue Iris Day Nursery, Whitton](#)  
[Barnes Primary School, Barnes](#)  
[Milkshake Montessori, Whitton](#)  
[Monty's Nursery, Richmond](#)

### Business Administration

[Richmond and Wandsworth Council, Twickenham](#)  
[Richmond and Wandsworth Council, Twickenham](#)  
[Achieving for Children, Kingston](#)  
[Achieving for Children, Kingston](#)



**Photo:** Grey Court School U12s at the Richmond Rugby & Richmond Athletic Association grounds last Saturday

Well done to our U14 mixed team who competed at LEH on Sunday in the London Floor and Vault, qualifying for the National Finals.



Women and girls' cricket is gaining lots of momentum and Middlesex CC would like to offer women and girls the chance to drop in and play for **FREE** on Tuesdays. Email Sharon no later than 9.00pm on the Monday of the week you'd like to attend.

**Venue:** William Perkin School

**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.30pm (11-15 year-olds)  
7.30pm – 9.00pm (for 16+)

**Cost:** Free

**Activity:** Softball Cricket

**How to book:** Please email  
[Sharon.eyers@Middlesexccc.com](mailto:Sharon.eyers@Middlesexccc.com)





Congratulations to our U19 mixed team who performed outstanding routines to qualify for the National Finals and to our U14 girls team for making their debut at the London Floor and Vault





Congratulations to our U12 girls basketball team who won their first game of the season on Monday in a gripping encounter against SRR





Well done to the year 10 A squad who went away to St John's in Leatherhead and won 4-1. A close first half with a defensive error meaning we were 1-0 up at half-time, but the second half we took our chances and defended well to secure the win.

Congratulations to the U18 Rugby team who beat the Harroddian School 28-7. Some great tries scored.







# ACCESS all our sport fixtures, results and team sheets via our sports' **website**

You might want to save the address in your favourites and send it to your family and friends. To see at a glance what's on, where and when you have a number of choices:

You can either navigate to our Sports Calendar via the main menu, and then select the day you are interested in and then click the details link. This shows the venue and, if we're playing away, will have a link to the location map of our opponent's school. You can also see the team selected for the fixture wherever you see the blue image. Normally we announce team selections at least 72 hours before the fixture.

From the Sports' Calendar you can also click directly through to a team's fixtures & results listing by clicking the Team's Name. e.g. click on the "Girls-U16A".

If you are following a particular team or teams you can also select **Sports & Teams Fixtures & Results** from the main menu. Then select a particular sport and your team to see **past results and upcoming fixtures**.

From any teams Fixture list you can "spy" on the opponents recent results by clicking on the spyglass **button**, or see the playing record by clicking on this **button**, or find their location by clicking on the map point **button**.

From any team's Fixtures & Results listings you can also download the entire fixture list to your personal calendar on your PC or mobile device (such as an iPhone or iPad). Any changes we make to our fixtures will be synchronised with your personal calendar whenever you connect your PC or mobile device to the Internet.

If you need to quickly find an away venue for one of our opponents you can either choose the map link directly from a fixture, available via the "details" button as described above, or you can select "Opponent Maps & Links" from the main menu.

If you are visiting our sports website on your mobile phone you will notice it loads up as a Mobile Web App. Full instructions on how to get the most out of the Web App can be found online by clicking **here**. The mobile Web App will allow you to access Fixture and Team Sheet information on the go!

To access **TEAM SHEETS** you will need to enter a password. The password is: **greycourtsports!** (including the explanation mark).



***We also regularly tweet fixtures, results and pictures on Twitter.  
Click the logo to follow us!***

# Boys' Scholar of the month

Josh Greyling



The Boy's Sport Scholar of the month is **Josh Greyling**. Josh has really impressed so far with his attitude and commitment to sport at Grey Court.

Josh represents the football A team, where he has stood out playing at centre back. He is a fine cricketer, receiving specialised coaching in school as part of the scholarship programme, and he also plays outside of school for Hampton Wick. Josh has started rugby since joining Grey Court and had really taken to it, working his way quickly into the A team.

Well done Josh, keep up the good work!

