

A photograph of two men smiling. The man on the left wears glasses and a dark puffer jacket. The man on the right wears a suit and has his hand on the first man's shoulder. They are holding a clear plastic container with a small frog inside. Colorful paper flags hang in the background.

eBulletin

Friday 25 February 2022

Dearth of a Naturalist

Read Mr Clements' account about catching a frog....!

Catch up on...

Food + Nutrition News

Sports' action



Comedy Night

Friday 25 March
buy your tickets!

COMEDY NIGHT

HOSTED by **Erich McElroy** of **CRACK COMEDY**



FEATURING:
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25

MARCH

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Licensed bar

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THE NOTICE BOARD

School Calendar

21-22 Term dates

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Events

The School Menu

Breakfast Club

Daily from 7:45am to 8:15am

Do you have a story to tell?

I am looking for interesting migration stories from the families of our students. I'm particularly interested in stories about people, precious objects they brought with them, stories of resilience, survival and achievement. Please get in touch if you are happy to share your story. My email address is pnair@greycourt.org.uk

Preeya Nair EAL Coordinator



EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB **TIMETABLE**

#Y7

Mr Day

We were delighted to welcome back Y7 after what we hope was a restful, although somewhat windy, half-term. Luckily the Y7 playground is still standing and the table-tennis tables did not get blown away!

This week, tutors discussed extracurricular commitments with the students. At Grey Court there is a huge variety of clubs and opportunities available to students. It is noticeable the difference attending these clubs makes to students' development, in terms of friendships, well-being and attendance. We will be analysing the data collected by tutors and meet with students who are yet to take advantage of this offer. There is no better time to get stuck in and join a club, so please encourage your child to get involved.

Activity Day (Wednesday 2 March)

Activity day is next Wednesday, and students will not have a normal school day, but will be on a trip / completing activities.

A Band - Whipsnade Zoo (7A, 7B, 7C, 7E) - Students are to meet in the Science labs at **7:45am**. 7M in lab 1, 7O in lab 2 7R in Lab 3, 7W in Lab 4. School uniform, trainers and a coat/weather appropriate wear with a packed lunch. This trip is being led by Ms Moran (amoran@greycourt.org.uk)

B Band - Environment Day (7M, 7O, 7R, 7W). Students should arrive at school at **9am** and line-up on the playground. They should wear Grey Court PE Kit with appropriate coats, if needed. Food will be available from the canteen, as normal. This trip is being run by Ms Jeyarajan (jjeyaran@greycourt.org.uk)

As ever, we hope students enjoy these activities and represent the school in an excellent manner.

The River Through The City - Gustav Alpsten (Year 7)

For thousands of years my shores were clean
For thousands of years my shores were pristine
And all of a sudden,
My brothers from the north shrieked
"Watch out! London's coming!"

Then in the blink of a sea eye,
And the call of a bird,
My banks were filled with things foretold,
Buildings, plastics, skyscrapers and more.
They cut off my canals and controlled my tides.

Then in the blink of a sea eye,
And the call of a bird,
The heat in my water became absurd.
They dumped their plastics 'til my water turned brown.

The city became higher and higher,
But my problems were made bigger and bigger.
I tried to escape west, to the greener parts of my expanse.
But the city caught on,
And the highrise crept longer and longer.

And in the blink of a sea eye,
And the call of a bird,
My waters were murdered.

No fish in the sea,
No green in the estuary,
These exploiting beings have destroyed me.

#Y8+Y9

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. Our fifth and final young entrepreneur is **Marianne Caroline Hughes (23 years old)**

Marianne started up her business, KnowLabel, to create a digital label which showed the social and environmental impact of the clothing item. Marianne notes that her software allows the measure of happiness and sustainability in clothing factories.

Marianne had help with funding from government grants and angel investment to start her business. After continuous hard work and networking, Marianne has now been in business with well-known fashion brands such as H&M and continues to expand and grow KnowLabel.

A common piece of advice regularly mentioned by entrepreneurs, both young and old, is to keep going, work hard and take risks to increase the chances of success.

