Grey Court School

eBulletin

1 December 2023

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GREY COURT SCHOOL

Cover photo: Our Year 8 girls rowing, Thames River (Friday 24 November 2023)

23-24 Term Dates

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Breakfast Menu

Weekly Menu

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The Uniform Shop

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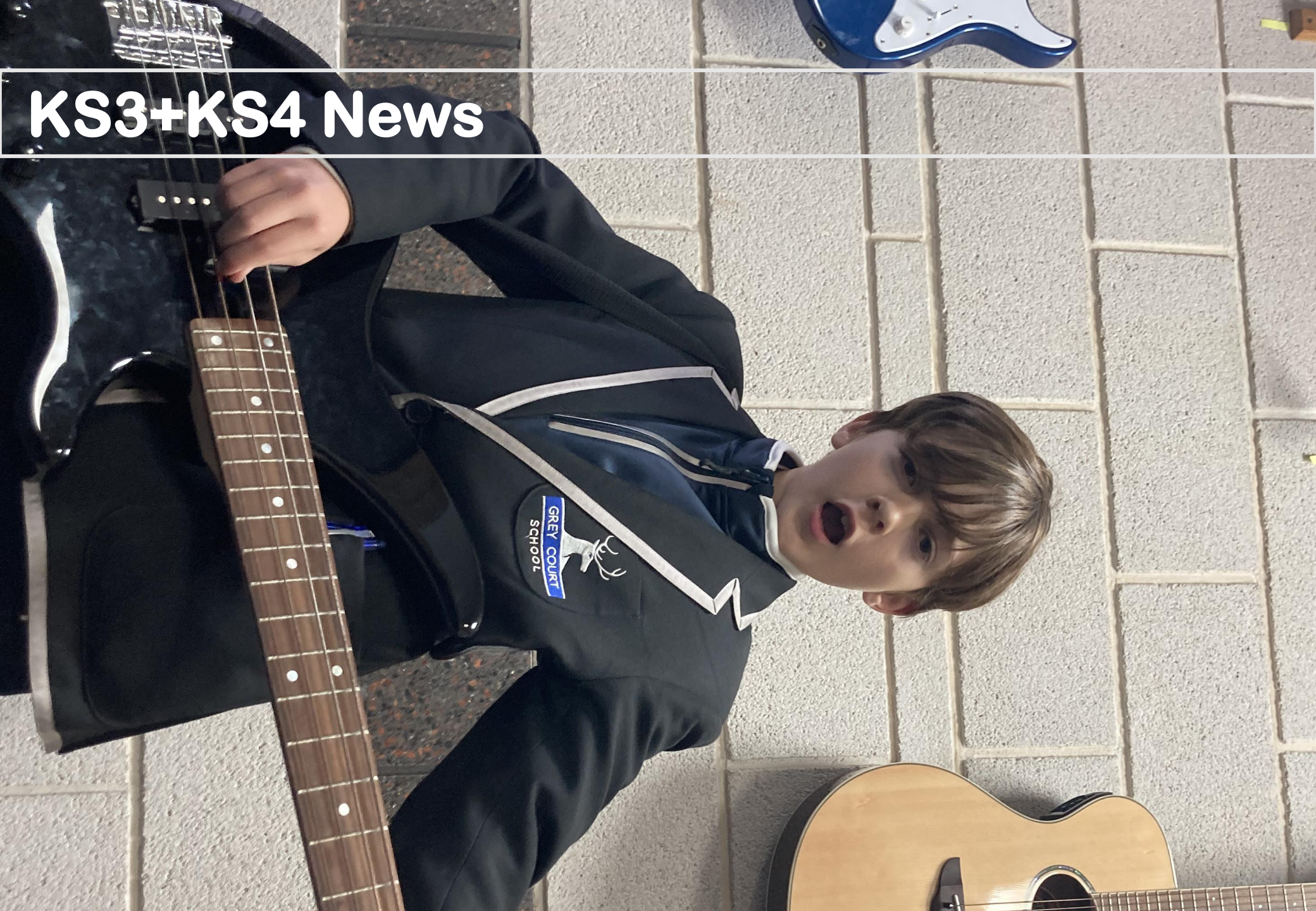
#KeepInTouch

KS3+KS4 News

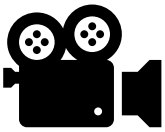


Year 7: Mr Day

This Friday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Ben Skelton and his team at the Ham Youth Centre.

The Youth Centre has a wide range of fantastic activities on offer for students after school and on weekend, or during the holidays.

Please see their new video which outlines some of the opportunities on offer and encourage any students who are interested to get involved.



This week's assembly was led by Deputy Head, Mr Clements, and focussed on the topic of the school and the wider community.

We are proud that Grey Court is a central part of the local community in Ham, and as a result students should remember that they are representing the school as soon as they leave their house in the morning until they return home at the end of the day.

Mr Clements spoke about some small things that go a long way to maintaining the school's reputation I the local community: saying thank you to bus drivers, allowing members of the public to get on buses first or giving up seats for them, ensuring all litter goes in the bin and making sure we are mindful of others when cycling. We are delighted to regularly hear of positive reports of the conduct of our students in the local community and hope to see this continue.

Stars of the Week: Year 7

A	Evander B	For having an excellent attitude in his subjects and for always showing exemplary behaviour throughout all his subjects.
B	Jeevan M	For responding well to feedback given in ATD. Jeevan's behaviour has greatly improved since the meeting and he is arriving on time to form every day. Well done!
C	Isla R	For being a kind and caring member of the form
E	Demid G	For settling in so well at Grey Court and trying his best in all lessons
M	Karl P	For always making great contributions in form and PDW - well done!
O	Yasmine R	For making such a strong start on Target 1 set in ATD. Her confident, thoughtful and intelligent contributions to our lessons are appreciated by us all, keep this up!!
R	Sophia C	For making thoughtful and valuable contributions to PDW
W	Aybars Y	For settling in so well at Grey Court and trying his best in all lessons

Year 10: Space Masterclass

Last Friday, fifty of our year 10 students had an incredible opportunity to engage in a Space Masterclass run by the National Space Academy.

The session was nothing short of astonishing! Our students thoroughly enjoyed investigating various aspects of space exploration, particularly focusing on potential careers in this field. They gained valuable insights into how to pursue a career in the space industry, understanding why it's such an appealing sector to work in. Please find attached some photos of the session.

The topics covered were:

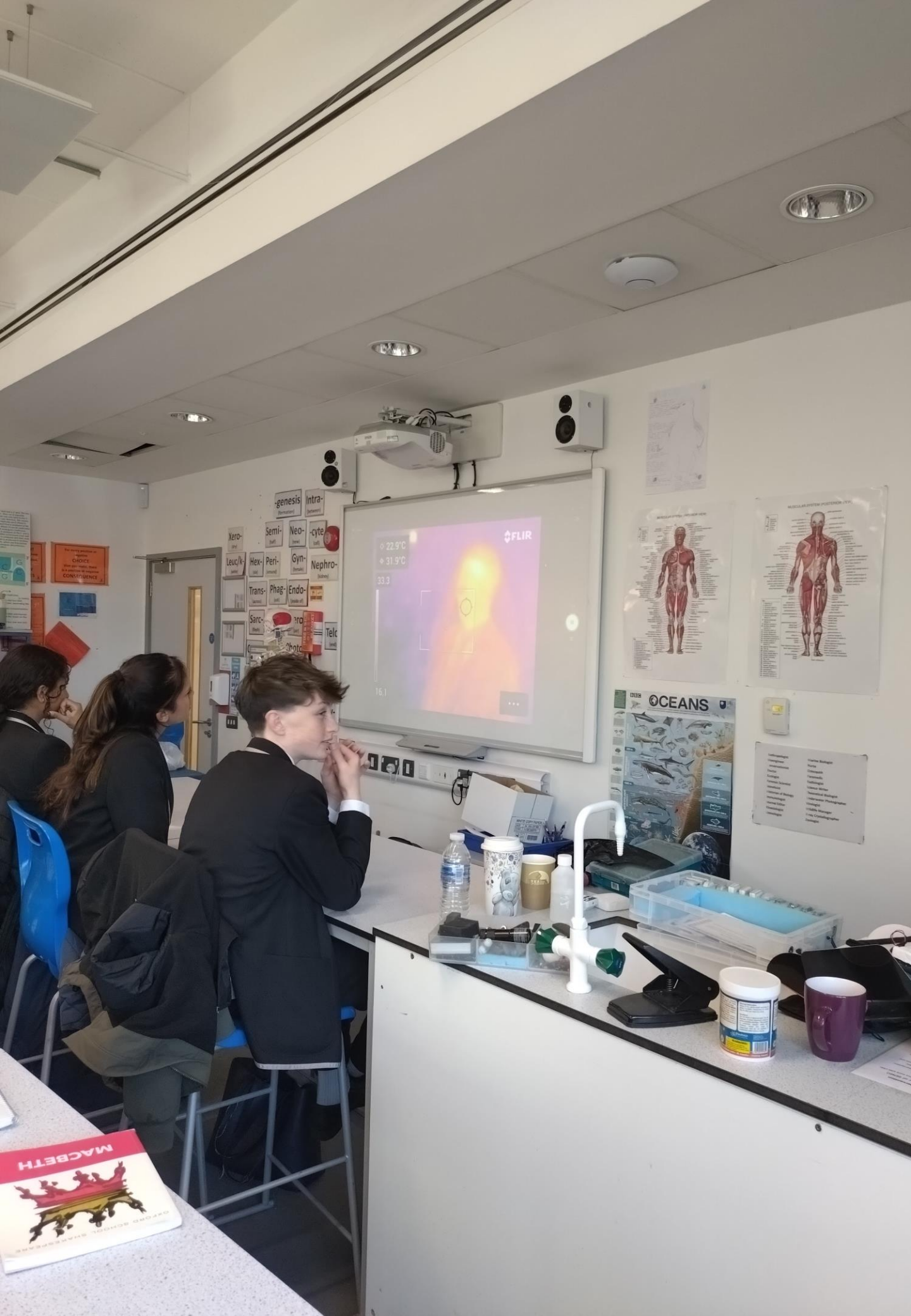
1. Astronaut Life
Exploring the science behind astronauts' journeys to space, their living experiences, and the complexities involved in extravehicular activities outside the station.

2. The Universe
Understanding how telescopes and probes aid our comprehension of the vastness of the cosmos. The discussion also delved into the gravitational forces governing planetary orbits around stars.

Moreover, the students actively participated in a hands-on activity where they made and launched their own rockets powered solely by oxygen and hydrogen.

- Dr Najlaa Alaian

Biology
Enrichment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OCEANS
MACBETH

Year 10 and 11: Meet the Doctors

We were honoured to welcome professionals from a range of medical pursuits into Grey Court on 16 November, for our very first 'Meet the Doctors' event. The evening included talks from students currently at medical school, junior doctors, a military doctor, an anatomy demonstrator (and also ex-student), a dentist, clinician and GP partner. Their talks covered everything from advice to help the application process, life at medical school, the day-to-day responsibilities, to the wide range of different specialities within medicine and their personal experiences of both the highlights and lowlights. Students in year 10 and 11 who attended benefitted from hearing these first-hand stories, as well as the interactive Q&A where they had their many questions answered, and learnt about the privilege of being in the profession. The evening was a great success and we aim to hold this event bi-annually to continue to inspire the upcoming years into the world of medicine.

- **Miss Bapty**

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- Patient int
- Rewarding
Cons
- Everyone
- Stressful

ROMAN
Veni Vidi Vici
EXIT ONLY

Dr Sophie Benson
Not a Doctor yet!
Currently a second year medical student at the University of Nottingham
So far, the most exciting parts of my degree are hospital visits, GP visits, and cadaveric dissection
SPARTAN
Recycling area
RECYCLE
FOOD WASTE

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Year 11: Ms Clark

Mock Exams

A big thank you to Year 11 who got off to a great start with their Mock Exams. I was so pleased with the ease and maturity that Year 11 embraced the new mobile phone procedure and I have seen calm revision sessions between exams and an overall positive attitude towards how they felt exams have gone. I hope this continues for the rest of their exams and that their hard work is paid off with an excellent set of results in January. Remember, once students receive their exam results, there will be a Parent's Evening where you can discuss progress with your child's subject teachers.

No School: 4 December

A reminder of the INSET day and **no school on Monday** - an opportunity for Year 11 to recharge, relax and get back to revision for the last push. We then begin to look forward to the end of (a very long and challenging!|) term and our Celebration Assembly - a real time for our Year 11 superstars to be applauded for their hard work and dedication. Have a wonderful weekend and wrap up warm!

Acts of Kindness

Mr Clements

Last week I received the following email from Ms Higham commending the kindness of sixth formers, Reuben Mauthner and Evan King:

"Thank you so much for being such exemplary citizens last week when you helped a local Senior citizen after they fell. They had called the school to try and work out who you both were so that we could pass on their thanks to you because they were incredibly grateful."

I hope this will come as no surprise to parents but we receive many calls, letters and emails from members of the public commending the conduct of students. Over the past year students have been praised for their volunteering, fundraising, rescuing of local dogs, politeness on buses, first aid skills and honesty. The celebration of these numerous acts of kindness has been the theme of the assemblies I have delivered to all years over the past week.

In these presentations I have emphasised how the principles of kindness, politeness and charity are embedded in a range of religious teachings that include Islam, Christianity and Buddhism. For the secular I have referenced how acts of charity and kindness induce the generation of more oxytocin, a chemical that raises the mood and consequently individual self-esteem.

I also used the occasion of having the ears of 265 students a day to promote the cult of "Lightning McQueen" whereby the protagonist from Pixar's "Cars" series" evolves into a less selfish racing car when he engages in teamwork in the town of Radiator Springs. Indeed, such is my admiration for the family themed franchise that I have advised all students to watch *Cars 1, 2 and 3* as well as *Planes1 and 2* as a loose pentalogy. I hope they take my advice!

However, for every Lightning McQueen there is a Chick Hicks (the villain in "Cars" for the uninitiated) and, it is sad, to say that members of the public do write in with complaints regarding Grey Court students. Although the complaints post sack is relatively light compared to the compliments sack, these issues raised are real, relevant and resolvable if like the Radiator Springs community our efforts are collective. The three most common complaints are - in no particular order: Language use, dangerous cycling and conduct on buses.

My assembly therefore presented the students with some simple solutions which I have every faith they will adopt. These were as follows: cycle with a helmet on your head rather than dangling from your handlebars, say "please" and "thank you" to members of the public when you engage with them, offer you seat to Ham's citizens when travelling by public transport, participate in an activity that will make a positive contribution to your community and finally: smile!

I concluded my assembly with a photo of my grumpy self with Ms Shaw's dog, Teddy. I inquired about the mutt's well-being in a polite manner, offered to lend it my cycle helmet and joined the queue to walk Teddy around the school grounds at lunch. The results were immediate - it might be quite hard to discern - but my mouth appears to be upturned in a smile.

Attendance Matters: 20 to 24 November

Year Group 8

Congratulations to Year 8 for achieving 96.5% attendance

Year Group	Attendance %
Year 7	**96.3%**
Year 8	**96.5%**
Year 9	**94.0%**
Year 10	**94.5%**
Year 11	**94.5%**

Tutor Group 8C

Congratulations to 8 Cedar for achieving 100% attendance

Tutor Group	Attendance %
7 Cedar	**98.1%**
8 Cedar	**100%**
9 Willow	**95.6%**
10 Maple	**96.1%**
11 Willow	**100%**

Stars of the Week: English and AR

Year	Student	Subject	Comment
7E	Oli Dorey	English Language	Excellent contributions
10W	Addison Elliott	English Language	Excellent engagement in class
11W	Taylor Rumney	English Language	Excellent engagement in class
8B	Leo Cushing	English Literature	Excellent contributions
9B	Josh Greyling	English Literature	Excellent contributions
12A	Vittoria Bello-Borges	English Literature	Excellent achievement in exam answers and engagement with wider reading.
13A	Peri Talug	English Literature	Excellent coursework and development of exam writing
13C	Adam Nagy	EPQ	Excellent research and planning skills for his architectural artefact
7A	Nina Fowlie	Accelerated Reader	Excellent progress in the subject
8O	Riley Blackwood	Accelerated Reader	Excellent engagement in class

VPA News

Photo: Stage crew prepping the sound effects and music for this year's panto.

