

Grey Court School eBulletin

17 November 2023



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#KeepInTouch

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The Uniform Shop

Thursdays 3-4pm

Great Britain Olympic Ice Hockey Team

Ricards Misins



Ricards Misins has been selected for the Great Britain Olympic Ice Hockey team to compete in the Youth Olympics in Korea, January 2024.

Grey Court would like to congratulate you on your selection, this is an amazing achievement.

Behind the Scenes

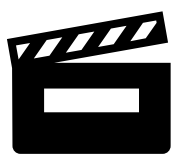
Ricards' next camp is on the 18 December. He has a media day in London on the 21 December. On the 2 January, he has his final camp final.

Ricards departs from Heathrow to Korea on the 15 January and will depart Korea on the 28 January.



The indoor athletics teams performed superbly during the first round of the Indoor Lee Valley Cup on Wednesday 8 November.

The girls team won the event, whilst the Boys A team finished 2nd and the Boys B team finished 6th. All three teams have qualified for the semi finals on the 22 November.



On Saturday, Evie won the ESAA Junior Girls race. There were 96 girls in the race and she led from start to finish. An unbelievable performance.

The Junior Boys team qualified for the ESAA National finals on 2 December. The team finished first on Saturday, Euan R finished third, Ifan M fourth, Andrew R sixth and Avery B seventh. There were 100 runners in the race so for our top four to finish in the first seven was truly spectacular!











KS3 and KS4 News



Year 7 Message from Mr Day

We have been especially delighted with the fantastic resilience shown by students over the last few weeks. They have been sitting assessments in subjects like Maths and History. Despite a few nerves, we have been extremely proud of how the students have tackled these assessments. It is evident that many have done lots of revision, and I am sure they will be pleased with their results.

This Week's Assembly

This week's assembly was led by Ms Weston, as it is anti-bullying week. This year's theme is 'Make a noise' about bullying. At Grey Court, we put a lot of effort into making Year 7 a positive community that is supportive of each other. Ms Weston stressed the importance of reporting any issues - and I remind students to speak with their form tutors, Mrs Shore or myself about any issues. We also have the anonymous reporting form available on form group google classrooms if students would prefer to report in this way.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card designs have been finalised and students were given them this week. If you would like to order any please place your order using the form students were given.

Academic Tutoring Day

Academic Tutoring Day (23 November)
This coming Thursday, we have our first academic tutoring day. There will be no lessons on this day, and is an opportunity to discuss your child's first report with their tutor. Appointments are in person - but are booked via the SchoolCloud online platform. Please arrive around 30 mins before your appointment, as you will collect your child's report for the school hall and will need some time to read through and digest this. The report will be discussed during the meeting with tutors, and some targets will be set to work on for the year. We hope the day is a constructive one, and a good chance to celebrate the fantastic start that the students have made.

Borough Champions

Table Tennis

Congratulations to Charlie C, Darren K, Jenson S and Oscar W, who were crowned Borough Champions on Wednesday.

A superb performance by the team.

Saksham J, Liam B, Nick M and Wing Hei P finished joint fifth.

Well done boys!





Year 7 Stars of the week



A	Nathan A	For having an extremely positive attitude to school and for being a polite, diligent and hard working student, who is a real asset to 7 Ash
B	Jack D	For being an excellent example to follow in behaviour and discipline and delivering a great collegium speech - a great display of leadership skills!
C	George S	For being a kind and polite student, and showing great resilience with his attendance
E	Ayanfe A	For being a kind and polite student, and for taking part in lots of clubs
M	Otis M	For always being engaged, curious, and asking the craziest questions!
O	Amy H	For being a role model to all of us in her behaviour, politeness, focus, confidence and kindness, and for her bravery - putting herself forward in the Collegium nominations - it was a closely run contest!
R	Freya K	For taking part in, and winning, the collegium elections, and for continuing to volunteer for so much around the school. A great role model.
W	Yaroslav K	For a brilliant speech and being voted to become our forms lead representative for the school collegium! Well Done Yaroslav, we are so excited to see what you contribute to the school!



Year 8

Message from Mr Ridley

This Week's Assembly

This week we had an assembly delivered by Miss Weston on Bullying. It was Anti-Bullying week and students were talked to about the definition of bullying and what that looks like in school, as well as the difference between bullying and what our young people believe to be "banter". I stressed the importance of using our anonymous reporting form if they see or know of anyone that is the victim of bullying.

We also had an afternoon assembly where the Ski trips were launched, so a fantastic opportunity for February half-term 2025.

Academic Tutoring Day

It has been a good start to the half-term, let's keep the standards high and enjoy another good week of learning. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to school for Academic tutoring day on the 23rd.

Year 9

Message from Ms Woods

Year 9 continue to have a fantastic start to the new half term with their new registration activities underway.

Every Thursday each tutor group are engaging in different elements of wellbeing - one being a physical element. All students participating have been excellent team players and have proved that getting active in the morning together can start the day off well. Others have been putting time into learning better sleep patterns, nutrition, gratitude and mental health.

