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Cover photo: Allotment club students. Read the latest allotment news.
Photo taken by Ms Munday

ALLOTMENT Club

Allotment club has been action packed with activities this term. Here is a roundup of some of the highlights.

Local residents Julia and Antony were given a guided tour around the allotment area by attendees after feeling compelled to support the initiative when they saw a request for tool donations in a Ham United Group article. Julia and Anthony generously donated a brand new pair of secateurs, axe and a hammer. The secateurs have already been put to good use with pruning back the raspberry canes in the fruit cages.



During February students have been focusing their efforts on seed planting to prepare for the spring growing season. Mercedes Gunningham and Alexander Englebrecht are particularly excited to see what grows in the coming weeks. They have been involved with 'surprise seed of the week' where they have been selecting an unidentified seed to plant and speculate as to guess whether it will grow into garlic, peas or beans based on it's size, texture and shape ... watch this space!





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Seed?

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POOL

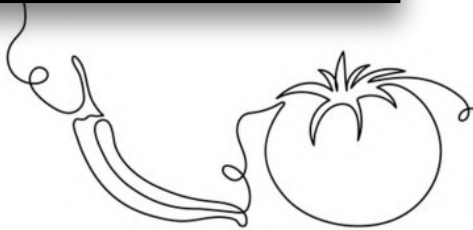
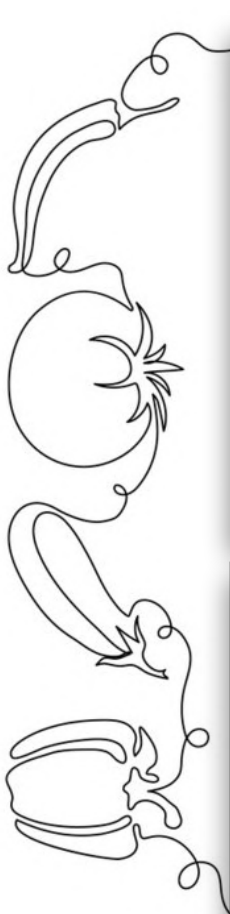
Students have also been getting ahead of the growing season by chitting potatoes using recycled egg boxes. The seed potatoes have been placed indoors in a sunny spot to enable them to develop shoots in time to be planted in the around 6 weeks time.



Did you know? More than a billion people worldwide eat potatoes, and global total crop production exceeds 300 million metric tons. There are more than 4,000 varieties of native potatoes, mostly found in the Andes of Peru, South America. They come in many sizes and shapes.

Did you know?







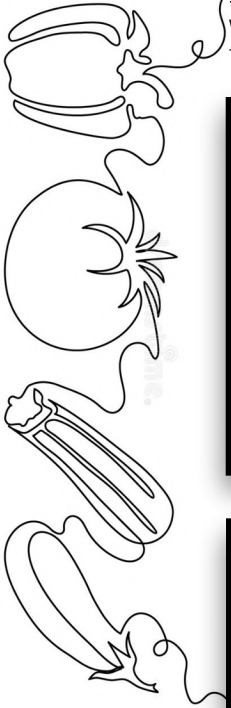
On Tuesday 27 February, Grey Court Allotment students welcomed students and staff from Strathmore school. Lakan, Harvey and Nihlan got stuck into working as a team to clear leaves into leaf mould, with Cosmos Tai, Jonathan Staples and Zachary Pender and are looking forward to getting involved with future allotment activities.



Coming up this term, Grey Court and Strathmore students will be replacing all the 7 large raised beds with new compost. This task is vital to replenish the nutrients in the soil to ensure the vegetables develop and grow into tasty produce for harvesting in the spring and summer months.

We have a large area to cover, so if you have any compost or wheel barrows to spare, please contact smunday@greycourt.org.uk or if you would like to volunteer please also get in touch.

- Sylvia Munday, SEN Department



#KeepInTouch



22-23 Term Dates



23-24 Term Dates



School Events



Sports' TT



Sport SOCS



Education Fund



ScoPay



The Uniform Shop



Thursdays 3-4pm



Breakfast Menu



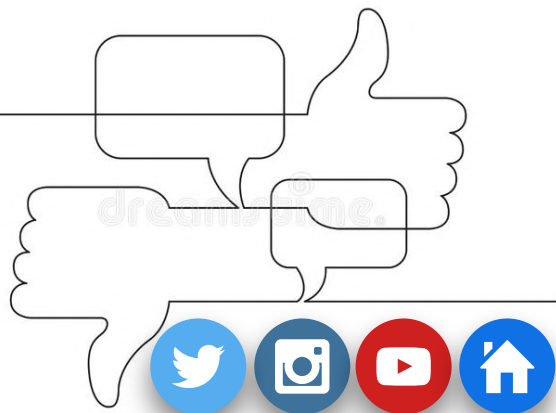
Weekly Menu



Graze Menu



Extracurricular TT



Grey Court Gym & Dance Show 2023

Tuesday 28th March

Come and watch our amazing gymnasts
and dancers perform!

Doors open at 6:30pm

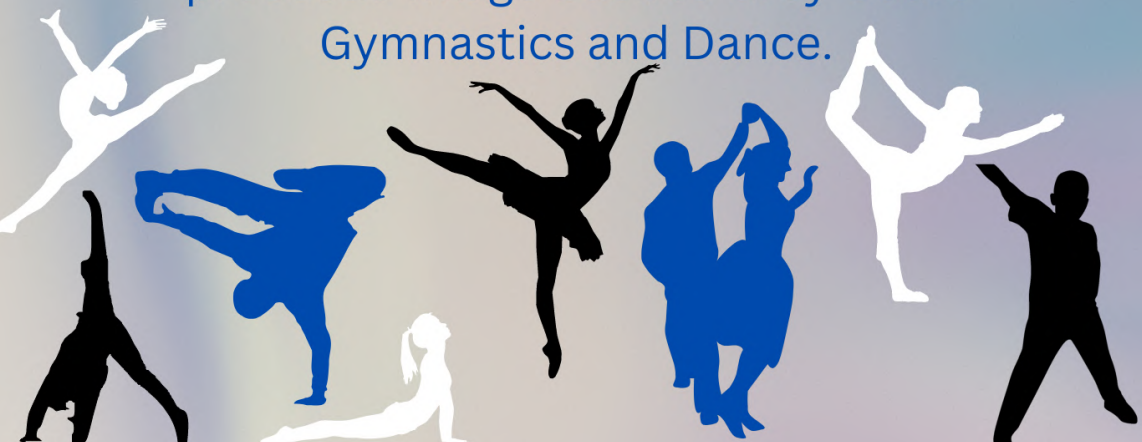
The show will start at 7pm.

£4 for children

£6 for adult

Payment available on Scopay or on the door.

