



Grey Court School eBulletin

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#KeepInTouch

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ADHD Ambassador: Mrs Groves

It might not be commonplace to have an Ambassador on the school staff...but here at Grey Court we have Mrs Groves, our ADHD Ambassador. Grey Court was involved in a pilot project last year to become an 'ADHD Aware School', which involved extensive training and support for Mrs Groves to become certified as our ADHD Ambassador.

Mrs Groves works with students with an ADHD diagnosis or with traits of ADHD, helping them to understand their neurodivergent brains. This includes the strengths or 'superpowers' that students have, as well as some of the challenges they may face in school life. She can support them with strategies to help in the classroom with homework and with their home life. She also works closely with school staff to raise understanding of ADHD.

One of the highlights of her week is running a drumming intervention with Mr Allchurch, just one of the activities that have been started as a result of the project.



KS3+KS4 News



Year 7: Mr Day

Firstly, a huge shout-out to our very own Mrs Shore who performed in Calendar Girls last week at Hampton Hill theatre. The Y7 team and many staff members went to watch on Friday night and it was an amazing evening. Mrs Shore has been rehearsing late into the evening and performed Tuesday-Saturday whilst still coming in and bringing positivity into the life of Y7s!!



Year 7: Mr Day

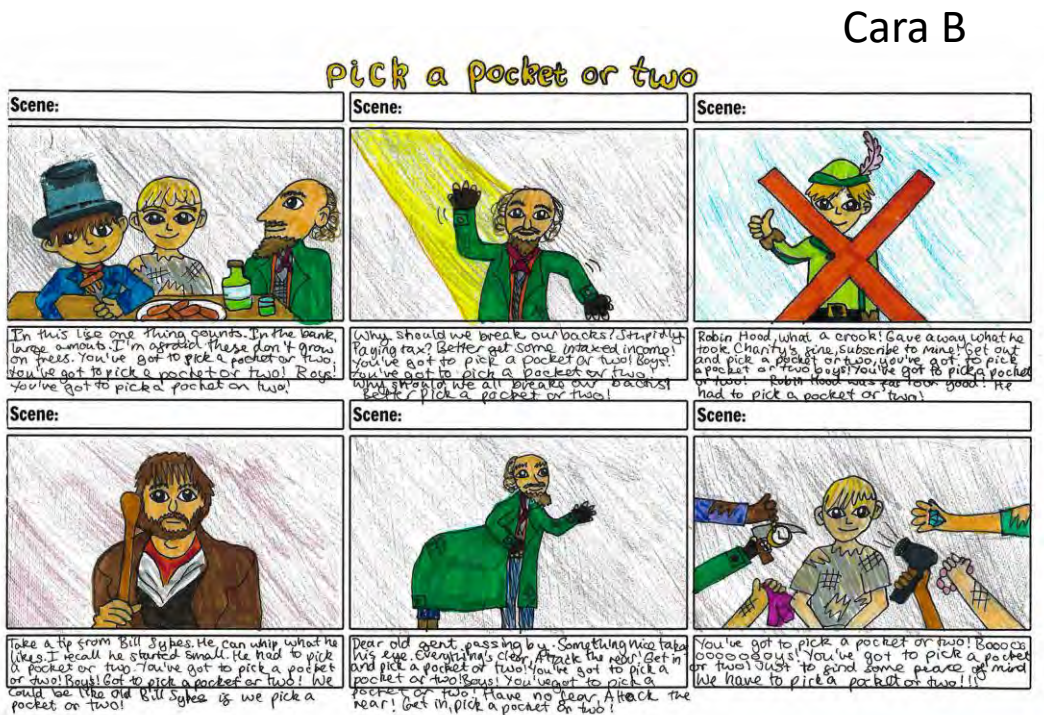
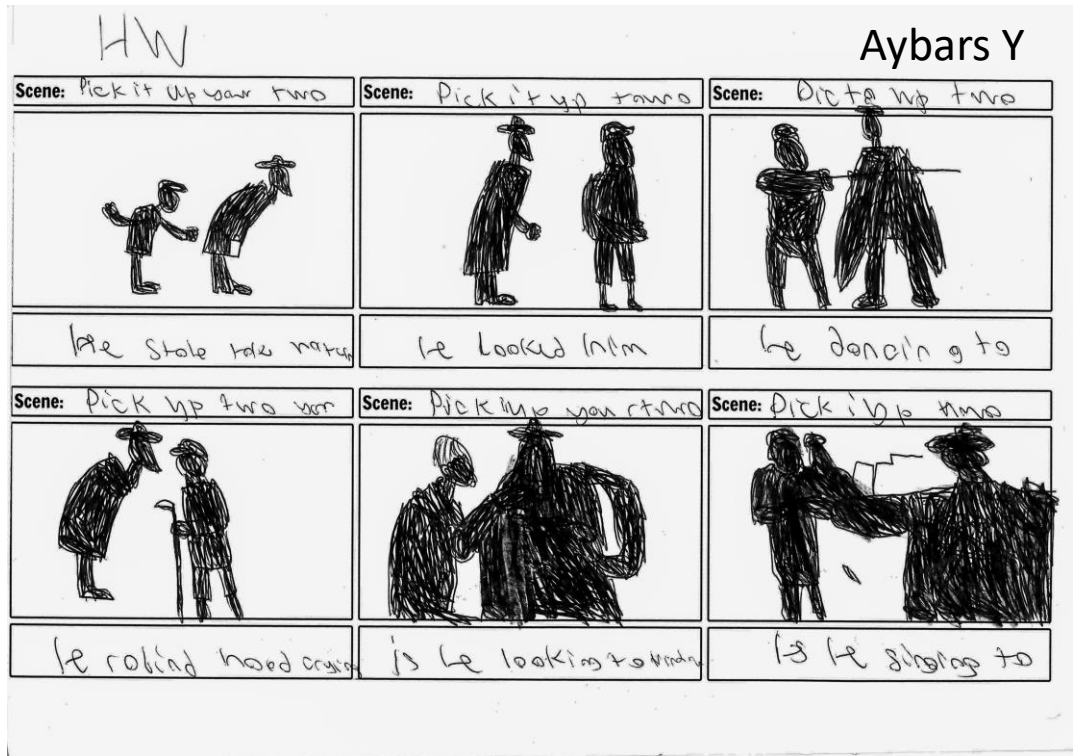
It was fantastic to see so many parents on Thursday for Academic Tutoring Day. We hope that the conversations regarding the reports were productive, whilst also highlighting the fantastic work that we have seen so far from the Y7s. We hope that they can keep their targets in mind in the lead up to Xmas and into the new term where they will be reviewed later on in the year.

