

# DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

**Sunday 15th October Year 10/11 Berlin Trip returns**

**Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October Half Term**

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

**Wednesday 8th November – Open Morning 9:30 – 11:30am**

**Wednesday 8th November - Year 7-9 Junior Boys 5-a-side football**

**Thursday 9th November - Year 7-9 Junior Girls 5-a-side football**

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



## TGS News

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### STEM Teamwork Challenge



Eight Year 9 students have signed up to be Industrial Cadets this year which means that they now have 12 weeks to complete a STEM challenge as a team.

The team chooses a project and are mentored by someone from industry who guides them through the process. At the end of the three month period, they present their findings to a panel of representatives from various STEM occupations.

They learn skills of time management, planning, report writing, presenting and working as a team: identifying people's strengths for the benefit of the team. At the end they will achieve a Bronze

award, which is a recognised qualification. The photo shows our team getting to know each other on a team building exercise.

Mrs Carrier

### Birds of Prey Visit

For the fourth year, Sharandy's Birds of Prey visited the school and shared their wonderful birds with Year 8. This year they brought four birds we hadn't seen before: a Melanistic Barn owl called Rollo, an Aplamado Falcon called Loki, a Spectacled Owl called Bella (she was beautiful) and a Turkey Vulture called Wrecky.

The students were given a talk about each bird and were able to photograph them. Bella was definitely the belle of the ball! She was incredibly





fluffy and serene, while Wrecky, the vulture, loved to spread out his wings in the sunshine.

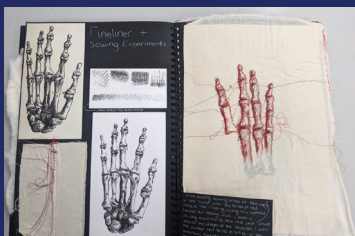
The students took some incredible photographs which will now be used to create art work in lessons and they will be able to enter a house competition for the best photograph of the day.

It even inspired Mrs Toward to pick up a pencil and create a portrait of Wrecky!



## ISA Art Competition Success

The Art Department travelled to Maidenhead on Tuesday for the London West Regional ISA Art Competition. Nine pieces of art were entered ranging from drawing, to photography and textiles.



We are very happy to report that we had two winning entries which will now go forward to the final in November.



Hannah T won two first places - one for 'KS3 and KS4 Sketchbook' and one for 'KS4 Individual Textiles Piece'.

Well done to Tilly C, Harry A, Jazmine O, Georgia H, Pheobe W and Lexi P who all represented the school in different categories.

## Hogwarts Experience

On Monday, Year 8 had an excellent trip to the Harry Potter Studios. We all really enjoyed the trip as there were lots of fun and interactive activities and we learnt lots of interesting information about the films.



At the start of the day, we took part in a script writing workshop and we were able to touch a number of the props (using gloves!) that were used in the films which was an incredible experience.



We were fascinated by the actual sets that were used and the way it was displayed so we could see it all and were lucky enough to see some of the Death Eaters walking around the set.



Overall, we had a wonderful time and found the trip an amazing experience seeing how the films are actually made compared to how the final films are.

Poppy D and Betsy J

## Future Chefs in the Making

Congratulations to Year 10 students Etty T and Henry G who took part in The Gregg School Heat of the prestigious national cookery competition: Future Chef.



The standard of their cooking wowed the judges with their delicious homemade pasta dishes.

With only one point between Etty, the winner, and Henry, a close second, they will both represent the school at South Downs College at the regional finals in November. Good luck!

Mrs Grice

## Growing Up

Whilst visiting The Gregg Prep Mrs Sellers spotted a lovely picture of Year 8 student Elise B whilst she was a pupil there. Mrs Sellers brought it back and Elise was thrilled to be presented with it and serves as a lovely memento of her time there.



## House News

### Football

Last Friday saw not one but two house football competitions!

Trojan were the winners of Key Stage 4 (Spartan were second and Roman third) with the following scores:

Trojan 4 v Roman 1  
Spartan 4 v Roman 0  
Spartan 1 v Trojan 2



Rhett was Trojan's 'man of the match' scoring 5 goals, Beau scored 3 goals for Spartan and Owen was the scorer for Roman.



In the Year 7/8 competition, Trojans were first again thanks to a 4-0 defeat of Roman and a 2-0 win over Spartan, with Declan S, Harry L, Harry G, Benji P and Archie L scoring the goals. Spartan finished second thanks to a victory over Roman, with Sam H, James MG and Euan H scoring, with Ethan F scoring a consolation for Roman. Well done to all who took part for their houses.



