



Grey Court School
eBulletin

29 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 G-Fest

#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



SUMMER FESTIVAL

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
GREY COURT SCHOOL
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

G-FEST 2023

Having done the rounds of relentlessly luring, begging and bribing again, the Grey Court Staff Masked Singer was back with a vengeance this year at G-Fest. Six very brave teachers strutted their stuff and took to the stage in costume, to entertain, astound and break the hearts of the crowd. I won't give them all away here so you still have the chance to guess at those culprits whose true identity isn't revealed in the highlights video (just in case you were misadventurous enough to have 'other plans' last weekend, as very conveniently Ms Weston did *all of a sudden*).

It takes a huge amount of courage (or the Dunning-Kruger effect) to get up in front of the school community and risk ridicule for the foreseeable future, but every single one of them came off stage with their 'street cred' in tact and feeling positively ecstatic... and deservedly so.

Dinosaur really got the party started by performing P!nk's *Get the Party Started* and incorporating some impressive karate-esque (or kafkaesque?) dance moves, made even more ridiculous by the giant inflatable T Rex costume with suitably tiny arms. Cow got the crowd involved in a call-and-response by effortlessly singing *Minnie the Moocher*, followed by Hippo who majestically kept the rain at bay with *Beautiful Day*. When Unicorn suggested singing Queen's *Somebody to Love* to me I had some reservations. It's a big song after all. I couldn't have been more wrong - they smashed it. Pandas' dance moves and rapping nearly stole the show from Unicorn

with Shampoo's *Trouble*, culminating in a head to head when the voting came around. The final performance was a fragile and beautiful delivery of *Clown* by Clown, who gained a massive heartfelt cheer from the kids at the front when they finally unveiled themselves.

As we progressed through each act's performance it became very apparent that any of them could win the audience vote.

Voting for the audience's favourite act was made even more enjoyable thanks to the clapometer made by Mr Kisby and his kids: Harry and Dolly. It really pushed the whole thing up another level.





Everyone involved had a huge amount of fun, as did the crowd. It was superb!

So to every other member of staff who is secretly harvesting a regret for missing out:

"I will hunt you down. I will scour the streets of [Ham] for you. Search every street in the Republic if I have to. I will trick you and deceive you, lie, cheat and steal to find you, tempt you out of your hiding place, and chase you until you have nowhere else to run. I make you this promise: your life is mine." (Marie Lu, Legend)

Watch some of the highlights here:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EHbZtyigZst3DhlaSRUFDNnZBpbjY1Hj?usp=sharing>

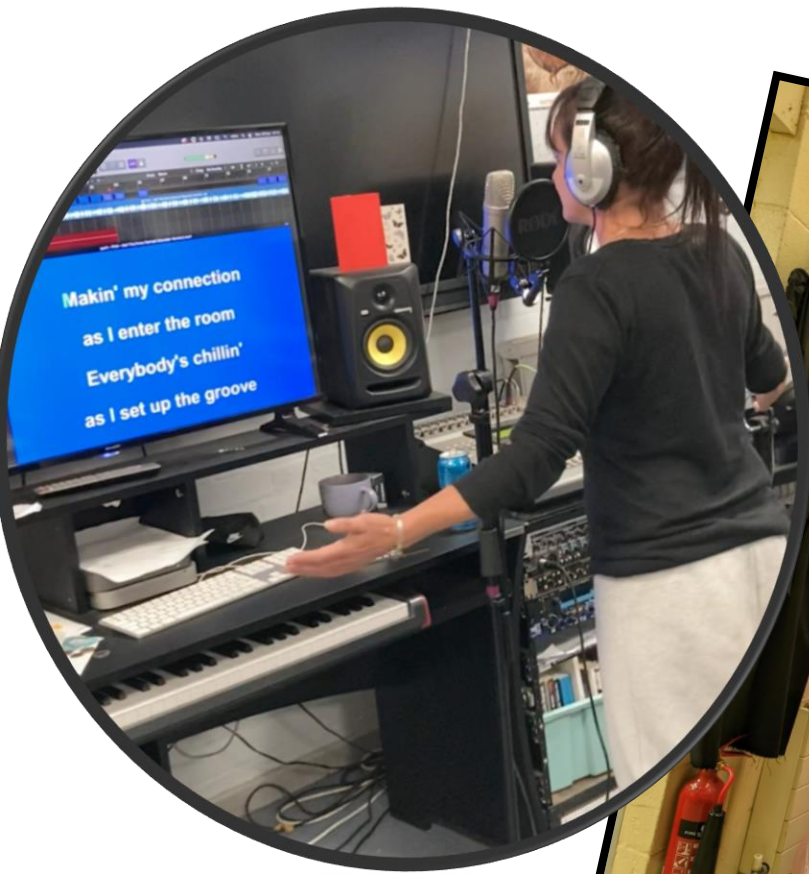
Mr Allchurch and Miss Cowper



“EVERYONE INVOLVED HAD A HUGE AMOUNT OF FUN, AS DID THE CROWD. IT WAS SUPERB!”







