

Grey Court School eBulletin

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Behind the Scenes 19

with Miss James



Join us!



Grey Court PA presents:

Comedy Night

Hosted by Erich McElroy
of Crack Comedy

Friday 3rd February 2023

Doors open: 7pm

Show starts: 8pm

Licensed Bar
Strictly over 18s only

TICKETS: £20
2-person Tapas platters £14

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

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



*Snow moments &
Special memories*



Making special memories with Elf aka Xavier Mtandabari who did a splendid job delivering presents to the students of Strathmore and The Russell schools.

SHOUT-OUTS



Borough Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the year 7 boys, year 7 girls, year 8/9 girls and year 10/11 boys who won the team events at the Borough Cross Country Championships in Richmond Park on 2 December.

We won the overall girls' trophy and the boys finished second. We also picked up the overall trophy, which is a superb achievement.

Superb effort team!

1	473	Evie Archer	Grey Court	8.43	Year 7 Girls
7	475	Josie Tanner	Grey Court	9.28	Year 7 Girls
9	478	Josie Bryant	Grey Court	9.45	Year 7 Girls
10	476	Alys McHardy	Grey Court	9.48	Year 7 Girls
11	474	Chloe Clements	Grey Court	9.51	Year 7 Girls
2	480	Avery Barikor	Grey Court	8.11	Year 7 Boys
5	479	Euan Roberts	Grey Court	8.31	Year 7 Boys
7	482	Toma Kennelly	Grey Court	8.35	Year 7 Boys
9	484	Andrew roberts	Grey Court	8.39	Year 7 Boys
10	481	Ifan McHardy	Grey Court	8.41	Year 7 Boys
6	492	Neve Ruggette	Grey Court	19.19	Year 8/9 Girls
11	504	Leo Dorey	Grey Court	17.31	Year 8/9 Boys
12	510	Elsie Hobson	Grey Court	20.39	Year 10/11 Girls
3	524	Luca Lutchens	Grey Court	15.42	Year 10/11 Boys
1	532	Sam Nesbitt	Grey Court	14.25	Year 12/13 Boys
11	531	Frederick Haugaard	Grey Court	16.1	Year 12/13 Boys

Borough Basketball Championships

Congratulations to our U16 boys basketball team who were crowned Borough Champions with excellent victories over Christ's and RPA on 13 December.

Well done boys!



Borough Basketball Tournament

The year 7 boys' basketball team won the Borough Tournament on Friday 9 December at Hampton School. The team won all three of their pool matches and then beat Christ's 16-15 in a high-quality final. The squad consisted of: **Taym AL-RAWI, Sebastiano BEROLDO, Tayte MAVALE, Lucas ASGHAR, Sergio RIBEIRO, Mateo MESA STEWARD, Zachary SILL, Ernie HUDDART**



Scholarship

Kooshan HAYATI has been awarded a scholarship to play for Queens Park Rangers FC.

Well done, Kooshan!



SHOUT-OUT Sport



More success for **Lucas Galant** who did incredibly well and won 5 medals at the Luton Team Winter Meet - held on the weekend of the 10 December:

50m freestyle: 26.61 s (new personal best) - gold

50m butterfly: 30.41 s (new personal best) - gold

100m freestyle: 59.36 s - gold

200m backstroke: 2:28.28 - silver

100m butterfly: 1:11.59 - silver

Well done, Lucas!

Anti-Discrimination Workshops

On Wednesday 14 December, we welcomed Brentford FC to the school to run anti-discrimination workshops with our year 7s. Over 100 students were involved in these excellent interactive sessions. These were led by ex-professional footballer and now Brentford club ambassador Marcus Gayle and Bevan Vincent (who is the Premier League Coordinator for Brentford).



Weston's Winners

Congratulations to the following students who had 100% attendance and received some cash....!

