



Grey Court School eBulletin

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EAL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help EAL students with reading, please contact Ms Nair (pnair@greycourt.org.uk)

DRUG AWARENESS WEBINAR

Please find a drug awareness webinar, delivered by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation for Grey Court School parent/carers: https://youtu.be/Y_SlJecXllg

G-FEST '23
Grey Court Staff Presents

The Masked Singer



**Come and support and vote for your
favourite act! See if you can spot Mr Rhodes**

Let's catch up on...

Events before and during the summer



Ham and Petersham Dog Show



Ham & Petersham DOG SHOW

Petersham & Ham Sea Scouts
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



hamandpetershamdogshow.com

9th July
Price of Entry:
£2 per person



Classes!

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

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

Prettiest Bitch
12:30pm - 1:00pm

Handsomest Fella
1:00pm - 1:30pm

Best Veteran
1:30pm - 2:00pm

Best Rescue
2:00pm - 2:30pm

Best In Show 2:30pm

ALL DOGS
MUST BE KEPT
ON LEADS



Before the summer break, Mr Clements' interviewed Libby and Wilma, the faces behind the great fundraising initiative, The Ham and Petersham Dog Show.

This event was held on Sunday **9 July** and it was a huge success – around 300 people attended (along with their dogs). The girls cleared just under £900 in profits, meaning just under £300 per charity: Park Lane Stables RDA, Sea Scouts and Ridgeback Rescue.

Well done, Libby and Wilma.



VPA Oscars

Our winners

In the Visual and Performing Arts Faculty, we have been preparing for the VPA Oscars for a long time and, on Tuesday **18 July** it was finally time to roll out the red carpet and celebrate our fantastic students.

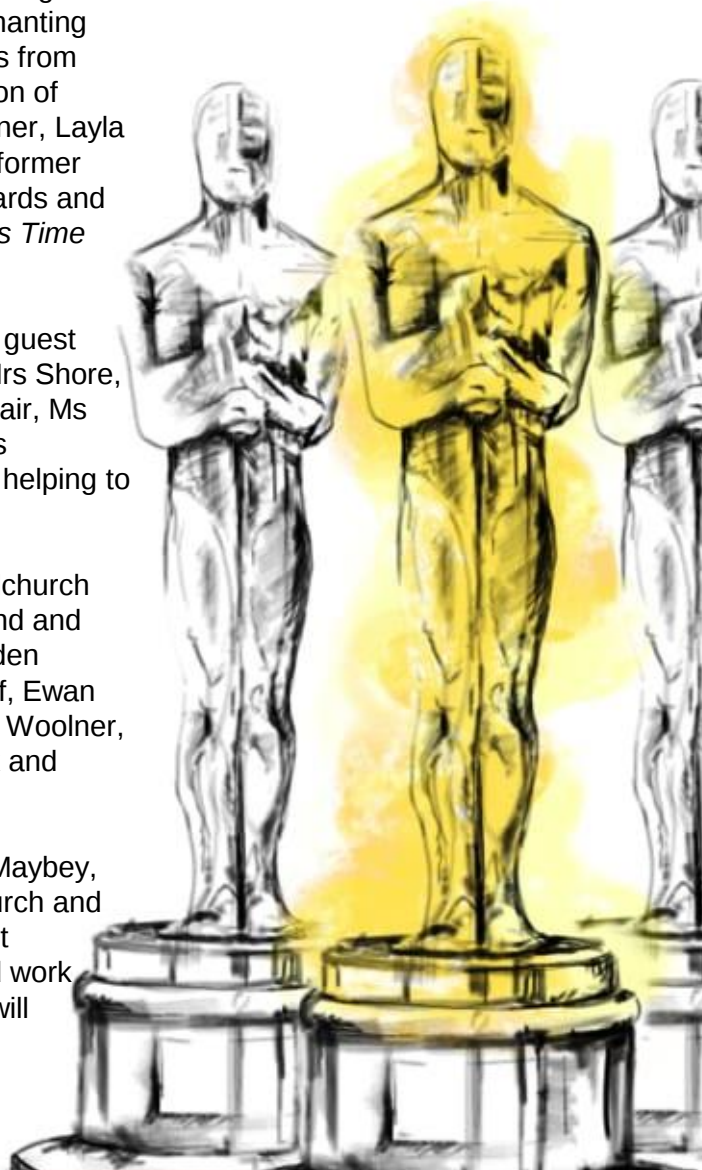
We had almost 100 students nominated for awards, from Year 7 through to Year 13. As Mr Millar said, there were many debates (or should that be arguments?) about who should win each award, so every student who was nominated should be celebrated for their hard work.

We were also treated to performances from a number of students, including scenes from *The Merchant of Venice* (VPA Production 2023) featuring a number of our Year 10 students, an entertaining solo performed by Libby Knowles from *Legally Blonde* (VPA Production 2022), a performance of 'When I Grow Up' from *Matilda the Musical* by the talented Junior Choir, a beautiful rendition of a Chopin prelude by Kulsoom Syed, a heart-wrenching monologue from *Lungs* performed by Scarlett Coburn, an enchanting acoustic performance of *Linger* by The Cranberries from Tea Halls and Clara Bing and an evocative rendition of Adele's *Love in the Dark* by our MOGOs 2023 winner, Layla Banarse. We were then fortunate enough to have former student Anna Pryce join us to present the final awards and entertain us with a flawless rendition of *Maybe This Time* from Cabaret.

We were joined by a huge number of VPA staff as guest presenters of awards - our thanks to Ms Mercer, Mrs Shore, Mr Kisby, Ms Thomas, Ms Price, Mr Gundry, Ms Nair, Ms James, Ms Howell and our new drama teacher, Ms Johnson, as well as Ms Hurley and Mr Rhodes for helping to make this event so special.

As always, we would have been lost without Mr Allchurch and his backstage teams running the lighting, sound and ensuring the event ran smoothly. Our thanks to Aiden Savornin-Cornish, Charles Perret, Edward Medcalf, Ewan Board, Farhan Abbas, Florence Lavercome, Harry Woolner, Jacob Tamblingson, James Glanville, Oscar Black and Zaydan Chowdhury.

Thanks to all of the VPA staff - Ms Wellesley, Ms Maybey, Ms Razvand-Atwi, Ms Bowie, Mr Taktak, Mr Allchurch and Ms Cowper for all their hard work on this event, but especially to Ms Burton and Mr Millar for their hard work in hosting the show. It was an event our students will remember for a long time.



Jack Petchey

Summer Winners

Lucas Galant Draysey

Nominated by: Mr Willmore

Lucas is an outstanding swimmer who swims for Teddington Swimming Club. He trains every day and on 3 days (twice a day) which highlights his hard work and commitment. Lucas has achieved a lot of success this year and some of achievements are below.

Gala: 2022 WYCOMBE SHORT COURSE (Level 3) COUNTY & REGIONAL QUALIFIER
Lucas won a medal in every single race he was in in his age group, 8 medals in total, 6 gold and 2 silver medals. These are for: 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 200m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m IM, 50m butterfly.

On Saturday 10 December, Lucas competed at The National Arena Swimming League RND3 (selected swimmers only) and on Sunday 11 December at The Team Luton Winter Meet. His achievements are below:

50m freestyle (new personal best) - gold
50m butterfly (new personal best) - gold
100m freestyle - gold
200m backstroke - silver
100m butterfly - silver

Lucas also competed for Grey Court at the Borough swimming gala in March and claimed the following victories in the four events that he was allowed to enter:

100m Individual Medley gold medal and 50 metre Butterfly gold medal

Year 10 Boys Medley relay gold medal winners
Year 10 Boys Freestyle relay gold medal winners

On top of all of his usual training schedule, he trained for the Regional Open Water Championships. It's a 3 kilometre race in a lake. He has been training at Heron Lake Open Water Swim. He is also took part again in the London Youth Games at the London Aquatic Centre, Olympic Park, representing Richmond Borough on Saturday 1 July.

Prize Money Spent on: new running spikes for PPG students along with new football match balls

Lily Burnett

Nominated by: Ms Parr

Lily is an all round athlete competing in a variety of sports inside and outside of school. Lily has competed for many years with Richmond Gymnastic Association (RGA), training five times a week in her specialist area of Acrobatic Gymnastics. Her hard work and enthusiasm continues to provide her with a variety of opportunities to compete in several competitions and countries, such as Poland and Portugal. Her dedication to the sport has secured her a place on the Great Britain Gymnastics Squad for the European Championships in 2023 which will take place in Bulgaria.

As well as being part of the RGA, Lily has been a key member of the Grey Court Elite Gymnastics Academy. She competed in the National Milano Trio competition placing 1st in the U19 Mixed category. This is an outstanding achievement as the team competed against a very tough competition. As well as this Lily competed in the National Floor and Vault competition placing 2nd.

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

Prize money spent on: gymnastics trampoline park trip, and netball bibs

James Glanville

Nominated by: Mr Page

James has been nominated for his phenomenal contribution to Technical Theatre and Stage Management at Grey Court School. The A level students and the Drama Department needed some help to construct a set for the A Level Drama exam during the spring half term break. The Drama Department put out a whole school plea and James jumped at the opportunity to work creating theatre. He was invaluable with his generosity and desire to contribute, and apart from his awful one-liners, made the whole experience significantly less demanding. He gave up his holiday to join in and was amazing in his skill level and also his initiative and ability to delegate.

