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Front cover:

Photo of the junior boys' cross country team who won the ESAA North London Regional Final on

Saturday 12 November







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# **School Calendar**

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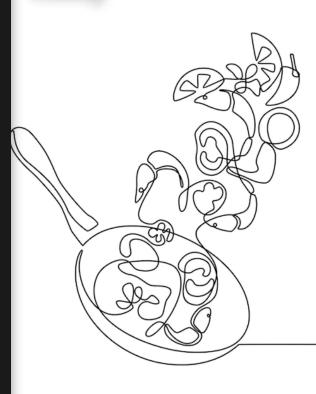
# The Uniform Shop Open Thursdays 3pm to 4pm

PA Appeal
GoFundMe
Digital Screens
for Science



## Breakfast Club open everyday The Silver Canteen from 7:45am to 8:15am

# School Menus Breakfast Club Weekly



This week is Anti-Bullying Week and the 2022 theme is Reach Out. In form time, tutors led a session on the different types of bullying, as well as identifying the different roles people can play in bullying including: ringleader, assistant, reinforcer and bystander - and that all these roles have negative consequences. We spoke about the positive actions you can take if you witness an incident of bullying as a 'defender' and also things you can do to reach out if you are benign targeting. In assembly we spoke about the importance of reaching out to report bullying as well as being willing and able to listen to people who might be reaching out to you for help.

NEWS

We also emphasised the negative impact that social media can have on students. Again, we encourage all students to delete apps such as Snapchat, Tik-Tok, Instagram and Discord from their phones and avoid any group chats on apps like WhatsApp, as this is where bullying can often take place. We ask parents to support us at home by reinforcing this message, and by monitoring the use of phones by our students.

Thursday 24 November is Academic Tutoring Day. If you have not yet booked a slot to see your child's form tutor, then please do so via the School Cloud system. A reminder that the meeting is IN PERSON. We are just using the online platform for appointment bookings. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss how your child has settled in and how they are progressing in lessons. They will receive their first reports which will include effort, homework and presentation grades, and will give a good indication of how they are doing and can then set some targets for the rest of the term. I hope the meetings go well and if you have any queries don't hesitate to get in touch.



Year 7 will be completing a Maths Assessment in class on Friday 2 December.

A Band: Period 3 and 4

B Band: Period 5 and 6

Students can find a revision list in their Google classroom and can also use their Online Scheme of Work to guide their revision. They can also attend Maths Surgery which is on every Wednesday from 3-4 in M2.

# 7 MATHS ASSESSMEN

# **KS3 MATHS SURGERY**

A reminder that KS3 Surgery is on every Wednesday from 3 - 4 in M2 to support students with their homework, classwork or revision. A massive well done to all of those who have already attended!

# KS3 ONLINE SCHEME OF WORKS

A reminder that students can access their online Scheme of Work for this half term in Maths through their Google classroom. On this document they can watch lesson videos for every objective they are studying this half term whilst also being able to complete practice questions.

Students also have access to Mathswatch where they can use the 'My Progress' tab to complete interactive questions based on their classwork. This is a fantastic way for students to consolidate their classwork and they are strongly encouraged to engage with the document.

