

A close-up photograph of a person holding a BAFTA trophy. The trophy is a golden mask with a stylized face, mounted on a black base. The person's hands, with dark nail polish, are visible holding the base. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other people in formal attire.

eBulletin

Friday 18 March 2022

BAFTA

And the winner is... 'Don't feed the pigeons'

Our Superstars

National Finals

Our Talent

Gym and Dance Show

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This week

See all the action from the Gym
and Dance Show



Next week

Next week we will feature the
news from the MOGOS



KITTY FINNIE

WINNER

Huge congratulations to Kitty Finnie (Year 13) who won a BAFTA on Sunday evening for her work in the art department on "Do Not Feed The Pigeons" (2021). Televised from the red carpet at the Royal Albert Hall, Kitty was a part of the team who created the Best British Short Animation and celebrated with the cast and crews from the best films of 2021. She claims to have been stared at by a certain Mr Cumberbatch as she waited by the stage for the photographs to be taken of the winners, and been in deep discussion with the sound designer on Dune! Kitty is studying Art, Sociology and Drama and Theatre Studies and had the opportunity last summer to work on the National Film and Television School project with some amazing artists and producers.

She said the team, which had 'fought off' Disney and Pixar to get to this stage, didn't expect to win as the competition was so alarmingly strong and Kitty said the whole team was taken by surprise by the announcement of their success.

"This belongs to every single member of the crew who gave so much of themselves to the film." Animation director Antonin Niclass

This is an astonishing achievement and we are so proud of her.
Congratulations Kitty!

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

THE NOTICE BOARD

School Calendar

21-22 Term dates

22-23 Term dates

Events

The School Menu

Breakfast Club

Daily from 7:45am to 8:15am

MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY EASTER CAMP

Richmond Rugby will be holding a free camp for pupil premium children during Easter from 12-15 April between 10am - 2pm every day. This includes a free cooked meal.

To book, please click **here**.



Comedy Night
- Friday 25 March
buy your tickets!

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

Kingston School of Art Opportunities

Applications are now open for a limited number of **FREE** places on our acclaimed **residential Architecture Summer School**, including accommodation and catering. This [unique opportunity](#) gives **Year 12** learners valuable insight into **architecture** and associated professions through a wide range of activities including drawing, discussion, practical experimentation and collaborative learning.

Year 10+ learners can apply now for **FREE** places on our Spring/Summer **short courses** including; **Life Drawing, Creative Writing, Introduction to Arduino** and the **Foundation Summer School**. **Both forms** need to be completed in order to apply:

[Student Application](#)

[Parent/Guardian Application](#)

#Y8SummerResidential



Year 8 Summer residential 12-13 July 2022

More information coming soon!





#Gym&DanceShow

Gym and Dance Show 2022

The last two years led to Grey Court students involved in Gymnastics and Trampolining being put on a two-year hiatus. Thankfully all competitions have been back in full swing this academic year.

Building on our success pre-Covid, our annual Gym and Dance show finally returned and our talented students showcased their skills.

Performances included gymnastics, tumbling, trampoline, ballet, aerial hoop, contemporary dance, street dance, skipping and a selection of competition pieces by our gym squad.

The students have worked hard over the last few months, learning and perfecting their performances. With the majority of students representing Grey Court in either gymnastics or trampoline, they have managed their academic studies with show and competition preparation.

Our curriculum includes a range of gymnastics, including artistic floor, vault and acrobatic. This year, we launched our gymnastics academy, which is supported by acrobatic coach Ellie Morley from Brentford FC. We also have a successful open gymnastics club at lunch times, dance club run by Ms Sallis and an external street dance club run by Studio K.

There are some photos and videos taken on the night on the next few pages. Click on the you tube button to view some of the action.















#KS3 News

#Y7

Mr Day



We've had a very busy week in Y7. I was delighted to see so many students take part in major school events this week. The Gym and Dance show on Tuesday was an amazing spectacle and some of the skills on show were truly outstanding. The same goes for the MOGOs where a wide variety of musical talent made for a fantastic evening. Well done to all who took part.

We have also had lots of sporting fixtures this week. The girls have continued their excellent form in netball, with games against Turing House. Friday was also a fantastic occasion which saw us take over 70 students to play football v Cardinal Vaughan school in football. We fielded A-F teams which is a real testament to the commitment the students have to their extracurricular activities. We won 5 out of the 6 games with some fantastic performances.

We have been concentrating on uniform this week, as part of uniform focus week. I have been pleased to see Y7s in excellent uniform all week, showing their pride to be a part of Grey Court School.

So all in all a busy week! As ever a big thank you to all the staff who make these events possible. I hope this snapshot into the week shows students and parents how lucky they are to be a part of the Grey Court community.

#KS3 News

#Y8+#Y9

Mr Ridley



It was truly awesome to see so many KS3 students involved in the Gym and Dance Show on Tuesday evening. It was a spectacular performance and the result of a lot of hard work by our staff and students. Well done to all those involved in it. This builds on the back of our U16 gymnastics team having a very tough field of 12 opponents in the national finals. They performed very well and finished in 4th - with only 0.7 separating us and first place!