As the seasons have been changing we have been flooded with our annual deluge of leaves on the Y7 area. Whilst we have the school gardener who keeps our area in top condition, it is a difficult task with such a big school site. A huge shout-out to our team of volunteers, many of whom are keen members of our weekly allotment club, who helped to clear leaves from the Y7 area! Well done team!



Year 7 Oliver Story Boards with Ms Maybey

Year 7 Scholars have been creating storyboards based around the musical Oliver! They have been inspired by the Artist Lottie Reiniger and her stop motion shadow puppets. Well done Aybars, Cara, Frances, Nilay and Samuel.

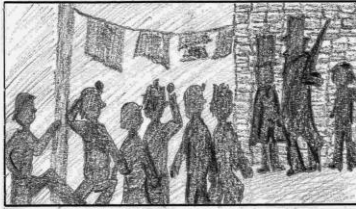


Frances L

HW BE BACK SOON

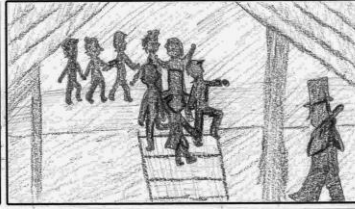
Frances L

Scene: LINE UP! SINGLE FILE!



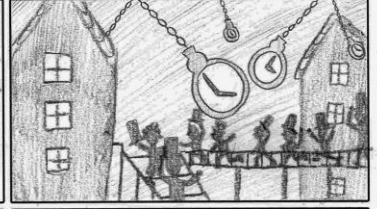
Fagin goes line up and salute like soldiers, as Fagin begins the song.

Scene: CHEERIO BUT BE BACK SOON



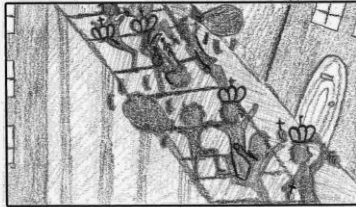
The boys march through the den and down the stairs, Fagin leading the way, playing mandolin on his flute.

Scene: A WATCH OF GOLD THAT CHIMES UPON THE HOUR



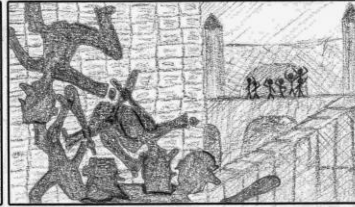
The boys front-roll down some stairs, a huge pocketwatch swinging above them, all wearing top hats while they sing.

Scene: THE CROWN JEWELS FROM THE TOWER



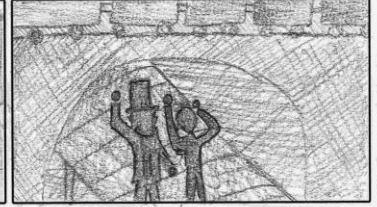
Continued, a few boys and Dodger hold / wear crowns, robes and scepters while others hold bags with money flying out.

Scene: THE NOSEY POLICEMAN



A group of long, thick nosed policemen comes and fall on each other, while the boys wave / salute to Fagin in the distance.

Scene: DODGER AND OLIVER



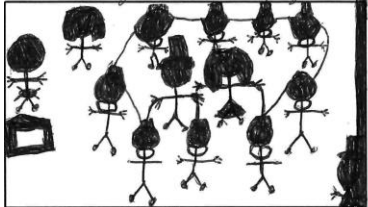
A train streaks past when it is out of sight, we see Oliver and Dodger waving goodbye, before disappearing too.

Nilay G

I'd do anything

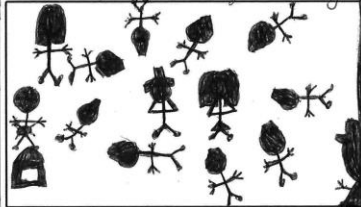
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Scene: Dodger and Nancy



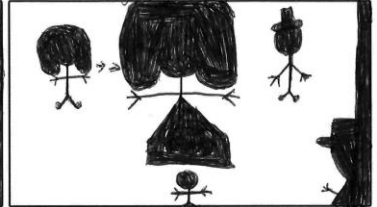
It starts of the boys making a circle around Dodger and Nancy. When it says wear a daffodil Dodger wears a daffodil.

Scene: Boys carriage falling



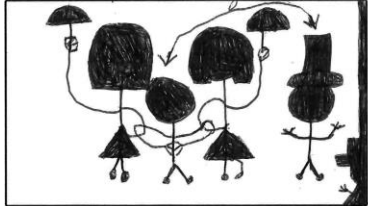
Then all the boys fall down on the floor while Dodger and Nancy looks shocked.

