

We are deeply saddened at the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and our thoughts are with the Royal Family at this time.

HERITAGE DAY CANCELLATION

Following the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, as a mark of respect, we will not be going ahead with Heritage Day on Sunday 11th September 2022.

The School and Gardens will remain closed.

Details will be communicated when the gardens may be open once the funeral arrangements are known.



TGS News

9th September 2022 Autumn Term - Issue 1



A message from Mrs Sellers

Welcome back to school! It certainly has been a busy summer – we have had a great deal of work going on and around our school site. The grass is still resembling the Savannah but the building is starting to look bright on the Western Façade.

We had hoped that the scaffold would have gone – but alas we shall be working around it for the next week or two.



I am happy to hear the sound of chatter; it brings our school alive; the best soundbite so far from the corridor outside my office was 'I love fractions' – it certainly made me smile. 'Only at TGS' I thought.

It really is wonderful to greet our staff family (I do miss them during the holidays) and the new faces on our staff team – I know they are settling in well and it is a pleasure to welcome them. Similarly, Year 7 are doing an excellent job of making TGS their new home; they are smiley, settled and ready to learn. I am sure the encouragement at home and the benefits of our Summer School are paying off. They are an impressive group and this bodes very well for the future.



Our outgoing Year 11 have a great deal to celebrate. Having started their GCSE work in bubbles and finding it quite a challenge, they proved their huge capacity when their grades were awarded on August 25th. We knew we did our level best to deliver the best learning experiences that we could during lockdown and this was far from easy as a task.

The Upper School staff and Year 10 Bubble Team supported every step... some of our students found this learning transition quite a struggle.

We were therefore absolutely thrilled with their results. 98% of them gained at least 5 or more higher grade passes and 40% of the total grades awarded in this year were at 7, 8 or 9 (A grade and above). This is astounding data for our small mixed ability school. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to all.

Thank you so much for the kind words, card, gifts from everyone – my apologies if I haven't thanked you all personally.

So, we head into a new academic year. I am sure your son/daughter has been telling you all about it so far. There are some exciting changes ahead; I hope that you have learned about Respect Points and our 'Back to Basics' agenda after two years of 'not quite normal' – we shall certainly be re-invigorating our parental engagement via our Parental Training Evenings, and we look forward to seeing you soon in person at one of our events.

Please check our school calendar for what is happening, we shall look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs S

New Beginnings!



Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their journey at The Gregg School and we are already incredibly impressed and proud of their enthusiasm and resilience!

The first week of the summer saw them take on our Summer Activities week! Monday and

Tuesday were spent in school familiarising themselves with the grounds and enjoying some creative and sporty activities including baking, painting and drama run by our wonderful Year 11 students Charlie C and Max C. Wednesday we took a trip to the New Forest Water Park and Wilverley Plain for some interesting games with Mr Barritt. Thursday's trip to the Science Centre and Planetarium was lovely and allowed everyone freedom to build friendships.

Friday was super-hot in the forest for Battlefield Live followed by an amazing BBQ back at school. A special thank you to Mr Wilford for organising this along with Mrs Pickett, Ms Morrissey, Mrs Gibbs, and Mr Barritt for giving up their week.



Starting a new school is always daunting, but last Friday Year 7 arrived in earnest with their parents dropping them at the door.

After meeting their new tutors and an assembly, they were straight into lessons.

Year 7 have made an incredibly positive start so far; they have embraced my challenge of being the best year group in the school and are showing all the qualities it takes to be a Gregg School Student.

We can't wait to see them develop and grow on their journey and share this with you.

Mrs Crowther



Respect at The Gregg

The Gregg School will be introducing a new initiative called "Respect" for the following year and beyond. The focus and purpose is to encourage respectful attitudes with our students and celebrate and reward students who continue to display these behaviours. This initiative will be delivered next week in assemblies by Mrs Clifton, the Respect Lead, although your son /daughter may also hear about this from their teachers and tutors.

More information will follow at the Parent Information Evenings that will take place towards the end of September although please have a look at our "Respect Charter" displayed in this newsletter, which is also featured in every classroom, alongside our new Respect logo.

There will be a follow-up email with information for those who cannot attend the Parent Information Evening please contact myself on lhc@thegreggschool.org if you would like to get involved with this new strategy.

Mrs Clifton

Respect® The Gregg School



- R – Recognise that everyone is different
- E – Empathise with others
- S – Self-monitor and think first
- P – Promote respect through behaviour
- E – Encourage others to act in a responsible way
- C – Consider the feelings of others
- T – Treat everyone as equal

Take pride in your actions
and your school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 11 Geography (Group 1) to Botley
Mon 12th Sep

Year 11 Geography (Group 2) to Botley
Tues 13th Sep

Year 11 Geography (Group 3) to Botley
Wed 14th Sep

Year 6 Activities Morning
Sat 17th Sep

Year 8-11 HPL Students Tim Peake Space Talk
12:30-6:30pm - Sat 17th Sep

Year 7 Information Evening
Tues 20th Sep

Year 11 Information Evening
Wed 21st Sep

Year 11 Art/Photography Trip to London
Thur 22nd Sep

Year 10 Information Evening
Thur 22nd Sep

INSET Day (School Closed)
Fri 23rd Sep

D of E Final Expedition
Sat 24th-Sun 25th Sep

Year 7&8 House Netball
Mon 26th Sep

Open Morning
Tues 27th Sep

Year 8 Information Evening
Tues 27th Sep

Year 9 Hstory to Bovington Group 1
Wed 28th Sep

MFL Euro Cafe and Macmillan Cake Sale
Wed 28th Sep

Year 9 Hstory to Bovington Group 2
Thur 29th Sep

Class of 2022 Presentation Evening -
BartonPeveril
Thur 29th Sep

Please note school will close at 12:10pm
on Thursday 13th October to prepare for the
Open Evening



FROGS News

Welcome to all parents new and old! The FROGS (Friends of The Gregg School) are a friendly group of parents and staff who organise events to raise money for the school and new members are always welcome. If you would like to join the FROGS or have any spare time to help at events please email the FROGS secretary on secretary.frogs@thegreggschools.org.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to all our supporters for raising FREE donations for FROGS. Simply by shopping online, your donations have raised over £7,200 which has made a huge difference to our fundraising, especially during the past two years.

It's easy to use - all you have to do is sign up and do your usual online shopping via easyfundraising to raise free donations for the school. There are over 4,100 retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more. If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, please sign up here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thefriendsofreggsschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-f2

Thank you



FROGS Lotto

You've got to be in it to win it!

Did you know that the FROGS run a monthly lottery? For a monthly subscription of £5, you could be in with a chance of winning one of three prizes (£50, £25 and £10) each month.

All you have to do is complete the Standing Order mandate at the end of the Newsletter and return it to us via the school office. Then simply sit back and wait for our monthly draw. Fingers crossed!

The FROGS* Lotto – Standing Order Mandate

*Friends of The Gregg School

Please complete this form and return it to The Gregg School, c/o The FROGS Lotto, Townhill Park House, Cutbush Lane, Southampton, SO18 2GF. Do NOT send it to your bank

Your details:

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Your bank account:

Name of account holder(s):

Sort Code: Account Number:

Please pay

Barclays Bank, PO Box 2, Southampton, SO14 2SB

Sort Code: 20-79-25

Account No: 70421618

The sum of £ 5 (five pounds) each month to The Friends of The Gregg School Lotto, starting on

3rd _____ 20_____ and each month until further notice.

Please quote our reference number (to be completed by FROGS): _____