



Grey Court School  
**eBulletin**

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# VPA Scholarship Showcase VPA Scholarship Showcase

# VPA Scholarship Showcase

On Tuesday 22 November, we were delighted to welcome the parents of our inaugural class of VPA Scholars to our first Scholarship Showcase.

Every one of our Scholars rose to the challenge and we were treated to an exciting evening of art, music and drama. The evening started with a gallery showcasing the best artwork created by the class, including work inspired by our recent trip to see Life of Pi. We then spent an hour being entertained by performances ranging from Bottom's monologue from A Midsummer Night's Dream to a trio performance of Bruno Mars' Count on Me. The audience were very impressed and the VPA staff were very proud of the work the students put in to their performance.

Our thanks go to all the VPA staff, in particular Miss Burton, Miss Cowper, Ms Maybey, Ms Wellesley, Mr Allchurch and Mr Taktak for all the work they put in to make this event happen. We look forward to welcoming parents again for the next performance by the VPA Scholars!



Photos from the VPA Scholarship Showcase are highlighted throughout this bulletin









# *Grey Court Christmas*

*Concert & Pantomime 2022*



*By Amanda Burton  
&*

*KS3 Drama Club  
6.30pm School Hall  
Thursday 8th Dec*

Adult £6    Child £4  
Tickets Via Scopay



The VPA Tech Crew officially starting working towards the Sound Unit of the Bronze Performance Support Award on Tuesday. They all did an amazing job, learning the (literal) ins and outs of the mixing desk, microphone placement, cables, balanced and unbalanced signals, while very efficiently setting up the sound equipment for the VPA Scholars' Showcase. This was a great start to the assessment element of the award, with the first actual live performance so far this year and I was very pleased today to have swathes of them individually asking me when the next event is. Well done all of you! - **Mr Allchurch**







# The Notice Board

## School Calendar

22-23 Term Dates

23-24 Term Dates

Events

## The Uniform Shop

Open Thursdays

3pm to 4pm

PA Appeal

GoFundMe

Digital Screens  
for Science



easyfundraising  
feel good shopping

## Sports **Timetable**

## Extracurricular **Timetable**

## Breakfast Club

*open everyday*

The Silver Canteen  
from 7:45am to 8:15am

## School Menus

**Breakfast Club**

**Weekly**

A Grey Court debating team featuring Year 12 students, Minna Lipton, Jed Dunne and Alan Scott performed a series of high pressure lexical acrobatics as they progressed in a triumphant cloud of semantics into round 2 of the English speaking union's prestigious MACE competition.

Arguing for the motion that, "This house would ban the use of digital manipulation in advertising, including social media ad content" they successfully repelled a number of "points of information" from rival schools - Surbiton High, Coombe girls, Hollyfield and Kings College Wimbledon.

It wasn't a case of "Great Scott" in 2022 when the winning teams of Grey Court and Tiffin were announced as this trio were a well drilled and battle hardened outfit. Team captain, Minna Lipton alongside Dunne and Scott had spent half term researching, planning, perfecting and manicuring their rhetoric into an argument that would have graced the missives of a highly remunerated barrister in Lincoln's fields.

They were then polished to perfection by Mistress of the metaphor, Ms Yasmin Laws, who pitched them against her Year 11 team of ambitious proteges Lamar Mansour, Mughda Najib, Helena Ferreira Dias, Yohanna Samuel Darling, Lily Huddart and Ellan Hand. These upstarts - having matched the 12s rebuttal by rebuttal, then assisted the trio by providing a barrage of counter-arguments and points of clarification that would have left even a Boris Johnson defence lawyer tongue tied!



As well as feeling a sense of satisfaction at the trouncing of some of our well-resourced and established educational cousins, it was both nerve-wracking to see how anxious the debaters were before the bout; and life affirming to witness the gang embrace in a team huddle when the winners were announced.

Moreover, before I could get too big for my adverbial clauses, Jed reminded me that round two beckoned, and the job was not "Dunne" yet, before he retired to a local Nando's restaurant to celebrate, clutching a copy of the debater's almanack.

Which leaves the final word to team captain, Minna Lipton who opined "The overall experience was thrilling despite the mingling undertones of utter panic. We worked extremely hard as a team and devoted ourselves to making sure that we had prepared as much as we could and it paid off!"



**Mr Gundry's Plastic Challenge**



A big thank you to all students who submitted plastic to me over the last 30 school days. In total, I have collected nearly 700 plastic bottles, and other plastic containers. Only 4% of the students and staff took part, suggesting that in reality nearly 15000 pieces of single use plastic were used in that time. According to a [report from the Guardian](#), we use nearly 38.5 million plastic bottles every day in the UK, putting my estimate of school usage at roughly 24000 plastic bottles in that time. Please watch this [video on YouTube](#) (not affiliated with Grey Court) that I have shown in assembly this week about the damage plastics is doing to our oceans.

Our continued use of single use plastic is contributing to various global disasters, including climate change, ocean habitat destruction, and food chain contamination. Roughly 8 million tonnes of plastic end up in the oceans every year, with nearly 100 million animals dying every year due to plastic pollution. Microplastics make up most of the plastics we are polluting the planet with, and these have been now found in the food we buy in supermarkets. We do not know the long-term health effects of this, but they are likely not to be good.

### **This is why I am launching two school initiatives:**

- on **Monday 12 December 2022**, I'd like students to bring in reusable water bottles
- by **6 January 2023**, students need to submit designs to build a piece of art using the plastic we've collected

The aim here is to promote the use of reusable plastic items, and reduce our reliance on single use plastics. Not only are they damaging the world around us, but they rely on the use of crude oil - a fossil fuel predicted to run out by 2060 if we keep using it in such large quantities. Prices of commodities using fossil fuels have already begun to increase, and will only become more expensive as this resource runs out. Making a shift to other materials, or reusable items, means that we do not need to be buy/dispose of items regularly and can save the money in our purses/wallets.



## **Mr Gundry's Plastic Challenge**

To those that drink water from plastic bottles regularly, I make a plea to you to switch to tap water. In the UK, we have some of the safest drinking water in the world, and we have stricter rules on what can go in tap water than bottled water. I ask those that can afford it, to switch from buying plastic bottles to buying drinks in cans and cartons - if we all vote with our purchasing habits, companies will be more likely to shift production and costs will lower. I understand in this cost-of-living crisis that the type of containers we use may not seem like a big deal, but we won't have a planet that is liveable in our children's lifetimes if we don't start shifting our habits to sustainable purchases. We also need to be able to support those of us that cannot afford to make the switch at this time.