Year 11

Madeleine MdGeoch - £5
Camelia El Ihami Resok - £5
Lauren Jackson - £5
Jamie Broome - £10
Sofiane Tahir - £10
Hamzah Malik - £20

Year 7

Ernie Hiddart
Millan Mohebi
Kacey Leigh Dawes
Tomas melo Foxton
Adrian Lam
Mateus Lleshi

Year 10

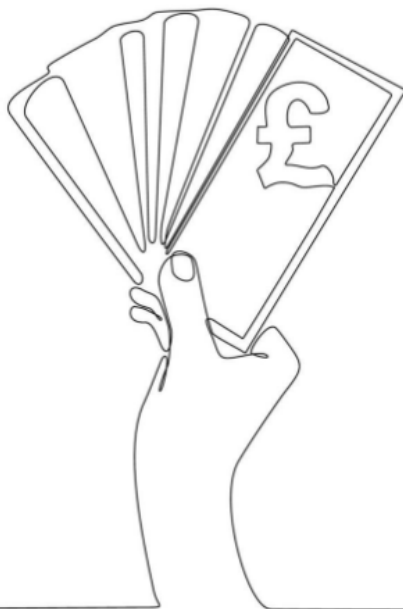
Lucy Jo Nicholas - £5
Brayden Huskinson - £5
Eliza Gilbey - £5
Felix Marchis - £10
Evelyn Lai - £10
Ridwane Bouaziz - £20

Year 9

Tatiana Kakara - £5
Frank Wong - £5
Indie Peters Sutherland - £5
Valentino Casucci Pyrah - £10
Omran Walli 9E - £10
Sophie Robinson 9E - £20

Year 8

Martha Fewtrell - £5
Jad Azwi - £5
Boris Petrov - £5
David Newton - £10
Nicholas Pasenciuc - £10
Anayah Rhule - £20



SHOUT-OUT Jack Petchey

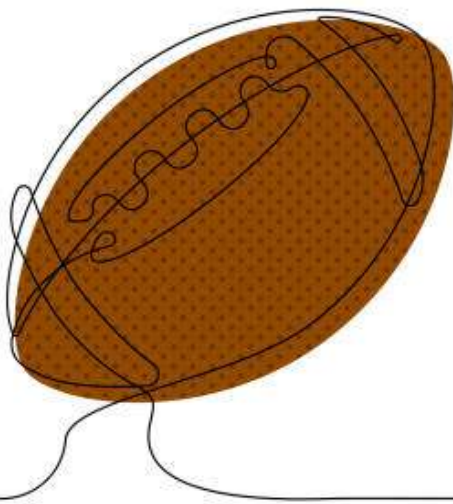
Benjamin is a fantastic rugby player who is the captain of the U15 team. Benjamin leads from the front in training in terms of his effort and attitude, which is fantastic to see.

Benjamin plays in the back row (flanker) for the school rugby union team and his outstanding performances have seen him selected for the London Irish Developing Player Programme as well as the Harlequins DPP, which is superb.

In addition to his achievements in rugby union, he also plays high-level rugby league and has just received confirmation that he has been invited to train with the London Broncos Scholarship system up until Christmas, after which they will decide whether or not to sign him to the programme.

Well done Benjamin on a superb start to the rugby season.

Prize money spent on: Rugby balls, athletics vests and spikes



Award Winner

Benjamin Hislop

SHOUT-OUT Jack Petchey

Elen is an excellent student who has shown great commitment and effort in her sports.

She is the year 8 football team captain and is a fantastic leader and motivator on and off the pitch. There is no doubt that Elen looks after her teammates and is a great role model for the U12 girls football team, which is why she has been nominated for captaincy for the second year in a row. She has led her team to many wins this season, with the greatest success being 9-0. Elen has also achieved numerous player of the match awards voted by the opposition team in matches.

Elen is a dominant player in the U13A netball, basketball, cricket and rounders teams. Elen also plays hockey out of school for Teddington and plays right back. She trains weekly for this and often plays matches against other local areas.

Elen is a superb athlete and pupil who wants to strive for perfection in everything she does. She works extremely hard and can always be counted on for support within her teams as well as always being on hand to help in and around the PE department.

Prize money spent on: footballs and netball bibs!

Award Winner

Elen Dutton

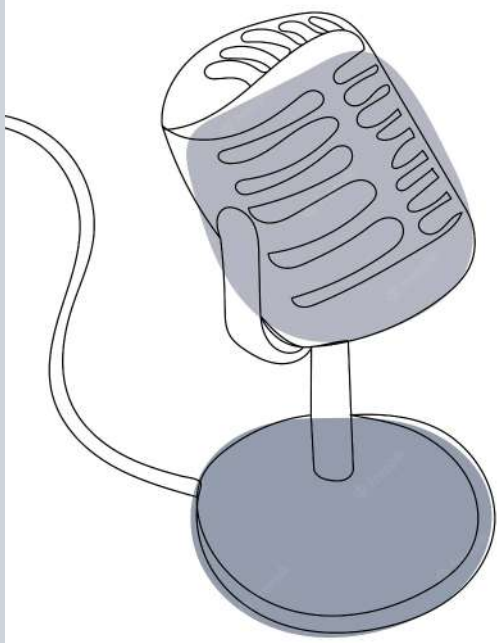


SHOUT-OUT Jack Petchey

During the VPA performance of *Legally Blonde* in the summer term, Damian's hard work and commitment was invaluable. He was exceptional in his behind the scenes support, and actively sought out other ways to help, such as cleaning the glasses for the parents' association bar and doing lots of heavy lifting.

