

# DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

## January Events

Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th – Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 18th - Year 9 Drama trip to Mayflower Southampton

Saturday 20th - Art and Music Scholarship Assessments

Friday 26th – FROGS Burns Night Quiz

Saturday 27th – Entrance Assessment

Monday 29th – Summer 2025 Malawi Expedition student launch (3:25pm)

Monday 29th – Tuesday 30th – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 31st - Year 9 and Leavers Vaccinations

Wednesday 31st - UKMT Challenge



## TGS News

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### Exploring Barcelona

During the last week of term, 35 students and five members of staff spent time exploring Barcelona and Figueres.



Over four very busy days, the students had amazing opportunities to explore the Sagrada Família, some of the Gaudi houses, Parc Güell, the Dalí museum and the Olympic Stadium.

The trip also allowed students time to explore the shopping aspects of Barcelona through the Ramblas, Boquería market and Plaza de Catalunya



(something which we all enjoyed). Whether you fancied fresh fruit from the Boquería market or a souvenir from the Ramblas, there was something for everyone!

In the evenings, we explored the local Christmas markets, played a game of ten pin bowling and watched an incredible

Flamenco show. The trip gave students the occasion to not only develop their linguistic skills but to also fully embrace Spanish culture! Thank you to the staff who made the trip so enjoyable. Sophie W (Year 11)



## House Bake Off!

Romans conquer as Harriet F (Year 7) is crowned winner of The Gregg School House Bake Off!



The Gregg Bake Off final saw the best of The Gregg School bakers coming head-to-head in an exciting contest of skill and creativity. The theme of 'Illusion' cakes inspired the imagination and incredible 'out of the box' thinking.

From cricket pitches with intricately made fondant stumps, to flaming Christmas puddings and cactus' to Mac & Cheese, burgers and free-flowing sweets, the judges were 'blown away' by technical ability, flavour and creativity in this highly competitive event.



After just one hour of decorating, Harriet F (Roman) was declared the winner with her gravity defying, free-falling M & M cakes. Judges agreed her flavours, textures and technical skills were exceptional.



In a close second was Khosi R-V (Trojan) with her Mac & Cheese cake which cleverly challenged the senses with her realistic white chocolate ganache covered fondant pasta.

Runners up included: Lexi P (Roman) who created burgers, complete with fondant cheese and last year's winner Benji F (Trojan) who created cake buns and beautifully piped cacti with tiny, handmade cactus flowers.

Closely followed by Noah H's flaming puddings and Jack H's cricket pitch.

All contestants wowed the judges, and choosing a winner was difficult. Well-done to Harriet for winning against very tough competition this year.



Mrs Grice

## Support your GCSE Artists

Good luck to our Creative Arts students whose exams have started (Textiles, Art, Photography and 3D Design).

A great way to continue to support your student who is taking one of these exams is to visit a local/national gallery and explore the works of others.

## Historians of the Term

Congratulations to our new Historians of the Term!



For Key Stage 3 Seb R (Year 9) won for excellent classwork and consistent hard work in the Autumn Term.

In Key Stage 4 it was a joint win between Jess C (Year 11) and Agatha F (year 10) for great effort and writing in GCSE lessons.

Certificates were handed out this week in assembly and the 'Historian of the Term' posters will be displayed around the school this term. Well done all!

Miss Whittaker



Fine Art – Sophia A Year 8 Trojan



Digital – Zoe L Year 9 Spartan

## Insect Art

Well done to all the students who took part in the online House Art competition on the theme of 'Insects'. There was such a great variety of entries across the four different mediums.

The winners are:



Textiles – Seb R Year 9 Trojan



3D – Annabel H Year 7 Spartan

## Meet the Governors

### A Message from Jo (Joanna) Preston Chair of Governors

I am the Chair of the Gregg Schools Trust and I would like to introduce you to the Governing Body as we have recently had several new members join us.



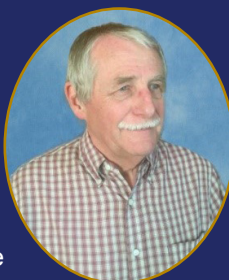
I have been associated with the Gregg School since 2003 when my son started his very happy 5 years at the school. I joined as a Governor and then became a Trustee, becoming Chair of the Governing Body in 2019. I had a couple of years away from the Trust whilst looking after family, and have been back in post since 2021.