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Evie Johnson (7 Ash)	Kris Leithlands (9 Maple)	Oliver Watso <mark>n (9 Beech)</mark>		
Olga Arkhipova (7 Ash)	Alkinoos Andraos-Doukas (9 Beech)	Benn Povey (9 Elm)		
Charlotte Vermeulen (7 Elm)	Diyana Ansari (9 Beech)	Eshwa Haidr <mark>ani (9 Cedar)</mark>		
Willow Ireland (7 Elm)	Helena Staple (9 Beech)	Alfie West-H <mark>oad (9 Rowan)</mark>		
Louis Hogg (7 Elm)	Aydin Ali (9 Rowan)	Dylan Heigh <mark>es (9 Maple)</mark>		
Raul Saggar (7 Elm)	Rose Dacosta (9 Willow)	Dason Poon <mark>(7 Willow)</mark>		
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Aidan Ezekwo (7 Oak)	Alec Georgiev (9 Rowan)	Thomas Melo-Foxton (7 Willow)		
Elizabeth Neill (8 Oak)	Philine Zoeller (9 Oak)			
Lyra Wade (8 willow)	Herbie Henry (9 Maple)			
Lora Hoxha (8 Rowan)	Taym Al-Fawi (7 Cedar)			
Robert Campbell (8 Elm)	Elijah Herry (8 Elm)			
Lydia Smith (8 Elm)	George Robinson (8 Willow)			
Freddie Stidwell (8 Ash)	Lano Karim (8 Willow)			
Lara Coleman (8 Elm)	Jessica Bite (8 Oak)			
Aidan Tucker (8 Ash)	Dylan Cross (8 Oak)	A massive		
Irmak Bilik (8 Ash)	Jasmine Casucci Pyrah (8 Maple)	congratulations to the following students who have		
Tehya Cunningham (8 Rowan)	Alexander Dermott (8 Rowan)	been selected by their class teachers to be their Maths'		
Daniel Hardern (8 Maple)	Oliver Grad (8 Willow)	Star of Half Term 1. All students should		
Kingsley Fan (8 Elm)	Zehra Mavituna (8 Maple)	have received an electronic certificate		
Jessica Collins (8 Elm)	Isabella Agraviador (9 Rowan)	of achievement and come to M2 to receive a chocolate		
Alexa Kirrage (8 Cedar)	Kaela Clark (9 Rowan)	treat!		
Elijah Herry (8 Elm)	Lily Bogstad (9 Beech)			

From the successful feedback we received (and observed) during tutor time, the year 9's have continued with their weekly mindful wellbeing activities. This week we kicked off the 'physical' part of the programme. 9 Beech completed a boxing and coordination session, which was kindly run by Mr Murphy and Mr Da Silva. A huge well done to 9 Beech for being so enthusiastic and giving everything a go. Next up...9 Oak!









Congratulations to year 7 who had the best Year Group attendance (97.1%) last week

	<b>Top Attendance</b> 7 to 11 November	Figures
Year 7	Beech	98.1%
	Year Group	97.1%
Year 8	Ash	99.7%
	Year Group	96.3%
Year 9	Beech	97.6%
	Year Group	94.1%
Year 10	Rowan	97.9%
	Year Group	95%
Year 11	Ash	98.6%
	Year Group	95%



# DONATE SKI KIT TO GREY COURT FROM 1ST NOVEMBER

Our 2nd hand ski kit sale will take place on 24 NOVEMBER 2022

in the Main hall



# Food + Nutrition

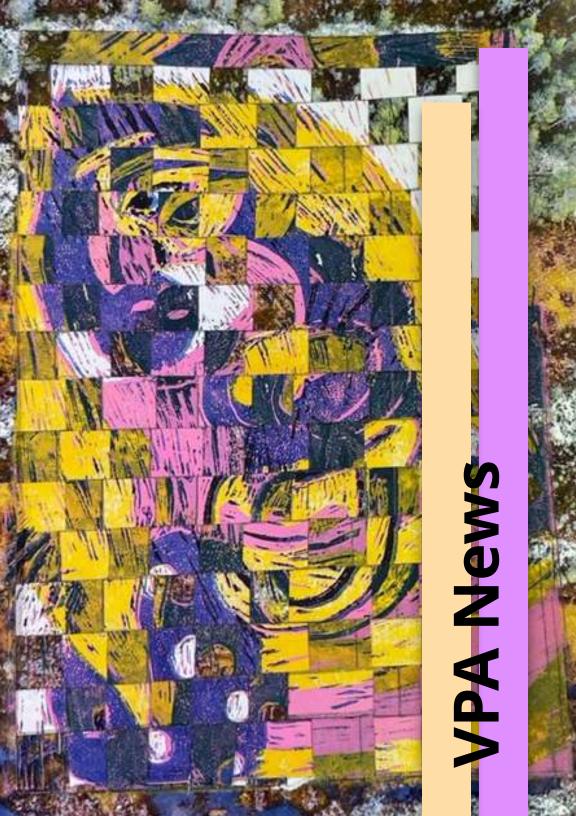
Some photos of delicious food made by our year 9s