Asif, Zach and Mia competed in the National Trampoline finals, all performing very well, with Asif finishing second in his age group!

We also had our Music of Grey Court Origin Show on Thursday, with so much talent on display, we look forward to seeing some of our students forging their path in the world of music and entertainment.

EXAMS

Our End of Year Exams are scheduled for the following weeks:

Y8 - Week beginning Monday, 9 May

Y9 - Week beginning Monday, 27 June

Revision guides and timetables will be sent home nearer the time, but students should start their revision process now, in order to avoid cramming in the final weeks.

TEDDINGTON LOCK - this is not to be cycled over. If you are going to use this public accessway, at least respect the public rules. Dismount and walk your bike across.

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB TIMETABLE



AUDITIONS

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical



Scan to book an
Audition Slot



SCAN ME

Scan to join the
Production Team



SCAN ME

21/22 MARCH 2022 | FROM 3 PM

DRAMA STUDIO

#KS4 News

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker

We had an extremely busy week for the school and KS4 students with the Gym and Dance show on Tuesday evening and the MOGOS on Thursday evening. It was fantastic to see so many of our KS4 students taking part in both of these events. We saw many of our established performers, and some newer faces, showcasing the amazing talents on both evenings, anyone who witnessed these could not help but feel a huge sense of pride and joy. Extracurricular events like these are a rite of passage for our students that have sadly been missing through the pandemic, we are delighted that students are now able to participate and enjoy such events. It is important to note that students who engage in our wide range of extracurricular clubs really feel part of the Grey Court community and, as such, are more likely to achieve success here. Please do take the time to look over extracurricular timetable within this eBulletin.

GCSE and A Level Easter Revision

All of you and your children should have received a personalised Easter Revision timetable. We hope this explains clearly when the students are expected to attend. If anyone is unable to attend, please do let us know so we are able to offer the place to another student. We provide these free of charge and they are the most comprehensive in the local area.

Mon 4th Apr	Tues 5th Apr	Weds 6th Apr	Thurs 7th Apr	Fri 8th April	Mon 11th Apr	Tues 12th Apr	Weds 13th Apr	Thurs 14th Apr	Fri 15th Apr
MORNING SESSION 9:30am-12:30pm									
English GCSE (Yasmin, Louise, RRU, LRA)	AS Politics (HIA)	Spanish GCSE (JSM)	Computer Sci GCSE	French GCSE (JSM)	French A-level (JSM)	Maths A Level	Computer Sci A Level	Psychology A Level	Good Friday
A-level History (Tudors Year 13) RHU	Geography GCSE (TGW & CAN)	A-level history (USA) RHA	Economics A Level (ATA)	Creative Media GCSE (LHW)	English A-level (RCL)	Sociology A Level (JHI)		Drama A Level (RPA)	
		RS GCSE (MHE)		Music Tech Yr10 (MLC)	History GCSE (SDA & GMY)				
AFTERNOON SESSIONS 1:30pm									
Philosophy RS (RHU)	Politics A Level (HIA)	Spanish GCSE (JSM)	Economics A Level (ATA)	French GCSE (JSM)	English A Level (RCL)	Maths A Level		Drama A Level (RPA)	
Art GCSE (CB/JM)	Geography A Level (TGW & CAN)			Creative Media GCSE (LHW)		Sociology A Level (JHI)			
	Maths GCSE			Music Tech Yr10 (MLC)					

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 or you [can view it here](#)

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Please note that Thursday 24 March is year 10 parents' evening. You will have received information from Ms Plumridge, and you should be able to book your appointments and plan your evening accordingly. It is worth noting that this will be a virtual event.

National Finals

'We are very proud because this is the first team to get to nationals and bring back a gold medal!'
- Anna Costeanu

On Thursday 10 March, two of our Gymnastics teams travelled up to Stoke on Trent to compete in the Milano team national finals, representing both Grey Court and London. In the competition, each team is made up of 3 or 4 gymnasts, with 3 competing in individual floor, 3 on vault and a minimum of 3 in a group acro routine.

As I'm in year 13 and with this being my last opportunity to be a national schools' champion, I knew the team would need to perform extremely well to enable us to win a medal, with the ultimate goal to bring back gold.

The under 19 team made up of Florence Bradley, Sienna Griffith, Theo butcher and me, competed against teams from across the UK. We stormed to a convincing win, with a whole 2 marks separating us and 2nd place.

In the under 16 competition they had a large field of 12 teams to go against, including teams from every corner of the country, they went into the competition confident and while hoping for a podium finish, we are incredibly pleased with our 4th place. The team of Corrado D'Orsa, Lily Burnett, Frankie Hewitt and James Alleyne are all in year 8 and 9, and were going against other teams who were made up of year 10 and 11's. Considering there was only 0.7 of a mark separating us from winning, it was incredibly close.

At the same time our trampolining squad had their national finals in Macclesfield. Ms Drinkwater continued her tour of the north to see our team of Mia Shingler, Zach Wilson and Asif Malik competing fantastically well, with Asif Malik coming second overall in his age group.