By way of background, I spent all my working life in either Banking, Financial Services or Insurance, having a variety of roles. Now retired, as well being heavily involved in the Trust and the running of the school, I enjoy reading, crafts and my husband and I enjoy travelling extensively. I can be contacted on [jlj@thegreggschools.org](mailto:jlj@thegreggschools.org)

Let me introduce the other members of the Governing Body below

### John Watts

I worked for 45 years in the UK and International Gas Industry, starting my career straight from school as an apprentice Gas Fitter. I had various manual and staff positions during my time in the industry and in my final years, before retiring in 2020, I was a Consultant Contracts Engineer and travelled to various countries worldwide negotiating contracts.



I joined the Board of Trustees of The Gregg and St Winifred's Schools Trust, as it was, (The Gregg Schools Trust since 2018), at its inception in 2002 and I was Chair of Governors for 17 years. At the end of the 2019 Academic

year, I stepped down from the Chair and remained as a Governor. Besides the statutory duties as a Governor, Trustee and Director, I am also a member of various committees within the Board with the aim to ensure the long-term future of two thriving Schools.

I am married to Julia and our two children attended The Gregg School, as well as our grandchildren, Kieran and Emma, who attended both schools, leaving in July 2017 and July 2023 respectively.

### Vince Davies

Having worked 25 years in Retail Banking, across the south coast and Guernsey, I became Bursar of The Gregg Schools in Year 2000, retiring in 2017.



My 17 years as Bursar were full-on, but thoroughly enjoyable, and I am now pleased to offer ongoing support as a Governor, despite now not being local. I was instrumental in the schools gaining Charitable status and have been a Trustee/Governor since that time.

I am now enjoying retirement to the full. Having been a keen cricketer and footballer, I now play golf and enjoy walking and travelling. I have been a season ticket holder at Southampton FC and still go to games whenever I can. My wife and I now have numerous grandchildren which also keeps us busy!

### Anne Hendon-John

I am a graduate of Liverpool University where I studied as an Early Years teacher, but discovered an aptitude for working with adolescents with complex needs and children with vulnerabilities early in my career.



I became a specialist head teacher for children with neurodevelopmental disorders in 1995. Since then, I have held two headship positions on the Isle of Wight, and in Southampton. I retired in August 2023.

I have three adult children, who grew up on the Isle of Wight, but who all did their sixth form in Southampton.

I have a keen interest in developing a creative curriculum and am an active supporter of children making international trips to learn about other cultures. I am also a Trustee for the Saints Foundation.

**Ian Galvin**

I joined as a Governor in September 2023 and have worked for over thirty years in the investment and financial services industry in the UK and Middle East. My most recent role was as the Chief Operating Officer for a private investment company where I oversaw Risk Management, Investment Operations, Compliance, Finance, IT and HR.



I am a Chartered Accountant (ACA) and CFA charter holder (Chartered Financial Analyst).

**Carol Pulman**

I have been a Governor since 2002. Our two daughters attended The Gregg School when it was in Winn Road, and I was a member of the PTA. Our younger daughter was going into Year 11 when the school re-located to Townhill Park House, and my husband and I were two members of a small group of parent volunteers who worked in the house and grounds evenings and weekends for about six months to help prepare for the move at the start of the autumn term.



I worked for the NHS at Southampton General Hospital in Staff Development & Training and HR until I took early retirement in 2010.

I am the Designated Safeguarding Governor and have two granddaughters at the school.

**Lyn Nicholls**

I have recently taken early retirement from the position of HR Director at Ageas Insurance Limited. This role, which I held for more than 20 years, covered HR, Training and Development, Property and Communications. I am looking forward to bringing my professional expertise to The Gregg Schools, as well as building my knowledge and experience in a new sector.



I have worked as part of executive leadership teams and boards, working with CEOs as a 'trusted advisor' and also covered Health and Safety and Remuneration Committees. I have previous experience as a Charity and Pension Fund Trustee.

In addition to The Gregg School, I am Chairperson of a Pension Fund and HR advisor to another charity. My husband and I live near Bishop's Waltham and have a grown-up daughter. In my spare time I enjoy open water swimming and travelling.

**Lee Jones:**

I joined as a Governor in September 2023 and have worked in financial services for many years where I have held a range of senior roles in Retail Banking, Investments, Insurance, Protection and Lending for a number of different companies.



I live locally and am a season ticket holder at Southampton FC and I also spend time supporting my daughter who is a gymnast and also a student at the Gregg School.

I hope to be able to support the school with its strategic ambitions and developing its commercial activities as well as helping to continue the wonderful experience for students.