Damian also gave up his evenings and weekends during rehearsals and to help set everything up. All of the VPA staff are impressed with his positive, mature and helpful attitude.

Prize money spent on: new microphones for VPA performances.



Award Winner

Damian Deer

SHOUT-OUT Jack Petchey

Ciara is a dedicated student at Grey Court, hard working in all her subjects and especially her extracurricular football and rugby.

At school Ciara goes above and beyond, she plays for the girls and boys football teams. Ciara also referees (for free) all of our girls matches, giving up her time after school to help out the PE department. Over the last 5 years Ciara has always helped out the PE department whether it be coaching, umpiring, and refereeing. She has also offered to help give the U12s girls some extra coaching on a morning before school.

Outside of school Ciara referees up to U12s football (girls and boys), and on Sundays she plays for Richmond Park Women's development team. Ciara has also been accepted to play for Middlesex rugby at U18 age group.

Prize money spent on: footballs, rugby balls and contribution to her Referee qualification.

Award Winner

Ciara Walker

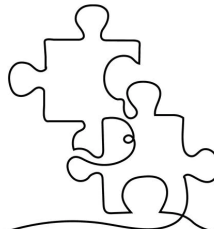


#GCHQChristmasChallenge

Congratulations to **Matthew van Rooyen** and **Thomas Holroyd** for successfully completing the GCHQ Christmas Challenge. This was a very challenging set of puzzles and they were the only pair to complete it successfully!



Code breakers in the making...



Background

The 2022 Christmas Challenge featured seven fiendish puzzles based on the seven disciplines of languages, engineering, codebreaking, analysis, maths, coding and cyber security - all key skills needed at GCHQ to help keep the country safe.

Based on the seven disciplines featured in the recently published Puzzles for Spies book, the #GCHQChristmasChallenge tests the lateral thinking, ingenuity and perseverance needed by those working here at GCHQ across our missions to keep the country safe.

Ham House Christmas Carols

On Wednesday the 15 December, the VPA scholars sang for family, friends and members of the public on the south front of Ham House. The audience was treated to a mixture of superb carols that finished with a beautiful rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. It was also wonderful to see the Christmas decorations that our VPA scholars and allotment club had created on display at Ham House.



Miss James

Some of you may know that Miss James plays the Trombone. But you may not know that she's been playing since she was 9 years old! Her entire family are musicians so you can imagine how seriously they take Carolling at Christmas!!!

Brass Bands work a little like Football Leagues - the 'Professional' players play in the Championship Section (a bit like Man United) and the local bands play in the lower sections (a bit like Hampton and Richmond FC). Miss James' band, Putney and Wimbledon, have recently gone up against Brass Banding giants and have won no less than 6 National Awards in 4 weeks!

Over Christmas, they entered into prime Carolling season, and many local Brass Bands, including Miss James', were out and about wrapped in several Christmas jumpers and Santa Hats. You may have heard them spreading Christmas cheer when you were in Kingston, Richmond, Putney, Wimbledon or your local town centre.







MOGO Auditions

MOGOs - Music of Grey Court Origin is a Music Competition open to singers, bands and musicians from all years.

The theme: IRELAND!