A tuck shop will be available on the night. All
proceeds will go back to Grey Court
Gymnastics and Dance.



MUSIC OF GREY COURT ORIGIN 2023





LAYLA BANARSE





RACHEL PHILPOTT

MUSIC OF GREY COURT ORIGIN

On 9 March the VPA Faculty were delighted to host the MOGOs - or Music of Grey Court Origin - competition. Students had been working hard on their performances for months and it was a pleasure to see them all showcase their talents to a packed hall.

This year the theme was **Irish musicians** and the students showed great creativity and excellent taste in their choice of songs. Our resident Irishman and Head of VPA Mr Millar checked that each artist fulfilled the criteria of being Irish and learned about the Irish heritage of several musicians, including Ed Sheeran and The Smiths.

We were treated to performances by students from years 7-13, featuring the music of iconic artists and bands such as The Coors, The Cranberries and U2. We were particularly impressed with the number of year 7 students who managed to gain places in this year's competition - we suspect there may be future MOGOs winners in this year group!

Before we found out who the winners were, we were treated to a performance by our auditioned choir, Grey Court Voices, who performed traditional Irish song *Danny Boy*, arranged by our own Miss Cowper.

After a very close vote, Mr Rhodes and Mr Millar announced the winners. Second place went to Rachel Philpott for her beautiful and soulful performance of Hozier's *Cherry Wine* and first place went to year 9 student Layla Banarse for her powerful and passionate performance of Ed Sheeran's *Dive*. The hall exploded with applause for Layla as she performed again.

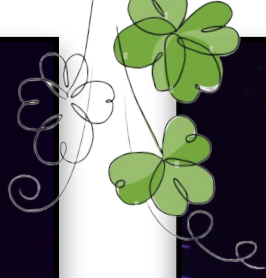
Huge congratulations to all of the performers, and to Mr Allchurch and his backstage team - Charlie Morgan, Farhan Abbas, Oscar Black, Ewan Board, Charles Perret, Azelea Ovuike and Edward Medcalf.

We look forward to next year's MOGOs. But now it's time for us to move our focus to the VPA Oscars - stay tuned for more information!



A special thank you to **Holly-Anne SHEAHAN-LAMBERT** for taking photos of the MOGOs





'Girl From Mars'
by Ash
y - 'Teen Spirit' (Formerly 'Indecisive')



PARIS IN FAMILY CLEMENTS

Mr Clements

The last time I visited Paris - it was August 1992 - and I was interrailing (a 90s rite-of-passage) with three friends: we set off sans a plan, sans any accommodation, and sans any French. Luckily, someone remembered to pack a three man tent - for the four of us. Our first night was spent camped on some waste ground on the outskirts of Paris. Some local youths, who we had antagonised, spent the night circling around us on mopeds and we had to take it in turns sleeping with our feet sticking outside the entrance. The second night was no better - as after failing to navigate the French transportation system - an early morning start for French Euro-disney morphed into a 7pm arrival and a night in the rain on a bench by a bus shelter in a discarded child's Mickey Mouse poncho! We soon left for Amsterdam...

I therefore spent several sleepless nights suffering from horrific flashbacks of this happy idyll, when Monsieur Rhodes, invited me into his office, broke into appalling French with a Mancunian twang, offered me some shares in a French vineyard and reminisced about his student days on the left-bank with the Paris St-Germain ultras. With a Gallic shrug, he announced that I was off to Paris with Ms Gilly-Grellier and an elite group of Year 10s and that in true French fashion there were probably going to be strikes, demonstrations, closures and cancellations - and that I had better bring them all back alive - along with a packet of macarons for his daughters!

Having decided to prepare properly for this Paris excursion, since I was responsible for the lives of 18 teenagers and 2 staff members, I "borrowed" my 13 year old's Paris St Germain shirt, consulted my 1990s edition of the *Lonely Planet's* guide to Paris, packed my Arsenal almanack of French players and prepared for the worst.

Luckily, having rendezvoused with Ms Gilly-Grellier, outside *The Paul* bakery, in St Pancras, she immediately produced two colour coded A5 box files, 21 envelopes of spending money in decreasing note denominations, an alphabetised pile of passports with post-its and a pain au chocolat.

At this point, I knew we would probably be alright!

And so we set off on the Euro-Star with our squirrel eyed party of bushy tailed teens chattering all the way to Paris' gare-du-nord station, deposited our baggage in the bijou hotel Kabanal, and headed off for Le Louvre's wonders. Moreover, before a *zut alors* could be uttered there was the puzzle of orientating **Malak Saleh** - whose main mode of transport is a wheelchair - around the boulevards and catacombs of Paris. Other than the time I had lost control of my wheelchair bound nan, on a steep hill in Seaton, this was the first time I had accompanied anyone in a four wheeled chariot on a school trip.

I have to say the experience was truly educational as EVERYWHERE there seemed to be an obstacle in the way of getting Malak in a linear fashion from A to B. For example, the Eurostar only had one wheelchair accessible carriage; Le Louvre had many lifts but these only seemed to go up one floor and the metro system contained a series of broken escalators.

With infinite patience, good humour and zen-like calm, as well as the help of our French-speaking

I LOVE PARIS



LSA, Tanya, and GC students **Fiona** and **Nicole**, the boulevards of Paris were well and truly conquered. Day one ended with Malak and her fellow students ascending the last 50 steps of Montparnasse Tower for night-time panorama view of the city loved by poets and philosophers alike. This presented time for a photo opportunity with **Leo's** French curls, **Jack's** designer French raincoat and **Hugo's** French mullet being illuminated through the "I love Paris" neon light.

Day 2 started with a wail of 1000 police sirens in true *Bourne identity* style, to announce the beginning of the national strike that threatened to literally derail the main point of the trip in the students' eyes: a visit to EuroDisney which was linked to us via the metro. Fortunately, Ms Gilly-Grellier was two steps ahead of the party - as she proved to be - before, during and apres the trip, and had problem solved by booking a fleet of taxis to this bastille of French culture!

Whilst the students spent an enjoyable day being tossed around in 360 degree loops by rides such as the *Temple of Peril*, I preferred the teacups. Indeed a highlight of the trip proved to be time spent in the Mickey mouse auditorium reading Agatha Christie (very popular in France apparently) whilst **Lucas** and **Felix** boasted about riding *hyperspace* mountain, eight consecutive times. The day concluded with the students experiencing some true French haute cuisine: 18 Oaxaca chicken and rice wraps in Disney's Hakuna Matata Lodge as the daily firework show exploded above and *Let-it-go* was belted out in French.