The Drama Department asked him if he would take on this role for the school play. He was delighted. He single-handedly arranged teams for stage crew, for costume and props, for lighting and sound, and at every step of the journey he's been calm, mature and always positive. He has been an astonishing 'find' for the faculty and the Drama Department hope he will continue in his production roles and eventually graduate to Drama School to become professional.

Prize money spent on: Lighting controller for productions

Nyle Auguiste-Bailey

Nominated by: Ms Hurley

Nyle has been volunteering for a charity called Mentivity, for 3 months and before that with the Hebe Foundation for a year. Mentivity is an inspirational mentoring organisation and alternative education provision based in South London. Nyle coaches young people from deprived backgrounds who are at risk of becoming involved in gang culture. He has experienced similar situations himself and wants to give others the confidence and the strategies to make the right choices with their lives, and to empower them for the future.

Prize money spent on: Funding tickets for PPG students to go on a Cadbury's World trip for Food Technology and a theatre trip to the Globe for English Literature

Oscar Ballantine

Nominated by: Ms Cotterill

Oscar is thoroughly committed to extra-curricular activities and enjoys volunteering outside of school to support his local community. He regularly attends scouts with passion and enthusiasm and his contribution has included making blankets for the homeless charity SPEAR to distribute throughout the borough. He received Junior Police Cadet of Borough last Christmas and was awarded a glass award in March.

Additionally, Oscar takes part in the school orchestra and will be playing a violin duet throughout the upcoming multicultural evening; he is a grade 4 for violin and a grade 3 for piano. Since September, he has been working at St John the Baptist school orchestra.

Prize money spent on: Funding tickets for PPG students to go to the Globe theatre (English Literature), and new books for the library.

Maya Sills

Nominated by: Ms Hawkins

Maya Sills has been working as a Young Carer for her younger brother, who was diagnosed with autism many years ago. From simple things like dressing him, to aiding her family in intense situations, she prioritises her family without a second thought.

Meanwhile, Maya has studied violin since the age of 6 with dedication and passion, and completed her grade 8 exam in April. This has enhanced her musical abilities and led to her teaching herself how to play the piano, including rhythmical practice. Finally, Maya has also achieved a grade 6 in ballet and a grade 5 in Lamda.

Prize money spent on: Creating a History Fiction and non-fiction section in the library, and some teaching resources

Max O'Connell

Nominated by: Ms Mannion

Max has spent the last year working on Ham Lands enrichment program and really went above and beyond to represent the school in a fantastic manner. He very quickly became a pivotal member of the group through his enthusiasm and dedication. He took on challenges with gusto and helped other members of the group at a split second, always putting other people first.

The project enabled Max to really flourish and his teamwork contributed to the group's nomination for a borough Young Hero Award, representing the school, where the team came 4th out of hundreds of nominations. He really is a star and should be recognized for his work.

Prize money spent on: A true crime speaker to give a speech to the students

Kanye Ellick

Nominated by: Ms Moore

Kanye is a kind, caring, considerate student, who always has time for others. He is a proactive and helpful peer mentor, and also mentors lower school students after school. Kanye is the first person to put his hand up and volunteer his time for school events and he was deservedly voted in as Head Prefect. He is proactive, positive and a fantastic ambassador for the school. Kanye is part of the Inclusion Collective Group in Sixth Form, putting together presentations that are used by lower school (eg. International Women's Day, LGBTQ+ month etc).

Kanye represented the Sixth Form in June at the Racial Justice Conference, and teachers were full of praise for his enthusiasm and input on the day. It involved a series of workshops about EAL provision in different schools, as well as students' own experiences at school. Kanye was an active part of the Sixth Form Prefect Team at Multicultural Evening. Kanye has consistently helped out at open evenings and school tours.

Prize money spent on: Teaching resources and additional books to aid learning in the classroom

Gothia World Cup

Sweden

Tess Flack
(team captain)
playing for the
England Team
Prep Lions at
the Gothia
World Cup held
in Sweden
(July).



Message from Friends of Ham Lands

On behalf of Friends of Ham Lands, I would like to pass on a huge thank you to the fabulous Grey Court team for their interest, energy and hard work while they were involved in supporting biodiversity on Ham Lands local nature reserve. Friends of Ham Lands work very closely with Richmond's ecology officer and Richmond biodiversity partnership, this supports a dynamic and holistic context of the importance of the natural world and impact of climate change and footfall.

The Grey Court team's regular activities made a big difference in the area they were involved in supporting. With the huge variations in temperature and rainfall, the team were able to experience first-hand some of the ways nature is responding. [Continue reading](#)



A very warm welcome to our **New Kids on the Block**



I'm Mr von Sun, and I'm the new teacher of History and computing. I got my history degree at Kent Uni, and my PGCE at Sussex. What I've loved about Grey Court so far is how welcoming and friendly everyone has been!!

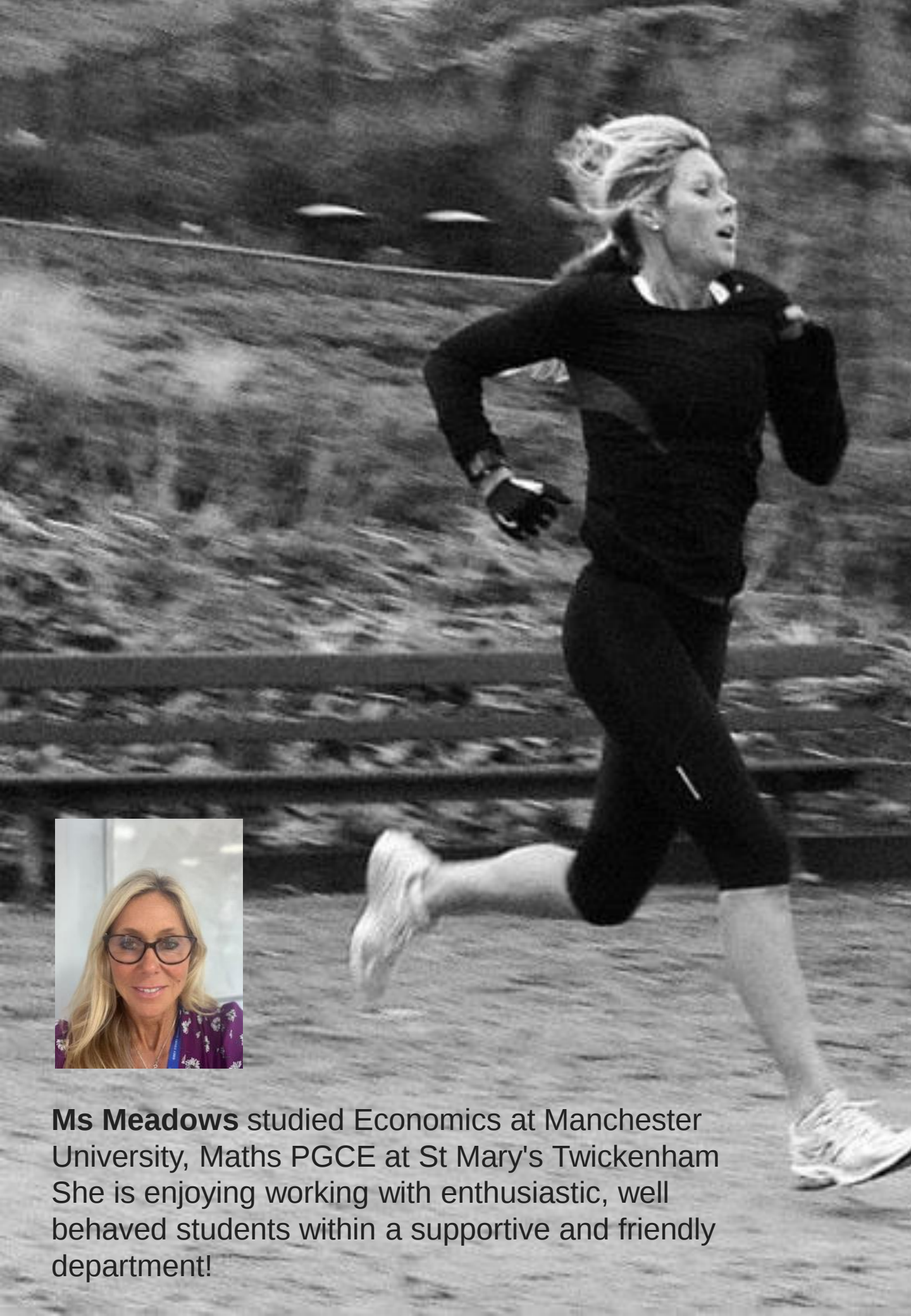


I'm Miss Sutcliffe. I'm a history/humanities teacher, originally from Leeds but studied and University of York and lived there for the past 10 years so a big move down here! I'm looking forward to working in a big, collaborative department and teaching some new subjects.



I am Mr Storey. I am a computer science teacher and studied at Kings College, London

Looking forward to helping students gain top marks in Computer Science at GCSE and A level. I am also a Chess Master and former England u16 Olympic Team Chess Coach/ Manager. I love football and I am an ex Semi-pro player (Blyth Spartans) I was pretty good but not quite good enough to play alongside Declan Rice! Also a qualified F.A. Level 2 Football Coach - my claim to fame is that I could do 10,000 keepie uppies at age 12! Later in the school year, I offer student challenges in chess matches and 'keepie uppy' challenges for students that are doing very well in their subjects!



