

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Monday 9th October - Year 8 trip to Harry Potter Studios

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October - Parental Consultation Evening

Thursday 12th October – Sunday 15th October Year 9 Berlin Trip

Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October Half Term

Wednesday 1st November to Saturday 4th November - Art and 3D Design trip to St Ives

Friday 3rd November - Key Stage 4 Maths Inspiration Trip

Wednesday 8th November - Open Morning 9:30am-12noon

Friday 10th November - Photography Light Workshop 6-8pm



TGS News

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Nice to see you again

It was lovely to welcome so many of our Class of 23 students to their Presentation Evening at Barton Peveril last Wednesday.



Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes for Outstanding Achievements in Public Examinations:

Camila A, Alice B, Isabella C, Matilda C, Amber H, Thomas H, Zoe L, Benjamin N, Autumn R and Hannah T.

We wish them best wishes for the future and hope they pop in to let us know what they're up to!

We've Passed!

24 Year 11 students assembled at school last Saturday morning, all packed and ready for the final, assessed expedition to complete the section for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.



After some last-minute checks of equipment, they made their way to several car parks in the Lyndhurst area of the New Forest to meet their assessors. Their training and planning was checked with a few questions from the assessor



before embarking on their first day hike towards the camp site.



As always, there were a couple of geographical misplacements but the first day was a success, with everyone arriving safely at the Ferny Crofts campsite, pitching their tents and cooking their evening meals. The assessors returned to observe breakfast, breaking camp and packing up, and to give advice and instructions about the day ahead.

After another long day walking and navigating, the students had a debrief near the end to let them know that they had all passed with flying colours! Well done to all the students involved and, as always, a massive thank you to the adult volunteers that make it all possible.

Mr Wilford

Looking Ahead

Parents, don't forget we have a Firefly section dedicated to life after The Gregg (and opportunities to take while the students are here).

<https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/careers--college-information>

This section has all the up to date information we receive from Colleges.

There is also lots of other careers-related information such as "how to write a personal statement" or work experience opportunities.

Take a look through.

House News

Handball

Our Year 7 students were excited to have a go at their first House competition last week. Handball combines speed, stamina, agility and teamwork and the aim is to throw the ball into the opposing teams goal net. Our students quickly learnt the rules and were excited to represent their houses. There were lots of goals, with Spartan coming out as the tournament winners, Roman in second place and Trojan third. Well done!



Spartan 4 v Roman 3
Spartan 6 v Trojan 3
Trojan 2 v Roman 8



Junior Football

Congratulations to Trojan who, with a late penalty secured an overall win at junior house football this week. Spartan came 2nd and Roman 3rd. Well done Trojan.

Year 7 House Netball

Year 7 house netball took place last week during lunch time. After lots of practice in the different netball positions during their PE lessons, it was great to see all of the girls on court. The first game was Roman vs Spartan - in the first half Roman dominated and managed to get past defender Zoe S to score 4 goals against Spartan. In the second half, Flo and Annabel worked well to get the ball up the court to give their shooters some attempts at goal but they weren't able to get the ball

through the net and Roman super shooter, Bonny, scored a further two goals to make the total score 6-0 to Roman.

The second game Trojan vs Spartan kept us on the edge of our seats throughout. In the first half, Spartan made the score 1-0 with some fantastic attacking play. It was all to play for in the second half. After just a minute, Ellie from Trojan scored an equalizer to make the score 1-1. Then in the final few moments, Trojan scored two goals in quick concession which made the final score 3-1 to Trojan.

The final game, Roman vs Trojan, it was all to play for. Bonny scored 4 amazing goals for Roman which put them in the lead, despite Lottie getting many interceptions for Trojan. The second half was close and the Trojan defenders were able to keep Roman to just one more goal, making the final score 5-0.

Well done to Roman for winning Year 7 house netball! Trojan finished second and Spartan finished third .