...behind the scenes



Rock and Pop Club

With Mr Allchurch



Fresh from the excitement of G Fest last weekend, the Rock and Pop Club now has so many bands I am having to do an extra session each week for two bands as we don't have enough rooms for them all to rehearse at the same time. Those that performed at the weekend did absolutely brilliantly - totally exceeded our expectations - and deserve to be very, very proud of themselves. The Year 7 band Radioactive turned up early on Saturday to sound check and behaved like absolute pros - Rory was even given a drum tuning lesson by one of the professional sound engineers, so I now know whose job that is going to be for the next five to seven years!

This week, we were already working on our selection of songs for the Christmas Concert (which are still annoyingly stuck in my head too many days later).

This year is going to be fantastic!

ROCK AND POP CLUB

TUESDAYS
3PM-4PM
IN MUSIC

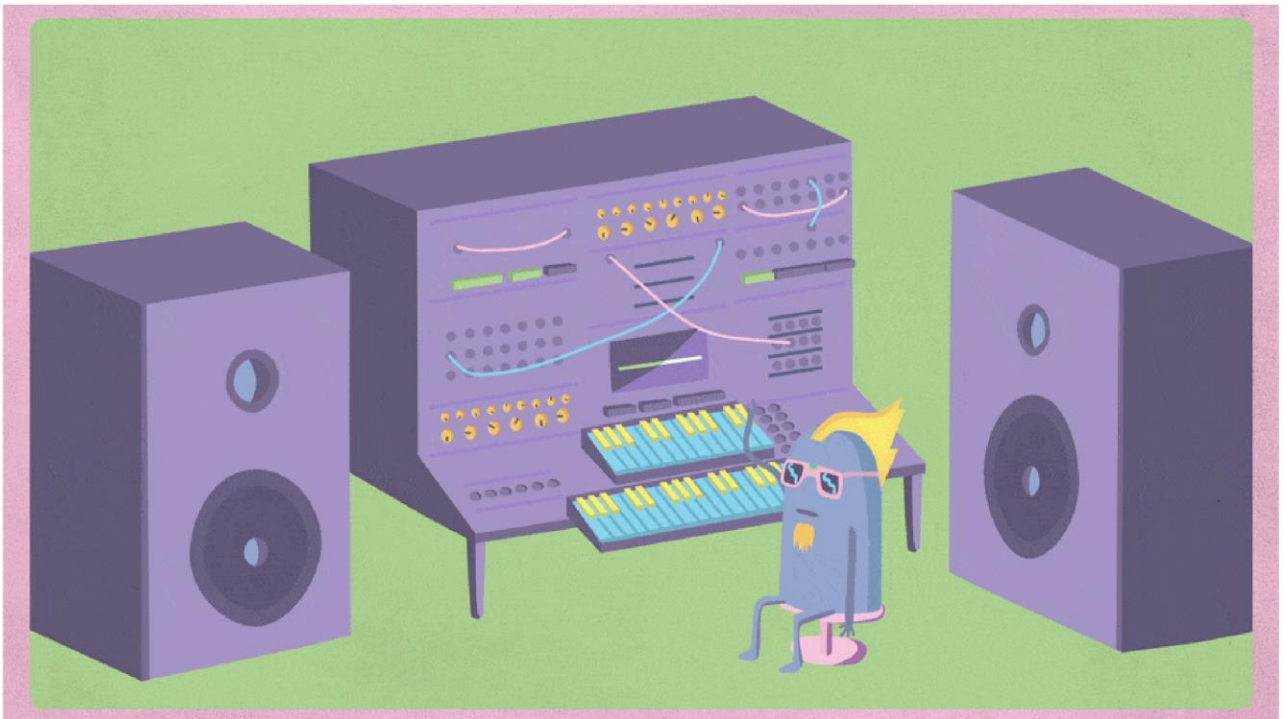


COME AND PLAY THE DRUMS,
GUITAR, BASS, KEYBOARDS OR SING
IN A BAND. ALSO OPEN TO OTHER
INSTRUMENTS IF YOU HAVE ONE!



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.

Performance Support Team

With Mr Allchurch

The crew had a very busy weekend last weekend, giving up their time on Saturday to set up for G-Fest and then Sunday as well, coming back in to pack down - it has been a long ten-day school week. Jacob "Tambo" Tamblingson eagerly took to filming and photographing the acts, James "The GOAT" Glanville resumed the stage manager duties that he did so well for The Merchant of Venice, Azelea (who only came for a day out of fun) was roped in as playback technician again (something she won a VPA Oscar for last year), while the others concentrated on being backline and instrument technicians, setting up the guitars, basses, keyboards and drum kit, ensuring that everything was ready for each act.



A lull in the early afternoon was kindly filled with a tour and explanation of all the lights and sound equipment we hired for the day by one of the professional live sound technicians, which was an unexpected and lovely bonus.



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 the "CHICAGO MARQUEE TOUR". The scene is lit up with the warm glow of the marquee lights and the city lights of Chicago.