Rock and Pop Club Update: Mr Allchurch

I'm running out of Christmas themed puns and titles now, you'll be pleased to know... Plus, I don't want to ruin the surprise of what the Year 7 band Radioactive (who stole the show at G-Fest this year with their performance of Nirvana's *Smells Like Teen Spirit*) have been preparing for the Christmas concert, so you'll have to make do with the photos. As we have more students (and as a result bands) attending Rock and Pop Club this year than we have practise rooms to accommodate them all, I have had to run a second club on Fridays and this time I finally remembered to get some photos.

Lucan Ray (Year 10), who was the drummer in the winning act of the MOGOs two year's ago, came along on Monday this week to support the bands in preparation for the upcoming concert in a Simon Cowell kind of role (or is he more of a Louis Walsh?). He can't have been too harsh a critic, as one band member asked me if Lucan would be returning to help again, because (and I quote) "he is so cool!". It is great to see club member 'graduates' supporting and inspiring our new members, so I am hoping he will be back next week (as is someone else quite clearly).

Radioactive - Arian Sood, Rory Moore and Daniel Hawkins

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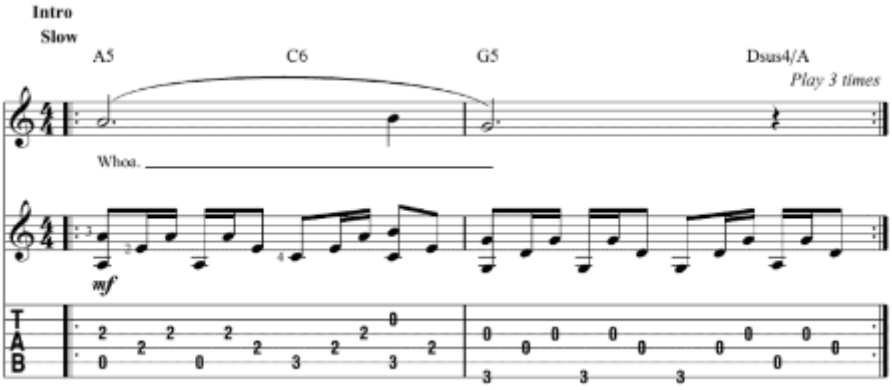
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Play 3 times
Whoa.
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TAB

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!

Liam Buckle
GREY COURT
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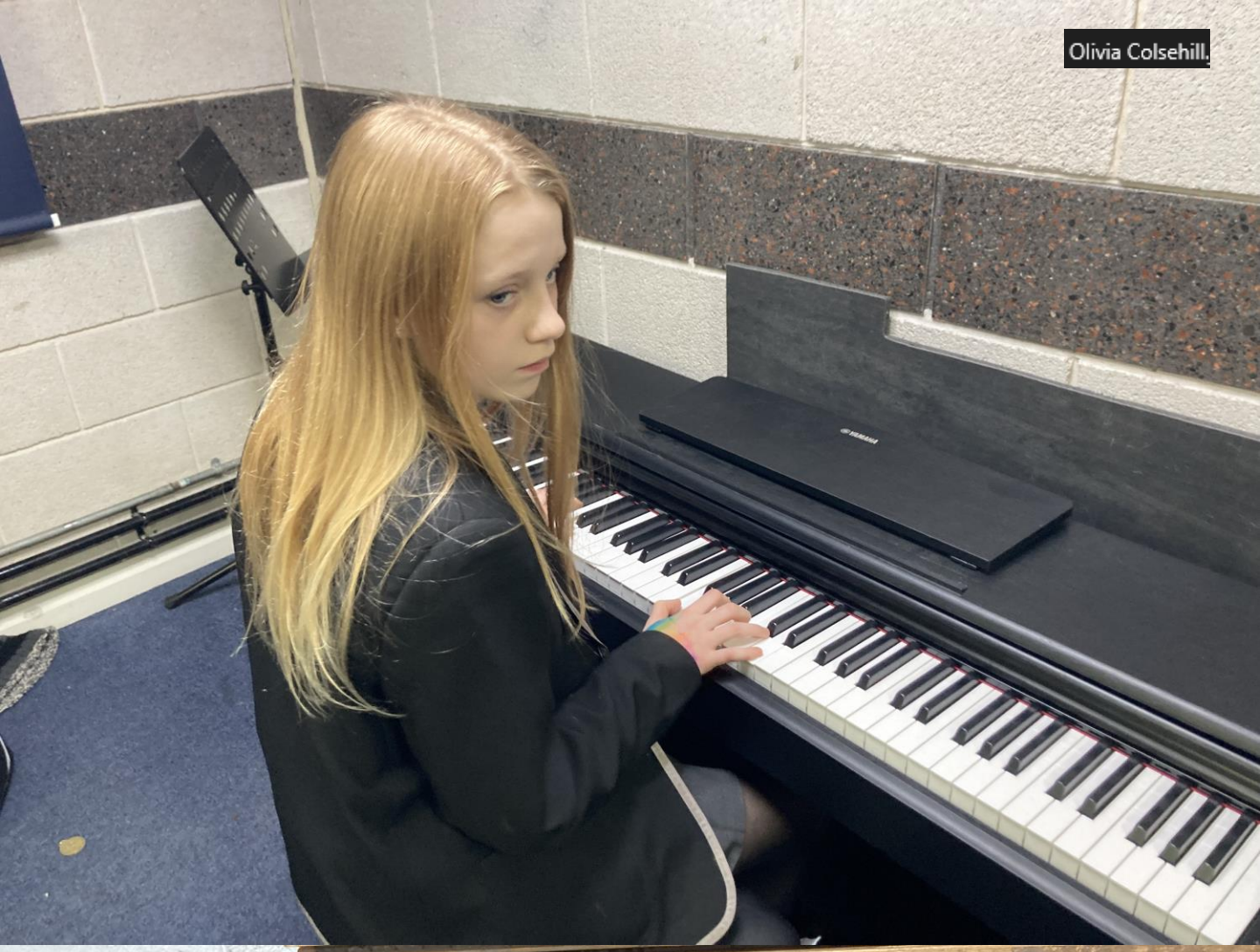
Lucan _Simon Cowell_ Ray and Zach Sansbury.

Olivia Coleshill, Liam Buckle, Nilay Gazimsade and Dhanee Hazlee.



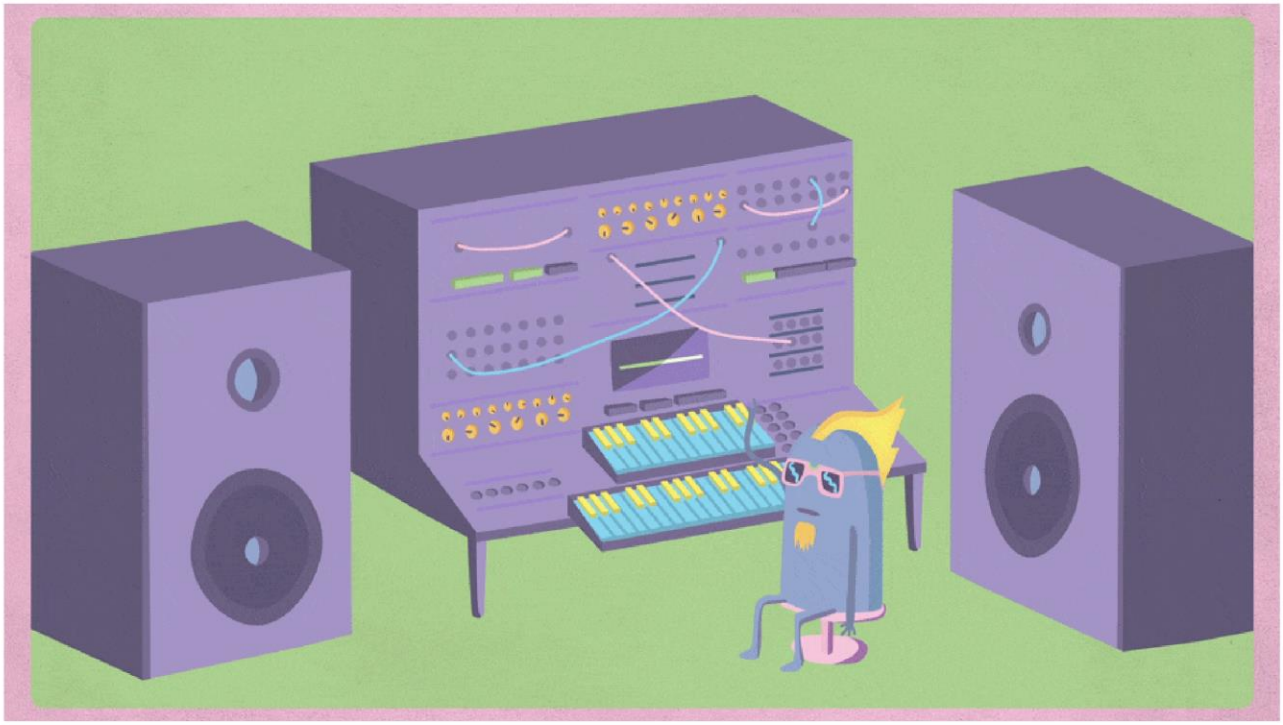
Olivia Colsehill.