Thankfully, each day began with a very civilised French style buffet breakfast that was so classy the ingredients for the muesli were in separate glass containers. There was even

Bonne mamam jam for the butter croissants which I can only normally get in Waitrose! The breakfast ritual was embellished each day by **Olivia**, **Annabel** and **Maryse** excitedly practising their conjugation of French verbs in their best Surrey accents. Meanwhile, **Sophia** discussed her plans for a menagerie which would include a gecko with Ms Gilly-Grellier, who appeared to be an expert on French dating idioms and seemed to know that the English collective noun for a group of rabbits was a fluffle.

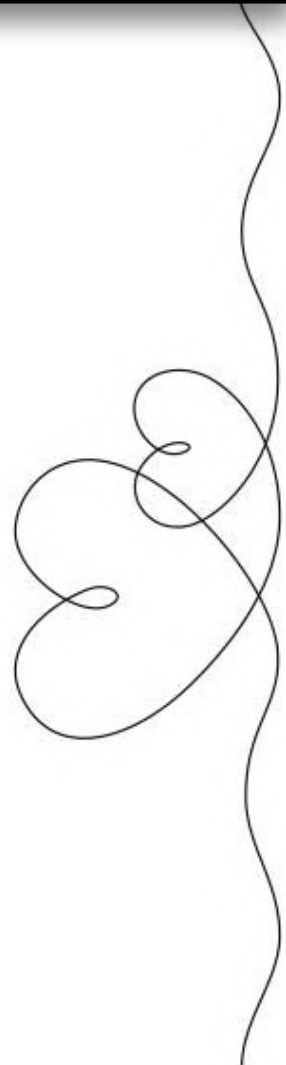
As the Parisian strike spilled into day 3, disaster struck, with torrential rain forecast for the day, the Eiffel tower closed and the metro system shut down. Cue, a quick consultation of the 90s edition of the *Lonely planet*, which recommended a free museum of Paris signs, Le musee Carnavalet, and mapped out an extensive walking tour!

And so before you could say 20,000 steps in the pouring rain, our gallant party had cheerily learnt about Parisian signage (Very Saussure!) strolled along the Seine, been on a rainy open top boat tour, ducked under the Arc de Triomphe for shelter and shopped along the Champs Elysee.

Attention must be drawn at this point to **Alex** for expertly guiding our party on day 3 around the streets of Paris via Le google maps. This was despite **Jakob's** best efforts to encourage me to hire a fleet of electric scooters to take them around Paris and visit a local bar to watch the Paris Saint Germain game as "this was what his dad would do." I declined. I am sure **Leanna** would have appreciated the former as, having ruptured her tendon on the ski trip, she gamely completed 20,000 steps a day on crutches, a feat which might see her next year in the Paris Olympics!

The traditional last night in the hotel normally features a bout of student anarchy, and I certainly wasn't let down on this trip as the girls indulged in maths revision and a hair plaiting competition. In a true case of Midnight in Paris, I managed to apprehend **Sam** and **Bruno** (in his Arsenal pyjamas nonetheless) attempting to get into **Enzo's** room to eat a double dose of nutella pizza (a French delicacy) that Sam claimed was helping him build muscle mass!

With a heavy heart - and with all of the party still alive - we returned to an overcast GC on Thursday afternoon, on the no: 65 bus, after an English rail strike had diverted us to Ealing! All told, I can truly say, that my 50 year old experience of Paris filled me with more joie de vivre than my 19 year old experience did. Many thanks to the students, Tanya and Ms Gilly-Grellier for making the trip so memorable!



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A multimedia performance of our
original migration stories

MAY 4
5:30-7:00 PM

Grey Court School,
Ham St, Richmond
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KS3 & KS4
NEWS

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We are fast approaching the Easter holidays and it has been another busy - if not slightly different - week!

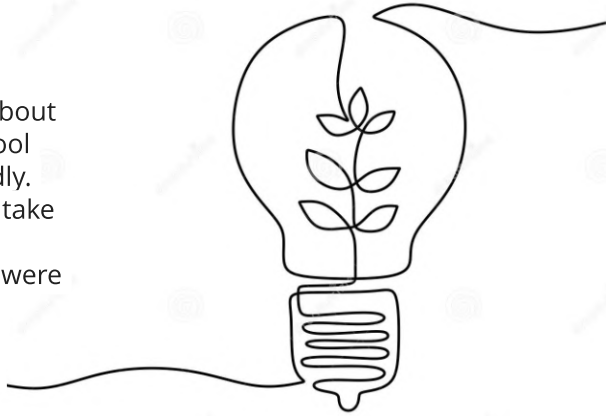
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On Wednesday and Thursday students took part in a variety of activities whilst industrial action took place. Mrs Mercer led a restorative conference for the students, where they were able to discuss what they enjoy about school and what they would like to improve. They also had a session focussing on the environment, which also involved students thinking about how we could make the school more environmentally friendly. They also had the chance to take part in a variety of sporting activities. The Y7 team and I were very pleased with how the students adapted, and the maturity they showed in the sessions.

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- Mr Day

This is not a one time thing, this is our entire future - Greta Thunberg



BAKE SALE



LUNCH WED 22ND, MARCH

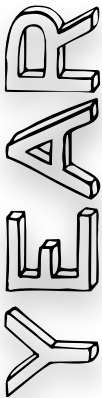
CASH ONLY

YR 7 AREA

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS A FOOD BANK CHARITY.



Another week celebrating our amazing top achievers in the year! This week we congratulate **Philine Zoeller, Sabian Florio, Ben Clark, Chloe Lester** and **Zaki Malik**. A huge well done from the KS3 team, keep it up!



The leadership team has been busy conducting option interviews with the students the past couple of weeks, discussing their interests and answering any questions they may have around the process. **A reminder that the Google Form for Options Choices opens next Wednesday 22 March, and the deadline to return the form is Friday 24 March.**

It is British Science Week, this week!

It is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths which will take place 10-19 March 2023.

The 2023 theme is connections. From exploring plant growth in a window box to discussing the impacts of economic growth on our society, there are plenty of ways to join in. The BBC has some **great resources** for a variety of topics for enquiring minds.

- Ms Howarth and Mr Ridley

10-19 March
**British
Science
Week
2023**





Thank you Richmond Libraries

Over the course of the term Richmond Libraries have been visiting our year 9s and encouraging them to frequent their local libraries and make use of the resources, expertise and groups.

Practising good reading habits will help towards your child's development and success.



