

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Friday 10th February-18th February – Ski Trip

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – Half Term

Monday 20th February - INSET Day (school closed – staff only)

Tuesday 21st – Friday 25th February – Year 11 MFL Speaking Mocks

Tuesday 21st February – Borneo Expedition 'Meet the Leader' presentation 3:45pm-7:15pm

Wednesday 22nd February – GCSE Drama Trip to National Theatre

Wednesday 22nd February – Cross Country League



TGS News

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Roger Hart Memorial Day



It was a pleasure to welcome Roger Hart's family into school last week to unveil the memorial plaque in the Hart building (which is named in his honour).

Roger, who sadly passed away in September 2021, was Headteacher at The Gregg for 39 years. He is greatly missed and it is very fitting that the plaque is placed proudly in the building where he taught his last Drama lesson in 2018.



Looking back at the Twentieth Century

The results are in! The winner of the Year 9 Twentieth Century Social History project is Naina N with a unanimous decision from all four judges. Naina produced a stunning project on the development of education through the century.

It was handcrafted into individual exercise books which were highly detailed, moving from handwritten work through to the development of word processing, and all placed on a handmade book shelf.



Naina is awarded a Headteacher Commendation and wins the £10 Amazon voucher. Second place went to Juliana L and her project on fashion, whilst third place was awarded to Grace P with her innovative project on mental health.

Well done to all our finalists. We were very impressed with the standard of work this year!
Mrs Walker

Sports Update

Netball

Congratulations to our U13 netball team who played two matches last week, winning 5-3 against St Anne's School and 10-0 against Oasis Mayfield. Well done also to our U12 netball team who won both their matches on Tuesday, with a 6-1 victory against St Anne's and 3-1 against St Mark's. Well done girls!



Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 7 Rugby team on winning the Shield at the Boundary Oak Rugby Festival last week.



Bronze Award Winners

Our first group of Year 11 students have now completed all sections of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Anyone for Cake?

The eagerly anticipated House Bake Off competition returned at the end of January, students being set the challenge of baking and decorating six identical cupcakes. The judges were particularly impressed with students' creativity in such a short space of time.





Darcy O's Trojan cupcakes caught the judges' attention, as did Lexie P's Ladybird design (Roman) and Elizabeth F (Spartan) impressed with her eye-catching, intricate piping on some very tasty chocolate cupcakes.

Second place went to Ethan R (Spartan) with his Grandma's 'best of both' cupcakes which looked and tasted delicious. The judges were particularly impressed with the uniform design and decoration.

The overall winner was Benji F (Trojan) who wowed the judges with his intricately decorated Bumble Bee design.

Benji's idea incorporated a layer of biscuit soil, a tasty salted caramel cupcake plus edible flowers and a Bumble Bee.



Well done to all of the finalists on your impressive baking and decorating skills! Miss Gibbs

Gardens Open Day

The first Townhill Park House Gardens Open Day of the year will be on Sunday 12th March 2-4pm. Come along and see the daffodils and the first spring blossoms. There is FREE entry and parking, refreshments and a classic car display.



Donations Wanted

If you have any photography, art or fashion magazines (e.g. the Royal Photographic Society Journal) that you no longer want please can you bring them into school for the attention of Mrs Kour where they will be used for art/photography projects. Thank you.

Respect Programme

The Gregg School launched the Respect Programme in September 2022 with a whole school approach to promote and continue to encourage the more respectful behaviours in our school, as well to celebrate the students who consistently demonstrate positive and considerate mind sets.

At the start of the year I launched the Respect Programme in assemblies to all year groups and introduced a new logo for the school (opposite), which I am sure you have seen, as well as a Respect Charter which is displayed in every tutor base as a reminder to students of the expectations for Respect.



The first initiative was the introduction of Respect Points. Every time a student demonstrates polite, kind and respectful acts they are rewarded with a point and this is added to their planner. Three Respect Points result in a raffle ticket and these are entered into an end of term draw. At the end of the autumn term, the winners and runners up in the raffle each received Amazon vouchers.

