

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Tuesday 19th March – U15 and U13 Boys Football Festival

Wednesday 20th - Thursday 21st March – Sister Act Musical,
Theatre Royal Winchester

Friday 22nd March – Language Leaders Primary Schools Visit

Monday 25th March – Wednesday 27th March Year 11 GCSE Food Practical
Exams

Monday 25th March – Tuesday 26th March - Year 11 Parent Consultation

Thursday 28th March – End of Term 3:45pm



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ISI Inspection Report

We are thrilled to finally be able to share our January ISI Inspection Report.

This report brings together observations from the inspection team, a review of 300 documents, questionnaire feedback from parents and interviews with staff and students. We would like to thank everyone in our school community who helped paint a picture of The Gregg School, which we feel has been fairly reflected in the report.

The report is the result of a new framework for inspection from ISI and we are one of the first schools to experience it. Largely, it is a check of competence across a wide series of compliance criteria that range from management of our facilities/safety to our detailed arrangements for our students.

The new style of reporting uses plain language that is stripped of all value judgements and emotional wording and no longer gives an overall rating of 'outstanding' or 'excellent', but simply indicates whether a standard has been met.



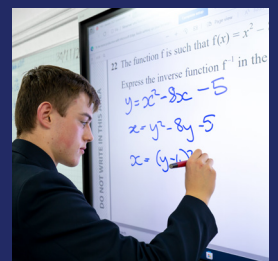
In spite of this – you will get a flavour of what the inspection team witnessed in the report – click [here](#) to download a copy.

Below are some of the highlights:

“The ‘Respect’ programme strengthens pupils’ resilience and development of personal responsibilities. Pupils’ personal development is rich in examples of their developing understanding about how to play their part as active and responsible citizens.”

“Leaders provide a broad range of academic subject choices. They allow pupils to individualise their timetable from Year 9 onwards. Academic subjects are chosen to meet the needs of pupils and to allow all abilities to achieve and develop their strengths.”

“In recent years, more than half the pupils achieve grades 9 to 7 in English, mathematics and a range of subjects, particularly the sciences, aesthetic and creative arts. Pupils achieve high grades in sociology, technology and creative arts subjects.”



“Pupils enjoy co-curricular activities and have a variety of opportunities from which to choose. The co-curricular programme utilises the school environment well and contributes to their wellbeing.”



“The governors and senior leaders have a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the school. Senior leaders, supported by a team of skilful leaders at all levels, fulfil their responsibilities effectively. They have developed an inclusive ethos across the school.”

Thank you to our parents and supporters, onwards and upwards! Mrs Sellers

Fees in Advance Scheme

We have recently reviewed our Fees in Advance Scheme. The objective of this scheme is to provide a method where the cost of your child's education at The Gregg Schools Trust can be reduced by making an advance lump sum payment.

Further information on the scheme and details of how to apply can be found [here](#):

Mrs Scales, Bursar

Disability Matters

As part of our 'Respect' programme and our current PSD topic on prejudice and discrimination, former Gregg student, Katie Pace, came into school to talk to our Year 8 students about her experience of being disabled.

Four years ago, Katie became paralysed from the waist down and is now a wheelchair user. She wanted to share her story as she is passionate about addressing many of the misconceptions

and stigmas that still surround disabilities. The students asked lots of interesting and thought-provoking questions.



They learnt how wheelchair users drive, how they navigate everyday activities that we might take for granted, as well as the significant financial cost that comes with being a wheelchair user.

Katie was very open about her experiences and her frustrations around issues such as disabled parking spaces, disabled toilets, and the ways in which some people have treated her over the years.

The feedback from the students was really positive and we have subsequently learnt about the importance of allyship in PSD lessons: how we can stand up and be a voice to support those who still continue to face discrimination in our society.

A huge thank you to Katie for coming in to talk to us. Miss Dowie

Industrial Cadets

Our Industrial Cadets programme has launched and this year we have a team of six students:

Harry K, Gregor M, Felina F-R, Madeleine R, Hilary A-A and Ethan R.



They have chosen 'My School is an Island' as the challenge they want to investigate. Over the next 12 weeks they will imagine and plan how they could transform school into a fully functional and self-sustaining island.

Mrs Carrier

Media Trip

On Tuesday, our GCSE Media students visited the Tate Modern in London to look at the Media Networks exhibition.

This exhibition showcases the way in which artists, over the past one hundred years, have responded to the impact of mass media and the ever changing technologies that shape our world.



an accessible way and the absolutely daunting and dizzying scope and implications of what Astronomy, Physics and Quantum Mechanics can teach us about the universe and about ourselves. It was a truly mind-blowing experience!

Year 9 student Hein L shares his thoughts on the trip:

Professor Brian Cox's three hour talk on Astronomy, in essence, was to answer the question "What meaning do we have in this Universe?"

The talk carefully weaves through several different topics such as the theory of relativity, black holes and the famous Penrose diagram to eventually come back to the original question, of which the answer is: We may be the only planet that has life in this entire universe, which means we are the only species that has any meaning, so if we destroy it via action or inaction, we may be deleting the only meaning in the entirety of the universe.

It was a fantastic HPL trip and we can't wait until the next one!