The gymnasts are now training hard ahead of the floor and vault national finals which are taking place on 1 May. **Anna Costeanu**

Our **SUPERSTARS**





Well done to our U16 mixed team who came 4th in the National Gym finals! A very close competition, with just 0.5 separating us from 1st!
[#gcmnastics](#)

Asif Malik came 2nd in his age group





HOME GUESTS
12.50



FREE 2B.LGBTQ

by Mr Clements

Nikki Ryan from the organisation Free 2bAlliance <https://free2b.lgbt/> is now a significant part of the rainbow fabric that is Grey Court Sixth Form. Seen here having a chat and a coffee with our Sixth Form attendance guru Elliot Akosa and Helen Shore, our esteemed Year 7 student support officer, Nikki is a friendly face who can offer help, guidance and support to ALL of our students about LGBTQ issues. We hope that with the help of Nikki we are working on creating a safe space to challenge homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, to raise awareness about LGBTQ issues and identities and to promote inclusivity.

Our attendance administrator, Elliot, is currently on his gap year and will be taking up the offer of a place at York from September. He is proving to be a cheery, diligent and proactive addition to our team who has shown bags of initiative and has already helped out at events like the MOGOs this year.



Sixth Form Interviews

The current round of Sixth form interviews is now complete. Thank you to Ms Higham for adeptly managing the process and for all members of SLT and the Sixth Form team for helping out. However, a veritable cache of thanks has to go to the Year 11 students, who have applied en masse, look set to achieve a very competitive set of results; to a person who arrived at my office for their interviews on time, and who all took the time to pen engaging personal statements.

This is a far cry from when we first set the Sixth form up eight years ago, when applications trickled in, no one seemed to be able to find my office (to be fair it was in a cupboard under the stairs) and the choice du jour was always somewhere other than our esteemed palace!

One of the pleasures of the interview process is to see excited students clutching pieces of work (or in some cases artefacts) they are proud of. Ms Higham has reported that the majority of her interviewees had produced complex equations they'd solved and talked algebra. A quirk of fate however, meant that the majority of students I interviewed handed me phones with films they'd made or music they'd composed.

I, therefore, had a great time discussing the work of *The Smiths* and *The Cure* with members of "*Pictures of Trickery*" the year 11 Gothic revival band, and even the oeuvre of Wong Kai-wai, the Hong Kong 1990s auteur, with one media student.

If film and music failed as a conversation piece there was always the fall-back of football. This, hopefully, proves the adage that I preach to my own children that if you know something about film, music or football, you can engage in a conversation with anyone, at any time, anywhere in the world.

This meant that I have been able to discuss Ukrainian Heavy-folk Rock, with sixth former, Alex Lomaha, the *back-street boys'* David Guetta remix of "I want it that way" with Ms Weston and German electro with Ms Ilett over the last week. A final thanks to Theo, Tyler, Sidney, Lucas and Oscar of the Sixth form house band who performed the *Arctic Monkeys'* "*Mardi Bum*" as a homage to Mr Rhodes' musical tastes at the **MOGOS**, as they thought the Sheffielddonian's were from Manchester. Anyway, Mr Rhodes liked it so much he was spotted was singing along and waving maracas, although in truth, I'd always imagined he'd spent his youth in Manchester in Cafe Rouge listening to Serge Ginsberg whilst feasting on an Arctic Roll.

Options' Interviews

...and in a very busy week, I also managed to complete Aztec leader, Ms Prices' Year 9 options interview bequest. Again, it was great fun chatting with all the students (many of whom couldn't find my office) and hearing about their favourite subjects and future plans.

It also provided me with a real sense of power, that so many of my Roman minions saluted with the raised arm and clenched Roman fist (shamelessly stolen from the iconic black power gesture) as they passed the threshold of my office. So as the legions mass and Ms Drinkwater is using her abacus to compile the latest round of scores, I will compose a Roman themed eBulletin update for next week before signing off with a Latin phrase that has been haunting my dreams since last Wednesday: *Jota Liverbirdius defeatus!*

FOOD + NUTRITION

by Ms Clark



Pie for Pi Day Winner

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to winner

Lula-Rose Civiero (featured on the page above) for her brilliant entry to the **Pie for Pi Day** competition. Lula-Rose wins big points for her house, Trojan. Well done!

#Y11

Year 11 finished all of their final NEA GCSE practicals this week. This means they have nearly finished 50% of their course. All dishes produced were excellent and a big well done to all of our year 11s.

Chefs of the Week

Toby Lester - Year 8

Mohammad Qassab - Year 9

Cerys Rodgers - Year 9

Are you interested in becoming a food ambassador?

Please see information regarding becoming a Food Ambassador - a massively worthwhile cause and a chance for any student at Grey Court aged 14-18 to become a spokesperson on a national level regarding all things to do with Food and Nutrition education. Please email zoe.mcintyre@foodfoundation.org.uk

Become a Young Food Ambassador!



Change the Food System

We are looking for a brand-new team of **Young Food Ambassadors** to join our existing team of young campaigners using their voices to create a big change in the food system. Together, we want to make sure everyone in the UK can access a healthy and sustainable diet, especially families and young people on a lower income.

Interested in becoming a Young Food Ambassador?

We are looking for young people aged between 14-21 across the UK. You'll join a group of committed young campaigners driving change in their schools, communities and nationally.

What will you do as a Young Food Ambassador?