As the options process starts to approach, PDW (this week) saw Kingston College explaining the different options they offer; of which all students were participating in the assembly with.

Hopefully all academic tutoring day appointments have been made - we look forward to seeing you again! Please note all students should be attending with their planner and pen at the ready.



Year 9 Options Talk from Kingston College

On Thursday, Dr Sharon Young of Kingston College talked to our Year 9s about the range of qualifications students can take.

It is really important that students are thinking about what type of learner they are and their skills and qualities to find the best pathway for them.

We work with local colleges to give students impartial information and they can hear about pathways such as BTECs, T levels and apprenticeships. You can see the presentation [here](#)



KS3 MATHS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates for Year 7, 8 and 9 Term 1 Assessments are as follows:

Year 7 A Band: Monday 13 November, P3 & 4

Year 7 B Band: Tuesday 14 November, P5 & 6

Year 8 A Band: Friday 24 November, P5 & 6

Year 8 B Band: Monday 27 November, P5 & 6

Year 9 A Band: Wednesday 22 November, P3 & 4

Year 9 B Band: Wednesday 22 November, P5 & P6

A revision list for each assessment can be found on Google Classroom

Any questions regarding this assessment should be sent to: rlunniss@greycourt.org.uk

Year 10 Message from Ms Courie

Welcome back Year 10! I hope you are all feeling well rested after the break and have gotten back into the groove of things since returning to school.

This half term I have spoken to students on friendships and being kind to one another. Friendships and relationships can be difficult for teenagers as well as maintaining a healthy relationship with peers. Your teen may get into an argument with a friend, be upset about something a friend is doing, or switch friend groups. You can use these situations as teachable moments to talk about what makes a good friend and how to handle conflict. Please encourage teens to talk to those who are available in school or at home.

No matter how big or how small, one act of kindness can really change someone's day.

Have a lovely weekend!

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**WHEREVER THERE IS A
HUMAN BEING, THERE
IS AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR KINDNESS.**

– SENECA

Year 10 Saturday Clubs

Kingston University are excited to announce that applications for their **Year 10** Saturday Clubs are now open! Recommencing on-campus and with in-person workshops, there will be two clubs running in 2024 - **Science and Engineering** as well as **Art and Design** - both being **completely free** to successful applicants (except for individual travel costs to and from the clubs).

Get involved

In their 10th successive year, the Kingston University Saturday Clubs offer an exciting opportunity for students interested in learning and exploring more about the respective subject areas across a wide range of topics. Making use of industry leading facilities, with expert tuition, alongside Kingston University Student Ambassadors and other Year 10s from a limited number of local schools.

Please view this [14-minute video](#) which explains everything you need to know. There is also this [PowerPoint presentation](#) you look through. Students and parents/carers must **both** then complete an application form:

Students: <https://forms.office.com/e/QJMSHexNLV>

Parents/Carers:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eLzD7Vx794>

Application deadline is **Monday 4 December 2023**
Decisions will be emailed by Friday 8 December 2023

Attendance Matters

6 November to 10 November

Congratulations to Year 8 for achieving 97.9% attendance.

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	97.7%
Year 8	97.9%
Year 9	95.4%
Year 10	95.5%
Year 11	92.8%

Congratulations to Year 7 Maple for achieving 100% attendance.

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Maple	100%
8 Rowan	99.7%
9 Ash	98.7%
10 Willow	98.6%
11 Oak	98.7%

Stars of the week

Technology and Wellbeing

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7B	Darius Alizada	Computing	Excellent classwork
8A	Chloe Clements	Computing	Excellent classwork
9E	James Houlding	Computing	Excellent test results
10B	Helena Staple	Computer Science	Excellent contributions
11C	Doruk Alpay	Computer Science	Excellent progress in the subject
12G	Suhan Wasim	Computer Science	Excellent progress in the subject
13D	Katie Holroyd	Computer Science	Excellent progress in the subject
7E	Phoenix Aihevba	Food & Nutrition	Excellent classwork
8E	Isaac Myhill	Food & Nutrition	Excellent contributions
9O	George Ouvaroff	Food & Nutrition	Excellent progress in the subject
10W	Enoch Tang	Food & Nutrition	Excellent progress in the subject
11M	Anna Marcus	Food & Nutrition	Excellent progress in the subject
7B	Emilia Mcmillan Damia	KS3 DT	Excellent progress in the subject
8R	Lizzy Weston	KS3 DT	Excellent progress in the subject
9C	Avina Qallija	KS3 DT	Excellent progress in the subject
10A	Ryan Farahmand	Graphics VCERT	Excellent progress in the subject
11O	Agnes Radek	Graphics VCERT	Excellent contributions
10M	Ane Kathrine Brogaard-Burdock	GCSE Textiles	Excellent engagement in class
11R	Emma Phillips	GCSE Textiles	Excellent engagement in class
12A	Irem Canvarol	Enterprise & Entrepreneurship	Excellent contributions
13C	Hanna Souintez Gisbert	Enterprise & Entrepreneurship	Excellent engagement in class
7E	Joash Standing	Wellbeing	Excellent engagement in class
9R	Jack Martin	Wellbeing	Excellent engagement in class