Mrs Toward

HPL Talk



A group of students from all years attended a talk given by Professor Brian Cox at the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke this week. The talk was impressive in so many ways: the amazing photographs of space, the complex nature of the subject matter which Professor Cox managed to convey in such

Primary Maths Challenge 2024



On Wednesday, The Gregg School's Maths Department invited 112 Year 5 pupils from 17 different schools to take part in the Primary School Maths Challenge.



The pupils worked in teams of four to solve a range of different maths problems. Pupils used all their problem solving skills and logic to answer questions such as:

"How many hours are there in 365 days?"

"In one day, 50% of my spare time is spent playing games, 25% of my spare time is spent with friends, 10% of my spare time is spent reading, which leaves me with 36 minutes to do other things. How much spare time do I have in one day? Give your answer in hours and minutes."

"A permutation of a number is a reordering of its digits. For example, 3241 is a permutation of 1234. What is the sum of all the permutations of 123? 123 is included in the sum. "

It was a highly competitive day (with over 2,200 questions answered) and once all the points had been counted, there was only four points separating the top three teams.

St Mark's CE School came out on top, beating Twyford School by just one point with Marchwood Junior School Team 1 coming in third.

Although tired at the end of the day, they all left The Gregg School pleased with what they had achieved.

A huge thank you to the Year 10 students who helped to ensure the day ran smoothly: organising, counting the scores and helping the visitors.

Mr Dullaghan

Sunny Smiles at Sunnycroft Care Home

Year 9 student Natasha S has been bringing smiles to the residents of Sunnycroft Care Home as part of her Duke of Edinburgh volunteering.

She visited the home and kept the residents fit with armchair exercises and ball games and played bingo with them after lunch.

She also made some beautiful cards and fleece lap blankets for them too.

They all had a tremendous amount of fun and look forward to Natasha's next visit. Well done Natasha – invaluable volunteering.



Drama News

Sister Act



It's nearly showtime for the whole school production of Sister Act!

The students can't wait to perform for you so please don't miss out and encourage your friends and family to book tickets here:

<https://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/sister-act>



Guys and Dolls

Former Gregg student Sophie Barnard will be directing a fabulous Southampton Operatic Society production of "Guys and Dolls" at the MAST theatre this July.

Click on the link below to buy tickets for this production:



<https://www.mayflower.org.uk/whats-on/guys-and-dolls-2024/>

Macbeth, Dahl's or even the Winnie type figures of the literary world!

£1 Book Tokens were given to all students. These can be used in most shops to get £1 off any book until the end of March.



The Book Fair proved a huge success with our students enjoying everything from Taylor Swift to secret agent books and everything in between.

Having raised more than £500 in book sales - it has allowed the library to invest in new books!

A big thank you and happy reading!

Ms Grinnell-King



World Book Day

March the 7th was World Book Day and it coincided with the last few days of the very popular Scholastic Book Fair.

Ms Roy, Ms Lewington and I spent the day as witches and Mr Vassaf was Banquo to inspire (and terrify!) the students and remind them of

Sports News

Cross Country

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for our cross country runners with a number of events:

ISA London West



Camilla W (Year 8) and Alexandra D (Year 10) were both selected to represent London West at the ISA National Cross-Country Championships at Worksop College, Nottinghamshire.

Camilla finished a fantastic 10th place in the Year 8-9 girls race over a challenging 3180m course and Alexandra finished 13th over 3600m in the Year 10-11 girls race helping the London West team to win both age group categories!

Hampshire Cross Country Championships



Well done to our Year 8 students who competed at the Hampshire Cross Country Championships at Down Grange, Basingstoke last week:

Camilla 7th, Jack B 68th and Eva 72nd.

Particular congratulations to Camilla who has qualified to run for Hampshire at the southern inter counties.

Southampton Schools League

Southampton Schools Cross Country League is back! In the first race Daniel C set off at a blistering pace into the wind and rain to win the overall race, with Camilla W coming in second and Sam A-R in third!

Last week we also had strong performances from our runners:



- 2nd Camilla W
- 9th Eva M-M
- 4th Oscar I
- 6th Jack B
- 13th Oliver S

A massive well done to Camilla who had four races in 8 days!



In the final race of the season this week we had top performances from:

- 3rd Camilla W
- 8th Jack
- 11th Oliver S
- 13th Eva M-M
- 13th Jamie R

Well done to our runners and thank you to our marshals. Miss Brenton



Netball



Fantastic matches this week from our U13 netball team who won both of their matches with an 8-0 win against St Marks and a 6-0 win against Upper Shirley High.

Well done to Camilla for getting player of the match. Miss Hadfield

Football

Our senior boys team continue their winning streak with a 5:1 win against Hamble last Thursday at home. It was a tense game with a few tough patches in the match. Despite Hamble

being quite an imposing side, we won the aerial battle both in defence and attack and started to pull away from them as their side began to tire.

Congratulations to Zhane M who scored a hat trick (3), while Joe F and Aiden H also scored a goal each.

The last match will be 28th March v Sholing at home. Good luck boys! Mr Barritt

House News

Congratulations to Spartan who won the Year 9 House football tournament yesterday. Trojan came second with Roman in third place.