Roman 6 - 0 Spartan
Trojan 3 - 1 Spartan
Roman 5 - 0 Trojan

Year 8 House Netball by Roman



The netball court managed to dry out at breaktime to allow the Year 8 House netball competition to go ahead. In blustery conditions the Spartan team worked together to score goals from Betsy against Roman. In a very challenging game, Spartan defended the ball very well with Evelyn and Daisy jumping to block shots. Zoe played well in wing attack getting the ball down to the shooters, but

the Roman team was too strong won the game 6 -2 . Spartan narrowly lost to Trojan 3-2 in the next game. Spartan's player of the tournament was Daisy.

Trojan finished second in the tournament beating Spartan and goals were scored by Jana playing goal attack. Elise was an excellent defender and Sophia was good making attacking runs for Jana to have a shot on goal. Khale was an excellent centre always being in the right place on court to receive the ball. Jana was Trojan's player of the tournament.



The Romans worked hard as a team and passed the ball really well and communicated together so we knew who would receive the ball. Lots of our shots went in the net and goals were scored by Amelie, Pollyanna and Camilla. Roman were on fire and we won all of our games beating Trojan



3-0 in the deciding match. In defence Emilia H, Klara, Emilia T and Katie made some excellent interceptions to stop the Spartan and Trojan attacks. Camilla was a great centre and passed the ball and made herself available to be passed to. Lexi and Jess played on the wings and got free from their markers to receive the centre passes. Amelie was the Roman player of the tournament scoring 7 goals!

Roman 6 v Spartan 2
Trojan 3 v Spartan 2
Roman 3 v Trojan 0

Sports News

Southampton Cross County League



Great results from the Southampton Cross Country League Race 2 held at The Gregg on Wednesday:

2nd Sam AR, 3rd Oscar I, 6th Seb R and 2nd Camilla W (a big round of applause for Camilla who managed to race and play for the girls football team)!

Next week is the championship race so students come along and compete for medals!



U15 Football

Despite the claustrophobic, hostile environment on the 3G pitch and the large number of home fans in support, The Gregg won 4 goals to 1 against Cantell last week!

Rhett W-M put in a 'man of the match' performance scoring the first two goals and securing possession for large passages of play in the middle of the pitch.

With the score 2:1 at half time, the match could have gone either way. However, we were too

strong in defence and had too much pace out wide.

After a good early start to the second half, Joe F connected well from range to score. Jack G supplied some excellent deliveries from a set piece all match, culminating with Zhane M scoring a volley at the back post from a corner to put the game to bed with 10 minutes remaining.

Our next match is Sholing at HOME on Thursday 12th October. Mr Barritt

U15 Girls Football

Last week a group of U15 girl footballers travelled to Ascot to take part in the ISA National 6-a-side Football Festival. They got through to the cup competition, finishing second in their group by winning one and drawing two games. Unfortunately they narrowly lost 1-0 in the quarterfinals. Well done to all involved.



U14 Netball

Our U14 Netball team has had some great matches recently. Last week they won two matches, one against St George 3-1 and beating Oasis Mayfield 6-3 with Namrita B and Camilla W being awarded 'player of the match' from the oppositions!



This week they played three games with a fantastic 8-0 result against Redbridge, a 2-1 win against St Anne's and finished with a draw against Oasis Mayfield 2-2. Amelie W, Jana S and Elise B all received 'player of the match' awards. Well done girls - excellent results!

County Cricket Selection

Congratulations to Bonny K in Year 7, who has been selected for the Hampshire County Cricket Winter Training Squad as a result of her Hampshire County cricket performance this summer. She has had a great start to life at The Gregg, also scoring about 10 minutes into her first school football match!



The Wonder of Words

On the 23rd September, 15 lucky HPL and Excellence students were given the opportunity to experience the Susie Dent: Secret Life of Words talk. Here we were told about the origins of words and how different words can be used.

One of the interesting facts we learnt is that a silent letter such as the 'b' in 'doubt' or the 'h' in 'ghost' were created as a result of many people, from varying linguistic backgrounds, creating the dictionary. For example, doubt comes from the Latin 'dubitare' and, ghost was a historical hiccup when William Caxton began with his set of typesetters, he brought some Flemish typesetters and they put a 'h' in as their own native word was 'gheest'.