Scene: Nancy singing to Oliver



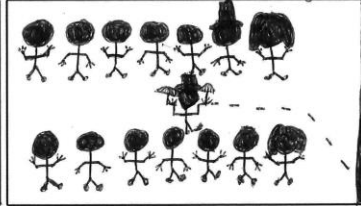
Nancy walks over to the pole where Oliver and Bett are standing as they sing. Bett walks over to Nancy and when Bett says paint your face blue Oliver

Scene: Tap Dancing



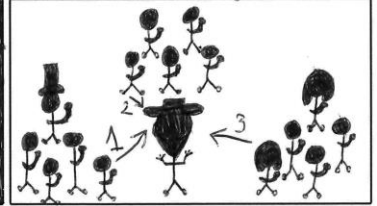
Bett and Nancy grab Dodgers hat and puts it on Oliver's head and then link arms and grab their umbrellas from their pockets.

Scene: Fagin tap dancing

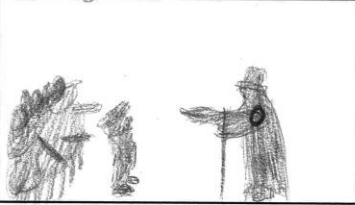
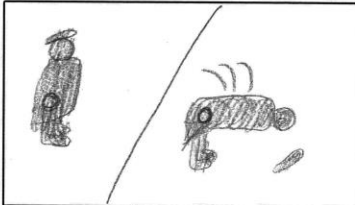
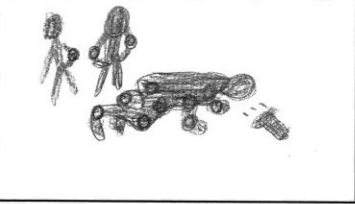
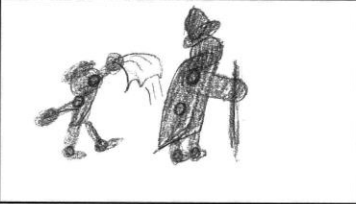
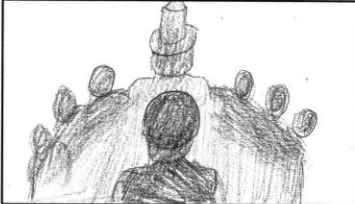


Everyone lines up some at the top and some at the bottom the Fagin comes in tap dancing with an umbrella in each hand.

Scene: Fagin asking the boys



The kids get into 3 groups in every corner and then every question Fagin asks one group of 3 kids come forward.

Scene: Fagin begins	Scene: Money tree	Scene: Backs
		
Fagin begins the song.	I'm afraid these don't grow on trees! ...	Why should we, break our backs...
Scene: Attack	Scene: Stealing	Scene: End
		
Have no fear, attack the rear.	Steals handkerchief	The song ends

A scene from the film “The Adventures of Prince Achmed,” a fantastical adaptation of “The Arabian Nights.”



The Adventures of Prince Achmed – Lotte Reiniger

Why is Lotte Reiniger a big deal in animation?
Reiniger's films were the first to move animation from solely comedic narratives.

Year 8 and 9: Mr Ridley

Thank you to everyone that was able to make their Academic Tutoring Day appointment.

I hope the Progress Check report has given our students an opportunity to reflect and discuss ways forwards.

Our assemblies were taken by Mrs Mercer and Ms Price on Safeguarding, Wellbeing, our school policies that relate to this and a reminder of our anonymous reporting form that can be used by our students.

We are gearing up for a busy final month of the term and look forward to celebrating the students' achievements in the final assemblies of the calendar year in December. In the meantime, we shall get to work on those ATD targets and enjoy the festive mood as the Christmas decorations start to appear.

