

Grey Court School eBulletin

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Cover photo: Our runners arriving in force for the Richmond Park sunrise on Thursday morning. 6K ticked off before breakfast.



RICH HALL



LUKE TOULSON



ELEANOR McDEVITT



ERICH McELROY

Grey Court PA presents:

Comedy Night

Hosted by Erich McElroy
of Crack Comedy

Friday 3rd February 2023
OUT!

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

Comedy Night is a sell-out! If you have tickets, but can no longer attend, please email mthomas@greycourt.org.uk. We are running a reserve list.

The Notice Board

School Calendar

22-23 Term Dates

23-24 Term Dates

Events

The Uniform Shop

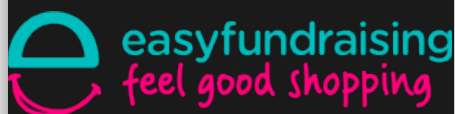
Open Thursdays

3pm to 4pm

PA Appeal

GoFundMe

Digital Screens
for Science



Breakfast Club
open everyday



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

MENUS

Breakfast

Graze Food + Drinks



BEHIND THE SCENES

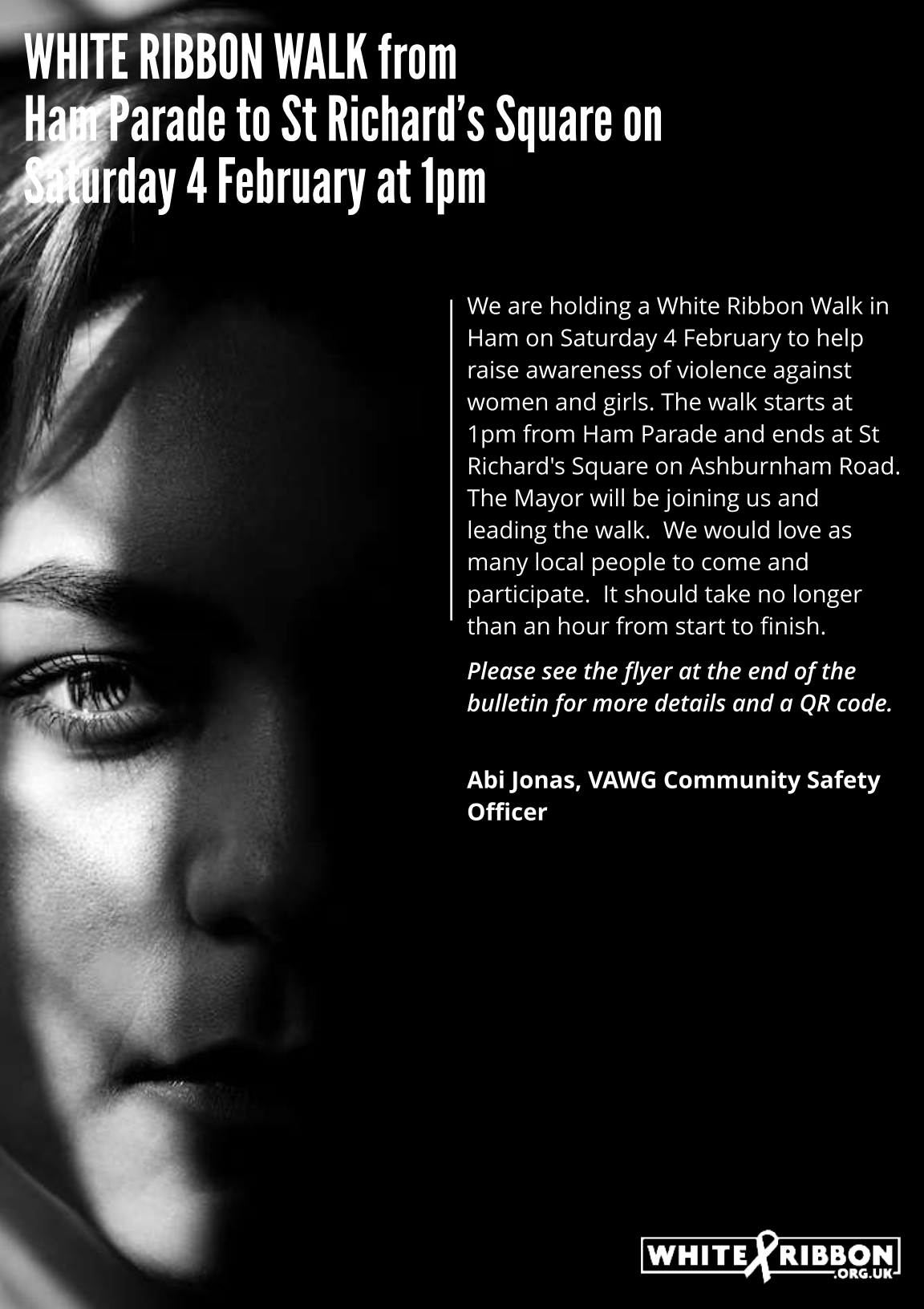
My name is Oscar Black. I am in Year 8 at Grey Court School, and my hobby is shooting. I belong to the Ham and Petersham Rifle and Pistol Club (HPRPC), which is just next to Ham House. I have been rifle shooting there for a year now, but I first tried shooting at age 9 during a holiday to America. When I got back, I wasn't allowed to join the club until I was 10, and then Covid got in the way. I now try to do rifle shooting there every Sunday, and I am doing quite well. I also try to go clay shooting every month or so at Barbury Shooting School, which is my real passion. I will enter competitions when I get my shotgun certificate, as I am just as good as most adults! I love shooting so much because you have to be completely focused and relaxed, but it is also exhilarating. It is quite hard, so you need to have a lot of practice. My aspiration is to go to the Olympics.



