



eBulletin

Friday 13 May 2022



YEAR 13 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY

As part of their business coursework, year 13 business students were required to plan and run a social enterprise activity to put towards a good cause. Two teams of students went head to head to try and make the most profit from their activity – one being a staff car wash and the other running a student bake sale. The year 13's did an amazing job promoting and providing delicious cakes and shiny new car's for the staff. Despite one team not having a hose when washing the staff car's, they teamed together in using buckets of water instead – they had never worked so hard! From both social enterprise activities, they raised £220! Well done!



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Summer Activity Week

11 - 13 July



Important Information

Please click on the links below to view the activities per year group, and remember to fill in the Google form and make payment before the 27 May deadline

- [Year 7 Letter](#)
- [Year 8 Letter](#)
- [Year 9 Letter](#)
- [Year 10 Letter](#)

School Calendar

21-22 Term dates

22-23 Term dates

Events

2022 GCSE, GCE & BTEC Summer Exam Timetable

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB TIMETABLE

The School Menu

Breakfast Club

Daily from 7:45am to 8:15am

THE NOTICE BOARD

Grey Court Literary Festival in Aid of the Ukraine Appeal

by Mr Clements

Thursday 7 July 2022

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed a number of Ukrainian students into the Grey Court community as guests for the summer. It is very humbling talking to the students and their parents/carers/hosts/friends and relatives in the knowledge that they have been displaced, had their education disrupted and are separated from family and friends.

Indeed, prior to the conflict my knowledge of the Ukraine was limited to an obsession with Oleg Luzhny, admiration for Andriy Shevchenko (when he wore an AC Milan shirt) and an adoption of Valeriy Lobanovskyi's coaching techniques when I managed an Under 7 little league team. I have therefore been brushing up on my favourite Ukrainian idioms (to show where the crayfish is wintering, anyone?) and revised the location of places such as Lviv, Kharkiv and Kiev on one of Mr Bashford's old picture Atlases, in order to make our guests feel at home when they are interviewed in my office.

So from my very pleasant interactions with Ukrainian students thus far I can conclude that they enjoy laughing at jokes I make about Suffolk (which Ms Smith finds very amusing), generally speak English and Russian to a very good level, write poetry, play the piano and enjoy Taekwondo! It therefore makes for a very pleasant start to my day, showing our guests around the school grounds and stopping off at the allotment to discuss pickles with some of the mothers and carers.

These civilised interactions together with conversations I have had with Sixth former Alexander Lomaha, (who organised our recent Ukrainian appeal,) has therefore inspired my desire to run a charity literary evening of book readings, poetry and cultural activities along the lines of the Hay festival, this summer. I have mooted this idea to Grey Court's English society (my year 12 English class) and Ms Comrie - and we have concluded it would be a great idea! We can invite parents and students to listen to some book readings, maybe showcase some of our own literary talent - and Alex tells me he will play some Ukrainian prog rock. Mr Page has even offered to master Ukrainian folk dancing and is researching some Ukrainian playwrights as we speak.

However, although I have offered to read a few half baked old eBulletin articles, all we need now is a programme of proper writers, poets, activists, politicians, historians and thinkers to provide us with some inspiring readings based around ideas such as "displacement" and "unity." This is a consequence of my belief that as hosts we must offer friendship and opportunity for displaced persons so that we can provide them with a sense of optimism about the future. By accommodating others we also expand our horizons and are culturally enriched by these experiences.

So if any parent or carer has any contact or links with any eminent writers, thinkers, musicians, poets and so forth, (perhaps The Edge and Bono from U2!) who would be willing to deliver a reading or perform their work on July 7th, please direct them to rclements@greycourt.org.uk and I will be happy to trade some Ukrainian idioms with them!

Science Update

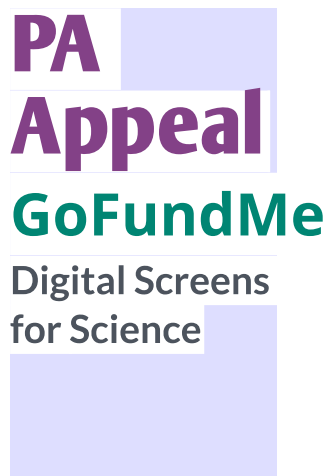
by Ms Moran

Last term, Science were lucky enough to have our 'interactive' boards replaced with state-of-the-art screens in each of the eight labs. I say 'interactive' as they were no longer fit for purpose and were mostly certainly not living up to their name. The boards were over 15 years old and due to wear and tear, and the march of technology the software was not able to add anything to lessons, in fact in most labs they hindered it.

