



Grey Court School

eBulletin

5 May 2023

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A reminder to parents that students should be bringing a water bottle to school for hydration during the day.

Ms Sanders



Cover photo: Xavier Mtandabari as Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice*

Wishing Ms Maybey joy, love, and happiness on her wedding day! from all the staff and students





THE MERCHANT OF VENICE **by William Shakespeare**

Directed & Produced by
Mr Taktak & Mr Page



"The most refined school play I've seen"

It was only after a plethora of plays had been considered and read, discussed and rejected, that 'The Taktak-Page Combo' decided it was the right time, and we had the right students, to produce one of Shakespeare's most socio-political plays: 'The Merchant of Venice'. It asks us about our prejudices, our ability to be extra-ordinarily cruel, and our capacity to show mercy. This seems highly topical today and met our aspirations to create a relevant and thought-provoking piece of theatre.

Our students, however, responded in a completely unexpected way... no one showed up for the auditions! "Oh no, back to the drawing board", we thought. After speaking to them and explaining that the play is about racism and prejudice and we would try to make it contemporary, there was a shift. Slowly, one or two said yes and eventually others followed. They have since been absolutely astonishing. Imagine being a Year 10 student and taking on the majestic role of Shylock!

We had production meetings with the fantastic Performance Support Award students who created soundscapes for the show and built the street light overhead. We met with staff to get collaborative production ideas and create deadlines for set and sound (which we failed to meet, of course). With only one rehearsal per scene each week, and a couple of days in the Easter holidays, we started to build a real production and a true ensemble.

We genuinely cannot express how impressed we have been by the maturity, the responsibility, the ability and the commitment shown by everyone. All the students involved, from Year 7 to 12, have been an absolute credit to the school. However, we must mention by name James 'the GOAT' Glanville in Year 9, who volunteered for the highly demanding Stage Management role and has truly excelled. We hope he continues to run our school shows and goes on to be a professional - after Drama School of course!

We hope you enjoy the culmination of collaborative hard work and recognise the phenomenal achievement of our young people. It has been an absolute delight to work with them.



"Better than the RSC"

"Wow. That was stunning"



CAST

THE DUKE OF VENICE

Bea Fernandes

THE PRINCE OF MOROCCO

Lizzy Toibayeva

THE PRINCE OF ARRAGON

Felix Marchis

ANTONIO

Otto Console Camprini

BASSANIO

Maya Sills

GRATIANO

Joe Woodall

SALANIO

Zak Choudhry-Dormer

SALARINO

Noah Cervantes

LORENZO

Rhodri Chow

JESSICA

Clara Bing

SHYLOCK

Xavier Mtandabari

TUBAL

Beth Bucklow

LAUNCELOT GOBBO

Rosa Duncalf

OLD GOBBO

Charlotte Delaney

SALERIO

Eliza Gilbey

BALTHASAR

Eva Logan-Wilson

PORTIA

Elsie Hobson

NERISSA

Betty Thomas

CREW

STAGE MANAGER

James Glanville

COSTUME & WARDROBE

Isabella Agraviador

DSM & TECHNICIAN

Zaydan Chowdhury

LIGHTING

Farhan Abbas

SOUND

Azelea Ovuike

PROPS

Florence Lavercombe

TECHNICIAN

Ewan Board

STAGE CREW

Jacob Heller

STAGE CREW

James Houlding

STAGE CREW

Sophie Lightfoot

STAGE CREW

Charles Perret

STAGE CREW

Harry Woolner

STAGE CREW

Aiden Savornin-Cornish

STAGE CREW

Jake Tamblingson

THANK YOU

Graham Griffiths, Miles Allchurch, Taraneh Razvand-Atwi, Kenzie Bloomer (Photographer), Martha Henry (Stage Furniture), Jo Maybey, Anna Hurley, Emond Protain & Site Team, The *fantastic* PSA Team, The Parents' Association, VPA Faculty, Tessa Jansen Van Rensburg and the entire Grey Court Community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sign up to help with one or more of these events



26 May	ROA
9 June	BBQ & Band Night
27 June	Sports' Celebration Evening
3 July	Year 6 Parent Information Evening
18 July	VPA Oscars
23 Sept	G-Fest



Learn to sail at Tamesis Club this summer!

Located on a beautiful stretch of the non-tidal Thames at Teddington, Tamesis Club's RYA Training Centre offers a range of week-long RYA sailing holiday camps for children of all abilities during May half term and the summer break, and weekend RYA sailing courses for adults.

No previous experience is required, the club will supply all equipment.

More information is available on the training page of the club's website: www.tamesisclub.co.uk/rya-training/ where you can find availability and pricing. Or call **07768 018972** or email tamesistraining@yahoo.com

Grey Court PA Need You!

Please help us in the following ways:

Sign up for your **school lottery**

Tickets cost £1 per week.
Every ticket bought helps the school

Win up to £30 weekly
Automatically entered
into the national £25,000
jackpot draw

We're looking for a Promoter & 2 Returns officers

The lottery is run by "Your School Lottery".

Each school is required to register with their local authority as a Small Lottery Society and have a Promoter, appointed in writing. ***Our promoter is no longer a parent at Grey Court and so we are recruiting a new promoter.***

Every 2 months, "your school lottery" sends us details of lottery proceeds on a form. ***We need two Returns Officers to check and submit this form to Richmond Council.***

If you can take on either of these roles, please contact Maddy Thomas: mthomas@greycourt.org.uk

Can help at our BBQ & Band Night, Sports Celebration Evening or VPA Oscars?