You'll work alongside fellow youth campaigners to raise awareness about the parts of the food system that need changing, using your own experiences to call for urgent action.

The team at **The Food Foundation** will support you to do this. We'll create amazing opportunities to meet political leaders and big business, have your voice heard in the media and help you create big impact social media campaigns. You'll be offered training and be invited to at least two annual youth events

5 awesome things our Young Food Ambassadors have done so far

1. Campaigned with **Marcus Rashford** to **End Child Food Poverty**
2. Made an award-winning **Right2Food** podcast
3. Appeared on national TV, radio and print news to talk about **Free School Meals**
4. Spoken at international climate summits
5. Met Government Ministers and the Labour Leader **Keir Starmer** about school food



What do you need to do to get involved?

You don't need to have prior campaigning experience – just passion and commitment! As an Ambassador, you'll need to attend at least four meetings online and two training/networking events in person each year. There will be many other opportunities that come your way each month – such as filming, speaking on panels or creating social media content.

Interested in learning more?

Please email: zoe.mcintyre@foodfoundation.org.uk

In no more than 100 words or a short video tell us about yourself and why you'd like to become a young food ambassador.

Deadline: 20 March

For more info see:

[Our website](#)

[Our Right2Food Podcasts](#)

[Our twitter](#)

Burgers

Year 7, 8 and 9 were coming to the end of their rotations in Food and Nutrition. Some of the year 8 students were lucky enough to make burgers (a healthy version of course!) - see some of them with their finished creations. They made all elements from scratch - quite impressive in the time they have for their lesson.





THE UNIFORM SHOP

open on Thursdays, 3-4pm

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



Leeds Castle

Leeds Castle was a Norman Stronghold. It was designed Robert de Crevecœur and put to life in 1119 to serve as a Military post however it would be until 1321 it would see action in the Despenser War of 1321-22.

The trip started off with a scenic walk to the castle to start a tour of the main building. After soon entering the past Norman stronghold we were taken to a room that gave a brief explanation off all of the castle history throughout each time period. After this we were taken around the castle, observing on what each room was like and how it offered more to the history of the Castle. This was soon followed by a quick Lunch break which after was continued by the tour.

We soon entered Leeds Castles infamous hedge maze which, after some effort we were able to complete and reach the centre. To leave the maze, we had to go down a staircase. Once this was done, we had arrived in a dungeon sort like room in which we had to navigate to leave the maze for good.

Soon after this, we were sent to see the winged residents of the caste at the falconry.

Continuing on with the tour, we reached the play-castle in which we used a zip-line. Finally we took one last scenic walk back to the coaches and arrived back at school.



Overall the trip had a good mixture of adventure and learning leading to a very good trip. Would 100% recommend!

Alkinoos Andraos-Doukas, Y8B

ACTIVITY DAY Student Review

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.

IPA 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.



Wellbeing

Student Information Sheet



Call **0800 1111** to speak to a counsellor or go to www.childline.org.uk for online 1-2-1 chat with a counsellor or to post on their message boards.



Call **116 123** to be listened to 24 hours a day, email them using jo@samaritans.org or go to www.samaritans.org for more information.



Text **YM** to **85258** to access their Crisis Messenger, available 24 hours a day.



Call **0800 068 4141**, text [07860039967](tel:07860039967), email pat@papyrus-uk.org. Information at www.papyrus-uk.org offering confidential support services for young people having thoughts of suicide.



Call **0808 800 2222** for information and advice on any aspect of parenting and family life, including bullying.



Call **0344 334 0550** for emotional support for transgender and gender diverse young people and their families / friends. Information at www.mermaidsuk.org.uk.



Call **0808 801 0711** or visit www.b-eat.co.uk helping people who have or are worried they have an eating disorder, as well as others affected, such as friends and family members.

Urgent mental health support - 24/7 crisis lines

Crisis line available 24/7 for people of all ages children, young people and adults. The lines which are free to call can provide advice to those in a crisis. Call **0800 028 8000**.

Apps: Some great apps you can use to support yourself



Headspace – Mindfulness App –
First 10 sessions are free.



StayAlive – A suicide prevention app,
packed full of useful info.



WellMind – A free NHS mental health
and wellbeing app designed to help
you with stress, anxiety and depression.



Pacifica – Designed to help relieve symptoms
of stress, anxiety and depression.



MoodPath – An app that asks daily questions to
help awareness of thoughts.



7Cups – 24x7 Therapeutic support for anxiety
and depression.



SupperBetter – A gaming app that unlocks your
heroic potential to overcome tough situations and
achieve goals that matter to you most.



Happify – Offering activities and games to help
your emotional well-being.

Some tips to help ground / calm you

IMAGERY

Imagine yourself dealing with the problem successfully & feeling accomplished when it's over. Visualize yourself in a calm and positive place.

MEANING

Find meaning in the current challenge. Ask yourself, What can I learn from this experience? How can I grow from this?

PRAYER

This can come in any form that works for you. Prayer can be to the universe, God, or your higher self. Connect, surrender your problems, and ask for guidance.

RELAXATION

Due to fight or flight, we tense up in stressful situations. Relax your muscles, practice deep breathing & engage in relaxing activities.