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KS3 ART CLUB



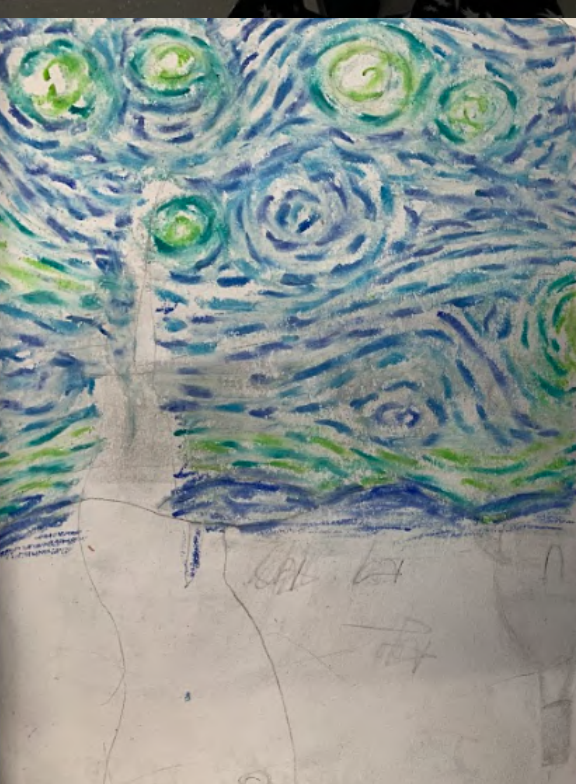
This term in the art club, the students are participating in a sketchbook circle. This means each week a student swaps sketchbooks with another student and completes a page in their sketchbook. This week we were looking at the theme of changing seasons as the weather gets a little bit warmer. Some beautiful drawings in different mediums were completed! - **Ms Wellesley**





Layla Cheyre





Y11 YEAR Y

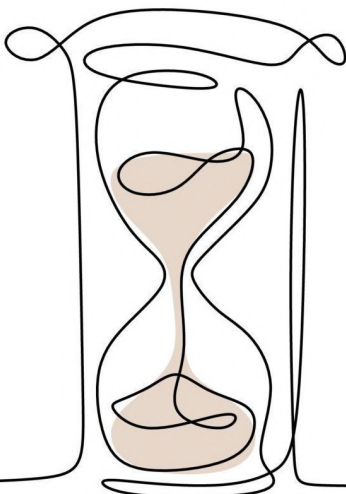
Well done to Y11 who have completed 4 exams over the course of one week! Despite this week being slightly unconventional the Y11's have worked really hard so a massive well done to all of you. We only have two weeks left until the end of the spring term, please remember Easter school will be running from Monday 3rd to Thursday 7th. These sessions have been put on to supply students with extra resources for the upcoming summer exams and give students the opportunity to revise with the help of their teachers. I expect all will attend, with best behaviour.

As the term comes to an end, please don't forget we have the celebration assembly in two weeks. Try and gain as many achievement points as possible so that you are in with a chance of winning some of the amazing prizes I will be giving out at the end of term assembly.

'Hide a mask and wear it so your true identity no one can tell'. Letters regarding prom, ROA and leavers hoodies have been sent out. The theme for this year will be 'Masquerade ball' which was chosen by the Y11 student body. This is a great opportunity for students to finish the year on a high and to look back on some of the memories they have made over the last 5 years. I hope all parents will be available to make it and look forward to seeing you all, in the next couple of months.

- Ms Comrie

'The two most powerful warriors are patience and time'



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Exam Resources

The support of parents and guardians can have a huge impact on their child, but many don't know if they're doing the right things. So, here are some tips and strategies to help them be their child's biggest supporter.

Fostering **good habits** is key to getting students into the right mindset to study. Parents and guardians can help this by encouraging their child to get consistent sleep, eat a proper breakfast and reduce their screen time (particularly in bed!).

When supporting their child's **academic achievement**, it's important for parents and guardians to have high aspirations and expectations. They can also get their child to teach them or use flashcards together to make use of Retrieval Practice.

Although it can be tempting to make grades the only priority, parents and guardians should focus on their child's **mental health** too. This means making sure they get enough fresh air and set aside time to unwind, without thinking about exams.

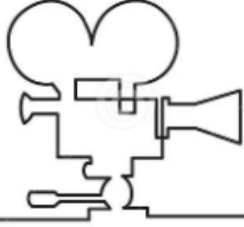
Resources to help your child engage in revision and exam preparation:

- [10 ways parents can help their child revise](#)
Support both their academic achievement and their mental health with just a few small changes.
- [How parents can help improve grades](#)
These strategies focus on providing effective support rather than relying on directly supervising revision and homework.
- [Should parents pay their child for good grades?](#)
Using financial incentives to motivate children can be tempting. But if opting to use rewards, keep these points in mind.
- [How parents can help their child thrive at school](#)
How families communicate and react to failure can have a large impact on work ethic and achievement.
- [A parent's guide to surviving the exam season](#)
Exams can be stressful for parent/guardian and child alike. These strategies can help provide support and alleviate that stress.
- [#11 The one about... parents and grades](#)
Although every child is different, here's what research says are the best ways to help boost their grades.
- [What parents need to know about sleep](#)
Sleep has many benefits, and parents and guardians are key in ensuring their child is getting enough shut-eye.

STARS OF *English & AR* THE WEEK

| Year | Name | Subject | Reason |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 | Ida Teggarty-Sparks | English Language | Excellent contributions |
| 10 | Joseph Belfield | English Literature | Excellent assessment grade |
| 11 | Charlotte Cutting | English Language | Outstanding achievement |
| 8 | Edward Medcalf | English Literature | Excellent progress in the subject |
| 9 | Stanley Stoller | English Language | Excellent contributions |
| 12 | Zara Flack | English Literature | Outstanding achievement |
| 13 | Lily Clarke | English Literature | Excellent progress in the subject |
| 13 | Holly Newcombe | EPQ | Excellent progress in the subject |
| 7 | Adeola Komolafe | Accelerated Reader | Excellent engagement in class |
| 8 | Aleesha Raghvani | Accelerated Reader | Excellent engagement in class |





MEDIA



TRIPS



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Sky welcomed Grey Court to their Studios, once again, last Thursday for an afternoon of communication, collaboration and creativity.

We have so many natural presenters, directors, costume managers, autocue operators, camera operators, scriptwriters and editors in Year 10. In just one hour, 10C planned, filmed and edited news reports on the subject of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, working in a professional workplace environment with industry standard camera, microphone and editing equipment.

Thank you to Ms Woods and Ms Corrighan for organising everything, and Ms Weston for supporting us on this trip.

We're looking forward to bringing this final group of Year 10s to Sky next term! - **Ms Howell**



YEAR 12

Year 12 Media students spent the day at Ibstock Place School on Friday 10 March, taking part in their annual One Day Film School.

Led by the Young Film Academy, students first took part in a Fight Choreography session. Max M's round punches were incredibly convincing and Jojo truly immersed himself in his character during his fight scene.

After some tea and toast, they enjoyed a short Film History presentation, where Ben impressed Grey Court and Ibstock students, as well as the film professionals from YFA with his vast knowledge of Films, Directors, Producers and Screenwriters so much that Ibstock students rushed to work with him for their filmmaking challenge.

