



Grey Court School
eBulletin

22 September 2023

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notices

[Celebrate with the National Theatre](#)

3,600 free tickets will become available on 2 October for the National Theatre in celebration of its 60th birthday (only those aged 16-25 are eligible)

EAL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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

Cover photo taken at the rock and pop club by Mr Allchurch

#KeepInTouch

23-24 Term Dates

School Events

Sports TT

Sport SOCS

Extracurricular TT

Education Fund

ScoPay

Breakfast Menu

Weekly Menu

Graze Menu



The Uniform Shop

Thursdays 3-4pm

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**

LEGEND



Miss Hawkins has been awarded the London Classics medal for “conquering London”! This medal is given to those who successfully complete the London Marathon, the Ride 100 (one hundred mile cycle loop from London to Essex) and the Swim Serpentine. She completed the final part, the swim, in Hyde Park last Saturday, swimming two miles around Lake Serpentine. She has raised over £2500 for charity doing these events and although the training was hard work, it was a lot of fun and the supporters were amazing! Special mention to Miss Duncan for getting up early to come and support the swim on Saturday!

Year 7 *Message from Mr Day*

Another fantastic week for students in Y7.

Firstly a big well done for their behaviour and efforts during the CAT testing. All were fantastic in their listening and focus during the test. Following this students had the first PDW session. These sessions are delivered by tutors and focus on important issues. I was delighted to hear that all classes were mature and engaged during these sessions.

A quick reminder regarding blazers - now the extreme heat of the start of the school year has departed, all students will be expected to have their blazer with them every day. They should wear these around school - although are permitted to take them off during lessons and at break or lunch times.

A couple of shout-outs to our sports sides who have kicked off their campaigns this week. The Year 7 Boys football team finished in second place at the Ibstock tournament, narrowly losing in the final. The netball side had their first outing against a strong Harrodian side, and it was fantastic to see the progress they have made despite only having a short time together. This Saturday is the turn of our Rugby stars as they play their first fixtures - we hope all goes well!

I hope you have a nice weekend and look forward to seeing you at G-Fest on Saturday. There are rumours circulating that Mr Day will be target practice on the sponge-a-teacher stall from 3pm.

Year 8+9 *Message from Mr Ridley*

It has been a great start to the term for Years 8 & 9. The students have come back to school refreshed and ready to attack the year ahead of them.

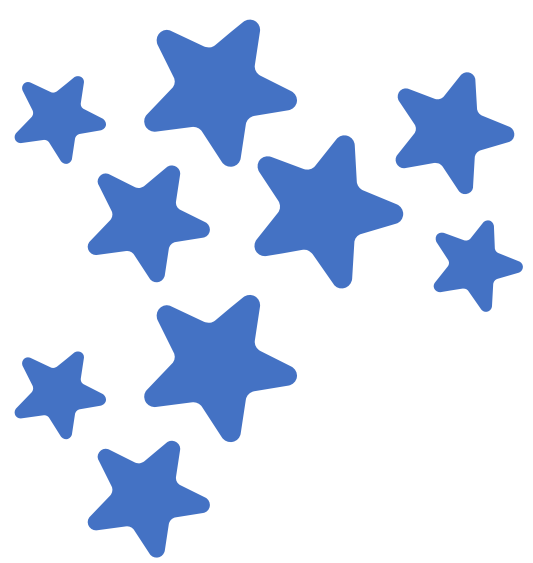
We have held assemblies giving them updates on the school results as well as 'Paying it forward' for Year 9, where people are encouraged to perform acts of kindness throughout their day to create a positive environment in our local community. Year 8 were introduced to the Gradu8 Programme, which is the series of 8 challenges that they will be undertaking across the year.

It has been great to see just how many students have already thrown themselves into extra-curricular life this month; I also encourage anyone that hasn't done so yet, to try a club of their choice over the next few weeks.



Year 7 Stars of the week

	Name	Comment
A	Jenson S	For making an fantastic start to the year, for always being very polite and for excellent behaviour and organisation.
B	Emilia MD	For always being on time, incredibly polite, well-behaved, organised and always enthusiastically participating in class discussions - especially during PDW.
C	Hirbod E	For his kindness and responsible behaviour, and excellent PDW contributions.
E	Kirpa K	For always offering to help others and always being a positive, enthusiastic member of the form.
M	Indie M	For making a great start to the year and being a smiley, polite member of the form.
O	Junior B	For making a fantastic start to his time at Grey Court
R	Emma G	For being super-helpful during form time, and for making thoughtful contributions to discussions in both form time and PDW class.
W	Aybars Y	Settled in really well and always has such a sunny disposition that brightens everyone's day!



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**



We all wanna be Sparx Stars!

A massive congratulations to all the students in 8aV, Mr Edmunds, and Ms Stallard who have been named as the year's very first 'KS3 Sparx Stars of the Week' after every student achieved 100% on their homework!

Mr Edmunds said: "I couldn't be more pleased with how the class have started the year - now we just have to keep it up!"

All students received two achievement points for the accolade.



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!



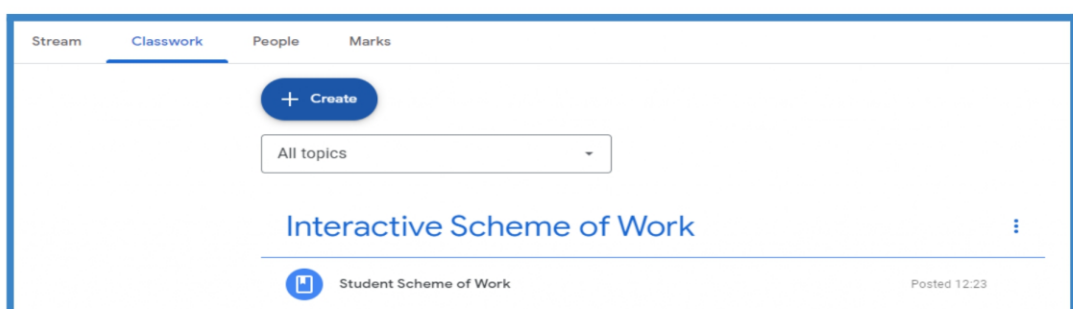
Target

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!



Attendance Matters

11 September to 15 September

Congratulations to year 7 for achieving 99.5% attendance and to 7 Cedar, Maple and Oak for achieving 100% attendance.

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	99.5%
Year 8	97.7%
Year 9	97.0%
Year 10	95.0%
Year 11	96.2%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Cedar, Maple, Oak	100%
8 Beech	98.8%
9 Willow	100%
10 Cedar	99.3%
11 Willow	97.8%



KS4 News

Year 11

Message from Ms Clark

Another busy week and more to come as we near the end of September. Next week, our intervention programme starts, which is one of the many strategies we put in place to ensure success for Year 11. Please see the timetable below. Teachers have been busy analysing data to assess which students are needed for intervention and students should endeavour to attend.

Assembly this week focused on looking ahead to the future and how to succeed in this important year. PDW also looked at Post 16 Options to ensure Year 11 are considering how to move on to the next steps in their education. Our message here is key - maximise your options with the best grades possible and I know this year group will be absolutely amazing at achieving all of their goals!

A reminder to read the update regarding uniform changes in PE and to ensure blazers are worn to school. I reminded the year group about conduct on public transport this week; to be mindful and caring members of our community, especially as they are ambassadors of Grey Court and role models to the younger year groups.

Hoping to see you all at Parents Information Evening on 26 September at 6.30pm.



[Intervention TT](#)

Scholarship Law Essay Competition

Are you intrigued by the legal field and want to learn more about Law?