It is good to hear about these stories, particularly as year 9 embark upon their Options Process for KS4. The presentations and booklets were emailed out on Thursday afternoon, outlining the process and providing initial guidance. Students will have taster sessions in each subject over the next month, and we encourage plenty of discussion at home about these decisions.

8 Beech and 8 Oak combine for their Enterprise Week and will try to make some profit from products they are selling to students. I look forward to seeing how they get on and hope they enjoy the process.

Finally, Activity Day is on Wednesday, with year 8 heading off-site, a reminder to all students that they represent our school when they are in public, so I hope to get plenty of emails complimenting the students on their behaviour and engagement.

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker

Year 10 Reports

Teachers are currently completing reports for year 10 students, this will include data on their current and predicted grades. These reports will be printed and sent to you during the week of 14 March. Please keep an eye out for these.

Y10 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 24 March. Ms Weston will send out correspondence regarding this in the upcoming weeks.

Year 11 Spring Term Examinations

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

Please note the timings for the Activity Day on 2 March

Activity Day, academic drop down day

8.45am - students line up

9am - assembly

Lessons, break and lunch timings as normal

2.30pm - school day ends

GCSE and A Level Easter Revision

Please take note of the **revision sessions** that we are hosting during the Easter holidays. We provide these free of charge and they are the most comprehensive in the local area. Departments will be writing to you personally if they require your child to attend these sessions.

PDW

Year	Topic
7	Law and Ethics This week: What is a Law? Next week: How are Laws passed?
8	Sex and Relationships This week: What are 'period products'? Next week: What is sexual consent and how do you know you have it?
9	Sex and Relationships This week: What do we need to know about fertility and our reproductive health? Next week: What choices do you have with an unplanned pregnancy?
10	Online Safety This week: What is online grooming? Next week: What is online grooming?
11	Living in the wider world This week: What types of employment are there? Next week: Confidentiality - what is it and when should it be broken?

MOCOS 2022

THURS 17TH MARCH

6.30 PM

SCHOOL HALL

GREY COURT
HAM STREET
RICHMOND

70's



**WHO WILL YOU
VOTE FOR?**

DOORS - 6:00PM

STARTS - 6:30PM

VPA PRODUCTIONS

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA SCOPAY

ADULT - £6 CHILD/STUDENT-£4

Food + Nutrition



Food + Nutrition

by Ms Clark

During the last week of term, Year 10 continued with their 'food provenance unit', looking at chickens. They had to decide whether chickens were a suitable and sustainable source of protein, analysing ethical egg production and looking at healthy ways it can be incorporated into our diets. They were tasked with butchering, deboning and jointing a chicken and presenting two dishes, experimenting with different cooking methods, sauces and skills. See some of the results!







SB'S OF

INDEPENDENT

BUTCHERING CHICKEN

Gather correct chopping board and knife

Wash your chicken carefully in water

Remove your skin

Place in a bag with seasoning, oil, salt, pepper, etc.



1. Brain

Ask yourself...
Have you used the
knife in the past?
If not, do you want to
learn? If yes, do you want to
learn?

2. Book

Read your book!
Read your book!
Read your book!
Read your book!
Read your book!

3. Board

Read your book!
Read your book!
Read your book!
Read your book!
Read your book!

4. Blatney

Ask the person in charge
if they can help you.
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if they can help you.

5. Boss

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#Y11 GCSE Students...

Year 11 GCSE students begin their final NEA practical assessments next week, which involves a three hour session, where they have to present two highly skilled dishes from scratch. This counts for around 25% of their final GCSE mark, so is an important component of their work. Please wish them luck!

Chefs of the Week

Leon Hughes (8W)

Alec Georgiev (8R)

Austin Cheyne (8R)

For their fantastic Macaroni Cheese dishes!

FOOD CLUB NEWS!

We have decided that Food Club will now just run on Thursdays after school from 3-4pm, and no longer on Tuesdays. All students year 7-9 are welcome.

Pi Day

Prizes for pies!