Stars of the week

Languages

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
8W	Aaron Lawrence	French	Excellent classwork
9E	Aaliya Raval	French	Excellent test results
10E	Basit Ademola-Lawal	French	Excellent test results
11E	Alexander Donnell	French	Excellent engagement in class
12F	Ella Hand	French	Excellent assessment grade
13	Eliza Shaw	French	Excellent progress in the subject
8M	Adrian Tataru	German	Excellent test results
9E	Joseph Bailey	German	Excellent test results
10O	Kulsoom Syed	German	Excellent test results
11B	Charlotte Prock	German	Excellent engagement in class
7A	Leni Quierin	Spanish	Excellent engagement in class
8B	Leo Cushing	Spanish	Excellent engagement in class
9R	Emily Costigliola Logue	Spanish	Outstanding achievement
10O	Philine Zoeller	Spanish	Excellent test results
11R	Elsie Hobson	Spanish	Excellent engagement in class
12A	Helena Ferreira Dias	Spanish	Excellent engagement in class
13E	Ana Ortega	Spanish	Excellent engagement in class
7E	Ayanfe Adebusoye	Mandarin	Excellent engagement in class
8A	Luke Owide Vieira	Mandarin	Excellent progress in the subject
9C	Ismaeel Bukhari	Mandarin	Excellent progress in the subject
10M	Gabrielle Judkiewicz	Mandarin	Excellent assessment grade
11W	Hannah Tahir	Mandarin	Excellent progress in the subject



Food and Nutrition
with Ms Campbell



Year 8 Bake

Year 8 continue on their journey to healthy eating, and developing new skills in the food room. Last week, they covered food science and learnt about the process of gelatinisation by making mac and cheese, which proved to be a favourite. Some students tested the boundaries of flavour with the addition of pancetta and spices. They moved onto baking this week and the process of shortening, to make a golden batch of cheese scones. They mastered the skill of 'rubbing in' to combine their flour and butter together before adding cheese and shaping. They really did impress with their independence and understanding of quality control. **Photo:** on page above

Year 10 Baker's Dozen

Year 10 have started learning about nutrients this term, with a focus on macronutrients this week. Whilst developing their subject knowledge on carbohydrates and fibre they had the opportunity to bake a bread product, sweet or savoury. Whilst some opted for Italian focaccia, some opted for breakfast brioche whilst others tested the waters with panettone. A very successful lesson all around with some wonderful outcomes. **Photo:** page below

UK Hospitality

Plans are coming together, and our Year 10 cohort have an exciting visitor due to visit them in the coming weeks. Kate Nicholls, OBE and CEO of UK Hospitality will be holding a workshop for our year 10's to talk all things hospitality, and careers. We are really looking forward to welcoming her in the coming weeks.

Food Club

The food club powers ahead with another week of smiling faces and full stomachs. Students made cupcakes this week, and next, potato wedges. A reminder to our students, that food club is a first come, first served club, due to demand and size of the room. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

World Food Week

As the end of World Food Week came to an end, we received an influx of students' work, which helped to raise awareness. The task was to create a piece of artwork showing a world where 'food and water was readily available for all' with a focus on water preservation. So many wonderful entries -Ms Clark and myself are finding it difficult to pick a winner! Needless to say they all deserve their house points for entering and their efforts and share the news of our winner, very soon! **Photos of artwork** are featured on pages below



WHY ARE PEOPLE ONLY ALLERGIC TO CERTAIN FOODS?

ARE THERE ANY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAT ARE HIGH IN FAT OR NOT GOOD FOR YOU?

HOW DO FOODS PROVIDE US WITH ENERGY?

THINK

Anne

is a baking

Which is more precious?