Oscar Black
Oscar Black







WHITE RIBBON WALK from Ham Parade to St Richard's Square on Saturday 4 February at 1pm

We are holding a White Ribbon Walk in Ham on Saturday 4 February to help raise awareness of violence against women and girls. The walk starts at 1pm from Ham Parade and ends at St Richard's Square on Ashburnham Road. The Mayor will be joining us and leading the walk. We would love as many local people to come and participate. It should take no longer than an hour from start to finish.

Please see the flyer at the end of the bulletin for more details and a QR code.

Abi Jonas, VAWG Community Safety Officer

MACE's Mighty Monday!

Mr Clements

It was a case of tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow for the Grey Court Debating team on Monday night as they bid adieu to the prestigious English speaking Union's MACE competition for another year.

In an event dubbed "Mace's Mighty Monday" by Sky Sports commentators only two teams from six were allowed to go through to the competition's semi-finals. The Grey Courtian team of young upstarts, were eager to upset the established elite of Ibstock, Wallington, Hampton, Tiffin and Ibstock, but had been combining MACE preparation with Year 12 revision for last week's mock exams.

Despite the fact that host's Tiffin created an intimidating atmosphere by contriving to stage orchestra practice next to the debating chamber, the terrific triumvirate refused to be cowed by the wail of violins! With Lipton, Scott and Dunne opposing the motion that: *this house would not allow countries with poor human rights records to host sporting tournaments*, the debating Gods had certainly stacked the odds against them.

Matters were confounded by the fact that dashing coaching mascot, R Clements, was prevented from gaining access to the oratory arena by the unexpected obstacle of the large perimeter wall and barred gates! However, thankfully, weeks of preparation and expert coaching from Ms Laws meant that the team were in the contention right up until the last syllable of recorded time as the MACE judge declared this round to be "one of the closest in the competition's illustrious history."

However, despite narrowly missing out on a place in the next round, the students refused to strut and fret about their hour on the stage, and instead demanded "more Nandos" as this had been the fuel that had incentivised their last performance.

So as debating's brief candle was extinguished for another year, it was left to R Clements and Y Laws to stifle their sound and fury, congratulate their victorious counterparts from Tiffin and Ibstock, and choke back the tears of pride they felt for their vanquished and famished debating team!

Well done Minna, Jed and Alan - it was a great pleasure for both of us to watch the three of you compete at the highest level.



Extracurricular Timetable

ART/SCIENCE COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED

I am delighted to announce that we have a winner in the joint Art/Science competition! This competition was to design a piece of artwork we could make using the plastic that was collected earlier this academic year. Both Ms Maybey and I sat down and looked through the entries, and were very excited and impressed by a lot of the excellent designs put forward by our talented pupils.

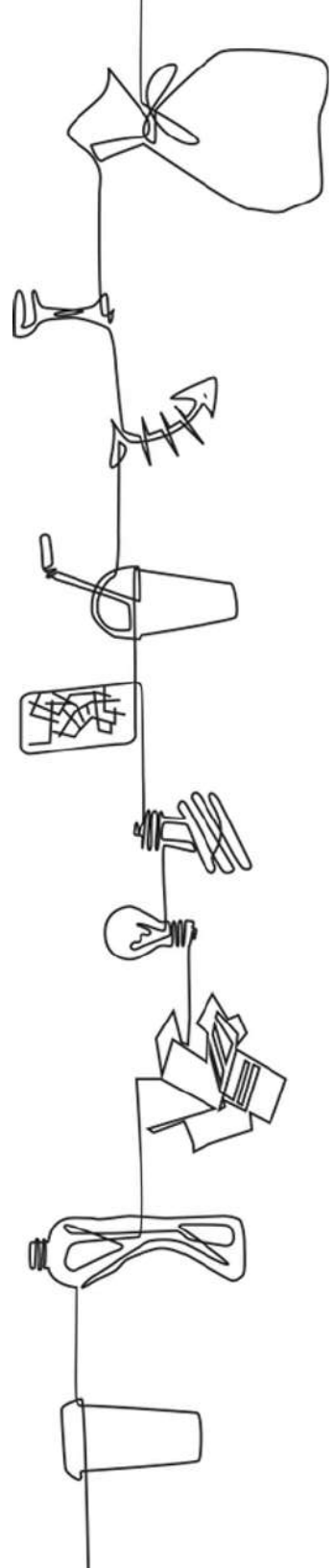
However, we could only select one winner - and that is **Amy C** in 7 Oak! Congratulations! We really liked the artistic style and the thought that went into how the piece would be made and put together. Year 7 will start making this piece of art, bringing Amy's vision into real life on the Activity Day later this half-term.