# Junior Choir Young Voices 2023

We are very excited to be taking the Junior Choir to Young Voices 2023, where they will be performing at Wembley Arena with a large number of schools in 'the largest children's choir concerts in the world'! We have been working hard on the songs for this year's concert and are looking forward to performing in February 2023. More information will be sent to parents shortly. See the poster on the next page





# Your child will soon be performing in the BIGGEST concert you've ever seen, be prepared to be SO PROUD! >>

#### Your child will be part of a choir of up to 9,000 other children at a huge arena near you!

On the day of the concert your child's choir will rehearse as one choir for the first time and then take part in the most amazing concert, produced by the UK's leading sound and light companies, with special quest artists that are sure to raise the roof of the arena.

Your child will be inspired and motivated through music and singing. Not only does singing on this scale provide a unique skill and learning opportunity it also provides a huge sense of personal achievement, improves mental health and gives children a life-changing musical experience.

Your child has worked so hard learning the songs and you will have the opportunity to celebrate this memorable achievement with them during the evening performance of the concert.



At first I felt nervous at the thought of singing with thousands of others but I soon got used to it. (BARIRA aged 8) I thought it was so fantastic, it made you forget about everything else (ZAID aged 10)

A once in lifetime experience that took my breath away. (BOBBY aged 9)

## THE LARGEST SCHOOL CHOIR IN THE WORLD!















In Music, we are working on our Musical

Theatre topic and are learning songs from *School of Rock* in preparation for the VPA Scholarship Showcase next month. This week, we continued working on our diction and making the words clear, as well as performing both songs with solos for the first time!



# Drama

In Drama, we are working on our Musical Theatre topic and getting to grips with the *School of Rock* script. This week, we are looking at using 'Objectives' to develop a character.



# Scholar of the Month

Mia Rose Helledie

Mia had worked extremely hard in all of the VPA subjects and gives her best to every task she is set. She also designed the winning poster for the VPA Scholarship Showcase on 22 November.

# Upcoming Events

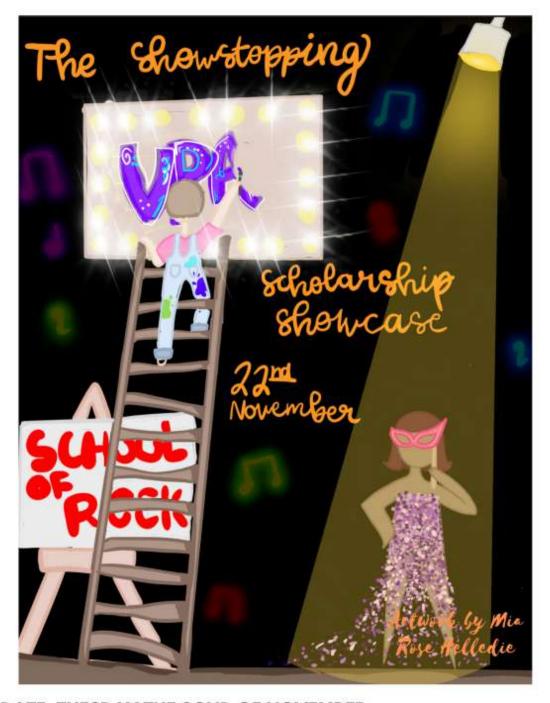
## 22 November

#### VPA Scholars' Performance

Our first VPA Scholars performance event of the year takes place next week! This event gives students the opportunity to share their talents with in an exclusive scholarship event. Students have prepared a piece of artwork, a musical performance or dramatic performance for an invited audience of family and friends. Please see the poster designed by our scholar Mia Rose Helledie on the next page.