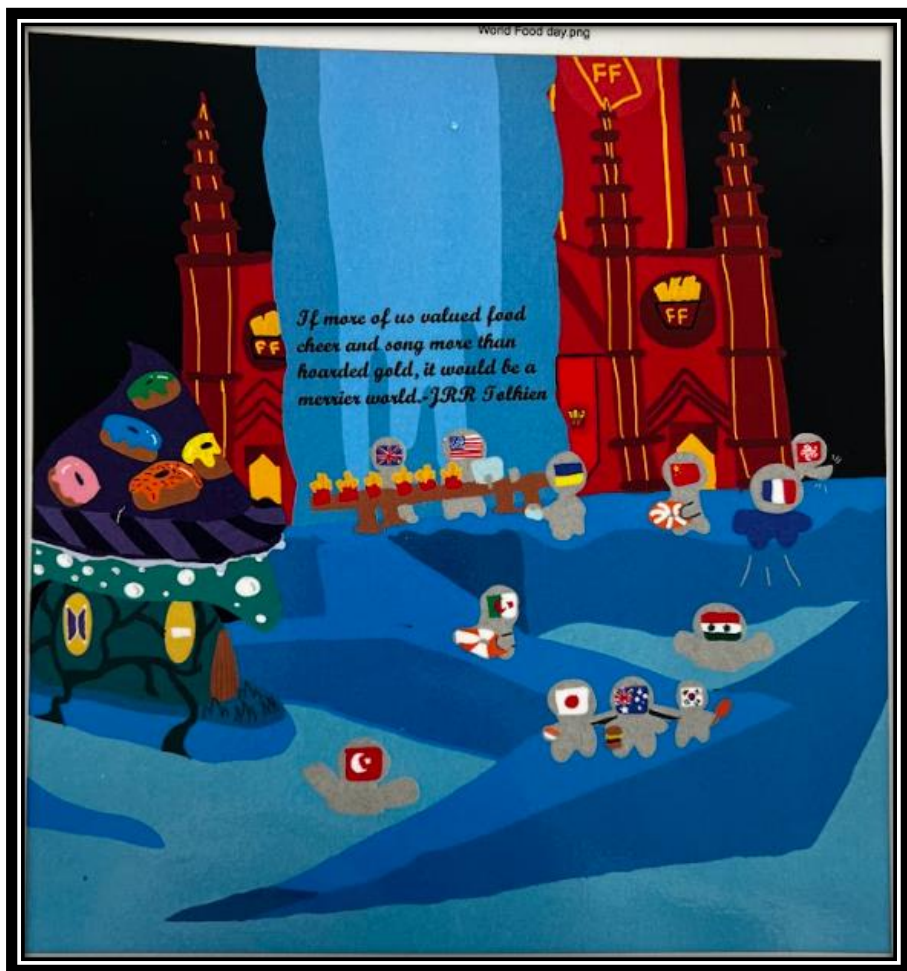


Try living without water...









WORLD FOOD



DAY

2020/10/12
7C



Leave no-one behind



World



Food

Day

Total Football turns to Total Chaos

Mr Clements

Grey Court Women's first XI: 7 Glyn women's First XI: 0

On a wet and windy November day a talented Grey Court XI produced a display of TOTAL football that swept Glyn aside in a bluster of Autumn leaves!

The day had started in an unpromising manner with torrential rain threatening to elicit a cancellation. Coach Clements resisted calls for an abandonment to proceedings citing the fact that a "damp squib" would not derail the path to equality on the sports field! The call for sacrifice and resilience (combined with a break in the weather at 1.30pm) seemed to do the trick as mislaid boots, a kit left in Putney and cold underlayers were forgotten as an elite XVI gathered on a surprisingly playable

Bull Meadow.

The game kicked off in a maelstrom of slick passing and a flurry of forward action with a goal scored in under 20 seconds thus beating Bryan Robson's 27 second effort in Bilbao in Spain 82. This was a reference lost on most of the girls, but I found it funny.

With captain Lauren Jackson dominating the midfield the score had reached 6 by half-time which left onlookers Mr Rhodes and Head of girls' PE, Ms Marsh, delighted with such a display of Grey Court dominance. A contributing factor was certainly the futsal fireworks of returning goalkeeper, Ciara Walker who launched cross field rockets across the pitch all afternoon.

A special mention should go to Izzy Morton who led the line in a tireless manner

reminiscent of Arsenal star, Vivianne Miedema, and who was responsible for setting up at least three of the sextet of goals. The scorers on the day were: Izzy Curwin, Layla Banarse, Lauren Jackson (2) Cerys Rodgers, Rosie McDermott (1) and Imogen Hollins (1). And a final hurrah to Rosie Dawson, who returned to the fold after a lengthy injury lay-off.

Well done to Glyn school for competing in a spirited manner throughout especially in the second half.

....and just as coach Clements was daydreaming about featuring in a *Ted Lasso* spin-off on Apple TV...



On a Autumnal afternoon somewhere near Esher total football turned into total chaos as Grey Court suffered a chastening defeat at the hands of a muscular Hinchley Wood side. Without the titanic Ciara Walker in goal, Grey Court found themselves three down within 5 minutes and six down before half time! However, a spirited display either side of the interval saw

Mexican forward, Ana Ortega, produce a smart turn and finish to grab a consolation goal. With both Izzy Curwin and Sana Chomoko performing energetically both in goal and in defence the Grey Court team started to see the wood from the trees in order to keep the score down. A revised match report delivered to Chairmen Rhodes thus documented a narrow

2-1 defeat across a "tightly contested" second half. Perhaps sensing an opportunity, a rabid Rhodes has inked a 33% percent win rate into the hapless Clements' performance management targets for the year.

Next up is Tiffin on Tuesday for the Stagesses!



i love you

PDW and Wellbeing

PDW Programme
PDW Programme
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PDW Programme

Week of 13 November

Year	Subject
Year 7	Talk the Talk – Oracy Day
Year 8	Talk the Talk – Oracy Day
Year 9	Options talk from Kingston College
Year 10	B Band: RS/Computing A Band: Diversity and Radicalisation
Year 11	Talk the Talk – Oracy Day

No PDW due to ATD
Week of 20 November
PDW Programme
PDW Programme



[News and Upcoming Events](#)

Keeping children safe online with Peter Cowley, Achieving for Children's Former Online Safety Adviser.