### KS4 House Netball

The sun came out for a lovely afternoon of house netball on Friday.



Roman and Spartan took to the court for the first game and what a first half they had! Mishka was unstoppable in the shooting circle and scored a huge 7 goals for Spartan, whilst Zara scored Roman's only goal.



In the second half, Roman made a comeback with Zara and Chloe both scoring a further two goals. However, the Spartan attackers were just too quick and Mishka scored 4 more goals, making the final score 11-4 to Spartan.



The second game was between Trojan and Roman and despite some fantastic defensive efforts from the Roman team, they were unable to stop the Trojan shooters, with Jemma and Maisie scoring 11 goals between them in the first half, whilst Roman were unable to score.

In the second half, Zara was able to score for Roman after some great passing from the Roman team but Anaya scored a further 5 goals for Trojan after some accurate 'swoosh' shots. This meant that the final score was 16-1 to Trojan!

The final game had everything to play for, with the winner of this match taking the overall win. The Trojan defence were able to keep the Spartans to just one goal in the first half, whilst Issy and Anaya scored 7 goals for Trojan. In the second half, Trojan were just too quick with the ball and made many interceptions to score another 4 goals - this meant that the final score was 11-1 to Trojan.

- 1st place - Trojan
- 2nd Place - Spartan
- 3rd place – Roman

Miss Hadfield

## House Points Totals

After a busy first half term of house competitions the results stand at:

- Trojan 205
- Spartan 160
- Roman 145

## Soton Schools Cross Country

On Wednesday we again hosted the Southampton Schools Cross Country Championships. In Race 3 of the league we had a number of individual medallists:

- 1st Oscar I Y9, 2nd Camilla W Y8, 2nd Jack B Y8 and 3rd Sam A-R Y9

Our group teams all ran really well and team results will be out later this week. Fingers crossed for some more silverware! Miss Brenton



## Sister Act

The Sister Act auditions are over and the cast has been chosen! It was a very difficult job for Mrs Azor and Mrs Parrot as the standard was so high. Thank you to all the students that came to the auditions and congratulations to our four lead actors:

Charlotte W, Henry C, Bernard A and Hannah G and the rest of the superb cast.

Rehearsals are already under way and we can't wait to perform the show at The Theatre Royal in Winchester.



## Life Savers

In PSD next half term, Year 7 will be learning about personal safety.

As part of this topic we welcomed Brian Masters, an experienced local volunteer from the RNLI, to talk to our Year 7 students about water safety.

Brian talked about what volunteers at the RNLI do before guiding students through the steps of keeping safe around water:

- Stop and think
- Stay together
- Float for your life
- Call 999 or 112



Throughout the session students were asked to spot the dangers in various beach scenes, practise the 'float' position, and work out the meanings of different warning signs and different coloured flags that you might find on or near a beach.

The session ended with all the students coming together to create a beach scene- we had lifeguards, inflatable boats, beach balls, and giant flags- to demonstrate what they had learnt.

Following on from this, Mrs Carrier, one of our Science teachers who is an RNLI volunteer, has set up a house competition to celebrate the RNLI's 200th Anniversary.

All the details are on Firefly and it would great if some of our Year 7 students could get involved following the session with Brian.

Miss Dowie

# Linguists of the Month

Congratulations to our Linguists of the Month for September:

Year 7 Zoe S, Year 8 Zoe B, Year 9 James L, Year 10 Rosie W, Year 11 Katie P



# MathsWatch and DrFrost September Winners

Well done to the students below who finished in the top three of their year in September and all receive 15 credits!

## Mathswatch:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Caitlin V	Lois B	Benjamin F	Henry G	Noah K
Jeevan G	Samuel H	Marc V	Benjamin F	Bethany I
Daniel G	Namakhosi R	Charlotte N	Hannah K	William P

## DrFrost Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Sophie C	Harry K	Hien L	Michael R	Hannah G
Bertie B	James G	Alex T	Zac B	Grace K
Charles D	Lexi P	Myles O	William R	Arthur J

# Award Winners

Congratulations to Tom C who won the shield for the most Respect points whilst in Year 8 and to Yasin A who has received his Platinum Mercury Award. Excellent achievement boys!



# Open Morning



Do you have a child or know someone who does in Year 5 or 6? Why not come along to our Open Morning on Wednesday 8th November 9:30-11:30am to see the school in action. Students will be touring and Mrs Sellers and staff will be on hand to speak to parents over refreshments.

## FROGS News

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