**In collaboration with the Art department, I'd like to launch a [competition](#) to do something productive, memorable, and meaningful with the plastic we've collected. I will do another drive later this year to collect more plastic if needed, but Ms Maybey and I look forward to seeing the designs you come up with.**

Thank you again to all involved, but a big thank you to Jenna (Year 8) who provided me with over 100 plastic bottles she (with help) collected from students leaving their plastic behind at lunch.



# Jack Petchey Awards Evening

Last week, the schools in Richmond and Kingston came together to celebrate the many students and staff in the borough who had received a Jack Petchey Award. The evening celebrated a vast number of students with a range of nominations, Grey Court in particular had an outstanding number of nominees. The evening was hosted by Phillip Allinson, and performances included Harriet Medlock, a successful West End performer. The evening was presided over by the Mayor of Kingston, Counsellor Yogan Yoganathan and The Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Julia Cambridge, pictured below with the Grey Court award winners.



Our Award winners were nominated by either staff or their peers to recognise their outstanding commitment to activities beyond Grey Court School. Our student winners who attended were: Joshua Hardwood-White, Sofia Seghal, Ricards Misins, Skye Swift, Edward Bachelor, Katrina Killey, Neve Rugette, Ewan Board, Lucy-John Sinatra, Holly-Anne Sheahan, Ella Trousdale and Andreia Pandi. Our staff leaders were: Kath Smith, Angela Gray and Matheus Cantuario Da Silva. All awards were thoroughly deserved -it was a pleasure to see them recognised and applauded on stage!

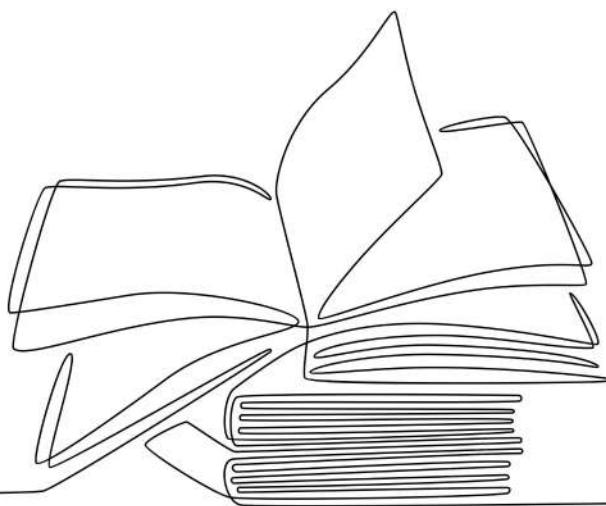
## **Ms Weston**

Assistant Headteacher

*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. - Jack Petchey*

It was fantastic to see so many parents yesterday for academic tutoring day. It is always brilliant to see so many parents engaged with their child's progress and also supporting the school. We hope that the meetings were useful, and the students have set some targets to focus on for the next term.

We have been very impressed with how the year 7s have started their time at Grey Court. As a result, and in conjunction with a Sixth form Business project run by students there will be a year 7 Party / Disco next Friday 2 December. The event will be from 5-7pm at the school in the main hall. Music, food and drinks will be provided. Students can wear their own clothes - the more disco the better! The price for the event is £7 and is payable via Scopay. Any students who wish to attend should complete the online form (which is on form group google classrooms) with their food requests as well as any song requests. If you qualify for FSM and your child wishes to attend please let me know and we can cover the cost. We hope they have a fun evening! - **Mr Day**



**Reading age assessments** will take place in year 9 English lessons next week.

Students do not need to revise or prepare for these.



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

**2<sup>ND</sup>  
DECEMBER  
FRIDAY**

**YEAR 7**

**MUSIC**

*Party*

**Doors Open 5-7PM | ENTRY £7**

**Grey Court School Ham Street, Richmond TW10  
7HN**

**More information sent via email**

**Food and Drink included**

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.

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!

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.

# ATTENDANCE *Matters!*

We had a lot of buzz and excitement around the school on Monday as over 700 students who qualified for the attendance competition enjoyed watching the England game - and in particular, the many goal celebrations!

Attendance across the whole school this week has been **95.1%**. Whilst that is quite good, we need to encourage students to be in every day. We do understand that there are illnesses and bugs going around, but if parents and carers could please encourage attendance as much as possible that would be appreciated.

Top tutor group and year group totals for week commencing 21 November are:

<b>Tutor Group</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Attendance %</b>
7 Beech	<b>99%</b>	Yr 7	<b>97.1%</b>
8 Ash	<b>97.5%</b>	Yr 8	<b>95.4%</b>
9 Beech	<b>96.5%</b>	Yr 9	<b>93.7%</b>
10 Willow	<b>95.5%</b>	Yr 10	<b>94.2%</b>
11 Maple	<b>96.2%</b>	Yr 11	<b>95.2%</b>

**A particular well done to year 7 as they are leading in the attendance percentages!**

Year 9 and 10 students, please do all you can to be in for 100% of the rest of term!