Dhanee Hazlee.

Zach Sansbury

Music Tech Club

Wednesdays
3pm-4pm
in PC1

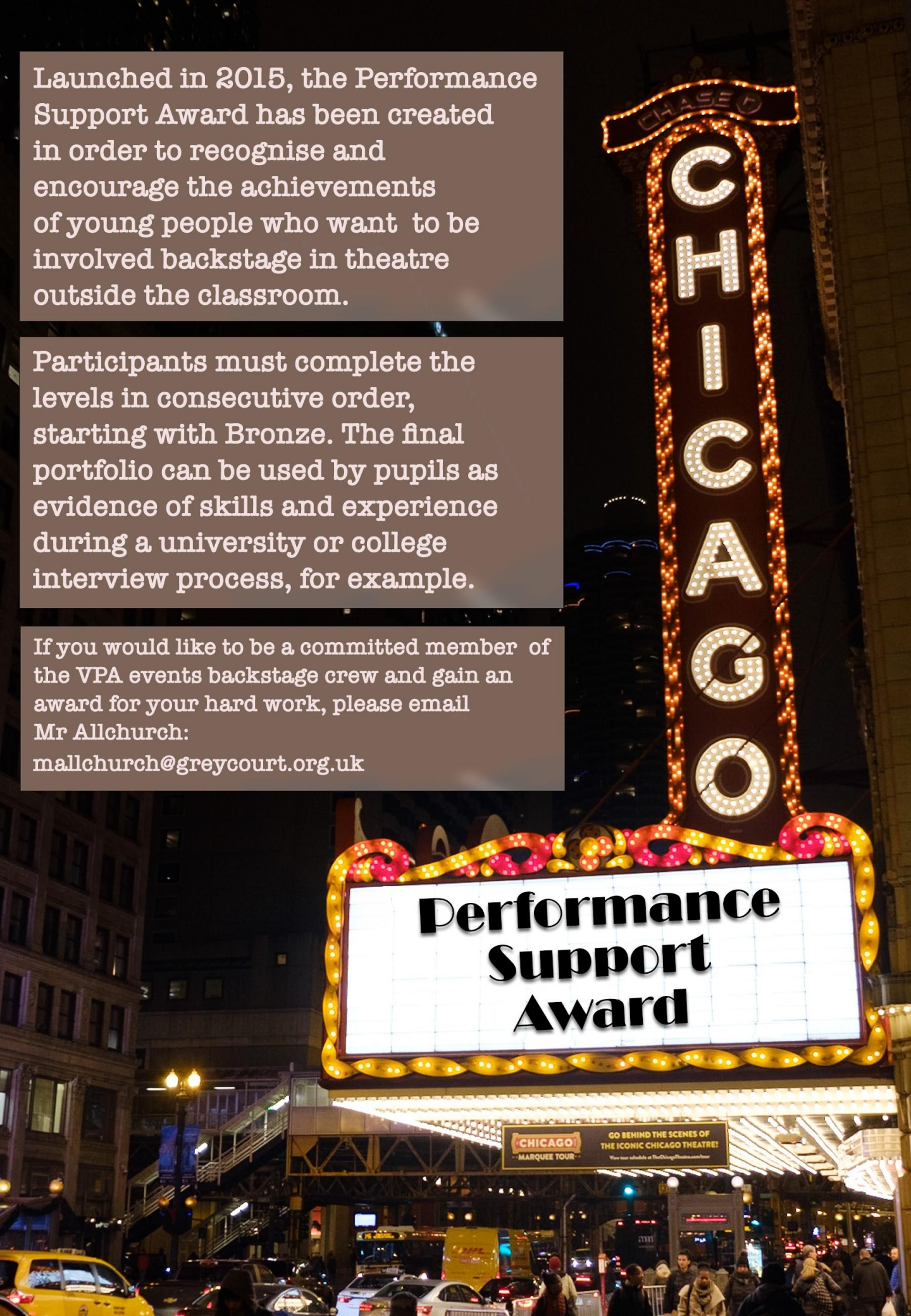


Learn to make music on a computer with state of the art, industry standard software. Record your own instrument, singing or rapping, and make your own beats.

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.

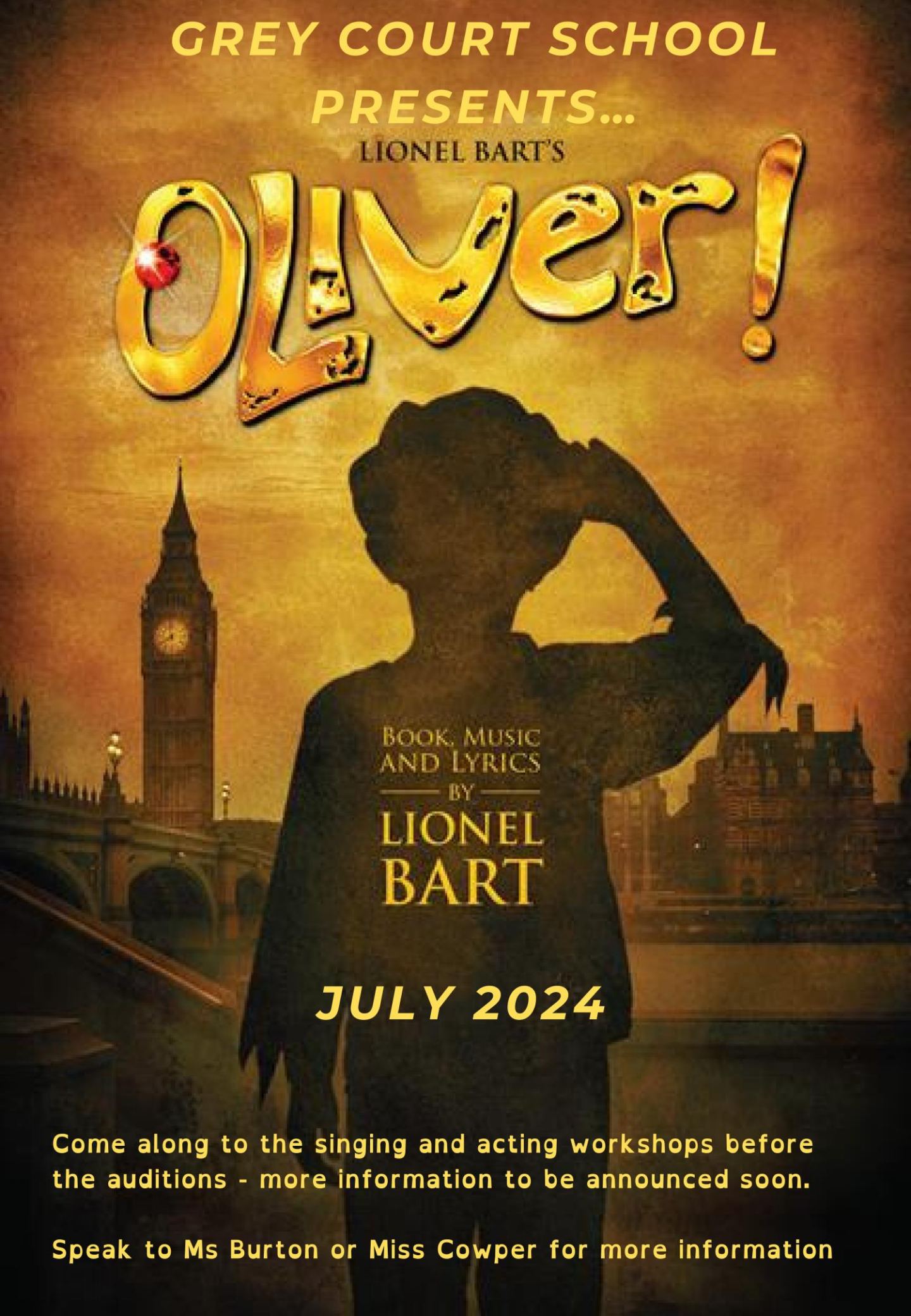
If you would like to be a committed member of the VPA events backstage crew and gain an award for your hard work, please email Mr Allchurch:
mallchurch@greycourt.org.uk