Footie Star: Chloe Clements

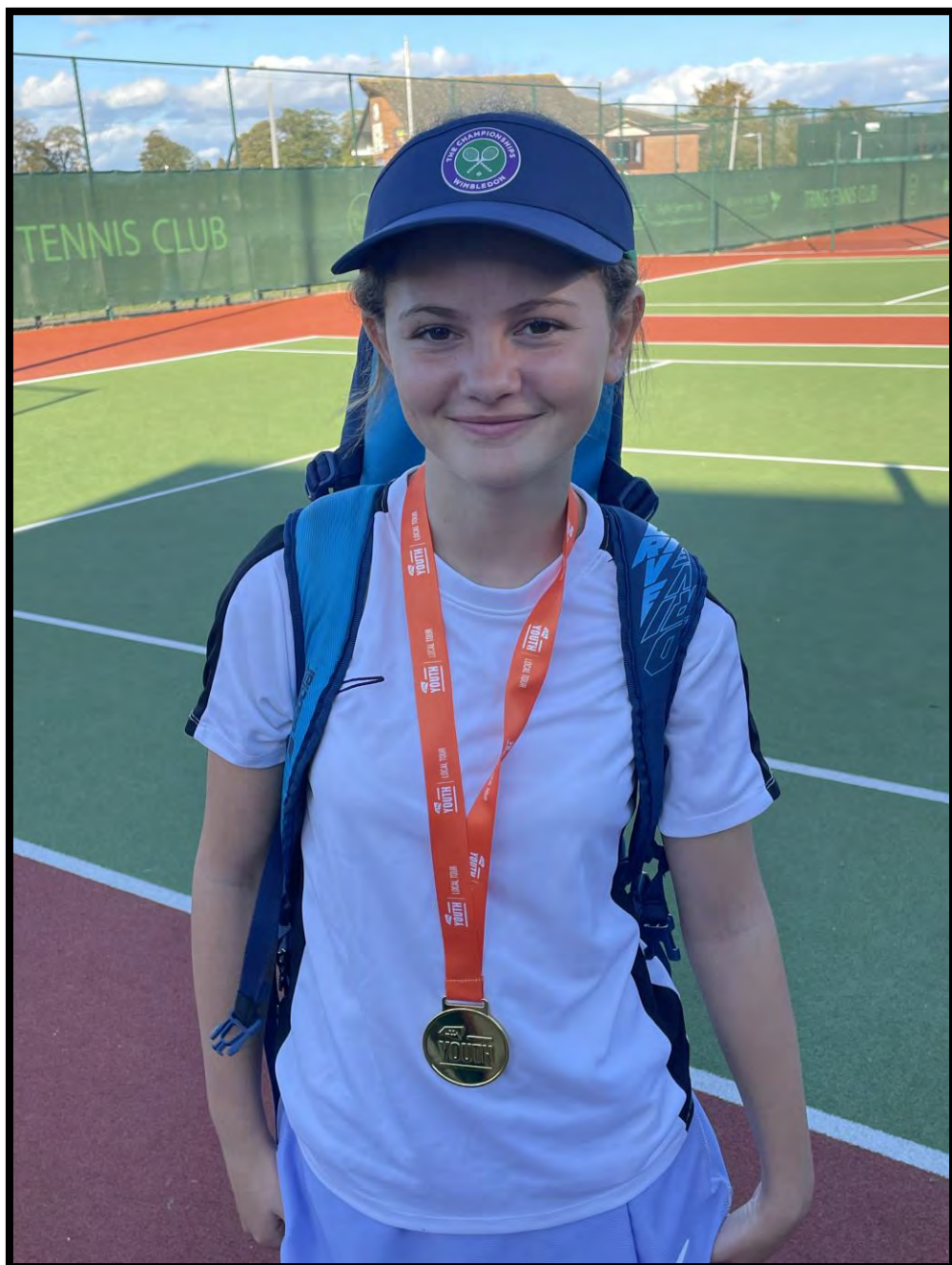


Congratulations to Chloe Clements (Y8) who scored 5 goals in a great win against Blackheath Wanderers in the Charlton's London FA Cup match on the 19 November.

Well done, Chloe.

Tennis Star: Eva Mayhew-Wilcox

Congratulations to Eva Mayhew-Wilcox's for her recent tournament wins. Eva (Y8) won a grade 5 12U at Tring Lawn Tennis Club on 22 October and then the following day she won a grade 4 12U at the Seaford and Blatchington Open.





Tennis Stars: Eva Mayhew-Wilcox & Dina Nikpour

Congratulations to Eva and Dina Nikpour. They won their match for Ham & Petersham 14U against Roehampton Club B in the Surrey National League Junior Team Trophy and are currently top of their division!



Year 10 GCSE Art: Hokusai's 'The Great Wave'

Year 10 GCSE Art students have created their own response to Hokusai's 'The Great Wave'. Their hard work has paid off with some exceptional results. Well done!







[Katsushika Hokusai](#) Japanese
ca. 1830–32
The Great Wave

Year 11: Ms Clark

A huge thank you to all of those who attended Academic Tutoring Day yesterday. I had great feedback from tutors about the positive conversations and targets that were set. This is such an important time for year 11 and feedback from subject teachers is so useful to help year 11 make progress. If you have any further questions regarding your child's report, please direct them to their tutor who would be happy to help.

A reminder that exams begin on Monday next week (27 November). Students should be well prepared, using all the revision topics in the booklet given to them and should use this time to really get into the groove with exam procedure and practice. These exams will give teachers more data to make more accurate predictions, to help with their sixth form, college and apprenticeship applications. We will have a 'Results Day' in January, to help students envision what the August results day will look like, to celebrate their hard work and for them to focus on areas that need a little work ahead of their real GCSE exams (which are approaching scarily fast!). Thank you in advance for ensuring your child is in school at 8.25am every day for their exam.

Year 11 will be overjoyed to hear that interventions have finished for the year 2023! These will resume in January, so please look out for information regarding these. A big well done to those Year 11s that have been in every day, working hard in this cold, dark weather and striving for success in their upcoming exams. I have every confidence that they will achieve great things.

Have the loveliest weekend. I hope Year 11 manage some time to relax amidst all the revision!

Food and Nutrition: Miss Campbell



Year 7 Chefs tackle Deli Salads

Year 7 are coming to the end of their first DT rotation and in the food room last Friday, they designed and developed their own deli salad, encouraging our students to create a rainbow of colours. Again a focus on nutrition, understanding a range of vitamins and minerals roles within the body and enjoying the benefits of sensory analysis, and evaluating their dish. They really have enjoyed food this term and we look forward to seeing the next group of year 7s.



Year 10: Fats and Pastry

Year 10 are back at it again, this week looking at their next macro nutrient, fats. They have been learning about the different types of fats, the effects they have on our bodies and why we actually need fat. From this they were to produce a 'pastry' dish of their choosing, sweet or savoury but challenging themselves to make a rough, flaky, puff pastry rather than opting for a shortcrust. Croissants, pies and turnovers galore in the food room this week. They did really well and continue to look at nutrition, micro nutrients next week with a focus on vitamins and minerals.





World Food Day

A final shout out to our 'World Food Day' poster winners. We were blown away by the entries and all entries will be receiving house points for their efforts.

Four students' posters really stood out, so we have decided to have some smaller prizes for effort and for how well the brief was met.

Fourth place - Gretl T (year 7)

Third place - Yahye S (year 8)

Second place - Cara B (year 7) - a wonderful entry, a very different take on the brief and it really did start a conversation within the DT faculty about the meaning and the message shown.

First place - Eliza A M (year 7) - you really met the brief of 'a world where food and freshwater is available for all' and to remind you, please see the image below:



Please see Ms Campbell on Monday, T5 at 3pm regarding prizes. Thank you and well done again!

Food club went savoury this week and made herby potato wedges, the idea, the ensure our students are aware of the importance of carbohydrates within our diet to give us energy and well they just taste wonderful too.



Next week, mini cheesecakes using the melting method.

Attendance Matters: 13 to 17 November

Congratulations to Year 7 for achieving 98.4% attendance, and to Year 7 Beech for achieving 100% attendance.

