

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Sunday 30th July Borneo Expedition returns

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

Wednesday 26th July - Six Musical Trip



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A word from the Head

Nearing the end of another busy year at TGS, I should like to congratulate our students and staff on their efforts and achievements this year.

In recent weeks we have certainly 'pushed the boat out' with our events calendar; we have enjoyed a busy summer open event, gardens open day, sports day and a plethora of excitement with activity camps in France, South Wales and Oxfordshire.



On Monday night we hosted a very successful Awards evening with record numbers of students gaining Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Mercuries and clocking many hours of Valor with our co-curricular programme. I should like to congratulate all award winners but in particular, Hannah K (Year 9) in earning over 600 Learning Habit awards this year – truly spectacular!



It has been wonderful to witness the broad spectrum of achievement this year – many of our students gaining awards for outstanding work, resilience, determination and service to our school community...we have

a committed team of staff and an increasingly determined student body and that fills me with enormous pride.

Moving into our next academic year we aim to further galvanise these opportunities with an even greater range of co-curricular activities that complement our broad offer of academic subjects. Extending the school lunch break has provided us with the time to offer a broader programme which we will encourage our students to embrace.

In engaging more proactively with additional activity, research demonstrates our students will be happier, more connected and even gain better academic outcomes...very exciting news indeed...watch this space!

So, instead of feeling rather too tired at the end of a busy year – we are already meticulously planning for the next, in the interim I should like to thank everyone for their hard work and effort during 2022/2023; I hope that you have an opportunity to relax and reflect during the summer break.

I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mrs Sellers



Camp Week

Year 7 Oxfordshire



Year 7 had an amazing week in an Oxfordshire Forest with outdoor experts 'Woodland Ways' learning a range of bushcraft and life skills. The week was full of fun and challenging activities including shelter building, cordage, water and food preparation and foraging. Students showed real resilience when the weather was not on our side on Tuesday, despite the pouring rain students pushed themselves to prepare pigeons for dinner. This was an incredibly emotive moment understanding the process of where food comes from and how it arrives on our plates.



The transformation in the year group was clear to see by Wednesday when the 'true magic' happened and students felt calm and settled in camp. They went from not wanting to sit on the floor and wandering around not knowing what to do to rolling around making signals, making miniature bow drills and singing and talking together. The lack of technology meant that they talked and made their own entertainment, enjoyed a storytelling visit from the Wild Green Man of the Woods and showed off their axe throwing skills.



The instructors at the camp all spoke incredibly positively of all the students, their polite manners and incredible resilience. They came away with new skills such as cooking, fire lighting and they even packed their own bags and tents away!



Well done Year 7, it was tough but what an awesome week!

Mrs Crowther



Year 8 Brecon Beacons



39 Year 8 students had the pleasure of visiting Argoed Lwyd in the Brecon Beacons for their camp week. Students showed great resilience and determination and worked incredibly hard

as a team to take part in all activities. They were able to experience rock climbing, caving and canoeing during the day whilst evenings included local walks, orienteering and problem solving.



The weather was kind and the staff team were incredibly proud of the courage and determination they showed in taking part in some very daring activities.

Mrs Lewington



Year 9 Paris, France

For camp week, Year 9 had the opportunity to go to France and experience some of the landmarks there.



On the first day, we arrived in France after our 14 hour journey. We were all tired and hungry but we received a fun demonstration on how they make chocolate at La Chocolaterie de Lachelle. We also got the chance to go to the shop and were able to purchase gifts for our families.



Afterwards, we arrived at the chateau where we were going to be staying for the rest of the week. In the evening, we were given the option to participate in activities. For Monday, this was a swim in the pool followed by a photo challenge.

On Tuesday, we went to the Sacré-Coeur in Paris and French markets. We went to two markets and at the second (the Montmartre), we could see the Eiffel tower. The Sacré-Coeur is a Roman



Catholic church and in English means 'sacred heart' and we were able to go inside and see what it was like. Our evening activities were swimming and a quiz about France.



Finally, on Friday we had an early start and left the chateau at 7:50am to get back at 5:50pm.

Overall, it was an interesting and exciting trip that gave everybody opportunities to explore Paris and its iconic landmarks. The trip gave us a background of Paris, and provided us with experiences that we will always remember. It was full of fun and made us all forget about the outside world as we were taken away to a city that was full of history and facts to discover.



The next day, we got to go to what was the highlight of the trip: Disneyland Paris! Some of the main attractions included the Avengers: Flight Force ride (accelerating from 0mph to 60mph in three seconds), The Tower of Terror (an elevator drop ride), the Star Wars: Hyperspace Mountain ride and the Toy Soldiers Parachute Drop. Other activities included going up the Disneyland castle and the hourly character parade.

Disneyland gave us all the chance to relax, and enjoy each other as close friends that just wanted to have fun. We would like to thank everybody that made this trip possible, as we think that it is an experience that we will never forget, and look back on with happy memories.

Helena R and Rosie W

School Squad

Thursday gave us the chance to see one of France's most famous sites: the Eiffel Tower. However, first we took a boat tour on the Seine to see some of the famous sites while we sailed along the river for an hour. Then, we were given tickets so that we could go to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower and take photos, buy souvenirs or anything else we wished to do. For around an hour we roamed freely up and down it. After this, we drove back to the chateau while doing some sightseeing with the PGL staff.