**Food + Nutrition**

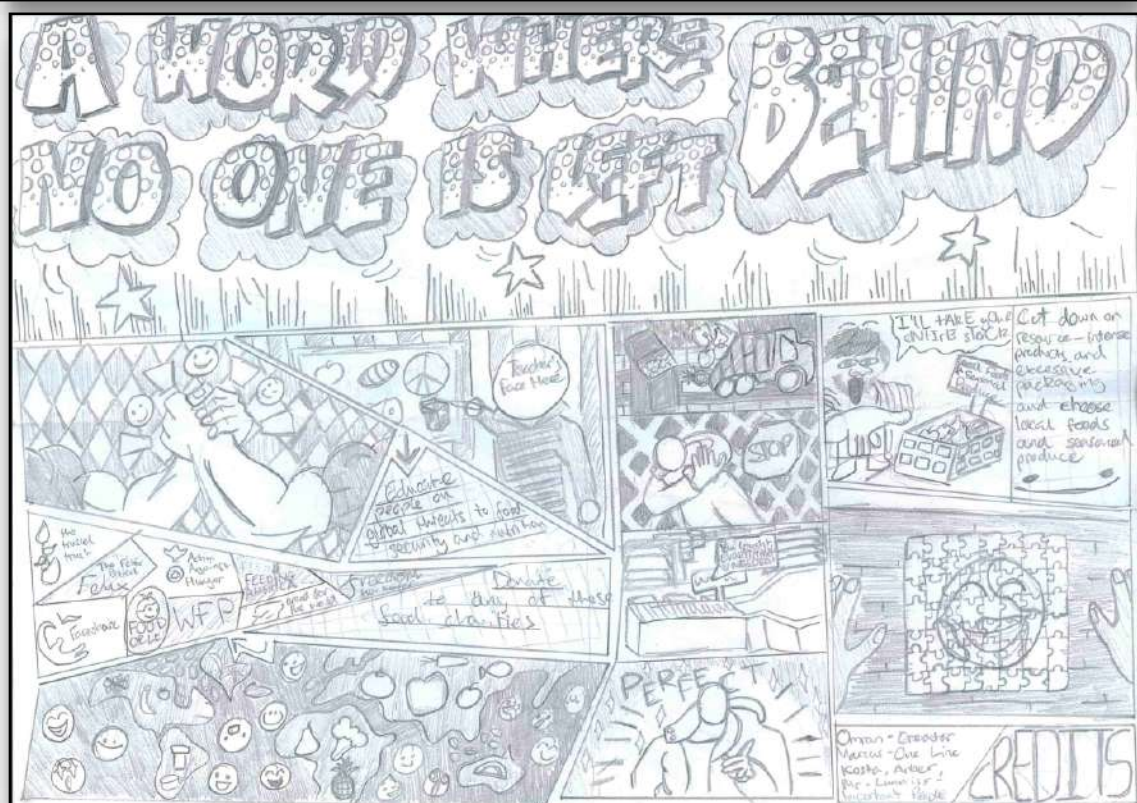
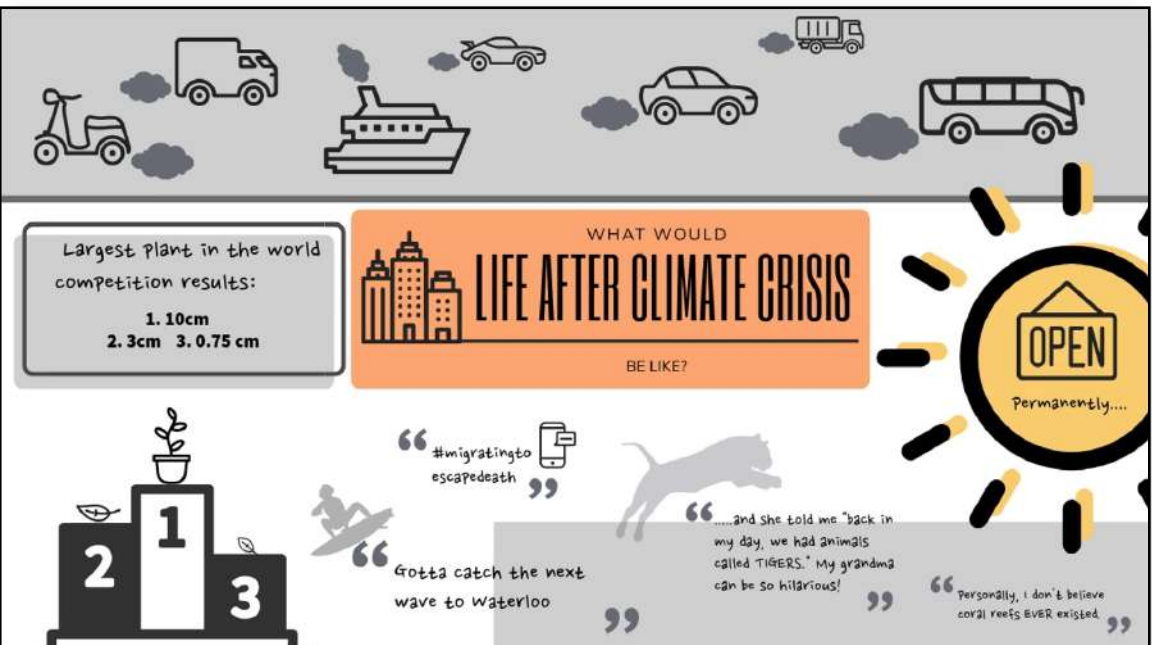




Our big news this week is the fantastic success of our students in our MAT Chef Competition (in conjunction with the Rotary Club 'Young Chef' competition). Three of our students, **Isla Dempster**, **Sophia Carlino** and **Ben Hallett**, took part in the local heats at Chessington School. Other Food and Nutrition students and Hospitality and Catering students took part, and the standard was very high. Judges were members of the Kingston Rotary Club, and some chefs and restaurateurs. Whilst they said all students produced incredible dishes, they announced **Sophia in first place and Ben in second. Amazing work!** They will go through to regional heats at the end of January. Watch this space!



**A special shout out this week to Coco Mtandabari and Omran Walli, and Tamsin Thomson Farnden, Enas Badir and Lano Karim for their amazing posters for World Food Day.** These will be sent to the UN and FAO in response to their mission of achieving global food security in a world where climate change is a real threat.





# World food day!



## Introduction:

There are many ways for people to get access for good food and to achieve a healthy diet! This includes:

It's never too late to start eating healthy!



## Healthy eating!

It can be improved in so many ways.

Healthy eating is about having a balance of different foods and nutrients in the diet for good health and wellbeing.

## Food banks!

To access a food bank you may need food bank vouchers. You can get referrals to access these from Council officers, Social workers, children's Centre GP surgeries and advice charities.

## Food waste!

Every tonne of food waste ending in landfill produces approximately 4.2 tonnes of green house gases.

Bread, Milk, Potatoes, cheese and apples are the most wasted foods

No single food or food group can provide everything we need to be healthy

Fruit and vegetables are a key part of a healthy diet and we should aim for our 5-a-day or more.

By Tamsin Enos and Lano!

(8W)

**Well done also to Joe Hessian in 8W** for his beautiful poster celebrating World Vegan Day and the benefits following a vegan diet just one day a week brings to our health and our planet.

"Do what you believe  
and what you think"



# World Vegan Day



"your not weird  
for saving lives"



# Chefs of the Week

Well done to our Chefs of the Week:

**Matthew Hislop** (Y7)

**Samuel Ellisdon** (Y9)

*and well done to*

all of our year 11 GCSE students  
who completed their first assessed  
NEA2 practical this week!