1 THING IN THE MOMENT

Stay present, find one thing to do & focus entirely on it. Thinking about the past or future will not help.

VACATION

Take a break to do something you enjoy. Call a friend or go for a walk. OR Take a vacation in your mind. Visualize yourself on the beach or going for a long drive.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Activate your inner cheerleader. Repeat affirmations like, "I've got this," "I'm strong enough to handle this." "This too shall pass."



TEMPERATURE

Change your body temperature. Splash your face with cold water, hold an ice cube, let car AC blow on your face, take a cold shower



INTENSE EXERCISE

Do intense exercise to match your intense emotion. Sprint to the end of the street, do jumping jacks, push ups, intense dancing



PACED BREATHING

Try Box Breathing: Breathe in for 4 seconds, hold it for 4 seconds, breathe out 4, and hold 4. Start again, and continue until you feel more calm.



PAIRED MUSCLE RELAXATION

Focus on 1 muscle group at a time. Tighten your muscles as much as possible for 5 seconds. Then release & relax. Repeat with other muscle groups.



PARENTING COURSES

We are able to offer these courses at hugely discounted pricing thanks to funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

11 May 8pm for 6 weeks

Behaviour management parenting course (parents of primary age children with ADHD)

12 May 8pm for 6 weeks

Behaviour management parenting course (parents of teens with ADHD)

CBT VIDEO

If you missed our recent talk on CBT, watch it now below! Find out what CBT and other related therapies are and how it can help children with ADHD. Click [here](#) to watch. Please note that there is a charge of £5.

AfC Emotional Wellbeing Hub

Click [here](#) to access information and help.

HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

What is harmful sexual behaviour?

Click [here](#) for useful websites and resources for parents, children and young people.

How to talk to your teenager about Ukraine/Russian Conflict

BBC **Bitesize**

Newsround

Childnet: Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine

Metro: How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine and World War three anxiety



NO STRAIGHT ANSWER

**A FUN, SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE YOUTH
GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 TO 19
IDENTIFYING AS LGBTQI+**

**FRIDAYS AT HEATHAM HOUSE,
TWICKENHAM**



**achieving
for children**

NO STRAIGHT ANSWER

Every week young people from the community join us to chat, have a laugh, take part in activities like art, music, cooking and sport, or simply just chill out in a space where you can just be yourself.

We also take part in larger community specific projects and go on trips together.

We meet up every Friday at Heatham House Youth Centre, Twickenham TW1 1BH.

'This place acted as a practice for me coming out. I've never been able to be myself before as no one else knew.'



'Heatham is my safe space and somewhere I feel safe and secure. It's fun and chilled LMAO'

Please contact Justin Johnson or Alex Quennell for more information (including session time)

E: justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk or

E: alex.quennell@achievingforchildren.org.uk

T: 020 8288 0950

M: 07715 498 613

#SixthForm News

Year 13 Parents

Study skills for university: what do students need?

How can you prepare your child for the transition to university?

Thinking about moving forward to life beyond sixth form we thought you might find this free online presentation useful. You can register using the link: [Study Skills for University](#)

About the event

In this webinar Dr Dyedra Morrissey will give an overview of the fundamental study skills students need to succeed at university, such as time management, motivation, and goal setting strategies. The webinar will also cover how to prepare students for the transition from school to university and how they can be supported in their journey to becoming truly independent learners.

Dr Dyedra Morrissey is a lecturer, coach, and management consultant. Her interdisciplinary work focuses on applying insights from psychological research, learning science and management theory to develop practical strategies that help people of all ages, from high-school students to business leaders, to be more efficient and productive and to motivate themselves to achieve their goals. In addition to her consulting work, Dyedra has been teaching undergraduates and graduates at the University of Oxford for the past six years. She is a Lecturer in Study Skills at Pembroke College and an Academic Skills tutor on different executive postgraduate courses at the Saïd Business School. Dyedra completed her DPhil at the University of Oxford on the science and psychology of time management and forecasting, investigating the cognitive biases that make people miss deadlines and make projects overrun their initial time horizons, a phenomenon called "The Planning Fallacy".

Student Finance

Student Finance is open for applications

Year 13s should register with student finance and start their application even if they are not sure which university they will be going to. Once they have an account they will be able to access and amend their application. It's important that applications are made in good time so maintenance loans can be paid out at the start of the university term as well as fees being paid to university. Click on the link to start an application [Student Finance England](#)

Proposed Changes to Student Finance

The government has been reassessing how student finance works and have released details of proposed changes. If these changes are introduced they won't affect students starting university in September 2022 but may affect students who start in September 2023. This might mean that anyone thinking of taking a gap year should consider postponing it to after they graduate. The potential changes are described very eloquently by Martin Lewis in his ITV show. We recommend you take a look at this short video [Changes to Student Finance](#)

EPQ

It is highly recommended that all Oxbridge hopefuls also complete an EPQ. However, this qualification will be open to all interested year 12 students and is an excellent way to boost your UCAS form and develop your academic learning skills for A level and beyond. I have now had quite a number of students ask me about taking up an EPQ. The year 13 will have completed their projects by the time we break up for Easter. I will therefore provide an introduction to EPQ for year 12 after the Easter holidays. If any student is keen to start thinking about options for a project then I am happy if they want to send me an email to discuss their options. The best way to get an overview of the qualification in advance of this is to complete the Future Learn course <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/epq-success>.