GREY COURT SCHOOL PRESENTS...

LIONEL BART'S

Oliver!



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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LONDON

Food and Nutrition: Miss Campbell

Future Chef Local Heats

It was heating up at Hammersmith & Fulham College for the future chef local heats. Previously our year 10 cohort took part in some healthy competition within school to secure a place in the local final on Friday.

Whilst all students produced wonderful dishes two really stood out. These two students represented Grey Court on Friday in the cook off again two other schools.

Although they, unfortunately, didn't get through to the next round, the plates they produced in an hour was impressive.

We also had the executive chef of a very expensive hotel-chain in Park Lane comment on how far these students could go, seeing them partaking in the likes of MasterChef. Wonderful to hear!

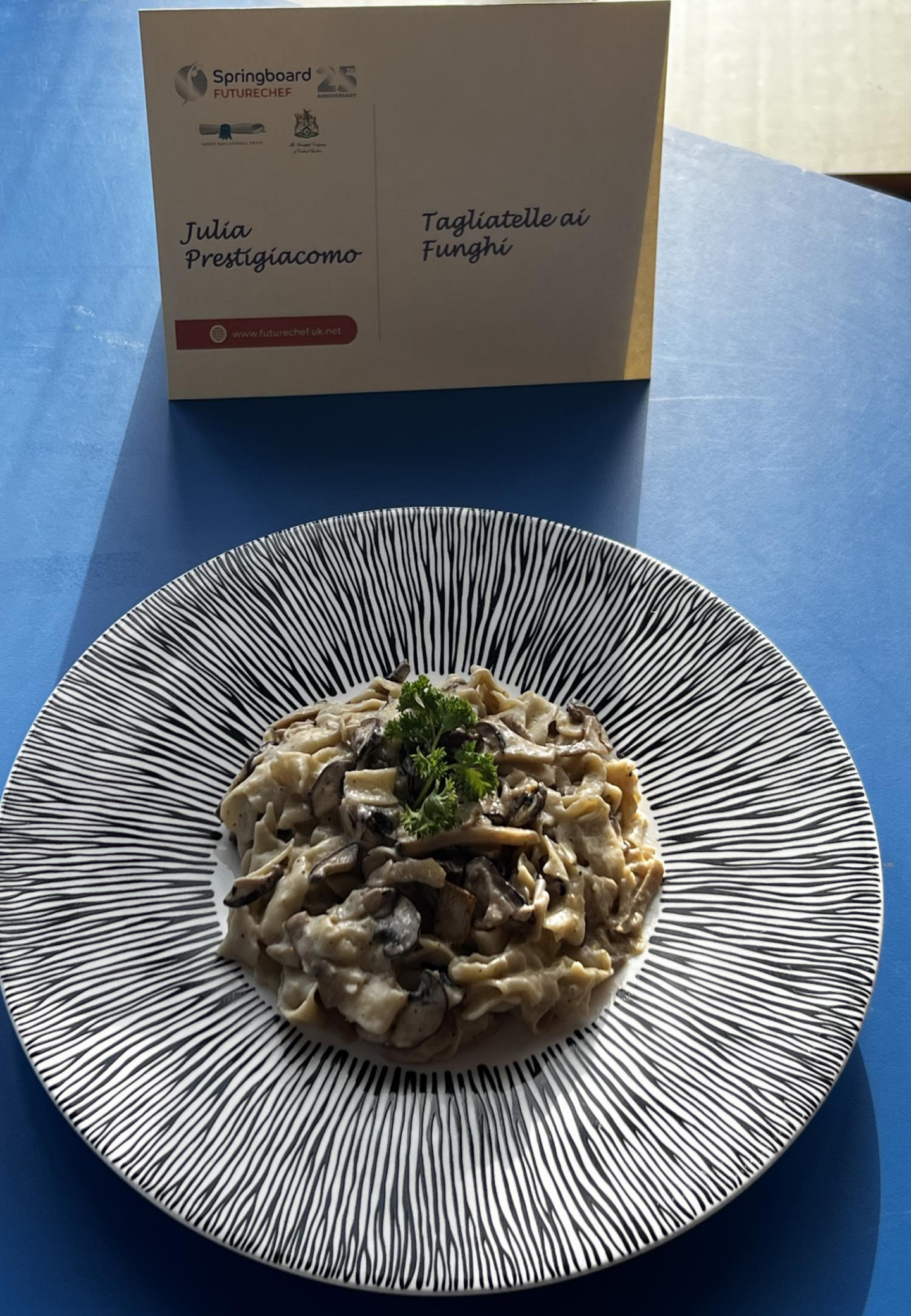
Well done, Julia & Matteo.

Springboard FUTURECHEF 25th ANNIVERSARY

Matteo Selini

Risotto with prawns and courgette

www.futurechef.uk.net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25th ANNIVERSARY
Julia Prestigiacomo
Tagliatelle ai Funghi
www.futurechef.uk.net

Kingston Rotary Young Chef Competition

The annual young chef competition run by Kingston rotary has begun. With this and future chef almost running at a similar time, students were selected from our year 10 cohort to go forward to the local final for this wonderful event at Chessington School. Four students represented Grey Court on Wednesday and again produced two wonderful dishes in this heated competition.

In Grey Court fashion, we are competitive and Maximilian won the local final, he will be going ahead to represent Grey Court in the final in February. We wish him the best of luck, and congratulations to Yasmin, Stanley and Aaron.

KS4 Cooks

This week our year 10 students were to make dishes suitable for teenagers, showing an understanding of their recently students in nutrition.

Whilst it did give students more freedom this week, each student could explain why their dish was suitable and identify a range of nutrients and their function within the body.

Well done year 10.

Food Club

Who doesn't love a good cheesecake. This week our food club produced a range of delicious cheesecakes using the melting method. The students were all very excited and had their own small cheesecake to take home, if they made it home that is. Most were eating before it had even set. Our final food club will run in a weeks time, 11th December and return in the new year.

Final cook will be Christmas-related. Gingerbread.

Stay tuned for photos.

Food and Nutritionist
Non-Fiction
Fiction
KS3 – Years 7, 8 and 9
Charlie
Fire door keep shut

The COOK'S COMPANION
Easy Peasy
VEGANOMICON
SPAIN
OPEN RHODES AROUND BRITAIN
the ten-minute cookbook
AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition
GREAT BRITAIN
COLOUR CODED CUTTING BOARDS
RAW MEAT
RAW FISH
COOKED MEAT
SALAD & FRUIT
VEGETABLES
BAKERY & DAIRY

SPEAK LIKE A...
Food Nutritionist
THINKING HARD QUESTIONS

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 13

Year 13 Mock Exam Protocols

Year 13s have started their trial exam period in an exemplary fashion, with all students arriving on time and with a positive attitude. Many students have chosen to come into school to revise quietly, or in small groups, which is really lovely to see. Good luck with the rest of them!