*Our special Food and Nutrition Stars of  
the Week are:*

7A	<b>Olga Arkhipova</b>	Excellent engagement in class
8O	<b>Scarlett Botfield</b>	Excellent engagement in class
9O	<b>Valentino Casucci Pyrah</b>	Excellent engagement in class
10M	<b>Teo Casolin</b>	Outstanding achievement
11A	<b>Imogen Hollins</b>	Excellent progress in the subject

# LAMDA

## 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](http://www.elizabethsamuelsdrama.com/greycourtregistration)



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# GREY COURT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS

The winning Year 7 Christmas cards have been announced. Well done to **Alys M, Sofia E, Mya C-D** for their fantastic designs!

A massive congratulations to **Leia T, Nicholas A, Ella W, Lucas A & Jolie F** who have also been chosen in the top 8!

You can purchase the Grey Court winning seasonal card designs for £3 per pack of 8 designs or £5 for two packs. Please see below for more details.

**1st Prize:**  
**Alys M**  
**7 Maple**



**3rd Prize:**  
**Mya C-D**  
**7 Beech**



**2nd Prize:**  
**Sofia E**  
**7 Maple**





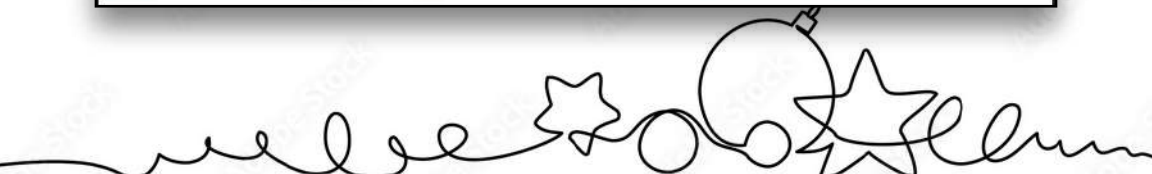
**Grey Court School Seasonal Cards to buy**  
Designed by Year 7 students from Grey Court School. £3 per pack of 8 designs and £5 for two packs. Envelopes included.

- Payment by cash only directly to an Art Department teacher or reception.
- Please note cards may be printed to order depending on demand. Please contact Miss J Maybey
- No Scopay payment is available for this purchase at this time.









# Scholar of the Month

*Mia Rose Helledie*

Mia has 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.

The VPA scholars will be performing in Ham House on Wednesday 14 December 2-3pm. The Christmas decorations will be up which will feature some created by the scholars themselves.

In Drama, we are continuing with our Musical Theatre topic and working with the 'School of Rock' script. This week, we are looking at how 'Changing Emphasis' can alter the meaning of a line in advance of starting rehearsals.





INVESTIN

# THE YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER CHALLENGE

INVESTIN'S CHARITY COMPETITION FOR WORLD KINDNESS DAY

For each entry we shall make a donation to the mental health charity, **Mind**

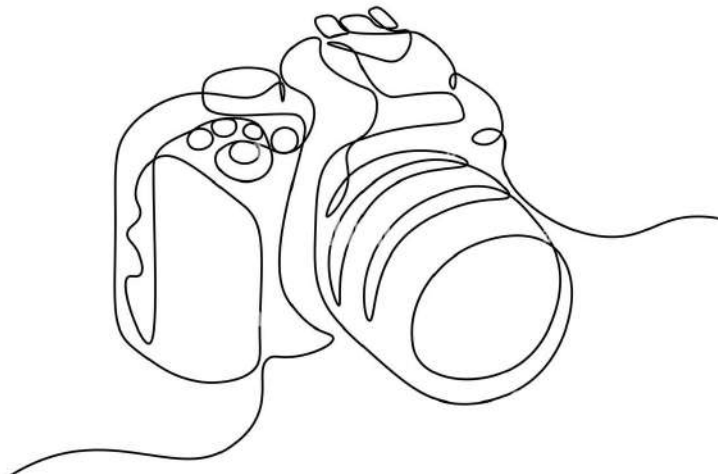
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In honour of World Kindness Day, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph they have taken of an act of kindness, along with a short caption explaining what's happening.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









## The Caucasian Chalk Circle

# The Caucasian Chalk Circle

Mr Page

This week our wonderful year 12 Drama students presented a very abridged version of Brecht's Epic play recently seen at The Rose Theatre...one parent commented that our 40-minute version was much better! The students have worked together for two lessons a week to study the marxist theatre practice of Bertolt Brecht who intended theatre to educate and entertain, with a clear purpose of making us see the world socially and politically. Interesting to be studying this play whilst sport is clearly highly politicised right now! We ensured the 'spas' was well maintained for the entertainment and the students brilliantly carried off a short parable with sentiment, anger, violence, comedy and even some political comment for good measure. Each student quickly adapted to their multi-rolling with costume and direct address, adopting a new 'gestus' for each social status required. They now have to write an essay to illustrate what the practical work has taught them!

Thank you to the friends and family who attended, filling the room with laughter, and some brilliant participatory begging and somewhat resistant marching along with the soldiers! Who ate all the biscuits?

A very BIG thank you to the three very patient, kind and very successful Year 12 students Perry Mikel, and Tea, who helped us out with slides, lights and sound.

The year 12s will now participate in the school production of 'The Merchant of Venice', their own monologue show in February and in their own production of Sophie Treadwell's 'Machinal' in the summer term.

Also 'Break a leg' to Summer and Scarlett who we are hoping to go and see in A Christmas Carol at The Rose!!!

*"Who ate all the biscuits?"*





# KS4 News

Ms Weston, Ms Clark and Ms Comrie

KS4 have had a purposeful and productive week, and there has been a settled and calm atmosphere around the school and in lessons. Intervention sessions on the whole have been well attended, so well done to those students who have been to them.

A special mention goes to the year 11 boys rugby team, who won their away game extremely convincingly.

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended Academic Tutoring Day, it was great to see so many of you there.

Well done to all the KS4 stars from the Technology Department this week!

## Year 10

**As ever, a heavy focus for year 10 is attendance.** We are falling short of the 95% expectation this week, with the total attendance for the year group at 94.2%. I know that these cold rainy days make it very hard to get ourselves up and out of bed and we can be prone to more colds and flu at this time of year, but I urge all of year 10 to make the effort to be in school every day until the end of this term. Christmas is fast approaching (thank goodness!) and this will be a lovely time to rest and recuperate after a busy but productive term. 10 Willow have the best attendance this week at 95.5%. Well done, wonderful Willow!