Year 12 Graduate Edge



Year 12 students are working on their Graduate Edge programme which encourages pupils to focus on their supercurricular and extracurricular achievements and log them against a set of criteria. The letters of Graduate each stand for one of the different strands of the challenge, which collectively provide a structure leading to a well rounded extracurricular record. Each student has their own Google document to fill in, as and when they have activities to record. The programme:

- Prompts students to consider ways in which they can enhance their Sixth Form experience, by developing themselves beyond the classroom.
- Will help to give students the 'edge' on other students applying for university, college, apprenticeships and jobs.
- Gives students somewhere to record everything they have done, which will help with writing a personal statement and will help teachers to write references in Year 13.



Our stars of the week

The year 12 science students who are volunteering at the Russell school:

'Just a quick email to say how wonderful the Grey Court students have been with our Year 6 class. They were amazing with their lesson today. They planned everything themselves and emailed me a completed PowerPoint and resources. They arrived today so organised and had everything prepared, as well as delivering the lesson with such confidence!

The children really enjoyed their practical experiment and demonstration. I'm so impressed how your students have thrown themselves right into it and are happy to really get stuck in! They have my email in case they need any help, but they've just been so competent. I have given them some time to plan together in school too, and they have run another great idea by me for next week.'

Work Experience: 4-8 July 2022

Students should be looking for placements, and this can be in person, virtual or an university summer school. We appreciate this is difficult due to many people working at home but we feel companies are opening back up and students should be able to find placements.

The deadline to find a placement is Friday 22 April. Every student will need to ask the employer to complete this form: [Work Experience Placement Form2022.docx](#)

There are lots of useful resources on the year 12 Google classroom under work experience - please do look there. If you have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Please see a couple of examples on the next page.

Medicine/Nursing - Kingston Hospital

For any students interested in healthcare - in particular medicine and nursing. We have 4 spaces for work experience week at Kingston Hospital during the week of 4th-8th July. This is through one of our alumni, Maxine Gates, who is a big supporter of us doing work experience.

To apply - you must send me your CV and a cover letter of why you would like to do a week's work experience at Kingston hospital and what you will get out of it. We will then look through the applications and hold interviews.

You have until Friday 25 March to apply: bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Early Registration: Construction Management Project week

Virtual work experience by Morgan Sindall Construction

Begins: 4 July

Ends: 8 July

Industry: Construction

Closing date for applications: 3 Jun 2022 but apply now as likely to get booked up!

Morgan Sindall Construction are looking for individuals who can work as part of a team to deliver a project that highlights green careers in the industry. Each team member will have a job role that links to influencing our projects to be more environmental.

The work experience is delivered using Google Classrooms that meets all GDPR and Safeguarding requirements. You will work in virtual offices. There will be several meetings each day. You will work as part of a team and each of you will take a job role to deliver the project.

Get a project brief

Virtually meet job role experts

Virtual Site Tour

CV & Interview Techniques workshop

#IamRemarkable workshop

On the final afternoon you will as a team present back your project

Opportunities Bulletin

This week's bulletin is packed with work experience, careers talks, university summer schools and more: [16/03/2022 Careers](#)

[opportunities](#)

#Sports' News



Spring Sports' Timetable

WOW!

Congratulations to the U14 boys' basketball squad who won the Surrey Final on Friday (11 March) at Guildford Sports Park 61-27. A fantastic team performance.



See the boys enjoying their victory!





Grey Court finished with a 57-24 victory to be crowned Surrey Champions!! Well done girls on your hard work and big thanks to Coach Phil & our spectators





Y9 Grey Court 40 Woking 7





An excellent 3-1 win in the League for the Y7 boys over [@SportRPA](#) on Wednesday (15 March) goals from Eddie, George and Milo



5 wins and 1 loss vs Cardinal Vaughan on 11 March 71 Y7 boys were involved in the 6 fixtures - thanks to [@cvmssport](#) for a great afternoon of football!

START
UNKNOWN
FINISH
UNFORGETTABLE

**Early morning
girls' cricket
club**



Boys' Scholar of the month

William Shaw, Y7



The boys' sport scholar of the month is William Shaw. William is the captain of the year 7 Rugby team, impressing from the very first game. William leads by example, always willing to put his body on the line for the sake of his team. William's excellent tackling and aggression at the breakdown has really set him apart. Although it has been a difficult year at times regarding some tough losses William's commitment to the team has been unwavering. William also represents the school as part of the B football team where he has also impressed. William has been attending elite cricket sessions as part of his scholarship programme and we look forward to seeing what he can do when the season starts.

Boys' Team of the month

U14 Basketball



The U14 boys' basketball team have enjoyed a fantastic season so far winning 7 of their 8 matches scoring 343 points during this run. The team enjoyed an extremely fruitful February beating St Richard Reynolds 68-33, Harris Academy in the Surrey Cup semi-final 36-25 and finally Turing House 64-18. The boys are playing the Surrey Cup final on Friday 11 March at Surrey Sports Park. This is a midday tip off.

