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Our Superstar Neve Rugette

HUGE Congratulations to **Neve Rugette** who was selected to attend the Jr. NBA Europe and Middle East Selection Camp, taking place in Rome, Italy, from 4 May to 8 May. Only one girl from England gets the opportunity to participate in the camp so this is a fantastic achievement and highlights just how talented Neve is. - **Mr Willmore**

England has two representatives at a special Jr. NBA Camp in Rome – brother and sister - Tejan and Neve Rugette.

The National Basketball Association (NBA) today announced a four-day Jr. NBA Europe and Middle East Elite Camp will be held at Stella Azzurra in Rome, Italy which runs until Saturday.

The Jr. NBA EME Elite Camp will feature 60 talented boys and girls ages 13-14 from 25 countries across Europe and the Middle East where Jr. NBA programs currently operate including the including the Richmond Knights siblings (pictured), who also have also represented England.

Tejan attends Christ's School in London while Neve is student at Grey Court, both in Richmond. Both attended last weekend's Jnr. NBL Final fours in Manchester, with both players making the All-Star fives in their respective age groups, whilst Tejan was the overall MVP of the U14 Boys final.

The camp will focus on positional skill development, shooting, and skills competitions, culminating with three-on-three and five-on-five competition.

Read the full article on Basketball England's website

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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

PA Appeal GoFundMe

Digital Screens for Science

Sunny summer days ahead...

Remember when the weather is warm to provide your child with a good sunscreen cream, water and a hat.

Do you need help with decluttering your home, property management or staging your home for lease? If so, consider using Ruby Slippers

Ruby Slippers are offering a 5% discount to the Grey Court family

Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful - William Morris

#Y8+Y9, Mr Ridley

Well done to Y7s for completing their first week of exams. The Y7 team and I have been extremely impressed with the high levels of organisation and commitment shown by the students. Whilst I'm sure there have been a few nerves this week, please re-iterate to the students that this is normal and these assessments are a chance for them to show their hard work this year.

In assembly this week, we were lucky enough to hear from Adriana Martyr who is Assistant Headteacher at Strathmore school. This is a specialist school with whom we share our site. It was really interesting to hear all the work they do at the school. A big thanks to Adriana for coming in to speak to us.

We had two different themes for our year groups for last week's assemblies, with year nine looking at the fear of failure. We looked at how the fear of failure develops as we grow older, and also ways in which we can combat this including setting small targets and having a backup plan if things don't go as well as hoped.

Year 8 had a fantastic performance from the TikTok sensation 'Here at last', who are a five piece boy band that have amassed over 2 million followers on the social media platform. They were in to talk about mental health, cyber-bullying as well as their music. It was a brilliant assembly that the students all enjoyed, with the band staying behind to sign flyers, footballs and even the odd cast.

The year seven and eight exams began in earnest, and continue this week, anyone involved in fixtures will be able to complete any missed exams in the following lesson or in a mop up session as the exam period closes.

It's been great to see all the students out on the field having fun at lunchtime, I would just like to take the opportunity to remind all students that it is also a teaching space and, therefore, any litter that is taken out on the field needs to be removed and put in one of the multiple bins available. Anyone unable to abide by our expectations could end up litter picking for their lunchtime, so please respect this area.







Bands and 'live' Instruments

IN SCHOOL HALL





Singers with Backing Track

IN MUA

KS4 News

With one week to go until GCSE exams start in earnest, we hope that students are focusing on their revision. We, as a team, are always here to help support students as they go through their exam season.

We have had several questions about the exam timetables and study leave. You and your children should receive an email containing a bespoke exam timetable from our exams team, please look out for it. Students will be starting their exams with the majority of the written exams starting in the exam hall on the 16 May. As a school we don't have study leave as we believe it does not allow students to maximise their potential. Instead, we completely rewrite the timetable for Y11 students so they each receive revision lessons from their teachers before each exam they face. Therefore, students will receive a new Passport to Success timetable, from the 16 May, to take them through the exam season.