Ms Meadows studied Economics at Manchester University, Maths PGCE at St Mary's Twickenham. She is enjoying working with enthusiastic, well behaved students within a supportive and friendly department!

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Kia Ora! I am Mr Hartmann and I'm originally from Wellington, New Zealand. I grew up in Sydney, Australia. Previously, I worked as a flight attendant which sparked a keen interest in the world around me. During Covid, I subsequently decided to pursue this interest and studied to be a history and geography teacher, completing a masters at the University of Sydney. I hope to bring a passion for learning about the world and contribute to the athletics programme, as I am an avid runner myself.



I am Miss Delachaise. I teach Social Sciences! I studied at Goldsmiths for my bachelors degree, St. Mary's for my Masters, I studied Psychology. I am super excited to immerse myself in school life and meet everyone!



I am Ms Rawlings. I am a PE Teacher. I studied my undergraduate at Bournemouth University and PGCE in Secondary PE at Buckingham University. I am really looking forward to seeing all of the amazing talent on offer at Grey Court and getting stuck into all of the sport on offer.



I'm Miss Johnson, the new Drama teacher. I have been an actor/performer for 20 years since finishing my Acting degree in Edinburgh. I'm currently singing in a few bands, and gig regularly. I'm delighted to be *back* here at Grey Court as I was a pupil here many moons ago! I'm really looking forward to getting to know you and being blown away by your many talents!

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I am Ms Mennone and am new to Grey Court's fabulous English department and school! I studied American Studies (BA) at the University of Winchester and completed my PGCE in Secondary English at the University of Reading. I am thrilled to have joined Grey Court this year and I look forward to enjoying all the brilliant opportunities (for both staff and students) in the years to come!

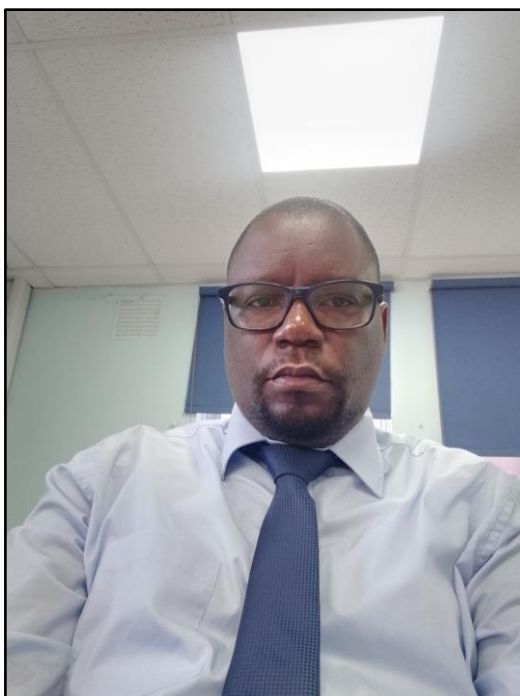


I am Ms Van Der Westhuizen. I teach business studies. I studied at MANCOSA and I am from Cape Town, South Africa. I am looking forward to this new opportunity to learn and to teach.

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I am Ms Stallard, the Trust Maths Development Lead. I teach at Grey Court Monday to Thursday and work within the trust on Fridays (at Chessington). I'm proud to be from the North West, and as we were an RAF family, I am lucky enough to have taught all over the country. I am looking forward to working at Grey Court as everyone is so kind and it has been such fun so far!



I am Mr Mtshali, new addition to the Grey Court Math Department! Hailing from South Africa, I bring with me an impressive 10+ years of teaching experience, specialising in years 9 to 12. With a passion for mathematics and a dedication to fostering student success, I am thrilled to share my wealth of knowledge and skills with our students here at Grey Court.

Having taught in diverse educational environments, I am well-versed in adapting teaching methods to meet the unique needs of each individual learner. I firmly believe in creating an engaging and inclusive classroom atmosphere, where students feel empowered and encouraged to reach their full potential. My expertise extends beyond the curriculum as I am also eager to collaborate with my new department, eager to learn and share best practices.

As I settle into my new role, I look forward to making a positive impact on the maths department and building meaningful connections with both students and colleagues.

PE News

Message from

Miss Marsh (Head of Girls' PE)

We've had an amazing start to the new academic year with trials in netball, football, gymnastics, rugby and basketball. We have launched a wide range of clubs for this half of term (possibly our widest yet) and have added new clubs that are open to pupils of all genders and all sporting abilities. This week the new year 7 students played in their very first netball match for Grey Court. We had around 50 students playing for x4 teams and all had a great time. Year 8, 10, 11, 12 & 13 students also had netball fixtures this week and it was great to see them back on court again. There was also an U18 rugby fixture in the National Vase Competition. Brentford Community Coaches were in for early morning football and gymnastics this week and Grey Court is, once again, buzzing with energy at 7.15am on most mornings.



Check our
Sports timetable

SOCS

For parents/carers of new pupils, please note that school fixtures are accessed on SOCS. Please use the following steps to access SOCS and please do not try to use 'Pupil/Parent Login' as this is not in use for Grey Court:

1. Go to www.greycourtsports.org.uk [Grey Court School | Sports Home](http://www.greycourtsports.org.uk) (greycourtsports.org.uk)
2. Click on a date and open a fixture
3. In order to view details and the team sheet (the blue person next to the fixture indicates if there is a team sheet or not at the time you are checking it) use the password **greycourtsports!** which is case sensitive
4. If you are having issues with this, please ask your child as we have given all KS3 pupils in depth information about accessing SOCS in their PE lessons

In order to stay up to date with our team results, PE lessons and to find key information, please follow us on Twitter/X @**greycourtPE**

Google Classroom codes for sports clubs:

Running Club: fuqokqt
Y7&8 Netball: 62ydhsv
Y9, 10, 11 Netball: 746omp4
Y12 & 13 Netball: byghvay
Y7&8 Girls Football: 6dm3fzm
Y9, 10, 11 Girls Football: wmmeytd
Y12 & 13 Girls Football: 6dmtdpf

If pupils missed out on trials at the start of term, please do not worry. Ensure you have joined the relevant Google Classroom page, signed up on the trials list and just turn up to the next training session. We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to take up a new sport as well as those who have been committed to our teams over their time at Grey Court.



Erin Wild (Y7)

Congratulations to Erin Wild in year 7 who was one of six girls put forward by her club (Teddington Hockey Club) to train for the London U12 team as part of the England hockey pathway. She attended two days of training in August and was successfully selected for the next round of trials with the U13s. They will then pick 25 girls out of 55 girls for the London U13 team. She will be the youngest in the group so it's great she got that far. Well done, Erin!



Eva Mayhew-Wilcox (Y8)

Eva Mayhew-Wilcox in year 8 has been working hard on her tennis throughout the summer. Her effort in training on court served her well as she was crowned champion of an U12 grade 4 singles tournament and an U14 grade 5 singles tournament! This will undoubtedly benefit her rating and the experience gained will be brought in the season ahead. Great work, Eva!

Tia Garrard (Y9)



Tia Garrard in year 9 had her final athletics track meet last week in Oxford. She was selected for Surrey to run in the inter counties, a great achievement in itself as Surrey is an incredibly strong county and tough to make the final squad. Tia ran a fantastic 300m as a 13-year-old running up in the U15 age group and finished second to a girl two years her senior. That ranks her the fastest 13-year-old in the country at the end of the season! What a fantastic achievement for Tia! We are excited to see her as part of our athletics teams this season and give her a warm welcome to Grey Court.

Neve Rugette (Y10)

Neve Rugette in year 10 has had a great summer of basketball, competing for England at the Euros. We will hear more about this exciting tournament in the next eBulletin, keep an eye out!

GREY COURT HOCKEY



Teddington Hockey Club have started running an outreach programme with Grey Court School and want you to join!

TUESDAYS 5-6PM
AT TEDDINGTON SCHOOL!

***ALL ARE INVITED FROM
BEGINNER TO EXPERT AND
RECEIVE THIS NEW T-SHIRT***



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP



G-FEST

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

THE PE AND VPA Cake competition



- ★ your cake can be any size, any ingredients but must be Sports and or Music/ Art/ Drama themed.
- ★ The cakes will be judged by the Flying Cloud Café and there will be prizes for the winners.
- ★ Please let PE staff know if you want to enter the competition then bring your cake on the day to the cake stall.
- ★ Once judging has taken place we would like to sell slices of your cake to all coming to G-Fest.
- ★ All the profits will go to the school.



James the Cycle Coach

James the Cycle Coach is coming to G-Fest and will be selling a range of Hybrid FROG bikes ages 5-12 year olds and entry level road bikes aimed at 10-14 years olds.

All bikes have minor cosmetic marks but they come with a full service and will be fully cleaned and ready to go.

Prices range from £125-£200

Any questions please ask james@the-cyclecoach.com



The Cycle Coach will also be running a SHOW TRACR CYCLE track (see photos) at G-FEST

The sign up sheet for this is outside Mr Willmore's office.



Extracurricular timetable



KS3 News

Year 7 *Message from Mr Day*

What a fantastic first week and a half we have had with the Y7s at Grey Court so far. All the staff have been extremely complimentary about how they have started their time at Grey Court and we are very excited to see how they develop over the next few years!