In related news, I was very happy to read about the [UK's further plans to ban single-use plastics](#) from October this year. The comprehensive ban will include the sale of single-use plastic to customers from businesses like retailers, takeaways, food vendors and the hospitality industry. The banned item list includes plates, trays, bowls, cutlery, balloon sticks, and certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers. This far-reaching ban is to come in due to the amount of plastic pollution the UK creates, and our Year 7 students get a first-hand look of this when we do a litter-pick of the Ham area every year.

The government estimates that in England, we use 2.7 billion items of single-use cutlery — most of which are plastic — and 721 million single-use plates per year, where only 10% are recycled. If all of that cutlery were to be lined up they would wrap around the world over 8.5 times (based on a 15cm piece of cutlery). The reduce in plastic pollution will surely help our ecosystems, as well as the aesthetics of our beautiful countryside and green spaces - rather than seeing unsightly rubbish that will never break down in our lifetime!

Mr Gundry



Spring Activity Day

9 February 2023

Letters were sent to parents before Christmas about our Activity Days.

Final details will be shared next week.



KS3 and KS4 News



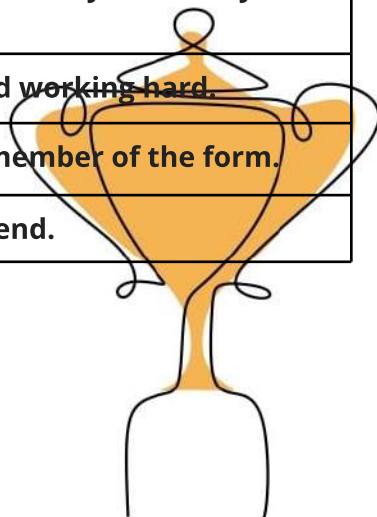
Year 7

It has been a cold but successful week for Year 7. Last week, we were lucky enough to have Mr Murphy speaking in assembly about reaching potential. Mr Murphy spoke about lots of different sportsmen and women who have overcome issues to succeed. We hope that Year 7s can take some important lessons from the assembly to take forward.

We have lots to look forward to as the half-term progresses. The MOGO auditions are taking place, athletics and sports fixtures as well as activity day on 9 February.

Tutor Awards

A	Chaewon L	For always for always being the first to arrive to AM reg.
B	Eva MW	For being positive and helpful to others within form and staff.
C	Joshua M	For fantastic independent work in PDW!
E	Grace H	For being a kind and caring member of the form.
M	Alishba B	For being a responsible, kind, friendly and always positive person.
O	Emilia H	For being polite, respectful and working hard.
R	Clarence R	For being a kind and friendly member of the form.
W	Lily A	For being a kind and caring friend.



Year 7

Well done to Tate L (7E) for winning the Y7 Speed Typing competition last Friday. 7 Ash organised the competition and a special well done to Josie T, Karlo G and Tom C for helping to run it.

Mr Day



Year 8

Year 8 have had a busy week as we enter the depths of our first term of 2023.

This week 8 Beech have been exercising their haggling and bartering skills with year 7's and 8's to make as much profit as possible for their GRADU8 enterprise challenge. Some of our year 8's have also managed to display their efforts of resilience to the cold weather, by continuing their battles in a game of chess out on the playground.

Please note with the cold weather, our uniform expectations are very much the same. Please encourage students to wear thermals or long sleeved tops underneath their shirts and blazers, rather than a hoodie on top which will be confiscated for the day. Upon a uniform check last week, year 8 as a year group were absolutely fantastic and so we hope all students can continue this to meet this expectation as they do so already. Well done!

Ms Woods and Mr Ridley



Year 9

Just when we thought we had avoided the cold weather this January, we welcomed the week with frosty mornings and minus temperatures. We encourage all students to wear coats to-and-from school - we have seen some students shivering outside not wearing one. Hoodies are not classed as coats and are, therefore, not part of our uniform policy. Please do not wear one to school. In addition to this, Mr Ridley reminded all students that there will be another uniform check at the beginning of assembly next Thursday. Students are reminded to follow the uniform policy at all times. Thank you to those students that continue to do so!

The options process is fast-approaching and information will be sent out next month. Teachers have been busy marking recent assessments and inputting grade for the lease of your PC2 report.

Year 9 parents' evening is scheduled for Tuesday 7 February. Please look out for the online booking link that will be sent to you nearer the time. Students are reminded to prioritise core subjects, and those subjects you are considering choosing for your options.

Ms Howarth & Mr Ridley

Vaccinations

Vaccinations for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio & Meningitis will be held on the **25 January**. Please fill in the [consent form](#).

The closing date for consent is **22 January**. If you have already completed a form, please do not complete this one.



FOOD + NUTRITION

Year 9aL + 9bL



Well done to 9aL and 9bL who completed their food and nutrition rotation last week with our usual free choice practical lesson, which is also a house competition.

First place is 100 points, second - 75 points, third - 50 points and fourth place - 25 points.

