

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Friday 9th February - INSET Day

Saturday 10th – Friday 16th February – SnowSport Trip

Half Term Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd February – Year 11 MFL Speaking Mock Exams

Thursday 22nd February – Year 7 Shrek Trip to Mayflower Theatre

Tuesday 27th February – FROGS Meeting 3-4pm in school

Wednesday 28th – Thursday 29th February Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening



TGS News

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Magnificent Mathematicians



Well done to the Year 11 students who challenged themselves by sitting the Maths GCSE exam early.

We are so proud of the fantastic results they achieved, which included 5 Grade 9s, 8 Grade 8s and 13 Grade 7s.

Students will now have the opportunity to study towards the Level 2 Further Maths Qualification. Congratulations all!

Miss Carter

UKMT Challenge

Well done to the 60 students in Year 9 to 11 who took part in the Intermediate UKMT Challenge last Wednesday. All students will receive a Respect Point for taking part.

The annual challenge encourages students to use their mathematical reasoning skills to solve non-routine problems.

The Junior UKMT Challenge will be taking place in April and we will be selecting students from Years 7 and 8 to participate.

Practice papers can be found on DrFrost and on the UKMT website.

Mr Dullaghan



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What's Cooking?

Year 11 student Etty T recently won the Southern finals of Springboard Future Chef Competition where she wowed the judges with her delicious and skillful dish of lamb with red wine jus and fondant potatoes.

She has been working hard with her mentor chef, Sean Campbell, executive chef of over 72 restaurants across the country, to develop and elevate her dish and devise her dessert of apple tarte tatin, made with homemade puff pastry and creme patisserie. Etty travelled to West London College last Friday where she cooked in a professional kitchen and competed against students from London and the Southeast.



Feedback from the judges, all industry professional chefs at the top of their field, said Etty's lamb was 'beautifully cooked' and praised her mint salsa, fondant potatoes and her professionalism. It is a huge achievement to represent the South coast at this prestigious nationwide competition. She has built excellent contacts in the industry and helped forged partnerships between The Gregg and a wealth of restaurants. On this occasion, Etty was beaten by last year's winner, but she did The Gregg School proud.

Well done Etty and thank you to Upton's of Bassett who kindly donated the lamb.

Mrs Grice

Malawi Summer 2025 Expedition



Calling all current Year 9 and 10 students. The Gregg School students are once again being offered a fantastic opportunity – a school expedition to Malawi in the summer of 2025 with Outlook Expeditions, the leading independent provider of youth development programmes in the United Kingdom.

Outlook Expeditions and The Gregg School have hosted an assembly for students and an information evening to provide more details and answer questions about the programme.

If you were unable to attend or would like information prior to the information evening, here is the link to the school launch page:

<https://outlookexpeditions.com/schools/the-gregg-school-2025>

There is also a 90 second video on why expeditions are important: <https://vimeo.com/397434517>

For further details please contact Miss Carter or Mrs Toward.

Castles Project

Year 7 completed their excellent Castle projects this term. There were many brilliant designs, from Motte and Bailey to full Concentric models.

The History department had twelve entries in the final but in the end decisions had to be made for the top three.

In third place was Henry R, in second place was Charles D and it was so hard to choose first place that Mrs Walker and Miss Whittaker chose two!

The winners of the Amazon vouchers were Hayden B and Louise M. A big well done to the finalists and all of those involved!

Miss Whittaker



Burns Night Quiz

Thank you to the FROGS who organised a brilliant Burns Night Quiz and to everyone who came along and supported the event.



It was a wonderful evening and a great chance to get together in a relaxed environment.

Congratulations to the 'Happy Haggis' team who won the quiz and commiserations to 'Up & Atom' who came second by just one point.

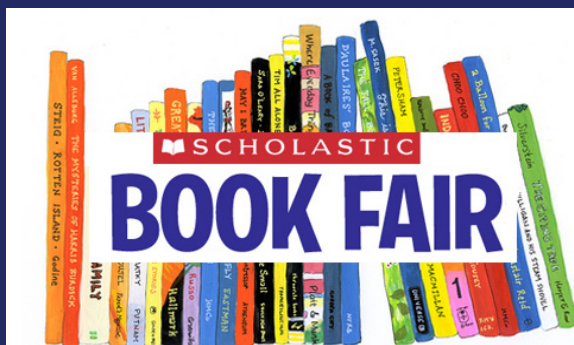


The 'Bonnie-Wick Parton's' won the prize for the Best Dressed Table and Mr Cooper leaped out in front to win the origami Frog Race.

Don't forget to save the date for the FROGS Pizza and Prosecco evening on Friday 7th June!



Let's Get Reading!



We will be holding another Scholastic BookFair in the LRC from the 28th February until the 11th March where students will be able to peruse and purchase books during break and lunchtimes.

This is how it will work-

Students take a look at the 'shop' and compile a wish list

Take the wish list home and parents to pay online Return the next day with payment reference number and take their items away!

Of course they can bring in cash but online payment is preferable

This also times well with World Book Day and the vouchers, worth £1, can be used with purchases, too.

Author talk

A number of Year 9 students recently enjoyed an online author talk from Phil Earle which was funny, interesting and inspiring.



They enjoyed hearing about his life, his writing practice, his interests and how he started off as a reluctant reader who ended up being a professional writer!

He told of how his only interests as a teenage boy were football and frazzles crisps until that

is....girls! How he tried and failed to win over the affections of a particular girl and the hilarious moments in between!

Thanks to Year 9 students Max A, Jamie A, Oliver A, Emily H, Ella NS, Zac R, Brendan R and Natasha S as well as Ms Love, for coming along and their super company! Ms Grinnell-King

Isle of Wight Story Festival

If you are visiting the Isle of Wight over half term please pop into the Isle of Wight Story Festival which will be held at the Quay Arts Centre in Newport on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 16th February.



