

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

April Events

Friday 29th March to Sunday 14th - Easter Holidays
Monday 5th - INSET Day
Tuesday 16th - Start of Term
Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th - Year 10 Iceland Trip
Wednesday 17th - Open Morning
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th - Year 11 GCSE MFL Speaking exams
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th – Year 10 Mock Exams
Tuesday 23rd – Summer Music Concert 6:30pm
Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th - Art, Textiles, Photography and 3D Design exams
Wednesday 24th - School photos, tutors, groups and teams.
Tuesday 25th - Junior Maths Challenge Year 7 - 8
Thursday 25th - Year 6 Connections Evening
Friday 26th – Saturday 27th - Year 9 Bronze D of E Expedition
Tuesday 30th - FROGS Meeting



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Take a Bow



Last week our Sister Act cast and crew wowed a packed Theatre Royal in Winchester with their stunning musical performances of Sister Act. The Year 7-11 cast excelled entertaining their school community as well as members of the general



public from Winchester and surrounding areas over the two nights

Mrs Sellers, our Headteacher, commented: "I'm so proud of everyone involved in this vibrant and emotional show - it really was the most exceptional showcase of the range of talents of our students, supported by our dedicated staff and families. The Theatre Royal was a superb venue and the staff were very attentive and provided full technical stage set up including lighting and microphones for the singers."



Head of Music, Miss Parrott, who lead the orchestra that accompanied the extraordinary powerful voices of the young lead singers and ensembles said: "The students were a pleasure to work with and we are so proud of them. There were a range of performers from musical theatre

novices to experienced vocalists and everyone was blown away by their talent! Their energy and enthusiasm was contagious and the singers, supported by an incredibly talented group of musicians, blew the roof off in the show-stopping disco numbers and powerful ballads!”



enjoy the production! Thank you to everyone who supported us!”



There was support for Mrs Azor and Miss Parrott from the full school community. Huge thanks to everyone involved:

- Miss Gibbs (Head of Creative Arts) and Mrs Tween (English teacher) provided essential back stage management.
- The orchestra comprising peripatetic staff, Mrs Oswald (parent) and students - Eddie H, Jay J and Hein L.



- Mrs Toward (Head of Art) supported by Year 9 artwork, created huge stained glass window and bar scene set design.
- Mrs Allen (Head of Marketing) created the sparkling costumes with Mrs Hurst (grandma of two of the cast), supported by Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Sellers and Mrs Brown.
- Mr Vassaf, Mrs Webb, Mrs Allen, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Lay supported behind the scenes and front of house on the performances.
- Students, Eva M, Elizabeth F, Lucy S, Jess C, Klara D, Aurora S helped to sell programmes front of house on show nights.
- The FROGS contributed to the funding of the performance and helped to raise a significant amount of money through the raffle.
- The maintenance team for moving sets between the school and theatre.
- The school minibus drivers who took on extra shifts to take the students to the venue each day.
- Parents and staff who contributed raffle prizes, bought programmes, helped children learn lines, listened to Sister Act songs for months, dropped off and picked up cast members for rehearsals and shows, and most of all, came to support the show on both nights.



On behalf of the school we would like to give enormous thanks to Mrs Azor, Miss Parrott and our enormously talented cast! You produced such an impactful memorable show.

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!

Teachers in the Making



Since September, eleven Year 9 students have been taking part in sessions looking at what makes a good teacher (particularly in languages) and looked at ways to teach a foreign language in a fun and interactive way.



They then planned and prepared a 25 minute lesson to deliver to pupils from Townhill Junior school, practising on each other and making improvements ready for our visitors on Friday 22nd March.

The lessons were a wonderful success with all students putting in so much care and effort into their lessons for the visiting students who were incredibly excited, enthusiastic and clearly left with a love for languages. The visiting teachers were also really impressed with the lessons the students delivered and commented that there were definitely some natural teachers in the group!

Mrs Ebbs

Scientists of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded Scientists of the Month for March:

Key Stage 4: Naina N (Year 10) for consistently demonstrating an outstanding knowledge of quantitative chemistry.