# Boys' Team of the month

U12 B Football Team



January has seen 3 wins from 3 for the U12 B team! They have had an impressive season which sees them going into February with 6 wins out of 7 so far this season. They also booked their place in the last 16 of the English Schools FA Competition with a superb extra-time win against Hampton, who beat us earlier in the season.

The boys have scored 33 goals so far this season, which proves the attacking threat the team has, backed up by some brilliant defensive performances - having only conceded 9 goals.

Next up for the U12 B team is a tough away match against Dr Challoner's Grammar School in the next round of the ESFA competition. Good luck and well done on a fantastic season so far boys.

# Girls' Team of the month

## U14A Football Team



It has been a brilliant month for our U14 girls who have enjoyed victories in all of their last 4 games. Their most noticeable performance was a 3-1 home win against Esher High, booking their place in the semi-finals of the Surrey Cup. They also recorded successive home wins against both Chessington and Putney High School.

The team have displayed defensive resilience in each of their games, with some notable performances coming from Captain Rosie McDermott and Eleni Vakarou. This, coupled with their attacking threat and quick counter attacking moves have led to a flourish of goals from the likes of Ruby Greenwood, Freya Grant, Pansy Bull and Cerys Rodgers in recent games. Saying that it has been a whole team performance and the group have created a force to be reckoned with.

# Girls' Player of the month

## Charis Wilson Y8



**Charis Wilson** is a talented sportsperson who is making excellent progress in her Cricket. She is in her second year playing for Teddington Cricket Club, where she is a standout swing bowler.

Recently, she attended the U13 Middlesex County Cricket trials, which were held over two days in Farnham. With 60 girls in attendance, Charis was one of the 13 who were selected to train regularly.

We wish Charis all the best for the cricket season both with Grey Court, Teddington CC and Middlesex CC.



# Girls' Scholar of the month

## Jude Maguire Y7



Jude has worked hard this term to develop her shooting technique in netball. She is receptive in training sessions which has allowed her to succeed in match play at netball club and in recent fixtures. Jude is an excellent team player, supports her teammates and is respectful of her coaches. She has shown versatility on court and is willing to try any position she is put in, always trying her best and is willing to learn.

Basketball is another sport Jude has shown promise in. She has stood out in PE lessons and coaching sessions and shows good promise in a range of skills. We look forward to seeing her progress further on the basketball court.

The Girls' Sport Scholar of the month is Jude Maguire. Jude is an all-round athlete specialising in gymnastics but also representing Grey Court on the netball and basketball courts.

In gymnastics, Jude is a hardworking and talented gymnast. She has been developing her round off flick and vault. Jude has made the U14 girls A team, the only year 7 to do so. She is representing Grey Court at the London Regional Competition on Sunday at LEH.



This is not about being ready, it's not even about being fierce, or fearless, it's about being free.

Michael waits in the stage wings, wearing a pink wig, pink fluffy coat and black heels.

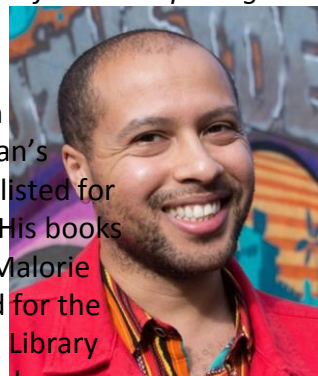
One more step will see him illuminated by spotlight.

He has been on a journey of bravery to get here, and he is almost ready to show himself to the world in bold colours ...

Can he emerge as The Black Flamingo?

**Waterstone Says:**

*"Big hearted and dizzyingly flamboyant, Atta's verse novel about a black gay teen reclaiming his identity as a drag artist is an outspoken triumph from the opening couplet to the last."*



Dean Atta is a British author hailing from London. He is a Malika's Poetry Kitchen member, National Poetry Day ambassador and LGBT+ History Month patron. Dean's poems have been highly commended by the Forward Prizes for Poetry and shortlisted for the Bridport Poetry Prize and Oxford Brookes International Poetry Competition. His books have been praised by the likes of Bernardine Evaristo, Benjamin Zephaniah and Malorie Blackman. Dean's debut poetry collection, *I Am Nobody's Nigger*, was shortlisted for the Polari First Book Prize. His novel in verse, *The Black Flamingo*, won the American Library Association's Stonewall Book Award, West Sussex School Librarians' Amazing Book Awards, What Kids are Reading Quiz Writers' Choice Award and was shortlisted for various awards throughout the year of publication. His writing has been published in over 50 anthologies, magazines and journals.