## 8 December

The Frog Prince - Christmas Pantomime & Concert



DATE: TUESDAY THE 22ND OF NOVEMBER

TIME: 5.30 PM-7.00 PM

**VENUE: GREYCOURT SIXTH FORM LIBRARY AND DRAMA STUDIO** 





# Classes at Grey Court

Starting January 2023 for Year 7 - Year 10

#### Why LAMDA?

- Builds confidence and empowers you to become an effective communicator
- Develop your vocabulary, reading ability, conversational skills and memorisation
- From Grade 6 onwards, earn UCAS points to aid your entry into higher education
- Work towards an exam in the summer term

#### Why Elizabeth Samuels?

- A leader in LAMDA tuition supported by a team of highly experienced teachers
- 100% exam pass rate at Merit level or above, with 90% at the highest level of Distinction
- Unique LAMDA teacher training that ensures lessons are delivered to the highest standard

#### Where & When?

30 minute classes take place during the school day at Grey Court

#### How do I signup?

Visit: www.elizabethsamuelsdrama.com/greycourtregistration



In honour of World Kindness Dav, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition. The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph they have taken of an act of kindness, along with a short caption explaining what's happening. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each submission we shall make a donation to Mind. the mental health charity. The deadline for entries is 2 December.

The winner will receive a free place on one of our weekend career masterclass programmes and all shortlisted entries will be shared on our social media channels.



# KS4 News

#### Ms Weston, Ms Clark and Ms Comrie

KS4 have had another excellent week this week, as they have settled back into term nicely. Lessons have been focussed and engagement across the board is excellent.

Thanks to those parents who attended the Ski Trip Parent Information Evenings; we hope you found it useful and informative!

Just a reminder about some key messages from last week:

There are new extra-curricular timetables out for this half term. If your child has yet to attend a club or activity, please do encourage them to join one this half term.

Please be aware that Academic Tutoring Day is this month. You will be receiving information about this soon.

Well done to all of the KS4 stars this week from PE!

#### Year 10

Our focus this week in year 10 has been on Anti-Bullying and the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week was Reach Out. Year 10 had an assembly and an activity in tutor time where they focused on kind behaviour and how and who to reach out to if they were worried about someone or themselves.

We have begun to put different support and interventions together for year 10 in addition to the variety of extra-curricular clubs available this week. Well done to those who attended homework club, which is now running on Tuesday lunchtimes and after school. Anyone is welcome to join and it is a great opportunity to stay on top of the demands of the GCSE courses being studied.

We look forward to welcoming you all next week at Academic Tutoring Day. Please ensure to make an appointment with your child's tutor and email Ms Clark if there are issues with making appointments and we can try to assist!

#### **Achievement**

I have been proud of our year 10 achievements this week. A massive well done to our reigning champion, Eva Meng who is our top scorer for achievement points and to Taylor Rumney and Julia Ciasnocha for conduct points. A big shout out to the fantastic 10 Oak this week for smashing the achievement leaderboard with 996 points.

#### Year 11

After a busy week of interventions and exams, year 11 has been nothing but a joy to the school. I am truly grateful to be head of this year's group. This has been reflected with your achievement points with... soaring ahead with... points. Don't forget the celebration assembly is around the corner so you need to get those points in. With the main focus this week being Anti-bullying Week I have discussed with the year 11.