Dishes were outstanding and points were awarded to the following:

9aL

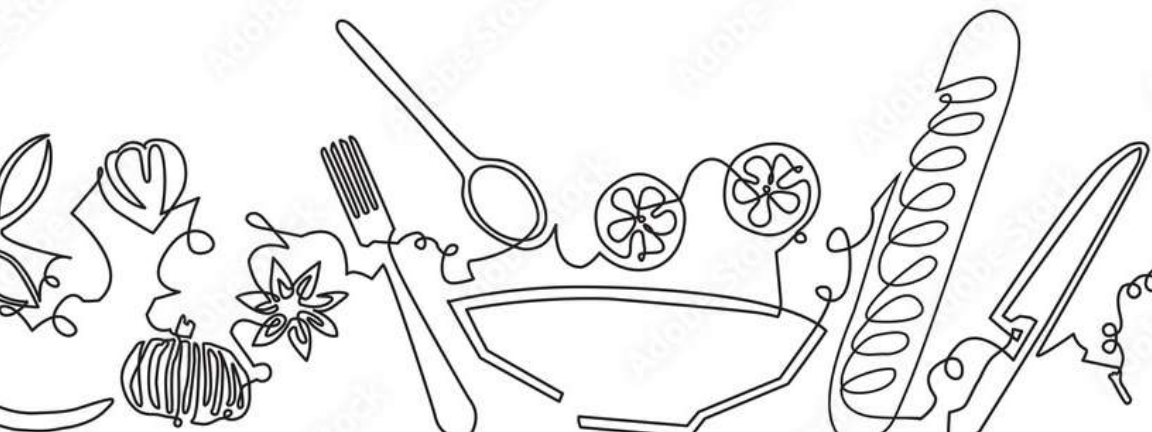
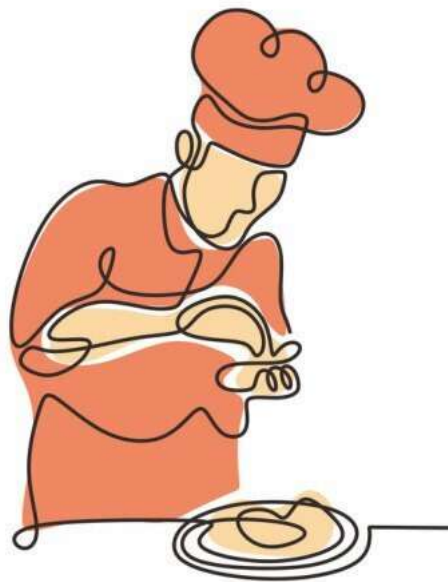
- 1st place - Matteo Selini
- 2nd place - Aaron Khiytani
- 3rd place - George Fennell
- 4th place - Charlie Webster and Charlotte Alexandre

9bL

- 1st place - Ane Katrine Brogaard Burdock
- 2nd place - Katrina Killey
- 3rd place - Rose Dacosta
- 4th place - Sophia Trybuszewski and Ella James

Well done to all of our year 9s!

Miss Clark











KS4 students have once again had a fantastic week on the whole, the term has settled now and we are fully back in the swing of things. As it has been cold and icy this week, please do ensure your children are wrapped up warmly.

Year 10

Year 10 has had lots of information this week to give them food for thought. Mr Allchurch gave an interesting insight in to the ethics surrounding 'Veganuary'. Mr Manning launched an interesting house competition regarding research essays. Tutors also delivered an important session about Andrew Tate and misogyny. There has been much media hype surrounding Andrew Tate and some dangerous publications and movements supporting him and his views. We are trying to educate our pupils in following positive role models on social media that align with our views and policies regarding racism, transphobia, homophobia, sexism and misogyny. We urge you to challenge and educate your children in regards to this issue and remind them that his views and actions should not be supported.

The KS4 team has been impressed by the renewed attitude to learning from Year 10 since the start of term. We are seeing better punctuality and attendance and fewer behavioural issues and detentions. Year 10 are also conducting themselves impeccably around the school site in general, which makes me very proud.

We continue to support students with their mental health and anxiety and I wanted to signpost students and parents to the different websites and organisations that can help with this - these can be found in their planners. Please also look out for the different parent workshops that we run throughout the year as these can be massively beneficial in helping support your child through these times.

Miss Clark

Year 11

My quote for this week is: "Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient"

We kicked off this week with Year 11 mock results day. Although there may not have been smiles all round, I think it is important that students are aware that if they did not receive the grades they wanted/anticipated, then there is still enough time to turn things around and for them to make some changes. The next set of mocks will take place after the Easter break for Maths and English. Students should use this time to prepare for this as much as they can.

Thank you to all parents for your attendance this week for the virtual parents' evening. It is always lovely to see so many faces (albeit online) to discuss students' progress. If you were not able to attend parents' evening I would advise you to please email any teachers in the next couple of weeks to discuss your child's progress before the next exams.

Lastly, please note that the students will be sitting their real BTEC exam for Health and social care on Monday January 30th. Students must be in school and on time for the exam, otherwise this will cause disruptions for the other students.

Ms Comrie

"Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient"

Well done to the following tutor groups, who stand out this week for the best attendance!