(The finals will be held on the day before St Patrick's Day)

All music in the FINALS must be by an Irish band, singer or musician. **(You can audition with any song you like).**

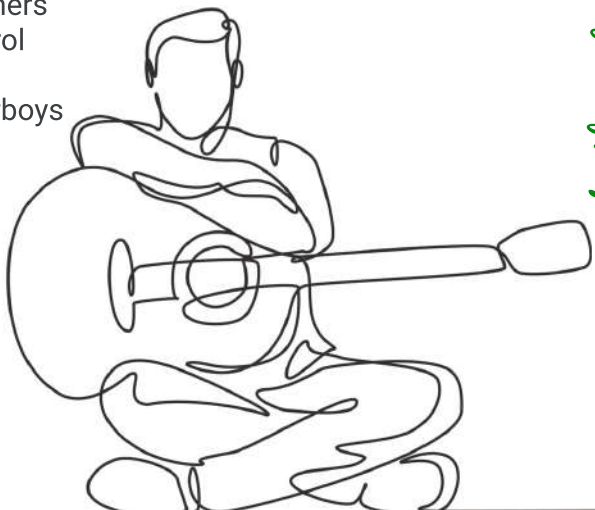
PRIZE MONEY: £50

The winner is voted for by the audience and a specially selected panel.

Scan the poster on the next page and sign up to secure your audition slot on 16/18 January.

Some ideas...

- Sinead O Connor
- Enya
- The Pogues
- The Boomtown Rats
- Clannad
- U2
- Think Lizzy
- The Corrs
- West Life
- Boyzone
- The Cranberries
- The Dubliners
- Snow Patrol
- Kodaline
- The Waterboys



Go n-éirí an bóthar leat! (Good Luck!)

THIN
LIZZY

THE
CRANBERRIES



West Life

Auditions

U2

THE CORRS

BOYZONE

MOGO

JAN 16TH & 18TH 2023

Sign up for an
Audition Slot



MORE INFO : PMILLAR@GREYCOURT.ORG.UK

FINALS - MARCH 16TH 2023

Year 8 have been set their latest Gradu8 challenge, researching 3 different careers and making a presentation with their findings. This gives them an insight into the types of course they may need to study at KS4 and beyond, the typical salary for the chosen career and the grades that might be required. The work is due on January 10th. A big well done to 8 Ash for their efforts on Gradu8 Enterprise, which they completed before Christmas. 8 Beech are next up for Enterprise from the 16 January.

Year 9 return with Options on the horizon. We will be kicking this process off officially in February.

9 Oak had a great boxfit session as part of their wellbeing programme.

Mr Jacob welcomed the year group back in an assembly on striving to be your best. They have made a great start to the term, so I look forward to seeing what can be achieved over the next 5 weeks. **Mr Ridley**







Year 10

Welcome back Y10! Despite some unprecedented levels of sickness, lots of changes with regard to timetables, classes and policies, I was overwhelmingly impressed with year 10 and their hard work and effort with both their studies and extracurricular activities last term.

Last term, our celebration assembly recognised the brilliant work, progress, engagement and achievements of many of our students, as well as those who had high conduct points and excellent attendance. My wish for year 10 is to continually improve with regard to their attendance and achievement this term and I hope at Easter we have even more awards to give. **Ms Clark**

Year 11

Welcome back Y11! I hope you have all had a restful break and enjoyed the festivities. Although this is a short half term there will be plenty to get through so please ensure that you start the year fresh, being punctual and getting to school on time. The year 2023 is one that will hopefully be prosperous for you all, but the countdown is now on Y11 as there are only 5 months left until exams begin! With a few mock exams left to go please make sure you are getting the revision in. On the 17 January, Y11 will have a mock results day. As a school we think it is important that students are able to experience a result day before the real thing during the summer, as a way of preparing you for what is to come.

Ms Comrie

KS4 News



Food + Nutrition

And just like that, the first term of the year was done and dusted! And what a busy and brilliant one it was.

Biggest thanks to all of those donations for the food hampers and Trussell Trusts. I was overwhelmed with people's generosity and I was also delighted to hear that Richmond food bank was full! We, therefore, distributed the food to other local food banks so that families in need could have some Christmas treats over the festive period.

See some of our year 10 students in action working on their presentation skills during the last week of school. They also made some puff pastry cheese straws to go with the Chutneys made in the summer for some generous gifts and one class even managed to squeeze in Christmas Yule logs. A special shout out to Ben Hislop, Elise Mertens and Dante Nelson for their fabulous festive creations!

Year 11 completed their first dish of their NEA2, where they demonstrate high level skills. I was impressed at their dedication to their coursework whilst completing their trial exams. **Ms Clark**



A special shout out to Ben Hislop, Elise Mertens and Dante Nelson for their fabulous festive creations!