Induction Days

Despite some early nerves, all students were a pleasure to have on the induction days. On the first induction day students took part in a series of sessions with their tutor. They completed 'getting to know you' activities, an orientation quiz around the school, received their planners and started work on creating their form group display boards. On Wednesday, students were lucky enough to participate in a drama workshop run by ARTIS, as well as team building activities linked to rugby.

Throughout the students behaved impeccably and it was amazing to see them making new friends.

Clubs

At Grey Court, we encourage Y7s to get involved with as many clubs as they can. The sporting extra-curricular timetable has been finalised and shared with students and we ask students and parents to have a look through this and plan which sessions they wish to attend. Nearly all sessions are free, unless stated otherwise. The non-sporting timetable is being finalised and will be released over the next week for students to also have a look at.

Name Labels

A quick plea from the Y7 team. Please can we make sure that all items are named as far as possible, especially Blazers. It is very difficult to re-unite owners with blazers if they are not named.

Year 7 Stars of the week

	Name	Comment
A	Oliver W	For making a fantastic start to secondary school and for excellent behaviour and organisation
B	Nick MS	For being receptive to instructions, quickly adapting to the new levels of expectation and approaching everything with enthusiasm and commitment
C	Kian P	For his excellent uniform monitoring!
E	Lucas S	For showing excellent enthusiasm for extra opportunities at Grey Court and for contributions in form
M	William K	For showing excellent resilience and making a positive start at Grey Court
O	Harry G	For always being a positive, smiley happy member of the class and for showing real empathy and kindness to his classmates
R	Safayat A	For showing a huge improvement in attitude in his second week, and for contributing so well towards 7 Rowan's achievement-point tally, including five achievement points in one day!
W	Janessa S	For being really brave and confident on our induction days and making the class smile with her floss dance!

Key Stage 3 Maths

MAX YOUR MARKS WITH SPARX! 🎉

How to get the best from Sparx Maths:

In addition to your compulsory homework, Sparx will always offer you the opportunity to complete optional 'XP Boost' and 'Target Questions'.



XP Boost

XP Boost questions are based on the same skill as the homework and provide students with the opportunity to consolidate on a skill. If a student struggled with the homework we recommend they use this feature to consolidate the skill!



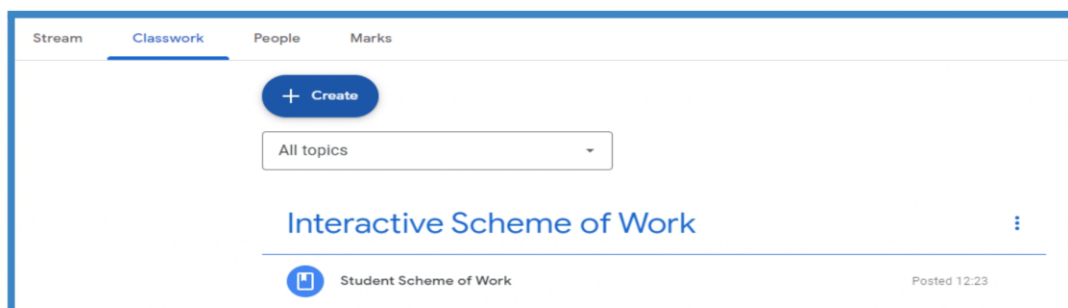
Target

Target Questions are created as an extension to the homework task. They are slightly more challenging questions which may introduce a new skill or add an extra problem solving element to the homework task. We recommend this for students who felt very comfortable with their homework and would like a challenge!



Independent
Learning

This can be used to support and extend your learning. On Google Classroom you can find your '**Interactive Scheme of Work**' which has a summary of the topic you are studying each lesson and the Sparx Video Number. This means you are able to consolidate any work you complete in class through using Sparx Maths and can also have a look at future lessons if you are interested!



Key Stage 3 (Year 7 - 9) Maths support is available every Wednesday in M2. Students can drop in any time between 3 - 4 to receive support for their classwork or homework from a number of Maths teachers!



**KEEP
CALM
AND GO TO
MATHS
SURGERY**

KS4 News

Year 10

Message from Ms Comrie

Welcome back Year 10! It's time to get serious. I challenge you all to be excited for this upcoming year as there will be highs and lows, but ultimately this is the year to start making a difference in your academic journey. This year and next will count towards those GCSE results that you all dearly desire. As your new Head of year, I encourage you all to see this as an opportunity to make conscious decisions and changes to your attitude surrounding school. You are in charge of your own destiny and without sounding too cheesy you are the makers of your own future.

This year set yourselves goals and beat them. Set yourself targets and exceed them. Ensure that you come to school with the right attitude, last year is history. Remember every one of your teachers, old or new (not literally) want the best for you. If you require any guidance or help ensure that you ask those around you for help. Don't suffer in silence.

Lastly keep up the high expectations, not only for the school; but for yourselves. Organise your bags and make sure you bring in the right equipment. Plan your journey ahead of time and get to school on time. Set yourselves up for the day with a good attitude and healthy breakfast so your mind can work to it's full potential.

I look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Quote of the week: "The beginning is always today" Mary Shelley

Year 11

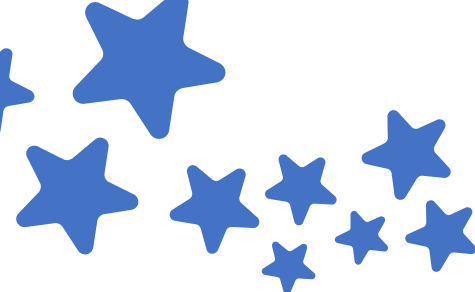
Message from Ms Clark

A warm welcome back to our lovely Year 11s. We have hit the ground running and I have been immensely proud of how the year group has started - with determination, motivation and a fantastic attitude. On the back of our best results to date, I am getting competitive and hoping this Year 11 smash those results in August 2024 - I know they can do it!

In the most important year of schooling to date, I implore Year 11 to make the most of the opportunities to learn, grow and achieve above their potential this year. This begins with attendance. We have started strong, but I urge parents to ensure their children are here, every day, on time and ready to learn. We have seen the typical 'back to school' colds and sniffles and I would love Year 11 to push through these minor ailments to ensure they don't miss one minute of vital learning.

Our intervention program begins on 25th September - this will be emailed to parents next week after being finalised. It is extremely successful in supporting our students to focus their minds on coursework, targeted revision and achieving their best. Certain students will be expected to attend and there will also be voluntary sessions throughout the year, run by departments. I expect students to take advantage of the incredible support our staff offer to help your children succeed in all of their subjects.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Stars of the week

Year	Student	Subject	Comment
7 Ash	Kian Maralani	English Language	Excellent classwork
10 Maple	John Guard	English Language	Excellent classwork
11 Ash	Kelsie Martin	English Language	Excellent engagement in class
8 Rowan	Zakir Mohapatra	English Literature	Excellent classwork
9 Ash	Gryffin Stone	English Literature	Excellent contributions
12 G	Nela Hrckova	English Literature	Excellent engagement in class
13 Ash	Chris Kocman	English Literature	Excellent engagement in class
13 Ash	Zara Flack	EPQ	Excellent progress in the subject
7 Cedar	Mordecai Elechi	Accelerated Reader	Excellent engagement in class
8 Maple	Kenny Back	Accelerated Reader	Excellent contributions



VPA News



The Visual and Performing Arts faculty welcomed thirty-two new Year 7 scholars to the team this week. Ms Maybey, Mr Allchurch, Ms Cowper, Ms Johnson and Ms Burton have been impressed at the creativity and commitment of these students already and are excited to work with them!

The scholars have an exciting year ahead of them, some upcoming events and lessons will be:

- Creating puppetry and stop motion based on narratives as well as making a soundscape to go alongside this. Designing and building sets that will be used in the Summer production.
- History and traditions of musical theatre including vocal techniques and developing character focused around the upcoming summer musical.
- Understanding the professional job roles and responsibilities involved in putting on a concert in the live music industry: performers, sound, lighting, backline and instrument technicians.
- Scholars will learn about the different types of microphones, cables, mixers, lighting desks, instruments and amplifiers, starting with the full band set-ups we have in each of our music practice rooms, through to the PA systems used in a professional concert... and then demonstrate how to set up and operate all of this in practise.