28th November, 8pm

Peter will be talking about online safety. He will specifically address topics to help parents understand the current and emerging risks online and support their children through them.

You may be aware that a recent report from the Children's Commissioner found that by age 13, half of children have seen online pornography. This is an essential talk for all parents.

[BOOK](#)



What's on at **The Ham Youth Centre**

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. What we offer is all free!

See this [film](#) for a taste of what's on offer for young people.

VPA News





Run, Rudolph, Run

This week, I bring you another two of our Tuesday's Rock and Pop Club bands rehearsing their little Christmas stockings off.

- Mr Allchurch





ROCK AND POP CLUB

TUESDAYS
3PM-4PM
IN MUSIC



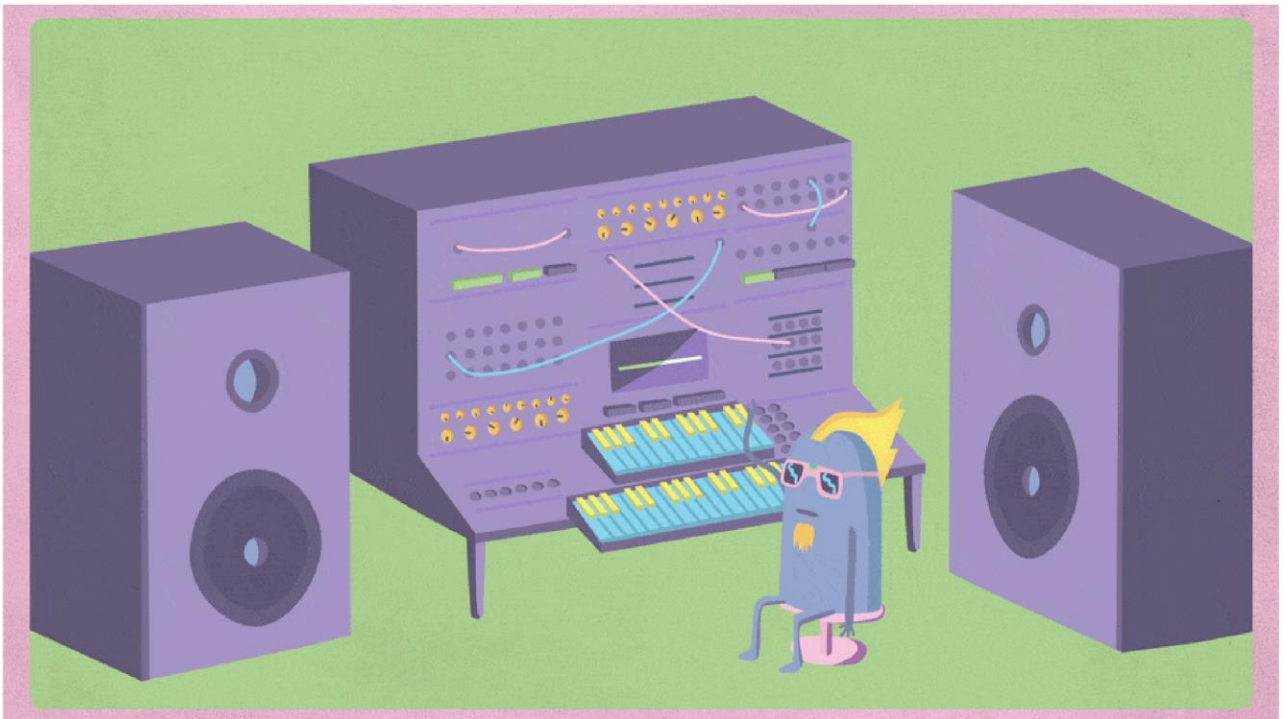
COME AND PLAY THE DRUMS,
GUITAR, BASS, KEYBOARDS OR SING
IN A BAND. ALSO OPEN TO OTHER
INSTRUMENTS IF YOU HAVE ONE!





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.

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 cool blue of the city streetlights.

Performance Support Award

CHICAGO
MARQUEE TOUR

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

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

Sixth Form News



Academic Tutoring Day

23 November 2023

In preparation for Academic Tutoring Day on 23 November, students have been asked to fill out two forms. The first is a wellbeing form, and the second is a reflection form, in which they need to include SMART targets for each subject. Students will be given time during registration to make a start on these, but it is important that they spend plenty of time considering their SMART targets for their A-Level and BTEC subjects. These will then form the basis of the conversation with the tutors on Academic Tutoring Day.

[SMART targets booklet](#)

[SMART targets Google form](#)

CERN trip to Geneva

10 to 12 July 2024

We are pleased to announce a Y12 Science trip that will take place on the 10-12 July 2024 (during the summer activity week), open to anyone taking Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The trip will involve visits to various museums and world-renowned research centres, to develop students' scientific understanding and inspire them.

The price of the trip (£500) will include:

- Return flights from London to Geneva
- 2 nights accommodation, dinner and breakfast at a centrally-located hotel
- Transport card for around Geneva
- Travel insurance
- Visit to the [History of Science Museum](#)
- Visit to [CERN](#), the European Organization for Nuclear Research
- Visit to the [Museum of Natural History](#)

What is not included are the transfers to and from the airport in London and lunches.