Please check the seating plans displayed on the magnetic boards in the reception area. You must be wearing your sixth form lanyard as ID to be allowed to enter an exam room. **You must wear your lanyard for the duration of an exam so invigilators can identify you.**

Before an exam you must wait in the sixth form library area. You will be asked to leave your bags in a sixth form room. This is to ensure that any mobile phones are not taken into the exam room. If you have a mobile phone in an exam room it can lead to disqualification of your paper. Please wait until you are told to walk over to the main school gym or CS1 and Ms McNicol will take you to your exam room. As soon as you enter the room you are under exam conditions and so must remain silent.

Good luck, everybody!

Seen here acting in a play at The Rose Theatre, Clara Bing has recently appeared as backing vocals on a new jazz album released to critical acclaim.

“the delayed arrival of Galapagos is worth the wait ….there's goodies for jazz ears to savour. Hitch up your slacks, slip on the shades and chill.” Andy Robson, Jazzwise.

Zoophyte
Galapagos

Howlin' Werewolf/Bandcamp (CD, DL)

★★★

Peter Jones (v), Graeme Flowers (t), Vasilis Xenopolous (ts, fl), Tim Smart (tb), Ross Stanley (Hammond org, Fender Rhodes, p), Rob Luft (g), Dave Jones (b), Sophie Alloway (d), Will Fry (perc) and Clara Bing (v).
Rec. October 2022

Another victim of Covid lockdowns, the delayed arrival of *Galapagos* is worth the wait if you're a fan of Steely Dan-styled jazz-pop. The follow up to *Signs of Life*, *Zoophyte* is a vehicle for the song writing talents of Peter Jones and Trevor Lever, who, like evident influences Becker and Fagen, have recruited the cream of sessioneers to enrich their songs.

Flowers, of the London Horns, is stellar as ever, pepping up the Rhodes driven groove of 'Edwin's Mood' or all moody on the noir vibe of 'Wait Until Dark'. It's a coup that Jones and Lever have sashayed in Rob Luft and his post-bossa acoustic work on 'Open Book' and 'Let's Get Out of the City' sets the perfect vibe for these Bacharach-like wind in the hair anthems. All we're missing is a red, open top MG. Jones' oh-so-cool, polo-necked vox, as unflustered as a stirred Martini, soothes throughout, with its intimations of Manhattan Transfer's sophisticated pop with Weather Report.

Galapagos can err toward a loungecore lugubriousness, but as five of the 11 tracks are instrumentals with space a-plenty for the likes of Ross and Smart, there's goodies for jazz ears to savour. Hitch up your slacks, slip on the shades and chill. **Andy Robson**

Year 12

Prefect Team

Applications for the next Prefect Team are now open! Students can apply for Head Prefect roles, or for a position in charge of one of the following areas: Wellbeing, House System, Diversity, Environment. The deadline for applications is Friday 8 December.

Prefect Team application process

Friends and Founders Event

All Year 12 students are expected to attend

Thursday 7 December
6.15-8pm - dress to impress!

Students should meet in the main school hall at 6.15pm and the networking event runs from 6.30-8pm. ALL students are expected to attend the evening in school and meet with people from a range of different career backgrounds.

We advise students to dress smartly as they would for an interview, and to bring a copy of their CV that they have produced over the last couple of weeks.

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

Stars of the Week

We received a lovely phone call from a gentleman called David Jones who wanted to pass on his thanks to Ruben Mauthner and Evan King who helped him up after he had a fall and called an ambulance for him.

He is now joining us for the Senior Citizen's Christmas party on the 15 December so a lovely outcome all round.

UCAS Update

We are still waiting for quite a few students to submit their forms.

Remember that even if you are doing your mocks, you should still submit your form by going through the ‘pay and send’ step. This means that the form comes to us to add your reference and predictions. We then send it to UCAS, once we have confirmed everything with you.

UCAS Stars of the Week

Twenty-three Year 13s have now hear from all of their five university choices, including:

Kin-Wah Leung
Henry Gibbons
Evan King
Ruben Mauthner
Eduardo Rankoski da Silva
Flo Canty
Alina Roberts

Oxbridge and EPQ Update

Oxbridge

We are almost at the end of the process for year 13. At the time of writing, we have eleven students through to interview and they are in the final stages of preparation for interviews which are happening in the next two weeks. Good luck to all of these students. We will find out in mid January how many have secured a place.

This means the process for year 12 will be launched in the new year after the January Mocks. There will be an opportunity for students to sign up to a google classroom if they are interested in taking part in the Oxbridge programme. January mock results will be a good indication for students to see if they are likely to meet the required grade profile.

EPQ

Once students have completed their mocks they must complete the December work review and use this to plan their work before and during the Christmas break. The 8th January will be the date by which all students should have submitted their draft to the google classroom for feedback from their supervisor. Specific dates for completion should be agreed with individual supervisors. By January students should be moving towards final drafts of their essay or artefact.

Opportunities Bulletin

Please see the **weekly opportunities bulletin** to develop your skills, experience and find out about all the latest apprenticeship vacancies:

30/11/2023 Sixth Form Careers opportunities

Sports News

London Gymnastics Trampoline Competition

Well done to Millie who competed over the weekend at the London Gymnastics Trampoline competition.

Millie competed in Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline where she placed 1st and 3rd out of a large field of competitors. We are looking forward to seeing Millie represent Grey Court.

Katrina Killey signed to Brentford

Congratulations to Katrina Killey who has been signed to the Brentford U16 Emerging Talent Centre. Well done, Kat!

Lee Valley Indoor Athletics

Thursday 30 November: A brilliant team effort from our U14A boys indoor athletics team who won the bronze medal in the A final at Lee Valley.

Thursday 30 November: Well done to the U14 Indoor athletics team who won the bronze medal at the B Final at Lee Valley today. Superb achievement!

Thursday 30 November: A brilliant team effort from our U14B boys indoor athletics team who won the Silver medal in the B final at Lee Valley.

Rugby

Wednesday 29 November: The Year 8 rugby team won the Plate competition at the Middlesex Festival on Monday, winning 5 of their 6 matches. The boys scored 20 tries on the day with 8 scored by Grindan. A brilliant team effort to come away with some silverware!

Football

Tuesday 28 November: Fantastic victory for our U12A team. We played some great football and scored some delightful goals. Well done, boys.

Tuesday 28 November: Excellent victory for the U18 boys in the County Cup. Harry D with 2 fantastic goals, James A (2), Jamie B, Todor and Alessandro were our scorers.

Netball

The U18 netball team had the opportunity to learn some Judo moves in enrichment last week as a team building activity. Well done to the team who worked hard to learn some brand new skills and movements and enjoyed spending time together in a different sport.

Thank you @OrleansPark for hosting the U12A&B netball tournaments this month! What a great opportunity for our netballers to experience tournament play & watch some brilliant netball. U12A finished joint 2nd & U12B won the B team competition! Well done!

The U13A netball squad faced a strong @IbstockSport in the @sistersnsport Plate last week. Ibstock were victorious but the girls showed good teamwork throughout and we tried lots of different combinations.

Well deserved POMs were Evie & Erin

Tuesday 28 November: Thank you @KGS_Netball for hosting us this month, lots of netballers have had the opportunity to compete and work on their skills in some well fought matches.

Week of 13 November: the U13s finished 3rd (out of 7) and the U14s 2nd (out of 8) at the Highgate Invitational Netball Tournament! Huge well done to all the girls, each playing great netball against the best independent schools in North London/Midlx

PE Notice Board

Pupils are reminded that they must bring their own tape to tape up earrings for PE. The office and the PE department cannot provide this, microporous tape can be purchased from any pharmacy and is the responsibility of the pupils.

Uniform detentions will be given if pupils do not have their earrings taped at the start of the lesson when lined up for PE.