Key Stage 3: Nomakhosi R-V (Year 8) for her

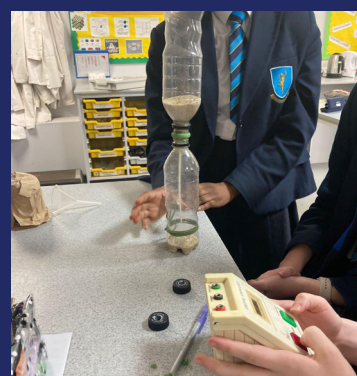
use of critical thinking to solve problems/write explanations.



British Science Week at The Gregg

British Science Week (11 - 15 March) was a great success, with a busy week of activities. The theme this year was 'Time' so this was incorporated into the challenges:

Year 9 were tasked with making a timing device that would measure exactly 30 seconds and the winning designs included salt/sand timers



shaped from funnelled paper or plastic cups, water clocks made from recycled water bottles and pendulum clock constructed from string, straws and paper.

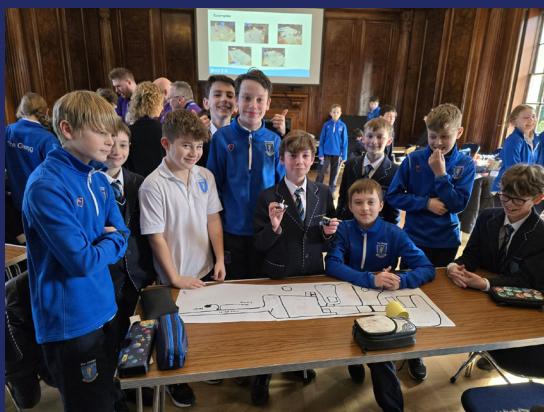
Year 8 took part on the egg drop challenge, the aim being to descend an egg from height in slowest time. Most designs included a parachute with various protective cages for the egg, inspired by the missions to Mars.



Year 7 had an engaging morning run by the Industrial Cadets, organised by the EDT (Engineering Development Trust) which included various STEM challenges including ciphers and ozbots.



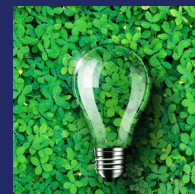
Additionally, the science teachers delivered time themed assemblies to Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 and Year 10 received an assembly from Dr Simon Kolstoe, Associate Professor at Portsmouth University, on an area of his specialism: drug development and testing.



To cap off the week all Year groups had the opportunity to win various Easter prizes by completing the “What am I?” challenge (identifying displayed microscale images).

Well done to all the students who challenged themselves this week. Mr Lloyd

Eco Group



Eco group have been busy studying about recycling and what the school does to help the environment.

We interviewed Mr Widdup, Head of Facilities, to find out how sustainable The Gregg School is and the processes already in place.

What does The Gregg School already have in place to help the environment?

- The Hart building has solar panels to help generate electricity.
- We are looking into where we could place more solar panels.
- We are looking into new ways to heat the main building as it is more challenging being an older building.
- All old schoolbooks and paper are recycled.
- All old batteries are recycled.
- Food waste is managed and disposed of sensibly.
- We have cut down on the amount of printing and paper used in school.
- We are aware that sustainable buses would be ideal because pollution is caused by transporting students in and out of school.

Here's how we can all help make a Greener Gregg...

Do you recycle?

Perhaps we could all recycle more than we currently do? Have you ever checked a wrapper to see if it can be recycled or do you just throw it away?



Below is how The Gregg is aiming to do more recycling, find out top tips to recycle, and help make a greener Gregg!

Tips for recycling:

- The five main items that recycling companies can recycle are tins/cans, aerosols, paper, card, and plastic bottles. Make sure you are recycling all of these items.

- Make sure you can recognize the labels and know what they mean:

The black label with the arrow and a cross through it means Not Currently Recyclable.

The black label with the arrow without the cross through it means Check Locally.

As above, but with a green background means Widely Recycled.

- If you cannot recycle crisp packets, a lot of supermarkets do. You could have a designated bag for crisp packets to take on supermarket trips.
- Use bottle banks to recycle glass bottles.
- If you can't find a recycling bin when you are out and about, take your rubbish home. You can then sort through it at home.

Do you litter?



If you do then please think about who has to pick up your litter... It is either people you know or strangers. If you actually care about the environment, then you would pick it up yourself!

One of the most common pieces of litter are cigarettes. One way you can stop littering those is to STOP SMOKING – it is incredibly bad for you and will eventually kill you! Please be mindful about the environment!