Can you help with our next G-Fest [23 September]

If you can help us plan or run any of these events, please [fill out this form](#).

The more the merrier!

Help us run the lottery

Support our events



SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Our summer activity programme will take place from Wednesday 12 July to Friday 14 July. The full schedule, including details on how to pay, will be emailed to parents soon.

We are committed to providing a high level of enrichment activities for our students, but we can only do this with sufficient parental contribution(s).

#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



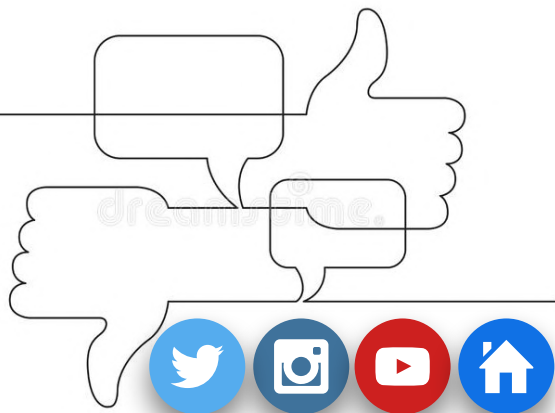
Weekly Menu



Graze Menu



Extracurricular TT





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For students between
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**The only UK school and college
composition festival that celebrates
ALL genres of music.**

Whether your students are classically trained and play an instrument, talented rappers and singer-songwriters or have a keen ear for mixing sounds to produce unique tracks, the **MusicFirst Young Creative Musician Festival** gives your students a platform to share their talents.



Winners will be announced during a masterclass
hosted by **YolanDa Brown** OBE DL

"I love the freedom of creating music and its ability to tell a story, create a mood and even spark thoughts and emotions. That is exactly why I am pleased to be involved in the MusicFirst Young Creative Musician Festival. I cannot wait to hear the gorgeous music that will no doubt be created."

Entries in by
2 June 2023

musicfirst Young Creative Musician Festival

Students can enter as a composer or a producer:

Composers

Original compositions in any style performed by the entrant/others or electronic.

Producers

Originally mixed track using sound samples, loops and perhaps original material to create an original track.



Further details of submission guidelines will be provided following registration for the event.



Our judges will be reviewing all the creative and diverse entries following the 1st June deadline.



One winner from each age group in both the composers and producers category will be announced during a masterclass hosted by **YolanDa Brown** OBE DL.

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Winners will receive a **Focusrite Scarlett 2i2 Studio kit** and a **multi-user subscription to Soundtrap for Education** for their school/college.



Visit: lp.musicfirst.co.uk/young-creative-musician-festival

SHOUT-OUT

Ida Teggarty-Sparks



Ida Teggarty-Sparks (7A) made it into 4 events in the SE London Summer Championships 2023: on 22 and 23 April she swam the 400m and 200m freestyle at the K2 Centre in Crawley, and on Saturday 29 April she swam the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle at the London Aquatics Centre. Despite a niggling ankle injury that meant she had to miss swim training for weeks, she was determined to swim in regionals, and only missed her personal best by a fraction of a second in most events (photo above and on the next page)

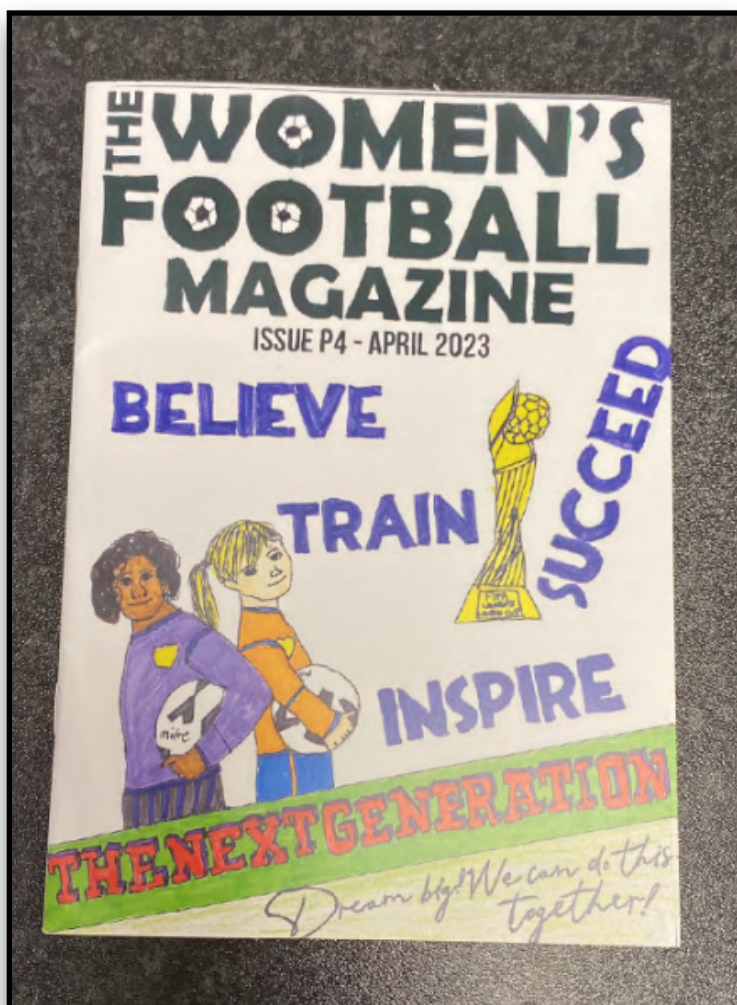
Ida qualified for regionals at the Rushmoor Royals Regional qualifier in Aldershot on March 25 and 26. She smashed most of her PBS, coming second in 50m backstroke in 36.29; 3rd in the 50m fly in 35.56; 4th in the 200m free in 2:31.18; 4th in the 50m free in 31.60. She came in the top 5 for most events (see the final photo)



SHOUT-OUT

Indie Peters-Sutherland

Congratulations to Indie who won the [@womensfootiemag](#) cover competition!