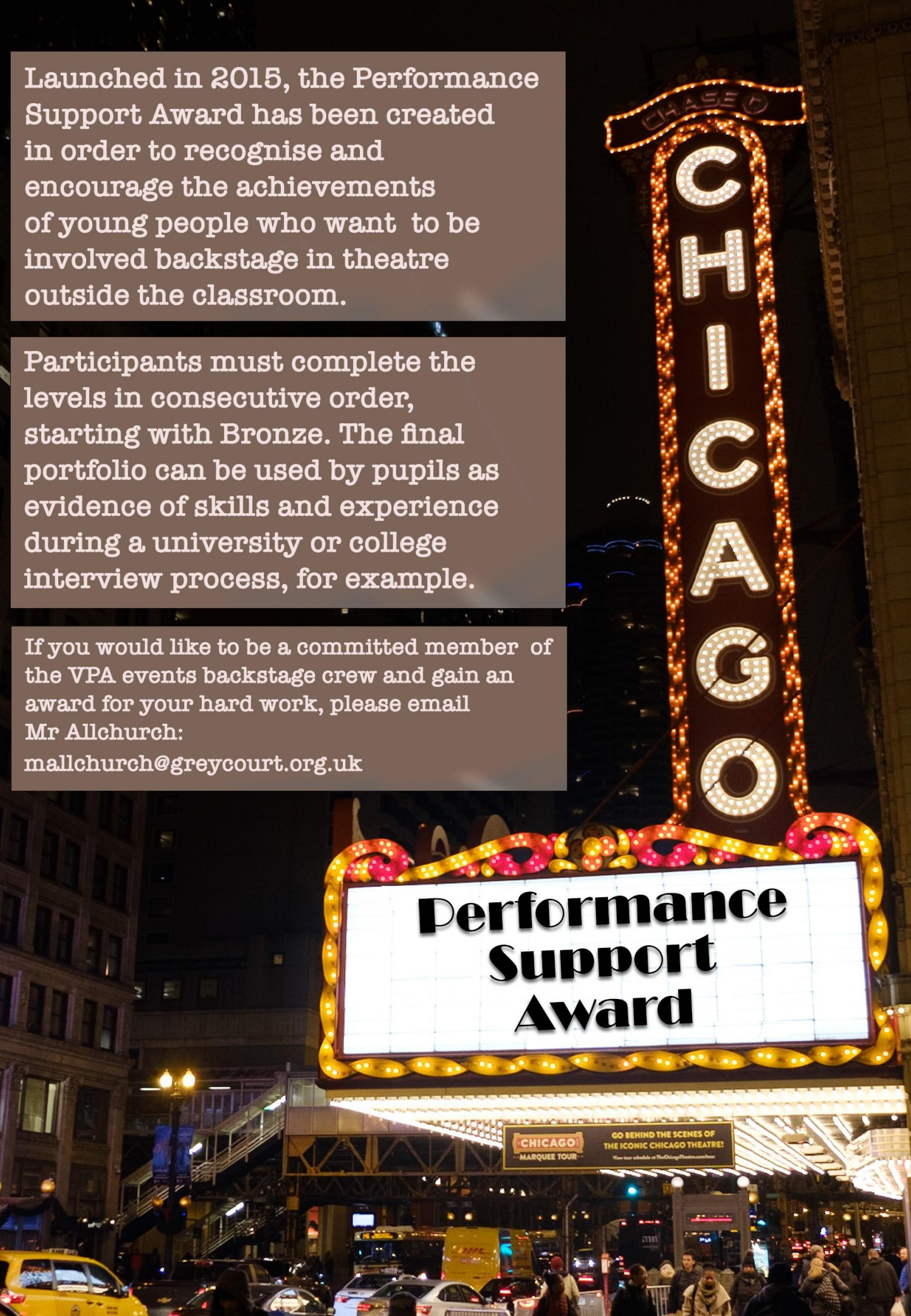
The VPA scholars Autumn showcase will be a chance to see some of these skills and talent. More information coming soon..!

Launched in 2015, the Performance Support Award has been created in order to recognise and encourage the achievements of young people who want to be involved backstage in theatre outside the classroom.

Participants must complete the levels in consecutive order, starting with Bronze. The final portfolio can be used by pupils as evidence of skills and experience during a university or college interview process, for example.

If you would like to be a committed member of the VPA events backstage crew and gain an award for your hard work, please email Mr Allchurch:

mallchurch@greycourt.org.uk

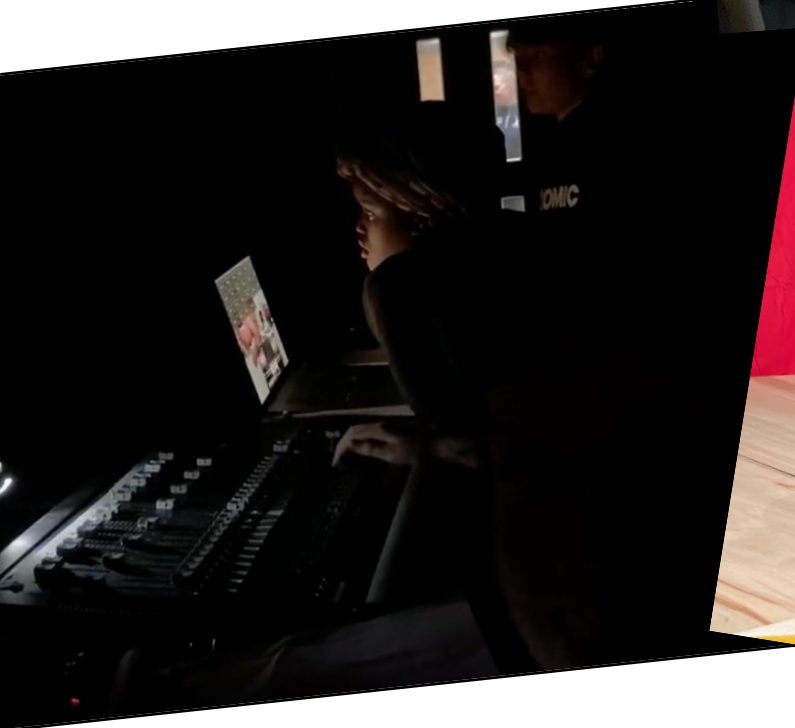
The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Chicago Theatre's marquee at night. The marquee is a tall, vertical sign with the word "CHICAGO" in large, illuminated letters. Below it, a horizontal sign reads "Performance Support Award". At the bottom, a smaller sign advertises a "CHICAGO! MARQUEE TOUR". The scene is lit up with the warm glow of the marquee lights and the cool blue of the city night.

Performance Support Award

CHICAGO!
MARQUEE TOUR

GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF
THE ICONIC CHICAGO THEATRE!

View tour schedule at TheChicagoTheatre.com/tour





VPA CLUBS

ROCK AND POP CLUB

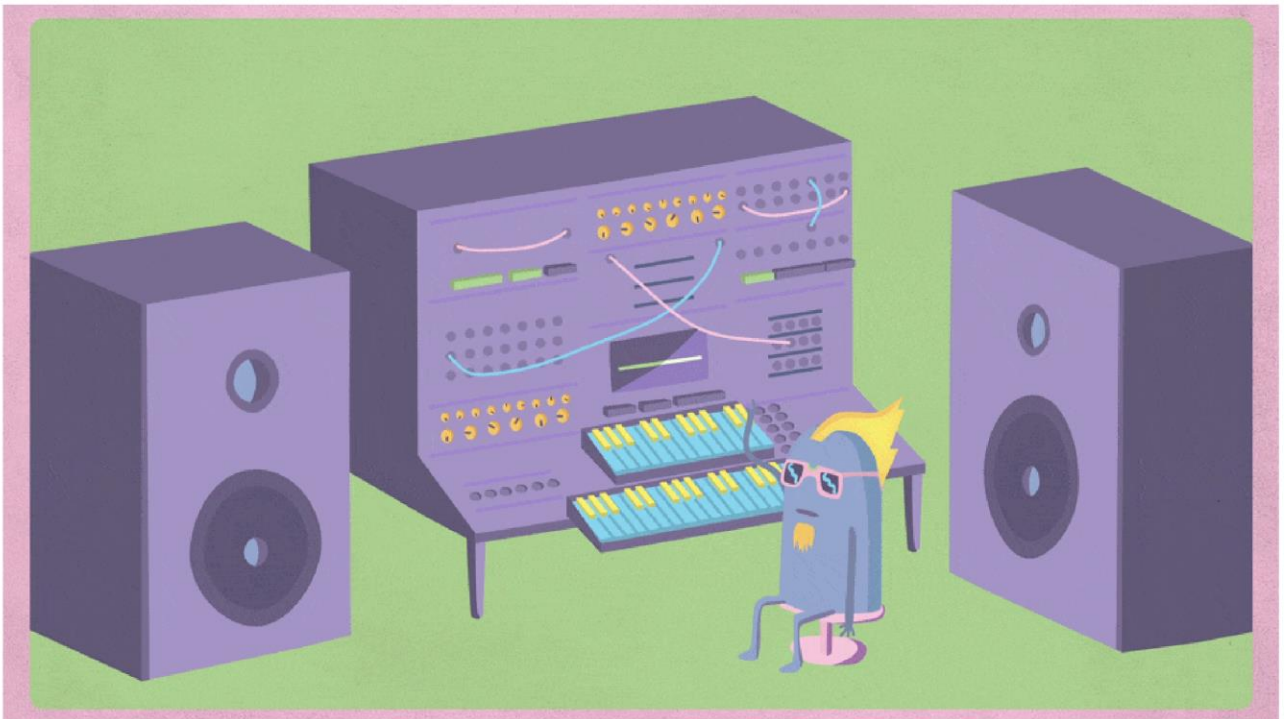
TUESDAYS
3PM-4PM
IN MUSIC



COME AND PLAY THE DRUMS,
GUITAR, BASS, KEYBOARDS OR SING
IN A BAND. ALSO OPEN TO OTHER
INSTRUMENTS IF YOU HAVE ONE!

Music Tech Club

Wednesdays
3pm-4pm
in PC1



Learn to make music on a computer
with state of the art, industry
standard software. Record your own
instrument, singing or rapping,
and make your own beats.