After a delicious lunch, students planned, filmed and edited an original 10-shot film. Zach took meticulous notes as Director, clearly communicating directions to his cast and crew, while Mardochee, Satyam and Fred won an Oscar for their performances in A Calculated Heist.

Many thanks to Ibstock Place School and YFA for making us feel so welcome throughout the day and providing such a fantastic opportunity for our young filmmakers. - **Ms Howell**





ATTENDANCE

Matters



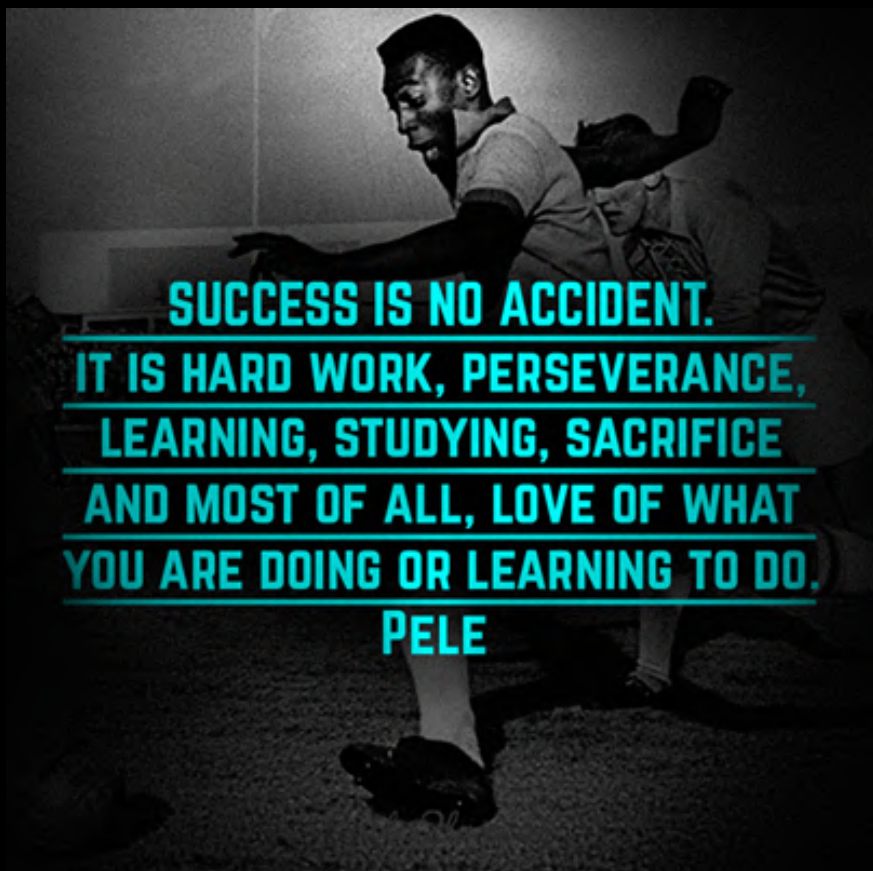
| Year Group | Attendance % |
|------------|--------------|
| Year 7 | 97.6% |
| Year 8 | 94.5% |
| Year 9 | 95.3% |
| Year 10 | 94% |
| Year 11 | 94.8% |

| Tutor Group | Attendance % |
|-------------|--------------|
| 7 Willow | 99.4% |
| 8 Oak | 98.1% |
| 9 Cedar | 97.3% |
| 10 Cedar | 97% |
| 11 Cedar | 99% |

Attendance figures from 6 March to 10 March

Congratulations to year 7 for achieving 99.4% attendance.

CAREERS



SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.

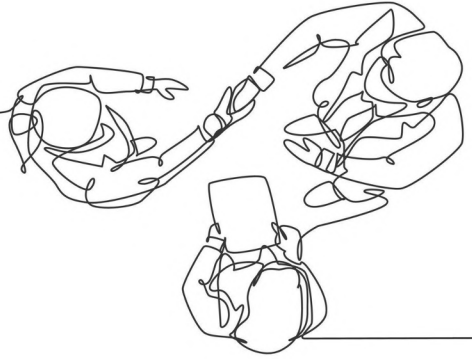
**IT IS HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE,
LEARNING, STUDYING, SACRIFICE
AND MOST OF ALL, LOVE OF WHAT
YOU ARE DOING OR LEARNING TO DO.**

PELE

Can you support our students?

We are looking for any parents or contacts in the Grey Court community who may be able to offer our year 12 students work experience this summer from 3 to 7 July. Students are looking for placements and this is definitely harder since Covid with working practices changing. Work experience is still so important to give our young people an insight into the world of work.

If you think you might be able to help please do get in touch:
bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk.



Careers Opportunities

Please see our weekly [15/03/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#) which highlights careers talks, work experience, university events and apprenticeships. All of these opportunities give students a chance to explore their ideas and see if that's the pathway they want to pursue, this is all part of making informed decisions about their future.

See some of the highlights below:

Climate Conference for Years 11, 12 and 13 students

The Department of Geography, Geology, and the Environment at Kingston University are hosting a half-day **climate conference** aimed at students considering geography and environment degrees. The event will focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation at local, regional and national scale. If you are interested please **follow this link** to let us know your preferred date and time.

Architecture Residential Summer School

Kingston University and Drawing Matter are running a FREE Year 12 Architecture residential summer school from the 24th-29th August in Somerset. Accommodation and catering is provided by Sherbourne International School, with the workshops taking place in the local area. Travel bursaries to and from Somerset may be available where needed. We welcome applications from enthusiastic learners with a keen interest in the visual environment. Applications are open now with a closing date of Monday 15th May 2023. For further information and to apply please follow this [link](#).



Year 12 students - Explore University Summer Schools

Our Summer Schools offer over 40 different courses at 13 of the UK's top universities. We've created an easy search tool below to help you find a programme that's right for you.

Do you want to try a new subject? Or do you want to check whether your current course choice is actually for you? Keen to visit a university or city you've never been to?

We'll cover the full costs of your travel, accommodation, food and activities at any partner university – not just one that's local to where you live – so choose a Summer School based on your subject interests at a university you'd like to explore. You may apply to a UK Summer School if you: Are studying in Year 12 in England and Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded school or college (non-fee paying) in the UK.

[Browse Courses - Sutton Trust](#)

Deadline: 31 March to apply.

Most summer schools take place in July or August.