### 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

Gustav Alpsten

#### 7 Beech

Yousef Al Bayati  
Oscar Ballantine  
Fereshta Najib  
Camila Oliveira  
Poppy Rudd  
Freddy Song-Dusoir  
Saihaan Zawar

#### 7 Cedar

Keir Chambers  
Harriet Warbrick

#### 7 Elm

Charles Alexander  
Jessica Collins  
Hani El Sayed Ali  
Leonardo Klapakis  
Richie Luo  
Pablo Navas-Parejo  
Heidi Phillips  
Moujan Rezaei  
Lydia Smith

#### 7 Rowan

Lora Hoxha  
Charles Perret

#### 8aC

Jack Tomkins

#### 8aL

Matilda Scrivener

#### 8aV

Noah Cervantes  
Eva Logan-Wilson  
Lama Mansour  
Frederick Saville  
Oliver Sayers

#### 8aX

Aaron Khiytani  
Alessandro Leguel  
Dabilo Pajovic

#### 8bL

Che Bell  
Dylan Heighes

#### 8bV

Austin Cheyne  
Andy Fedczuk  
Sasha Fedczuk  
James Glanville  
Jacob Heller  
Martha Huddart  
Florence Lavercombe  
Kulsoom Syed  
Philine Zoeller

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**We Played with Fire**  
Catherine Barker  
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Book available

**FANTASY**  
**RELATIONSHIPS**  
**The Tale**  
Kathryn Barker  
2021  
Book available

**ADVENTURE**  
**RELATIONSHIPS**  
**The Rain**  
Kathryn Barker  
2021  
Book available



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**ROMANCE**  
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### Enter our competition!

If you are aged 11-14, why not recommend a book you've enjoyed? The form overleaf or go online to submit your suggestion(s) by 28th February 2022. You could win a £20 Gift Voucher!

You can also look out other teen recommendations, displayed at your local library and online

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If you have difficulty understanding this leaflet please visit reception between 9.00am - 5.00pm at the address below, where we can arrange a telephone interpreting service

Richmond Libraries are open online 24/7 at [www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries)

**Richmond Libraries Cover Story Competition. It's a stage writing competition. Grab a booklet from the school library to enter or click [here](#) to submit an online entry.**

# The Big Read

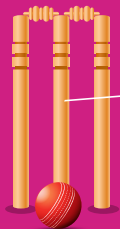
The Big Read is a reading club that helps choose the best book for the new year 7s. This title will be given to every year 6 student making their way to Grey Court and will also be taught for the first few weeks. Last year's winner, **The Invisible Boy**, was chosen by the previous year 7s and we would like to keep this tradition going.

***"Be part of something that is instrumental in the introduction of the new year 7s"***

Interested??

See Mr Johnson in the library for more information





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## \*New Indoor Cricket Sessions this Spring\*

**Come and try our fun and friendly indoor cricket sessions this term**

**New to cricket or just starting out?**

Thursdays 5pm-6:30pm – Now until the end of March

**£35 per half term**

**Or a more experienced cricketer looking for a challenge?**

Wednesdays 5:15pm-6:45pm – Late February until the end of March

### Where?

Grey Court School Sports Hall, TW10 7HN

**Free  
taster  
session**

**Please Contact:**

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[www.hamandpetershamcc.co.uk](http://www.hamandpetershamcc.co.uk)

**All  
boys  
and girls  
welcome**





### **Half Term Performance Skills Workshop**

Join Dramacube this half term for an adrenaline-fuelled, performance skills session with TikTok's Holly Hos.

Holly Hos is an Actor, Presenter and Online Content Creator. She is best known for her TikTok Comedy Sketch Show, *Helga and Mummy*.

Students attending the workshop will spend the day working with Holly developing their Performance Skills through drama games, improvisation and screen-acting techniques.

Holly will be sharing some top Social Media tips to all those aspiring TikTok stars out there and helping students to build their confidence as young performers. Holly will also be discussing online safety.