# PESTARS OF THE WEEK Subject Reason

No.	* *		
Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7A	Avery Barikor	PE Core	Outstanding achievement at ESAA Cross Country
7E	Evelyn Archer	PE Core	Outstanding achievement at ESAA Cross Country
8M	Sara Victoria Altun	PE Core	Excellent contributions
8R	Thomas Barry	PE Core	Outstanding achievement at ESAA Cross Country
9W	Leonardo Dorey	PE Core	Outstanding achievement
9C	Lily Burnett	PE Core	Excellent contributions
10W	Grace Hooper	PE Core	Excellent engagement in class
10E	James Alleyne	PE Core	Excellent engagement in
11A	Theo Povey	PE Core	Outstanding achievement
10C	J <mark>osh</mark> ua Harwood-White	GCSE	Outstanding achievement
111 C	Luca Luetchens	GCSE	Excellent engagement in class
110	Demi Bentley	Health & Fitnesss	Excellent contributions
13B	Raoul Thompson	Sport BTEC	Excellent engagement in class

# Six months in the life of Vadym Duchenko and some revelations about Ms Smith

**Mr Clements** 

At the time of writing it has been 267 days since the invasion of Ukraine - an event that has led to a number of displaced students being welcomed into our school community. Although morally, it always feels like the right decision to provide some sort of haven for those that seek respite, any decision to help does not come without a degree of stress. What will be the impact on class sizes? Are students' exams ready? Do we have the right language provision? Will students need counselling, money, support? How long will they stay? Are there networks in the local area? How can we maintain a neutral or non-political stance? What will be the impact on students within our existing community?

Moreover, these adult or managerial conundrums pale into insignificance when one considers the barriers facing each child who may be estranged from their family, worried about loved ones or traumatised as a consequence of violence or an uncertain journey across Europe. Then there is the minor matter of adjusting to different school rhythms and rituals, a new curriculum, absorbing complex information in a second language, cohabiting with host families, adapting the palette to a new diet, understanding road systems or tube maps or signs and symbols and cultural nuances, dialects and ticks. The following observation from a Ukrainian Sixth Former is particularly telling. Having complimented her on the voice and confidence she had recently developed after being quite quiet in year 11, she replied acerbically "To tell you the truth sir, I didn't understand anything you said to me in year 11 especially your jokes!"

It is, therefore, a testament to this band of adaptable, funny, intelligent, willing and resilient students, that for the most part they have absorbed information, survived, evolved and thrived. Adversity has provided the force to work hard in lessons, take part in sporting events, volunteer as interpreters or even to dream of Cambridge or the Sixth Form or of gaining a place in the King's maths school. Adversity seems to have expanded their ambitions and potential rather than constricted them.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I was the beneficiary of a letter from Vadym Duchenko who rocked up in year 13, a little over six months ago, with some exam certificates in Cyrillic script to his name:

#### Dear Mr. Clements,

Writing to you is Vadym Duchenko, your Ukrainian student.

You kindly and heartily accepted and taught me in the Grey Court school this year.

It is with my great pleasure that I would like to share with you my good news - I have become a student of Southampton University, Life Sciences faculty.

Thanks to your warm welcome, participation, guidance and support I got a great experience of having studied in Grey Court school, got a good feeling on what good British

education is, and improved my English skills as well.

Owing to your lessons, I was well-focused and prepared to take IELTS exam, where I got a really good result (8.5, 7.5, 6.5, 8.0)

On behalf of my countrymen, I would also like to cordially thank you, Sir, for your support of Ukrainians who found themselves in a tough situation this year.

What a great letter! Although, along with my jokes, I have to admit something is lost in translation, in that my science colleagues taught Vadym and are responsible for his English skills - I merely shared a cup-of tea with him and deciphered cyrillic script!

As an addendum of sorts, Ms Smith, has been crowned as "student support officer responsible for refugee advice, guidance and assimilation." She has been at my side over the last six months welcoming students into our school. Whilst I have been responsible for - on the whole discussing the great Dynamo Kiev team of the late 1990s with most Ukrainian parents and host families (a surprisingly effective ice-breaker), she has quietly and unassumingly guided, counselled, educated and reassured a legion of students and their carers.