Performance Support Award

CHICAGO
MARQUEE TOUR

GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF
THE ICONIC CHICAGO THEATRE!
View tour schedule at TheChicagoTheatre.com/tour

Thank you for going above and beyond!

Thank you to all the parents who went above and beyond on Saturday at G-Fest!

A special thank you to those incredible people who worked all day: Tom (and his son), Darryl Kennard, Mireion Board, Emma Alleyne, Rhiannon Board, Elaine Kennard, Rachel Lea, Kerri Rose, Gene Apps, the second-hand stall ladies, Aggie, Semra, the 5 day weekend and the lovely lady in the kitchen with Amira! Our amazing sixth formers and our wonderful staff: Sarah Niss, Miles Allchurch, Jess Cowper, Graham, Emond, Gregory, Nadira and Juan who worked tirelessly all day. PA stalwarts Lou, Clare, Amira have been utter legends. Andrew and Emir worked tirelessly in the food cube all day. Teamwork really does make dreamwork!!

As soon as we have an update we will let parents know how much their efforts raised. Our next PA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11 October at 6:30pm at school. Our headteacher will join us by Google meet, so if anyone needs the link, please email mthomas@greycourt.org.uk.

A behind-the-scenes note from Ms Thomas

Congratulations, Aleeza, Maya, and Cass! You raised the most of any of the students stalls at G-Fest on Saturday. I will make sure I have your prize available at break time on Friday. You pipped "sponge the teacher" to the post and raised an incredible £177.50 in the process.

Thank you for working so hard to help support your school. I hope you all had fun.

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

Year 7 *Message from Mr Day*

Firstly, a big thank you to all who attended parents information evening on Thursday. It was lovely to see some familiar faces and lots of new ones! At Grey Court, we know the importance of developing a positive relationship between school and home, so a big thank you for all your support with the new Y7s so far.

G-Fest was a roaring success. A huge thank you to all who attended, took part or ran stalls. It was lovely to meet many parents and to catch up on the start of the year. I have only just about dried off from being sponged, which of course was my highlight!

This Friday, the school took part in a non-uniform day for Genes for Jeans day. This is a charity which raises money for research into genetic conditions. It was brilliant to see so many students on theme with their denim and for donating - it will be going to a good cause.

A quick note to any parents of students who cycle of Teddington Lock. We are delighted that so many students are choosing to cycle to school. Please could you remind students that they need to walk their bikes over the lock, not cycle. The lock is busy in the mornings, and is narrow - especially with the current works going on there, so we need to be mindful of the public.

Have a great weekend!

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Year 7 Stars of the week

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| A | Hattie S | For excellent contributions in PDW, for being very helpful to staff in class and for being a star student since the start of term! |
| B | Bianca A | For being incredibly organised, very well-mannered, putting in loads of effort and keeping on top of all her work - despite having a hand fracture! |
| C | Becca E | For her politeness, kindness and unfailing positivity! |
| E | Zoe S | For always being polite to everyone in the form, extremely organised and always trying her absolute best! |
| M | Phillipa Z | For always being a bright and helpful member of the form - well done! |
| O | Tait M | for being a truly supportive member of the class, showing empathy, bravery and kindness |
| R | Daniel W | For settling in so quickly as a new student, and for being punctual, smartly dressed and very helpful in form time |
| W | Leonie B | For excelling in her sports and being chosen to represent the school in a cross country competition this week! Well done!! |

KS4 News

Year 10 *Message from Ms Corrie*

A massive thank you to all the parents who were able to join us last week for the Parents Information evening- it was amazing to meet so many new parents. I think it is testament to the community that Grey Court is and shows how supported the young people at Grey Court are. If you were unable to attend please familiarise yourselves with the Y10 [Curriculum booklet](#) that should be available to you all. If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me or the KS4 team who can provide you with further information. As I explained last week as Head of Year I want students to be aware of the challenges that they may face this upcoming GCSE year. Please engage in a healthy dialogue about this at home in order to minimise and stress as well any apprehension that students may have. There is plenty of support available to parents that can be found at the end of today's Bulletin.

Next week 30 year 10 students have been offered to go on a trip to Kew gardens for a careers experience day. This is a fantastic opportunity and will give students an opportunity to try a mix of activities that showcases the jobs within Kew Gardens - believe it or not the day does not revolve around plants! These opportunities include working in: The Herbarium, Quarantine House, Jodrell Laboratory, Photography and film, social media, IT, Retail and Fundraising. So there is a wide variety and will give students an insight into the world of work and develop their employability skills. Parents if your child has been invited to attend please complete the permission slip and return this to Ms Corrighan as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Quote of the Week

**Change is inevitable.
Growth is optional.**

– John C. Maxwell

KS4 News

Year 11

Message from Ms Clark

Thank you to all who attended the Parents Information Evening on Tuesday night - it was wonderful to see so many of you there. I know there was lots of information presented and hopefully you have all received the presentation for you to digest at your leisure. Please also find the [Year 11 Curriculum Booklet](#) which will provide you with reams of relevant information relating to your child's year ahead.