The school day will run in a similar way with regards to timings:

- 8.30am: go to registration or line up for their exam
- P1 & 2: normal timings for Passport revision sessions or an exam
- Break as normal
- P3 & 4: normal timings for Passport revision sessions
- P5 & 6: normal timings for Passport revision sessions or an exam
- 2.45pm: PM registration
- 2.55pm: dismissal (this might be slightly later for students taking an exam in the afternoon who have extra time)

We have historically found the *Passport to Success* delivers what you would expect: extremely successful results for students. We hope that your children take advantage of this unique opportunity and that they work with their teachers to ensure they do as well as possible.

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker



Green4Grenfell

In a follow up to last year's successful Green4Grenfell day where we ran a number of events to raise awareness for the victims of 2017's Grenfell tragedy, we aim to hold a sunflower planting day with Year 7 students



Sunflower planting at Grey Court school will take place on Friday 20 May in order to honour the victims of the tragedy and to provide symbols of positivity and the regrowth of a community. Year 7 students who wish to engage with this initiative are asked to donate £3 to our Green4Grenfell fund via parentpay by Friday 13 May 2022. Students who donate will then be asked to plant a sunflower around the school site we will provide the seeds, pots and compost. In order to encourage students to nurture their sunflower we will be running a competition to see who can cultivate the tallest sunflower. The winner will be announced in the penultimate week of the summer term. I am told that Mr Bashford has already plotted a sunflower growing strategy having purchased a secret pot of "miracle grow."

Monies raised will then be sent to community-based charities endorsed by the trust within The Grenfell community.

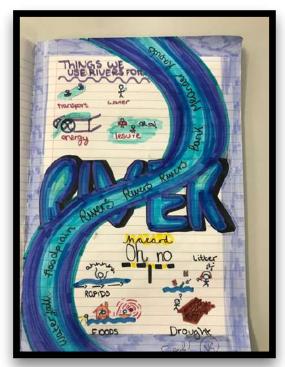
In order to engage with this initiative please donate THREE pounds via parent pay by Friday 13 June - Grenfell initiative with your child's name and form.

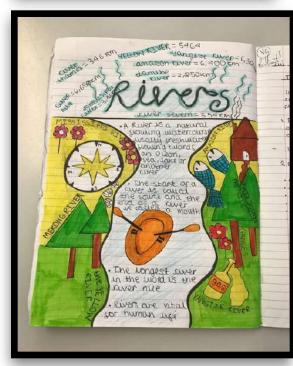
A Summer Term Geography Sojourn for Bashford Wannabee Clements

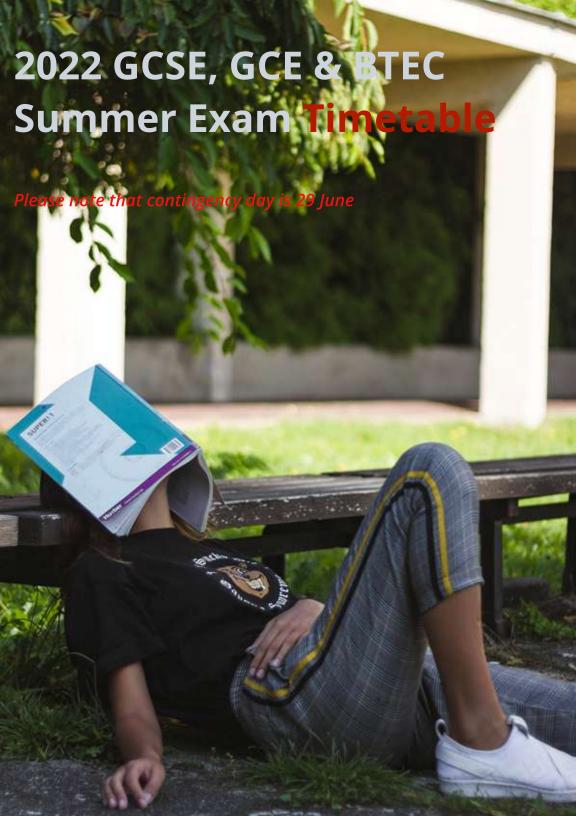
Regular readers of these pages will be aware of my adoration for Grey Court Legend and 1994 "Trailfinders" Norfolk region geography teacher of the year, Mr Bashford. Well, 8BLGg were delighted to find out that - with Mr Bashford on an extended mid-week secondment filming the discovery channel's latest documentary entitled "Extreme-Ox bow lakes," their new geography teacher is Bashford wannabee, Mr Clements.