Boys Team of the Month: U14 Athletics Team

The team of the month is the U14 Indoor athletics team. The squad have put forth an A and B team, which have both made it through the rounds to the finals, being held at Lee Valley on Wednesday 29th November. Highlights were Grindan A running 24:40 in the 200m and Thomas B running 2:19 in the 800m

Boys Team of the Month: U14A Netball Team

The U14A Netball team is the November Team of the Month! Following a tough defeat to Ibstock Place in their Sisters n Sport Plate the previous week, the U14s were determined to enjoy a day of good quality netball and tournament play at the Highgate School Invitational Netball Tournament. Grey Court were delighted to receive invitations to the tournament and entered teams from U12-U15. We faced some very strong net balling schools on the day, our first match taking on the hosting school's B team. We made a strong start with a 4-1 win. The next game saw us lose 4-7 to Highgate A team where the girls played some unbelievable netball against a very strong opposition and we were not deterred. After a 16-0 win vs Queen's College London, 5-2 win vs St Benedict's, the girls met the eventual winners North London Collegiate School A. They were formidable opponents and we took a heavy 2-13 loss but then went on to beat Kew House 6-5 and North London B 10-2! Amazingly, the girls finished 2nd out of 8 schools, all independent schools that play a lot more netball than us. Sara Altun got player of the tournament and Abi and Lula Rose were excellent leaders throughout the day. We are so proud of how the girls have worked together this term to bring out the best in each other on court. There were excellent role models for the school on public transport, Lula Rose offering her seat on the train on more than one occasion.

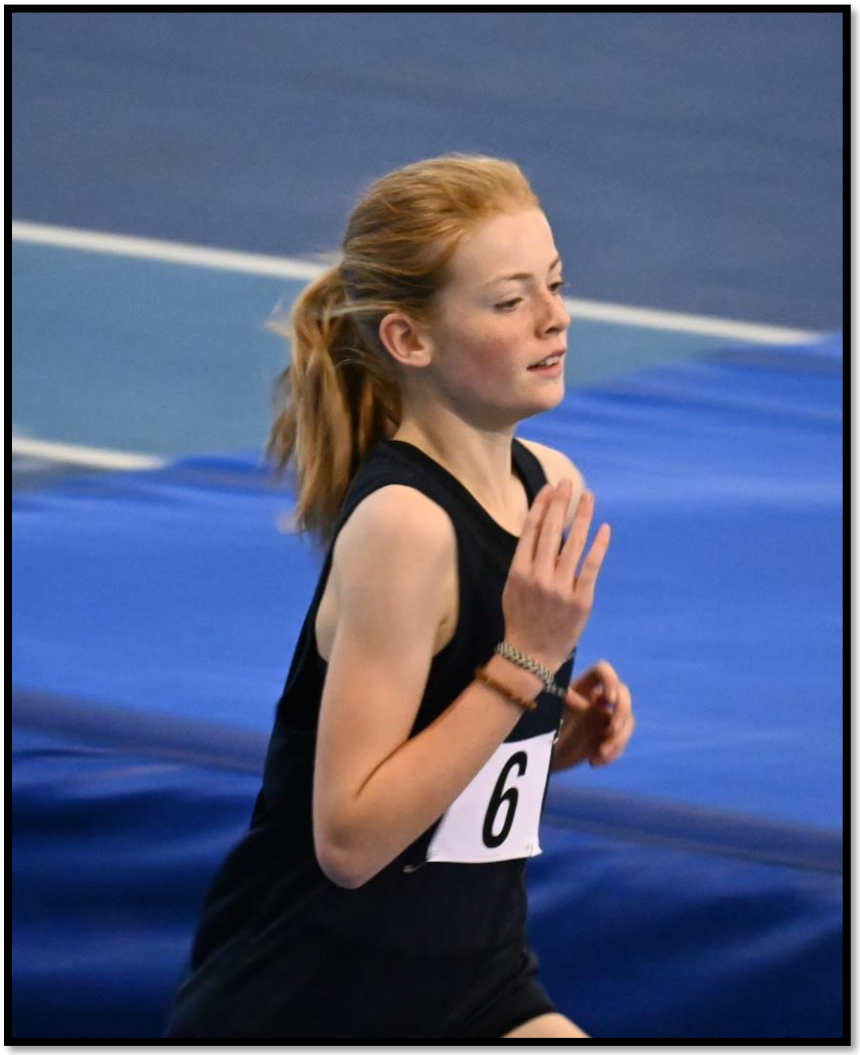
Well done girls!!

Boys Player of the Month: Grindan Abrahams

Grindan has been a fantastic addition to an already talented sporting year group. He has continued to excel in his athletics, where he clocked 24.40 seconds in the 200m in the Lee Valley finals, as well as jumping 5m in the long jump; both excellent results for a Year 8! He has also represented the rugby team and has quickly become a huge asset, scoring 2 tries against St Paul's. He was chosen as MVP in the team's recent success at the Middlesex Rugby Festival, where he scored 8 tries in 6 matches.

Well done on a great month!

Girls Player of the Month: Evie Archer



Evie Archer has showcased outstanding achievements this term. Securing 1st place at the cross country regionals and a commendable 3rd place at the Junior Knole Run among 180 students, she demonstrated remarkable prowess. Evie's contribution to the U14 athletics team at the Lee Valley indoor competition was pivotal. The team clinched bronze in the finals, with Evie achieving a personal best in the 800m and securing 2nd place at the first and second rounds of the tournament.

Evie Archer's remarkable qualities extend beyond her athletic prowess. As an active member of the netball, football, and basketball teams, Evie's expertise and infectious enthusiasm make her a standout teammate. Her organisational skills and commitment to every sport she engages in have not only contributed to team success but have also established her as a reliable and valued presence. Evie's positive and friendly demeanour, coupled with an ever-present smile, uplifts team spirits and fosters a collaborative atmosphere. Whether excelling in individual competitions or contributing to team victories, Evie consistently demonstrates resilience, teamwork, and an unwavering dedication to her athletic pursuits, making her an exemplary athlete and teammate.

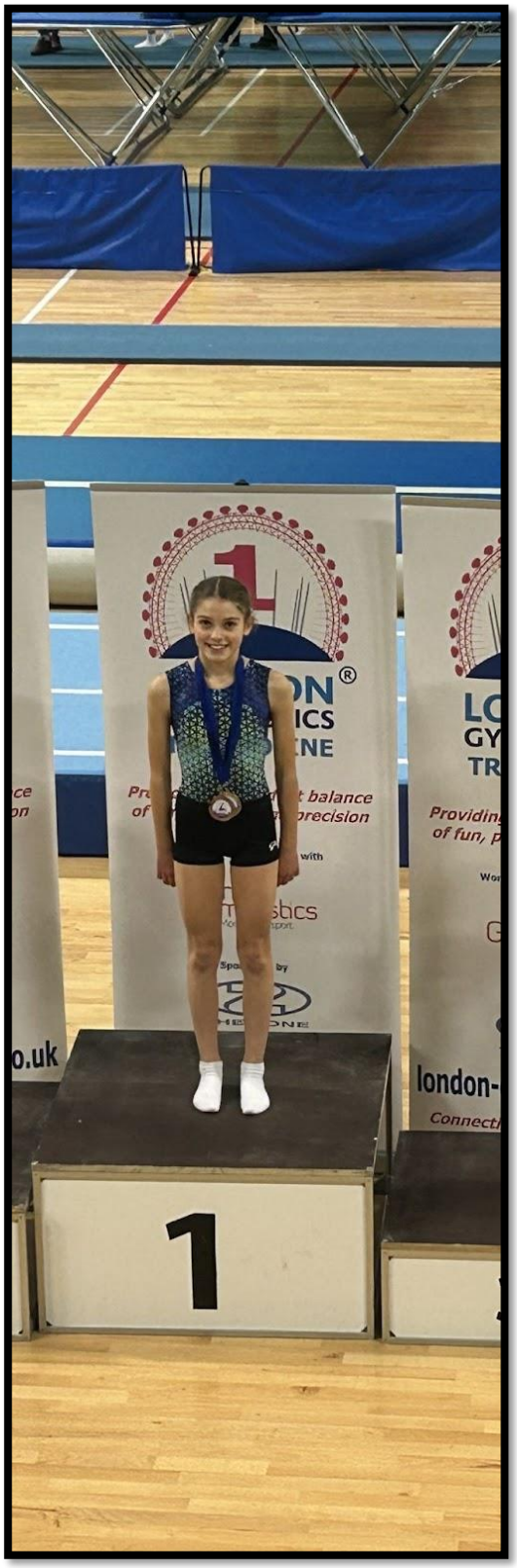
After a very promising start to the season and knowing how hard Evie will continue to push herself, we look forward to seeing how far Evie and her teams can go.