Win a scholarship place on our October half term
Law course taking place at the
Honourable Society of Middle Temple!

Course Highlights: Meet legal professionals, visit the best of legal London, in depth workshops on admission requirements and personal statements, mock trials, mooting and so much more!

Essay Question:

AI will take the jobs of future lawyers.
Agree or Disagree?



Submit your essay, no longer than 500 words on
our website www.focusedfuture.co.uk/scholarship
by 23:00 on 30th September



1st Prize: One fully funded scholarship to join our
October half term Law course



2nd Prize: Partially funded (50%) scholarship to join
our October half term Law course



Runners Up: Partially funded scholarship of up to 20%
to join our October half term Law course

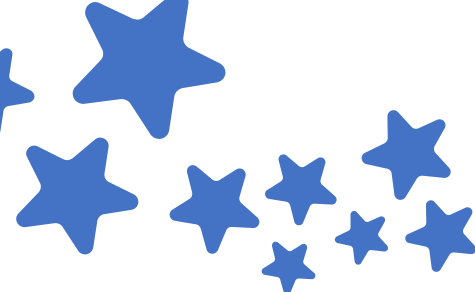


Check out our website to find tips on how to
write a good essay



For more information visit
www.focusedfuture.co.uk

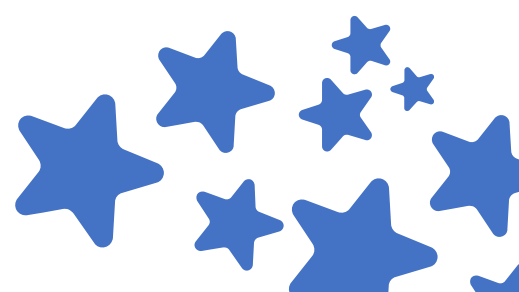
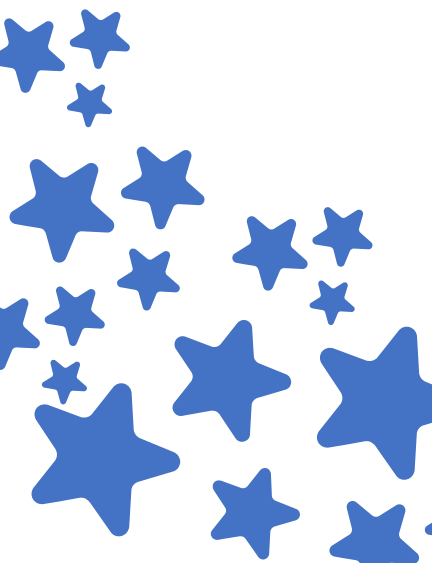




Stars of the week



Year Group	Name	Subject	Reason
7	Kerem Ozturk 7 Oak	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
8	Dhruv Gokul 8 Willow	Maths	Excellent classwork
9	Max Coleman 9 Maple	Maths	Excellent progress in the subject
10	Charlie Tong 10 Elm	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
11	Chloe Turner 11 Elm	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
12	Ece Ozgoren 12 E	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
13	Enya Pasic 13 D	Maths	Excellent engagement in class
10	Bade Isik 10 Elm	Statistics	Excellent engagement in class
11	Chrysanthi Tsihla 11 Elm	Statistics	Excellent engagement in class
12	Jonathan Seeds 12 C	Further Maths	Excellent classwork
13	Cameron Burges 13 F	Further Maths	Excellent classwork



Activity Day Details

Click the links below

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)





Food and Nutrition

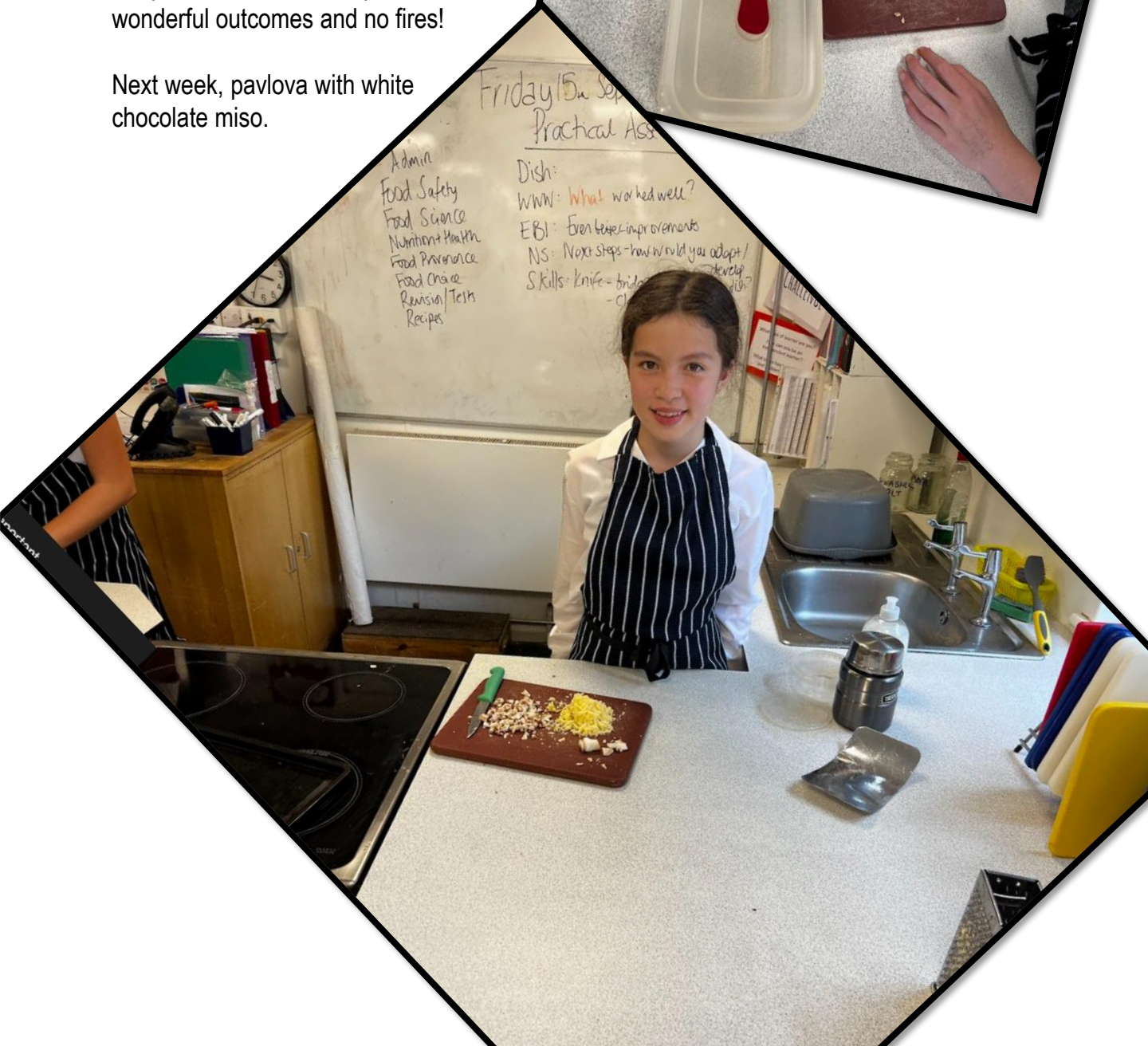
with Ms Campbell

Food Club

Year 7's found their feet in the food room (along with some students from other years) for our food club. Students get the taste of a food and nutrition lesson whilst making an array of different dishes that stray from the curriculum.

They still learn the crucial skills such as food safety and hygiene, but also work with unusual pairings. This week they made vol-au-vents, using vegetables and with a Yorkshire pudding case. They all worked extremely hard with wonderful outcomes and no fires!

