

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Mon 6th – Tues 7th March Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening

Tues 7th March – Open Morning 9:30-11:30am

Tues 7th March – Hampshire Cross Country Championships (Y7 and Y8)

Wed 8th March – Selected Y9 students English trip to Blood Brothers

Wed 8th March – Cross Country League

Tues 9th – Sun 12th March – Year 10/11 GCSE Geography trip to Iceland

Sun 12th March – Gardens Open Day 2-4pm



TGS News

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Oxbridge Offers



Huge congratulations to Class of 2021 students Jess Milligan and Jeremy Crandon (currently at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College) who have both received offers from St Edmund's Hall College Oxford to study Geography and Medicine respectively. We're very proud of you both.

Cadets Concert

Amelia S (Year 10) had a wonderful few days in Wales last weekend with the Hampshire and IOW Army Cadet Band where she plays the flute and piccolo.

Amelia travelled with the band to Brecon, the home of the Welsh Army and played in the Theatre Bryncheiniog for the annual Rawkes Drift concert which brings together cadets from across the UK to play.



The concert was a great success and Amelia thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Scientists of the Month

Congratulations to Key Stage 3 student Robert R (Year 8) and Key Stage 4 student Jessica C (Year 10) who have won the Scientist of the Month for February.

Robert's award was for his Science investigations and problem-solving and Jessica received hers in recognition of her resourcefulness.



Linguists of the Month

Linguist of the Month is back! The winners for January / February are Jack B (Year 7), Berlant D (Year 8), Chloe V (Year 9), Sophia W (Year 10) and Paul S (Year 11). Well done to all.



During the first session students spent time recapping on the Mapping Your Journey Session, getting to know their Leader team



in person and starting to put their "Leader in Me" qualification into practice. Parents also had the opportunity to meet the Expedition Leaders in person, listen to a detailed kit packing demonstration, find out more about what the students will be doing in Borneo, how Outlook support teams overseas and the next steps over the coming months.

The next part of the preparation will be a residential weekend to the Peak District to develop leadership skills and physical training to prepare their attempt to conquer the mighty peak of Mount Kinabalu, Borneo's highest mountain at 4095m.

Miss Carter

Parrot Rescue



We had an unusual visitor to the grounds last week when a lost parrot was spotted in the trees! JoJo (the parrot) had been missing for a few days and happily we managed to track down the owner who was delighted to be reunited with him. Thank you to our Grounds team who did a fantastic job looking after JoJo. We'll keep our eyes peeled for a female version of the breed that is still missing...

Netball News Visit

Congratulations to the Under 12 netball team who beat Bitterne Park 3-1 on Tuesday evening and drew with St George's 1-1.



Jungle Trekking

Students travelling to Borneo with the school's Outlook Expedition met with their Outlook Leader last Tuesday.

JASS Awards

Well done to Benjamin F and Zara S in Year 9 for completing their JASS Gold Award, and Benjamin F Year 8 for achieving the JASS Silver Award.



Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to take part in the Junior UKMT Challenge this month and there is a task set on FireFly for students to practice their skills in their own time.

Year 11 IGCSE Maths Results

Well done to the 27 Year 11 students who received their IGCSE Maths results, 100% of students passed, with the majority achieving Grade 7 and above. These students took their exams in January and will now go onto to study Further Maths, which will be examined in the Summer. Mr Dullaghan



Maths News

UKMT Intermediate Results

Congratulations to the Year 9, 10 and 11 students who recently took part in the Intermediate UKMT challenge.

Overall, students achieved 15 Bronze, 9 Silver and 3 Gold certificates. Special mention goes to Sam K (Year 9), Katie P and Henry P (Year 10) and Ben N (Year 11), who all achieved the best in their year group.



Ben N and Hannah T (Year 11) have been invited to take part in the Pink Kangaroo Challenge, the follow up round due to their exceptional scores.

Creating Castles



Last week saw the awarding of the prizes for our fantastic Year 7 castle competition.

It was such a very high standard and we say this every year but this year it was exceptional.

Our finalists all received STCs and certificates. Highly commended went to Euan H, Pollyanna I and Sophia A. in third place George E produced a beautiful castle made entirely of matchsticks.

In second place was Jack B with a highly detailed and creative castle. Both these winners in addition also won large bars of chocolate.



Unanimously voted in first place was Zoe B who you can see in the photo with her amazingly detailed castle which also had a hidden tunnel, resin moat and 3D printing of her well, gatehouse and working portcullis. Well done Zoe who wins the £10 Amazon voucher.

As this was also a house competition the results are: 1st Spartan, 2nd Trojan and 3rd Roman.