Grey Court Music Department

Instrumental Clubs 2023-24



VPA Strings

with Ms Thomas
Years 7 - 13

Thursdays 7.30 - 8.15am
Open to all string players
Use to QR code to sign up



VPA Wind Band

with Ms Moore and Miss Cowper
Years 7 - 13

Fridays 12.30 - 1.00pm
Open to all wind and brass players
Use the QR code to sign up



Rock and Pop Club

with Mr Allchurch
Years 7 - 13

Tuesdays 3 - 4pm
Contact Mr Allchurch about joining



VPA Orchestra

with Mr Millar
Years 7 - 13

Wednesdays 3 - 4pm
Contact Mr Millar about joining



Grey Court Music Department Choirs 2023-24



Junior Choir

with Miss Cowper

Years 7 - 9

Rehearsals during lessons

No audition required



Grey Court Voices

with Miss Cowper

Years 7 - 13

Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm

Short audition required



Sign up for a choir here!



Career Update

with Miss Corrighan



DRAWING MATTERS

Introduction
course

Grey Court

'Drawing Matters' is run by experienced practicing artists, Stuart Simler and Tahira Mandarin, who bring with them a broad range of skills from Fine Art and Ceramic backgrounds at BA, MFA (Hons). This course is for all pupils who have an interest in Art and especially drawing, which is an important part of children's creative development. We encourage freedom of expression alongside learning new techniques and skills.

Dates & Times:

18th Sept. - 16th Oct. - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm

Year Groups: 7 to 10

Cost: £57 - 5 weeks (all materials included)

How to apply:

If you would like to book a place for your child on these classes please email:
Tahira: tahiramandarino@icloud.com

Payment terms BACS: Company name: Raw Ground Arts Limited
Sort: 40-26-12 Account: 32189860
Cheques made payable to: Raw Ground Arts Limited and sent to:
56 Cedar Avenue | Twickenham | TW2 7HE

Grey Court School is keen to ensure this opportunity is open to all students. Should you wish for your child to take part but need financial assistance, please contact C. Bowie: cbowie@greycourt.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming your artist onto the course.

*For terms and conditions please visit: <https://www.rawgroundarts.com/drawing-matters>



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www.rawgroundarts.com

LONDON

Passion Flowers

Mr Clements

This academic year will mark a decade for me in the arbour of educational excellence that is Grey Court.

The epoch also marks the planting of a passion fruit vine outside the front window of my house. Having learnt to capture plant cuttings one summer from my father, I set a root in the ground in the Spring of my first year at school. Ten years may not be quite a lifetime, but in case readers need a temporal marker of some sort - my 9 year old, who is now in his second year at university, helped me. This momentous event culminated in both a trip to A and E (a trowel injury to the child - try explaining that to a doctor!) and the laying down of an important root.

From modest beginnings the plant now trails and whirls and climbs in a mass of green stems, leaves and creepers that criss-cross the brickwork and spill into the neighbours' Privet hedges. It has proved to be both resilient and adaptive: surviving droughts, monsoons (of the South West London variety) storms and freezing temperatures. Indeed, so abundant is the plant now that our cat spends much of the summer sleeping in its shade to escape the heat.

Every year the vine explodes into a profusion of orange fruits and white, purple and yellow flowers around the time Grey court students collect their exam results. As such its presence usually serves as a harbinger of student success and an entwined symbol of the school's educational ideology.

The ordered symmetrical patterns of the flowers represent Grey Court's adherence to perfect and intricate systems - these ornate patterns and routines decorate

the school year. From assembly rotas to late detentions, uniform checks, intervention timetables and the legendary 'passport to success' - Grey Court promotes systems as order and routine are key factors in student achievement.

The tangle of verdant leaves and stems represent creativity - The school values and seeks to grow creative minds in a fertile and energetic way. We believe that a tangle of leaves and the aesthetically beautiful symmetry of the flowers can be mutually supportive. In a memorable speech in 2006, iconic educationalist Sir Ken Robinson, criticised schools for "killing creativity." At Grey Court we want it to be uncontainable.

Summer flowering - Every year we build towards the summer exams and results season; we seek to improve our results and allow more and more flowers to bloom. If carefully tended and nurtured each summer's blooms will enhance the following year's growth. Reflection, growth and refinement are essential tendrils of staff and student mindsets.

Shelter - on a pastoral level the school - like the plant must provide refuge for its inhabitants from the outside world. We want it to be a place of safety and comfort not just for neighbourhood cats! We also want our students to be resilient and adaptive in order to survive the tempests Nature may suddenly and occasionally unjustly hurl in their direction.

In essence, the simple actions of a decade ago - an interest (gardening), a new skill (cultivating plant cuttings) routine, creativity, shelter, self-reflection, care, resilience, adaption - are habits we aspire to cultivate everyday within

every child who enters our leafy environs. I hope that the next year and maybe even the next decade proves to be a fertile growing season!



Sixth Form News

Message from Ms Higham

Welcome back! It is lovely to have the Sixth Form full of students ready to start a new school year after the amazing success of the outgoing Year 13 cohort.

Year 12

Threshold Assessments

This week all year 12 students have sat their threshold assessments for Maths and the science subjects. These will be marked by teachers over the next week and results will be handed back to students the week after. These will be marked as either 'A' - above the required standard, 'S' - at the required standard and 'B' - below the required standard.

What happens after assessment week?

If you gain a grade "at or above the standard" for the threshold assessment you will work towards preparing for the first round of A-level style assessments in early October. If you receive a "below standard" grade you will be given the opportunity to change onto a more suitable course if places exist on it. If you opt to continue you will be provided with appropriate subject specific targets in order to build your capacity for the October assessments. Although, it should be noted that these are likely to require a higher level of expertise to pass as they will be marked using "A-level" standards.

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UCAS Applications

The big focus for students this half term is completing and submitting their UCAS applications. Our internal deadline for this is October half term. Once students have clicked 'submit', their applications come to the Sixth Form team, when we check everything and add in predicted grades and a reference. We will then liaise with each student to double-check everything before we submit to UCAS.

Year 13 Assessment Week

We are running an assessment week for year 13 during the week commencing 3 October 2023. There are a number of reasons for this:

1. UCAS predictions - while we do have the results for the summer assessments we want to give them an opportunity to get a better grade.
2. Providing an accurate picture of where all students are so that staff are able to support.
3. Getting them back into A Level mindset as quickly as possible.

These are going to be run within lessons and each subject will set an exam paper that is between an hour and an hour and a half long. Subject teachers will communicate the content of the assessments to students in lessons and an overview will be posted in Google classroom.

Minna Lipton for winning the top essay in her category on the Homerton College Essay programme.

Who is responsible for our excessive global emissions and why isn't the news reporting it? From veganism and plastic straws, the picture the media paints in comparison to what the scientists are telling us are two different things. This essay intends to educate you on the benefits of grass-fed alternatives within the natural carbon cycle and explain the media's climate dialogue. Consumption and its inexorable links to structural inequality will also be discussed, as profits are reaching record levels in correspondence with poverty. We will disprove economic theories which try to inversely suggest this and come to the conclusion that consumption is a product of inequality rather than wealth.

'Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being at all ages is essential to sustainable development'





Year 13 Chemistry students

Mr Rhodes received a lovely email from the Senior Lecturer at Kingston University, praising them for their enthusiasm at a practical session run by the university:

"I had the pleasure of running a practical session with your year 13 chemistry students on Monday morning and I wanted to let you know that they were a credit to the school. They were enthusiastic, cooperative, engaged and a pleasure to teach and spend time with. I hope that they found the session both informative and enjoyable."

Message from Miss Fincham

Oxbridge EPQ

This week students should be tweaking their personal statement and making final amendments ready to submit to UCAS. The school deadline for forms to be submitted is the 25 September to ensure the checks and administration can be completed by the sixth form team in time for the University deadline in October. Students also need to ensure they have communicated with the school exams office and ensured they are signed up for any pre-interview assessments that are required by their subject. Students need to be focusing time on this preparation as these tests are highly competitive. This is another reason to ensure that the UCAS form is submitted as early as possible.

Note that

Sixth Form Applications for September 2024 Open on 18 September

The applications system will be available via the sixth form section of the website from 18 September and will remain open until 8 January 2024. All applications must be made via this form. Any applications received after 8 January will be classified as 'Late' and will only be considered once we have processed our on-time applications.

This week students have been required to upload their evidence onto the EPQ classroom to prove they have done an appropriate amount of research over the summer holidays. If they have not completed this preparation they will not be able to continue with this qualification. The taught sessions for EPQ start this week in enrichment and are a compulsory part of the course that all EPQ students are required to attend. This involves explicitly taught sessions which is vital to success in completing the project.

Careers

with Miss Corrighan

We produce a **Weekly Opportunities Bulletin** for our sixth form students and parents/carers to access. We encourage our students to take advantage of these opportunities which could be work experience, Uni-taster courses, careers talks and more. We also advertise apprenticeships which many students might like to be aware of if pursuing that pathway. Please see this week's bulletin: [13/09/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

Careers Fair

We will be hosting our annual careers fair for year 11 and sixth form students and parents/carers on **Wednesday 11 October 6.30-8pm** in the school hall and library. More information to follow but this is one of the many sixth form events we put on throughout the year.

Save the date!

Year 12 trip to Royal Holloway University



All of Year 12 were treated to an inspiring and motivating trip to this beautiful and prestigious university as part of their induction into Sixth Form. They were given valuable insight into university life, including a study skills session, a tour of the campus and a really useful Q&A session. The students were engaged and enthusiastic and it gave them a chance to reflect on life after Sixth Form.