With the new screens there are no issues with students being able to see the work depending on the lights in the room being turned on or off or if it's a particularly sunny day outside! They have a myriad of apps which add interactivity to tasks and the students are constantly commenting on the positive impact they have had on lessons. They are a completed asset to the classroom environment.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the cost of our new screens. If you'd like to donate, please click on the GoFundMe link below.

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#Y7, Mr Day

Well done to Y7 for completing their first set of assessments at Grey Court. Feedback from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive, and it is clear to see many students have worked hard. I hope that their hard work is reflected in the results they achieve.

This week, we were lucky enough to have a careers' talk in assembly from Andrea Wareham, who works for Pret-a-Manger. The talk was very insightful and we thank Ms Corrighan, our careers' manager, for organising the talk.

A quick note to parents regarding TikTok. We have been made aware this week of some students using the app. We remind all parents and students that TikTok should not be used by children under the age of 13. We encourage parents to check their child's phone regularly to ensure apps like TikTok are not being used.

#Y8+Y9, Mr Ridley

It is mental health awareness week and so our year nine assembly looked at the theme of loneliness. We discussed how different people are more susceptible to loneliness, and some of the myths around what loneliness is and how it can occur. We discussed tips on what can be done to help connect with yourself and others so that you do not feel so lonely. The pandemic has brought this issue to the fore and highlighted how important our social interactions are. I also told all the students that they can come to speak to the pastoral team at any time if they feel this way.

Year 8s had their assembly on the fear of failure, and we discussed, as I did previously with year 9, about ways in which to combat this fear. At the heart of it is the positive atmosphere that they are learning in and reminded them of the times when they would have learnt to walk, and how parents would have celebrated every step and encouraged after every fall and failure. It is only when we get encouragement and learn from our mistakes do we feel happy to continue trying, so I've challenged the students to embrace this and to create a positive learning atmosphere in all of their classes.

KS3 News



Year 7 Employer Talk

by Miss Corrighan

In today's assembly, we were really lucky to have a talk from **Andrea and Patricia from Pret A Manger**. This is part of the Grey Court Careers' programme to ensure students hear from people from the world of work to help them think about their futures.

The year 7s showed outstanding listening and communication skills. Well done to the students who asked questions.

Andrea who is the Chief People Officer spoke about the Pret A Manger company and the different types of jobs they have. She also talked about the key skills you need for the world of work including positive attitude, communication, teamwork and listening. Andrea was very impressed with the year 7s 'They were wonderful and I was very impressed as they asked such intelligent questions. You have a great group of students!'

Patricia is a Pret Apprentice and talked about how she did her A Levels and then became an apprentice, now managing the Store in Moorgate. It's really important for students to be aware of different career pathways and find the right pathway that suits you.

At the end of the assembly, we launched our **year 7 Careers' Competition** with students which asks year 7s to create a poster of their dream job. Tutors will be going through this with the students next week and we look forward to seeing your entries.



GFEST 2022 will take place September 2022

G FEST 2022 AUDITIONS

THURSDAY 19th May



Bands and 'live'
Instruments

IN SCHOOL HALL

SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO SIGN
UP



Singers with
Backing Track

IN MUA



KS4 News

Exams start in earnest on the 16 May, and 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.