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	98.4%
Year 8	96.7%
Year 9	95.2%
Year 10	93.1%
Year 11	95.1%

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Beech	100%
8 Ash	99.4%
9 Ash	98.1%
10 Maple	96.6%
11 Willow	96.8%

Stars of the Week: Humanities and Social Sciences

Year	Name	Subject	Reason
7R	Sofia Carvalho	History	Excellent progress in the subject
8M	Spencer Hunt	History	Excellent engagement in class
9M	Liliane Eldakhakhny	History	Excellent progress in the subject
10B	Corrado D'Orsa	History	Excellent contributions
11B	Lily Croxon	History	Excellent progress in the subject
12C	Hana Saleh	History	Excellent progress in the subject
13B	Ciara Walker	History	Excellent engagement in class
7M	James Mcwilliams	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
8W	Aaron Lawrence	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
9E	James Houlding	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
10C	Sacha Crivellari	Geography	Excellent classwork
11R	Felix Marchis	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
12E	Samuel Davis	Geography	Excellent progress in the subject
13C	Ruben Mauthner	Geography	Excellent engagement in class
7M	Otis Mcshane	RS	Excellent engagement in class
8A	Ermiya Aghaei	RS	Excellent engagement in class
9O	George Mills	RS	Excellent contributions
10W	Kareem Ali	RS	Excellent engagement in class
11E	Coretta Townsend	RS	Excellent contributions
10B	Noah Cervantes	Politics	Excellent progress in the subject
11C	Leo Shaw	Politics	Excellent progress in the subject
12F	Zayn Al Bayati	Politics	Excellent engagement in class
13B	Alina Roberts	Politics	Outstanding achievement
12A	Rushpal Sohal	Philosophy	Excellent progress in the subject
13A	Zara Flack	Philosophy	Excellent contributions
10O	Maria Maso	H&SC	Excellent progress in the subject
11C	Cherie Lou	H&SC	Excellent progress in the subject
12C	Tia Latim	H&SC	Excellent progress in the subject
13C	Georgia Cornwall	H&SC	Excellent progress in the subject
12D	Hannah Broad	Sociology	Excellent engagement in class
13A	Peri Talug	Sociology	Excellent progress in the subject
12C	Adam Purser	Psychology	Excellent engagement in class
13B	Ciara Walker	Psychology	Excellent contributions
12D	Charlie Marriott	Economics	Excellent test results
13E	Deya Kudaibergenova	Economics	Excellent test results

Jack Petchey Awards: 13 November



On Monday evening, all of the Richmond and Kingston schools joined together to celebrate the amazing achievements of our students and to honour and recognise their receipt of their Jack Petchey Awards. Over 600 people attended this very prestigious event.

The award winners are shown in the photo with former Mayor Counsellor, Julia Cambridge. They were nominated by either staff or their peers to recognise their outstanding commitment to activities beyond Grey Court School. Our student winners who attended were: Elen Dutton, Ben Hislop, Maya Sills, Ciara Walker, Max O'Connell, Kanye Ellick, James Glanville, Nyle Auguste-Bailey, Oscar Ballantine and Damian Deer.

A huge well done to all of our award winners!

Ms Weston
Assistant Headteacher

PDW Programme
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No PDW Programme
ATD instead

PDW Programme
Week of 27 November

Year	Subject
Year 7	Who are the main UK political parties and what do they believe?
Year 8	What is Instagram vs reality
Year 9	How can you budget for things, borrow and save money in future?
Year 10	RS/Computing #4 Year 10 - Ethics & iDEA
Year 11	Mock exams, H&SC, PE and Computing. Remaining students will revise in tutor group.

PDW Programme



VPA News





Congratulations to Year 11 Drama Students

Last week, the GCSE Drama students completed the first part of their GCSE course! They spent the final term of year 10 and the first 9 weeks of year 11 working incredibly hard on creating their devised pieces.

We had 16 performers and one lighting designer. For this component, students were required to create an original piece of drama inspired by one stimulus from a selection. The stimuli included a selection of secrets from the PostSecret website, a series of photographs taken by Gregory Crewdson, the 'Inner Child' sculpture by Alexander Milov, and 4 pieces of music including 7 Years by Lukas Graham.

The students carried out their own research, collaborated with one another and developed their piece from stimulus to the final performances. The result being four wonderful pieces of theatre:

Letters unsent - A heart-breaking piece about the stages of grief and moving on starring Charlotte Delaney, Rosa Duncalf, Eve Shaw & Azelea Ovuike (Lighting Designer).

Roses - A thought provoking piece that compared two different romantic, but toxic relationships starring Libby Knowles, Ashpriya Baryan, Keslie Martin & Maja Hehir.