This week in PDW

- Year 7 What is the difference between Gender and Sexuality? LGBT today.**
- Year 8 What is sexual consent and how do you know if you have it?**
- Year 9 Change for SOW next year as this is a repeat of Y8: Is there such a thing as a 'perfect body'?**
- Year 10 What is a hate crime?**
- Year 11 What are the principles of a healthy sexual experience?**

Next week in PDW

- Year 7 Who was Oscar Wilde and what happened to him? LGBTQIA+ History**
- Year 8 What is revenge porn?**
- Year 9 Instagram vs Reality**
- Year 10 What is a cult?**
- Year 11 The Instagram Effect**

SIXTH FORM News



Lanyards

Students have been brilliant about wearing their lanyards and tapping in and out using our electronic system. Please be aware that if students do not come to school with the lanyard they will be sent home to collect it. If they have lost their lanyards then a replacement will be made available for £5.

Enrichment

Students will have the options (linked [here](#)) available to them for Enrichment this half-term. They will need to ensure that they are signed up for one of these and attend them throughout the rest of the half term.

Year 12 Exams

The year 12 mock exams will run from 9-13 January. These will be sat in lesson time and they will be managed by classroom teachers. The exam booklet is linked [here](#) and will also be sent home so that students are aware of the specific details of what they need to revise. This will also have been communicated in lessons.

Students who use laptops in examinations are encouraged to bring their own laptops in for exam week. Laptops will also be available from the Sixth Form reception. As there are also external BTEC exams, students should attend their lessons as normal during the week.

Year 12

Well done all of you for a fantastic Autumn term! Prizes for subjects, tutor nominations, Unifrog work, 100% attendance and more can be seen in this link from our end of term Assembly: [Celebration Assembly](#)

Year 13

Year 13 return from what was hopefully a restful break ready to enter the homestretch of their KS5 journeys. We're now in the calendar year of the exams which makes things seem very real suddenly!

Some changes for this year are that assemblies will now take place on Monday mornings during registration instead of during enrichment to allow year 13 pupils to get the full use of their enrichment time. All pupils will also be required to attend registration every morning where their tutors will take them through a programme of presentations ranging from "next steps" sessions preparing them for life at university and beyond through to mental and sexual health advice sessions

UCAS Stars

We now have 15 students who have heard from all five of their course choices. Well done to you all including:

Kathryn Carmichael
Georgie Gathercole

Two students have accepted their firm and insurance choices:

Kenzie Bloomer
Eddie Tong

Eight students are still waiting to hear from any of their choices - please keep an eye on your messages in case the universities are asking you to submit a portfolio, proof of qualifications or anything else.

If you have not yet submitted your UCAS form you must do so as soon as possible. Remember when you complete the 'pay and send' step your application comes to the sixth form team for checking and for us to add your reference and predicted grades. **This will take us 10 school days so we do need to have all forms submitted by Monday 9 January.** We then send it on to UCAS but only after meeting with each student. Please press that button and pay the fee!

EPQ Update

As exams have finished, it is now a key time for completing EPQ folders. A work checklist has been posted on the EPQ google classroom and students need to work on the final draft of their essay and meet their supervisor to complete their midterm review. **Final presentations will take place in February.**

Oxbridge Update

Interviews have been completed for the current year 13 and we will be moving on to preparing the new year 12 hopefuls after their mocks are finished next week. Initially, students will be asked to complete a google form to register their interest and then a new classroom will be created to begin the preparation process.