Next week, pavlova with white chocolate miso.



Friday 15th Sep
Practical Ass

Admin	Dish:
Food Safety	WWW: What worked well?
Food Science	EBI: Even better improvements
Nutrition & Health	NS: Next steps - how would you adapt / develop?
Food Provenance	Skills: Knife - bridge
Food Choice	
Revision / Tests	
Recipes	



Healthy Eating

Welcome to our first rotation of future chefs. Our year 8's who are very familiar with the food room began this term looking at 'healthy eating' and made chicken and vegetable stir-fry. They learnt how to minimise cross-contamination when preparing high-risk foods and demonstrated high levels of independence during this practical.

Year 8



Year 10 dabble with food safety and make the cultural Spanish classic 'Paella'

Year 10

Year 10 started the term by being introduced to food safety, with a focus on food poisoning (and the common causes in the UK). With that in mind, they made the culture classic 'paella'. They worked with seafood, chicken and chorizo and an array of seasonings to develop some beautifully presented dishes, and all practised the essential skills and presentation outcomes in preparation for year 11. Whilst we didn't taste any, the fragrant dish could be smelt through the corridors at Grey Court.





Year 10



Year 10 trial butchery

Year 10 continues to look at food safety and hygiene. This week, they learnt about chicken portioning, and completed the portioning of their chicken in pairs, learning essential butchery skills that are classed as high-level skills in preparation for their exam next year.

No chicken was wasted, they used the portions to make chicken Kiev and froze their other portions to make a curry next week. Minimising food waste and learning all about the different cuts and their uses within food preparation.

VPA News



GREY COURT SCHOOL

PRESENTS...

LIONEL BART'S

Oliver!

BOOK, MUSIC
AND LYRICS
— BY —
**LIONEL
BART**

JULY 2024

Come along to the singing and acting workshops before the auditions - more information to be announced soon.

Speak to Ms Burton or Miss Cowper for more information

Rock and Pop Club News

with Mr Allchurch

Rock and Pop Club was absolutely packed this week! We filled a whole classroom with eager musicians, lots of new faces and some of our members from previous years. The practise rooms were teasing the whole building (and hopefully the rest of the school site) with the sounds you will all get to hear at G-Fest tomorrow. The bands and singers performing this weekend have worked extremely hard and I have never been so pleased with the quality and professionalism of their rehearsals and performances.

Anyone who would like to join us next week is very welcome come along.

This is going to be a very exciting academic year for VPA and I can't wait to see the results of our students' hard work and talent in the many upcoming concerts, showcases and whole faculty productions.

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



ROCK AND POP CLUB

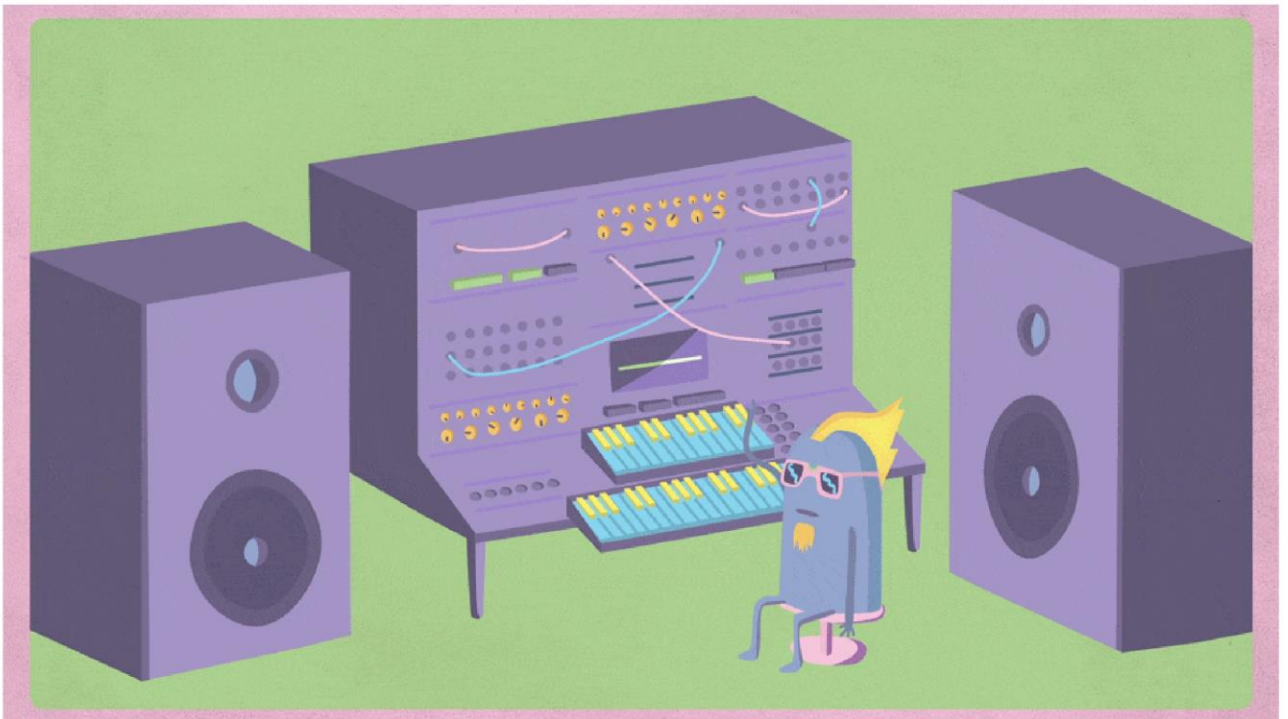
TUESDAYS
3PM-4PM
IN MUSIC



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.