Armed with an atlas, some colouring crayons and a Google map app, I have been leading revision sessions on "the benefits of deforestation" and "Russia's population distribution inside Vladivostik's tundra belt. I have even ordered some thigh length gators and a Columbia anorak from Millets in order to mimic Mr Bashford's weekend attire, in the hope that I will be invited to measure rivulets with him along the Hogsmill this weekend.

nyway, I have already been impressed with the knowledge and commitment of 8BLGg especially with regards to some colourful revision maps that I spotted from the pens/crayons of Ane Kathrine Brogaard-Burdock and Ella James.













Friday 20th May

GENERAL PICTURE KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Doors open 6.45pm Starts 7.15pm

Tickets £12 each - includes meat/veg chilli meal max 8 per team Licensed cash/card bar - over 18s only

Tickets via: www.pta-events.co.uk/greycourtschool

Entrance via Sandy Lane

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Year Group	Week One	Week Two	
7 SRE catch-up from primary school	Physical boundaries	Privacy + digital - not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe	
8 Alcohol and drugs	Smoking	Alcohol and benefits of not drinking	
9 Socialising/friendships	Whatsapp/IG groups - being sensible	Trolling	
10 LGBTQIA+ Equality Rights etc	Gender vs sex?	Why is the idea of heteronomativity dangerous?	
11 Current Affairs	What are local elections	What has caused the current cost of living crisis?	











Our most important job as a charity is to support families and professionals working with children with ADHD. We have spent 20 years developing services that help families and professionals help children with ADHD improve their lives at home and school. From Meet-ups to Seminars covering the many areas of this complex condition and our <u>website</u> and <u>video library</u> - huge resources full of further reading and advice.

Please click on the **link** to view additional information and activities.

Ham Open Gardens Sunday 22 May from 12pm to 5pm

On Sunday 22 May the Grey Court School Allotment and Wildlife Club will be taking part in a local event, Ham Open Gardens.

Students will be showcasing their area to members of the public to raise money for local charities.

Once every two years, this event provides the opportunity to go 'behind the garden wall' of a selection of the most beautiful private gardens in Ham. The event takes visitors on a fascinating journey through a variety of gardens which reflect the diversity of the area's rich history.

The year's *Open Gardens* will include lots for the family to enjoy. Guests will be treated to the sounds of the excellent Salamander Saxophone Quartet, who will be situated on Ham Common and will play a range of classical pieces and requests. In addition, there will be a barbecue on nearby South Avenue run by the local Scout group from 12pm, and delicious home-made teas served from 1pm to 4:30pm at St Thomas Aquinas Church near the pond on Ham Common.

To purchase tickets, please click this link.



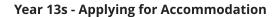
Sixth Form News

UCAS

Year 12s

Please see below for the two most recent Higher Education Tutor Time sessions:

<u>Higher Education Tutor Time 4</u> <u>Higher Education Tutor Time 5</u>



Once you have chosen your firm and insurance university choices you should select your student accommodation if you are going to be living away from home (or think you may decide to live away from home). Most universities ask you to select several choices in preference order and you should be prepared that you might not get your first choice of halls. You should have a look at what is important to you and consider factors such as:

- Distance from halls to your faculty
- Do you really need an ensuite (remember you will have to clean it yourself)
- How many people do you want to live with?
- How many weeks is the tenancy for some are term time plus a few weeks
- Do you want to cook for yourself or would you like to be in a catered hall?
- How close are you to shops, bus routes, the station, the uni library, the student union?
- What are the social facilities like is there an on-site gym, common room, bar, coffee shop, grocery store

It is also worth making sure that you have started the application process for Student **Finance.**

YEAR 13 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Just to point you in the direction of this useful resource for parents: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY?