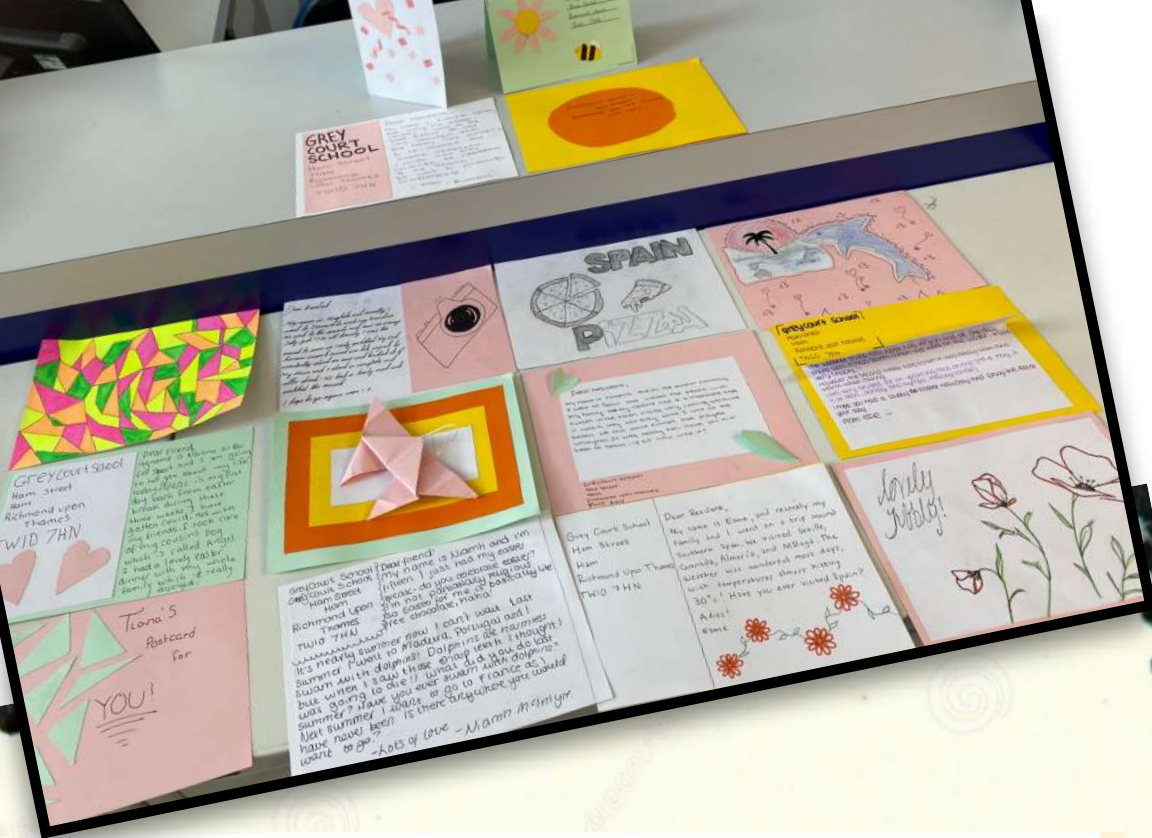
The school day will run in a similar way with regards to timings:

- 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)

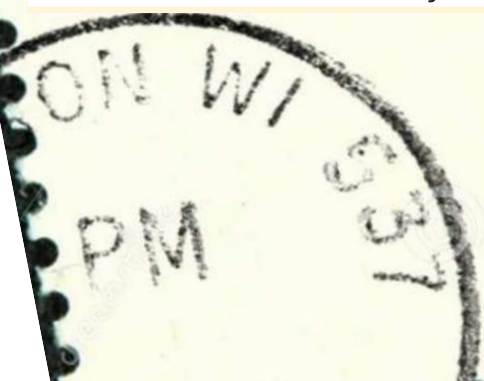
We have historically found the *Passport to Success* delivers what you would expect: extremely successful results for students. We hope that your children take advantage of this unique opportunity and that they work with their teachers to ensure they do as well as possible.

#Y10+Y11

Mr Gordon Walker



For the first time ever, our year 10 Health and Social Care class are proud to participate in the 'Postcode of Kindness' scheme. Their handmade postcards were sent off this week to the residents of the Viera Gray care home in Barnes. Our students were so excited to have the opportunity to participate in this scheme that not only supports their learning, but more importantly is an effort to combat loneliness, sadness and isolation often seen by people in later life. Our students designed fantastic cards that were bright, engaging and would enable the residents to reminisce about their positive memories from their past, and prompt great conversations. We are hoping that the small gesture would be enough to make a resident smile and feel comforted that they are still valued in our society.



Postcode of Kindness




5 Day Weekend Back at The Oak!

98 Richmond Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey

 14th May 
from 8pm

Rock and Pop Covers
From 80s, 90s, 00s
and right now

 @5DWKKingston | fivedayweekend1@gmail.com

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.