It was lovely to see a brilliant turn out to Academic Tutoring Day - thank you to all those that attended - I hope it was useful and that you set some SMART targets for the upcoming academic year to strive for. Parents Evening will be later in the year when Year 10 will have grades to analyse how well they are on track to achieve their target GCSE grades.

### **Achievement Points**

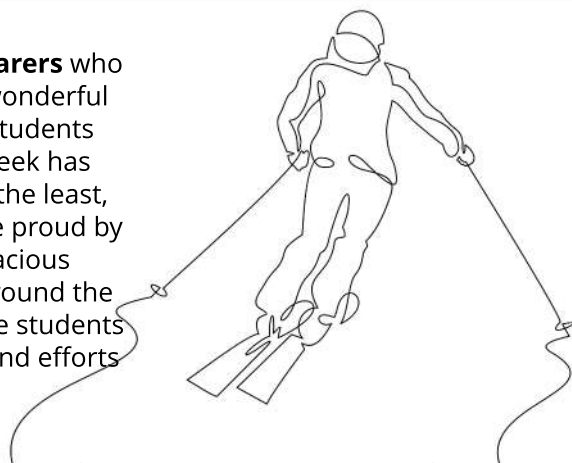
I wonder if anyone will ever manage to beat Eva Meng in the Achievement Points race?! She is miles ahead with 110 points. Special well done to some other notable achievers in year 10 - Taylor Rumney, Dante Nelson, Shiven Kothari, Ricards Misins, Layla Banarse, Charlotte Delaney, Julia Ciasnocha and Xavi Mtandabari. This is true testament to their continued hard work and effort in all aspects of school life.

# Year 11

On reflection of last week, with the main focus being Anti-bullying week, I discussed with the Y11's the importance of changing the culture surrounding bullying and the type of language which could be seen as harmful or discriminatory to an individual. It is integral that if any students are feeling like they are experiencing any unkind words or behaviour that they come and let the KS4 team know so we can support them and put an end to this.

**Thank you to Mr Clements** for the successful ski trip meeting last week. It was lovely to see so many students and parents and narrowing down my search to find who will be taking my Instagram pictures over the idyllic scenery of Jasper.

**Thank you to all parents and carers** who attended ATD yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces of students receiving glowing reports. This week has been rainy and miserable to say the least, but once again Y11 has made me proud by being diligent, composed and gracious young people. With the mocks around the corner I know how stressed some students are feeling, but your hard work and efforts have not gone unnoticed.



**Attendance is still a focus** for this half term so please remember if you're not in school you're not learning so please make sure you are keeping yourselves organised, by packing your bag the night before, waking up early and arriving at school on time to ensure you have a successful day. Well done to Elm who finished this week with 96.1% attendance.

## *Christmas comes to* **THE PALM CENTRE**

*Come choose from hundreds of premium quality Christmas trees of all sizes, wreaths, stands, and winter flowering plants.*

**MENTION GREY COURT SCHOOL TO OUR SALES TEAM  
FOR 25% OF THE TREE SALE TO GO TO THE SCHOOL!**

*Open 7 days a week in December, in Ham St, TW10 7HA  
Mon - Sat from 9 AM until dusk, Sun from 10 AM until dusk.*

[www.thepalmcentre.co.uk](http://www.thepalmcentre.co.uk)

# Technology & Wellbeing

## STARS OF THE WEEK

13B	<b>Kaden Lam</b>	Computer Science	
7A	<b>Olga Arkhipova</b>	Food & Nutrition	Excellent engagement in class
8O	<b>Scarlett Botfield</b>	Food & Nutrition	Excellent engagement in class
9O	<b>Valentino Casucci Pyrah</b>	Food & Nutrition	Excellent engagement in class
10M	<b>Teo Casolin</b>	Food & Nutrition	Outstanding achievement
10O	<b>Agnes Radek</b>	Graphics VCERT	Excellent classwork
11O	<b>Izzy Southard Woodard</b>	Graphics VCERT	Excellent classwork
10R	<b>Maisie Boulton</b>	GCSE Textiles	Excellent progress in the subject
11R	<b>Emma Costeanu</b>	GCSE Textiles	Excellent progress in the subject
12C	<b>Amaan Khan</b>	Enterprise & Entrepreneurship	Excellent progress in the subject
13F	<b>Shahad Qassab</b>	Enterprise & Entrepreneurship	Excellent engagement in class
7W	<b>Adeola Komolafe</b>	Wellbeing	Excellent contributions





# PDW + Wellbeing



# PDW

**Thursday 24 November**

**There is no PDW as we held ATD**

**This Week**

**Next Week**

Year 7: How does the Media impact Democracy?  
Year 8: How can we identify eating disorders?  
Year 9: GCSE Options  
Year 10: What do extremist organisations look like?  
Year 11: No PDW: Exams

# YOUNG MINDS

## Supporting Parents and Carers

We know that times are tough right now due to the cost-of-living crisis, and it's having a huge impact on many people's mental health. See our new web guide and blog on money and mental health. In them, we offer advice on supporting their own, and their child's, wellbeing during the cost-of-living crisis and include lots of suggestions of where to find practical help and support.

[Read the guide>](#)

[Read the blog>](#)

# AfC MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

**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





## **Our Events**

### **Webinars**

**How exercise and physical activity shape brain function, cognition, and academic attainment in children with ADHD**

**29 November 8pm**

Dr Hsieh (Ph.D, Lecturer in Biological Psychology, Kingston University) will be discussing how exercise and being fit can benefit brain health, cognition (executive function in particular), and academic attainment in ADHD. Find out about the scientific evidence supporting the benefit of exercise and being fit but also cover the latest physical activity guidelines in the UK as well as some hands-on activities which parents can learn to support their children.

**Book**

### **Advice Clinics**

For parents who need some individual input on your family circumstances, our Family Support Worker runs one to one advice clinics to provide you with resources and tools. She can advise on a wide range of questions including help with family dynamics, mental health, managing behaviour/emotions, organisation and executive function, school accommodations to SEN pupils, school avoidance, school selection, treatment options for ADHD, understanding ADHD and pre-diagnosis support.

Free for Richmond & Kingston residents.