Boys Scholar of the Month: Calvin Kemper

Calvin Kemper has had a really good start to his time at Grey Court, and the scholarship programme. He consistently turns up with a good attitude to his lacrosse sessions and works hard to improve. This hard work has also been seen on the football pitch with him representing the A team, he has also shown real promise in his Cross Country, representing the school at the Essex Relay competition and the Borough competition.

Well done on a fantastic start at Grey Court!

Girls Scholar of the Month: Millie Morgan



We have been very impressed with Millie in PE, scholarship and extracurricular activities. Millie has shown great athleticism, teamwork and focus in a variety of sports since joining Grey Court. Particular highlights have been Millie's Cross Country and Gymnastics. She has competed at the Knowle Run & ESSA Regional Finals showing great endurance and determination. We are looking forward to hearing how Millie gets on at the London Youth Games and Borough Cross Country competition.

Millie has also been a great asset to our Elite Gymnastics team. She will be competing this week at our first competition: Milano Regional Finals. Here Millie will showcase her floor and vault skills. It has been great to see Millie's confidence develop over the last few months and we are excited to see how she does throughout the season. To add to Millie's achievements, she competed over the weekend at the London Gymnastics Trampoline Competition coming up against a large field of competitors. Competing in Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline categories, Millie placed 1st and 3rd- What a fantastic result!

Millie has thrown herself into GC Netball and is an asset to her team in the shooting circle and on attack in general. She takes on feedback well and is motivated to learn and develop on the court. In scholarship lessons, Millie shares valuable thoughts with the class in a theory setting and has done extremely well in lacrosse, a sport in which she also shows great promise.

Overall, Millie has been fantastic in and outside of lessons. She has shown great enthusiasm, hard work and engagement throughout. Keep up the good work Millie!

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.

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.

Princess Alice Hospice

2023 Santa Fun Run

Royal Hospital for
Neuro-disability

Carol CONCERT

Raising money for the RHN's music therapy service, caring for people with brain injury.

Thursday 7 December
7pm - 9pm

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Gift stalls ✶ Arts & Crafts ✶ Festive games

Hot chocolate ✶ Mulled wine ✶ Mince pies

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11am ✶ 4pm

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Richmond Rugby
Free Evening Rugby Skills Sessions
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday the Richmond Rugby Community Team will be holding a skills block from 6 - 7pm on Pitch 2.

This skills programme will run for the next 3 weeks before Christmas. It is FREE for all children aged 12 - 16.
Boys & Girls welcome.

You do not need to be a Richmond member to join us, so please feel free to bring friends to help develop your rugby skills.

These sessions will be used to help develop and fine-tune hand-eye coordination, basic fundamental movements, and much more.

Week 1: Safe Tackling and Rucking
Week 2: Jackling and Defensive ruck setup.
Week 3: Passing and kicking Technique.

Please ensure you bring gumshields, water bottles, appropriate clothing, and boots to all sessions.

We hope to see as many of you down there as possible.
The Community Team
Richmond Rugby

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He's smart, scrappy and a skilled martial artist.
ANY SORT OF MARTIAL ARTS, MOVEMENT, GYMNASTICS, AND/OR DANCE EXPERIENCE IS A STRONG PLUS.

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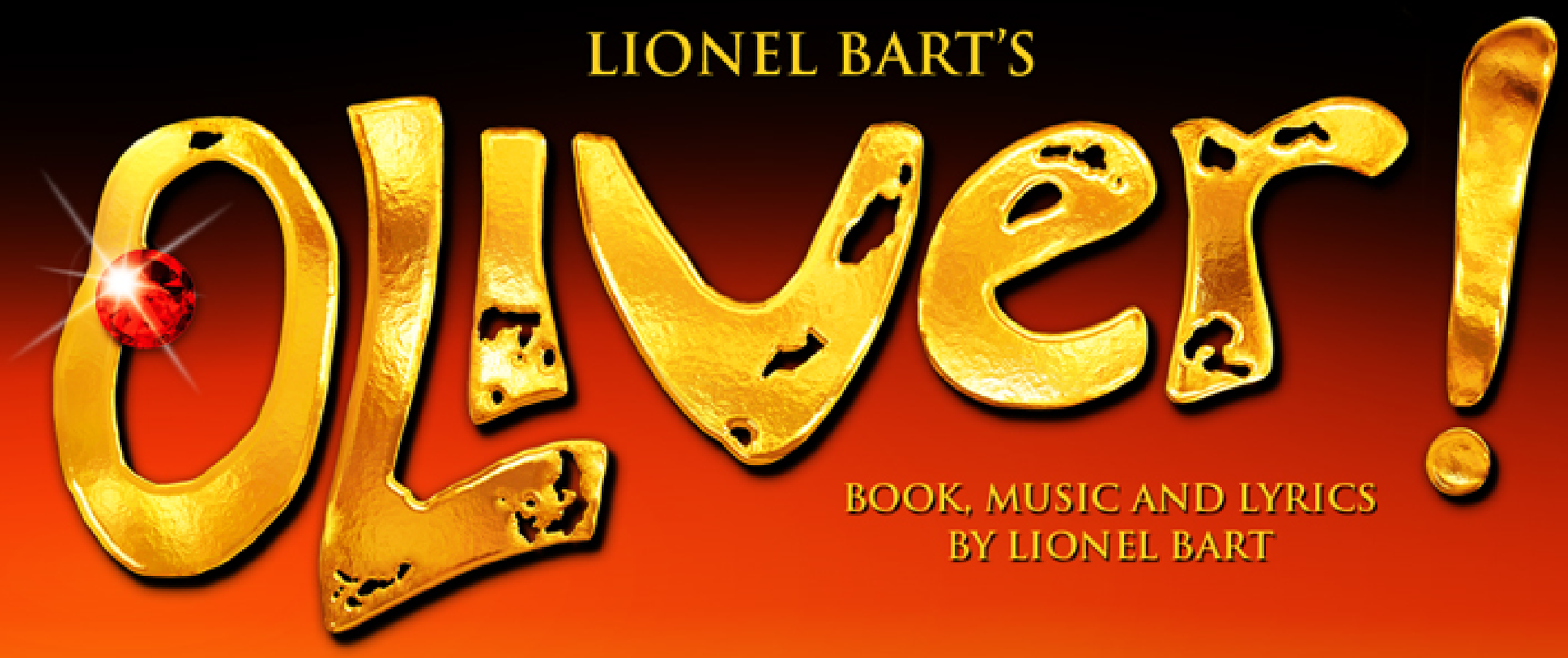

WANT TO PERFORM IN THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL MUSICAL?

Come along to the singing workshops in MuB to learn songs for the auditions:

Monday 18 December
Tuesday 19 December
Wednesday 20 December

Sign up here or speak to Miss Cowper for more information

NO STRAIGHT ANSWER

A fun, safe and supportive youth group for young people aged 11 to 19 identifying as LGBTQI+

Fridays at Heatham House, Twickenham, TW1 1BH

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Every week young people from the community join us to chat, have a laugh, take part in activities like art, music, cooking and sport, or simply just chill out in a space where you can just be yourself.

We also take part in larger community specific projects and go on trips together.

We meet up every Friday at Heatham House Youth Centre, Twickenham TW1 1BH.

For more information (including session times), please contact:

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FILM SCREENING

A story of how one Black British man finds his place in the climate justice movement

Followed by poetry open mic led by award winning poet Zohab Zee Khan, Australian Poetry Slam Champion. Bring your poetry to perform.

THURSDAY
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Can I Live? is a rap and spoken word performance about the climate crisis through the lens of a young Black British artist and activist. Conceived, written and performed by Fehinti Balogun and inspired by his experiences in environmental activism, Can I Live? is a call-to-arms to anyone who may have felt excluded from activism or is curious about how to get involved. Using rap, spoken word and theatre, Fehinti invites audiences to recognise they are not alone and to find a sense of hope for the future.

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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