Top Tutor Groups for week commencing 2nd January are:

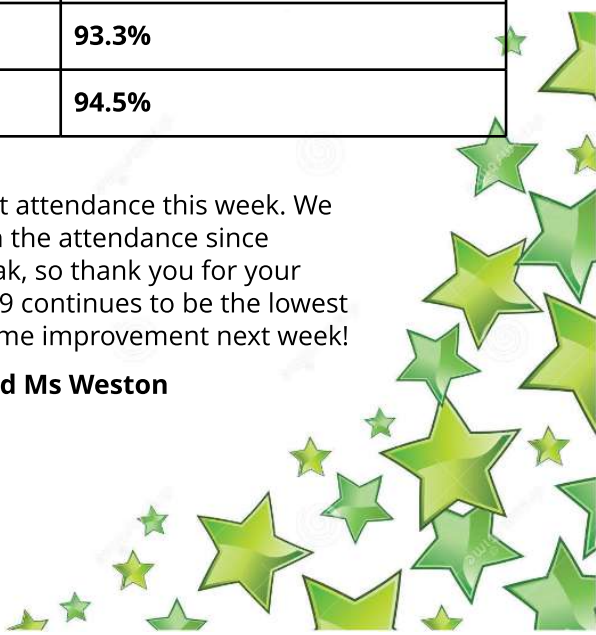
Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Beech	97.2%
8 Ash	96.6%
9 Beech	95.1%
10 Cedar	94.8%
11 Oak	95.9%

The Year Group totals are as follows:

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	96.1%
Year 8	93.1%
Year 9	92.4%
Year 10	93.3%
Year 11	94.5%

Well done to Year 7 for the highest attendance this week. We have been extremely pleased with the attendance since returning from the Christmas break, so thank you for your continued support with this. Year 9 continues to be the lowest attendance, so let's try and get some improvement next week!

Ms Innocent, Mrs McDonnell and Ms Weston



STARS OF THE WEEK

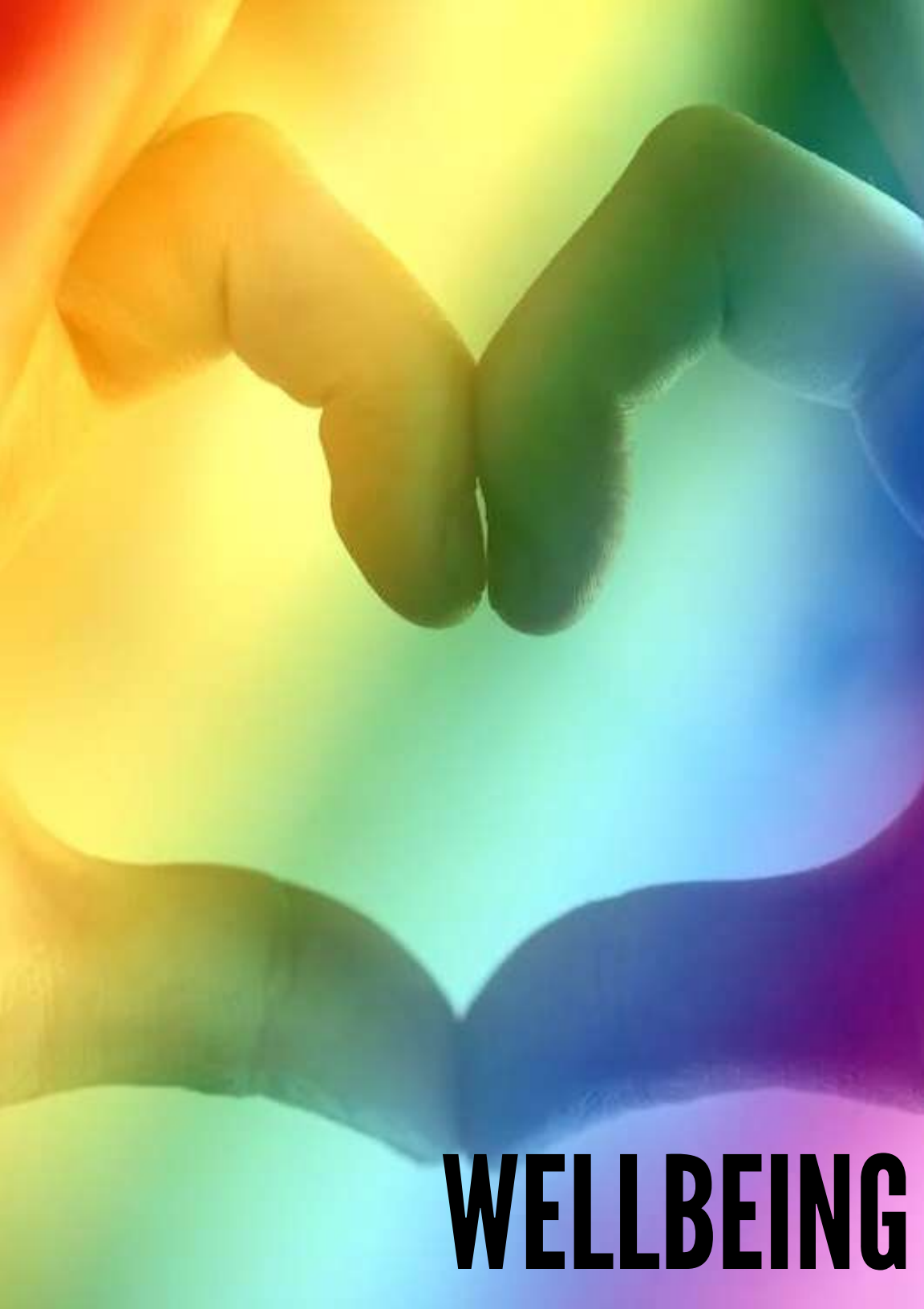
Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7	Alexander Engelbrecht	Science	Excellent progress in the subject
8	Robert Campbell	Science	Excellent contributions
9	Alfie West-Hoad	Science	Excellent contributions
10	Fabio Gohar	Biology	Excellent classwork
11	Amelia Sinclair	Biology	Excellent assessment grade
12	Benjamin Chung	Biology	Excellent progress in the subject
13	Vanessa Binoshi	Biology	Excellent progress in the subject
10	Beatriz Fernandes	Chemistry	Excellent classwork
11	Charlie Marriott	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
12	Kate Smirnova	Chemistry	Excellent test results
13	Elianna Cornfield	Chemistry	Excellent homework
10	Elise Mertens	Physics	Excellent contributions
11	Bertie Budden	Physics	Excellent contributions
12	Oscar Davies	Physics	Excellent classwork
13	Yusuf Spahi	Physics	Excellent progress in the subject
12	Amaan Khan	Applied Science BTEC	Excellent contributions
13	Felix Stone	Applied Science BTEC	Excellent contributions