**Find out more**

# Exam Invigilators

A great opportunity  
for flexible work!



We are looking to appoint invigilators on a casual contract for the internal and public exams which are held sporadically from December to July. Invigilation will include the distribution and collection of exam scripts, stationery to students, and ensuring that the exam rules and regulations are adhered to by students and staff at all times. Previous invigilation experience is not essential as training and guidance will be provided.

## **Shifts**

Morning: 08:00 to 11:30 and/or

Afternoon: 12:30 to 16:00

Flexibility is required for finish times as exams can be shorter/longer.

## **Hourly Rate**

£11,00 per hour

**Application:** Please contact Mr Gordon Walker  
([twalker@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:twalker@greycourt.org.uk)) if you are interested.

## **Closing Date**

Submit your application by 12 December.

If you have not heard back from the school after submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.



# Sixth Form News

**MOVEMBER SUCCESS!**



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## MOVEMBER SUCCESS!

Today we saw a huge number of students with their own specially cultivated moustaches, or sporting fake ones, in aid of this charity. Year 12 students also sold fake moustaches to students lower down the school, so that they could be involved too!

**And** we have several Sixth form students who are growing moustaches as part of Movember. Please use [this link](#) to support their endeavours.



*A good idea is under your nose!*



# Year 12

## Letters of Appreciation



I would like to share a couple of lovely emails this week, complimenting some of our wonderful year 12 students on the work that they have been doing out in the local community:

### **From Sharon Mehta at Friends of Ham Lands**

"On behalf of Friends of Latchmere Rec, Friends of Ham Lands, TCV, LGOAL and Richmond's Parks Department, I would like to say a huge thank you to the fabulous Grey Court Ham Lands team for their hard work and energy on Wednesday afternoons.

Over the last 2 weeks the group have been coppicing in dense woodland to open up an area. The coppiced stakes will provide a valuable resource to help create barriers near to Latchmere Pond and Ham Pond.

Under the inspirational and inclusive mentorship of Danielle Mannion, the young people are collaborating with LGOAL and FoHL to help support the fragile biodiversity on Ham Lands. Their weekly involvement makes a huge difference in supporting critical and sensitive management. Regular observation of the natural world, sharing observations and asking questions will facilitate a better understanding of the impact of climate change and the impact of our intervention. In addition, the wellbeing benefits if being in nature, observing and helping make a difference is being enjoyed by all involved."

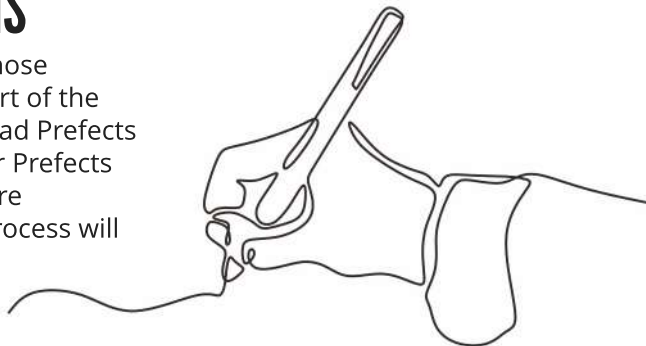
### **From Kirsty O'Brien at The Russell School**

"What a lovely bunch of students you've sent us! They went over and beyond on Wednesday and planned a fantastic well-thought out lesson for the children. They used great questioning and have a lovely report with our pupils.

I've told them this but wanted to pass it on to you as well. We are looking forward to the next 2 weeks with them."

## PREFECT APPLICATIONS

These will open next week, for those students who would like to be part of the Sixth Form Leadership Team. Head Prefects will be elected, along with 4 other Prefects with specific responsibilities. More information on the application process will be given next week.



# Year 13

## Assessment Weeks *commencing* 28 November

During the two assessment weeks students will be on exam leave. Creative Media and Music Tech students are required to attend all lessons that do not clash with exams. Should they want to attend lessons then subject teachers will provide students with revision materials or they can revise from home. Please click [here](#) for the revision booklet, which also includes the exam timetable. This has also been made available on the google classroom for students.

These will take place in the exam hall with external invigilators. While we are aware that this may cause stress and anxiety for students, it is important that they experience formal exam conditions as this allows them to familiarise themselves with the set up and also provides teachers with data about how they perform in a formal exam scenario.

## UCAS Update

### *a note of predicted grades*

It is important to note that the grades that are predicted for UCAS are aspirational as they have been taken from the best grades that were achieved in the mock exams and that we add an additional grade per subject in order to allow for aspirational predictions and university offers that inspire and motivate. For example, if you got CCC last year then we would predict BBB; BDD would turn into ACC or BBC.

However, while our UCAS predictions are aspirational, they are not necessarily a prediction of what classroom teachers feel students will achieve and do not form part of the body of data that we take into consideration when assessing how students are doing. Therefore the predictions that came home in reports are the most accurate indicator of what teachers feel are the most likely grades to be achieved at the end of the year. These are based on mock examinations, classwork, coursework and practical work (when relevant).

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Eddie Tong** for being the first year 13 to make his firm and insurance choices.  
5/5 offers received for **Arthur Piddick, Conor Strickland, Josh Delaney**

**Huge congratulations** to the Sixth Form students who started their lunch time jobs with the canteen - it's lovely to see you around the school and being such wonderful representatives of the Sixth Form.

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Calls for interviews will come in in the next 10 days. Interviews will often clash with the mock timetable. Students have been reassured that the exam schedule will be adjusted to fit round their interviews. Details of interview dates will be shared with the exams office so that papers can be rescheduled on a student by student basis to allow them to prepare for both effectively. Students need to act on feedback they received from the private tutor and follow up the additional links for interview prep that have been provided. Further interview support can be arranged as and when interviews are confirmed by the university.

## EPQ EPQ EPQ EPQ EPQ EPQ EPQ

Students should now have handed in the draft of their essay or artefact through the assignment on the EPQ google classroom. This is the only form in which this draft will be accepted. Students should have confirmed submission with their individual supervisors. This gives supervisors a marking window while students are on study leave. This will allow students to work on an improved version once their mocks are completed. A final version of their product will need to be completed in January.

### Friends and Founders Event

Year 12 students

Thursday 1 December 6.15-8pm

Arrival from 6.15pm - dress to impress!