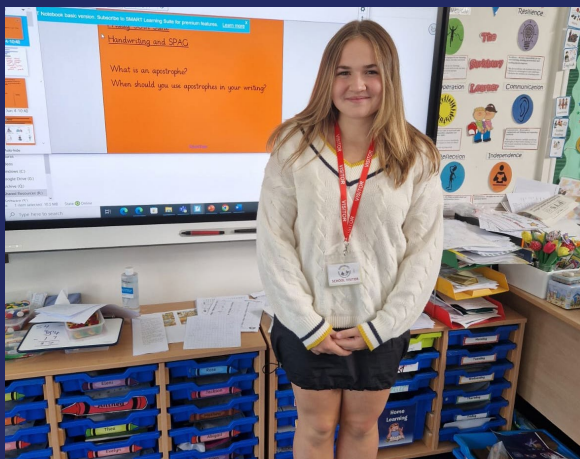
Students is school had a packed itinerary including learning new skills to recycle bikes to send to Africa, fun games as school, perfecting their trampolining jumps at Flip Out and their ice skating turns.





They also had a fabulous time on the waves at Southampton Water Activities Centre sailing, paddleboarding and raft building. Not forgetting connecting with nature on a hike through Wilverley Plain and at Testwood Lakes learning about water conservation.

Year 10 Work Experience



Year 10 were given the opportunity to enter the world of work for a week of work experience. Students were given the opportunity to find their own placement or secure one with EBP our careers service. Students enjoyed their week working in an amazing range of different industries including schools, financial advisors, building and landscaping industries, engineering and animal care and management.

Year 10 showed excellent resilience and commitment. This, along with the work they completed on the TAM Day and the recent College Open Evening means Year 10 are well on their way to deciding their future steps as they move into Year 11.

Mrs Crowther

TAM Day!

On Thursday 29th June we had our final Tutor Academic Monitoring Day allowing students to reflect on their academic progress over the year with their tutor setting new targets for the year ahead. Year 7 were involved in a Diversity workshop creating some amazing work for Diversity Week about people who have been trail blazers in their area. Year 8 had a STEM session, Year 9 marked RSE Day with a workshop on Relationships, Consent and Contraception and Year 10 did some amazing work on careers, post age 16 options and research into local colleges and their next steps after The Gregg.

Abby's Heroes

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Colour Run we raised over £770 for Abby's Heroes.

Year 10 Summer Science Exhibition

Last week Year 10 students went to The Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition in London last week to explore the various interactive exhibits and to listen to a fascinating talk from Helen Sharman the first British astronaut in space.



Achievement Evening

Congratulations to all our students whose hard work was rewarded this week at our achievement evening on Monday where they received awards for high achieving Mercuries, Valor, Valor Additus as well as progress prizes.



Time for an Adventure!



Ten intrepid explorers left for Borneo yesterday on an adventure of a lifetime ably assisted by Miss Carter and Mrs Toward. Have a great time and we can't wait to hear all about it!

Senior Student Leaders

Congratulations to Head Girl Sophia W and Head Boy Alex B for 2023-24.



They will be supported by Deputy Head Girl Jessica C and Deputy Head Boy Oliver D.

Senior School Leaders: Henry P, Grace K, Sophia D, Katie P, Isabelle E, Jasmine A, Emily A, Lucy S and Queenie W

Respect Senior Student Leads: Sophia D and Katie P

Respect Student Leads: Helena R, Rosie W, Ava F and Naina N

School Council Leads: Henry P, Grace K and Etty T

School Council Chairs:

Year 11 Isabelle E and Harjun P

Year 10 Jasmine A and Sarah-Jane R

Year 9 Queenie W

Year 8 Emily A

Year 7 Jessica B and Amelia S

Eco Group Student Lead: Lucy S

Student Leader: Stanley F, Junior K, Georgia M, Grace P, Charlotte W, Jake G, Fergus N, Sienna T and Mika L

House Captains

Roman

Junior

Lexi P (Y 8), Lexi P (Y 9), George W (Y 8), Amelie W (Y8) and Natasha S (Y 9)

Senior

Dan C (Y 10), Harley G (Y 10), Alex D (Y 10), Chloe V (Y 10), Katie P (Y 11), Jake G (Y 11) and Sophia W (Y 11), Ava F (Y 10)

Spartan

Junior

Betsy J (Y 8), Charlotte C (Y 8), Sam H (Y 8), Oliver A (Y 9), Zoe L (Y 9), Juliette S (Y 9) and Myles O (Y 9)

Senior

Jada T-M (Y 10), Aedan H (Y 10), Jeremiah A (Y 10), Agatha F (Y 10), Elisa C (Y 10), Naina N (Y 10), Elizabeth F (Y11), Emily A (Y 11), Emily R (Y 11), Sarah-Jane R (Y 11), Carrie F (Y11) and Beau B (Y 11)

Trojan

Junior

Yasin A (Y 9), James R (Y 9), Harry L (Y 8), Ben F (Y 9), Jana S A(Y 8), James L (Y 9), Sophia A (Y 8), Namrita B (Y 9)

Senior

Sienna T (Y 10), Rosie W (Y10) Jasmine A (Y 11), Grace K (Y 11), Mika L (Y 10), Stanley F (Y 10), Eryka C (Y 10), James C (Y11), Krish K (Y 10), Fergus N (Y 10), Jemma R (Y 11), Jack G (Y 10), Ety T (Y 10) and Rhett W-M (Y 10)

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

Have a fabulous
Summer Holiday
and see you all
in September!