A-Level

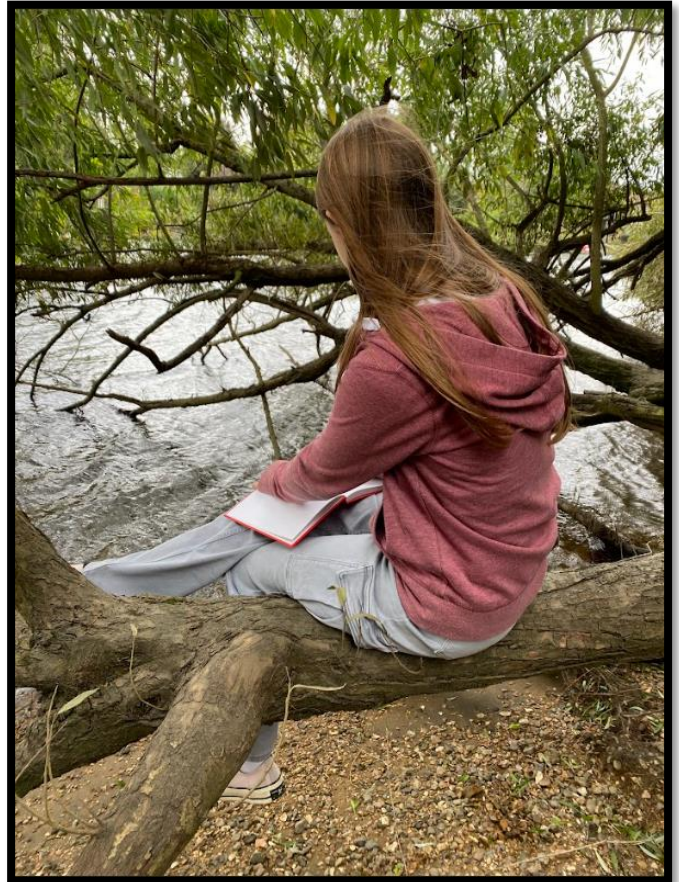
Art & Photography News

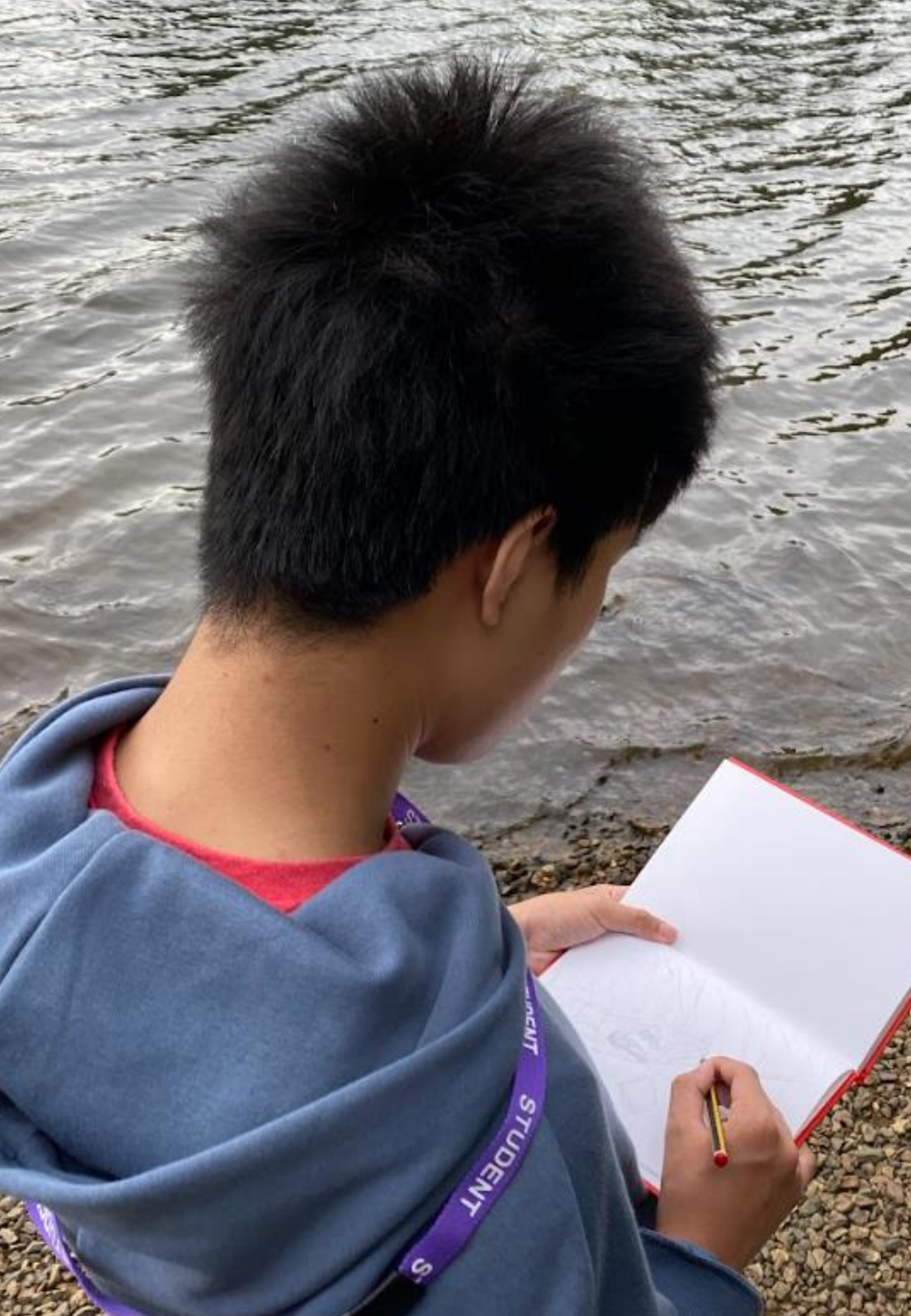
with Ms Bowie

Our fantastic artists and photographers have had a great start to the new year.

The photographers have recorded the fair on Ham Common on film and each successfully processed their first black and white film.

The artists visited Teddington Lock, collected items for the classroom and made some brilliant drawings, despite crazy winds! The artists will now be learning how to use oil paints and make their own painting and drawing materials, whilst the photographers will be back in the Darkroom printing from their negatives. A really good start to the year made by all.





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>

**RAW
GROUND
ARTS**

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www.rawgroundarts.com

LONDON

GCSE Artists

with Ms Maybey

Year 10 GCSE students have made an epic start to their course with visual mind maps around the topic of Japan. The quality of their work has been incredible this year and we can't wait to see how they develop as Artists over the next 2 years. Well done Year 10!



Congratulations!

LAMDA Update

The following students who entered the LAMDA exam achieved a **distinction** in their exams before the summer (many of whom were in the first class of VPA Scholars):

Aiden Savornin-Cornish - VPA Scholar

Alys McHardy - VPA Scholar

Amy Rose Curley - VPA Scholar

Bronte Jackson

Dhruv Gokal - VPA Scholar

Eliza Clark - VPA Scholar

Elizabeth Weston - VPA Scholar

Ella Waldmann - VPA Scholar

Emilia Saville - VPA Scholar

Francis Tillman - VPA Scholar

Ipek Ayduran - VPA Scholar

Karlo Gordon

Lula-Rose Civiero

Max Murphy

Mia Rose Helledie - VPA Scholar

Naomi Phillips

Olivia Kristensen - VPA Scholar

Raul Saggar

Sophie Robinson

Tasneem Djerfi - VPA Scholar

Toma Kennelly - VPA Scholar

Zak Nagy - VPA Scholar



LAMDA

Classes at Grey Court

**Starting September 2023
for Year 7 - Year 13**

Why LAMDA?

- Builds confidence and empowers you to become an effective communicator
- Develop your vocabulary, reading ability, conversational skills and memorisation
- From Grade 6 onwards, earn UCAS points to aid your entry into higher education
- Work towards an exam in the summer term

Why Elizabeth Samuels?

- A leader in LAMDA tuition supported by a team of highly experienced teachers
- 100% exam pass rate at Merit level or above, with 90% at the highest level of Distinction
- Unique LAMDA teacher training that ensures lessons are delivered to the highest standard

Where & When?

- 30 minute classes take place during the school day at Grey Court

How do I signup?

- Visit: www.elizabethsamuelsdrama.com/greycourtregistration

PDW Programme

This week

Year Group	Subject
Year 7	How can we be resilient? - Resilience in mental and physical health - Managing emotions - Worry - Restorative justice
Year 8	How can you be your best, most healthy self? - Hydration - Immune system - Exercise - Washing hands - Dental hygiene
Year 9	How can we be sensitive online? - Trolling - SnapChat - Instagram - WhatsApp - Cyberbullying
Year 10	RS/Computing: Introduction to Be Great and iDEA
Year 11	What are your post-16 options?
Year 12	Introduction to Edge
Year 13	BOYD Post-18 Options - UCAS - Apprenticeships - College - Work - Conservatoire

PDW Programme

Next week

Year Group	Subject
Year 7	How can we best cope with change, and is it always negative? - Divorce and separation - UN convention on the Rights of the Child
Year 8	How can you help someone with allergies? - EpiPen - First Aid
Year 9	Talk Consent with Dan Allchurch in the main hall (from 08:30 to 09:30)
Year 10	What do coercive, abusive and controlling relationships look like?
Year 11	A Band: UniFrog and researching courses (in computer room) B Band: Personal statements
Year 12	Edge
Year 13	Post-18 Options - UCAS - Apprenticeships - College - Work - Conservatoire

TIPS AND ADVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



[Good Thinking](#) helps Londoners support to look after their mental health and wellbeing in a way that works for them. Since its launch in 2017, more than 700,000 people have used their digital service to tackle anxiety, stress, low mood, sleep problems and other concerns.