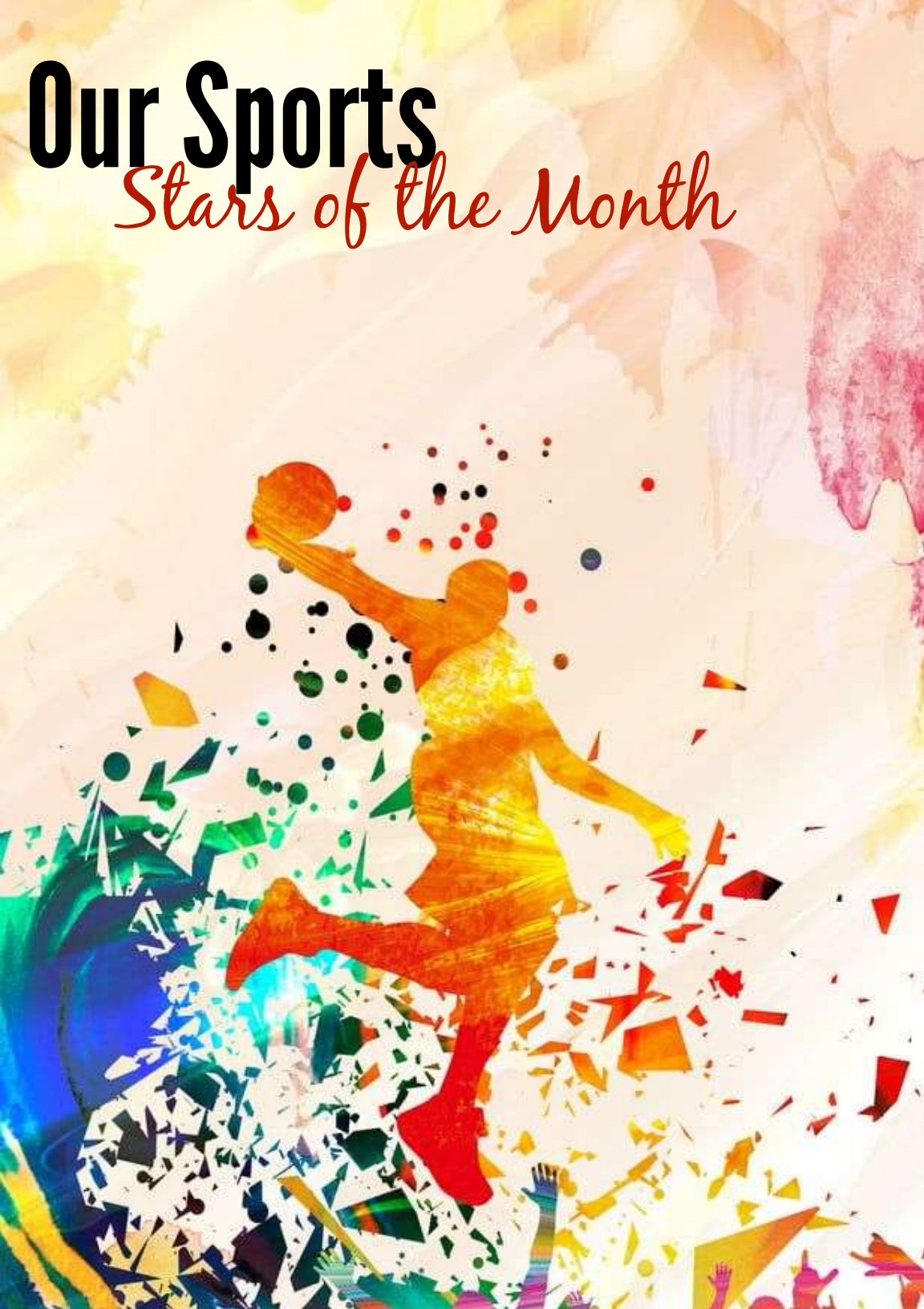
Opportunities Bulletin

All the latest work experience, careers talks, apprenticeships in one place: [04/01/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)



Our Sports

Stars of the Month



Boys' Player of the Month

Aaron has performed brilliantly at table tennis for the school in 2022. In October, he was part of the side that were crowned Borough Champions at Turing House School - defeating every opponent he faced. In November, he played in the regional competition at Whitgift. Here, Aaron demonstrated his true class against some high-level opposition, winning all but one of his matches. This happened to be against the previous National Champion! He will look to get his revenge when he represents the school at the individual regional competition in February. Aaron is currently training at the Graham Spicer Institute in New Malden, honing his skills several times a week. He is a credit to the school when he steps out to that table, bat in hand, to represent Grey Court.

Aaron Gorry



Boys' Scholar of the Month

Avery Barikor

Avery has performed superbly for the school in cross country over the past few months. He formed part of the Junior boys team who won their area Championships in October. He then went on to perform strongly (finishing 7th) as part of the same winning junior team at the North London Regionals in St Albans. Following this, Avery travelled up to Leeds in December to compete in the National Cross Country Cup Finals. He was up against a high quality field with many boys a year older than him, yet came home in a very respectable position to help the Junior Boys team finish 9th in the country! Individually, Avery's most noticeable performances include coming home 6th in the Junior Knoke run and 2nd at the Richmond Borough Cross Country held in Richmond Park. He is currently part of Momentum Sports, training at Kingsmeadow athletics track. He also trains every Thursday with the Junior Boys cross country squad at our weekly running club. We look forward to seeing Avery continue his athletic achievements, looking ahead to the outdoor athletics season.