There are also prizes for the most points in each year group, which will be celebrated termly. The Respect Points are then converted into House Points which are collected weekly by the Respect Ambassadors and 50 Respect Points make a Mercury and it is great to see these are starting to accrue.

The Respect Ambassadors are part of a group that meet regularly with me to help give feedback about the Respect Programme as well as to promote further ideas and add a student voice to the evolution of the initiative. They have so far added to the Anti-Bullying Policy and given input to the school rules, as well as the development of the student planner for next year. They have been an asset to this programme as their honesty and support has accelerated its progress.

In November and December, Year 7, 8 and 9 joined together in Respect workshops. These workshops focused on how unkind comments were often made under the guise of "just banter" in society. Students discussed and reflected on this issue and how it impacted on others and their feelings. Students produced some amazing work and again promoted the student voice.

Students also developed an extra page for the student planner which will be introduced next year, "What makes a respectful student at The Gregg School"

What makes a respectful student at The Gregg School? They said:

1. To speak respectfully...This means:
 - Speaking politely to staff and students
 - Thinking before you speak
 - Speaking to members of the community how you would like to be spoken to
2. To behave respectfully...This means:
 - Listening carefully and following instructions
 - Treating other students as you would like to be treated
 - Being kind and caring of others and their feelings
 - Following school rules including uniform
3. To respect the school environment...This means:
 - Taking pride in your classroom and outside space
 - Looking after school resources and equipment

4. To have respect for your own learning... This means:
 - Striving to be the best you can be
 - Taking responsibility for your own learning
 - Valuing feedback and acting upon it
 - Being on time and meeting deadlines
5. To have respect for others and their learning...This means:
 - Valuing others' contributions, values and ideas
 - Cooperating and supporting others
 - Creating a positive and happy environment to work in

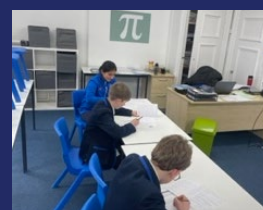
The students were also asked to produce a slogan for the school. Two ideas really stood out: "What gives you the right?" (by Rosie W, Helena R, Zara S, Pippa W and Grace P Year 9) and also "Call it out, let's kick it out!" (Samuel H in Year 7). It was agreed that the decision should go to a school vote and, although very close, the winning slogan was "What gives you the right?". You will be seeing both slogans around the school very soon.

Moving forward, the school has further workshops to present to certain key year groups over the next term. Parents will also be invited to an evening about social media and E-Safety in March to help promote being respectful online. We look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Clifton

Maths News

Intermediate UKMT Maths Challenge

Well done to the 80 students in Years 9 to 11 who took part in this year's Intermediate UKMT Maths Challenge. All receive a Challenge Learning Habit for participating in this annual challenge which encourages students to use their mathematical reasoning skills to solve interesting problems.



Have a try:

The sum of the lengths of the three sides of a right-angled triangle is 16 cm. The sum of the squares of the lengths of the three sides of the triangle is 98 cm².

What is the area, in cm², of the triangle?*

A 8 B 10 C 12 D 14 E 16

The Junior UKMT Maths Challenge will be taking place in March and we be selecting students from Years 7 and 8 to take part. Practice papers can be found on DrFrost and on the UKMT website.

*Answer: A8

Sumdog

Well done to the following students in Year 7 and 8 who finished in the top 40 of the Hampshire SumDog competition last week, answering combined total of over 2000 questions!

Lexi P, Harry R, Jessica L, Ziming W and Lexi P

MathsWatch and DrFrost January Winners

Well done to the students below who finished in the top three, of their year in January and each received 10 Learning habits stickers!