It was, therefore, a great pleasure to watch a three-hour live stream of the Jack Petchy celebration evening on Wednesday night. This featured Ms Smith, amongst others, being inducted into the "good egg" hall of fame. Adhering to the mantra of "just be nice" and "listen to others attentively" Ms Smith is the kind of person who will come into school on her day off, just to check if one of her charges is okay.

Moreover, if the title of "unassuming good egg" is too passive for some and because Ms Smith just likes to blend into the background, I will end this humble eBulletin with five secret facts about Ms Smith's wild past.

- 1. Ms Smith likes nothing better than visiting the dump in Villiers road on a Saturday afternoon with her recycling!
- 2. Ms Smith once "ran with the bulls" in her gap year in Pamplona. YouTube video does exist of her exploits!
- 3. Ms Smith is a self-styled "indie-kid" who was an unofficial member of "Elastica" during the Brit-pop era.
- 4. As a youth, Ms Smith, was quite a wild child activist who was arrested alongside the environmentalist, Swampy, in Devon, when protesting against the expansion of the A30.
- 5. Ms Smith is referenced in the iconic football book, "All played out" after she travelled to Sardinia to follow the England team in the 1990 world cup.

In short, Ms Smith is a lady who puts the "world in motion!"



PDW + Wellbeing

# **PDW**

#### **Thursday 17 November**

**Year 7**: What are the main UK political parties?

Year 8: Instagram vs Reality

Year 9: Kingston College Options Talk.

This was held in the hall.

**Year 10**: What is extremism and radicalisation, and how can we make a link between inclusion, belonging and extremism?

**Year 11**: RS/Computing: Digital Portfolio, Digital Research, Growth Mindset, Problem Solving, Researcher

## **Thursday 24 November**

There is no PDW as we are holding ATD.





# Building self-esteem and positive body image in boys and young men

This November, youth mental health charity **stem4** is focusing on supporting the mental health of boys and young men.

Whilst there is a focus on building confidence and self-esteem in girls, boys can struggle with self-esteem too. Boys and young men often have to conform to gender stereotypes which set standards based on 'strength', both physical and emotional, as well as encourage competition and advantage.

Boys and young men often express low self-esteem differently. Some may act out through challenging behaviours, whilst others may 'escape' into distraction behaviours or withdraw.

Parents and carers play an important role in identifying and supporting positive self-esteem and worth. Our webinar this November looks at:

- early warning signs of low self-esteem and self-worth in boys and young men;
- identifying when eating issues might turn into eating disorders;
- management of muscle dysmorphia;
- practical ways in which parents and carers might engage with and address some of these concerns.

Join us for our webinar on **Thursday 24 November at 7:30** as we open up the conversation on self-esteem in boys and young men.

Book your place at the AfC Mental Health Workshops being held at Grey Court School.

5 December: Body Confidence and Healthy Eating Workshop at 6:30pm

**16 January: Self-Harm Workshop** at 6:30pm



## Sixth Form: Enterprise Employer Talk

On Monday, Miss Howarth organised a talk for her sixth form students with Catherine Mitchell. who works in the Perfume industry for the IFF (International Flavors & Fragrances Inc). This was particularly useful for modules on branding and marketing and gave students an idea of the range of roles in the perfume industry as well as them doing some 'perfume testing' - thinking about the smells and the emotions they evoke. Catherine has a very creative job and her enthusiasm for the industry shone through and showed students the range of industries they could work in.

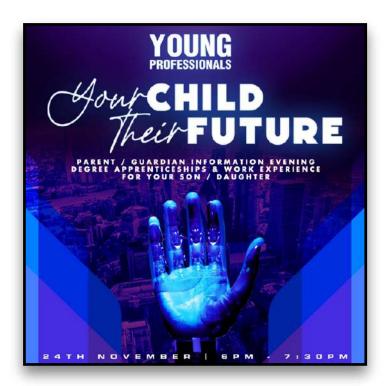


## Year 9 Options' Talk - Kingston College



On Thursdsay, as part of the PDW & Options Programme for year, Richard Fisher from Kingston College visited the school and talked to students about the range of options and qualifications available. It is important that we speak to students about academic and vocational pathways so they are well-informed and can make the right decisions about their future.