Boys' Team of the Month

The U15s made it 8 wins from 9 this season with a superb performance in the Middlesex Plate Final, beating RTS 33-29. An incredible second half fightback at Grasshoppers RFC ensured the team's resurrection from 29-14 down. There was excellent character and fight displayed by the boys throughout, none more so than by Elijah Kadir who claimed our match winning try. A special mention should also go to Jakob Thompson who maintained his composure with two solid conversions. There were two great tries scored by James Alleyne, showing his immense speed and quick feet, while captain Ben Hislop was immense throughout, demonstrating his power and leadership skills. Well done boys!

U15 Rugby Team



Girls' Player of the Month

Lily is an all round athlete competing in a variety of sports inside and outside of school. Lily has competed for many years with Richmond Gymnastic Association (RGA), training five times a week in her specialist area of Acrobatic Gymnastics. Her hard work and enthusiasm continues to provide her with a variety of opportunities to compete in several competitions and countries, such as Poland and Portugal. Her dedication to the sport has secured her a place on the Great Britain Gymnastics Squad for the European Championships in 2023, taking place in Bulgaria. As well as being part of the RGA, Lily has been a key member of the Grey Court Elite Gymnastics Academy. She competed in a National Floor & Vault competition last year placing 2nd as well as the National Milano Trio competition placing 4th, just 0.1 off placing 3rd.

As well as her commitment to Gymnastics, Lily is a vital member of the U14A Netball and Athletics team. She can always be relied upon to support her teammates and always represent the school to the best of her ability. Lily is an outstanding role model to younger students and sets a great example of how to communicate and balance academic studies when participating in high level sport.



Lily Burnett

Girls' Scholar of the Month

Chloe Clements

Within school Chloe has settled in really well at Grey Court and has made herself known to the PE department after attending many different clubs including football, netball and running club. She has been an integral part of the girls year 7 football team, captaining the team to many victories. Chloe is also 1 of 3 year 7 girls to have featured in the year U13 team so far this season, and she has racked up over 17 goals in 10 games! On top of that, Chloe has also achieved 2 MVP awards. She is an exciting footballer and a delight to have in both teams. Outside school Chloe is part of the QPR academy and is thriving after only joining this season.

Chloe has worked hard in Scholarship lessons, developing her tennis skills in her single lesson and also being exposed to boxing and lacrosse. She is a fantastic all rounded athlete and takes great to directions. Chloe tries her best and applies herself to all activities, making the most of each opportunity to develop new skills. Despite the cold, she always comes to class keen to do her best, and as a result has topped the charts as our fastest cross country runner in class, averaging at 10.90 minutes. Keep up the good work, Chloe!



Girls'/Mixed Team of the Month

The Elite Gymnastics squad are our team of the month. The squad have worked extremely hard during their sessions so far this year in the lead up to their first competition - The Regional Milano Team Finals. They have demonstrated great team work, communication and organisation skills. Many of our older athletes have taken on the role of coach to help support and develop our younger squad members demonstrating excellent leadership qualities. Across a variety of year groups, the squad has worked together to perform fantastic routines on the floor, in trios and on the vault. Our U16 Mixed and U19 Mixed teams secured themselves a place at the National Finals in March. A huge shoutout to Diana who scored 16/16 of her vault. Well done to all those involved and wishing Mali a speedy recovery!

As the Elite Academy moves onto preparing for their next competition, Regional Floor and Vault, we look forward to seeing many more athletes competing for Grey Court.



Elite Gymnastics Squad

Girls'/Mixed Team of the Month



Catch up on some of the great sporting news during the last week of school, 2022



Elite Gymnastics Squad



Poster competition for children aged 8 – 16 years

Enter for a chance to win a bundle of Cass Art supplies and the opportunity to have your poster displayed at an exhibition.

Art has the power to shed light on important issues that some people may not be aware of.

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are one example. They affect more than one billion people in the world's poorest communities.

For World NTD Day, celebrated 30 January 2023, your poster can help to shine a light on the impact that NTDs have on people's lives.

For details on how to enter
please scan the QR code
Or go to: <https://bit.ly/3gUH5YO>

#ShineALight #BeatNTDs



Free Maths Practical Club for English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL)

Drop-in classes starting 12 January
Pop in any Thursday between 4pm - 7pm

The Club will help you to use maths in your daily life.

We will support you in using maths for cooking, shopping and home improvements by understanding weights, measures, money and basic use of numbers.

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