The price may change, depending on numbers and availability. The trip can only go ahead if we have enough numbers so I would be grateful if you could fill in the [form of interest](#) by the end of the week (03/11) to see if this is feasible (no payment commitment yet). If the trip does go ahead then I will be in touch and will require a non-refundable deposit by the end of the following week (11/11). If we are over-subscribed, students will be selected by picking names out of a hat.

Feel free to contact **Ms Bapty** (hbapty@greycourt.org.uk) if you have any questions

Assessments

Exams start on Monday 27 November and run for two weeks

During assessment fortnight, students will be on exam leave. These exams will take place in the main hall with external invigilators. While we are aware that this may cause stress and anxiety for students, it is important that they experience formal exam conditions as this allows them to familiarise themselves with the set up and also provides teachers with data about how they perform in a formal exam scenario.

[Year 13 exams booklet and timetable](#)

Please note that students studying BTEC subjects will not have exams, but their lessons will be running as normal. An important point for those who use a word processor in exams: originally the booklet said that you could use your own device but this is not the case - all devices will be provided by the school as they would in a real exam.

Students should now be working through the draft production phase of their project; creating either their essay or their artefact. This is worth 20 out of the 50 marks as is at the heart of the qualification. Students need to plan carefully to manage this alongside preparation for their mock exams and come to an agreement with their mentor for a date to submit their draft for feedback.

Miss Fincham's EPQ Update

UCAS Stars of the Week

Well done to these students who have had responses from all five of their chosen universities:

Harriet Williams
Ned Thomas
Myrra Welbeck
Zara Flack
Clara Bing
Harrison Lloyd

Accessing Support

Remember your tutor, Ms McNicol, Mrs Moore, Mr Taylor and Ms Higham are available to talk, but we recognise you may want to talk to someone outside of school and outside of your family. If you would like to have an appointment with Abbie, our sixth form counsellor, please email or speak to Ms McNicol.

Below is a list of organisations you can contact online, by phone, via text message or live chats.

Organisation	Contact	
Off The Record	talkofftherecord.org	Online counselling and support
The Mix	0808 808 4994	Open every day 13.00-23.00 for 1:1 support and guidance
Relate	0300 100 1234	Live chat and counselling
Kooth	kooth.com	Online support for young people Mon-Friday 12.00-22.00 Sat-Sun 18.00-22.00
Childline	0800 1111 childline.org.uk	1:1 counselling and support, advice and information
Samaritans	116 123 jo@samaritans.org	Support for young people in crisis
Shout 85258	Text SHOUT to 85258	Free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service for anyone who is struggling to cope.
CALM	Phone 0800 58 58 58 daily 5pm to midnight thecalmzone.net	CALM is the Campaign Against Living Miserably. It provides a mental health helpline and web chat.
Cruse Bereavement Support	Freephone helpline 0808 808 1677 Website www.hopeagain.org.uk Email hopeagain@cruse.org.uk	Cruse offers face-to-face, telephone, group, email, web and young persons' support for people who have experienced loss or the death of a loved one.
The National Sleep Helpline	03303 530 541	The National Sleep Helpline helps anyone with sleep issues. The helpline is available from 7pm and 9pm, Sunday to Thursday
Youth Zone	1st Floor, Ancient House, Central Kingston, KT1 1JS youth.service@rbmind.org 07568 227 688	Wellbeing drop-in centre for young people aged 12-25 Free wi-fi Free charging Activities & more

Weekly Bulletin

Please find our weekly opportunities bulletin [16/11/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#) which shows a range of careers, work experience, university and apprenticeship opportunities.

These opportunities are great to add to their experience and help students think about the future.

Add any experiences to your Unifrog profile.

We would especially like to draw attention to the amazing apprenticeship opportunities in the bulletin - BBC, Sky, PwC, BP, Unilever and more offering degree and higher apprenticeships.

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!!!

Year 12 Friends and Founders Event

**Thursday 7 December
6.15-8pm**

We will be running our annual careers event for year 12 students. ALL students are expected to attend the evening in school and meet with people from a range of different career backgrounds. We invite former Grey Court students (Founders) as well as contacts from business and the local community (Friends) to talk to you about the range of careers options. Miss Corrighan will be talking to you more about this but as you can see from the photos we ask students to come in business dress, prepare a CV and this is a great opportunity to find out more and many students have gained work experience from this event.

Sports Teams of the Month



Girls Team of the Month



The U16 Indoor Athletics Team is our girls Team of the Month for October. They competed in the Lee Valley Indoor Athletics competition, showcasing an exceptional display of strength and determination across all disciplines. With standout performances from Tess's remarkable display in the 300m race and Layla's outstanding performance in the 800m event. The team not only excelled in their respective events but also displayed a remarkable attitude and unwavering focus throughout the competition.