Whilst I know that this is an incredibly tense time and Year 11s have lots of clashes in regards to their studies, interventions and managing to take a break, we urge you to help them organise themselves and manage their time. Please support us and your child in attending interventions and always being punctual to school. Punctuality, 100% attendance and enthusiasm for learning and success have never been so important!

Please join us for our annual Careers Evening on Wednesday 11 October, where we have a host of employers from various fields discussing different aspects of their roles and pathways into certain jobs, which aligns with our 'Post-16 Options' that is being covered in PDW this half term. It is a truly wonderful evening and so useful to get Year 11 thinking about the road ahead and their futures. If you would like to host a stall as an employer, please get in touch with Ms Corrighan at bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk who would be delighted to hear from you!



Intervention TT

Fitzwilliam College Y11 BME Taster Programme



This year, we will be running our annual taster programme for Black and Minority Ethnic Year 11 students across the UK, with virtual sessions during the weeks of **Monday 13th–Friday 24th November 2023**, and an in-person visit in **July 2024**.

Our JCR BME officer Aaron has worked with the college to design a programme aiming to develop study skills, introduce pupils to university subjects, and provide an opportunity to hear from current students about what studying at the University of Cambridge and other Universities is really like!

The online programme will take place via Zoom on evenings and weekends, and will include:

- Sessions by students demystifying Cambridge
- Subject Q&As
- Taster sessions and lectures
- Careers Information
- Study skills advice
- Advice on A level choices and making a competitive university application

Applications for this scheme are now open via [this online form](#), which should take around 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

Applications close on **31st of October at 12pm**.

[More Information Here](#)

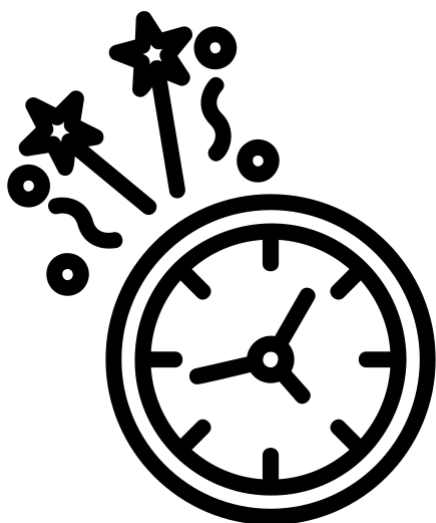
Curriculum Booklets

Year Group	
Year 7	Curriculum Booklet
Year 8	Curriculum Booklet
Year 9	Curriculum Booklet
Year 10	Curriculum Booklet The deadline for year 10 students to request an options change is 6 October.
Year 11	Curriculum Booklet



Attendance Matters

18 September to 22 September



Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	99.2%
Year 8	97.1%
Year 9	96.2%
Year 10	95.6%
Year 11	96.0%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Ash & Maple	100%
8 Rowan	99.4%
9 Ash	99.3%
10 Maple	98.8%
11 Elm	98.7%

Well done to year 7 for achieving 99.2% attendance and to year 7 Ash and Maple for achieving 100% attendance.



Stars of the Week



8 R	Ipek Ayduran	Science	Excellent engagement in class
9 O	Harrison Gates	Science	Excellent engagement in class
10 M	Lucas Carlino	Biology	Excellent contributions
11 A	Jakob Thompson	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
12 D	Kevan Veerapatrapillay	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
13 D	Bella Asghar	Biology	Excellent engagement in class
10 B	Jaime Ott	Chemistry	Excellent contributions
11 W	Shiven Kothari	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
12 D	Bertie Budden	Chemistry	Excellent engagement in class
13 D	Benjamin Chung	Chemistry	Excellent test results
10 E	Hannah Niss	Physics	Excellent engagement in class
11 M	Grace Ouvaroff	Physics	Excellent engagement in class
12 B	Verity Woodward	Physics	Excellent engagement in class
13 D	Ruzgar Atik	Physics	Excellent engagement in class
13 C	Felicia Malabuna Nzoko	App. Science BTEC	Excellent engagement in class



Activity Day Details

Click the links below

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)



Fever Pitch

In explaining the attraction of football over real life, Nick Hornby, in his seminal book "Fever Pitch" observed that "it is just that real life is paler, duller, and contains less potential for unexpected delirium." Real life this week has included two parents' information evenings which I hoped might contain delirium. However, when I questioned a year 11 student on her mother's thoughts on my fine oratory, she reported that, "Mum laughed at your jokes Sir, because no-one else did!" Thankfully delirium (and an escape of sorts from real life) once again presented itself in the form of Grey Court's first ever U18 women's' football fixture.

In fairness this has been a long time coming and it is a great pity that the England u21 international, Jorja Fox, or Lauren Hawkey who now has a scholarship with Milligan State university didn't have the opportunity to represent the sixth form during their time with us. Moreover, the growth in popularity of the women's game and several thriving local clubs such as Richmond Park and Teddington Athletic alongside increased numbers in the sixth form has meant that a team has become a viable option. September 27th 2023 will therefore go down in the annals of Grey Court history as the date of our first game with Turing House Sixth form as the opposition.