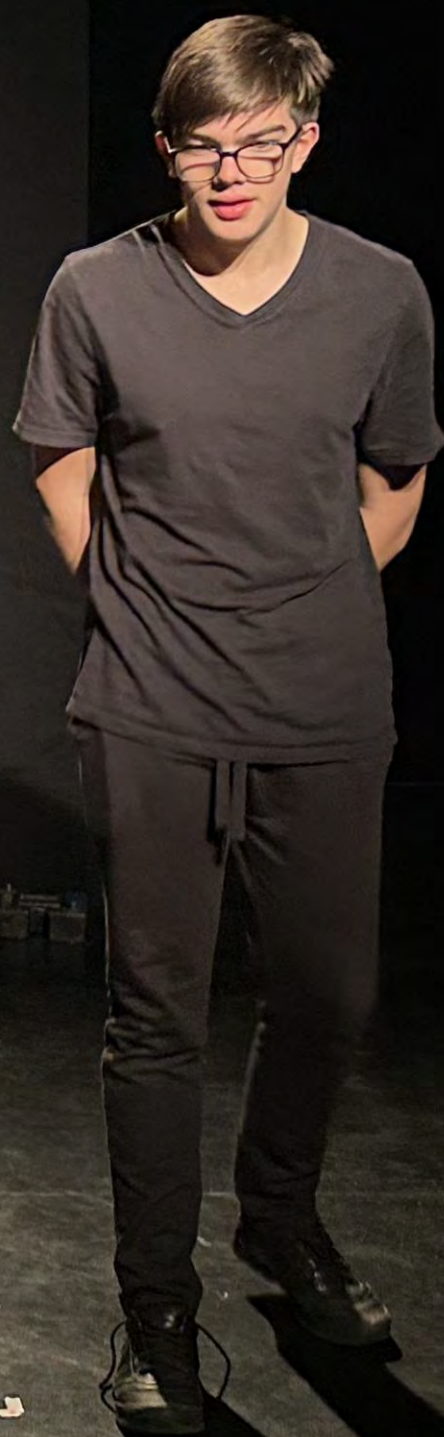
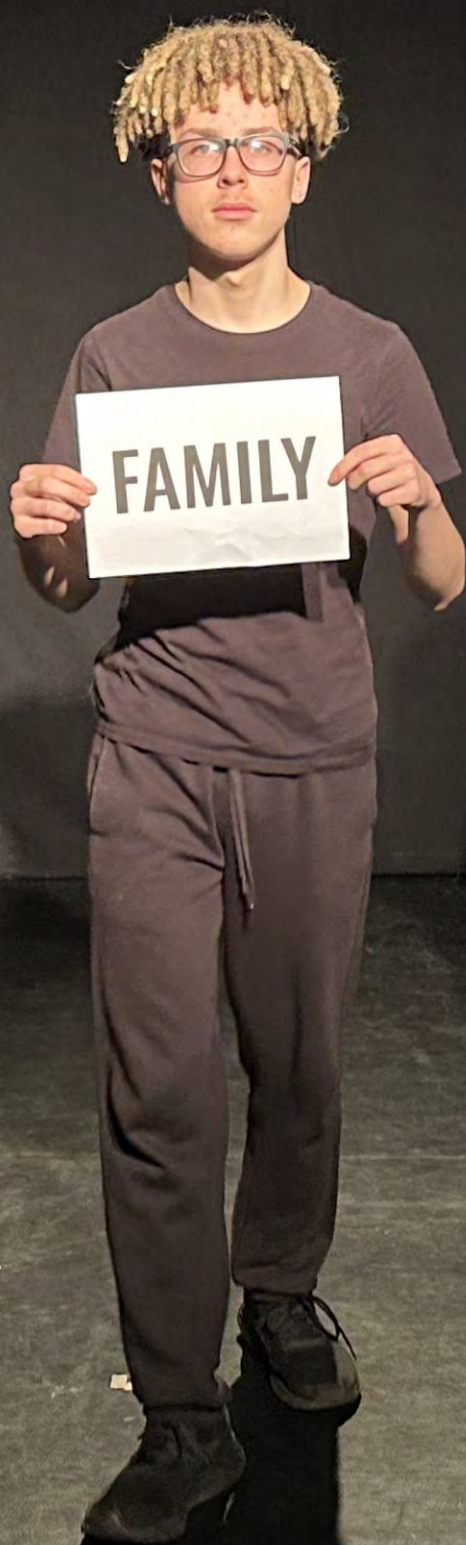
The Time that Comes After - A heart-warming and hopeful piece that explored the positive side of divorce starring Xavier Mtandabari, Joseph Woodall, Rhodri Chow & Willis Chan

All the Words I Never Said - A tragic piece that explored a young woman who suffered from childhood neglect and learns how to move past it starring Beth Bucklow, Beatriz Fernandes, Eliza Gilbey, Elise Mertens & Elsie Hobson.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all on the phenomenal performances you gave and a special mention to James Glanville in Year 10, for your continued support with all things tech related.

- Ms Burton







Rock and Pop Club

Last Friday's Rock and Pop Club band members, Teddy and Joash, recording the drum part for The White Stripe's *Seven Nation Army*. – Mr Allchurch