The 14 March is known worldwide as 'Pi Day' as it is '3.14'. In honour of this, I am calling all pie enthusiasts to send me in their favourite pie creations. Sweet, savoury, decorated and celebrating the theme of 'Pi'. Prizes for pies! See the photo for some inspiration. This will also be a House Competition, so points are up for grabs for the best house entries. Please bring in your pies on Pi Day (Monday 14 March), and we will judge them at lunchtime in T5!

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ENQUIRES/DONATIONS

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Ms Sarah Niss on

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.

Dearth of a Naturalist

by Mr Clements

This week I have added a new string to my “management” bow or more accurately a new flax fibre to my pond net, as Mr Rhodes (playing toad to my mole) and I, were tasked with evacuating a frog from a classroom of excited year 10 students.

A mundanish day was going swimmingly during our weekly management meeting, as Mr Rhodes was outlining his “management PHD on how to create a functional winning team from chronic and institutionally dysfunctional organisation (subtitle - Manchester United the Ralf Rangyick years) when there was an urgent knock on the door.

A Mancunian accented, “Come in” was followed by the appearance of mild mannered janitor, Mr Emond Protain, a sportsman extraordinaire who spent his youth and early adulthood “mixing it” with granite faced centre-backs in the Isthmian league. Mr Protain is a creature of immense physical and psychological resilience but his pale green demeanour signalled to us that something was definitely a webbed foot!

“Mr Rhodes” croaked, Mr Protain, “I’ve dealt with pigeons, squirrels and pine nuts running amok in the school, but I hate amphibians - and there is a common frog - a *Rana Temporaria* - to be exact, loose in H4! You need to do something about it!”

Springing at once into action, Mr Rhodes, delegated yours truly to sort out the amphibian infestation on account of the fact that “as the son of a gardener I was probably used to pond-life.” Ironically enough, only a lesson before I had been discussing Year 13 student, Georgie Craig’s illuminating poetry coursework, on Nobel prize winner, Seamus Heaney’s “Death of a naturalist.” This involves a child catching frog spawn in a flax dam, so I was fully prepared for this leap of faith.

So a hop, skip and jump, later we cautiously approached E2 and were met with a *coarse croaking that I had not heard/ Before. The air was thick with a bass chorus*. Poking our heads cautiously around the classroom door, we were met by a horizon of

empty desks and discarded bags, as naturalist, and English teacher, Ms Laws (also a fan of Heaney) had intrepidly led her class down to the DINEX, to “give the frog some peace.”

As a silence, punctuated by Mr Protain’s heavy breathing , enveloped the room, our reverie was interrupted by our green friend hopping merrily from desk to desk. And so, drawing on every ounce of my twenty years of teaching experience and festooned with a jug and a piece of cardboard, Baron Greenback was cornd, caught and quarantined, before being safely released back into the wild in a damp and mildewy corner of the school allotment.

With news of my heroic deeds spreading across the school like frog-spawn, the rest of the day was spent batting off frog related emails from Mr Flood, involving childish puns from the Irish Times, when really he should have been quoting Heaney!

Please note that no animal was hurt in the making of this eBulletin and thank you to the child who decided to “rescue a frog on the way to school,” and put it in their bag only for it to escape in an English lesson. They really are “as mad as a box of frogs!”



SPRING ACTIVITY DAY: 2 MARCH

Click **here** for
the programme

If you have any queries, please
contact Ms Hurley

(ahurley@greycourt.org.uk)



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 our science labs as the old ones are no longer operational. 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.





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ENERGY ADVICE

South West London Energy Advice Partnership www.swleap.org.uk, runs a free energy advice service to help local residents in fuel poverty to cut costs and carbon. They offer a friendly, impartial, energy advice service via home visits with free LED bulbs and other equipment installed, WhatsApp or phone-based appointments, and face to face advice at energy advice cafes at community buildings. Contact them on their free phone number 0800 086 2706 or email Susan@habitatsandheritage.org.uk.

Citizens Advice Richmond have a specialist team of energy advisors. Their support includes assisting eligible households to reduce bills with the Warm Home Discount and local grants, providing tips on how to reduce energy use, how to take more control with smart meters and managing issues due to energy suppliers going bust. To make an energy appointment go online to www.citizensadvice-richmond.org or call for free on 0808 278 7873 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.)