Look out for details about the House competition that Eco Group will be running for World Earth day on April 22nd - the theme is Planet vs Plastics.

Mrs Mansour and Eco Group



Mr Cooper is running the London Marathon!



After enjoying running his first marathon last year Mr Cooper entered and was lucky enough to be given a place at the London Marathon next month! He will be raising money for the school's chosen charity this year Naomi House and Jacksplace.

If you are able to donate to this worthwhile cause please do so through the link below. Thank you and good luck to Mr Cooper!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dave-cooper-1710756536556...>

Let's talk Medicine

On Monday it was lovely to welcome back Class of 2019 student Georgia Rich. Georgia (who is currently at the University of Birmingham studying Medicine) gave a very useful and thorough talk at lunchtime to students in Year 10 and 11 about the process of applying to study medicine, starting from GCSEs all the way through to completing the UCAT exam.



Georgia has left her contact details and useful websites should anyone be interested in pursuing this further.

Thank you Georgia and we hope to see you again soon.

Open Morning

Do you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6 or know someone that does? Please come and visit our Open Morning on Wednesday 17th April 9:30 - 11:30am to see the school in action.

Mrs Sellers and our head girl and boy will be talking at 9:30am and there will be tours of the school with our students. If you would like to come along please book on the link below:

<https://bit.ly/42ZL9ur>



Café Culture

Year 9 and 10 GCSE Food Students, visited the Maritimo Lounge in Ocean Village to carry out research ready for their practical cooking challenges.



Both groups are tasked with recreating cafe style dishes in class after Easter. The Year 10's will use their fact finding in preparation for their mock practical NEA2 exams in the summer term

where they will cook two cafe style dishes.



As well as indulging in some delicious brunches and lunches, including pancakes and bacon, buttermilk chicken and churros, the children were

encouraged to take photographs, analyse the menus for variety, nutritional content, and evaluate the flavours, textures and food styling. Both classes were a credit to The Gregg School.

Mrs Grice

FROGS Info

Easyfundraising

Please remember to use Easyfundraising every time you shop online and help raise money for the FROGS.

Over 8,100 businesses and sites including AMAZON, JOHN LEWIS, MARKS & SPENCER, TESCO, eBAY and Apple will donate to The Friends of Gregg School for FREE when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them, so you can support us no matter what you're buying!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Please sign up and help us raise more at: <https://bit.ly/4afgHQ6>

Thank you for your support.

FROGS Lotto

You've got to be in it to win it!

The FROGS lotto has been drawn for March with the lucky winners will share a prize pot of £85.

For a monthly subscription of £5, you could be in with a chance of winning one of three prizes (£50, £25 and £10) each month.

If you would like to join the FROGS monthly lottery please email the FROGS Secretary at frogs.secretary@thegreggschools.org and a standard order mandate will be sent to you.

ISA Football

Congratulations to both our U13 and U15 football teams who are through to the main knockout competitions at the ISA football festival LVS Ascot.

The U15s got knocked out in the cup quarter finals and the U13s knocked out in the semi finals. Well done to our students who played so well against tough competition. Mr Barritt



House Cross Country

The start of the day was very gloomy with traditional cross country weather rolling in for the morning. Fortunately, and as forecast, the rain clouds cleared and the sun shone through whilst students from Year 7 to 11 took part in the annual House Cross Country Race for the afternoon. Students enjoyed the new 1.2km course which took them around the sunken garden, dip and front pitch. Trojan were again victorious followed by Spartan, then Roman.



Netball

Another great round of matches last week for the U13 netball team tonight with a 2-0 win over Bitterne Park and a 7-2 win over St George School.

Well done to Charlotte and Bonnie for getting player of the match.

Miss Hadfield



The winners of the Cunliffe Cup 2024 went to the fastest boy around the course, James C (Year 11) and the fastest girl Camilla W (Year 8).



Individual winners of the Cross Country Race

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7 Boys	Jamie G	Charles DT	Hayden B
Year 7 Girls	Bonny K	Lottie PL	Mollie H
Year 8 Boys	Harry L	Jack B	Archie L
Year 8 Girls	Camilla W	Eva MM	Amelie W
Year 9 Boys	Oscar I	Sam AR	Tobias C
Year 9 Girls	Jessica HC	Anna M	Emily B
Year 10 Boys	Rhett WM	Dan C	Benji F
Year 10 Girls	Alex D	Pippa W	Rosie W
Year 11 Boys	James C	Joe AR	Will D
Year 11 Girls	Annabel P	Jemma R	Jaz A



More than 170 students supported the Colour Run and raised a total of £1920. The money raised from the event will be split equally between the charities Naomi House and Comic Relief.