Free Parent support and advice cafes

For the parents by the parents.

Free coffee, tea, refreshments and confidential signposting for specialist advice and support with all matters involved in parenting teens, completing employment applications, accessing free further education courses for adults, hardship funds, improving outcomes and opportunities, housing support clinics, apprenticeships, improving and maintaining physical, emotional and mental wellbeing and more.

For cafe dates, address and timings please [click here](#).
Alternatively please contact **Sanya** directly: Phone: 07761448348
or email: sanya.walkerbatson@achievingforchildren.org.uk

[Click here](#) for more information.

Free and inclusive fitness classes for girls at Grey Court School



Did you know that 28% of girls only exercise during their school PE lessons? That's why Nuffield Health offers **free weekly fitness classes** across local communities for girls aged 11-16, to help break down barriers to physical activity.

Over the summer **we helped over 1,000 girls** build strength, boost their confidence and live for the movement. Which is why we're excited to announce **we've expanded Move Together** to continue running past the summer, throughout the year and beyond!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safe on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY OSCAR...



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday

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Careers

With Ms Corrighan

16+ choices

Year 11s will be seriously thinking about their next steps this term. This week in PDW students were talking about post 16 options and the importance of doing their research to ensure they pick the right option for them.

This term, there will be a range of open events that sixth forms/colleges have for students to go and look around and get a feel for the place and courses. Students can apply to as many Colleges/Sixth Forms as they like, we advise them to apply to at least two to keep options open and apply directly to each provider. See below for the list of open events:

Open events	
Many of the sixth forms and colleges have videos on their websites for you to explore what they offer	
College/Sixth form	Date & time
Grey Court Sixth Form	Thursday 9th Nov 2023 6.30-8.30pm Sixth Form Prospectus
Grey Court Careers Fair	Wednesday 11th October 2023 6.30-8.00pm (in the main hall/library)
Kingston College	Sat 7th October 2023 10am-1pm & Weds 15th Nov 4.30-7pm Events & Open Days - Kingston College
Richmond upon Thames College (Twickenham)	Sat 14th October 10am-2pm & Weds 18th Oct 5-8pm Register via: Open Events
Esher College	Open day was in July - book tours on website. Applications close on 29th September for 2024 entry - apply now!
Nescot College (Epsom)	Weds 27th September 4.30-7.30pm & Sat Nescot Open Events They offer animal care, construction & many more courses!
BRIT School (Croydon)	Thursday 28th Sept - you must book a time between 2-7pm The BRIT School Open Events - 28/09/23 (Post 16)
Brooklands College	Weds 11th Oct 4.30-7pm (Weybridge Campus) School Leaver Courses
Other Sixth Forms & Colleges	Check websites – usually late Sept, Oct and November

Students will be having careers advice meetings with Miss Corrighan this term. This is a one to one meeting where we discuss post 16/18 and career options and help students plan ahead. Students will be informed of their meeting via their form tutor and can also get in touch with Miss Corrighan to book a meeting in: bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Year 11, 12 and 13 students and parents are invited to attend the **Grey Court Careers Fair on Wednesday 11 October 6.30-8pm**. There will be a number of colleges (Kingston, Richmond & Nescot), universities and people from a range of career areas. We will update on who is attending in next week's eBulletin.

Can you help? If any parents/carers would like to support the careers event by coming and talking about their career path and profession please contact Miss Corrighan bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk who is still looking for volunteers for the evening.

BRITISH AIRWAYS



Work Experience Insight Days

We are happy to introduce Work Experience Insight Days at British Airways. This is a one-day Work Experience opportunity, aimed at inspiring the next generation of talent, by giving students a taste of work and the aviation industry. Applications are open now! We are offering 3 different types of Insight Days across September -December, see more information below.

- **Engineering Work Experience Insight Day (16th October 2023)** Our engineering teams focus on the behind-the-scenes activity. You can expect to hear from our colleagues on procedures such as an engine change, a structural repair or a complex aircraft inspection.

- **Business Work Experience Insight Day (8th November 2023)** We have a variety of teams that work in our head office and across British Airways that support our airline operation! On this placement you can expect to hear from a range of colleagues from different departments across our head office.

- **Airport Operations Work Experience Insight Day (20th November 2023)** We put our customers at the forefront of everything we do, and our colleagues on the frontline go above and beyond to give our customers an unforgettable experience. You can expect to hear from our ground team and cabin crew on their day-to-day roles.

- You must be in Year 10 or above
- You must have valid passport/UK driving licence (this is needed to access our engineering base and airside areas of Terminal 5 LHR)

How to apply:

Step 1: Explore which area of British Airways you'd like to gain an insight into (do your research and speak to our Speedbird Z mentors!) Register: <https://britishairways.connectr.co.uk/inspire/>

Step 2: Complete an online application which you can find the link to on Speedbird Z

Step 3: We will review all applications for eligibility, let you know via email if you have been successful and confirm next steps



American Dreams!

Mr Clements

This week's eBulletin entry has an American focus as I have recently received updates on two students' (one past and one present) adventures in the land of the brave!

Olivia Castro Doncel was lucky and tenacious enough to secure a place at a prestigious Harvard summer school and has produced a very polished report of her experiences which were both literary and culinary.

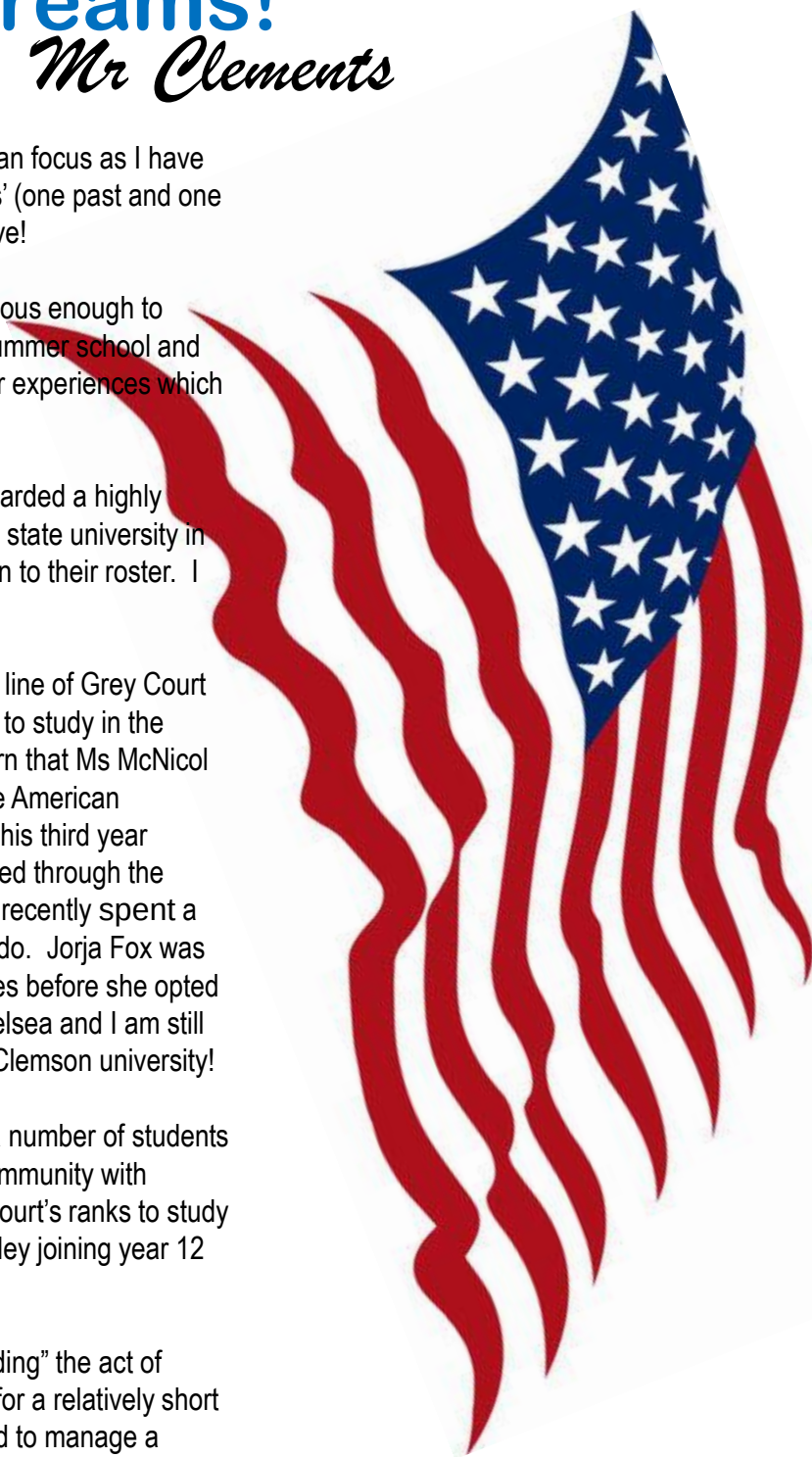
Meanwhile Lauren Hawkey - who was awarded a highly sought after soccer scholarship to Milligen state university in Tennessee - is proving to be a star addition to their roster. I receive regular updates from her mum!