'Design the Front Cover' competition

In conjunction with Schools Football Week, The Women's Football Magazine (TWFM) partnered with English Schools FA (ESFA) to create a competition for school children to design the front cover of this issue.

We had over 100 entries from over 25 schools with a panel of judges from TWFM and ESFA choosing our winner and five runners-up.

The winner of the competition was Indie, age 14 from Grey Court.

As well as receiving a copy of the magazine featuring her artwork and an annual digital subscription to TWFM, Indie, aged 14, has also won a TWFM 'season ticket' for Grey Court which will give 25 annual digital subscriptions to be shared with teachers, parents, pupils and supporters.

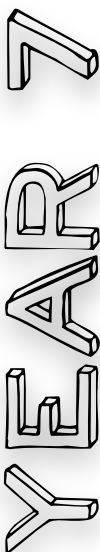
We are also excited to reveal that due to the high standard of entries, five runners-up are also being rewarded. All runners up will receive a copy of the magazine and a TWFM annual individual digital subscription.

You will be able to see the artwork from the five runners-up throughout the issue.

Stuart Botham, ESFA Chair said, "On behalf of the English Schools' FA (ESFA), I was delighted that we were asked to support The Women's Football Magazine with their 'Design a front page competition, launched during Schools' Football Week 2023. As the National Governing Body for Schools' Football in England, the continual growth and promotion of the girls' game is a high priority for us, which is why we are keen to support the work carried out by TWFM. The entries received were of superb quality and the participants didn't make the judging process easy. I would like to thank all those schools that supported this activity and also congratulate all those pupils that submitted their entries for this competition."

SMEN & 3SX





A huge well done to the Y7s who have now reached the end of their first exam cycle. Form tutors and teachers have told me that they have been very impressed with the revision they have seen and the attitude of students towards their assessments. It has been excellent to see many taking a positive attitude into this time, which I'm sure will be reflected in their grades.

Well done to all the students who took part in *The Merchant of Venice* last week, and Thursday's multi-cultural evening. It is always fantastic to see so many Y7 students involved in the wider school life at Grey Court. As ever, there will be plenty of opportunities moving forward on this.

A final reminder to students about the Stephen Lawrence poem competitions which was launched this week by Miss Comrie. Students can use their poetic skills to write a piece based on the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence, and the winners will win prizes!

Mr Day

Year 7 and 8 Are Up For The (Maths) Challenge!

A massive well done to the students in 7aV, 7bV, 8aV and 8bV who took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge last Wednesday.

The Junior Maths Challenge is a National Challenge which encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Their scores will be compared with students all over the UK with the best performances being awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards! There is even the opportunity to qualify for the National Final!

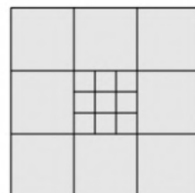
There is an example question below for anyone who dares!

- Mr Luniss



How many squares of any size can be seen in the diagram?

A 25 B 27 C 28 D 39 E 40





Our top year 9 achievers last week were: **Tariq Alqasem Alvarez, Louie Lauder, Borja Rodriquez Pasby, Mydah Malik and Hannah Niss.**

We had a fantastic turn out at KS3 homework club on Wednesday - thank you to tutors, teachers and parents for their ongoing support on this.

This week, Ms Weston joined year 9 in assembly to inform them about the 'Be Great' programme that they complete in KS4. It is primarily designed to make each student a well rounded individual, ready to tackle the next phase of life! The programme is made up of 5 pillars; Growth, Responsibility, Entrepreneur, Academic, and Towards. Each pillar requires students to partake in a range of activities and leadership responsibilities - at the end of the two years, their achievements will be recognised in the graduation event called ROA (Record of Achievement). This will be in the form of a GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE.

Throughout the programme, students will also have the opportunity to apply to take on the responsibility of being a KS4 leader: Prefect, Eco Leader, Front of House Leaders, Mental Health Leaders and Strathmore Leaders. Students will need to apply using the [application form](#) by the 5 June 2023. *If you are unable to complete this form digitally, please email Miss Weston: dweston@greycourt.org.uk

- Ms Howarth & Mr Ridley

Greatness begins
beyond your comfort
zone

WELCOME YEAR 10

Welcome Back to our lovely year 10. The summer term has started, if not warmly, then with enthusiasm in regards to what is ahead for the last term of the year.

I firstly want to thank year 10 students who have worked hard during the strike days on their English assignments and other tasks set in relation to their 'Be Great' programme. These days were also a chance to look forward to the upcoming exams in June to get in the right mindset - a successful one! - and know that preparation and revision are key to success.

I would like to remind students, parents and carers alike that despite polo shirts being allowed to be worn, trainers are not and we are still upholding our highest expectations in regards to uniform. Please ensure these expectations are reinforced at home.

Thank you to our lovely leaders and helpers that have acted as ambassadors during the year 6 Transition and our wonderful Multicultural Evening last night. Thank you to year 10 Food and Nutrition students who helped to prepare some of the delicacies on offer, too.