For more information about Holly Hos and to watch her online series check her out on TikTok @THEHOS or Insta @\_THEHOS

### **Workshop Details**

Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Time: 9:30-4pm

Venue: Hampton Hill Theatre

Age Group: 11-18 yrs

Price: £45

To book, visit [www.dramacubeproductions.co.uk](http://www.dramacubeproductions.co.uk) or email [contact@dramacube.co.uk](mailto:contact@dramacube.co.uk)

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## **FEBRUARY HALF-TERM COOKING WORKSHOPS**

**Ages 5-12 yrs old. Lunch and  
snacks included.**

### **15th February**

#### **Bake & decorate cooking class**

This class is a bonanza of piping, fondant modelling and cake baking, led by professional Cake Decorator Caroline.

### **16th February**

#### **Cookies, cakes and comfort class.**

We are making and decorating cookies & mini cakes, plus savoury comforting crumbles.

**[www.bookwhen.com/sassystirrers](http://www.bookwhen.com/sassystirrers)  
phone 07789 792676**





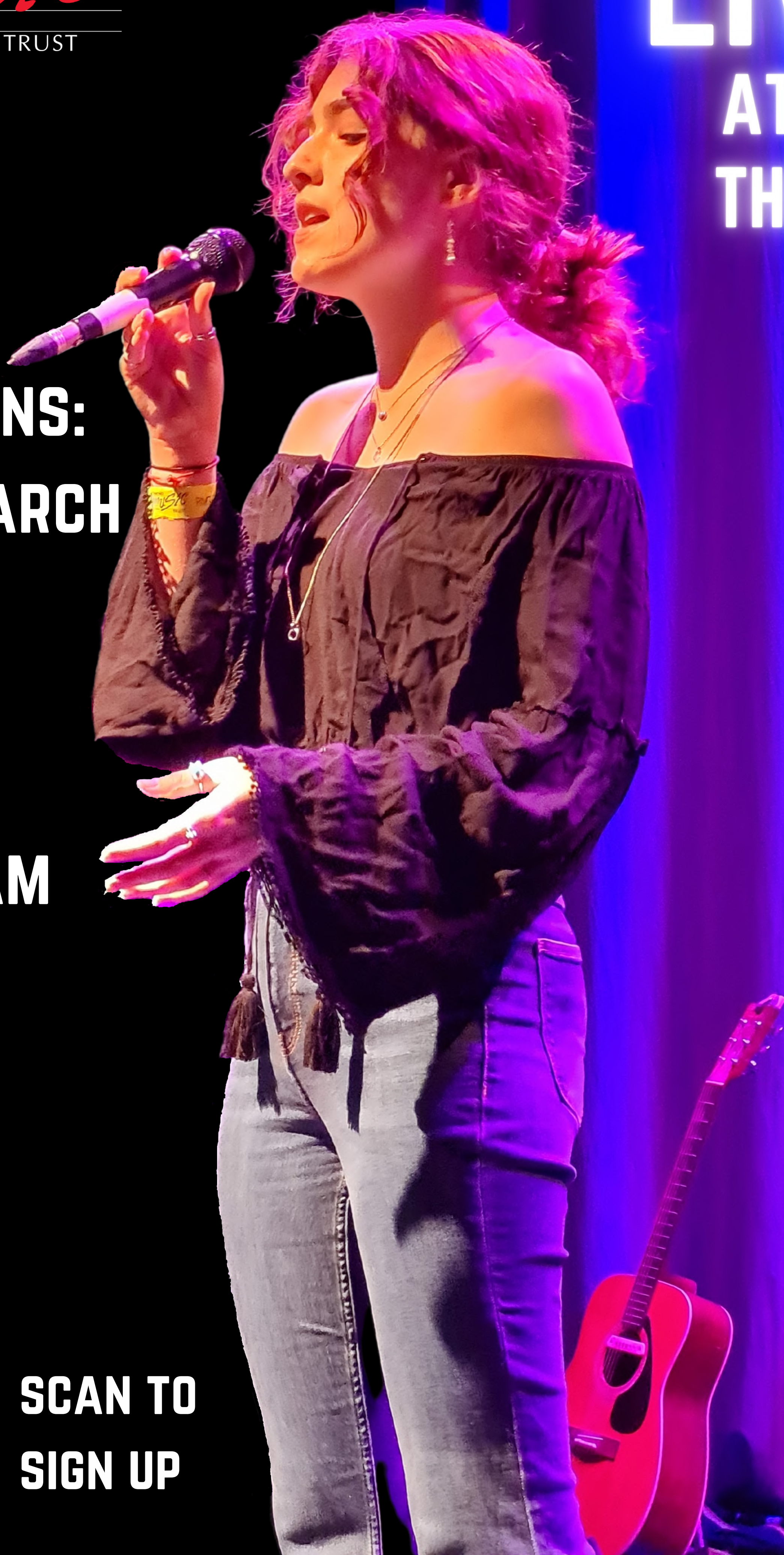
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## FRIDAY 11 TO SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY	SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY
<b>JUNIOR CLUB</b>	<b>FLIP OUT</b>	<b>SERVED</b>
4.00 to 6.00pm 8 to 11 year olds	<b>Croydon Trip</b> 10.00am to 4.00pm 14 to 19 years old Limited places - book via Danielle	2.00 to 4.00pm 11 to 16 year olds
<b>TEKKERS</b>		
6.30 to 8.30pm 11 to 14 years old		
<b>SENIORS CLUB</b>		
6.30 to 8.30pm 11 to 19 years old		