LIBRARY NEWS

The Children and Communities librarians visited Grey Court School last week to launch their Cover Story booklet (48 of the best teen reads) and the Annual Book Review Writing Competition. Last year, lots of students entered the competition and we had more than a few finalists. **Mr Johnson**



Thank You to Richmond Libraries!!



WELLBEING

This Week

- Year 7** *Just Like Us* LGBT group coming to speak to all Year 7
- Year 8** What do we need to know about fertility and our reproductive health?
- Year 9** Who is to blame for an 'epidemic of negative body image' in the UK?
- Year 10** RS/Computing
Money Management
Blockchain
- Year 11** The Instagram Effect

Next Week

- Year 7** Why were so many men left to die alone and in shame?
AIDS
- Year 8** What choices do you have with an unplanned pregnancy, and how do your lifestyle choices impact these?
- Year 9** Who is to blame for an 'epidemic of negative body image' in the UK?
- Year 10** What are micro-aggressions?
- Year 11** The Instagram Effect

PDW

EXAM ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Year 11 and Year 13 parents are welcome to attend a virtual training session with Dr Paul Killerby (our Educational Psychologist) on **How to support your child with exam anxiety'**

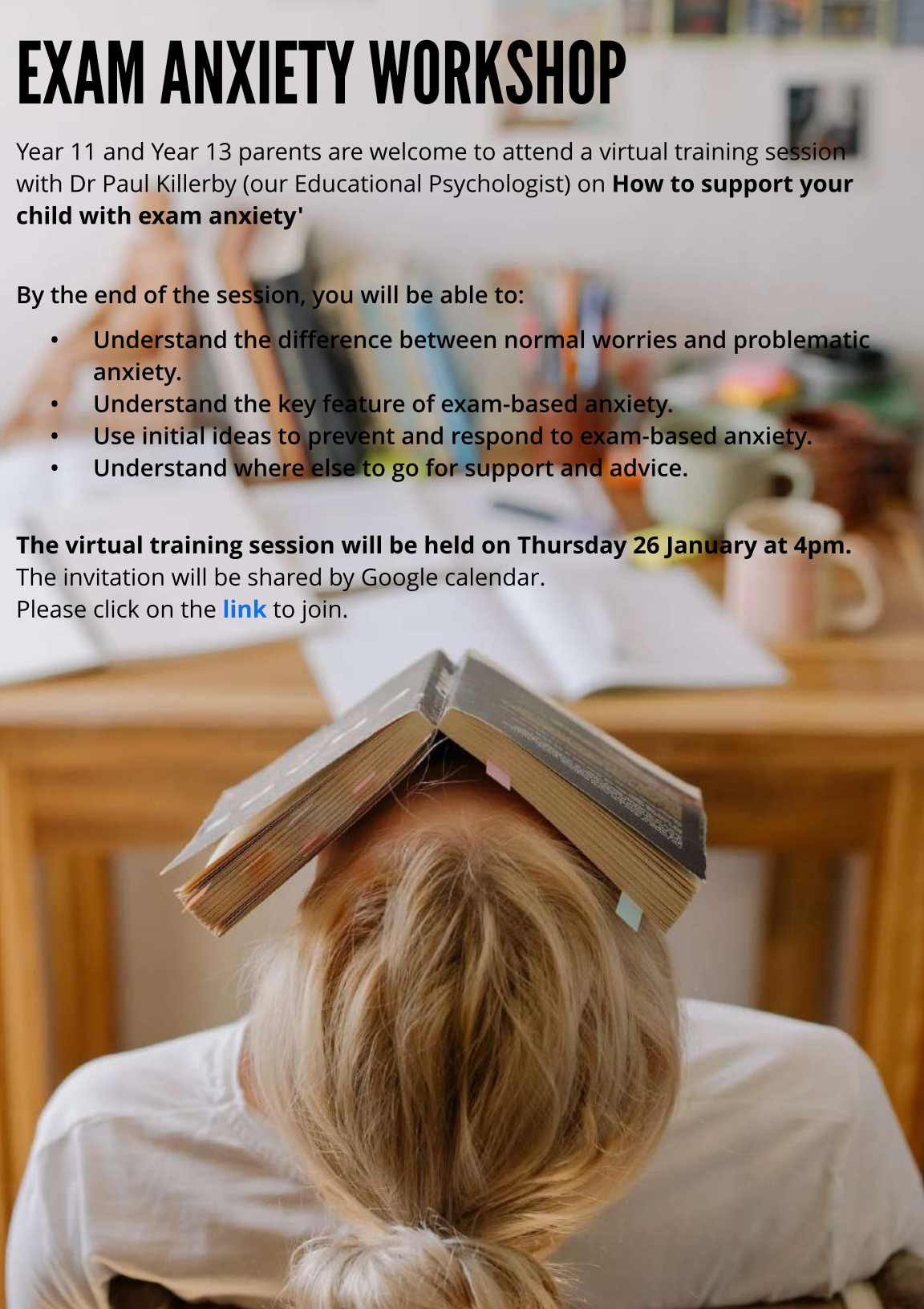
By the end of the session, you will be able to:

- Understand the difference between normal worries and problematic anxiety.
- Understand the key feature of exam-based anxiety.
- Use initial ideas to prevent and respond to exam-based anxiety.
- Understand where else to go for support and advice.

The virtual training session will be held on Thursday 26 January at 4pm.

The invitation will be shared by Google calendar.

Please click on the [link](#) to join.



How praise can help kids build skills





**Heatham House young women's group
for those 11 to 19 years**

Thursdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm

**A safe space for young women to come,
have fun, be creative and get advice and
guidance from female youth workers**

Contact Meg Scott for details

E: meg.scott@achievingforchildren.org.uk

T: 020 8288 0950



**achieving
for children**

A photograph of a woman and a young child sitting at a wooden table. The woman, on the left, is wearing a white knitted sweater and is looking down at a map or book on the table. The child, on the right, is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and jeans, and is looking up at the woman. The background is a dark wooden wall.

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

**Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?**

**Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?**

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am



50%

**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541

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Village**

Careers' News

Click the [link](#) to read this week's Careers News.



Sixth Form News



The Sixth Form Parents' Evening will be held on **Thursday 2 February 2023 from 4:30-7.30 pm.**

Due to larger numbers of students some subject appointments will take place from 1:30 pm onwards and lessons after lunch will be cancelled.

We have also allocated **Wednesday 8 February 2023** from **1:30pm** onwards for any appointments that cannot take place on the **2 February**.

This will be a remote event, so all appointments will be virtual and be **8 minutes** long.

It goes without saying that this is a very important evening for parents of our students, and we would encourage you to make every effort to attend.

The online booking system will open on **Thursday 25 January 2023 at 8:30 am** and will close on **Wednesday 1 February 2023 at 8:00 pm**. You must ensure that your appointments are booked before it closes.

Please find a guide below on how to manage the booking system.
[School Cloud Booking Guide](#)

You can find a list of questions and answers relating to appointments here: [Q&A](#).

If you have any concerns about how to book, or if you would like us to book the appointments for you if you are unable to, please contact ouluduzatakan@greycourt.org.uk.

How to Guide for Booking Appointments

The unique web address for our Parents' evening is <https://greycourt.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Once you have clicked on this you will be required to enter the following information. Please note that the information we require is the information that you submitted to us and the information we have on our school system:

- Title
- First Name
- Surname
- Email address you want to be contacted on
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

You then need to [follow this step by step guide to making appointments](#) with teachers. If you would prefer, please watch [this video](#).

Year 12

Students continue to work hard for their trial exams and have shown themselves to be motivated, proactive and focussed.

This week, we have launched opportunities available through the [Mark Evison Foundation](#) and representatives from the Foundation will be coming in at the start of enrichment next week to present to the students. This is an amazing opportunity for students to work in groups to propose, organise and deliver an activity, event or product of their choice.

We have also invited students who would like to apply for the position of Head Prefect, to put together their video manifestos before we put them to the vote. Good luck to all of them!

Year 13

Year 13 were visited by a guest speaker from the OddBalls foundation who delivered an assembly on testicular cancer to the year group. Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in men aged 18-50 but also has the highest survival rate of any cancer when caught early, so it was a good opportunity to raise awareness of this condition. OddBalls use bright colours and patterns to catch the eye and so some of our pupils engaged in an impromptu photoshoot with their ambassadors car!



We have now reached the absolute final deadline for submitting an on-time UCAS form. If you are still intending to apply you must come and see Mr Taylor, Mr Bhumbra or Ms McNicol immediately.

Many of students have now heard from all five of the universities/courses they have applied to with many receiving offers from all five of their choices. So now it is decision time for our students to choose a firm choice and to put in an insurance choice of university. Sounds scary but each student will have been given a date to reply by which will be in May or June so there is plenty of time for making decisions. Below is a brief presentation and a short video link to a UCAS guide on how to accept offers.