What makes their achievements even more extraordinary is when the team faced numerous challenges, including illnesses and injuries. In the face of adversity, Lily and Jess emerged as true champions, tirelessly keeping the team united and organised. They went the extra mile by arranging for different pupils to step in and ensure the completion of the competition. As a result of their determination and teamwork, they secured a remarkable 3rd place overall, a triumph that not only filled them with pride but also earned them a well-deserved spot in the next round of the competition. Their performance is a testament to their dedication and resilience, we look forward to the athletics term ahead.

Boys Team of the Month



The U14A football team has had an outstanding season so far, with a number of promising performances. They kicked off the season with a resounding 6-0 victory against Winston Churchill School in the English Schools National Cup, displaying exceptional skill in attacking areas and scoring some quality team goals. Their efficiency in possession throughout the game was reminiscent of the fluid football that Pep would be proud of. In the second round of the English Schools National Cup, a 2-2 draw after extra time took the match to a penalty shootout in which the boys demonstrated incredible composure, winning 4-1 on penalties. Their ability to hold their nerve under pressure showcased their mental strength and determination, characteristics which we hope will benefit the team in the latter rounds of competitions this season. Just before the half-term break, they continued their winning streak with a dominant 5-0 win in the first round of the County Cup. Their performance showed solidity in all areas of the pitch, combined with some moments of brilliant football.

As the season progresses, the team has shown great potential to build on what they achieved last season and have their eyes firmly set on regaining the Borough league title and continuing their Cup runs.

Girls Player of the Month



Mai is a fantastic gymnast who specialises in Artistic Gymnastics. Mai trains at Tolworth Gymnastics Club training 5 days a week and between 3-4 hours on these days. Mai is a competitive gymnast who is part of the Senior Squad at Tolworth Gymnastics Club. As well as this, Mai has been selected for the British Gymnastics Compulsory Elite Pathway and is part of the Great British Aspire National Squad which is a massive achievement. This involves attending the GB National training days and camps which occur throughout the year.

Mai regularly competes in competitions at regional and national level. Mai placed 1st in her regional competition qualifying her for the National Finals. The National Finals took place in May where Mai placed 2nd in the all round category. Mai competed last month in the British Club Team Championships where her club became Junior British Club Team Champions! Here they also ranked 3rd best team in the country across all age groups. Another amazing achievement! Mai has also secured a place at the British Championships next year which we look forward to hearing about. This has all occurred due to Mai's commitment and effort that she gives to her sport. This sets her out to be a role model as well as having great organisation skills to be able to manage school, rest and gymnastics training.

Boys Player of the Month



Euan Roberts has had a fantastic month. He is hitting form at the right time ahead of a big Cross Country season, following months of dedication in his training. Euan trains twice a week with his athletics club (Kingston AC & Polytechnic Harriers) and these gruelling sessions include pyramid sessions, intervals and grass work. On top of his athletics training, Euan swims 6 times per week for Teddington Swimming Club. His grit and determination in his training makes a difference when it comes to his races. He achieved personal bests in all of his events at his most recent gala and his times qualify him for County consideration. In his first Cross Country race of the season, Euan came second in the first round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup, which is a brilliant achievement, and 8th in the Surrey XC League meeting in Richmond Park.

After a very promising start to the Cross Country season and knowing how hard Euan will continue to push himself, we look forward to seeing how far Euan and the team can go in both the English Schools Cup and Borough XC Championships!

Girls Scholar of the Month



Olivia Green is this month's Scholar of the Month. Olivia has confidently thrown herself into all aspects of sport at Grey Court this month. She has shown great potential in the morning lacrosse sessions, transferring good speed, agility and hand-eye coordination to this new sport. She has performed well on the netball court and is a keen defender. Olivia is cool under pressure and has a good eye for the ball, enabling her to make regular interceptions and turnovers for her team.

In football, Olivia works hard in midfield. She distributes play, left, right and forward, with accuracy. Olivia is proving to be a good leader and is also capable of scoring multiple goals for her team. In scholar theory sessions, Olivia has a good understanding of sports physiology and adds well to class discussion on topics surrounding fitness testing. Well done, Olivia! We look forward to seeing her in cross country and gymnastics in PE in the coming weeks.

Boys Scholar of the Month



Kian Potterill has made an excellent start to his time at Grey Court, keeping several clean sheets for the U12 football team which has seen them progress in both the County and National Cup. Alongside football, Kian has represented the A team for Rugby, and has shown a great attitude in training, demonstrating a real desire to improve. Kian's positive attitude has extended to his Sports Scholarship lessons in which he shows great leadership, works brilliantly in a team and is always willing to learn.

We know Kian is also a very talented cricket player and look forward to seeing what he can do with bat and ball when winter nets start after Christmas. He plays for the mighty Malden Wanderers who have produced some great cricketers over the years, including Mr Murphy! Kian is clearly a talented all-rounder but most importantly, his determination to improve is what is going to fulfil his potential in years to come - great start to the year, keep it up Kian!!

What's happening
in the neighbourhood
and beyond





Part-time Parish Administrator

St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Petersham, is looking for a part-time (8 hours a week) Parish Administrator.