If a local historian ever asks me to recall the score, I am sure my memory will be hazy - Turing House happened to be a well established team who reached the final of a cup or two last year! However, I will vividly recall advertising the fact that we were starting a team and receiving seventeen enthusiastic replies from Layla, Scarlett, Zineb, three Izzys, Sana, Freya, Imogen, two Rosies, Lauren, Mughda, Ana, Cerys, Ava and Peony - all of whom turned up on the day - albeit a couple at half time having gone to the wrong school! I will also clearly remember the sense of delirium I felt on a personal level watching Ana Ortega and Zineb Ait Ziane *gegenpress* the opposition



centre back which allowed Cerys Rodgers to curl a right footed twenty yard screamer into the top of the net. This delirium was almost doubled deep into the second half when Rosie McDermott, up on my instructions for a corner, had a powerful header cleared off the line.

Having watched my own daughter play football for the last 10 years, I am always struck by the sense of fun girls have playing the beautiful game. I have also observed how decision making is much more democratic in girls' football. Every player has an opinion on the game, where they should play and the tactics that should be adopted! This proved to be useful on Thursday with three Izzys and two Rosies, as well as seventeen players who claimed they could play in most positions, befuddling me, which produced a brand of total football!

Although the result this time was not in our favour - we have the makings of a very talented team which could be full of future English, Algerian, Mexican and Afghan internationals. Who knows? We now have a return fixture pencilled in against Turing House and a November game against Glyn school. Although, it is a great pity that some of our local neighbouring schools, especially the girls' ones, who have many potential footballers to choose from, have been unable to organise teams for us to play, I have heard that Charterhouse have a girls' sixth form team so the next objective is to organise a game against them! I am already looking forward to the post match tea!

Mr Clements

Food + Nutrition

With Ms Campbell





Food Club

'... a pavlova to really tickle the tastebuds!'

The food club continues this week with a focus on taste and food science. Our students discovered 'umami' and how specific ingredients add a 'savoury' taste to dishes. Students melted white chocolate with miso before folding it into a fresh batch of whipped cream and topping with summer berries, a pavlova to really tickle the tastebuds. The recipe and method is an adaptation of a famous favourite created by charity 'Life Kitchen' in their cookery classes for Cancer patients who suffer taste loss.



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G-FEST Cake Off

On Saturday, the bi-annual, G-Fest took place with the return of the renowned 'cake competition'. Entries had to showcase art, music or sports with a few cash prizes up for grabs. Whilst all the cakes showed skill and an understanding of the themes, three stood out. Our first place cake won a fantastic £50, the skill shown to create this wonderful cake really stood out. We are already awaiting (patiently!) the next G-Fest to see what entries we get.