Hoping you all enjoy the additional long weekend and see you on Tuesday!

Miss Clark



Year 7s beholden to Holden as Eco-day blossoms!

by Mr Clements



It was a case of the Darling buds of May as like petals on a wet bough. Year 7 took Mr Holden's newly seeded eco-day concept and made it an object of beauty.

Cultivated under the canvas of his converted festival tent up on the Sixth form's alfresco rooftop one Saturday night when the Holden was on a star-gazing weekender, the premise was simple: a Grey Court premier of the Pixar classic - Wall-e, transitioning (like a season) into a rousing piece of oratory about step counts, followed by a mass participation litter pick - and before you can say "germinate" or "rubbish" (delete as appropriate) Year 7 will have burnt off energy, served the community and posed for pictures (a Rhodes' leadership memo nonetheless) by a blossom tree.

The high concept piece of art/curriculum innovation was not without its dangers - what if the cohort could not walk in single file, finished their "journey to school step simulation" too quickly, didn't buy into the indentured style labour concept of picking up rubbish or were ravaged by a local badger? Thankfully, like an over-excited or over-caffeinated fetcher belonging to a Ham mother riding a German babboe-curve cargo bike Holden, bounded into his office - and out again - clutching a rain-soaked risk assessment and we were ready to roll!

Wall-E passed in animated silence (popcorn was banned due to allergy worries and environmental concerns) at which point the students stumbled out into the mid-morning light where they were given a lecture about the dangers of consumerism and driving to school which was recorded via Holden's latest iphone 27i for his vlog/blog/pod "The wacky waistcoated teacher!" According to Mr Holden, "latest research has concluded that a study in JAMA Neurology found that walking 2,250 steps a day (which handily equates to 4-5 circuits of the field depending on stride length) was linked to less cardiovascular disease." So students should walk around the perimeter of the field five times to protect the environment, boost their mental health and raise their fitness levels.

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Sofia, Lilly, Alys, Tallulah and Dina pictured above managed to complete the circuit in excellent spirits, maintaining a single file formation with the odd cartwheel thrown in for good measure.

At which point each form was provided with a litter challenge whereby they were designated an area of the school to strip of rubbish in exchange for an as yet undefined "eco-award" which in the spirit of Wall-E will undoubtedly be non-consumerist and leave a net zero carbon footprint! My troops (7Elm) were assigned the grounds of Newman house and Dysart avenue to clean. The students did seem to find the challenge a great deal of fun as it involved diving into ditches, climbing trees, running around looking for sticks and jumping into bushes. We uncovered a tonne of rubbish including a discarded bicycle basket, Scooby-doo's collar and a left-over box of complimentary DVDs of Mr Bashford's very own "Extreme Rivers" TV series.

So - all in all - the students' ability to step up and rise to the eco-challenge posed by Mr Holden has created a better school environment and hopefully improved their fitness and mood. Their vim and good humour was much appreciated by my good self as was Mr Holden's re-imaging of the concept of the Spring Clean!

Ham & Petersham DOG SHOW

9th of July Douglas House Meadow
TW10 7AH



11:00am-4:30pm

**Kids under 5 and
dogs go FREE!**

**This is all in aid of
charity so please
bring cash to donate**

**We'll have agility and gun dog
shows in the main arena**

**Price of Entry:
£2 per person**



Classes!

**Best Behaved Puppy
11:30am - 12:00 pm**

**Best Young Handler
12:00pm - 12:30 pm**

**Prettiest Bitch
12:30pm - 1:00pm**

**Handsome Fella
1:00 pm - 1:30pm**

**Best Veteran
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Best Rescue
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

Best In Show 2:30 pm



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MUST BE KEPT
ON LEADS**



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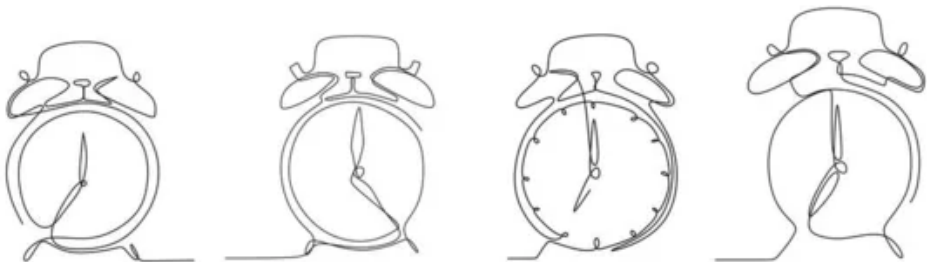
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Attendance from 24 April to 28 April

Congratulations to year 7 for achieving 97.4% and year 7R and 8C for achieving 100% attendance.

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	97.4%
Year 8	97.1%
Year 9	93.3%
Year 10	93.7%
Year 11	93.1%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Rowan	100%
8 Cedar	100%
9 Cedar	97.5%
10 Rowan	96.4%
11 Beech	96.2%





GIU

Getting it on...

Helping you manage stress in the lead up to exams

It's completely normal to feel anxious in the lead up to exams. A little bit of stress can actually be helpful to motivate us to knuckle down and work hard. However, it's important to learn how to manage our stress levels, and to recognise when they become too intense and seek support.

[Coping with assessment and exam stress – Under-18s COVID Community Champions – YouTube](#)

Check out this interview by Merton's Young Inspectors' with a clinical psychologist, on successfully managing exam and assessment stress.

