

# DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

**Monday 10th – Achievement Evening**

**Monday 10th – Sunday 30th Borneo Expedition**

**Wednesday 12th – Last Day of Term. School finishes 1pm**

**Monday 24th - Friday 28th July - Year 6 into 7 Activities Week**

**Wednesday 26th July - Six Musical Trip**



## TGS News

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### Able Linguists Day

Year 8 able linguists enjoyed a languages workshop at the University of Southampton on the 14th of June.



They learnt the numbers of Mandarin, from 0-10, as well as tones and accents in the language, and gained information about the range of careers which benefit from the study of modern languages.

Our Spanish, French and German linguists were taught by different Professors and Student Ambassadors in a variety of sessions which prepared them for the 'create a poster' activity. Themes included contact lenses, lipsticks, glasses, and headphones based on the theme of 'Portable Technology'. All received very positive feedback.

In addition, a group of Year 10s also attended a Language Workshop Day at the University. Their tasks also included creating posters in their target language (German, French and Spanish) to advertise a music festival or a concert, and were also taught key vocabulary on music festivals. The Year 10 students were very happy with how their

posters turned out and their expanded language range!

The students also had a brief taster lesson in Mandarin which they found very entertaining.



We should like to thank the University of Southampton for inviting us. Mrs Lay

### UKMT and Kangaroo Challenge

Congratulations to all the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior UKMT Challenge earlier in the year. This year the students have achieved amazing results; 12 bronze, 8 silver and 4 gold certificates.



A special mention to Marc V and Alex T in Year 8 who both achieved golds in the challenge, which puts them in the top 9% nationally. As a result, they were selected to take part in the follow up round, UKMT Kangaroo Challenge.

Students can find practice Junior and Intermediate UKMT papers on DrFrost. Mr Dullaghan

# Student Highlights

## Karate Kid

Well done to Jurek B (Year 7) who has successfully passed his second Kyu (second brown belt) grading in Karate recently at the Sama Karate Centre in Worthing.



## ISA Nationals

Well done to Camilla W (Year 7), who qualified for the ISA National Athletics Championships, running the 800m event. She travelled to the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, used for the Commonwealth Games last year and finished 5th.



## Shooting Hoops

In June, I travelled to Barcelona with the Solent Kestrels basketball team to represent the South of England at the Euro Youth Basketball Cup.



We were lucky enough to play in the 1992 Olympic Basketball venue where basketball icons Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson have also played. We competed against teams from France, USA, Canada, Italy, Denmark, Lithuania, Ireland and more and it was a great experience to travel independently with the Solent Kestrels team and make new friends.

Euan H ((Year 7)

## Foul Play

Congratulations to Aedan H (Year 9) who successfully passed the Football Association Referee's course during the Easter holidays. Aedan is now a qualified Hampshire FA Referee and is well on his way to becoming fully accredited with the Football Association. (He also hasn't had to issue any red cards yet!) Well done Aedan.



# Tudor Tales

To enhance their studies of The Tudors, Year 7 took a trip to Hampton Court last week. Following a detailed itinerary, they toured the Palace which included Henry VIII's apartments, the cellars, the gardens and the Great Hall. The year group split in two to take part in an Elizabethan workshop where they formed a Tudor debate about who Elizabeth should name as her heir!



Our students also had the opportunity to explore the magnificent maze after a lovely lunch in the sun.





The History department will be delivering a follow-up lesson when classes can share their experiences of the day and discuss all the new facts and information gleaned from their visit.



## Headteacher Commendations

Well done to all our students who have achieved a Headteacher commendation recently. Amazing achievement, effort and service to our school. Fantastic work and we look forward to more next year.



## Creating Memories

Year 7 have been creating memory boxes (including this photo!) which they will open in 2027 when they are in Year 11.



The boxes will include:

- A description of a memory which is important to them.
- A list of their favourite things – music, TV programmes, food, colours etc. It will be interesting to see if these change!
- A wrapper from their favourite sweet or chocolate bar. Will they still like this in Year 11 and will the wrapper have changed?
- What they hope to achieve in the next four years.
- What they imagine they will be thinking about in Year 11.

We'll catch up with this in 2027 to see them reminisce!

## New Uniform



As explained in Mrs Goodchild's letter last week, we are excited to work with School Colours who are our new **sole** supplier of school uniform.

As a reminder, the new uniform can be ordered from School Colours Direct ([www.schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolcoloursdirect.co.uk)) when it goes live on 17th July. (Please note that sports uniform will still be supplied from PlayerLayer). If you have any queries please contact School Colours Direct.

We can't wait to see students in the new uniform in September.

## Moving Up....

Last Tuesday, we welcomed our upcoming Year 7 students to school for their Moving Up Day.

They spent the day in lessons, meeting their tutors and mentors and making new friends, followed by a barbecue with their parents at the end of the day. They had a great time and we look forward to seeing them again for their Activities Week at the end of July.