If bills are getting overwhelming, and you need support accessing food, energy bills or other household essentials, you could get help from the Household Support Fund. This includes working households on a low income.

Activity Day: 2 March

Click [here](#) for the schedule and links

Year 12 Higher Education
visit to
Roehampton
University

All year 12s are visiting Roehampton University to kick start the university application process. They will attend sessions including Why go to University?, Student finance?, Writing the Best Personal Statement as well as having a tour of Roehampton's leafy campus. Students will travel directly to Roehampton to meet staff members for registration.

Year 13 EPQ drop down day

The vast majority of students will be presenting to a member of staff and an audience of their peers. They will also be able to use the time to complete the remaining sections of their EPQ with the support of the sixth form team

Year 13 Student Finance

Year 13s will be applying to Student Finance England for tuition fee and maintenance loans. There are lots of myths about student 'debt' which are discussed in a Martin Lewis video. Year 13s' will be shown the film and their questions answered. If parents want to watch the video you can find it [here](#) Student Finance

Year 12 A-Level Licence

The A-level licence is issued to pupils who have been predicted grades by their teachers which indicate little or no academic concern at present. This will be visible on their most recent report as none of their predicted grades will be colour coded in red. Pupils issued with the A-level licence will be allowed to leave school at lunch time on Mondays and Tuesdays to work off site.

Pupils without the A-level licence are expected to remain on site from 8:25am (for 8:30am registration) until 2:55am every day, and attend both morning and afternoon registration. They may still leave for lunch.

The criteria for issuing licences in the first case is to have no red predictions in any subject.

Additional detail

Full Flexibility

Pupils who have achieved only blue and yellow colour coded predicted grades on their report (i.e. no red or amber) will have additional flexibility and will be permitted to come to school only when they have lessons and may study off site in their free periods.

Half Licence

Pupils with just one red grade will be expected to stay on site throughout the school week with the exception of Tuesday afternoons when they will be permitted to study off site.

Special considerations

Pupils who have not be automatically granted the licence based on their report grades may ask for special consideration to be granted the academic licence if:

- * They are studying 4 A-levels and are on target for 3 of the 4

Pupils granted special consideration will be expected to complete a 40 hour challenge over 2 weeks, with parents/guardians signing off each of these hours before the document is reviewed by BTY. To apply for special consideration pupils should email btaylor@greycourt.org.uk

Exemptions

Pupils who are on target in their subjects may still not be issued the academic licence for any of the following reasons:

Persistent lateness

Persistent absence

Repeatedly being added to the "catch up list"

Message from Ms Bowie

Grey Court Art and Photography are proud to share the outcome of a collaboration between Year 13 Art students, graduates, and alumni from Kingston School of Art. The title of the production was 'A Question of HE.' It was made using a recorded conversation between Miss Bowie and Year 13 Grey Court Art students and then animated by Bella McEvoy (a Kingston University Illustration Animation graduate). We are now hoping for Bella to come in and do a workshop with our Grey Court Sixth Form students during Enrichment- details to be published once a date has been finalised.

What is higher education for?



Katie Fibbins for successfully navigating an intense interview process and being offered a place at Norland to study Early Years Development and Learning.

NEXT STEPS FAIR

Join employers, universities and apprenticeship providers to compare the different post-school pathways side by side at our virtual fair.

8 March 2022
5pm - 8pm GMT

Apprenticeship

University

Career



Sign up on **unifrog**

As part of National Careers' Week, we encourage students and parents to access the 'Next Steps Fair', which is an online event provided by Unifrog. Due to Covid restrictions we haven't been able to do an in person careers fair in school so we want to ensure we are promoting all these opportunities that students and parents/carers can access. They have already have 50 unis signed up including Cambridge, Manchester and Glasgow and top employers including ITV, NHS, and PWC. Students can sign up under 'Webinars'.