We will be running our annual careers event for year 12 students. ALL students are expected to attend the evening in school and meet with people from a range of different career backgrounds. Your tasks over the next week is to make or update your CV (don't forget the Unifrog CV tool) and complete the interests questionnaire - all posted on the year 12 Google classroom. If you have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan (Careers) [bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk)

Date for your Diary

**Our Weekly Opportunities Bulletin** helps you to develop your skills and experience and find out about all the latest apprenticeship vacancies: [24/11/2022 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

# Our Sports

## *Weekly Round-Up*



# Sports News



A great Cup win for the 1st XI against a strong Harris Academy Crystal Palace U18 Boys B team. 2-2 after extra time and heroics from Butler, saving their 8th and scoring our's! Well done to all the lads, it was a great performance!





Superb win for the U15 boys in the cup and we look forward to the next round at home before Christmas.



Watch the try...!



The U16 rugby team progress in to the Middlesex Vase final next week after a 34-13 win against Fulham Boys. Tries from Sonny, Jonas, Theo, Nyle and James A (2)



The following students took part in the **London Youth Games Cross Country Event** for Team Richmond last Saturday.

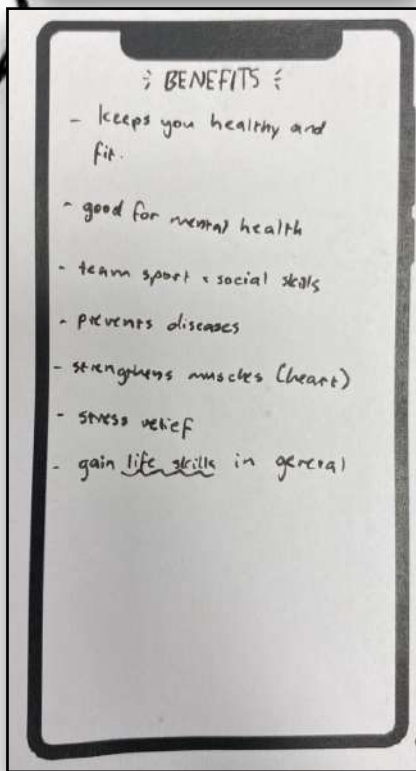
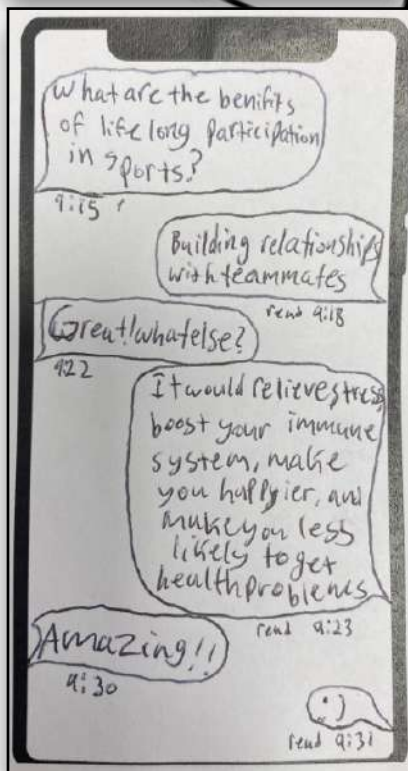
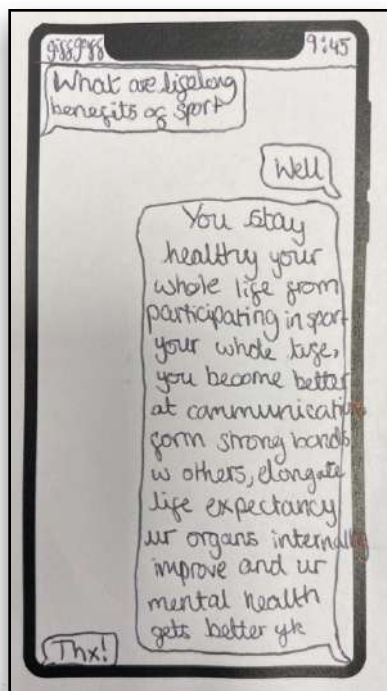
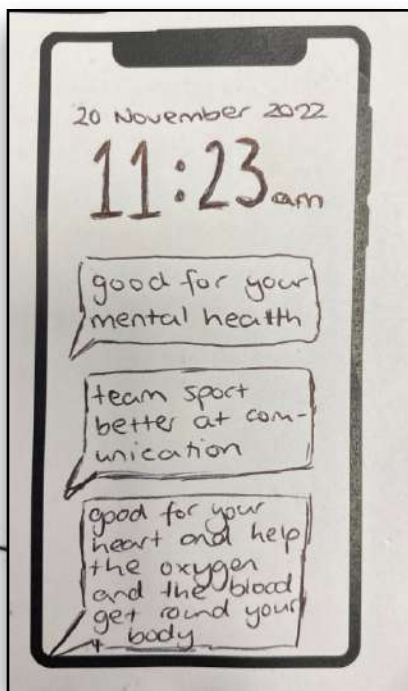
Evelyn Archer – 19th out of 213  
 Luca Leutchens – 37th out of 127  
 Leonardo Dorey – 119th out of 184



The U15 scored  
some brilliant goals  
in their win against  
Ibstock this morning.  
Goals from Shak x2,  
Max S x2, Leo W,  
Jeremy, Ricards and  
Mo on 19 November



This week in Cross Country lessons, we have been focusing on the lifelong benefits of physical activity. Year 9 girls had some excellent ideas that they DM'd the PE department.





# Boys' Player of the Month

## Thomas Barry



So far this year, Thomas has displayed fantastic effort and commitment both in his lessons and in school fixtures. He ran the second fastest time in key stage 3 for the 2.2km school cross country course, with a time of 8 minutes 45 seconds. He also finished 2nd in the Junior Boys race at Harrow in the first round of the ESAA cross country. Last weekend, Thomas travelled to St Alban's with the school for the North London Regional Finals, finishing in an impressive 5th place against a highly competitive field. Thomas has worked hard each week at our Thursday morning running club, most recently developing his speed and power through hill training. This has proved important in honing in on his sprint finish and developing his 'kick' when he gets tired towards the end of races. Up next for Thomas is the Borough cross country on 2nd December. Here he will be leading the line as part of a very strong and highly competitive Junior boys team. Thomas will be wanting to achieve both individual and team success at this competition as well as at the National Finals in Leeds on Saturday 3rd December. We look forward to supporting Tom throughout the year with his running both over cross country and on the track.