Year 12 has settled brilliantly into the rigours and demands of sixth form life and I have been heartened to see so many students working diligently on their laptops during free periods. There is a lovely atmosphere around the building and it's been lovely to see our new external students are finding their feet, enjoying the new environment and making new friends.



SAVE THE DATE

GREY COURT SCHOOL
G-FEST
2023

SATURDAY
23 SEPTEMBER
1.30 - 8PM

**SANDY LANE
ENTRANCE**

COLOUR FUN RUN
2PM START

TICKETS

Child £5
Adult £10
Family of 4 £25
Family 5 + £30

Available from

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/greycourtschool/>

Live Music • '5 Day Weekend' stalls
5-a-side Football Competitions
It's a Knock Out Sumo Challenge
Sponge the Teachers • Raffle
BBQ • Bar • Refreshments

**COME AND SUPPORT
THE SCHOOL**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
**GREY COURT SCHOOL
PARENTS ASSOCIATION**



PROGRAMME

1.30 PM GATES OPEN (SANDY LANE ENTRANCE)

2 PM COLOUR FUN RUN (START BULL MEADOW)

2.30 PM ZUMBA (STAGE)

3PM SPONGE THE TEACHER (MAIN FIELD)

4PM FOOTIE COMP (BULL MEADOW)

4PM STAFF & PARENTS V STUDENTS NETBALL (NETBALL COURTS)

4PM CAKE COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING (MAIN FIELD)

4PM WORLD CUP RUGBY LIVE ENGLAND V CHILE (DRAMA HALL)

5PM MASKED TEACHER SINGER (STAGE)

6PM MUSIC FROM OUR GREY COURT STUDENTS, CHOIR & MORE (STAGE)

7.15PM RAFFLE DRAW (STAGE)

7.30PM '5 DAY WEEKEND' BAND (STAGE)

CYCLE TRACK EXPERIENCE & IT'S A KNOCKOUT INFLATABLES
BOOK YOUR SLOT NOW – SIGN UP SHEETS OUTSIDE PE OFFICE

BBQ – BAR – WAFFLES – INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL – LUCKY DIP
 BEAT THE GOALIE – CANDY FLOSS – 2nd HAND SPORTS KIT
 POPCORN – SUMO WRESTLING – COCONUT SHY – 50:50 RAFFLE
 2ND HAND BOOK STALL – PICK N MIX – 2ND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM
 ICE CREAM – CAKES – PRIZE DRAW RAFFLE – HENNA ART – CHIPS –
 CANBURY SECRET – SHEEN SPORTS AND MANY MORE STALLS

BUY YOUR TICKETS AT www.pta-events.co.uk/greycourtschool



RUN A STALL FOR A DAY

Anything musical, dance or fun with a group of 5 friends please complete and return to the Music Department

The team who makes the most profits gets a BIG prize and a say in where the money they raise gets spent
Here are some ideas...

twister mat | sing-a-long | guess the pop stars | learn a dance routine | name that song | vibrating plate music | human amp connector | finish the lyric | Make a vegetable musical instrument | form a band for the day | or any other wonderful ideas you might have – if you're not sure talk to the music department

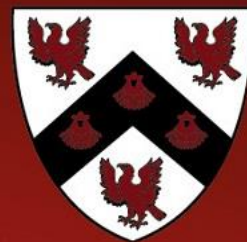
We suggest you charge £1

Stall Name	
Names & Form Groups of stall holders	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
What are you going to do?	



**What's happening
in the neighbourhood**

OLD KINGSTONIAN HOCKEY CLUB



FREE HOCKEY TRIAL SESSIONS

TIFFIN GIRLS SCHOOL, KT2 5PL | 12:00–13:30

10 SEPTEMBER | 17 SEPTEMBER | 1 OCTOBER

8 OCTOBER | 5 NOVEMBER | 12 NOVEMBER*

Bookable via okhockey.com
or scan the QR code



* One free trial per player

Qualified coaches • Equipment to borrow • Membership offers



PARKOUR



Parkour is the art of moving from one point to another as efficiently and quickly as possible in one graceful motion.

Our expert coaches will teach you the strength, fitness and techniques needed for the groundbreaking discipline of parkour and freerunning.

**Every Thursday
4pm to 6pm
Ham Youth Centre,
Ham Close, Ham TW10 7PL
Open to 11 to 19s**

FREE

**For more info contact Ben Skelton
Phone: 020 8288 0916
Email: ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk**



Good 4 Girls

Youth club for young women 10+



Every Monday 5pm to 7pm

Where young women get Ham Youth Centre to themselves!

Come and try new activities, make friends and have fun.

Art, sports, cooking, discussions, fashion, media,
trips, and loads more.

We will also be doing lots to support your emotional wellbeing.



For more details contact

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HAM YOUTH CENTRE



Ham in Session

Free Music classes
for young people

TUITION IN:
GUITAR
DRUMS
KEYBOARD
SINGING
RAPPING
STUDIO RECORDING
MUSIC PRODUCTION
DEEJAYING



OPEN TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
AND FRIDAYS AFTER SCHOOL



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WANTED!

Trustees for local charities



Richmond CVS Trustee Recruitment Evening

Wednesday 20 September 2023, 6pm - 8pm

**Richmond & Hillcroft Adult Community College
Parkshot, Richmond, TW9 2RE**

**Come and meet some amazing organisations
Find out about their work & trustee opportunities**



Register for your free place now

Visit www.richmondcv.org.uk

**Richmond
Volunteer
Service**

020 8843 7940
Registered charity number 1075259

**Richmond
CVS** 
empower - enable - involve



WANTED! Trustees for Local Charities

"This event is such a brilliant way to get an insight into the fantastic work going on across the borough."

The borough's annual volunteering event focused on trustee opportunities with local charities is back and in-person on 20 September, 6pm-8pm at Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College.

This free informal event is one of the best ways to learn about this specialised form of volunteering. You can meet and hear first-hand from local charities about their work and their opportunities, and get a flavour of the wealth and diversity of trustee roles currently available to help you consider if it could be something for you.

If you're a strategic thinker, possibly with specialist skills such as marketing, finance, HR or business development (just for example), come and chat to 20+ amazing local charities who could really benefit from your knowledge.

Every charity needs a range of skills and know-how to progress their development. A few hours a month and your ideas and knowledge, alongside their established experience, could be the key to their future success whilst giving you huge personal reward and satisfaction.

If you're aged over 18 years, get information, insights and maybe inspiration whilst you fact-find without pressure or obligation.

Sign up now to find out more. [Book your place here.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/richmond-cvs-annual-trustee-recruitment-evening-for-potential-trustees-tickets-686558353517?aff=oddtcreator)

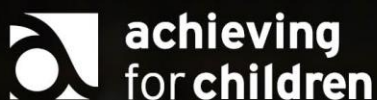
NOTES:

Hyperlink to booking page:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/richmond-cvs-annual-trustee-recruitment-evening-for-potential-trustees-tickets-686558353517?aff=oddtcreator>

Contact: Sid Li action@richmond cvs.org.uk 020 8843 7945

Richmond CVS is an independent charity and the infrastructure support body for the hundreds of organisations that make up the voluntary and community sector in our Borough. www.richmond cvs.org.uk



HAM YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Ham Youth Centre has started an exciting youth orchestra under the tutelage of highly qualified music teachers. This wonderful opportunity includes a wide range of classical instruments available for use free of charge.

We are looking for dedicated and passionate young musicians of any level of experience.

10 TO 19 YEARS

We aim to improve young people's musical proficiency and enable them to take part in performances in the future.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3.30 TO 5.00PM
Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, TW10 7P

Contact **Ben Skelton** for more information:

M: 07903 349719 **E:** ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Contact:
Email: fc.judoacademy@gmail.com
Mobile: 07497 220084

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are pleased to announce FC Judo Academy will be continuing the Judo club at Grey Court on a Friday afternoon.

FC Judo Academy is run by Team GB -90 international Frazer Chamberlain. Frazer has represented Team GB at 4 European Championships including 2 European Games. He has won multiple international medals and is British Champion.

The club will run on a Friday afternoon 3.10-4.10pm.

- First Session: 22nd September 2023
- Last Session: 8th December 2023

10 Sessions in total (£10.00 per session. £100 for the term)

Sibling discount £2 off per session for the second child. £180 for two children for the term.

This Club is for Years 7-11

Please email us to confirm we have space before transferring the fee

Please note we no longer accept cash payments and all bookings must be secured by making a bank transfer to the following account but please email us first to check we have a place for your child. Please also note once your child is signed up this is a commitment for the full term of Judo lessons.

Bank Transfer Details:

Mr Frazer S R Chamberlain

Account Number: 25819168

Sort Code: 30-99-88

Reference: child's first initial and last name followed by GC



Contact:
Email: fcjudoacademy@gmail.com
Mobile: 07497 220084

If payment is not received before or on the first judo session of the new term we are not allowed your child on the mat for insurance purposes.

This payment does not include gradings. We aim to do one grading every term. This is an extra price of £20. Judo kits are also available to be purchased from us upon request.

If you have any questions please email us on: fcjudoacademy@gmail.com

Kind Regards

FC Judo Academy

Childs name:

School:

Age:

Parents name:

Parents Contact number:

Parents Contact email:

Childs allergies/ Medical issues:

#AskAboutAsthma campaign poster competition for primary schools

Competition theme: 'Drawing Breath' poster.