Both students now join an ever increasing line of Grey Court alumni who have made it across the pond to study in the states. In fact the path is now so well worn that Ms McNicol is becoming somewhat of an expert on the American admissions' system. Alfie Price is now in his third year studying at Virginia university having applied through the Sutton Trust scheme, whilst Jack Dickson recently spent a year on an athletics' scholarship in Colorado. Jorja Fox was also offered three scholarships to the states before she opted for a professional "soccer" career with Chelsea and I am still sad that she didn't take up her offer from Clemson university!

We have also reciprocated by absorbing a number of students who were schooled in America into our community with Constance Fisher graduating from Grey Court's ranks to study veterinary science and now Cordelia Bradley joining year 12 having studied in the states.

I am always struck by how "character building" the act of moving abroad is for students even if it is for a relatively short period of time. As someone who struggled to manage a sleepover watching "the Goonies" with friends when I was 17, the fact that students such as Olivia and Lauren are prepared to move away from family and friends to a new and often strange environment in order to pursue their passions is commendable.

We always want students to be able to follow their dreams - even if it is a long way from home and I hope that students and parents who read this will be inspired by the example of the Olivia and Laurens of this world.



Olivia Castro Doncel - Harvard

This summer, I spent two weeks in Cambridge, Massachusetts, doing a Course at Harvard Summer school. Cambridge is such an academic city that it was impossible not to feel motivated by, and maybe even a little jealous of, its overwhelming stimulation. Everyone that I met seemed to have their intrinsic motivations, their strengths and their dislikes all figured out. I had never felt so intellectually inspired by a group of people. I just wanted to have fun, study and read books.

So, when I was told that with my Harvard ID I could get 20% off any purchase at the Harvard Coop—the bookstore outside campus which I stopped at everyday—I was elated. I proceeded to spend most of my 'emergency' money on books and merchandise, justifying it by telling myself that it was Harvard. I felt very at home (this was helped by the fact that 1 out of 3 of my roommates was from London).

Having had chosen a college-level course called 'An Introduction to Creative Nonfiction', I expected to struggle with its demands. I surprisingly found myself

unable to procrastinate. Everyone around me seemed so driven to want to get their work done as best as possible that it drove me to want to get it done too. My newfound sense of academic commitment was also attributable to the vast amount of libraries and study centres that were ours to pick and choose from; for the entirety of the two weeks I was able to work on rooftop terraces, at massive libraries and in grassy gardens.

I read Joan Didion's 'Slouching towards Bethlehem' at a pace faster than ever, deep into my creative nonfiction state-of-mind. I was particularly struck by 'Some Dreamers of the Golden Dream', where Didion questions the 'Golden Dream' facade that masks the state of California and thus the morality of some of its inhabitant's actions. Didion's descriptions of West-coast land and the Mojave desert spoke to me of a place so far and different from what I know that it all felt like a mirage, both of the 'real' California and the one that I see from home.



As part of the course itself I read Mindy Kaling (whom prior to Harvard I had known as Kelly Kapoor from the office) discovered the wise Phillip Lopate, and watched Stephen Colbert for his satire. My professor was young and very American. He knew what he was talking about and he made everyone participate and share their somewhat unsolicited ideas to the group.

I didn't even mind that I had to walk to and from campus in the scorching Bostonian humidity every day, as I did it with my friends, and we had evening activities to look forward to. I saw my first whales whilst whale watching off the coast of Boston, had my

first (and only) American prom, and had really bad food. And though I didn't expect to make so many good friends from all over I am happy that I did; A Russian living in San Francisco and attending the Lycee Francais, an Italian/Tunisian living in Egypt, a Kazakh living in Miami, an abundance of Americans, and a Londoner. We are still in contact and planning our future travels excitedly.

Lauren Hawkley – Milligan State Soccer Scholarship

Dear Mr Clements,

I am writing to inform you that Lauren has secured an outstanding soccer scholarship at Milligan University in Johnson City and starts in early August (2 weeks before her A level results!). It's very exciting indeed and it feels that the support and dedication to her soccer (and academic studies) there will be amazing and unparalleled, giving her the very best opportunities available. We are very proud of her...

And a few weeks later another letter

Hi Mr Clements,

I hope you had a fabulous summer. I promised you an update on Lauren.

All went well taking her to gorgeous Tennessee.....she has settled in really well, having already got a great set of friends and teammates!

She scored her first couple of goals this week and was absolutely thrilled!



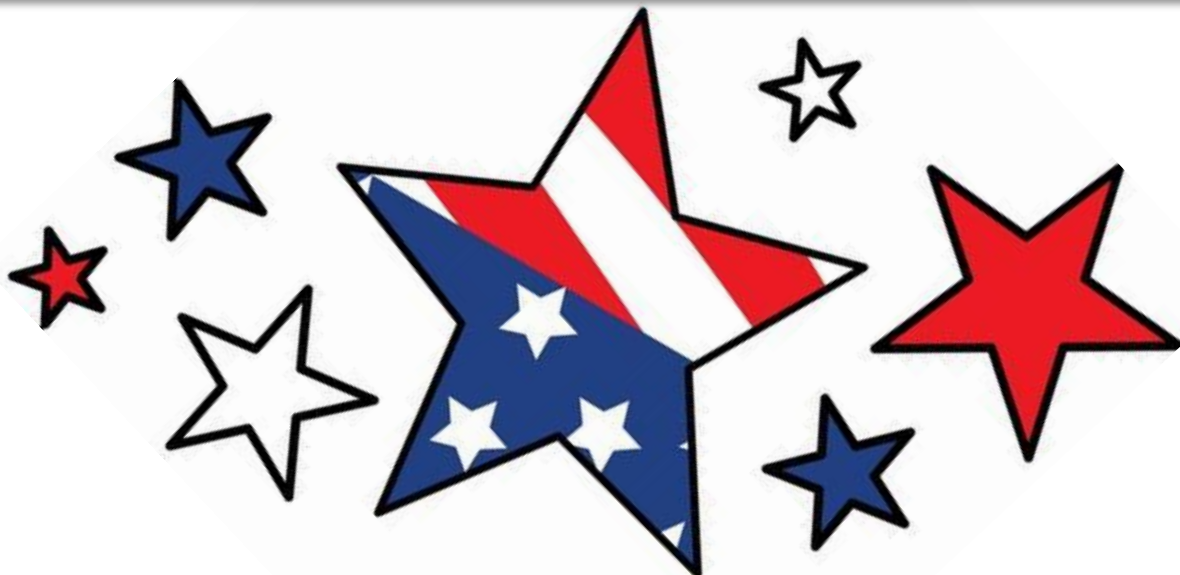
And to whet reader's appetites Lauren has even featured in a glowing match report which I have reproduced here:

The Buffs earned a free kick just outside the penalty area in the opening five minutes of the second half. [Lauren Hawkley](#) sent a well-placed ball to the left post but was unable to connect with a Buff.