# Boys' Scholar of the Month

## Ifan McHardy



It has been a superb month for Ifan who has impressed in a range of sports for the school. In football, he has performed well as a right winger for the A team, scoring some vital goals in important matches. Most recently, he scored a late equaliser in a thrilling Surrey Cup game Vs Hollyfield, helping the U12's to eventually progress through on penalties. Ifan has also done brilliantly in his weekend rugby games for the school, demonstrating both commitment in his defensive duties whilst also posing an attacking threat going forward, with his speed and side step. In gymnastics, Ifan has been training twice a week in the school gym, and is part of our elite junior squad. Finally, Ifan has demonstrated his ability as a fine distance runner, being a valuable member of our Junior Boys cross country team that will be vying for gold at next week's Borough and National competitions.



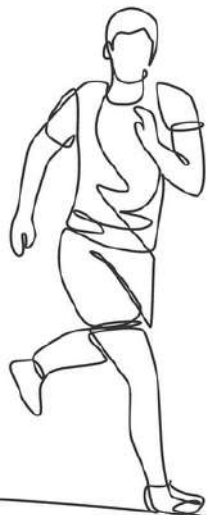


# Boys' Team of the Month

## Junior Boys' Cross Country Team



What a superb month it's been for our Junior Boys cross country team. On Saturday 12th November they travelled to the North London Regional Finals in St Albans. There were some superb individual performances, including Thomas Barry coming home in 5th, Avery Barikor in 7th, Euan Roberts in 12th and Ifan Mchardy in 14th place. Some outstanding runs against an incredibly high quality field. Last Friday the same boys competed in Sevenoaks at the Junior Knole Run, with standout performances from Avery in 6th and Euan in 12th. Next week, these boys will be toeing the line at Borough cross country on Friday, with high hopes of sealing team gold for Grey Court. They will then be travelling straight up to Leeds for the National Finals the following day, being held at the prestigious Leeds Grammar School. We wish them all the best at both of these events, and for the remainder of the season.



# Girls' Player of the Month

## Ciara Walker



This month's girls player of the month goes to Ciara Walker. Ciara has just been selected for Middlesex U18 Rugby and she starts playing and training with the team next week. This is something that Ciara has been working towards for a number of years now and we are all extremely proud of her achievement.

Not only that but Ciara gives up hours of her free time to help with the girls football, usually in a refereeing capacity and is now also going to help out with some coaching as well.

Ciara also works extremely hard with her BTEC Sport. She is a hard working and conscientious student who has thrown herself into this new course. Ciara is a great role model to the younger students and a very worthy recipient of this month's Player of the Month.

# Girls' Scholar of the Month

## Evelyn Archer



Evie Archer is our scholar of the month for November. She has had an excellent start to her Grey Court sporting career, representing her school in netball, football and cross country. Evie has been dedicated to training for her netball and always works hard, attending early morning sessions and captaining her team in their recent match against Holy Cross where they won 4-2 and she was awarded Player of the Match. Evie has played in the U12 and U13 football teams and plays midfield attack. She has successfully scored a goal for the U12As in their game against Christ's.

At the Regional ESAA Cross Country Finals held in St Alban's, Evie competed up a year group in the combined Yr7/8 squad. She worked hard in the race and finished in 6th place overall! An outstanding run! Evie was also part of the Cross Country team that competed at the prestigious Junior Knole Run earlier this month. She put in a great effort and placed 9th out of 177 runners.

Outside of school Evie plays hockey for Old Kingstonians HC, training and playing matches weekly. Evie runs for St Mary's, training weekly, her hard work paying off at the local Park Run where she ran a 21:05 5km and was selected to represent Richmond at Parliament Hill in the special event held last weekend. Evie also manages to fit in football training and matches for Richmond Park FC.

We are very excited to see Evie progress in each of her sports and activities and congratulate her on the hard work she has put in so far this term. Well done!

# Girls' Team of the Month

## U15A Netball



The U15 Netball team our team of the month! The team has continually developed over the first part of the netball season, working on their attacking and defensive play as a team. After a few tough games and tournaments, the squad still had their spirits high as they entered the Borough Tournament.

Playing against a strong pool of local schools, the team communicated effectively, worked well in their units and made few errors. After drawing with Christs to come 2nd in the pool, they entered the semi finals against pool winners Waldegrave. It was a draw at full time (5-5). Captains Maryse and Grace shared some words of encouragement which resulted in us winning 10-5 in extra time! Grey Court v Christs for the Final. The team remained calm, made fantastic interceptions and scored well under pressure resulting in a WIN! Borough Champions!

The whole team contributed to the win: Maryse, Zia, Grace and Annabel with their excellent interceptions which were converted to goals by Loveday and Olivia. The centre court players Aimee, Rosa, Charlotte and Mia worked relentlessly up and down the court making effective passes and decisions to get the ball to goal. This was a great opportunity for the team to show off the skills they had been working on at training. They were a credit to the school and played their best netball so far this season! Well done all.



# The Arctic Blast

An indoor, six-a-side cricket competition for girls and boys



## What is the Arctic Blast?

The Arctic Blast is a festive, indoor, six-a-side cricket competition for girls and boys.

## When is The Arctic Blast taking place?

Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd December 2022.

	<b>Morning (10:00-12:30)</b>	<b>Afternoon (13:30-16:00)</b>
Monday 19th	Girls U10s	Girls U11s & U12s
Tuesday 20th	Girls U13s & U14s	Girls U15s & U16s
Wednesday 21st	Boys U10s	Boys U11s & U12s
Thursday 22nd	Boys U13 & U14s	Boys U15s & U16s

## How many teams will be playing and what's the format?

Four teams of six will play in a round robin tournament each morning and afternoon. Two matches will run concurrently meaning all players are involved.

## Where will The Arctic Blast take place?

Tiffin Girls School (indoor sports hall), Richmond Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5PL

## What equipment do the players need?

We'll be using indoor balls, appropriate to each age group.

Players don't need hard ball kit, but can bring their own bats and gloves if they want.

## How much does it cost to enter?

£25 per player

£150 per team/squad (maximum eight players per squad and six per team)

## Who can enter and how?

Any school or club can enter a team. Individual entries also welcome.

To book, please click [here](#) or go to [www.tickettailor.com/events/iantabor/](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/iantabor/)

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