House Points

	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 7 Boys	Spartan	Trojan	Roman
Year 7 Girls	Trojan	Roman	Spartan
Year 8 Boys	Trojan	Spartan	Roman
Year 8 Girls	Roman	Trojan	Spartan
Year 9 Boys	Trojan	Spartan	Roman
Year 9 Girls	Trojan	Spartan	Roman
Year 10 Boys	Trojan	Roman	Spartan
Year 10 Girls	Trojan	Spartan	Roman
Year 11 Boys	Spartan	Trojan	Roman
Year 11 Girls	Trojan	Spartan	Roman
Overall Winners	Trojan	Spartan	Roman

A huge thank you from the Heads House to the students, parents and staff that supported the afternoon. We are already excited and planning for next year! Miss Carter

All photos from the Charity Colour Run are available on Firefly:

<https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/newsletter/charity-colour-run-2024>



All photos from House Cross Country are available on Firefly:

<https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/newsletter/house-cross-country-2024>

Charity Colour Run

Whilst the results were being totalled for the House Cross Country competition the Heads of House took the opportunity to set up a Colour Run to have even more fun whilst raising money for charity!



Primary Schools Cross Country

Yesterday our Year 10 GCSE PE students invited local primary schools to attend our annual primary school cross country event hosted at The Gregg School.

A total of seven schools arrived in torrential rain and were ready to challenge each other over a very muddy and wet 1km loop around the school grounds.

There were races for Year 4 and 5 students, battling for both individual and team honours.

GCSE PE students Daniel, Rhett and Benji were hares for each race, Henry and Fergus managed the finish tunnel (which was extremely muddy!), Arjun and Jeremiah calculated the results and our other GCSE students assisted with marshalling the event.



The final team results are below. Thank you to our students for hosting this successful event and to all the schools who attended!

Year 4 girls

1st Otterbourne CE, 2nd North Baddesley and 3rd Townhill Junior

Year 4 boys

1st Otterbourne CE, 2nd Townhill / Locks Heath and 3rd Owlesbury

Year 5 girls

1st Locks Heath, 2nd Townhill Junior and 3rd North Baddesley / Owlesbury

Year 5 boys

1st Netley Abbey, 2nd Locks Heath and 3rd Otterbourne.

Miss Brenton

Senior Girls Football

The senior girls took part in a Barton Peveril College organised 7-a-side football tournament @ Places Leisure yesterday in Eastleigh yesterday.

It was a round robin event where all nine local secondary schools played each other.

The matches were 8 minutes long and were all very close. We won one, drew three and lost four against stiff competition from the other schools.

Congratulations to Jana SA and Ella NS who scored two and to Lexie P who scored one.

Lexie captained the team brilliantly and dominated the midfield superbly along with Izzy E.

A special mention to both Amelie W and Jana SA for not only stepping up into senior football but having a real impact in the team as well.

Mr Barritt



Duolingo Winner

Many Congratulations to Jeevan G (Year 7) who is our Duolingo Star of the Term with a 175 day streak!



MFL House Competition

Below are the wonderful masks made by our students for the Fasching House Competition.

Fasching is carnival time in Germany; it is a celebration of saying goodbye to the winter spirits and looking forward to the new season.

We were amazed at the level of masks produced by our students and stunned by their creativity and ability of design.

Mr Gillespie was the judge of the masks and the winners will be announced after Easter. Thank you to all those who took part in this competition. Well done to you all for supporting your House. Mrs Clifton



cooked from scratch as well as learning to fillet a fish and boning a chicken!

Well done Max and keep cooking!

We wish everyone a very happy Easter.

Enjoy a well-earned break and see you on the 16th April! Mrs Sellers



Budding Chef

Congratulations to Max A (Year 9) who has just graduated from the Junior Chef Program at Eastleigh College.



Max's confidence has grown immensely and he has produced some wonderful dishes over the course ranging from sweet treats such as choux pastry swans and savoury delights all