Hawkley finally scored on a free kick in the 89th minute, tucking it into the top left corner for her second goal of the season to bring the margin to 2-1.

You can follow Lauren's adventures (she is pictured in the back row -1st left of the picture below) through the link: [Milligan state soccer](#)

All I can say is "Go the buffs!"



Sixth Form News

Message from Ms Higham

Year 12

Year 12 has had another excellent week, and I continue to be impressed with the focus and commitment that students have shown in getting their folders organised, and in using their free periods and supervised study periods effectively.

We have launched the supervised study log this week where pupils are required to record the work they've completed during their supervised study sessions. This log will form the basis of the 35 hour challenge where pupils will record 35 hours of work before their first report home in order to be granted their academic licence. In year 12, students need to be doing 5 hours of additional study per subject per week and the 35-hour challenge enables them to monitor exactly what they are doing, as well as providing a useful starting point for conversations with their tutors to support them in doing effective, meaningful work outside of class.

Parent Information Evening

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers for Year 12 students next week at our Parent Information evening on the 28 September. Year 13 parents and carers had their information evening in the summer term of the last academic year but will have received a recorded presentation with key information that was sent home this week.

Year 13

This is the time of year when Year 13s should be finalising their UCAS applications. We expect all UCAS applications to be submitted to the school before the half term break in October. This means that all Year 13s should have completed and submitted their form before 19 October. Once an application is submitted to the school we add a reference and predicted grades and then the school sends it to UCAS, which in turn sends it to the universities. Please note that when a student submits their form it DOES NOT GO DIRECTLY TO UCAS.

Forms can be returned to students and amendments can be made. We have an early UCAS deadline at Grey Court which we have found advantageous for our students by getting it out of the way before mock exams in December. There is evidence that some universities offer lower grades at the start of the cycle, having offers is a great incentive to students and gives them something concrete to work towards. This early deadline also gives the sixth form team plenty of time to check each application and return it to a student if changes are required ensuring each student submits an excellent university application.

Students applying to Oxbridge or medicine/dentistry/veterinary courses should submit their UCAS forms by **29 September** to meet the earlier deadline for these applications.

We encourage all Year 13s to submit a UCAS form to keep their post-18 options open, they will not be committed to take up any places they may be offered and it means they are 'in the system' if they decide down the line that they would like to go onto higher education. We store all UCAS applications and so will be able to provide references if we are asked for them in the future.

Year 13s have been informed that all sections of their UCAS form, except for their personal statement, should be complete and they should be in the process of making their course choices and adding them to their form.

If any student is struggling to fill in their UCAS form they should see Ms McNicol for support.

If parents want to know how to support their child have a look at the UCAS parental support page [UCAS Parents' Page](#).

While we are going through the UCAS process it is essential that all Year 13 students are in tutor time and PDW as it is their tutors who are supporting them through the UCAS process. This is the time that tutors have to work with their students on their personal statement and to write their reference so they need to attend all sessions. The skills developed during these sessions are transferable and will aid the pupils when going through other application processes later in life.

Year 13 Assessment Week

Stars of the Week

Year 13 Biology students had the privilege of being able to visit the 'vault' at the Natural History Museum, where they were able to see samples that are usually kept hidden away from the public. These included a giant squid, a giraffe's head and Darwin's tortoise. Ms Moran praised all of the students for their palpable enthusiasm and they all came back full of tales of the weird and wonderful things they had seen and learned.



Message from Miss Fincham

Oxbridge

Students who have submitted second drafts of their personal statements have received additional feedback on these this week. Final drafts need to be worked on to get them ready for adding to their UCAS application next week. Students who have a pre-interview assessment have been registered for these tests and need to be working on their exam preparation.

Note *that*

Sixth Form Applications for September 2024 are open

The applications system via the sixth form section of the website is open 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.

EPQ

This week the focus is on Action Planning so that students can organise their work programme over the next six months and build in their EPQ work alongside the expectations of their three A levels. Projects have to be completed by February so that they do not interfere with final A level preparation and to allow marking and moderation time before work is sent to the exam board. Students have also been assigned their supervisors and a period in which to meet them each week. They need to make contact with their supervisor to clarify the time and place of their first meeting.

Careers *with Miss Corrighan*

Every week we produce an opportunities bulletin for our sixth formers which shows a range of careers, work experience, university and more. These opportunities are great to add to their experience and help students think about the future. Some of the highlights from this week:

[21/09/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

Save the date!

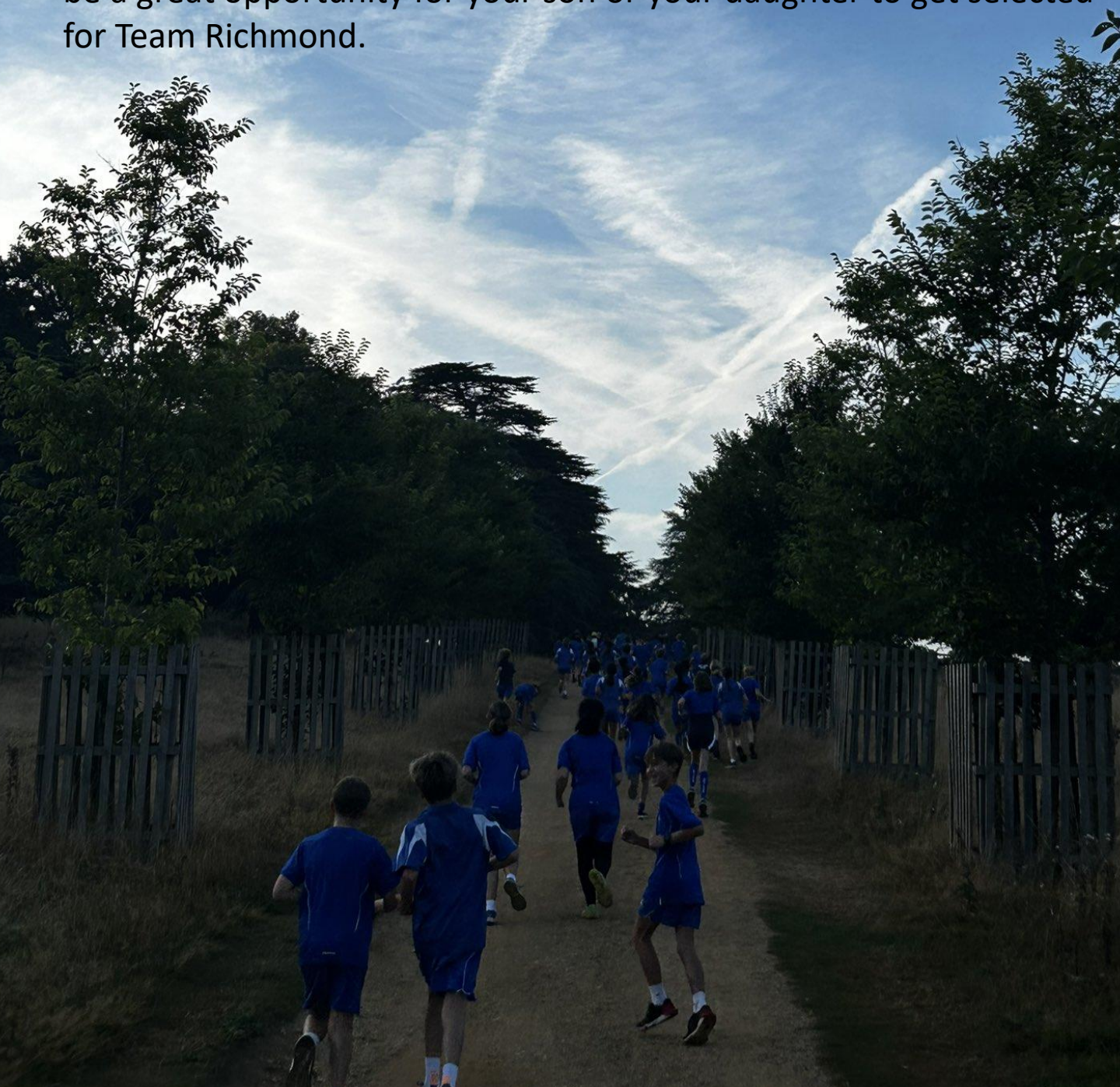
Careers Fair (11 October from 18:30 to 20:00)