Food + Nutrition

by Ms Clark

The Food and Nutrition department hosted 3 local primary schools last week, in conjunction with **School Food Matters**, a local charity that promotes sustainable and nutritious food for all school children. Some of our wonderful year 7s helped to lead our annual 'Chutney Workshop' in preparation for some upcoming marketing workshops, farm visits and market selling for our Chutney project, where year 7s learn about growing, making and selling food products. We hope this year to use produce grown by our Allotment Club in our own Grey Court allotment. A big thank you to Mrs Shore and our brilliant year 7s who were involved.



Chefs of the Week

Year 7: Alice Allnutt

Year 8: Kaela Clark

Year 9: Mia Andre-Fygle

Year 10: Albiona Lezi

Featured in the photos below are our latest year 9s to finish their Food and Nutrition rotation with their house competition, where they cook a multicultural dish of their choice. This is always my favourite lesson with year 9 and these groups once again excelled with their skills and creative dishes.

Year 9 A Band Winners

1st Place - Will Bond

2nd Place - Finlay Janes

3rd Place - Alfie Mortimer-Reddings

4th Place - Isabel Burrows

Year B Band Winners

1st Place - Zoya Ahmed

2nd Place - Joshua Burrows

3rd Place - Libby Knowles

4th Place - Alba Blea and Shiven Kothari

Well done to you all - fantastic work and keep on cooking! Winners will receive house points and certificates to follow.





Year 10s were looking at food science and functionality of ingredients this week - they made choux pastry in a variety of forms - buns, profiteroles, eclairs to understand how to manipulate ingredients and make successful structures and dishes. Previously, they looked at preservation methods and the use of acid and sugar - they made jam to investigate this!



goodbye...

We say goodbye to our wonderful year 11s who begin their exams next week and being their revision and passport sessions. They have been wonderful in Food and Nutrition, and I wish them all the luck!

GREY COURT PA

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 20th May

**GENERAL
KNOWLEDGE**

**PICTURE
QUIZ**

**MUSIC
ROUND**

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

PDW weekly timetable

Summer Term 1 Week Year Group	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 SRE catch-up from Primary	Physical boundaries	Privacy + digital - not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe	What counts as 'physical abuse'/'emotion al abuse'?	Growing and changing - puberty	Growing and changing - puberty	Your body belongs to you - knowing inappropriate contact
8 Alcohol and drugs	Smoking	Alcohol and benefits of not drinking	Caffeine	Drugs and their risks	Drugs case study - Cannabis	Drugs case study - Cannabis
9 Socialising/frien dships	Whatsapp/IG Groups - being sensible	Trolling	Trolling	Disablist discrimination	Gangs - how does it start?	Risks, consequences and leaving a gang
10 LGBTQIA+ Equality Rights etc	Gender vs Sex?	Why is the idea of heteronormativi ty dangerous?	Addressing anti-LGBT comments	Addressing anti-LGBT comments		
11 Current Affairs	What are local elections?	What has caused the current cost of living crisis?	Why did Samsung apologise for their advert?	Why should we care about our pensions?		



Wellbeing





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 [website](#) and [video library](#) - huge resources full of further reading and advice.

Please click on the [link](#) to view additional information and activities.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black dress, is leaning against a wooden chair. She is positioned against a wall with a textured, reddish-orange surface. The lighting is warm and dramatic, casting shadows. The woman's head is resting on the chair's backrest, and her legs are crossed at the ankles. The overall mood is contemplative and somber.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Loneliness

9 - 15 May

Click **here** to see details

Click **here** to see the Student Guide

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](#).



Calling Art and Design Students

Central Saint Martins (CSM) are running two events for prospective Foundation Diploma in Art and Design students to visit the CSM College Show 2022: Foundation. These events will be guided tours of the Show with members of staff from the course.

Places are limited to 30 at each event, so booking is essential. We encourage guests to register as soon as possible.