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ROCK AND POP CLUB

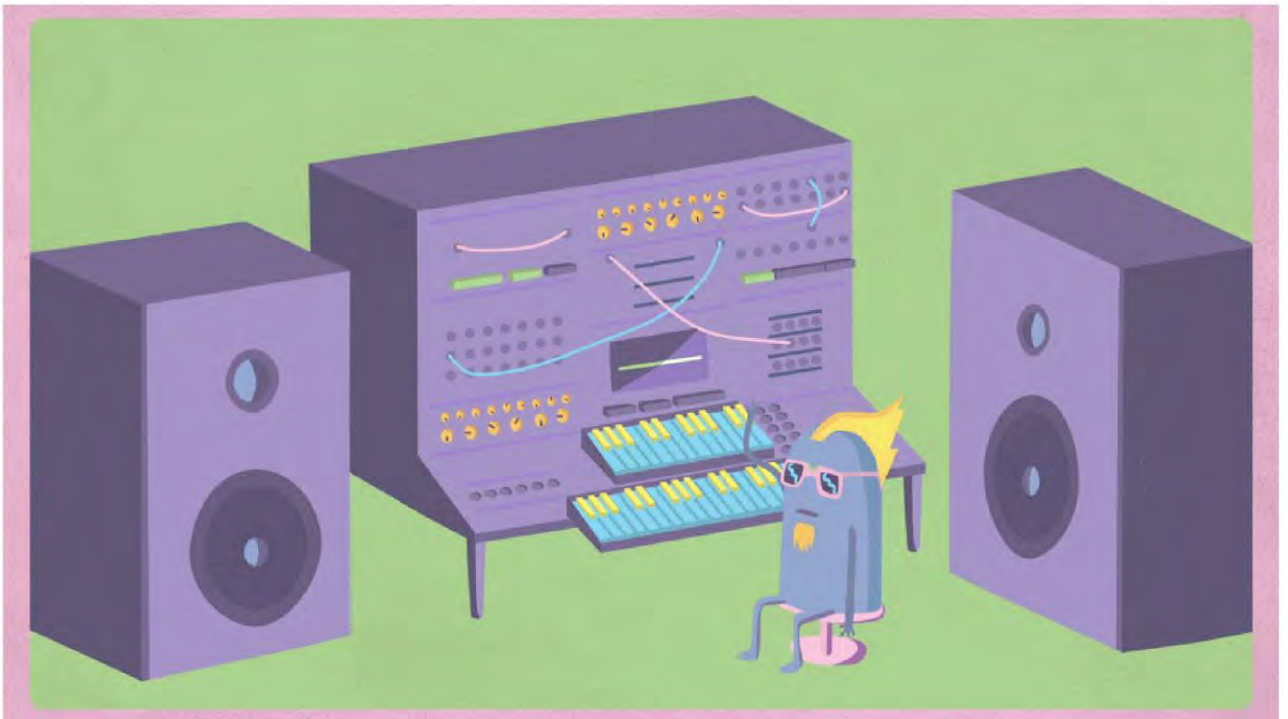
TUESDAYS
3PM-4PM
IN MUSIC



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



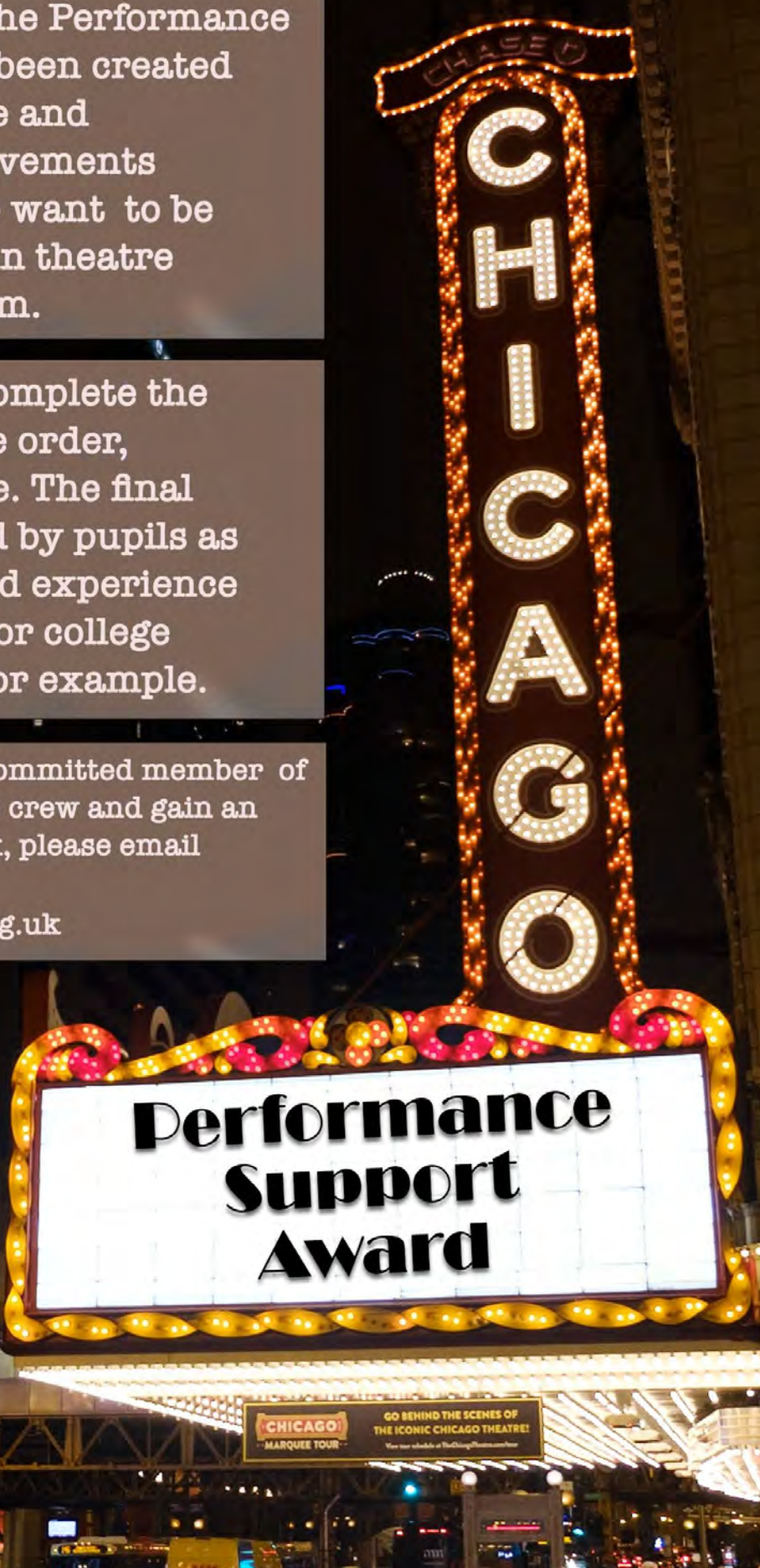
Learn to make music on a computer
with state of the art, industry
standard software. Record your own
instrument, singing or rapping,
and make your own beats.

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

A photograph of the Chicago Theatre marquee at night. The marquee is illuminated with bright lights and features the word 'CHICAGO' in large, vertical letters. Below the letters is a large sign that reads 'Performance Support Award'. The background shows the city street with cars and pedestrians.

Performance Support Award

CHICAGO
MARQUEE TOUR

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View our schedule at TheChicagoTheatre.com/tour

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Oliver!