Grey Court is organising its own Careers Fair for students in years 11-13 - Parents/carers are welcome. This takes place in the main hall and we will have a range of colleges/universities and different careers represented. It's a great opportunity to explore your future career options. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports News

[#LondonYouthGames](#)

Above is the link for the London Youth Games cross country. This will be a great opportunity for your son or your daughter to get selected for Team Richmond.





Wednesday 20 September: U13A netballers competed in the @sistersport Cup yesterday in an exciting game v @Sport_WHS who came away with the win. The girls were fantastic and it was a close game with the score at 5-5 at the end of the first quarter. POM Chloe



Monday 18 September: Well done to the U13 netball team on a great day at the @lbstockSport invitational tournament. It was a wet, windy, sunny and cold afternoon and the girls had some very close matches against some of the best schools in the area. POM Erin and Lailee



Wednesday 19 September: Excellent 6-1 victory for the year 11 football today. James R (2), Max (2), Isaiah & Jakob with our goals.

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
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SAVE THE DATE

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2023

SATURDAY
23 SEPTEMBER
1.30 - 8PM

**SANDY LANE
ENTRANCE**

COLOUR FUN RUN
2PM START

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Family of 4 £25
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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.





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 –
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**What's happening
in the neighbourhood**



Saturday 7 October

Cabaret evening at St Richard's Church, Ashburnham Road, Ham

7.15pm-9.30pm

Local musicians with music for all tastes – ballads, Bluegrass, ukeleles!

Do come and support this fun evening and the fund-raising so much needed for St Richard's church roof.

£12 entry with a donations bar through the evening.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cabaret-evening-for-st-richards-roof-tickets-714461231777>

Thursday 12 October

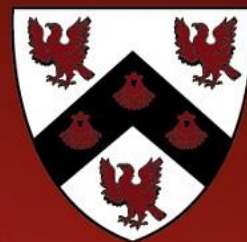
Guided walk round the social housing of Ham spanning 1892 to 2025+.

Led by renowned local housing historian and architect Richard Woolf.

Meet at Ham Library 4.30pm, finishing 6pm, rain or shine. No charge.

Discover the social history of Ham through this nearly-circular walk from the Tollemache Almshouses to Ham Close, with Richard's commentary on the housing developments in Back Lane, Mead, Cleves, Lock, Craig, Dukes, Maguire, Fanshawe, Beaufort Court and Cave.

OLD KINGSTONIAN HOCKEY CLUB



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WHAT'S ON AT HAM YOUTH CENTRE?

Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, Ham TW10 7PL

WHO ARE WE?

We are a team of experienced youth workers who work with 11 to 19 year olds in Kingston and Richmond to provide fun, free and developmental activities.

WHAT WE DO

We provide young people with a safe space where they can meet their friends, talk to staff, and take part in activities. We are open after school every day of the week and also during school holidays.

WEEKLY TIME TABLE

MONDAYS

Football training 4pm to 6pm
Afterschool drop in 3pm to 5pm
Good4Girls youth club 5pm to 7.15pm

TUESDAYS

Junior youth club 3pm to 5.30pm
Ham in Session: Music 3pm to 8pm
Archery 6pm to 8pm
Handmade arts club 5pm to 7pm
Game Jam 6pm to 8pm

WEDNESDAYS

Senior youth club 5pm to 8pm

THURSDAYS

Parkour 3pm to 5.30pm
Anxiety support group 4pm to 5.30pm
Ham in Session - Music 3pm to 5.30pm

FRIDAY

After school drop in 3pm to 5pm
Ham in Session - Music 3pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY

Drop in youth club 1pm to 3.15pm
Youth orchestra 1pm to 2.30pm



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WHAT HAPPENS AT THESE DIFFERENT SESSIONS?

FOOTBALL TRAINING

Open to everyone, coached by Brentford Football Club.

GOOD4GIRLS YOUTH CLUB

Exciting new project for young women where girls get sole use of the centre. Focusing on emotional wellbeing, trying new things and having fun.

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB: Years 6 to 8 **SENIOR YOUTH CLUB:** Years 9+

AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN: All ages

Open access youth club where young people decide on the activities offered: art, pool, gaming, cooking, archery, skateboarding, fencing, table tennis, badminton and more.

GAMEJAM

Come and try out the new state of the art gaming lounge. Take part in workshops on coding and game design.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA

A fantastic opportunity to learn an instrument. We have a selection of string and wind instruments available for you to practise on and be taught by musicians Firas and Micka.

HAM IN SESSION - MUSIC

Come and use our state of the art music studio with tutor Zad. Learn drumming, guitar, music production and studio recording.

PARKOUR

A form of urban gymnastics, learn from expert coach Jason to precision jump and cat leap on our range of specialist parkour equipment.

ANXIETY SUPPORT GROUP

We have charity MIND visit every Thursday to offer support around anxiety and stress.

OTHER SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Our experienced staff team are always there to support young people with issues they might be facing including drugs and alcohol, anxiety, stress, career choices, school, relationships. We offer the CCard scheme.

For more information contact centre manager, Ben Skelton:

E: ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk





London Welsh UI2

Introduction to Rugby

London Welsh UI2 will be holding a **FREE** introduction to rugby session! This will be a fun morning of rugby and open to both new and experience players that want to come along train, have fun and make new friends.

'Bring a friend' and BBQ

Venue:

**London Welsh Rugby Club
Old Deer Park,
Kew Road, Richmond
TW9 2BB**

**Sunday
24th
SEPTEMBER
9am until 11am**



What do I need to bring to a Rugby ?

- Suitable training kit
- Extra layers and waterproofs
- Water bottle
- Mouthguard
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BBQ**

If you have any further questions, please contact Brendan on 07769 688598



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 SATURDAY, 1PM TO 2.30PM
Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, TW10 7P

Contact **Ben Skelton** for more information:

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



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Saturday 7th October
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7.30 NIGHTSHADES with BECKY MOULT - new songs & old favourites



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