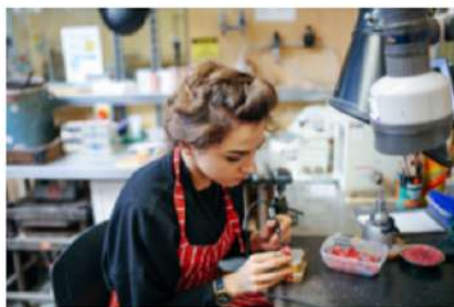
[Foundation 2022 exhibition tour with Chris Roberts and Lucy Alexander](#)

Date: Wednesday 18 May

Time: 15:00

Location: Lethaby Gallery, Central Saint Martins, Granary Square, King's Cross, London, N1C 4AA

Click [here](#) to book



[Foundation 2022 exhibition tour with Adrian Scrivener and Yvette Blundell](#)

Date: Friday 20 May

Time: 15:00

Location: Lethaby Gallery, Central Saint Martins, Granary Square, King's Cross, London, N1C 4AA

Click [here](#) to book

Sixth Form News

Year 13 Leavers Meal

The Year 13s finally had the chance to get together as a year group to celebrate the end of their time at Grey Court, as they enjoyed their formal meal at the Doubletree Hilton in Kingston. The students all looked immaculate and it was lovely to see them all dressed up for the evening. Huge thanks must go to Ms McNicol for organising the evening, and to Daisy, Emilia, Luke and Toby, for the table decorations. A lot of time and effort went into making this a very special evening. Students were also treated to speeches by the Head and Deputy Head Girls, and by Ms Higham and Mrs Moore.

We talked about the students' unique and often challenging journey into sixth form; their KS4 journey ending on 23 March 2020, followed by months of uncertainty, many days of mass Covid testing and then being back in school with masks on.

Then followed UCAS applications, and the endless redrafting of personal statements and reference writing, to make sure that every student had the very best application to submit. We now have an exceptional set of university offers, in a year of unprecedented levels of competition. Offers include Nursing at Kings' College, Nannying at Norland College, multiple offers from LSE (which has more applicants for fewer places than Oxford and Cambridge), Imperial College London (another notoriously difficult university to receive an offer from), History at Cambridge, Korean Studies at SOAS, Fashion Design Technology at the University of the Arts London, and the list goes on!

Outside of the classroom, we have seen an impressive range of activities undertaken by the students. These include; performing at the MOGOs and Grey Court Gym and Dance show, trampolining in national events, knitting, debating, volunteering at Strathmore School and organising and donating towards the Ukraine appeal.

Suffice to say, we are extremely proud of the Year 13s and everything that they have achieved so far. What has been clear throughout their time in sixth form, is that they are a resilient, mature, considerate, supportive and motivated group of young adults. We wish them all the very best for their exams and for their futures.



Year 12 Trial Exams

Year 12 Trial exams start on **Monday 20 June** - timetables and revision booklets will be released shortly. You need to ensure that you have put together a revision timetable and that you know exactly what you need to be revising. The results of these trial exams will go towards your predicted grades for UCAS forms.

UCAS

Year 12s

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

[Higher Education Tutor Time 5](#)

[Higher Education Tutor Time 6](#)

UCAS Exhibition

We are taking Year 12s to a UCAS Discovery Fair on Wednesday June 8th at The University of East London. As well as hundreds of universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers representing their institutions there are live sessions including:

- Live application clinics and personal statement workshops
- Course and careers taster sessions
- Student talks and Q&As
- Expert advice on how to research and choose what's right for you
- The chance to explore and meet unis, colleges and employers face-to-face

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to start their post-18 journey where they can meet representatives from universities and apprenticeship providers and to ask about the courses they offer. Year 12s must sign up in advance so they can get their entry pass. Details of how to register will be sent to Year 12s next week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Lily-May Barker for being accepted onto the Royal Holloway summer school for History, Politics and Literature.

Orlando Pigoni-Mackness for gaining a great placement with Sound Advice who are a Music legal firm.

Lilla Radek for being accepted onto the University of Surrey Summer school for Creative Writing.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

Student leadership elections will take place at the start of next half-term. If you are interested, now is the time to think about your application.