MedSoc

This coming Monday the MedSoc students will be joined by Dr Ella Van Den Begin, a former Grey Court pupil now working in the NHS. Dr Ella will be talking to the pupils about the application process, providing some top tips on how best to prepare for medical applications as well as holding a Q and A session with the pupils.

MARK EVISON SUCCESSES

Huge congratulations go to the following pupils who have been successful in the Mark Evison application process and have secured funding to undertake some exciting extracurricular activities including a hike over Dartmore and the designing and building of a device to harness green power from a bicycle mechanism:

Sami Doyle Yusuf Spahi Shoaib Dilan Karim Olly Zilli Tom Del Rio Thomas Shore Lily Abbott Jullian Godard

Alex Noel

Raoul Thompson

Oxbridge

Miss Fincham is still waiting for some students to upload their updated application plan and super curricular record on the google classroom. If you are no longer interested in pursuing an application, please let her know so you can be removed from the classroom. We will hold another group meeting and one to one meetings once the year 13 have gone on to study leave for their final exams

EPO

An introduction to EPQ for year 12 will take place before half term.

Details to be confirmed.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to **Jad El Hassanieh** who has secured a Law summer school placement with the **University of East London**.

Jack Pocock has shown great initiative by contacting one of our previous work experience employers and wowing them with his enthusiasm for working in Media. Jack will be doing a work experience placement with **Locksmith Animation** in the summer.

Year 12 Work Experience

Well done year 12 for continuing to hand in your placement forms. The deadline was 22 April so we are now encouraging all students to ask their employer to complete the form and hand it in via the Google classroom assignment.

If you still need support finding a placement or have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk and also see the weekly opportunities bulletin for a range of options still available.

This week's Careers Opportunities Bulletin covers university, apprenticeships, work experience and much more! 04/05/2022 Careers opportunities



Year 13 - Sign up to Our Alumni Network

It's always wonderful to hear what our alumni get up to once they leave us and so we would like to invite all year 13 students to join the Grey Court School alumni network. It takes less than two minutes to sign up, just use this **link**



Fancy a Sixth Form administrative job?

If you are a parent or Grey Court alumni who has a yearning to work with Sixth Formers in our wonderful 'palace of learning', we are on the look out for a part-time administrator to help us keep-on-top of attendance and keep the staff and students organised.

We can offer lots of friendly faces, fun, a degree of flexibility in terms of working hours and a vibrant forward-thinking environment.

Please see the links below:

Advert
Person spec
Job description

If this job opportunity piques your interest, please email Mr Clements (rclements@greycourt.org.uk)



Year 11 - The exams are getting closer and students are focusing on their subjects but if any students still want to have a meeting to discuss their ideas for next year then please don't hesitate to come and have a chat. Miss Corrighan is in Mon-Weds and Fridays.

For those wanting to go to college or sixth form, don't forget the last step in securing your college or sixth form place is enrolment. This takes place after you receive your exam results on Thursday 25 August and is the time when you confirm your place at your chosen place, so do keep an eye on emails on when your enrolment date is.

Year 10 - During the summer term Year 10 will be beginning to have careers interviews to discuss their next steps after Year 11. The careers team will aim to offer all of the year group an interview either in Year 10 or Year 11. If a student would like to have an appointment they should either speak to the tutor or email Miss Corrighan. Some interesting opportunities which came through for the Sixth form but would be of interest to Key stage 4 students and their parents/carers. The weekly sixth form opportunities bulletin 04/05/2022 Careers opportunities

has a range of opportunities from work experience, university tasters, careers events and more!