Click [here](#) for help in managing exam stress

Careers

Click [here](#) for *News*





Sociology Book Review Project

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During the last half term, Ms Duncan set us a book review project. We had to pick a Social Science related book to read and then write a review for the book. This project expanded our Sociology knowledge and made us read around topics we are interested in outside of sixth form but may not learn about in our social science subjects. Some students also used this project as a way to read about topics they are interested in taking at university. Below are short extracts from 4 Sociology students' book reviews.

'What "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat" does most importantly is question our ideas and perceptions of what it is to be human. Sacks makes clear through his case studies, the apparent fragility and complexity of the human mind, as well as the remarkable adaptability and resilience of the human spirit. He shows that even in the face of profound neurological disorders, individuals are able to find ways to live meaningful and fulfilling lives, and that their experiences can teach us much about what it means to be alive.' The man who mistook his wife for a hat by Oliver Sacks

-Akam Khoshnaw



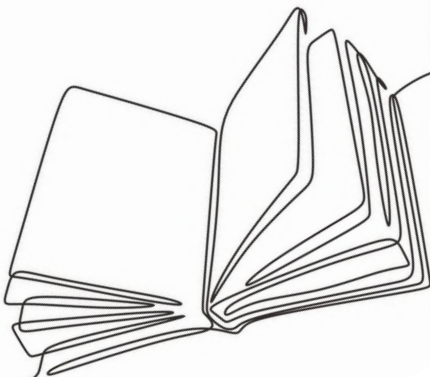
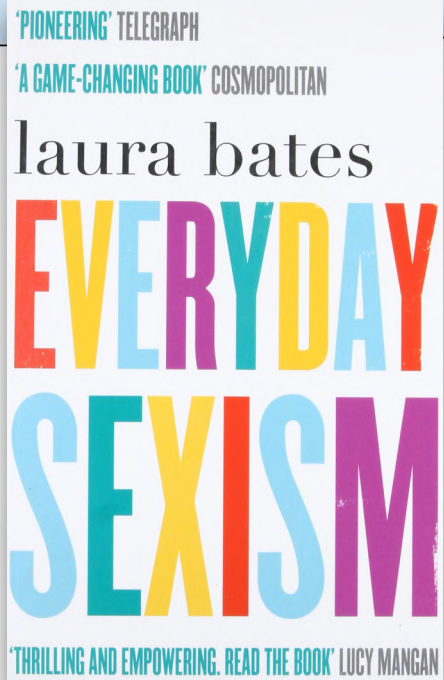
Oliver Sacks

The Man Who
Mistook His Wife
for a Hat

THE MILLION COPY BESTSELLER

'I had mixed feelings about this book, it made me feel empowered yet at the same time quite the opposite. Laura Bates' responses to sexism and other examples of women's responses made me feel more confident in calling out sexist comments, but the statistics and comments were endless against women, making me feel deflated after reading the book. The book challenged me to consider my own attitudes and behaviour towards gender and question who I surround myself with in my daily life as a teen girl. When writing about the workplace, a statistic that stood out to me was that in workplace sexual harassment, only 27% reported to someone senior, a report done by Slater and Gordon in 2013. Only 4% of women seriously sexually assaulted in universities report to higher education institutions, and only 10% report to the police. When she explained a reason a lot of people haven't felt the need to do anything about sexism she used a quote I just had to write down: 'Sexism is like climate change - I haven't seen it so it can't exist.' 'Everyday Sexism by Laura Bates

-Alice Bishop Skinner



-Jasper Page

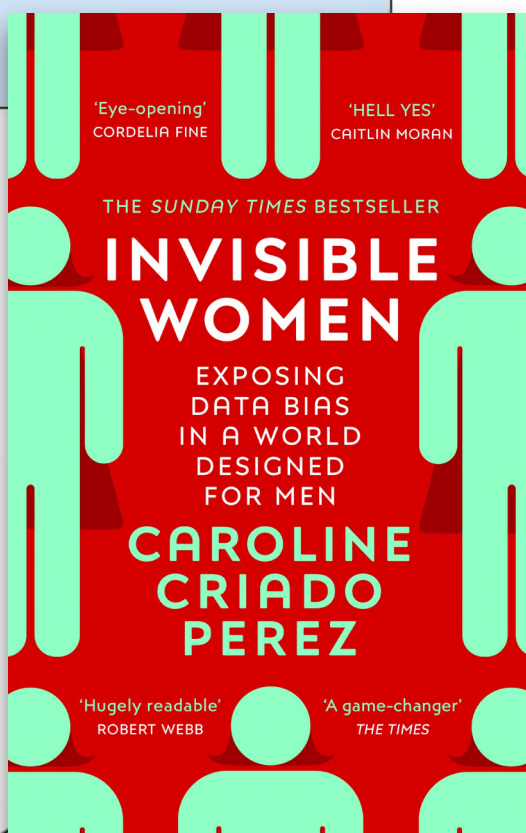
DIVIDED

WHY WE'RE LIVING IN AN AGE OF WALLS

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'What makes Invisible Women particularly remarkable is its thoroughness and attention to detail. The book is full of statistics and case studies that illustrate the many ways in which women are disadvantaged by a lack of consideration in data collection and analysis. The book also offers solutions and suggestions for how to address the gender data gap and create more equitable policies and practices.' Invisible women By Caroline Criado-Perez

-Daria Kysil



SPORTS

News





Wednesday 3 May: Eva & Dina had a great day competing in the U12 Tier 1 competition at the [@surrey_tennis](#) Festival. They narrowly lost two matches in tie breakers and won their 3rd match, well done!