In the coming weeks we'll be using form time to look at topics such as student finance and accepting university offers.

[Here](#) is a short guide on how to accept your university offers as well as a link to UCAS with more precise instructions. There is plenty of time before students have to respond - pay attention to the reply by date given (this varies depending on the date students heard from their final university).

Applications for Student Finance open in April. Check out this [Student Finance](#) guide to see what you have to do next and when.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Millie Lupton, Lizzie Masucci and Arun Surman for receiving all five offers.

EPQ

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

Students in year 12 who are interested in applying for Oxbridge need to complete the google form. The link for this has been posted on year 12 notices. A Google classroom for Oxbridge will be created and an initial meeting will take place after exams.

Opportunities Bulletin

Take a look at this week's opportunities bulletin packed with apprenticeships, work experience, careers events, university tasters and much more...
[19/01/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)



A close-up, low-angle shot of a soccer goalpost and net. The goalpost is on the left, and the net extends towards the right. The background shows a sunset sky with orange and blue hues, and a dark silhouette of trees and a field in the distance.

Our Sports

weekly roundup

Sports' Timetable





Congratulations to Kooshan Hayati who has received a two-year scholarship with QPR. This is a fantastic achievement. He has a long and exciting road ahead of him. Well done Kooshan!



Congratulations to **Charlie Webster** who took part in his first inter-club gala (Kingston Royals open meet) in the 12-year-old category winning 4 medals as below, and lots of PB's.

50m freestyle 31.90 (with 0.5 seconds off the winning time 6th)
100 freestyle 1.10.43 (bronze)
200m freestyle 2.40.31 (4th)
50m backstroke 37.87 (gold)
100m backstroke 1.20.61 (silver)
200m backstroke 2.53.49 (gold)

Well done Charlie, keep working hard.





Our U13 Football Borough Champions!



U13 football Borough champions with a 4-1 win over Waldergrave!!!
(Monday 16 January 2023)



Incredible debut game for our Y7 basketball squad they showed great team work and initiative, winning 30-6! Well done girls and thank you [@StRRCCollege](#) for hosting!



Year 10 enjoying some Zumba on Thursday morning in their Core PE lesson.

Grey Court Dance Zone

Starts Tuesday 10th January 3-4pm

**Come and join Ms Sallis on Tuesday's in the
small gym, no experience needed.**



**All genders and
years welcome!**

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





**NEVER
COMMIT, EXCUSE OR
REMAIN SILENT ABOUT
MALE VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

White Ribbon campaigns to end violence against women by encouraging people to make a stand, help raise awareness and call out abusive behaviour. White Ribbon Walks are taking place across Richmond upon Thames.

**Richmond Council invites you to take part in the
WHITE RIBBON WALK IN HAM**

Join us on
Saturday 4th February at 1.00pm

Simply turn up to the starting point at Ham Parade outside Sainsbury's and we will be led by the Mayor, walking a marshalled route through Ham Common to St Richard's Square, Ashburnham Road for speeches.

For more information about White Ribbon visit www.whiteribbon.org.uk or just scan the QR Code below.





Trustee Recruitment: Join Our Adventure in 2023!

Marble Hill Playcentres is a well-recognised local charity, and this is an exciting time to join us as trustee. You'll have scope to shape the partnerships we build, the services we expand, and the programme of site renovation, in consultation with children and their families. Joining our board is an excellent way to learn new skills, develop diverse local relationships and gain a real sense of achievement alongside professional and family life.

We would particularly like to hear from you if you have one or more of the following:

- Knowledge of **building construction**, particularly surveying/ project management
- Professional or personal experience of **children's education or play services** in the borough
- Knowledge or experience of **community or corporate fundraising**

However, we appoint trustees mainly on the basis of **shared passion to protect and steward the Playcentres** for future generations of children and their families to enjoy. Previous board/trustee experience is not necessary, and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds and of all ages.

You can find more details at <https://marblehillplaycentres.com/about-us/recruitment/>, or email kate@marblehillplaycentres.com for an informal chat.



STRICTLY LATIN & BALLROOM WITH ANNE- MARIE

MONDAY



**STRICTLY DANCE FOR
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
16:00-17:00**



**STRICTLY DANCE FOR
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
17:00-18:00**

CHOOSE WHICH HOUR SUITS YOU BEST. BOTH DANCE CLASSES OFFER BRONZE AND SILVER SKILLS & PHYSICAL AWARDS. NO EXPERIENCE, NO SPECIAL SHOES/CLOTHING NEEDED. CHOREOGRAPHY, MUSICALITY, ROUTINES, TECHNIQUE. ANNE-MARIE WILL COMPLETE YOUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE, PROGRESS REPORTS AND SIGN OFF YOUR COMPLETION FORMS AFTER 12 HOURS. DANCES INCLUDE: CHA- CHA, SALSA, JIVE, TANGO, WALTZ, FOXTROT, SAMBA, MAMBO...

THURSDAY

**TEENS AND TWEENS
18:45-19:30**

**SOLO ADULTS
19:30-20:30**

**COUPLES
20:30- 21:30**

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MONDAY DATES:

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LESSONS £10 PER HOUR.

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