Free Webinars For Law and Business

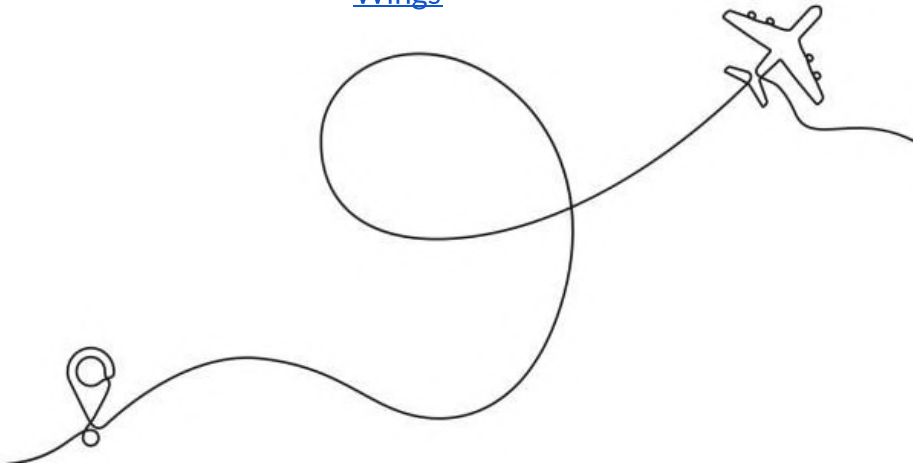
There are a number of free webinars available for students (12-18 year olds). On the **21 March** there is a webinar on how to get into the law and finally on the **28 March** how to get into the world of Finance. Even if you cannot make the date if you register you will be sent a recording to watch in your own time.

Law: 21 March 6pm

Finance: 28 March 6pm

The Fantasy Wings programme aims to equip young people aged 13-25, particularly those from **Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds and young women**, with the skills and knowledge necessary to become pilots and succeed in the **aviation industry**.

At the end of the programme, 50 participants will be selected to have a trial flight, and three young people will receive sponsorship for their 45-hour Private Pilot Licence training. To find out more about the programme please visit: [Fantasy Wings](#)



ORGANIZATIONAL WELLBEING



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Y 7

What are appropriate physical boundaries?

Y 8

How can you share information safely online?

Y 9

How can you budget for things and save money in the future?

Y 10

RS/Computing, What is AI?, Problem-solving for AI, Maths tools for AI, Extension: AI Project Cycle

Y 11

Bloom Programme - Resilience

FRIDAY
24 FEB, P 3

ADVICE ADVICE FOR FOR PARENTS PARENTS



EHS Online Workshop Library

Our online workshop library contains workshops for parents and carers on the following topics:

- School readiness (parts 1 and 2)
- Transition back to school after lockdown
- Supporting children with additional needs to transition back to school
- Supporting your child's transition and attachment to secondary school (parts 1, 2 and 3)
- Emotionally Related School Avoidance (ERSA)
- Introduction to child anxiety (parts 1, 2 and 3)
- Supporting young people who experience low mood (parts 1 and 2)
- Primary school sleep workshop
- Adolescence sleep workshop
- Parental wellbeing when caring for young children (parts 1 and 2)
- Bereavement due to Covid-19
- Supporting your child through bereavement

WELLBEING SUPPORT GROUP



**Come and meet Billie from the charity MIND
for support and advice to improve your
emotional wellbeing**

**Every Thursday 3.30pm to 4.30pm
at Ham Youth Centre**

A safe space where you can talk about uncomfortable feelings you are having such as anxiety and depression.

Realise you are not alone and learn strategies to deal with these feelings and ways you can boost your mental health.

Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, Ham TW107PL

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CHILD EXPLOITATION AWARENESS DAY *18 March 2023*

The National Child Exploitation Awareness Day aims to highlight the issues surrounding child exploitation; encourage everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

Key themes for this year

- Recognise and respond to all forms of exploitation
- Transition periods are a time of increased vulnerability
- The right support of children and families at the right time by the right people

National Child Exploitation Awareness
Day-STOP CE
Spot the Signs
The NWG Network

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Upcoming Events

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.

Please note this is a term time service, so please book asap as there will be no sessions over Easter.

Free for Richmond & Kingston residents.

Post Diagnosis Workshop

19 April - 12pm Online

Are you the parent or carer of a recently diagnosed child or teenager? Our Post Diagnosis Workshop is full of essential information to inform, help and empower you. These sessions are held monthly and we alternate in-person and on-line formats.

Webinars

Dyslexia and co-occurrence with ADHD with Eryn Caddick, Specialist Assessor, SENCo and Teacher at Dyslexia Assessment Surbiton

28 March 8pm

This webinar will give you more information about dyslexia and the co-occurrence with ADHD: What is dyslexia?; Dyslexia and co-occurrence with ADHD; Monitoring for characteristics of dyslexia; Strategies to support children with dyslexia and ADHD at home and in school.

The ADHD Effect on Couples (and Families) with Melissa Orlov, Marriage Consultant

25 April 8pm

You may be primarily focused on how ADHD impacts your child, but did you know that adult ADHD (and partner responses to that ADHD) can have a huge impact on couples? The good news is that with couples, knowing the issues can provide insights into how to stop the conflict, more accurately assess your situation, and create communication strategies that bring you closer.

BOOK



SIXTH FORM NEWS

There is a chess craze in Grey Court sixth form at the moment pupils so that it feels as though there is constantly at least one game being played in the sixth form library. Digital matches make up the majority of games with pupils playing each other or other players from around the world in timed matches on chess.com. More and more pupils are starting to enjoy playing matches on physical boards and in response to this the sixth form recently purchased 10 new chess sets and arranged an inter-house chess tournament.

Over the last two weeks pupils from years 12 and 13 played each other in a round robin tournament during their Wednesday afternoon enrichment periods. Pupils at all levels played with some crunch matches between heavyweight being surrounded by invested spectators and leading to the sort of excited scenes one might not always associate with the so-called game of kings. Eventually the dust settled and the results were in: Trojan house came out on top, followed closely by Roman, Spartan and Aztec. The tournament was not without its controversy, at the start of the second week's matches it was discovered that Aztec house had enlisted a ringer from Trojan house in order to strengthen their squad. This discovery rocked the standings with Aztec losing the points from this player, ending their challenge for first place and leading to them finishing last.

It was an exciting 4 hours of matches and looks set to become an annual event. The rivalries started over the past two weeks will lead to some exciting matches in this summer's alternative olympics, our annual summer event for year 12, which features an inter-house knockout chess tournament along with a number of other events designed to allow for a fully inclusive sports' day.

- Mr Taylor

Chess is everything: art, science and sport







Building the machine



Judging the machine

SATRO success for year 13 pupils

On Thursday 9 March, a team of year 13 pupils travelled to Carsharlton to represent Grey Court in the annual SATRO problem solving challenge. This challenge involves teams of pupils working together to design and build a device to perform a certain function against a set of scored criteria. This year's challenge required the pupils to build a device to separate different coloured lego bricks floating in water, inspired by the challenge of cleaning plastic from the world's oceans. Teams had 90 minutes to design and build their devices and then 1 minute to move as many lego bricks as possible. A large percentage of the points were awarded for making the device out of as few resources as possible, to reinforce the idea of sustainability and environmental responsibility. This was Grey Court's first year participating in this competition and so we may have been perceived as underdogs compared to the other teams, many of whom had been to the challenge as KS3 and 4 pupils. The team never doubted themselves though and when the scores were finally totalled up Grey Court came out as winners of the heat and will now be taking part in the final in Charters School on Monday 20 March.

