

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Wed 23rd Nov - Junior Boys and Girls House 5-a-side Football

Thurs 24th Nov - FROGS AGM 6pm

Mon 28th - Tues 29th Nov Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening

Wed 30th Nov - Open Morning 9.30-11.30am

Wed 30th Nov - Year 10 Art/Photography Wire Wool Workshop

Wed 30th Nov - Senior Boys and Girls House 5-a-side football

Wed 30th Nov - Junior House Table Tennis

Thurs 1st Dec - Year 9 House Football

Fri 2nd Dec - FROGS Bingo Evening



TGS News

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A trip of reflection and poignancy



In October half-term, Year 11 History students (and some keen Year 9s) travelled to Ypres in Belgium for a three day visit to World War One battlefield and memorial sites to contextualise knowledge from Year 9 and IGCSE lessons.

On our first day, we made the ferry crossing over to Ypres and visited the town centre. We were talked through the significance of the Menin Gate, a war memorial dedicated to the British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed around Ypres in WWI and who do not have a grave.

After enjoying our evening meal we headed back to the Menin Gate at 8pm to take part in the nightly wreath-laying service. We were very proud to watch our Head Boy and Head Girl, Ben N and Camilla A lay a wreath on behalf of the school during the Last Post Ceremony.



On day two, we travelled around many battlefields

and memorials from World War One, from Hill 62 to Langemark German Cemetery. Our tour





guides gave us lots of information about the sites and we were able to visualise what these battles would have been like. At the end of an intense historical

day, we headed to the bowling alley for some competitive playing and enjoyed a late dinner at our accommodation, Hotel Pax.

The third day started with a visit to Essex Farm Cemetery where students each laid a Royal British Legion poppy on a grave of their choice. Jada in Year 9 noticed a particularly moving piece of writing on her chosen grave, the soldier (who had the same surname as Jada) having 'Same name, different story. Thank you for your sacrifice' inscribed.

We visited the Ypres chocolate shop (delicious!) and then our final stop was Talbot House where a number of students entertained us by playing beautiful music on the piano and we learned the stories of the soldiers who visited during their time on the front lines.

The entire trip was full of history, poignancy, respect and laughter. The staff thoroughly enjoyed accompanying the students and Miss Whittaker was very proud of the many compliments she received about the behaviour of The Gregg School students. We can't wait to visit Berlin next year on the History trip for IGCSE and hope to learn as much as we did on this trip to Ypres!

A Time to Reflect

On Sunday 13th November our Head Girl Camila A, Head Boy Ben N and Deputy Head Boy Max C represented the school at West End Village War Memorial to lay a poppy wreath on behalf of our school. The service allowed us



time to reflect on the lives of those people who had given their lives in both of the World Wars and a moment to reflect on the conflicts currently happening around the world.

The Last Post ringing out across the crowd and the silence was an incredibly powerful opportunity to remember the sacrifices so many people have made on our behalf. We would like to thank West End Parish Council for offering us the opportunity to do this.

Mrs Crowther

Anti-Bullying Week

We have marked Anti-bullying Week in school by starting with our Odd Socks Day on Monday, followed with assemblies, PSD lessons and tutor time activities to highlight the importance of following the theme for this year to 'Reach Out'.

In Drama, Year 7 worked on a piece looking at the book 'Words Don't Hurt' by Monica Gabb, which was written by a woman whose sister committed suicide due to bullying.



We also looked at some anti-bullying adverts from the NSPCC and BeatBullying.co.uk, then students made their own antibullying TV/YouTube style advert.

As a school we have a zero-tolerance policy towards bullying and we will always take reports

of bullying seriously and investigate them fully.

During this week we have been promoting the importance of reaching out to those who are being treated badly, to offer support and advice to them to stand up against the unkind behaviour, rather than being a bystander.



Students should reach out to staff and parents to share what is happening or raise any concerns so that we can all help and support each other, united in our drive to stamp out all forms of bullying. If you are concerned or would like more advice on how to support your child please see the following resource:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers> or contact your child's tutor to discuss further. Mrs Crowther

You've Got Mail!

Year 8 student Emily B was thrilled to receive a handwritten letter from Broadcaster and Naturalist Sir David Attenborough last week.

Emily wrote to him expressing her love for his television programmes, saying they had inspired her family to install solar panels at their home.



This prompted Sir David Attenborough to respond, saying he was "glad that she enjoyed his programmes". A treasured letter which has now been framed to keep pristine!