**Nathalie Heinst**  
(Administrator to the Trust)



A graduate of Keele University (Law and Management BA Hons), I started my career working for PricewaterhouseCoopers (Accountants) managing their audit teams.

Later I accepted the position of PA to the Principal and Administration Manager at Salisbury College where I also looked after the Board of Governors.

My love of country life meant I was unable to resist taking up the role of PA to the Earl of Normanton when the opportunity arose. I helped run his household and 5000 acre private country estate including large and small scale event management. I remained there for 10 years until my father required full-time live-in care due to Alzheimer's and Parkinsons.

My passions are my dogs and horses; the New Forest where I have lived for almost 32 years; photography and travel with friends.

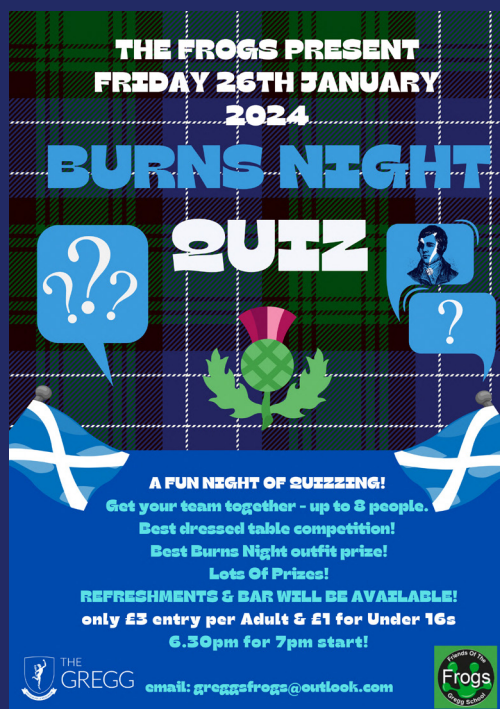
If you ever have any news you would like the share with the Governors, or any events you think they might be interested in knowing about/ attending, please do get in contact. We are keen to support you and the students in any way we can. Although I work remotely most of the time, I am in school at least once a week and am always happy to meet up to discuss anything as well as being available by email or phone.

## FROGS Burns Night Quiz!

Get your quiz caps on for the FROGS Burns Night Quiz on Friday 26th January.

Places are filling up quickly, so be sure to enter your teams soon!

Click here to book: <https://bit.ly/3GDxev6>



## Netball News

Congratulations to the U12 netball team who had their first matches on Tuesday night and despite the freezing cold weather they managed to play amazingly well beating St Marks School 8-1.

Well done to Annabel H (year 7) for getting player of the match after getting some super interceptions. Miss Hadfield



# Treading the Boards!

A fantastic day of theatre for our wonderful Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students yesterday.



Students began the day with an insightful and exciting backstage tour at the Mayflower Theatre, where we found out about different jobs in the building and what it's like to work in the biggest theatre on the South Coast!

We were then taken up to the sister venue, MAST, where students were treated to a physical theatre workshop on the stage!

This was followed by the much-anticipated and FABULOUS matinee performance of "Everybody's Talking About Jamie". This was a joyous and incredible piece of musical theatre, that made us laugh, inspired us and moved us in many ways. What a day! Mrs Azor








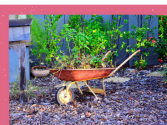




# Buy Nothing New

Our student Eco Group are encouraging the school to take part in the Keep Britain Tidy's 'Buy Nothing New' campaign this month. The 'Buy Nothing Bingo' ideas below have some great ideas on how to do this.

**BUY NOTHING BINGO!**

TICK OFF THESE BUDGET AND PLANET FRIENDLY MEASURES THIS JANUARY!

 UPCYCLE SOMETHING <input type="checkbox"/>	 DONATE SOMETHING <input type="checkbox"/>	 REPAIR SOMETHING <input type="checkbox"/>
 BORROW SOMETHING <input type="checkbox"/>	 ROTATE TOYS OR CLOTHES <input type="checkbox"/>	 RESIST NEW PURCHASE! <input type="checkbox"/>
 REUSE SOMETHING <input type="checkbox"/>	 REPURPOSE BROKEN ITEM <input type="checkbox"/>	 USE A SHARING APP <input type="checkbox"/>

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# National Storytelling Week

**National Storytelling Week** 

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We will be celebrating National Storytelling Week from 27 January to 4 February. This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories.

Please find fantastic ideas on how to celebrate stories on the following Firefly page:

<https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/lrc-library/storytelling-week>