To book your child a place please go to <https://linktr.ee/Powerstation> and complete the '**February Half Term 2022 Booking Form**' as well as a '**Membership Form**' (membership form for new young people only)

Or text/WhatsApp Danielle Hutchinson with your child's name, age and sessions you wish to book.

## MONDAY 14 TO SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY

MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY	SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY
JUST A TASTE	JUST A TASTE	T-SHIRT MAKING	LONDON YOUTH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT	LIVE WIRE: GAMING GLITCH	TEKKERS @ HEATHAM HOUSE	SERVED
12.00 to 3.00pm 5 to 8 year old	12.00 to 3.00pm 5 to 8 year old	12.00 to 4.00pm 8 to 16 years old One free T-shirt per young person	10.00am to 5.00pm Under-14's Young people must bring a zip or oyster card with credit on it.  Limited places - book via Danielle	12.00 to 4.00pm 8 to 13 years old	6.30 to 8.30pm 11 to 19 years old	2.00 to 4.00pm 11 to 16 year olds
JUST A TASTE	JUST A TASTE	If you want to make more than one T-shirt please bring your own		JUNIOR CLUB		
3.00 to 6.00pm 8 to 12 year old	3.00 to 6.00pm 8 to 12 year old			4.00 to 6.00pm 8 to 11 year olds		
	NERF BATTLE			L.A.T.E.S NERF BATTLE		
	6.00 to 8.00pm 8 to 13 year olds	7.30 to 9.30pm 14 to 19 year olds		6.30 to 8.30pm 11 to 19 years old		

# What is anxiety?

Anxiety is our body's way of protecting us from threats. This reaction evolved out of the survival needs from our early ancestors, who needed to protect themselves from more immediate, physical dangers. Even though we face fewer physical dangers in the modern world, our body still reacts in a similar way.

## Psychological signs

- Feeling worried
- Nervousness
- Overthinking
- Unwanted thoughts
- Problems concentrating

## How can I make myself feel better?

- Breathing techniques
- Do some stretches
- Exercise
- Eat a healthy balanced diet
- Get enough sleep

## Physical signs

- Restlessness
- Feeling nauseous
- Racing heart
- Muscle pains
- Breathing heavily
- Frequent toilet visits
- Problems sleeping
- Panic attacks

## Causes of anxiety?

- Stressful situations
- Exams or deadlines
- Problems with family
- Financial difficulties
- Being overtired
- Coping with trauma

## When does anxiety become a problem?

- Feelings of anxiety are hard to manage
- You continuously worry about things out of your control
- You struggle to fall asleep or stay asleep
- You avoid certain social situations

## What if I can't make myself feel better?

Experiencing frequent symptoms of anxiety? Speak to an adult you trust in or outside of school about how you feel. Alternatively contact **YoungMinds** ([youngminds.co.uk](https://www.youngminds.co.uk)/text YM to 85258) or **Childline** ([childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)/call 0800 1111).

**For more on supporting pupil wellbeing, go to [oego.co/pupil-mental-health](https://oego.co/pupil-mental-health)**