Wednesday 3 May: Rosie & Ayse competed in the U16 Tier 1 competition at the [@surrey_tennis](#) Festival winning 2/3 matches and just missing out in the semis after a 3-way tie in their group. Well done girls!





Thursday 4 May: The Y8 boys won their last Borough league game today against Orleans Park. Goals from Jackson, Milo, Samuel and Aiden. Great preparation for next Friday's County Cup final!

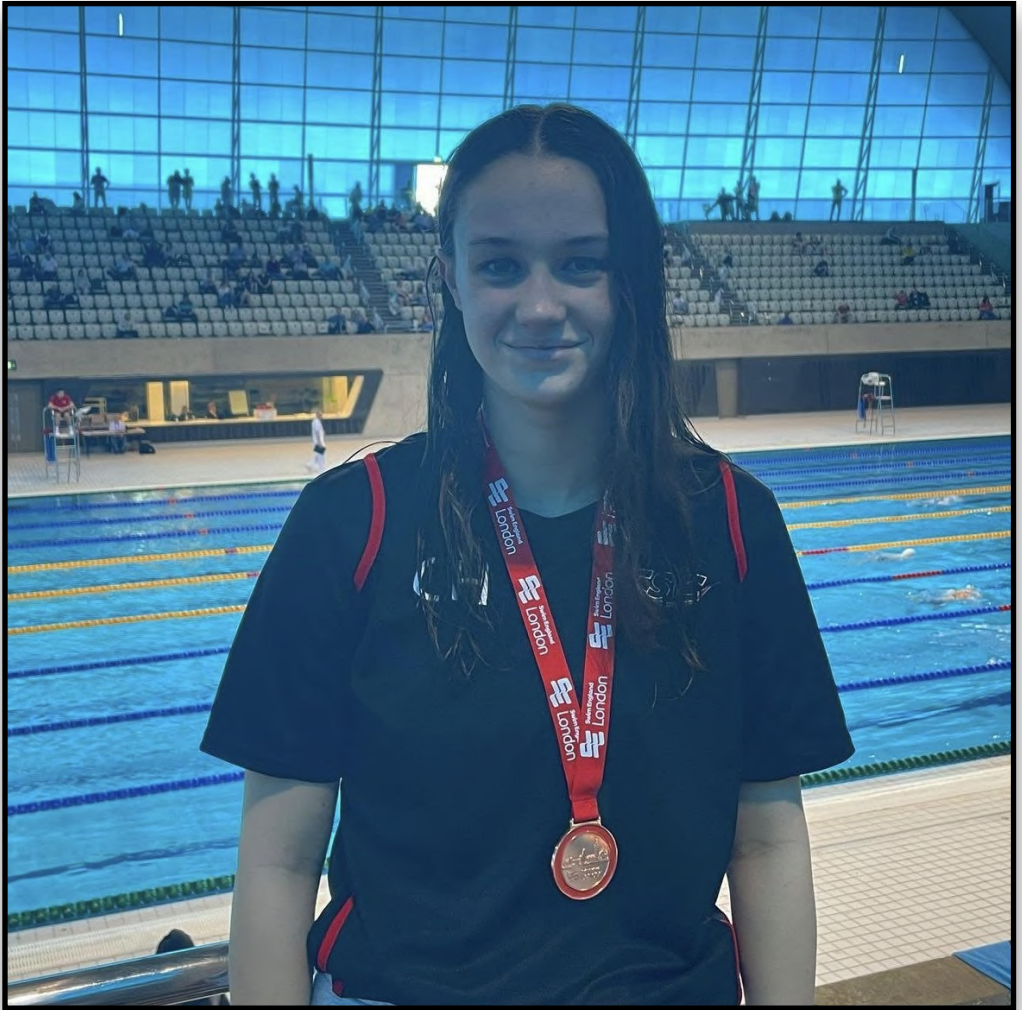


POM: GEORGE ROBINSON



It has been a fantastic year for George at Grey Court. He has been performing well in his PE lessons and his effort and attitude are always exemplary. George has also been instrumental in helping the U13 boys football team reach the Surrey Cup Final, which will be taking place on 12th May Vs Whitgift. Following three months of training with a Regional Development Centre, George was selected for a trial at Southampton FC. This requires George to travel three times per week to Southampton for training, as well as a match on Sundays. George has so far played fixtures against West Ham, Bristol City and Swansea, playing left midfield or left wing back in each of those matches. George has upcoming matches against Arsenal, Crystal Palace and Charlton before the end of the season. These will be tough tests against some of the best players in the country. His commitment and drive is admirable, and both qualities have been evident in his leadership of the Year 8 football team this season. We wish George the best of luck for the remainder of the season, in particular our upcoming County Cup Final!

POM: CHLOE HOLE



Chloe is a committed swimmer for her club, Teddington, training x9 per week and regularly competing in competitions. Over two weekends in April and May, Chloe swam at the London Regional Summer Championships after achieving qualifying times at competitions throughout the year. At the first weekend competition, Chloe swam in the 200m fly, reaching the finals and finishing 2nd overall with a time of 2:39. At the first weekend competition, Chloe competed in the 100m fly and reached the finals. She finished with a time of 1:09 and medalled in 3rd place overall. These are excellent achievements and we are very proud! Well done, Chloe!