Year 7 - we are excited to have a guest speaker next Friday 13th May to speak to our year 7 students. Andrea
Wareham is Chief People Officer for Pret A Manger. She is responsible for culture as well as recruiting, training, providing meaningful career opportunities, employee relations and pay and reward for Pret people internationally. Andrea will be joined by Patricia who is a Pret A Manger apprentice, who will share her story.

Students will have a short talk and then the opportunity for a Q&A.

This is part of Grey Court's careers programme and gives students the opportunity to hear from employers.

Apprenticeships

There are a number of apprenticeship opportunities in the local area and you can start to get an idea on the website: <u>Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK</u>. The <u>Apprenticeships Are Amazing</u> website can also give you an overview of the range of apprenticeships available.

TFL (Transport for London) have launched a number of opportunities for apprenticeships and other qualifications which could be open to both Year 11 leavers as well as Sixth Formers not wishing to go onto university: https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/careers/business-apprenticeships













Our SPORTS' STARS OF THE MONTH



Boys' Scholar Zayden Casimir

Zayden has shown real promise in a variety of sports at Grey Court: he plays left-midfield for the football team, and has scored valuable goals throughout the season; he is developing into a talented winger in rugby, and has scored a flurry of tries in recent games. He has also been training twice a week hard in hurdles. His technique and speed between the hurdles is developing, which is great to see. Keep up the hard work Zayden and continue to drive for more success throughout the year. Well done!



Boys' Player Asif Malik

He has performed incredibly well for the school. He was heavily involved in the Gym and Dance Show, as one of the stars of the trampolining routine. Asif was also part of the team that competed in the National Finals, finishing second overall. He scored high 8's across the board for his outstanding performance. Outside of school, Asif also finished in first place in his qualifiers for the Nationals. We are excited to support Asif with his trampolining, so he can keep going from strength to strength.



Girls' Player

Anna Costeanu

Anna has had an outstanding month, she has recently been busy helping to choreograph performances in our annual gym and dance show. During the show, Anna performed her self-taught aerial hoop and blocks performance, stunning the audience throughout. Anna also participated in, and helped choreograph, a number of pieces by the Grey Court gymnastics squad.

On top of this, Anna and her U19 teammates competed at the Milano Team National Finals, representing London. The team have worked extremely hard on their performances and Anna helped the team come home with the gold medal. Outside of gymnastics, Anna is studying BTEC Sport and has recently achieved a distinction in her unit 2 BTEC exam. Anna is a credit to Grey Court and an excellent role model for all our younger gymnasts and dancers.



Sports' Team

U19 Gymnastics Team

Our amazing U19 gymnastics team 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 consists of three or four gymnasts, with three competing in individual floor, three on vault and a minimum of three in a group acro-routine. The U19 team consists of year 12 students **Florence Bradley** and **Sienna Griffith**, year 11 student **Theo Butcher** and year 13 student Anna **Costeanu**. Having spent months preparing, training both in school and with their respective gym clubs, they competed against teams from across the UK - with extremely tough competition from the schools from Wales. They performed outstanding vaults, strong floor routines and finished with a superb group acro-routine, which enabled them to storm to a convincing win, with a whole 2 marks separating them from 2nd place.



WELL
DONE
TO THE
TEAM
ON
BECOMING
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS!



Effortlessly blending the gritty social realism of South London's streets with brilliantly judged fantastical flourishes, Fadugba's assured debut centres on a boy who can see glimpses of the future and a girl desperately seeking answers about her parents.

TOWNSHIP RECOVERY

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UNITED TO THE WAITS FOR NO ONE

UNTIL NOW ...

FEMI FADUGBA

This epic thriller is soon to be a major Netflix movie starring Academy Award winner Daniel Kaluuya (Get Out, Black Panther, Judas and the Black Messiah).

'Believing is seeing, Esso . . . '

Esso is running out of time and into trouble. When he discovers he has the ability to see glimpses of the future, he becomes haunted by a vision of a bullet fired in an alleyway with devastating consequences.