Further details can be found here: <https://www.iwstoryfestival.com/>

Linguists of the Month

Congratulations to the Linguists of the Month for February.

Year 7: Charlie I, Year 8: Pippa H, Year 9: Amelie B, Year 10: Lewis T and Year 11: Harriet P



Scientists of the Month

Congratulations to the following Scientists of the Month for February:

Key Stage 3: Henry C (Year 8) is always inquisitive in Science lessons and produces detailed work that demonstrates an excellent understanding.

Key Stage 4: Noah K (Year 11) has an enquiring mind, always trying to build on his understanding about work discussed in class and in the world around him.



play both outdoors and indoors with the three and four year olds, as well as observing snack time!

The visit will support Year 10 with their controlled assessment and we hope to visit both settings again soon! Miss Gibbs



Geography News

Rainforest Projects

This half term Year 8 have continued to learn about Ecosystems with the focus on Tropical Rainforests.

Their homework was to produce a Shoebox Rainforest which has been completed to a brilliant standard. Students have spent the half term researching and investigating plants and animals in the Rainforest as well as the layers of the Rainforest.

Mrs Le Cornu and Ms Rendall were so impressed by the detail and creativeness of the projects. Well done Year 8!



Child Development News

Miss Gibbs' Year 10 and Year 11 Child Development classes recently enjoyed two trips; the first to My Little Explorers Forest Nursery in Romsey.



The students sat around the firepit at snack time and were then able to play with the 3 and 4 year-olds.

The theme of the week was 'birds' so students had a go at making bird feeders using fruit and seeds, before playing in the forest! The Year 10's loved the outdoor feel to the nursery, in addition to getting to know the children as they play.

The second trip was to Brambles Community Pre-School, in Thornhill. Our students were able to

Chinese New Year

Year 9 have been learning about China focussing on the population, relief, climate, how it has changed and its industrial centers.

With the upcoming celebration of Chinese New Year on 10th February, this week students have been taking part in activities that relate to it such as tangrams and making lanterns. Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and it is the biggest and most important festival in China and is celebrated in Chinese communities all over the world. Miss Le Cornu



ISA Cross Country

Last Friday four of our students raced at the ISA London West regional Cross Country Championships.



Congratulations to Camilla D (Y8) and Alex D (Y10) who have both qualified to represent London West at the ISA Nationals XC Championships in Nottinghamshire!



U14 - 4th Camilla W, 56th Jack B

U16 - 6th Alexandra D, 16th William D



Miss Brenton

Sports News

U12 Netball

Congratulations to the U12 netball team who had their next round of matches last Tuesday and came away with some great results, including an 8-0 win over Bitterne Park!

Well done to Charlotte C for getting player of the match! Miss Hadfield



House News

Table Tennis and Badminton



Last week House Table Tennis and Badminton brought two wins for Trojan house!

Henry R, Sam W and Jonathan M won the majority of their table tennis matches for Trojan, with Charlie L's wins taking Spartan to 2nd place.

In badminton, Oliu L won all of his matches for Roman but Noah H won 5 out of 5 to take the win for Trojan by 1 win. So close! Well done to all who took part.

House Swimming Gala



Friday 2nd February was the school's annual KS3 Swimming Gala at The Quays in Southampton.

The Gala started with a Swimathon Challenge which raised £260 for Cancer Research UK. Commitment from the students to swim laps for their house team was formidable.

In total, 98% of the students took part in the challenge and swam 1,040 lengths between them, the equivalent of 26 000m (16 miles), the distance from here to the Isle of Wight (East Cowes). The challenge displayed the spirit of the House system, with students supporting one another and challenging themselves to achieve personal goals.

Swim Challenge Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7	Roman	Trojan	Spartan
Year 8	Trojan	Roman	Spartan
Year 9	Spartan	Roman	Trojan

Race Results:

Next was the traditional program of events with 40 individual, 25m races, which finished with exciting Medley and Freestyle Relays.

Whilst Roman took an early lead, the overall winners of the Gala and House Cup went to Trojan (again) with Roman second and Spartan third.

Here is the overall breakdown of results:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7 Boys	Trojan	Roman	Spartan
Year 7 Girls	Trojan	Roman	Spartan
Year 8 Boys	Trojan	Roman	Spartan
Year 8 Girls	Trojan	Roman/Spartan	
Year 9 Boys	Spartan	Roman	Trojan
Year 9 Girls	Trojan	Spartan	Roman

Congratulations to all students who took part and represented their house. Thank you to the contributions to support the Swimathon Challenge for Cancer Research UK and the families that came to watch the gala. Miss Carter

House Rugby

Students from Year 7 and 8 took part in House Touch Rugby on Tuesday. Students have been learning new skills in PE lessons and at the after school rugby club. James C Year 11 refereed the matches and it was great to see Bonny, Layla and Flo from Year 7 playing.

The first match between Spartan and Roman was very tense with both teams coming so close to scoring!

In match two, Trojan broke the deadlock with Harry G scoring the first try of the tournament. Trojan took confidence into their final match against Roman, with tries from Archie L, Max T, Harry L and Benji P.

Scores were:

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

Congratulations to Trojan and well done to all that represented their House. Miss Brenton

Next on the House calendar is the annual Cross Country Race. Details will follow soon!

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 Tuesday 12th March 9:30-11:30am to see the school in action.

Mrs Sellers will be presenting at 9:30am, students will be touring and staff will be on hand to speak to parents over refreshments.

Please use the following link to book: <https://t.co/Bw6jDcy74v>