## Moving On!



After working so hard for their GCSE exams, it was wonderful to see our Year 11 students back at school for their leavers' afternoon. They enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscing, making pizzas, games and the popular shirt signing.

Also, they all looked incredibly glamorous and grown up dressed up in their finery at their Prom which was held at New Park in Shirrell Heath on Friday.

We look forward to seeing them again for their GCSE results day on Thursday 24th August.



## Respect Update

As we enter the final weeks of term, Mrs Clifton and the staff would like to thank The Gregg students for their support with the Respect Programme this year. Mrs Clifton has just completed her final round of assemblies celebrating their successes.



The drama project "Boomerang of Kindness" worked very well. Not only did the "Wall of Kindness" prove to be a big hit (see photo), but also the video clips highlighting the need for kindness were amazing, the motto that "what goes around comes around" being very poignant.

Mrs Azor is very proud of the work that was produced and the winning clips were shown during assemblies.

The Respect Ambassadors have worked very hard this year providing Mrs Clifton with lots of feedback and new ideas on how to develop the programme next September.

We would like to thank them all for their support and help and are looking forward to the Respect Programme, Round 2 in the next academic year.



## Gardens Open Day

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying our Gardens Open Day last Sunday. In addition to strolling around the formal gardens, visitors were also treated to an MG classic car display from the Solent MG Owner's Club.

If you would like to visit the house and grounds they will be open from 2pm until 5pm on Heritage Day, Sunday 10th September.



### Wildlife Watch

Whilst many know about the deer and badgers that roam in the school grounds, how many know about the newts and frogs that live in the Sunk Garden's pond? Whilst the pond was being repaired recently we found and relocated the wildlife there to keep them safe, which provided lots of interest in the Science labs where the newts were kept before they were placed back in the pond.



## Bletchley Park Visit



Year 9 were lucky to have a trip to Bletchley Park last week. They learnt all about Alan Turing and other agents of the ultra intelligence project who decoded the enemy's secret messages during WWII that had been encrypted by using the Enigma and Tunny cipher machines.





# Let's Get Messy!

What fabulous fun at our Colour Run Fundraiser last Thursday (parents/carers we're sorry about the washing)! We have so far raised over £700 for Abby's Heroes and if you would like to kindly donate anything please use the link below.

Thank you for your support.

<https://bit.ly/3rajzz>





## Just Keep Jumping!



Our annual Sports Day was filled with the usual buzzing excitement and hive of activity. In spite of the dropped temperature and occasional drizzle, the students kept their spirits up and energy levels high to compete for their houses.

In an admirable feat of student and teacher co-ordination, we saw most students compete in at least three events during the day. The running track was in near constant use whilst the high jump, long jump, shot put and javelin took place around the edges.



As expected, there was fierce competition, with some excitingly tense moments: one in particular when Rhett and Oscar were striving for school records in the high jump. Rhett cleared 1.55m and Oscar cleared 1.59m - particularly impressive heights when you realise that's taller than some of their friends (and teachers!).



Congratulations to all our winners who showed their true colours at the event and did themselves and their houses proud. The final result was Roman third, Spartan second and Trojan retaining the shield in first place.



Our great thanks to the parents who braved the weather to support their children and to our fabulous FROGS for providing much need refreshments throughout the day.



### Victrix and Victor Ledorum Winners

**Year 7** Jana SA and Harry L

**Year 8** Lexie P, Hilary-Ann A-A and Oscar I

**Year 9** Mika L, Rosie W, Jada T-M and Rhett W-M

**Year 10** Gemma R and Beau B



## Record Breakers

### Year 7

Lois B, Trojan, Discus 15.31m  
Zoe B Spartan, High Jump 1.20m  
Jana SA Trojan, 80m 11.8 seconds  
Declan S, Trojan, Javelin 25.97m  
Noah H Trojan, Discus 22.64m

### Year 8

Natasha S, Roman, Discus 12.76m

### Year 9

Alexandra D, Roman 1500m 5.38 mins



# Term Dates 2023/24

## Autumn 2023

INSET Day Staff Only - Friday 1 September  
(School closed)

Start of Term - Monday 4 September (Year 7  
students only)

- Tuesday 5 September (All students)

INSET Day - Staff Only - Friday 22 September  
(School closed)

Half-term - Monday 16 October to Friday 27  
October

End of Term - 12.30pm Wednesday 13 December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Thursday 14 December  
to Tuesday 2 January

## Spring 2024

START OF TERM - Wednesday 3 January

INSET Day - Staff Only Friday 9 February (School  
closed)

Half-term - Monday 12 to Friday 16 February

End of term - Thursday 28 March

EASTER HOLIDAY Friday 29 March to Friday 12  
April

## Summer 2024

INSET Day Staff Only - Monday 15 April (School  
closed)

Start of Term - Tuesday 16 April

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 6 May (School closed)

Half-term - Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

End of Term - 1.00pm Friday 12 July