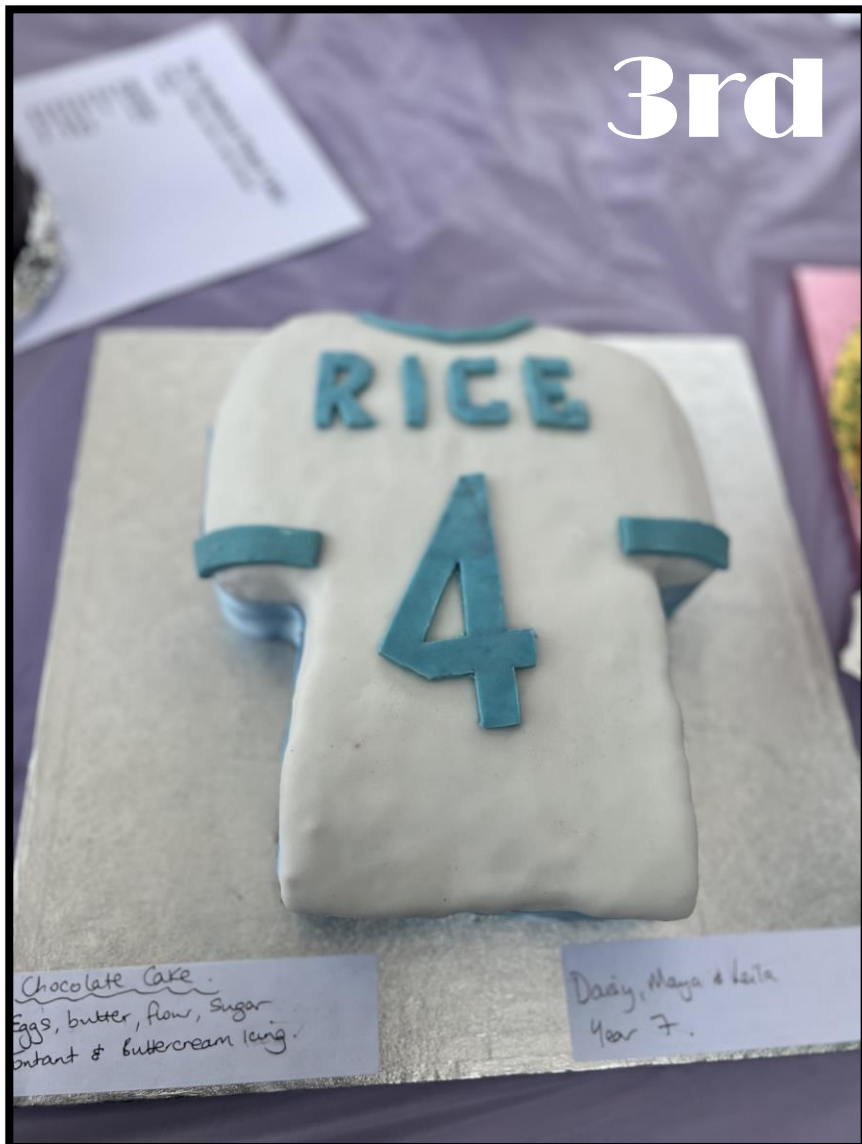




1st



2nd



3rd

Chocolate Cake.
Eggs, butter, flour, sugar,
baking powder & buttercream icing.

Daisy, Maya & Isabella
Year 7.



PDW and Wellbeing

PDW Programme

PDW Programme

This week

Year Group	Subject
Year 7	How can we best cope with change, and is it always negative?
Year 8	How can you help someone with allergies
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 rooms) B Band: Personal statements (not in computer rooms)

PDW Programme

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Next week

Year Group	Subject
Year 7	What are the signs of conflict and abuse and how can we help?
Year 8	What happens during puberty? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hygiene- Growing and changing
Year 9	What impact does cyberbullying have?
Year 10	What do coercive, abusive and controlling relationships look like?
Year 11	A Band: UniFrog and researching courses (in computer rooms) B Band: Personal statements (not in computer rooms)

PDW Programme

PDW Programme



TIPS AND ADVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



[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!

A great opportunity for flexible work!

We are looking to appoint invigilators on a casual contract for the Internal and Public exams which are held sporadically from December to July. Invigilation will include the distribution and collection of exam scripts and stationery to students and ensuring the exam rules and regulations are adhered by students and staff at all times. Previous invigilation experience is not essential as training and guidance will be provided.

Shifts: AM: 08:00-12:00 and/or PM:13:00-16:00. Please note that flexibility is required for the finish times as exams can be shorter/longer.

Hourly rate £13.60

Interested applicants, please find the [application information](#).

If you have not heard back from the school after submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.

A young woman with long brown hair and blue eyes is looking over a large teal book. Her hands are visible on the left and right sides of the book, holding it open. The book has a textured cover and a small circular logo on the left side. The background is a solid grey color.

Join our team
We need you!

LIVE,
WORK,
CREATE.

CAREERS NEWS

Careers

With Ms Corrighan

Grey Court Careers Fair

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. So far, we have people from science, technology, engineering, law, army, police, media and creative, healthcare, civil service attending to share their career paths.

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.

Career Meetings

Students will be having career 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

16+ Options

Year 11s will be seriously thinking about their next steps 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. 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

Career Opportunities

For our weekly opportunities bulletin which is a round up of all the careers opportunities on offer, please click: [28/09/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#) please see some highlights below and don't forget the careers air on 11 October!



British Airways have a variety of opportunities we would like to bring to your attention:

- **Apprenticeships**
- **Work Experience Insight Days**
- **Speedbird Pilot Academy**

British Airways Speedbird Pilot Academy

Make your flying dreams come true! Further to the success of our previous cadet schemes, we are thrilled to announce its successor the launch of the Speedbird Pilot Academy. This is a BA fully funded training scheme for up to 70 successful candidates working with selected Flight Training Schools.

We will be open for applications in September 2023 - please register for 'Pilots' job alerts on the career site here - [British Airways - Future Pilots](#) to be notified of when the application window will open. In the coming months our Pilot Recruitment Team will be running live Q&A sessions for students and details can be found here:

Date: First Wednesday of every month **Time:** 4pm - 5pm

Link to Join virtual Q&A: [BA link](#)

Apprenticeship schemes at British Airways

are opening very soon for applications (w/c 2nd October), we're delighted to offer students the chance to hear directly from the recruitment team and join virtual drop-in sessions to find out more. Our calls will run from Tuesday 3rd October to Tuesday 28th November.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do contact the team at Inspire@ba.com

- 3rd October All Apprenticeship Schemes – A complete overview Apprenticeships
- 10th October Business Professional, Aspiring Leader, Data Science
- 17th October Customer Service, Customer Service Advisor
- 31st October Data Science and Commercial Analytics/Business

Join us every Tuesday evening – 4pm to 5pm, on the same link every week:

<https://lnkd.in/es6AD6U3> Questions? For more information about our emerging talent programmes, please visit: <https://careers.ba.com/emerging-talent>

Work Experience Insight Days

We are happy to introduce Work Experience Insight Days at British Airways. 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.
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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:

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/> Complete an online application which you can find the link to on Speedbird Z

FORMA is of interest to anyone with serious ambitions to study fashion, film, fine art, architecture, graphic design, photography, television, costume, product design, interior design and illustration.