- Design a poster (draw a picture) to show how breath might look - if you could see it.

Ideas for teachers to use for the drawing activity:

- Ask pupils do they ever notice that they are breathing?
 - if so, when? - what are good or bad conditions for breathing?
 - where might it be harder to breath? (high altitude; when air pollution is high; after running).
 - who might find it hard to breath (asthma sufferers; people who work or live in poor conditions; those that smoke)
- Ask the children if they have asthma or if they know somebody with asthma?
 - how do they feel about their own asthma/someone they know who has asthma?
 - what triggers an asthma attack? (stress, air pollution, infection, smoke/fumes, allergies etc)
 - how might they illustrate one or more of these ideas?
- Get the class to think of or write down words associated with their own and/or other people's breathing, perhaps under different scenarios and/or using different senses:
 - enjoying clean air; finding it difficult to breath; feeling, hearing, seeing or smelling breath
 - do any of the words give them ideas for 'drawing breath'?
- As a class, spend a short, quiet period to concentrate on breathing
 - how does it feel and what do they think about?
 - (if they breathe easily, next think about) what would it be like if it wasn't easy to breath?
 - what might make it easy or difficult to breathe?

Specifications for entries:

- Use one sheet of A4 paper per entry
- Please **ensure that children's names are NOT visible on any entry** (their first name and age should be supplied in the scan filename as specified below).
- Entries can use colour and all text and drawings should be clear (judging will be on scanned versions)

How to enter:

- There are two categories - KS1 and KS2
- A school can **enter either one or both categories**
- The school should **select your top 5 entries per category** (i.e. maximum 10 entries from any school, 5 from KS1 and/or 5 from KS2)
- Each entry should conform to the specifications given above
- Scan each entry and email them as separate files to [Gia Pendred](#) at Richmond Council
- **Each filename must include the school name, and key stage (KS1/2) and age of the entrant;** we recommend including a number for each entry (1-5) to help identify entries – esp. prize-winning ones!

Entry deadline:

- Entries must be received by the **end of Friday 22nd September 2023**
- Please contact [Gia Pendred](#) if you are unable to meet the submission date

Important information for entries:

By submitting entries to the competition, you agree to the following:

- any display of the poster entries (hard copy and/or digital copy) can include the artist's first name and age, and the school name;
- that possible locations for displaying the posters can include but are not limited to:
 - the Schools Air Pollution pages on the Council website
 - the Council eNewsletter for residents

- public library noticeboards
- air quality monitoring sites in the borough
- digital boards in the borough e.g. at bus stops

The competition organiser will endeavour to contact schools prior to displaying posters so that they can advertise this to the artist(s) and your wider school community.

Judging and award of prizes:

- Entries will be divided into 2 key stage categories for judging: KS1 and KS2
- Judging will focus on the originality of the entry; how well the brief was met; and the content clarity
- Judging should take place so that winners can be notified within two weeks of the entry deadline
- Three prizes will be awarded to the winning student entries in each category (KS1 and KS2)

If you have questions or need more information, please contact [Gia Pendred](#) (Air Quality Officer at Richmond Council)

Additional resources

If you would like more information about the associated campaign and air pollution, please see the following:

- The NHS led National campaign [#AskAboutAsthma](#) runs 11-17th September 2023
- [Guidance and practical resources](#) for teachers and school nurses who support children with asthma
- Information and resources about [air pollution as an asthma trigger](#)
- [Air pollution levels now](#) and [London Air's 30 second guide](#) to air pollution!
- Richmond Council's [Schools Air Pollution pages](#)

Players wanted - Hearts U13 Girls



“nothing without great effort”



NEW players wanted

Hearts of Teddloethian Lynx's are looking for new players to join them this season in their U13s league (for girls who are going into year 8 from September 2023).

We are looking for a **goalkeeper and additional outfield players** as we move up to 11-a-side matches. If you already play, have a passion about football, play at school and want to step up to matches or wanted to play on Saturday as well as your existing Sunday team. We'd love to hear from you.

Home ground

Waldegrave School, Fifth Cross Rd, Twickenham TW2 5LH

Matches & training

- Saturday morning matches
- Tuesday night training
- Summer practice sessions – we will run some casual summer practice sessions should you want to try it out

Contact

girlsfootball@heartsofteddloethian.com



CAKE COMPETITION

Make a cake and enter it into our G Fest competition.
Bring it on the day and judging will take place at 4.00pm

1st Prize £50
2nd Prize £20
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"My confidence has increased so much through meeting new people and all the skills I've gained, which will come in really useful later in life."

Tyler, 14

When do we meet?

Sea Cadets (12-18): Tuesdays 7.15pm - 9.30pm.

How do you contact us?

Telephone: 020 8948 2724

Email: co@richmondscs.org

Where do we meet?

Sea Cadets Richmond

Park Lane, Richmond,

London, TW9 2RA



"It makes me feel I can do things others can't. I don't want to stay in my house every day. I want to see how the world is."

Shaun, 13

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WELCOME TO A DIFFERENT KIND OF ADVENTURE, LAUNCHING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR LIFE TODAY

Raising attainment • Inspiring social action • Inclusion

At Sea Cadets we work closely with schools to reach young people, helping them take advantage of the amazing opportunities on offer through Sea Cadets. You may already be familiar with our links in your community, or Sea Cadets maybe new to you. We would like to share with you what Sea Cadets offers young people and hope that you would like to take the opportunity to learn more about us, link in with our virtual assembly offer, or access our resources for teachers.

What we do

We are a national youth charity offering young people aged 10 to 18 life-changing nautical adventure with a heritage based on the customs and traditions of the Royal Navy. We offer a range of qualifications and training from BTEC to RYA accredited courses, helping them to build skills and have an advantage as they start out in life. Today, 14,000 young people based in 400 units in towns, cities and ports across the UK are challenging themselves and developing new skills, supported by 9,000 volunteers.

Raising attainment

Sea Cadets offers a safe place for young people aged 10-18 to progress with pathways that link to the Five Ways to Wellbeing by being connected to their community, being active, taking notice of themselves and others, continuing to learn new skills and giving their time to support others. We help young people to find balance, build confidence and resilience, and boost mental health and wellbeing.

Programmes are linked to National Awards and Schemes

Both our Junior and Cadets programmes are linked to nationally recognised awards and schemes. Our programmes aim to provide young people with training that can prepare them for work and industry as well as become well rounded individuals. Our module outcomes fulfil assessment criteria for:

- Crest Award
- Sport England Young Leaders
- Earth shot Prize
- Duke of Edinburgh

Our Sea Cadets tell us they improve in:

- confidence
- feeling more in charge of themselves
- leadership
- comfortable speaking to anyone
- brilliant team player
- new skills
- someone with positive habits and thinking
- being more adaptable
- feeling motivated

Sea Cadets find:

- school gets better
- getting that job gets easier
- they can overcome challenges more confidently
- they are valued in the community where they live

Inspiring social action

One of our key goals is to support and nurture community working. Sea Cadets was built by communities over 160 years ago. Community plays a significant role in helping young people develop into positive and confident young adults. Everybody needs community and social action is something we are passionate about.

Inclusion - we don't want anyone to miss out

Everyone is welcome at Sea Cadets and although cadets give a small weekly subscription and contribute or fund raise towards the cost of the skills training, they gain at Sea Cadets, no young person is going to miss out on something because they can't afford it. We work with schools with high numbers of Pupil Premium pupils using donations, gifts in wills, and grants to top up funding we receive from the Royal Navy so we can discreetly help teenagers who are struggling financially, to level the playing field, so everyone can join in with everything and try new possibilities. Sea Cadets also has a great track record of supporting young people with SEND, or just those who may struggle to 'fit in' or lack confidence.

'Naysha is very sensitive. But here you have to pick yourself up. She's become calmer. Better at making friends. She has a sense of self now, it's not any more about what others want to do. It's about confidence. About acknowledging you can fail, but you can still make the future right.'

Michelle, mum of Naysha, 15, Clapton

Learning & Qualifications

Our Marine Engineering Pathway (MEP) programme is just one of the ways Sea Cadets works with schools across the UK to offer STEM and curriculum linked opportunities. At our Sea Cadet units and divisions our young people and volunteers can gain qualifications in:

- Royal Yachting Association – Sailing, Power – boating and Navigation,
- British Canoeing Union - Paddle sports
- BTEC's in Marine Engineering, Music and Public Service
- St John's Ambulance Brigade - Youth First Aid, Activity First Aid and First Aid at Work
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
- British Sub Aqua Club - Ocean Diver and Sports Diver
- Institute of Leadership and Management - all membership grades

When we meet

With lots of activities both on and off the water, our Sea Cadets enjoy regular weekly meetings throughout the year. Our weekend activity sessions are extremely popular too, particularly in the summer months. Our qualified instructors and volunteers keep all our Sea Cadets positively supported outside of school, with safeguarding at the heart of everything we do.

If you think the Sea Cadets is something your staff and pupils would find inspiring further information and access to all our virtual resources for schools (including virtual assemblies) please contact us.

Our outcomes framework for Sea Cadets:

We developed a framework to help us map our impact for young people. It means we can explain more clearly why we do what we do and how we achieve positive outcomes for young people.