Last year Chloe swam at the London Youth Games representing Richmond borough and hopes to compete there once again this year. She is also hoping to compete at the Welsh Nationals and the English Nationals. For the English Nationals she needs to achieve a time in the top 20 nationally and is currently just on the cusp. Good luck, Chloe!

SOM: BOBBY SCOBLE-JENKINS



Bobby has had a fantastic first two terms at Grey Court. He enjoyed a brilliant football season, and was one of the stand out players in the Year 7 team. He was made captain and demonstrated his maturity and leadership skills on the pitch, rising to the occasion in our most crucial fixtures. Bobby's best performance came in our victory over Hollyfield in the County Cup, where he led the line to help the team eventually progress through on penalties. Whilst results were not always as we had hoped in the latter part of the season, Bobby remained a shining light in the side. His attitude in lessons has been excellent. He is always inquisitive, asking questions about how he can improve and progress across a range of sports. He has done well in cross country, football and rugby, as well as being one of the stand out performers in his scholarship lessons. So far this term he has demonstrated his versatility as an athlete, performing well in his athletics lessons and demonstrating some real potential in the javelin. Bobby's leadership skills were recognised further, as he was awarded year 7 Sports captain for Spartan. We look forward to seeing Bobby lead the Year 7 side at our upcoming football tour, hopefully inspiring the boys to further success.

SOM: EVA MAYHEW-WILCOX



Eva is an up and coming tennis player, training most evenings at the National Tennis Centre and competing in weekend tournaments and competitions.

She recently competed at the Surrey Tennis Festival with her doubles partner Dina. Both players worked hard to develop their net play throughout the day, taking opportunities to use a cross-court volley to finish points and playing consistent groundstrokes down the line into the tramlines. The pair were in the top tier U12 competition and met some strong opponents. Their first match finished in a tie-breaker where they just missed out, losing 8-10. Their second match also finished in a tie-breaker and they again, just missed out, finishing 5-7. In their final game, the girls worked hard to finish points and win games, resulting in a 4-1 final score. Eva led the pair well, regularly communicating with her partner to talk tactics between points and matches. Well done, Eva!

TOM: U13 FOOTBALL TEAM



Our team of the month is our U13 football team. They have had an exceptional season, progressing to the Surrey Cup Final. This will take place on 12 May Vs Whitgift. Some of the standout performers throughout the season have included George Robinson in midfield, George Mills in goal and Will Shaw at full back. The boys have worked well throughout the season, and this has culminated in them reaching the final, putting them in the top two sides in the county. On their journey to the Final, they have not had an easy run. The schools they have beaten have included Oxted (6-0), Royal Russell (1-0), Carshalton Boys (1-1) (won 4-2 on pens) and the Ashcombe School (2-0). Remarkably, the boys have only conceded one goal in open play. This has been largely down to some heroic goalkeeping from George Mills, who was the hero in our penalty shootout victory over Carshalton Boys. We now look forward to the Final next month Vs Whitgift. Good luck boys!

TOM: GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM



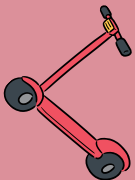
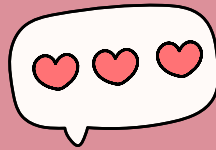
The girls tennis team have been working hard this term in matches and tournaments and recently competed at the Surrey Tennis Festival at St George's College, Weybridge. The U15s were placed in the top tier 1 competition and had some excellent matches against the best schools in Surrey. Ayse and Rosie have paired together before and are a strong team on the baseline as well as stealing points at the net. After convincingly winning two out of their three matches, the pair waited for the results after the group finished in a three-way tie. Unfortunately, Ayse and Rosie did not make the semi finals but had an excellent day of tennis and were proud to challenge other top tier teams.

Eva and Dina also had a great day of tennis in the top tier 1 competition. They grew as a pair throughout the day and we are excited to see them play their other matches in the LTA competition.

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Activities and workshops to improve your wellbeing



16th and 17th May 2023

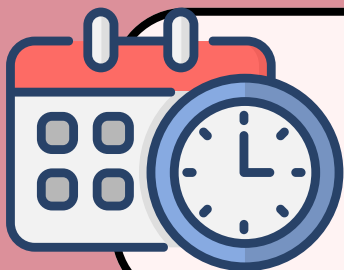
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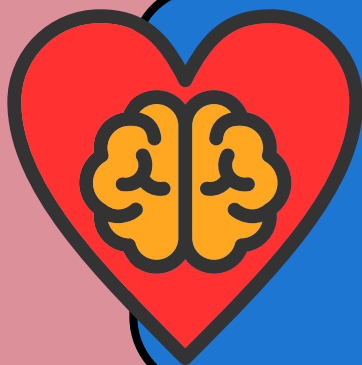
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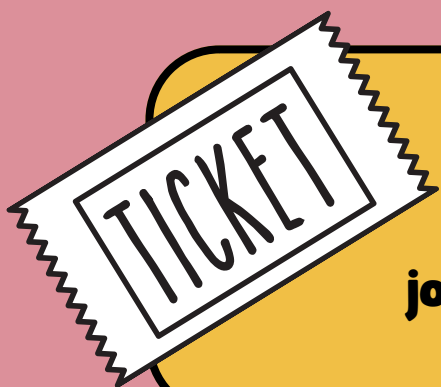


**Tuesday 16th May 2023: Years 5 & 6
Activities from 9.30am - 5.30pm**

**Wednesday 17th May 2023: Years 7 - 11
Activities from 9.30am - 7.30pm**



**Activities on the day include theatre productions, football, parkour, art, graffiti, wall climbing, music production, boxing skateboard coaching, martial arts, t-shirt painting, and more!
Plus Off The Record, Free2Be and RB Mind**



Entry and activities are FREE!