Girls' Team of the month

U12A Netball Team



The U12 netball team are the team of the month! They have shown huge improvement this term and their hard work at training was evident at the Richmond Borough Netball Tournament. Grey Court started the day well with a 2-0 win against Christ's and then met a very strong and well drilled LEH team. They lost 5-1 in this match and had plenty to improve on, but the girls held their heads high and were motivated to push on. After a disappointing draw to SRR, the team went on to beat Orleans Park, Teddington, RPA, RTS and Waldegrave convincingly. With fantastic shooting from Sara, tight defending from the two Sophies and hard work through the centre court, we held our breath to see if our loss and draw still allowed us to make the top 2 and reach the playoffs. We had made it and were to face LEH again. The girls played out of their skins and the score was 1-1 at half time. With the other schools from the Borough cheering us on, the atmosphere was tense and we were pumped for the second half. We managed to score another 2 goals but LEH matched us and then pulled away to win 6-3. We are very proud and have lots to build on for the Borough League. Well done everyone, keep up the good work!

Girls' Player of the month

Paris Maciver, Y7



Paris performed extremely well for the school throughout the month of February. She competed very strongly during the indoor season, winning her 60m race at Lee Valley. Paris was also part of a strong 4 x 200m team who were competitive against some of the strongest schools in London, qualifying for the regional finals. She got the team off to a flying start running around the outside bend and handing over the baton in first place. Paris has also performed well in other areas, representing the school in the Borough netball competition recently.

Keep up the fantastic work Paris!

Girls' Scholar of the month

Alice Allnutt, Y7



Alice Allnutt is the scholar of the month. Alice is actively involved in many of the clubs at Grey Court and is always keen to try new activities and sports. She would do everything if she could fit it in! As well as playing hockey outside of school, Alice is a valuable member of the school netball team and regularly is seen showing kindness to other at training and giving any position a go when needed. Alice impressed the PE department with the exceptional amount of effort in her Sport Education presentation for Roman House. Her organisation, preparation and enthusiasm lead her team to victory in the week where pupils reflected on their performance in each of the sports they competed in this team for the unit of work. Alice researched each of the sports, giving a brief history and some of the key elements to each, going above and beyond. She even arranged for pupils to come in appropriate clothing as they presented each sport, with gymnastics ribbons and rugby shirts at the ready.

Well done Alice!

CRICKET CAMPS AT RICHMOND CC



OLD DEER PARK, RICHMOND, TW9 2AZ

MON 28 MARCH - FRI 1 APRIL

MON 4 - FRI 8 APRIL

MON 11 - THUR 14 APRIL

10:00 - 12:30 AND 13:30 - 16:00

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Richmond Rugby Club - Athletic Ground - Twickenham Road - TW9 2SF

Email: communitydept@richmondrc.co.uk Call: 07808 029 355

Book of the Week



From the multi-award-winning author of *Orangeboy*, comes a YA road-trip mystery. After a fun Christmas Eve decorating the tree and singing along with his mum to Queen, fifteen-year-old Spey wakes up on Christmas morning to find the ex-prisoner father he's never met asleep on the sofa.

Then he receives a mysterious package in the post: a torn envelope filled with half a collage he made with his old friend Dee on her sixth birthday. Dee bounced between schools and pupil referral units until a tragedy meant she ended up in care outside of London, drawn into the world of county lines gangs. They haven't spoken for years, but Spey is sure she must be in danger. He just doesn't know where she is.

There's only one person Spey can think of who might be able to help ... On a road trip like no other, can Spey and his dad find Dee, and will they be ready to confront a criminal gang together?

Patrice Lawrence was born in Brighton and brought up in an Italian and Trinidadian household. Her first book for young adults, *Orangeboy*, was shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award and won the Bookseller YA Prize and Waterstone's Prize for Older Children's Fiction. Indigo Donut, her second book for teenagers, won the Crimefest YA Prize. Both books have been nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Patrice worked for more than 20 years for charities supporting equality and social justice. These themes (along with a serious amount of music) inform her stories.



AR Stars of the Week

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 Beech

Jenin Abo Zeinah
Oscar Ballantine
Milo Church
Leon Geeganage
Schanel Geeganage
Fereshta Najib

7 Cedar

Hashem Abdallah
Bobby Burrows
Alyssia Capper
Keir Chambers
Harriet Warbrick
Kyran Mali

7 Elm

Joseph Bailey
Jessica Collins
Elijah Herry
Martha McQuattie Allen
Moujan Rezaei

7 Maple

Tara Arts
Zehra Mavituna
Coco Mtandabari
Zeyna Turan

7 Oak

Nina Hrckova
Max Hunt
Mekal Khawaja
Tom Richards
Sophia Syed
Andrei Tataru

7 Rowan

Linden Curtis
Matthew Chester

8aC

Fabian Dobbs
Tyler Stride

8aL

Ryan Farahmand
Yik Tung Lam
William Makepeace
Matilda Scrivener

8aV

Myla Aihevba
Leyla Anjum-Smith
Zinnia Croxford
Corrado D'Orsa
Lama Mansour
Aissulu Toibayeva
Charis Wilson