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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

DRAWING MATTERS

2024

Grey Court

'Drawing Matters' is run by experienced practicing artists, Stuart Simler and Tahira Mandarino, 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 childrens creative development. We encourage freedom of expression alongside learning new techniques and skills.

Dates & Times:
15th Jan. - 18th March - Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm
Year Groups: 7 to 10
Cost: £92 - 8 weeks (all materials included)
(no class on 12th or 19th Feb.)

How to apply:

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

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

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

We look forward to welcoming your artist onto the course.

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

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SIXTH FORM NEWS



Year 12 pupils are now well settled into their working routines after the half term break. The academic tutoring day target setting will have hopefully provided a chance for some reflection and identified some key developmental areas to focus on.

PREFECT APPLICATIONS

We will be launching the application process for year 12 students who would like to be part of the Sixth Form Leadership Team. Students will be able to put themselves forward for Head Prefect and/or Prefect Team Leaders.

There are 4 teams - Diversity, Wellbeing, Environment and House. Mrs Moore will explain what students need to do during tutor times next week.

Year 12

Assessment Week: 27 Nov



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.

Year 13

UCAS Update

A note on predicted grades

It is important to note that the grades that are predicted for UCAS are aspirational as they have been taken from the best grades that were achieved in mock exams and that we add an additional grade per subject in order to allow for aspirational predictions and university offers that inspire and motivate. For example, if you got CCC last year then we would predict BBB; BDD would turn into ACC or BBC.

However, while our UCAS predictions are aspirational, they are not necessarily a prediction of what classroom teachers feel students will achieve and do not form part of the body of data that we take into consideration when assessing how students are doing. Therefore the predictions that came home in reports are the most accurate indicator of what teachers feel are the most likely grades to be achieved at the end of the year. These are based on mock examinations, classwork, coursework and practical work (when relevant).



UCAS stars of the week

Keegan Philips who received an offer on the same day he submitted his UCAS form (and another one the next day)

5/5 offers received for Jasper Page, Akam Khoshnaw, Rufus Spencer, Olivia Ashley

Otti Day for being invited to her first medicine interview

Oxbridge & EPQ Update

Oxbridge

Calls for interviews have started to come in and more will arrive in the next week. Interviews will often clash with the mock timetable. Students have been reassured that the exam schedule will be adjusted to fit round their interviews. Details of interview dates will be shared with the exams office so that papers can be rescheduled on a student by student basis to allow them to prepare for both effectively. Students need to act on feedback they received from the private tutor and follow up the additional links for interview prep that have been provided. Further interview support can be arranged as and when interviews are confirmed by the university.



EPQ

Students should continue with their draft this week. Once their exams have been completed they should then turn their focus to getting a full draft completed ready to hand in to their supervisor at the beginning of January.

Careers Update

Year 12 Students 'Friends and Founders Event'

Date: Thursday 7 December

Time: 6:15-8pm

Arrival from 6:15pm and dress to impress!

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. They are expected to bring their CV that they have been working on over the last couple of weeks.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Corrighan (Careers) bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk

Weekly Opportunities Bulletin

[23/11/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities](#)

Please see the **weekly opportunities bulletin** to help you develop your skills and experience through **work experience** or **university tasters** and find out about all the latest **apprenticeship** vacancies

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Sports News

Highgate School Invitational Netball Tournament

U13 Captains Erin & Chloe have written a match report for their team

This week the U12, U13, U14 & U15 netball squads took part in the Highgate School Invitational Netball Tournaments at Highgate school.

The U12s finished in 5th place out of 7 schools, all independent schools that play a lot more netball than us. This is a great result for our girls who were missing a couple of players due to injury and a cross country event on the same day and still played brilliant netball.

U13 Captains Erin & Chloe have written a match report for their team:

On Tuesday 21st, the U13 Netball A Team participated in an invite-only tournament at Highgate. We started off strongly, winning our first match 4-0 against NLCS 2, congratulations to Chloe Clements for receiving MVP in that match. We then faced our toughest opposition of the tournament, Highgate 1, and sadly lost 8-1. Erin Stoller was awarded MVP in that game. After that were 3 consecutive wins against Dame Alice (5-2), Kew House (5-0) and Highgate 2 (3-0). Congratulations to Dina Nikpour, Alys McHardy and Isla Kirkwood for receiving MVP in those matches. Unfortunately, we lost our final match against NLCS 1. It was an extremely close match (4-2), and Evelyn Archer was awarded MVP. The team is very pleased with the result - 3rd overall.

The U14s & U15s went to Highgate on Thursday and will be reporting in next week's eBulletin.

Highgate School Invitational Netball Tournament

U13 netball



U12 netball



Snapshots of the sports action

U15c football



Friday 17 November: massive win for our U15c team trailing from behind twice!, and securing the 3-2 win on the minute of play. Big well done, boys

U14c football



Friday 17 November: excellent 5-1 victory for the U14c team. Robert C with a 30yd screamer being the pick of our goals

U15a football



Thursday 16 November: two brilliant performances from the U15A and B teams in their wins against Harrodian. A team goals from Dorey (4), Tong (2) and Boulton. B team goals from Ellis (2), Webster, Pidduck, Leguel, Van Dyk and Louvre

U15b football



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*



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.

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Zohab is a poet, motivational speaker and educator. He was crowned National Poetry Slam Champion of Australia in 2014 and was runner up that same year in the International Poetry Slam in Madrid. He co-founded the Pakistan Poetry Slam in 2015. He has conducted thousands of poetry workshops globally as well as performing his poetry at some of the world's leading writers' festivals. Bring your poetry along to take part in the open mic, with Zohab acting as our encouraging MC. Poems on the theme of the environment, or simply give your response to the film. Time limit per speaker: 2 mins.

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