Towards the end of her talk, Susie Dent took questions from the audience and allowed us

to voice our queries. One of these was how to pronounce scone: is it scon or scoune? The answer was that both are technically correct!

Overall, this created a fun and unforgettable experience that the students all thoroughly enjoyed. Helena R, Grace P and Naina N



Pokemon Club

Congratulations to Harvey G (Year 9) who was the Pokemon Club Competition Winner for creating a new Pokemon TUMBLISK.



Bovington Trip

Our Year 9 students enjoyed the ever popular annual trip to Bovington Tank Museum on September 19th-20th. The students had the



opportunity to take part in a World War One Medicine workshop as well as going inside an original Mark IV tank.

On both days, Year 9 completed worksheets which aided their lessons in trench warfare. The interactive trench tour was a favourite of many of the students.



Miss Whittaker

Drama News

Oscar of the Week

Congratulations to our latest Oscar of the Week winner, Flo P of 7 TH! Last week, Flo consistently used excellent responding skills to evaluate performances, and was also able to answer questions with depth and reasoning. Well done Flo! Display your Oscar with pride at home!



West End Debut

Year 7 student Charlie I belongs to the PQA (Pauline Quirk Academy) and in January he auditioned for various roles for a new show 'Across the Line'. Although Charlie was the youngest he got one of the five main roles where he played a character called Jax.



Last weekend they performed the show at His Majesty's Theatre (where Phantom of the Opera is) which was an amazing experience as Charlie

got to perform in front of a full theatre of around 1,400 people and remembered all his dance moves and his lines too!



School Musical March 2024!

Students were buzzing in the Atrium last week when they found out that The Gregg School will be performing 'Sister Act' at The Theatre Royal, Winchester. Over 50 students attended the first meeting and signed up for auditions which have been happening this week.



We can't wait to start rehearsals! Mrs Parrott

Musicians of the Month

Congratulations to the the KS3 Musicians of the Month for September - Seb R (Y9), Sophia A (Y8) and Alissa O (Y7).



European Day of Languages

Congratulations to all our winners for the European Day of Languages last week.

Noah H won the Cake Bake for Trojan with his impressive meatball cake!



Congratulations also to the runners up Caitlin V, Benji, Ethan, Sophie C, James W and Henry in Year 7 all came in third place.



Language Leaders

Year 10 students collected their Certificates for completing their Language Leaders course last year.

They planned language lessons and taught them to local Year 5 students.



Relationships and Sex Education

Each year we review our PSD curriculum and policies that correspond with the subject. Part of this is our Relationships and Sex Education Policy which was introduced in 2020.

As part of this process we are required to share this policy with parents and ask for your comments and feedback to ensure that it is fit for purpose and you are aware of the learning your child will be doing in the subject.

Please could we ask that you read the RSE Policy which can be found here in the policies section of our school website and offer any feedback or comment via email to Miss Dowie, Head of PSD on mdo@thegreggschools.org.

The Curriculum Map for PSD and our PSD Policy can be found on Firefly here should you wish to look at this in more detail.

Miss Dowie.



Joe won the number of sweets in the jar (58).



Natasha won the teddy bear named 'Callie'.



James W (1st), Daniel (2nd) and Ava D in (3rd) were the Top 3 winners of the poster competition. Thank you to all students who took part in the cake bake and the grand total raised so far is nearly £350 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to all who participated and donated.

Scientist of the Month

Congratulations to the Key Stage 3 Scientist of the Month Lexie P (Year 8) for her continued hard work and excellent end of topic test result recently and to Key Stage 4 student Juliana L (Year 10) for her excellent effort in her mitosis model.



This includes, but is not exclusive to: Contemporary and classic fiction including; science fiction, mystery, action and adventures, fantasy and humorous literature.

A vast array of non-fiction including curriculum and revision books, a large history section, as well as maths, geography, science and art books. An effective and productive library is accessible, reliable and up to date. The LRC contains books for all students and this means it covers a spectrum of both academic and social issues that inevitably change according to the individuals development. Thus, the books they want may change over time.