A generation later, fifteen-year-old Rhia is desperately searching for answers - and a catastrophic moment from the past holds the key to understanding the parents she never got to meet. Whether on the roads of South London or in the mysterious Upper World, Esso and Rhia's fates must collide. And when they do, a race against the clock will become a race against time itself . . .

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Femi Fadugba has a Master's degree from Oxford University where he published in Quantum Physics and subsequently studied as a Thouron Scholar at University of Pennsylvania. Femi has worked in solar energy and in consulting, and has written for the Financial Times and the Huffington Post. He currently lives between Peckham and USA.

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
Oscar Ballantine
Fereshta Najib

7 Cedar
Harriet Warbrick

7 Elm Jessica Collins Sophia Prawdziak

7 Oak Scarlett Botfield Harrison Kewley 7 Willow Chloe Fountain

8aCZain Bin-Goulding
Kimarley Lodge-Williams
Borja Rodriguez
Angel Rose
Jasper Sguiri

8aLGeorge Fennell
Cass Lam

Myla Aihevba
Leyla Anjum-Smith
Aleeza Bilal
Noah Cervantes
Zinnia Croxford
Corrado D'Orsa
Oliver Hislop
Eva Logan-Wilson
Rory MacGregor
Frederick Saville

8aXArchie Baker Jones

8bL
Nabil Ali
Harry Gard
Yassin Ibrahim
Ethan Sethna

8bV
Austin Cheyne
Andy Fedczuk
James Glanville
Katrina Killey
Mitchell Reader
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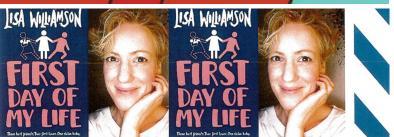
7 Rowan

Edward Medcalf

Cover Story Competition Winners & Flighty Commended During the winter months Richmond Libraries ran a book review competition for all the year 7s and 8s within the borough. It is an extremely

competition for all the year 7s and 8s within the borough. It is an extremely popular contest with hundreds even thousands of entries in past years. This year we have a few outstanding students that will collect their prizes and meet famed author Lisa Williamson on the 10th May.

List of all winners



Teen author event: Lisa Williamson

Award winning Cover Story author and actor

In celebration of *Cover Story*, Richmond Libraries' incredible annual pick of the best teen reads for 11 to 14 year olds, actor and author Lisa Williamson will be talking about her latest book, the dramatic *First Day of My Life*.

As well as writing the critically acclaimed and hugely popular *The Art of Being Normal, All About Mia*, and *Paper Avalanche*, you may also recognise Lisa from lots of television commercials, often playing the role of 'dishevelled mums'!

Join multitalented Lisa for a lively talk and Q&A, followed by a book signing.

Tuesday 10 May 7.00pm – 8.00pm Richmond Library Annexe Quadrant Road, Richmond TW9 1DH

Copies of Lisa Williamson's books will be available for purchase provided by The Alligator's Mouth bookshop.



AFC KINGSTON YOUTH

TALENT ID DAYS

MONDAY 9TH MAY

6pm-7pm U15'S

7pm-8pm - U14's (CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 8)

7pm-8pm - U13's (CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 7)

MONDAY 16TH MAY

6pm-7pm U15'S

7pm-8pm - U14's (CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 8)

7pm-8pm - U13's (CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 7)

MONDAY 23RD MAY

6pm-7pm U15'S

7pm-8pm - U14's (CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 8)

7pm-8pm - U13's

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KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT1 3PB

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2022 EXCLUSIVE MIDDLESEX YOUTH MEMBERS' OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

- WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL LORD'S CRICKET GROUND
- SUNDAY 10 JULY MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL
- THURSDAY 9 AUGUST RADI FTT CC.
- SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER LORD'S CRICKET GROUND

We are excited to be running several "open' Training sessions across the season and Middlesex Mini,
Junior and Teen members are invited to **book their place** to watch the Squad train and meet the
players after the training session.

Booking is essential – via the Members event section on the website or the Members' Portal.

Any children aged between 5-14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Max one adult to accompany each child. (Min age 5 - Max age 17).