How to help your children with their future options - Unifrog for parents

Parents/carers can also access our amazing Unifrog tool. This is not just supporting your child with university but apprenticeships and career options, it has it all! There is a parent/carer code **GREYCPARENTS** and you can visit www.unifrog.org/code to get signed up. There is a short 3 min video for parents introducing Unifrog - short video [here](#)



Careers

Miss Corrighan, Head of Careers

Careers at Grey Court

National Careers' Week 2022

7 - 12 March



We would like to promote the following events during National Careers' Week that students and parents/carers can access especially at a time where we haven't been able to have in person events in school.

Students have a tough time making choices for their future. We would like to bring your attention to the GT Scholars Online Career Summit that students and parents/carers can attend, if they are interested. To book a place click the link: [GT Scholars Careers Summit](#)

The summit offers young people the opportunity to explore careers in various industries including Technology, Medicine, Finance, Engineering and many more!

Saturday 5 March 2022





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Year 9 Options and Careers Activities

On Wednesday 2 March, we will host our annual careers event for year 9s. This is a speed networking event, so what this involves is students being in small groups of approx 3-4 students and meeting with people from different industries. Every 5 minutes they will move around the room and it is a great opportunity to hear from lots of people about their careers!

Students will also have access to a careers google classroom from next week which includes careers videos recorded from last year when we hosted the event virtually, this is a great resource for them to use.

Finally, don't forget students can use [Unifrog](#) to research their subject and career ideas. They are all registered with their school emails and so can easily reset their passwords. Parents/carers can also access our amazing Unifrog tool. There is a parent/carer code **GREYCPARENTS** and you can visit www.unifrog.org/code to get signed up. There is a short 3 min video for parents introducing Unifrog - short video [here](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities

The Royal Parks Horticultural Apprenticeship Scheme is an ideal way to begin a career in horticulture and open space management. Our Scheme is a three year apprenticeship combining college-based learning with unrivalled workplace training in one of London's historic Royal Parks (including Richmond and Bushy Park). To find out more visit: [The Royal Parks Horticultural Apprenticeship Scheme](#)

Thames Water Civil Engineering apprenticeship scheme - gain an Engineering degree and learn on the job which is based in Sunbury:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000029956>

Roles with Way to Work (Local provider). For more information contact way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk or register your interest [here](#).

Teaching Assistant

- [Lime Tree Primary School, Surbiton](#)

Early Years

- [Barnes Primary School, Barnes](#)
- [Milkshake Montessori, Whitton](#)
- [Monty's Nursery, Richmond](#)
- [Millie's House Nursery, New Malden](#)

Business Administration

- [Richmond and Wandsworth Council, Twickenham](#) (Executive Assistant Apprentice)
- [Richmond and Wandsworth Council, Twickenham](#) (Benefits Administration Officer Apprentice)
- [Achieving for Children, Kingston](#) (SEND Coordinator Assistant Apprentice)
- [Achieving for Children, Kingston](#) (SEND Transport Business Support Apprentice)
- [Deer Park Primary School, Twickenham](#)

If you are thinking of applying for an apprenticeship, please see some useful resources to start your research:

- [Find an apprenticeship](#)
- [RateMyApprenticeship: Apprenticeships, School Leaver Jobs & Reviews](#)
- [AllAboutSchoolLeavers: School Leaver Jobs](#)
- Degree apprenticeships - this document is amazing as tells you all the options and application deadlines: [Higher-Degree-Listing-2021.pdf](#)

Well done to our U14 basketball team who won the Surrey tournament on Thursday 10 February



Over 25 students enjoying morning training on Tuesday with

@RVB_London



The year 8s had their first experience of 7s rugby on Wednesday at Danes Hill. The boys played some fantastic rugby at times and were awarded Team of the Tournament! B Povey was also included in the Tournament All Star team





The U12 B and C team were in action on Wednesday against St Paul's School. Two very close games, the C's won 2-1 and the B's lost 2-0. Well done to all involved.