- Mr Taylor



From right to left: Ben Grills, Ilya Aslanzadeh Charandabi, James Hancock, Neema Fanaie

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Year 13 Spanish theatre trip



Year 13 Spanish class went to see a theatre performance of 'La Casa de Bernarda Alba' in the Cervantes Theatre: a play that they are studying for their Paper 2 exam.

Bake Sale



SIXTH FORM AREA

FRIDAY 24TH OF MARCH

BREAK AND LUNCH

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SPORTS

Weekly Roundup

S T S A M N Y G E T L E

Last week a group of elite gymnasts travelled to Stoke on Trent for the Milano National Gymnastics Team Finals with a team of dedicated PE staff and supportive parents. After a 4-hour drive through sleet and rain, the team checked in and headed straight for Nando's, a Grey Court Gym pre-comp tradition. After some team bonding and discussions about gym hair and final tweaks to routines for the next day, the team got an early night whilst the teachers marked some BTEC coursework, too anxious to sleep.

After an all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast, the next team challenge was to head to Lidl to stock up on food and snacks for the day with a £5 budget per person. Calculators at the ready, the team raided the bakery section, James coming away with x4 baguettes, a croissant and an easter egg for his lunch and others more sensibly picking up bananas and protein bars.

We arrived nice and early at Fenton Manor for the U19s competition. Ms Parr and Mr Da Silva (the ultimate hype-man) took the team to the warm up area and the team were looking strong and confident as they represented London Region, Lily leading the group in the walk-in holding the LONDON sign up proudly. James, Lily and Iris were first up on floor in their individual events. All performed outstanding routines, teachers and parents happy, the U16s watching in the crowd were amazed and inspired for their own performances the following day. Next was the group routine with Frankie, Lily and James. All lifts performed to perfection with minimal wobbles, the staff could breathe easy and the squad felt good moving onto the vault. After another hyping up from Mr Da Silva, James, Lily and Frankie tackled their final event of the day. The vault judges were immediately impressed with the trio, even giving them some helpful tips for their second attempts and a big thumbs up at the end. The team were pleased and waited nervously for the end of the competition and the final results. This same team had finished 4th in the U16 category last year and were desperate to medal. Grey Court's previous U19 team had won the trophy last year and we waited apprehensively for the results. As third and second place were called, Grey Court students and supporters were on the edge of their seats waiting for the final name to be called.... NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - GREY COURT, LONDON! Tears of happiness were shed all around as the gymnasts leapt to the top of the podium to reclaim the trophy, we had taken home the previous year. What a huge achievement, we are so proud of our gymnasts!



U19 group performance

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S T S A N N A Y G Y M N A S T S E L I T E

The U19 team immediately set off back to Ham ready for a busy day of club gymnastics on the Saturday, showing their true dedication to their sport. The U16 squad, staff and parents headed to Frankie and Benny's for a celebratory dinner and then another early night ready for the U16 competition the next day. We kept our pre-comp routine the same with a big breakfast, goodies in budget from Lidl and then settled in the Travelodge reception room after check out to mentally prepare and run through routines. Teachers nervously multitasked with some BTEC marking, keeping everyone calm and going over some final tweaks to routines. We set off nice and early again and pupils enjoyed watching the outstanding afternoon performances from the best gym teams across the UK.

Ms Parr and myself were in the warm up room this time as Mr Da Silva stayed with our parent supporters who had been a fantastic support the whole time away. The U16 team had a good warm up and went over some balances that they had perfected only recently. They were confident yet a little nervous. First up was the group routine with Ifan, Mali and Diana. The trio held all of their balances and had excellent timing throughout the routine, we all were happy to get the hardest part out of the way. On vault, the judges were slightly fiercer than the previous day but Ifan, Mali and Diana stuck their landings and Ms Parr was delighted that their hard work at morning training had paid off when it counted. Last up was the individual routines with Julia, Ifan and Diana. The gymnasts gave everything in their final piece of the day and all were exhausted physically and emotionally but satisfied with their performances. We nervously waited for the results and knew that we were up against some very strong teams, our team being one of the youngest in the section with two yr7s in the team. We were disappointed not to podium this year, finishing 7th out of 11th overall, but the margins were extremely close even between 7th and 4th place. The team are determined to stick together and bring all of their experience for the competition into their training for the rest of the season and for next season, hoping for a place on that podium in 2024.



James was first up out of our U19 team on floor at the Milano National Finals



Lily was second on floor



Last on floor was Iris

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the gymnasts for their hard work and dedication this season which has resulted in phenomenal results! To the parents who came over the weekend, thank you for bringing positivity, fun and team spirit to the finals, we really appreciate you all. To Mr Da Silva, thank you for your support and energy! Finally, to Ms Parr and Ellie and the coaches at Brentford, thank you for all you have put into the team this season in making it so successful. You have worked tirelessly for the students and we are so grateful

Ms Marsh, Head of Girls' PE



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DOUBLE SUCCESS



10 March: Congratulations to our U14 girls on winning the Surrey Basketball Cup with a superb 61-47 victory.



10 March: Congratulations to our U15 boys on winning the Surrey Basketball Cup with a hard fought 48-39 victory.



14 March: U12 Boys win the County Basketball Round 3 Competition. The team also won round 2.



15 March: A tough few games at the Middlesex County Netball Finals for the U13A team. Some fantastic moments of netball but lots to take away to continue to work on. Coaches POM Honey

Congratulations to



Matthew Chester (year 8) who has represented the Richmond boys' cricket team in the **LYG** and got through to the finals at Lord's on the 25 March!

&



Neve Rugette (year 9) who has been identified as having the potential to be a member of the **England U15 Girls' Squad** for the 2023 England Talent Programme.

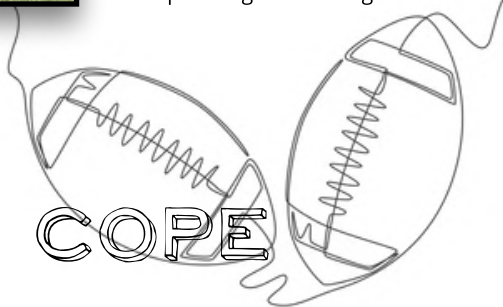
We wish you all the best and your efforts to gain selection.