Your school will need to book daytime activities whilst you are free to book or join after-school activities at the link below or follow the QR code

www.eventbrite.com/cc/beautiful-minds-1974659



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Royal Botanic Gardens Kew



Earthwise: Kew's summer programme for youth

Do you know your calyx from your corolla? Which species of trees store the most carbon? Can you identify a stinkhorn?

If you're aged 14 to 17, join other young people from across London to learn all about ecology, biodiversity and conservation at our **free, week-long summer programme**.

What is it?

Earthwise is an opportunity to conduct your own biodiversity research, learn from Kew scientists and explore the 'living laboratories' of Kew Gardens and Wakehurst. This is a practical week in the outdoors, developing scientific skills and making new friends in the process!

When is it?

Each programme runs for a full week in August, from 10am to 3.30pm.

- Monday 31 July – Friday 4 August
- Monday 7 August – Friday 11 August

How do I get involved?

Scan the QR code for more information, including our online application form.

Alternatively you can find us online by searching **Kew Gardens Youth Programme**.

You will need to provide a teacher referee.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 12 May**.

Earthwise is free to attend, and all sessions will include lunch and snacks. Participants are also able to claim travel expenses up to £13.90 per day.



For more information please contact youth@kew.org

Dear parent or guardian,

Did you know your child could lose their free travel concession if they misbehave on public transport?

There are Safer Transport Teams (STT's) covering every borough in the Capital and patrol on and around the bus network. STT police patrol the bus network on a daily basis to ensure that young people using the network are safe, and are behaving in a considerate and respectable manner in line with travelling on a public transport system. Transport for London (TfL) have devised a Behaviour Code which they expect all young people to adhere to at all times when they are travelling on public transport. This code is in place to ensure everyone travels safely with due respect for fellow passengers, staff and property.

If a young person is found to be in breach of the code by an STT officer they may be warned about their behaviour, have a letter sent to their parents and/or the parents or guardian visited at home by the STT. TfL will be informed of all incidents of misconduct to consider the withdrawal of the young persons free travel concession. If it is removed, TfL may consider offering the young person the opportunity to earn this concession back by performing some form of volunteer work. However each case will be considered on its own merits.

It is therefore imperative that you as parents or guardians make your child aware of the Behaviour Code and the consequences of breaking it!

**When on London's public transport network or premises, always:
Act sensibly and treat others as you would like to be treated. Your free travel concession may be withdrawn if we believe that you have behaved in an antisocial way.**

Antisocial behaviour includes, but is not limited to

- **Putting your safety or the safety of others at risk**
- **Use of offensive or threatening language**
- **Behaving offensively, bullying or threatening others**
- **Smoking**
- **Playing music out loud**
- **Damaging or defacing an Oyster photocard or using a damaged or defaced oyster photocard**
- **Letting anyone else use your Oyster photocard**
- **Committing any crime on, or in connection with, London's public transport network, in particular, but not limited to:**
 - Physical or verbal assault;
 - unlawfully carrying a weapon;
 - criminal damage or trespass on London's public transport network or premises;
 - theft, robbery or burglary;
 - misusing controlled drugs

Remember to always touch in with your Oyster photocard at the start of every journey. If you don't you could lose your free travel.

Dear Fellow Richmond Residents, Friends, Neighbours & Dog Owners!

**After three long years, Richmond's much-loved community fair will return to Richmond Green on Saturday 13th May 2023 10am – 5pm
Everyone is welcome - details below!**

Visitors can look forward to all the things they love about the fair – including the exciting **children's rides**, tasting the yummys at the local **Scouts' BBQ & cake 'n cuppu tent**, watching or taking part in the fun **dog show & competition**, listening to the talented **local performers & musicians**, and browsing / shopping in the creative **craft marquee** or amongst the wealth of **stalls hosted by Richmond-based charities & businesses!**

3 things you need to know:

1. If you are local business, charity, school or organisation and interested in having a stall on the day please contact richmond.may.fair.stalls@gmail.com to book a spot! It's not too late to join the fun! Pitch prices range from £50-100 for the day

2. If you are a local dog owner and fancy entering your beloved pooch into the 2pm dog show for:

- * *Best behaved puppy (up to one year)*
- * *Best junior handler (under 12)*
- * *Best trick*
- * *Most handsome chap*
- * *Prettiest lady*
- * *Most dignified Veteran (over 10 years old)*

You can register your pooch on Eventbrite by clicking on the following link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/richmond-may-fair-dog-show-tickets-623259866037?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

3. If you can offer an hour or two of your time on the day to ensure the smooth running of the fair please volunteer using the Signup-genius poll link [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a9af29abf58-richmond#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a9af29abf58-richmond#/) A separate email will be sent to all volunteers prior to the day outlining where to meet etc.

Thank you so much in advance for your help to make this year's fair a fantastic event for our local community!

With very best wishes

Felicity Barkus, on behalf of Pamela Fleming (Chair, Richmond May Fair Committee)

Please send this email onto your neighbours, family & friends - everyone is welcome to join the fun!



RICHMOND MAY FAIR IS BACK

Saturday 13 May 2023

10 - 5PM

Richmond Green

Charity Stalls

Dog Show

Craft Fair

Fun Fair

Fabulous Food & Drink

Entertainment | Bands



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