To put yourself forward for a Senior Prefect role, or be elected for one of the two Head Student roles you will need to:

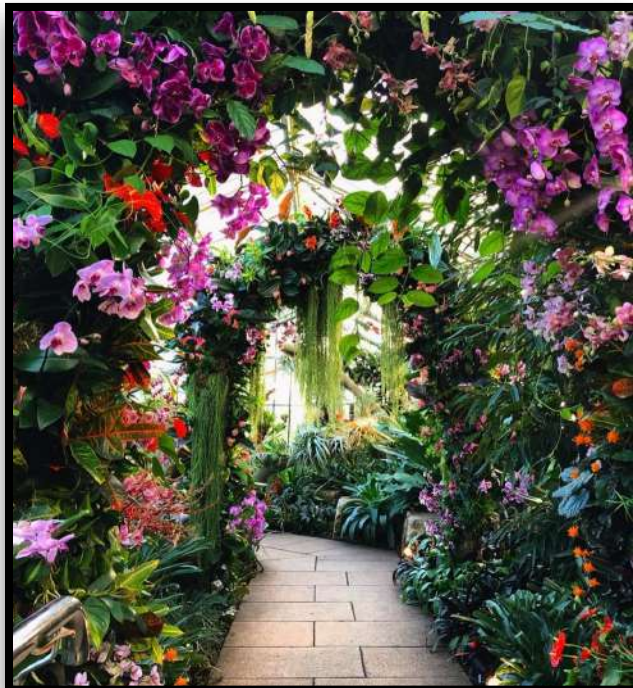
1. Sign up for the Future Learn 'What is Leadership?' **course**.
2. For the Head Student roles, you need to produce a short 1-2 minute video speech explaining why you should be elected.
3. For other roles, you need to write a manifesto, explaining why you should be elected and your main areas of interest.

Elections will take place during the week beginning 13 June.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO OR MANIFESTO
BY EMAIL TO MR TAYLOR BY FRIDAY 27
MAY.

Life Skills Enrichment Session at Kew Gardens

We are very fortunate that Mind has organised a Life Skills wellbeing session at Kew Gardens on 25 May. This amazing trip to Kew Gardens to see how plants and outdoor life can benefit our mental health. We only have 60 places available for the trip which will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Year 12's should use [this form](#) to sign up for a space.



Year 13s - Applying for Accommodation

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 en suite (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 - given to students in booklet form but also an electronic version for parents: [WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY?](#)

MEDSoc

This week the MedSoc pupils were joined virtually by Dr Ella Van Den Begin who talked though the UCAT, BMAT, personal statements, work experience and other aspects of the medical application process. She also kindly provided a written summary of the key points which is posted in the MedSoc google classroom. Next week's session will focus on the UCAT.

UCAT registration opens on the 24 May.



Year 12 Work Experience: just a reminder this takes place between **4 - 8 July** and we have some fantastic placements already!

All students should be submitting their work experience placement forms via Google classroom. The deadline was 22 April but we appreciate this has been difficult to organise with many businesses still working remotely. We have to have these forms for safeguarding reasons and so we need them for all students. The absolute deadline is Friday 27 May. Any questions or if students need any support see Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk and you can also check out the weekly opportunities bulletin for placements.

OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

11/05/2022 Careers opportunities packed with work experience, apprenticeships, university events and more!

For year 13s there are a range of really great apprenticeship opportunities and some are gap year jobs so you could work and then go to university, so do check them out.

"The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do."
- Steve Jobs

Careers Update

by Miss Corrighan (Head of Careers and Careers Adviser)

bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk



Year 11

The exams are getting closer and students are focusing on their subjects but if any student 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 available on 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 Adviser 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.

PDW DAY will be held on Wednesday 18 May. You will be looking at your post 16 options by using a programme called [Unifog](#) this is a great way to look at careers, colleges, universities, apprenticeships and much more.

Opportunities Bulletin

Some interesting opportunities came through for the Sixth form but would be of interest to KS4 students and their parents/carers.

The **weekly sixth form opportunities bulletin** [11/05/2022 Careers opportunities](#) has a range of opportunities from work experience, university tasters, careers events and more!

See some highlights...

Morgan Stanley Summer Academy

The Summer Academy is Morgan Stanley's six week webinar series designed for students in Year 11-13. We're looking for inquisitive minds who are interested in gaining an understanding of Morgan Stanley, the industry and key topics through a series of tailored modules. Students will have the opportunity to sign up to the following modules:

How Money Works 27 July 10:30 – 11:30 Morgan Stanley News Room 3 August 10:30 – 11:30 Personal Efficiency 10 August 10:30 – 11:30	Think Like a Coder 17 August 10:30 – 11:30 Relationship Currency 24 August 10:30 – 11:30 Plan your Future 31 August 10:30 – 11:30
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How to Apply: To find out more about Morgan Stanley please visit our website [here](#) and to apply for the Summer Academy please follow the register link above. Students will be required to answer a short written motivational question as part of the application process.