The successful candidate will have administrative and organisational skills, good written and verbal communication and an ability to relate to a range of people and situations. He/she will also be sympathetic to the aims of the church and its mission to the community.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office st.peters.petersham@googlemail.com for full details.

Closing date for applications: 20 November 2023.

Some of our parents and students are taking part in the [Santa Fun Run](#) in memory of a very dear friend and parent. This event is organised by Princess Alice Hospice and the 5km run will take place on 10 December in Bushy Park.

If you and your children would like to participate, please sign up on the link above and don your Santa suits and join them in raising money for this worthy cause.

A bake sale will be held in school on Friday 8 December to raise money for the charity. All cookies, biscuits, cupcakes will be freshly baked and all the money raised will be donated to Princess Alice Hospice.



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Guard of Honour

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Richmond Men's First XV vs Plymouth Albion First XV (top of the table)

Meet time: 14:45

Kick-off: 15:00

18th November 2023

Sign up:

<https://www.clubs-hub.com/richmond/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=72397>

We would also like to invite all the girls to our women's game which is after the men's game. In the game, we want to celebrate the Women playing rugby in the borough and to showcase to the girls playing for their schools and clubs what rugby they can expect outside of school if they want to further their career.

Richmond Women First XV vs London Irish Women First XV

Meet: 17:00

Kick-off: 17:15

18th November 2023

Sign up:

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Why is watching Adult First XV rugby games beneficial? Watching adult rugby games can help the youth understand the game better and inspire them to take up the sport. It can also help them develop physical, mental, personal, and social skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.



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COMMUNITY UNDEFINING MASCULINITY WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 28 January 11-1PM

GREY COURT SCHOOL, HAM ST, RICHMOND TW10 7HN

In order for Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) & the social norms that support it to be tackled within our communities a Whole Community Approach is needed that includes engaging, educating and empowering the Community to become active bystanders. Action Breaks Silence recognizes the pressure boys/men are under to conform to gender norms associated with masculinity and the impact this has on their mental health and wellbeing. The Undefining Masculinity Workshop is for ALL Community members.

Violence and Abuse in the UK:

- One in three women experience abuse in their lifetime
- 61% of 18-24-year-olds feel UK society expects a man to "Man up" when faced with a challenge
- 25% of young women (aged over 13) experience physical violence and 72% experience emotional abuse in their own relationships
- 2 in 3 (67%) 18-24-year-old men believe they are pressured to display hyper-masculine behaviour
- 1 in 5 young people are exposed to physical violence
- Two women are murdered each week in the UK by their husband or partner; ex-husband or ex-partner

About Action Breaks Silence:

Action Breaks Silence is an educational charity, established to create a world free from the fear of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and the threat of such violence. To achieve this, a multi-pronged approach is adopted and actioned through the delivery of the Action Breaks Silence Community Intervention.

Our Founder and CEO, Debi Steven has worked alongside an international community of activists, academics and youth to design the Community Intervention aimed at profoundly changing the narrative on VAWG. A "Whole Schools Approach" (developed by AVA) is used to engage, educate and empower "all members of the school's community, including school governors, senior management, staff, students and parents" to end VAWG in schools and the surrounding communities.

The Action Breaks Silence Community Intervention which tackles sexual harassment and sexual violence also includes strategies to address gender equality and unhealthy masculinity that underpin this behaviour. The design and delivery of the intervention is guided by the Social Norms and Active Bystander Theories.

Action Breaks Silence is a registered charity in the UK. Action Breaks Silence is also separately a fully recognized charity in South Africa and India. All funds raised from this workshop will enable us to continue to deliver our community interventions, free of charge, at disadvantaged Primary Schools in London. Since 2013, Action Breaks Silence has engaged, educated and empowered over 100,000 beneficiaries.



COMMUNITY UNDEFINING MASCULINITY WORKSHOP

The Workshop aims to:

- Prevent abusive and violent behaviour against women and girls, in the long term
- Undefine masculinity and discuss the negative impact Patriarchy on men and boys
- Discuss gender stereotypes and develop a belief in gender equality
- Build empowerment to express oneself emotionally, create healthy self-esteem, and develop confidence
- Raise awareness to what a healthy relationship looks like whilst identifying aspects of an unhealthy relationship
- To understand the meaning of consent and its importance
- Give participants a safe space to talk about their experiences with masculine pressures
- Provide a fun and aspirational learning environment for all Community members
- Provide positive role models that champion gender equality and showcase healthy masculinity

About our CEO:

All workshops are designed by Action Breaks Silence Founder, Debi Steven. As a survivor, Debi is driven by the belief that all girls and women should live a life free from the fear of sexual violence. She holds a master's degree in Women and Child Abuse from London Metropolitan University and has worked in South Africa, India, the United Kingdom and Curacao delivering Train the Trainer workshops and teaching individuals, schools, universities and blue-chip companies. Debi won the European Diversity Award for the most Inspirational Role Model and was voted as one of the Top 100 International Trailblazers. Action Breaks Silence won the National Diversity Award for Gender in the United Kingdom.

For further information, please visit: www.actionbreakssilence.org or contact Sheena:

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PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE EVENTBRITE LINK BELOW:

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