GYM AND DANCE SHOW 2022

**TUESDAY 15TH MARCH
6PM DOORS OPEN
6.30PM START
SPORTS HALL**

**TICKETS ARE £3 FOR STUDENTS AND £5 FOR ADULTS
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE- PURCHASE THROUGH SCOPAY
OR BY CASH TO THE FINANCE OFFICE**



Congrats to the U13 Jr NBA team who beat Harris Merton and Bishop Thomas Grant in their triangular yesterday. We are undefeated in

[@jrnbba](#) so far

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



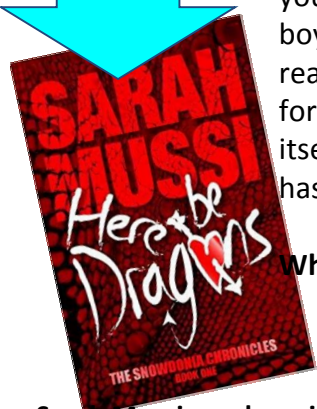
Jude has worked hard this term to develop her shooting technique in netball. She is receptive in training sessions which has allowed her to succeed in match play at netball club and in recent fixtures. Jude is an excellent team player, supports her teammates and is respectful of her coaches. She has 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.

Book of the Week



Ellie Morgan wants a boy who's all hers. Just for once, it would be nice to meet someone that Sheila (the cow) hadn't got her claws in to. A remote farmhouse on Mount Snowdon is hardly the ideal setting for meeting anyone - unless, of course, you count her best friend George or creepy Darren (which Ellie doesn't). But when a boy, glimpsed through the mist and snow, lures her up to the Devil's Bridge, Ellie realises the place she knows so well still has its secrets ... The stronger her feelings for this strange boy become, the more she is in danger: a battle as old as Snowdonia itself has been raging for centuries and now Ellie's caught in the middle. Something has left its lair. It's out there stalking her.

Who ever said true love was easy?



Sarah Mussi was born in Gloucestershire. After she completed a post-graduate degree at the Royal College of Art Sarah left for West Africa. She lived in Cameroon, Nigeria and Ghana for over eighteen years, finally teaching English in Accra. Sarah now lives in Brixton and teaches in Lewisham, splitting her holidays between England and Ghana.

Sarah's first published novel, *The Door of No Return*, won the Children's Book of the Year 2007 Award at the Glen Dimplex New Writers' Awards and was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award, shortlisted for Wirral Best Paperback of the Year and awarded Junior Library Guild Status in the USA. Her second novel, *The Last of the Warrior Kings*, inspired a London walk and was shortlisted for the Lewisham Book Award.

The Big Read

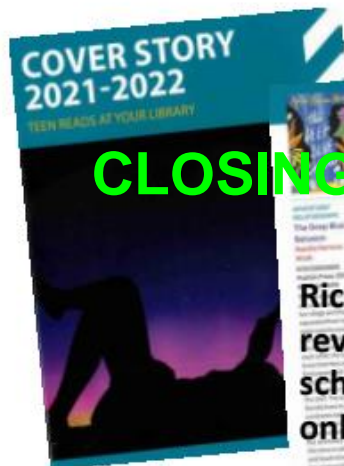
The Big Read is a reading club that helps choose the best book for the new year 7s. This title will be given to every year 6 student making their way to Grey Court and will also be taught for the first few weeks. Last year's winner, **The Invisible Boy**, was chosen by the previous year 7s and we would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

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

Interested??

First meeting will be after school Monday 7th March

See Mr Johnson in the library for more information



CLOSING DATE MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

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



World Book Day 3rd March!!

It is World Book Day next week and there are a few things for the students to get involved in.

Main points:

£1 Book Tokens - *students will collect them from the form tutor*

Visiting Author Sarah Mussi - *she will be talking to couple classes in the afternoon*

Redesigning of the Book Token - *competition*

Book Swap - *bring a book and swap it*

Post-a-Book - *book recommendation*

Book Fair - *books provided by Alligator's Mouth to buy. Students can use the Book Token for discount*

[Info slide here!!](#)



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Fencing at Ham Youth club

Come and learn this ancient art with elite level coaches, all equipment supplied.

Fencing is often referred to as a physical game of chess as it requires both physical prowess and mental ability. The fencing sword is supposedly the second fastest moving object at the Olympics after the marksman's bullet. With this in mind, fencers need to have incredibly fast reactions.

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For young people 10 to 15 years old

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E: ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk



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