Well done to all our students who worked so very hard with such fantastic results and of course many thanks to parents and grandparents for their help and support!

Mrs Walker

Keyboards for Sale

The Music Department still have several second-hand mini/midi and large keyboards for sale.

Please email Mrs Parrott at tpa@thegreggschools.org for more details.

Mini/Midi keyboards, £10, USB connection, suitable for Windows or Mac compatible software (available free online)



Large keyboards, £40, comes with power adaptor and music stand.



Exam Invigilators Wanted

We are currently looking for Invigilators to join our Examinations team for the forthcoming exams series – April 23 and beyond. Experience of invigilation is not required as training in the role and duties of an invigilator will be provided.

Main Duties:

The role will involve conducting exams in accordance with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), awarding body and The Gregg School regulations and instructions. Invigilators will play a key role in upholding the integrity and security of the examination/assessment process.

Salary: £11.80 per hour

Please email our Examinations Officer Miss Falvey on pfa@thegreggschools.org or call on 02380472133

Gardens Open Day

The first Townhill Park House Gardens Open Day of the year will be on Sunday 12th March 2-4pm. Come along and see the emergence of Spring.

There is FREE entry and parking, refreshments and a classic car display.



Snowsport Trip



At the start of February half term, the biggest trip The Gregg School has ever seen departed for the Austrian Alps.



Postponed from last year, most students had been waiting for this (and Mr Wilford planning it) for TWO YEARS! 83 students, 12 teachers and adults, 4 bus drivers, 1 representative and 2 coaches embarked on the long journey to Austria on Friday at the end of the school day. They arrived on Saturday evening in Zell-am-See, with enough time for a trip to the hire shop to try on and reserve their equipment which was of really high quality and already we were all getting excited for a week on the slopes.



The first morning, we all travelled up the mountain by gondola to meet our instructors. With 7 ski groups and 2 boarder groups it took a little while to get organised, but before long the students were carving and swooshing down the mountain. That evening we had our first activity, the mountain coaster, which everyone enjoyed immensely.



The following days' lessons saw the beginners grow in confidence and explore further than the learner slopes and the blue run next door. The more experienced groups were touring over the mountain, going on black runs (and losing Mr Lloyd at one point!)



On Wednesday we experienced an ice hockey match at the venue in Zell, during which Nicole got onto the ice to take part in a half time



competition. She didn't win, but still was given a scarf as a souvenir.



During the evenings at the hotel we got to enjoy their amazing facilities including indoor beach volleyball, a trampoline centre, a basketball court and indoor football pitch. The BBQ night was also a highlight, with some lovely food prepared and the bottomless fizzy drinks taps that were well utilised!



We had a few bumps, bruises and breaks but the students showed great resilience and impeccable behaviour all week and had a fantastic time on the trip. This grit was truly tested on the way back, with a nearly 9-hour delay at Calais for the



second coach, but once again the young people represented the school with maturity, despite getting very frustrated.



Thank you to all the parents for sending their children packed and prepared and to the adults that gave up their half term break to support the trip. Watch this space for next year's trip plan!

Mr Wilford



Drama News

Oscar of the Week

Congratulations to our winners of the “Oscar of The Week”, Rosie W in Year 9 and Lily C in Year 8!



Rosie showed excellent direction in group work, and Lily used great analysis and creativity in her comedy lesson. Well done ladies! Both of the girls won their own mini Oscar statuette to take home, and a sweet treat. Who will be next?

Theatre Trip

Last Wednesday our New Views Scriptwriters, and Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama students visited the National Theatre on London’s Southbank.



The students were treated to a backstage tour of this amazing institution and learnt more about how a professional theatre works.

We then watched a matinee performance of new British musical, “Standing at The Sky’s Edge”.

All of us were amazed by the stunning acting, singing, sets and other elements of design in the show. I personally think it was one of the best new shows I’ve seen in years!

Overall it was a wonderful day of all things theatrical. I look forward to the next!



Following on from the trip our New Views scriptwriting competitors met with our associate professional playwright, Deborah Gearing yesterday for the second time. Having read our students’ first drafts of their scripts, Deborah came in to give them some feedback and advice ahead of their final deadline.

There are some incredible and original scripts in the making here and I am very proud of their work so far. Thank you Deborah for all your advice.

Advertising Opportunity and Donations

A reminder that advertising space is available in our programme for “Robin Hood”. If you would like to know more, please email me on naz@thegreggschools.org as soon as possible.

We are also hoping to run a raffle across the performances of “Robin Hood”. If you are able to donate something, however small, please drop it at reception, clearly marked “ROBIN HOOD RAFFLE”. Alternatively, students can drop them to me in the Atrium. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Azor