Well done to the year 9s who actively participated in the session. Students and parents/carers can see the presentation: Grey Court Year 9 Options workshop November 2022 (1)



<u>Young Professionals event</u> - The job market for students leaving school or university can be difficult to navigate and now more than ever we need to help our young people by making them aware of all the opportunities available to them, as well as providing them with advice and tips on securing the very best opportunities when they enter the workplace. We would like to extend our invitation to all parents and guardians to attend our '**Your Child**, **Their Future' Event on Thursday 24th November from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.** 

We have leaders from some of the biggest employers in the world including KPMG, BT Group, Cappemini, British Airways, Linklaters and more who will each come along to talk to you, as parents and guardians, about how your son/daughter/young person can best navigate the job market to find some incredible work experience/internship placements, as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. We will be sharing some useful tips around psychometric testing, how to prepare for assessment centres, putting together a CV, filling out application forms, as well as advice on how you can prepare your child/young person for the working world.

This event is completely free of charge, and it will be **running via Zoom.** The registration link can be found below, so please do sign up if you would like to attend. The zoom link will be emailed to you.

#### **Registration Link:**

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-Information-Evening

# Sixth Form News



For all this week's news, click here



# Sports News

Congratulations



**Congratulations** to our Junior Boys' Team who won the competition held at Verulamium Park in St Albans on Saturday 12 November. **The boys finished first out of 14 Schools and now progress to the National Finals in Leeds on Saturday 3 December.** 

**Team:** Thomas Barry, Milo Downey, Avery Barikor, Euan Roberts, Luca Grima, Ifan McHardy.

#### **Posn Points School**

1	38	Grey Court School, Richmond, Middlesex
2	67	Eltham College, London, London
3	83	The Bishop's Stortford High School, Bishop's Stortford
4	84	Dulwich College, London, London
5	122	Berkhamsted School, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire
6	130	Verulam School, St Albans, Hertfordshire
7	131	Thomas's Clapham, London, London
8	139	The Latymer School, London, Middlesex
9	147	Highgate School, London, Middlesex
10	147	Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Borehamwood,
11	163	Fortismere School, London, Middlesex
12	169	Colfes School, London, London
13	194	Central Foundation Boys' School, London,
14	285	William Ellis, London, London

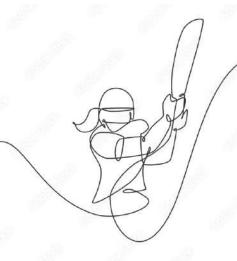




Well done to our U12A football team who progressed to the next round of the Nationals with a thrilling victory over Hollyfield. 3-3 at FT, 4-4 after ET and won 5-4 on pens.

Watch the winning penalty here!





-Incredible performance from our U13 girls' cricket team yesterday! They showed great teamwork and stayed calm under pressure. Congrats to Charlotte for Player of the Match on her cricket debut for Grey Court. Thank you to @RTS\_Twickenham for hosting!





Junior girls' team at the English Schs XC Cup London Regional Round in St Alban's on Saturday 12 November. Well done girls. Evie finished sixth overall. Great job!



Well done to our elite gymnasts for coming to an extra training session on Friday after school. Routines are looking strong!



Well done to our U12C and U12D football teams who won 10-1 and 10-0 respectively at Harrodian School on 14 November.



# LEARN ATE

# **BEGINNERS CLASSES**

First Lesson Free!

Adults and children from 4 years old
Starting 8th January 2022

# GREY COURT SCHOOL

Ham Street Richmond TW10 7HN

Judo Saturdays 2-3pm (Under 16)

Karate Saturdays 3-4pm

(Adults & Children)

For any enquiries

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