TOM: U15 RUGBY TEAM



Our team of the month is the U15 rugby team. They performed exceptionally well to win their recent National Bowl Quarter Final, winning 45-5 Vs Queen Elizabeth's School in Dorset. Tries from Jakob Thompson, Freddie Luing-Turnbull, Ben Hislop x 2, James Alleyne, Leo Dorey and Benn Povey helped ensure victory. Jakob was also successful with 5 conversions. There were some superb performances on the day, and the team came together to play some of their best rugby to date. The man of the match on the day was Leo Dorey. They will now look forward to their upcoming semi-final game.



SOM: THOMAS COPE



Thomas has been a fantastic ambassador for the school since he has been at Grey Court. He is an outstanding rugby player, showing his superb leadership skills on the pitch as captain of the Year 7 team. His talent on the pitch has been recognised, enabling him to also feature for the Year 8 rugby 7's team. Tom also captains the U12C football team, who remain undefeated this season, winning all of their games. His effort and communication on the pitch has been exemplary, motivating his team mates to work hard and help the team achieve success. Tom is also a very nice cricketer, impressing at our early morning training sessions. He bowls right arm medium pace, and will no doubt be involved in some of the school's upcoming fixtures after Easter. He has a great engine, honing his endurance by attending our weekly Thursday morning running club. Tom has featured for the school in our Junior boys cross country team earlier in the year, finishing high up at Boroughs before Christmas. Above all, he displays a fantastic attitude and effort at all times, and is a pleasure to teach both in his PE and scholarship lessons.

POM: JOSHUA GILBERT



Josh has performed fantastically for the rugby team at school this year. He has scored some really important tries, demonstrating both his speed and power on the pitch. Josh scored a total of five tries in our most recent tournament at John Fisher School, against some high level opposition in Whitgift, St Benedict's and Wimbledon College. Josh has also been a key player for the U12D team, contributing to goals in recent fixtures against St James's to ensure victory for the school. He is also one of our key sprinters, and will be a vital part of our indoor athletics team that will be competing next week at Lee Valley. He already excelled in our last competition, helping the team navigate their way through to the London Finals. Josh will be a key member of our summer term athletics team, and will form part of a very strong junior boys squad, featuring in both the sprints and the team relay.

POM: KATRINA KILLEY



Katrina is one of Grey Court's best table tennis players and has worked hard to develop her skills in and outside of school. She recently competed in the London Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships at Whitgift. All the best players in the Region were competing at this event. Katrina won 3 out of 4 matches in her group, won her quarter final in a very close game and then went on to the semi-final where she lost to one of the best players in the region. Overall, Katrina finished 4th in the competition and qualified for the Jack Petchey Regional Championships in East London! She used the event to build contacts with other players in the region and was sociable at the event showing excellent sportsmanship. Well done Katrina and good luck in the next round!

SOM: LAILEE HEATH



Lailee has worked incredibly hard this term on her netball and gymnastics. In gymnastics she competed in the U14 Girls 'B' Team at the London Regional Finals for Floor and Vault. She's progressed really well moving from the Novice Gym Club to the Elite Squad. At the competition, her team finished 5th overall with Lailee contributing a brilliant floor routine and vault.

In netball, Lailee has worked hard on her skills and has moved from the B team to the A team, asserting herself in the centre court and showing versatility both in attack and defence. At the Borough Tournament, Lailee was by far the strongest player on the court, helping to bring the ball into the shooting circle at WA and making brilliant turnovers at WD. Lailee has taken on feedback well, working on any areas of weakness in order to improve and to support her teammates. She is a highly motivated player and has great potential in the coming seasons.

In scholarship lessons, Lailee applies herself to all sports and activities on offer, transferring her skills from her individual sport of gymnastics and her game play in netball to develop new skills. We look forward to seeing Lailee progress further this year in a range of different sports and activities. Well done, Lailee!

TOM: U15 RUGBY TEAM



Our team of the month is our U15 Rugby Team who took on their first Rugby Union tournament. KS3 lessons this half term have been taught by Harlequins Rugby coaches who have focused on developing the students knowledge, skills and understanding of Rugby. The students have really got stuck in and lessons were thoroughly enjoyed, well done to all!

Many have been joining our Rugby Club after school. We have been very lucky to have these amazing coaches and will continue with our Club on Wednesday after school with a new coach from Rosslyn Park. We have also had Alba joining the coaching team at training sessions and at the tournament. Her patience and excellent sporting knowledge has helped develop the team's skills and tactics. The team was ready and raring to go. Odile had a fantastic sprint finish to score a try! We may not have got the win but we have lots to take away to continue to progress during the season.

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MONDAY 3 APRIL, 12PM TO 4PM

- Icebreakers and games
- Fashion and textiles workshop: learn design, needlecraft and dressmaking techniques
- Target shooting: using air rifles in our own shooting range
- School of Rock: work with others to form a band in our music studio

TUESDAY 4 APRIL, 12PM TO 4PM

- Archery taster
- Fashion and textiles workshop
- Target shooting
- School of Rock

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL, 12PM TO 4PM

- Mountain bike outing in Richmond Park - bikes provided
- Fashion and textiles workshop
- Parkour workshop: try freerunning using our range of gymnastic equipment with guidance from a qualified coach
- School of Rock

THURSDAY 6 APRIL

- Trip to Orange Tree Theatre to see play 'You Bury Me'

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Choral Scholarships



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Psallam spiritu et mente

I will sing with the spirit and with the understanding also

1 Corinthians 14:15

We offer up to six Choral Scholarships (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) annually, appointments being made at any time of the year. They are local singers aged 16–18 who wish to improve their choral and/or solo singing. Whilst aimed at those studying music and/or considering applying for university awards in the future, it is not a requirement.

St Peter's Choral Scholars lead the singing for our weekly Sunday 9.30 am Communion Service, as well as the occasional special service on other days, under the direction of our Director of Music, Ben Driver, who is experienced in developing young singers. They are required to attend rehearsals immediately before the weekly service, and may have opportunities for concert performances too.

Essential qualities include some experience of singing in a choir, an ability to read music and a desire to learn both as part of a relatively small choral group and as an occasional soloist. Sight-reading skills will be an advantage, as will any previous experience of church music. St Peter's is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music.

Our Choral Scholars sing 30 services a year, mostly in school term-time, between September and the following

July. They receive fees of £40 per service, payable termly. Typically, singers will rehearse on a Sunday from 8.30 am and sing at the 9.30 am service, their duties for the day ending around 10.30 am.

For the right candidate there may also be the possibility of an Organ Scholarship under similar terms. The church has a beautiful classical Swiss instrument, which was installed in 2009.

For further details please contact the St Peter's Parish Office via email on **st.peters.petersham@googlemail.com** or scan the QR code below to visit the Choral Scholarships page on our website.

Ben Driver

Director of Music

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EXAM INVIGILATORS

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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 and stationery to students, and ensuring 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.

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