8aX

Deborah Kuti
Alessandro Leguel

8bC

Paige Alboni
Hugo Vaz

8bL

Che Bell
Frederick Croft
Harry Elsdon
Yassin Ibrahim
Obell Thammachote

8bV

Andy Fedczuk
Martha Huddart
Florence
Lavercombe
Kin-Yee Leung

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"

Next meeting will be after school Monday 21th March

See Mr Johnson in the library for more information

HEATHAM HOUSE EASTER PROGRAMME

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 9 TO 16 YEARS OLD



MONDAY 4 TO
THURSDAY 14 APRIL

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MONDAY 4 TO FRIDAY 8 APRIL

MONDAY 4 APRIL	TUESDAY 5 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL	THURSDAY 7 APRIL	FRIDAY 8 APRIL
MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)	MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)	MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)		MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)
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11am to 12.30pm 1pm to 2.30pm 3.30pm to 5pm	11am to 12.30pm 1pm to 2.30pm 3.30pm to 5pm	11am to 12.30pm 1pm to 2.30pm 3.30pm to 5pm		12.30pm to 2.00pm
THE BIG EASTER EGG HUNT	COOKING: PIZZA MAKING	JEWELLERY MAKING		COOKING: PIZZA MAKING
10.30am to 12pm	12.30pm to 2pm	12.30pm to 2pm		12.30pm to 2pm
SKATEBOARD TUITION	SKATEBOARD TUITION	JAMMING SESH		NO STRAIGHT ANSWER
1.30pm to 3pm	1.30pm to 3pm	1.00pm to 2.30pm		Contact us for time
DANCE (8 TO 12 YEARS)	DANCE (8 TO 12 YEARS)	SKATEBOARD TUITION		GARMENT PRINTING
3pm to 4pm	3pm to 4pm	1.30pm to 3pm		3pm to 4.30pm
DANCE (12+)	DANCE (12+)	DANCE (8 TO 12 YEARS)	YOUNG WOMEN'S SESSION	TAE KWON DO
4pm to 5pm	4pm to 5pm	3pm to 4pm		5pm to 6pm
TIE DYE T- SHIRT MAKING	ART	DANCE (12+)		HH LATES
3pm to 4.30pm	3pm to 4.30pm	4pm to 5pm		6.30pm to 9.30pm
	TAE KWON DO	BOXERCISE	LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT	
	5pm to 6pm	3pm to 4.30pm	6.30pm to 8.30pm	

MONDAY 11 TO THURSDAY 14 APRIL

MONDAY 11 APRIL	TUESDAY 12 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL	THURSDAY 14 APRIL
MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)	MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)	MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL SKATEPARK)	
10.30 to 12pm 12.30pm to 2pm 3pm to 4.30pm 5pm to 6pm	10.30 to 12pm 12.30pm to 2pm 3pm to 4.30pm 5pm to 6pm	10.30 to 12pm 12.30pm to 2pm 3pm to 4.30pm 5pm to 6pm	
MUSIC PRODUCTION	MUSIC PRODUCTION	MUSIC PRODUCTION	
11am to 12.30pm 1pm to 2.30pm	11am to 12.30pm 1pm to 2.30pm	11am to 12.30pm 1pm to 2.30pm	
TIE DYE T- SHIRT MAKING	COOKING: PIMP MY NOODLES	JEWELLERY MAKING	
10.30am to 12pm	12.30pm to 2pm	12.30pm to 2pm	
SKATEBOARD TUITION	SKATEBOARD TUITION	SKATEBOARD TUITION	
1.30pm to 3pm	1.30pm to 3pm	1.30pm to 3pm	
GRAFFITI WORKSHOP	GRAFFITI WORKSHOP	GRAFFITI WORKSHOP	YOUNG WOMEN'S SESSION
2pm to 4pm	2pm to 4pm	2pm to 4pm	4pm to 6pm
PODCAST: WOULD YOU RATHER?	TAE KWON DO		LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT
3pm to 4.30pm	5pm to 6pm		6.30pm to 8.30pm

For more information and to book each activity visit heathamhouse.eventbrite.com

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Working in the NHS

Careers Fairs

Thursday 24th March 2022
12 midday - 7pm

Richmond upon
Thames College
Langhorn Drive
Twickenham
TW2 7SJ

Tuesday 26th April
12 midday - 7pm

Richmond and
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Parkshot, Richmond
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- We are inviting you to drop in and visit our Careers Fairs in Richmond to explore the variety of job opportunities available locally across the NHS.
- We currently have a number of vacancies available including administrative and reception staff across a number of GP practices in Richmond, offering flexible working with both full and part time posts available.
- Apprenticeships are encouraged in the NHS with opportunities for a wide range of roles including Trainee Nursing Associates and Business & Administration.
- Information, support, and guidance will be available for individuals from all backgrounds, experience and education levels including the opportunity to speak to staff working in the NHS regarding exciting job opportunities that exist across the borough.



Why attend?

Speak directly with NHS employers and partners
CV and career advice

Ask questions to employers on the day

Get to see what local jobs are on offer

Brush up on your interview skills

Gain confidence

Interested in attending but have questions?

Please contact Karen Crawford on karen.crawford5@nhs.net