Judge Emma Serrano, Chief Mentor at Law Mentor

Our **free 'Get into Law' Conferences** have quickly become very popular! With so many students considering Law and a high demand for more conferences, I'm delighted to announce that we're running two more on:

- Saturday 14 May: 2pm - 6pm
- Saturday 28 May: 2pm - 6pm

Students can book their place by clicking the **link**

I will share my experiences as a Solicitor, Barrister, and Judge, and offer my guide to:

- UCAS and How to Apply for Law
- Personal Statements
- LNAT Entrance Exams
- Studying Law at Different Universities

Feel free to head over to <https://lawmentor.org.uk/get-into-law/> to find out more.

All the sport action...



Summer Sports' Timetable

Congratulations!

To our superstars: Neve, Bade (Y8), Skye and Bea (Y11) who competed in the Basketball England's National Final Fours that took place in Manchester over the May bank holiday weekend.

Four of the Junior National League teams took part and came away with 1 bronze, 2 silvers and 1 gold - the club's first-ever National League title.

Excerpts from the article 'Knights Basketball make Richmond history with National Championship' published on 5 May by James Merchant

Over the May bank holiday weekend, four Knights teams and a considerable cohort of supporters made the trip from Richmond to the National Basketball Performance Centre in Manchester for the Basketball England Junior Final Fours – where the best remaining teams in the country compete to be crowned champions of England...

...The U14 Girls against Leicester Riders. The Knights' trio of Neve Rugette (17 points), Bade Isik (13 points) and Precious Godwin (16 points) led the London team to a 42-27 half-time lead. However, Leicester dug deep to bring the score back to within two points to make for an exciting and nerve-wracking final two minutes. However, the Knights girls held their nerve and were met with jubilant celebrations at the final whistle from the travelling supporters...

...The last game of the day was left to the youngest Knights team. The U14 girls consist mostly of year 8 players who are competing against teams a year older. Despite the age-difference and fatigue from the weekend's excitement, Coach Chanel Mubeen's team got within single-figures of the Manchester Mystics on numerous occasions, much to the Richmond fans' delight. The local team were able to see the game out and eventually won 90-75. Neve Rugette followed in her brothers' footsteps by top-scoring for Knights with 25 points, including three 3-pointers. Bade Isik and Precious Godwin scored 16 and 15 respectively, while Ada Akyol was fearless in coming off the bench to contribute 8 points and 3 assists. The girls' head coach, Chanel Mubeen was full of praise for her young team, saying "I'm so proud of the girls for coming second in the country and for making it through the season! We will keep working hard as it's all about the kids and the programme to experience these opportunities..."

To read the full article, click [here](#)



U14
GIRLS



NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP



U16
GIRLS



NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP



Huge congratulations to our Junior girls athletics team who finished first in the ESAA preliminary rounds with some very strong performances



Superb victories from both the Junior Boys and Inter Boys in the ESAA Middlesex Region 1st round. We now progress to the Regional Finals. Well done boys.



Well done to our Inter Girls athletics team who finished 4th in the ESAA preliminary rounds on Friday





The U15 rounders team had a great win against [@turinghouse](#) on Friday in their first Borough match and first ever rounders match for some, well done girls! [@RoundersEngland](#)

Huge congratulations to the U13s who convincingly won their [@jrnb](#) play-off and progress to the next stage of the competition! Outstanding play by all, best they have played together all season. Coaches very proud! [@spurs](#)



Julia won her high jump pool with a super 1.35m before heading straight over to run 1500m and coming 5th out of 17+ runners

Some strong performances on the track, with top 4 finishes for everyone. Well done to Paris for winning her 100m heat
[@LeeValleyAC](#)