Mathswatch:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Samuel H	Sebastian R	William R	William D	Bobby M
Elliot S	Ethan R	Helena R	Lucas H	James S
Elise B	Myles O	Naina N	Jake B	Miles H

DrFrost Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elise B	Hilary-Ann A-A	Pippa W	Henry P	Ben N
Lexie P	Ethan R	Helena R	Gregory L	Luca H
Leo C	Alex T	Daniel C	Nicole G	Nicholas S-S

University of Southampton Maths Challenge for Years 7 -10

This year's Maths challenge by the University of Southampton for students can be found on Firefly.

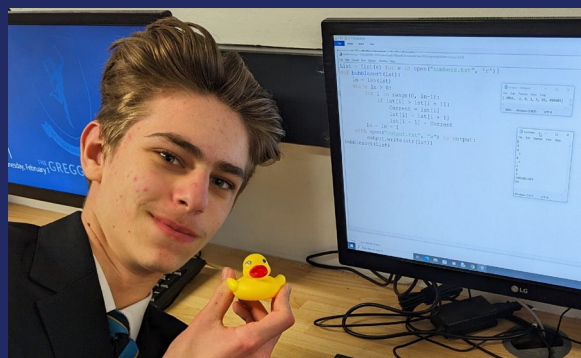
These challenges consist of a selection of interesting mathematical questions for students to attempt in their own time. The Junior Challenge is aimed at students up to Year 8 and the Senior Challenge is aimed at students up to Year 10.

The most successful students will be recognised and invited to an award ceremony at the end of the year at the University of Southampton. The deadline for entries is 17th March.

If students have any questions they should speak to their class teacher.

Mr Dullaghan

Computing Challenge



Last week Year 10 students attempted a super challenge in their GCSE Computing class. Jake B was the first to create a program that could read numbers from a file, sort them, then copy them back out to a new file. He worked independently and in collaboration with other students to research, develop and test his program, receiving a 'debugging duck' for his success.

Great work Jake!

Mr Hudson

Self Defence Lessons

Key Stage 4 students have been learning Self-Defence in their PE lessons this half term with local instructor Darren.



The students have been taught how to handle different situations by using a 'game plan', from being thrown up against walls, to escaping headlocks or escaping attacks with weapons.



The students have enjoyed the sessions, which have helped to put into perspective how important it is to be aware of your environment in your day-to-day activities.



If you are interested in learning more, Darren runs his own teen self-defence group locally, through his company Evolve Self Defence and we look forward to working with Darren again in the future.

Mr Hendon-John

Exam Invigilators Wanted

We are currently looking for invigilators to join our Examinations team for the forthcoming exams series – April 23 and beyond.

Experience of invigilation is not required as training in the role and duties of an invigilator will be provided. Main Duties:

- The role will involve conducting exams in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), awarding body and The Gregg School regulations and instructions.
- To have a key role in upholding the integrity and security of the examination/assessment process.
- Salary: £11.80 per hour

Please email our Examinations Officer Miss Falvey on pfa@thegreggschools.org or call on 02380472133

Drama News

Oscar of the Week



Congratulations to Lois B in Year 7 and Nicholas S-S in Year 11 for being our Oscar of the Week winners this past fortnight!

Lois displayed excellent teamwork skills in her Drama lesson, where she was able to listen to other students' ideas and share those of her own. The result was an excellent, serious performance, which I found very moving.

Nicholas has been rehearsing hard towards his GCSE Drama Exam. He has listened to direction

and worked outside of his comfort zone. Well done both of you!

GCSE Drama



Nicholas S-S, Charlie C. and Autumn R in Year 11 completed their Component 3 GCSE Drama Exam yesterday.