Thursday 12 October 2023 0930 - 1500

Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NR

Book via: [FORMA show - meet the world's leading art schools - London Tickets](#)

- Portfolio Tune-Ups
- Renowned artists, designers, and admissions directors will be present to review student portfolios and provide feedback.
- Admissions tutors from top creative universities give students advice on the application process, course choices and the experience of studying with them.
- Expert Advice - On arrival all students attend workshops led by senior art school academics to help them refine their applications.

Exhibitors include:

Architectural Association
Camberwell College of the Arts
Central St Martins
Chelsea College of Arts
Condé Nast College
London College of Communications
London College of Fashion
University of Westminster
Winchester School of Art



Sixth Form News

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Message from Ms Higham

Parent Information Evening

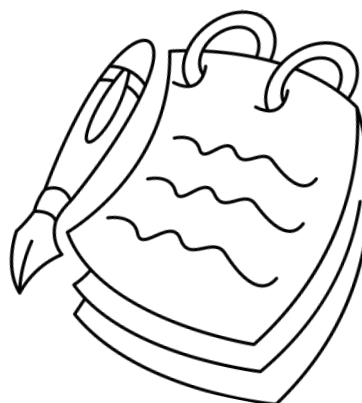
Parent's Information Evening was on Thursday, and it was wonderful to see so many people there. The PowerPoint from the evening will be uploaded to Google Classroom (Year 12 notices) and is also linked below.

Year 12: Mr Taylor's Head of Year welcome assembly	Year 13: Mrs Moore's Head of Year Parent's assembly
Year 12 Parent Information Evening	Y13 Information Loom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Structure of the school day- Attendance/signing in and out- Grey Court Edge- A Level licence- Supervised study- Enrichment- Dress code- Threshold assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 13 expectationsKey datesUCASPDWEnrichment

Activities Day

On Wednesday the 18 October the school will have its first Activities Day of the year. Please see below for the links to the information letters for each year group so that you are aware of what they are doing.

[Year 12](#)
[Year 13](#)





Year 12

Many of our year 12 students volunteered their time to help run G-Fest last Saturday. I was incredibly impressed with their attitude, initiative, hard work and joy they brought to the day. Some hardy souls were here at 9am helping to set up and were still there clearing up at 9pm. All together more than 40 students (a quarter of the year) turned up to help. Stalls such as the inflatables simply would not have run without them. Particular thanks and mention must go to **Irem, Ayse, Jacob, Iggy, Albiona, Rushpal, Lemma, Tia, Livia** for demonstrating ridiculous amounts of stamina. Many more turned up for a couple of hours and simply stayed to carry on helping. Thank you for being such a positive can-do attitude which reflects so well on you.

Year 13

UCAS applications are now starting to come in, so well done to those students who have submitted their forms to us. The Sixth Form team will check them through, send comments back to students with any amendments and add in the school reference and predicted grades. Applications do not get sent to UCAS until a member of the Sixth Form team has sat down with the student and checked everything through one final time.

Stars of the Week

All EPQ students are our stars after some amazing feedback from the Royal Literary fund: 'You are all lovely, amazing, intelligent people that it is a joy to spend time with. Well done. Great ambassadors for the school and hopefully you'll have lots to apply to your EPQ and other work.'

Message from Miss Fincham

Oxbridge

This week, students have been lucky enough to receive training from experts from the Royal Literary fund in academic writing skills. This will not only help them in developing their EPQ but in writing across their A levels and going forward to degree level study. Student action plans are due this week. They should have met with their mentors to review their question and initial research.

Oxbridge and EPQ in Year 12

A few students in the new year 12 cohort have been asking me about Oxbridge applications and taking on an EPQ. Whilst I admire their enthusiasm, they need to use the first term to settle into their new courses and reflect on how well they are making the transition between GCSE and A level. If students are interested in Oxbridge, the process will start in February. EPQ for year 12 will begin in the summer after the year 12 exam.

EPQ

This week was the deadline to submit Oxbridge Applications to the school. This is so all the necessary administrative checks can be made and forms can be ready to go with no errors before the full UCAS deadline. The UCAS deadline is for the school and not for the students. The next step is preparing for any pre-interview exams and then the interviews themselves. Some students have already taken up opportunities for support at King's Wimbledon. On the 30th and 31st October, all students will have a full mock interview with an experienced outside provider whom we have used for the last 6 years to support our applicants. There will be a cost attached, partially covered by the school. More details about these interviews will follow shortly.

Careers with Ms Corrighan

**Year 12 and 13 Parents/Carers
The Success at School University
Guide 2023-2024 for parents and
carers is now available.**

Covering everything from UCAS to accommodation to studying abroad, this guide will help parents and their children think through everything they need to consider including expert, first-hand advice from universities and employers. Download your free copy now - PARENTS use this link: [Success at School Parents pack](#)

Every week we produce an opportunities bulletin for our sixth formers which shows a range of careers, work experience, university and apprenticeship opportunities. Please see this week's bulletin:

[Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

**Grey Court Careers Fair
Wednesday 11 October
6.30-8pm**

For year 11, 12 and 13 students and parents/carers in the main hall/library

So far we have a range of representatives confirmed from; business, finance, creative careers (media, journalism, music and more), law, healthcare professions, architecture, sciences, technology, engineering, the Army, Police and many more to confirm. St Mary's University and Kingston University representatives will be there to answer any university related questions.