Our SPORTS' STARS OF THE MONTH



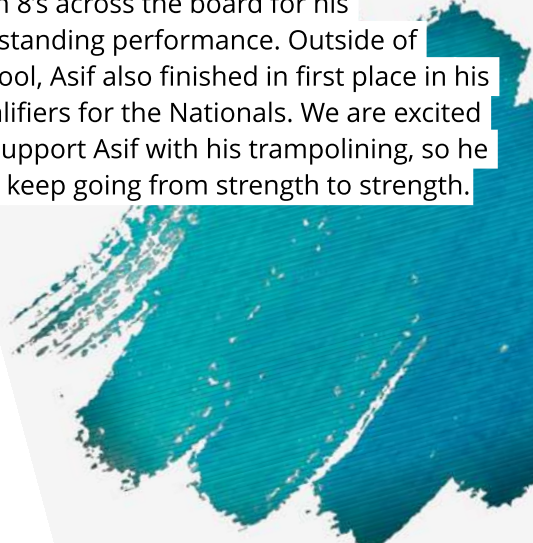
Boys' Scholar *Zayden Casimir*

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.



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Open to all! (Not just Richmond members)

Tuesday 31st May and Wednesday 1st June from 10am - 3pm.

Open to boys and girls 5 -15 years old

All coaches are at least RFU level 2 qualified and DBS checked

Rugby, football, cricket, ping pong & much more!

£35 for one day. £60 for both days.

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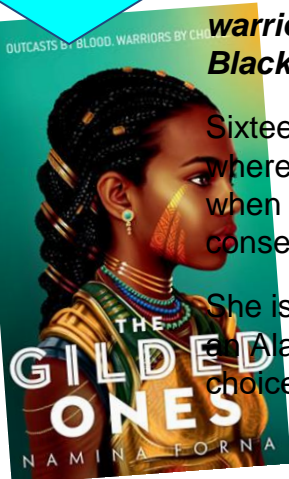
Book of the Week

Set in a West African-inspired Ancient Kingdom under oppressive patriarchal rule, Forna's breathtaking novel follows sixteen-year-old Deka and her quest to discover her destiny as a near-immortal with magical powers.

In this West African-inspired world, girls are outcasts by blood and warriors by choice, perfect for fans of Children of Blood and Bone and Black Panther.

Sixteen-year-old Deka lives in Otera, a deeply patriarchal ancient kingdom, where a woman's worth is tied to her purity, and she must bleed to prove it. But when Deka bleeds gold - the colour of impurity, of a demon - she faces a consequence worse than death.

She is saved by a mysterious woman who tells Deka of her true nature: she is an Alaki, a near-immortal with exceptional gifts. The stranger offers her a choice: fight for the Emperor, with others just like her, or be destroyed...



Namina Forna was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone. She was sent to live with her estranged mother in USA at the age of nine due to the increasing instability in the West African nation. After graduating from Spelman College, she moved to Los Angeles and became a screenwriter. The Gilded Ones, the opening novel in the young adult Deathless series, made Forna the first Sierra Leonean American writer to land a book deal with a major publisher.



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 Ash

Tabitha Lloyd
Frederica Querin
Emir Sunar

7 Beech

Jenin Abo Zeinah
Oscar Ballantine
Schanel Geeganage
Fereshta Najib

7 Cedar

Alyssia Capper
Harriet Warbrick

7 Elm

Jessica Collins
James Houlding
Pearl Hughes
Richie Luo
Pablo Navas-Parejo
Heidi Phillips
Lydia Smith

7 Maple

Rory Corp
Coco Mtandabari

7 Oak

Mekal Khawaja
Simi Sohal

7 Rowan

Sonya Mishchenko

7 Willow

Enas Badir
Fouad Hamdi
Joe Hession

8aC

Zain Bin-Goulding
Samuel Middleton
Jack Tomkins

8aV

Gabriel Shaw
Archie Baker Jones
Elizabeth Toibayeva
Alex Van Dyk
Charles Webster

8aX

Maximillian Flint
Aaron Khiytani
Jake Sansbury

8bV

Andy Fedczuk
Florence Lavercombe
Mitchell Reader
Maia Sehgal
Mali Westbrook

Cover Story Competition

Winners & Highly Commended

Well done Ella, Coco, Alice, Pippa and Amelie!!
Tuesday evening saw our winners meet author
Lisa Williamson as they picked up their awards for
writing outstanding reviews.



8 -10 July 2022
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