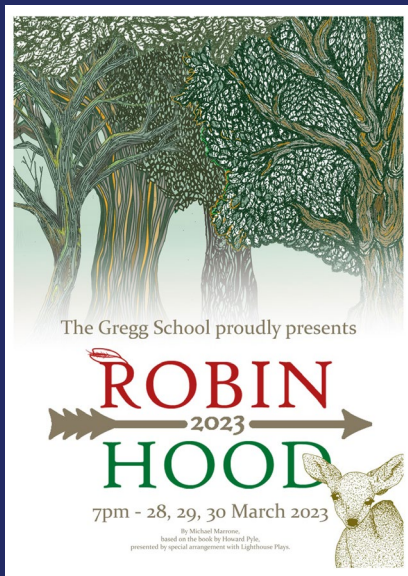
Although each GCSE cohort is different, this year, each student chose to perform two monologues to our visiting examiner. Nicholas performed from "A Christmas Carol", Charlie from "Macbeth", and Autumn from "DNA".

All of the students and our audience of some Year 7 and Year 10 students conducted themselves brilliantly, and although we won't know their results until August, I am very proud of them all!

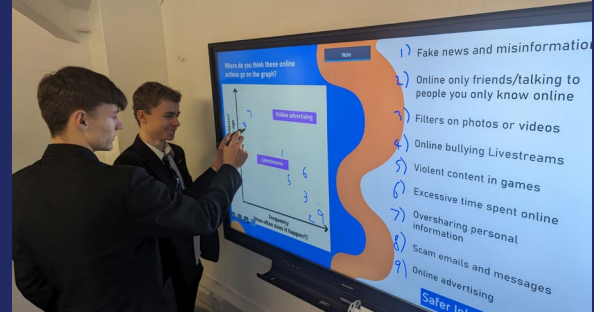
Mrs Azor

Robin Hood

Save the date for the forthcoming spectacular school production of Robin Hood. The students have been busy rehearsing and perfecting their roles to put on this fantastic show for you. An email will be sent out with further details and tickets go on sale on the 27th February.



Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 7th February, students across the school took part in starter activities for Safer Internet Day.

This year's theme was "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online." This linked in with the week's Children's Mental Health theme of "Let's Connect".

Across the curriculum, students took part in activities and discussions that looked at what issues young people feel they face online. These included fake news, image editing, online bullying, inappropriate material, excessive time online, oversharing personal information, scam messages and online advertising.



Students were asked to think about what they would like different organisations and groups such as the government, the internet industry, teachers and parents and carers, to do to help implement those changes, as well as what they themselves can do as individuals.

Miss Cooke

A Starter for 10



The Frogs first event of 2023 was held last Friday evening and we had a packed hall of fantastic teams and a very sparkly Mrs Sellers who was quiz host extraordinaire!



Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event. The fabulous Science Geeks won our most creatively decorated table competition. They had put a lot of thought into their table presentation and even had their drinks out of science beakers! Genius!

Frog racing at half time was a huge hit with the children and adults. Our fastest hopping frog champion was won by Nora (Mum to Finn and Torben).



Final scores on the quiz were totalled and our top 3 teams were announced to come and collect their bucket of goodies.

Huge congratulations to the winners:

1st Popples & Pestells

2nd The Hoppers

3rd English Teachers are Lit

A special shout out to team Safari Pro's who were proud winners of the coveted Frogs Wooden spoon.

A really fabulous night and thank you again to everyone who came to support the Frogs.

Date for your diary

The FROGS Spring Fayre is back this year on Saturday 20th May 11.30am-3pm.

A great afternoon to come and enjoy all the stalls, food court, entertainment and the beautiful school grounds in Springtime and help raise money for some terrific projects. More information to follow.

Mrs Fordham - FROGS

Keyboards For Sale

The Music Department have several second hand mini/midi and large keyboards for sale. Please email Mrs Parrott at tpa@thegreggschools.org for more details.



Mini/Midi keyboards, £10, USB connection, suitable for windows or mac compatible software (you can use a free online one)



Large keyboards, £40, comes with power adaptor and music stand.

Senior Teacher Commendations



Congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 11 students who have received a Senior Teacher Commendation this term for collecting plenty of learning habits and/or producing some exceptional work in their different subject areas.

Mr Bartlett

Charity Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our non-uniform day today.

We will be donating over £730 to the British Red Cross/Turkey earthquake appeal and over £310 to No Limits.