Sports News



Wednesday 27 September: The Year 9 boys football team opened their season with a 6-0 win against Winston Churchill in the National Cup. A number of brilliant goals were scored and some excellent football. Goals George R x 2, Milo x 2, Zayden and Jack M

ESAA Middlesex Cross Country

First round results

Junior Boys - 1st place overall

(Avery B won the race, Euan R 3rd, Ifan M 4th, Andrew R 5th)

Junior Girls - 5th place overall (Evie A won the race)

Inter Boys - 2nd place overall (Thomas B 7th, Luca G 9th, Milo D 10th)

Inter Girls - 1st place overall (Tia G won the race)

Senior Boys - 3rd place overall (Joshua HW 6th, Luca L 8th)



Well done to the Inter Girls today who finished 1st in the ESAA Middlesex cross country 1st round. Tia G ran a superb race claiming individual victory



Superb performances by Inter Boys led them to second place in the ESAA Middlesex first round. Well done, boys!





Monday 25 September: A strong game against [@LEHSport](#) for our U14A first round of the [@sistersnsport](#) cup. We didn't take the win but the team worked hard throughout each quarter. POM Abi



Monday 25 September: The U14A netballs had a great time at the Ibstock Invitational Tournament on Friday. Some great netball to kick off the start of the season. Coaches POM Sophie



Saturday 23 September: Excellent 26-12 victory for the u14 rugby team. Well done boys.



Saturday 23 September: Excellent win for the U13 rugby team. 4 boys played their first competitive rugby match and were brilliant. Great commitment from the whole squad. Tries scored by Grindan x3 and Josh G x 2



Last week, the Y7 boys football team played in the [@lbstockSport](#) 6 a side tournament, narrowly losing in the final. Great start to the season and we look forward to seeing the squad develop this year



What's happening
in the neighbourhood

Richmond Council Survey

Youth Engagement in Parks and Open Spaces



Please take the time to complete this [survey](#) about green space provision in Richmond borough. They are particularly keen to hear about the views of children and young people.

Green spaces often give very little consideration to the needs of teenage girls and there is some really interesting work being carried out by Make Space for Girls - <https://www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk/> - to try and remedy this.

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

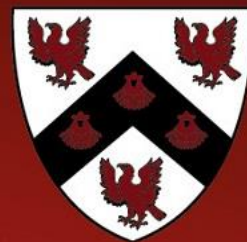
Guided walk round the social housing of Ham spanning 1892 to 2025+.

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.

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There are lots of open competition classes so get your entry forms
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COOKING UP

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You'll get a recipe card so you can make it again yourself anytime.

If you need them, we'll provide a starter pack of basic ingredients and utensils for you to use at home.

WHERE?



Ham Youth Centre
Ham Close
Ham
TW10 7PL

WHEN?



Classes Running on Wednesdays
10am-11.30am. Starting
September 2023 – Email us for
info

Who can apply?

- People aged 18+
- Family pair (adult and 1 child over 8 years)
- Priority given to people who are unemployed, on low income or receiving benefits
- Priority given to people living in Richmond Borough

Interested?

Email us at info@cookingup.org

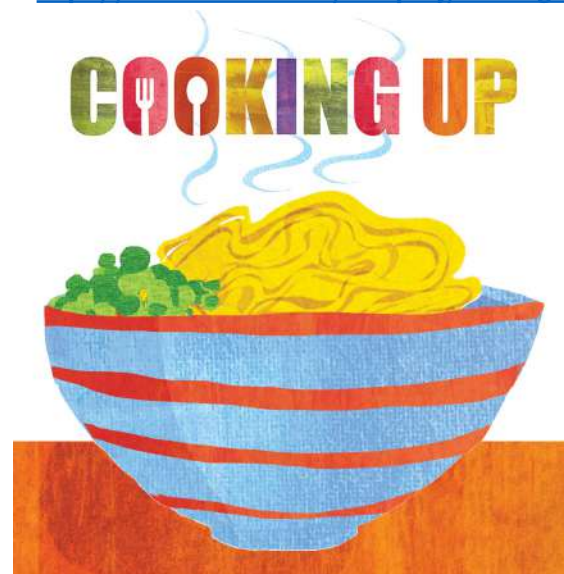
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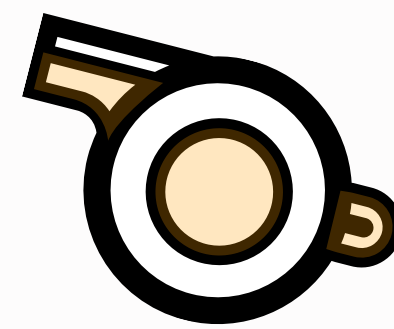
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