There will always be material for students whatever their interests or literacy skill, and I will strive for it to be educational, entertaining and useful.



Some fiction texts may deal with real life and somewhat unsettling theme. The issuing of books to individual students is not a precise science but I consistently aim to support the individual in their choice of reading material.

Difficult themes can be explored in a safe environment and the reader can always have the power to simply move past parts they might not like or fully understand. Books also support students, in that they are not alone regarding the issues that may be particularly poignant to them. Reading is a voyage of discovery.

At all times students are encouraged to talk about what they are reading. We encourage them to share what they like, or dislike. This supports our students to be verbally articulate in putting forward their opinions.

The aims of the choices are to develop students' skills of empathy, inspiration, self-awareness and academic development and in addition they will gain literacy skills and autonomy in their selection.

Changes to the LRC

The Gregg Learning Resource Centre has had a revamp! It has been a pleasure to introduce the students in to our calm space – where they can read, research and refresh.

During the summer, our diligent team painted, built and generally performed magic to create the transformation. We unearthed a fireplace, updated our shelving and finished it with new lights and flooring.



The library offers a wide range and constantly changing selection of books. It is frequently refreshed

and assessed to ensure it is relevant to the students and the changing issues in the world. As such, there is varied stock for school years 7 – 11; a spread of applicable options is vital so as to appeal to all Gregg students. It is important that access to challenging books is possible at all time - to stretch our students and grow their confidence.

If you have any concerns about the book collection or what your student wishes to read, please contact me as soon as possible so I can amend their information and I apply it to their requests.

Emma Grinnell King (Ms), Learning Resource Manager

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Year 9 Fieldwork Day at Fleming Park

On Thursday 28th September, the whole of Year 9 went on a Geography based trip to Fleming Park, to complete some fieldwork - looking specifically at the river in that area. We also completed some environmental studies evaluating what was around us and how it links to Geography.

The groups went through the different activities, including collecting data from the river at different points. This meant actually getting into the river and measuring things like the height of the banks, the wetted perimeter and even the gradient of



river and whether this was increasing or decreasing as the water flowed along. It was an entertaining way of exploring the geography of rivers and gave us lots of information to draw conclusions from and prove/disprove previous hypotheses.

By measuring the river at different points, it makes it clearer how the journey that the water and the sediment takes from the source to the mouth changes constantly.

Our environmental studies involved rating the quality of the area around us - considering factors like the amount of litter or graffiti, how many trees

are around and whether the paths and buildings were well looked after.

We even did some sketches of the field to help appreciate how everything was laid out and any other notable features. It is also important to notice the nature around you, so we had a walk around a quieter area of the park and tried to spot some wildlife. We considered how wildlife might be affected living in that sort of environment.



It was a great experience and a good way to collect data ourselves. It helped increase everybody's understanding of the topic we are studying at the moment, whilst also having a great day outside in nature. Seb R

FROGS (PTFA) News

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Cocktails and Canapes last Friday - we hope you enjoyed yourselves!



Thank you to the FROGS for all their hard work organising the event and to Mr Enticknap and Mr Cross for being superb barmen for the evening.

Save the date for the next FROGS event - the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November 11am - 3pm. We hope to see you there!



Please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary:

- Saturday 25th November - Christmas Fayre
- Friday 8th December - Ice Skating in Southampton
- Friday 26th January 2024 - Burns Night themed Quiz
- Friday 7th June - Pizza and Prosecco

If you are able to help out for an hour here and there at events, the small FROGS team would be delighted for your support. Please use the following link to let us know which event you may be able to help at.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1BE7ShQsQF>

Thank you!

Come and join our meetings!

We welcome all parents to our meetings. Please come along - you will be warmly welcomed.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

- Tuesday 7th November AGM, in School, 6pm
- Wed 22nd November, Zoom, 4.30pm
- Tuesday 9th January, in School, 4pm
- Wed 24th January, Zoom, 4.30pm
- Tues 27th February, in School, 4pm
- Tues 30th April, in School, 4pm
- Wed 5th June, Zoom, 4.30pm
- Wed 19th June, in School 4pm