Maths News

MathsWatch and DrFrost October Winners

Well done to the students below who finished in the top three of their year in October and will each receive 15 credits.

Mathswatch:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elliott S	Seb R	Harley G	William D	Nadine M
Samuel H	Nedal H	Michael R	Isabella C	James S
Noah H	Myles O	Alexander D	Harriet D	Isabella C

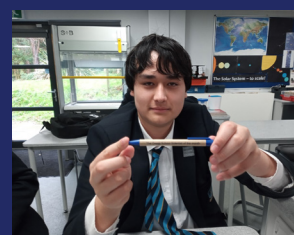
DrFrostMaths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elise B	Zachary R	Pippa W	William D	Harry A
Thomas C	Hilary-Ann A-A	Mishka B	Nicole G	Ben N
Leo C	Alexander T	William R	Henry P	Euan J

Scientists of the Month

Congratulations to Key Stage 3 student Charlotte N (Year 8) and Key Stage 4 student Harvey L (Year 11) who are the Scientists of the Month for October.

They both have worked very hard during Science lessons and performed fantastically in assessments over a long period of time. Well done both.



BlackFriday Fundraising

If you're shopping online during the Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, please use Easyfundraising and select 'The Friends of The Gregg School' as your cause.



There are over 7,000 brands that will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for The Friends of Gregg School every time you grab a bargain!

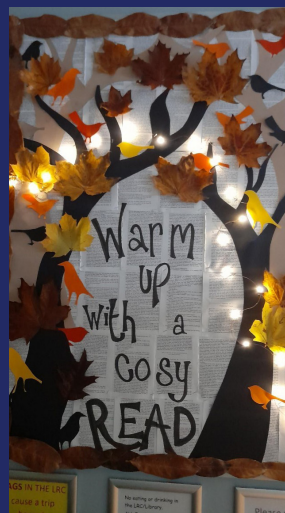
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LRC Questionnaire Results

Last term I sent out a survey to all students on maintaining and improving the LRC.

Of the 254 responses, the majority (159) said they enjoyed reading ...the remaining 95 claimed they didn't and this is something I would like to delve into as time progresses!



Of the most preferred genre; action and adventure books took the lead, followed closely by mystery and crime writing. It was really interesting to see that students are enjoying so many different types of books. Next in popularity was comedy, romance, science fiction, fantasy and non-fiction.

It was heartening to see that of the role models and key influencers in our students' lives, more than half named their parents, grandparents or siblings. So, I do implore you, to lead by example and share your reading interests and be seen reading for pleasure. It is a fundamental truth that students who read progress further in all areas of life – academic or otherwise.

A slightly bigger issue to address is the preferences all things 'techie'. The majority of responses would rather see the film version than read the book, and spare time is largely spent 'gaming, online or on phones'. Credible research does imply that young people are now less capable of focus and have shorter attention spans particularly for non-digital information.

The library survey suggested that the LRC could be improved if only it was bigger, had more seats and was a bit calmer at break times. Some of these things we can address!

As a result of these findings more stock will be added to meet the demands for more mystery and graphic novels. Quiet break times will be introduced to allow reading for pleasure to develop further and will be forthcoming as year groups now have allocated mornings and Whisper Wednesday is now in action.

BookBuzz

The BookBuzz books have arrived at the LRC! All selections made by Year 7 and 8 students will be coming home by next week. Any reviews returned to me about their books will be receive reward points accordingly.



Ms King

Getting Arty



Year 10 students had a great trip to St Ives last week. They attended specialist art workshops that covered a wide range of skills from photography, ceramics, printing and felt-making.



This was the largest group the school has taken for some time with 42 students on the trip. Highlights of the trip included getting up at 5.30am for a dawn photoshoot and packing out the cinema with our whole group taking over one screening!



The weather was fantastic and the students were brilliant - engaged, learning lots of new skills and having lots of fun - and the staff loved every minute too. What a fantastic trip! Mrs Toward

Movember!

A number of teachers are growing a moustache in support of Movember this month.



Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide.

If you would like to donate to their fundraising page please use the link below. Thank you for your support.

<https://movember.com/m/14961056?mc=1>

THE FROGS WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR

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DECEMBER
2022

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BINGO NIGHT!

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

FROM: 7PM, EYES DOWN 730PM
AT: THE GREGG SCHOOL

GREAT PRIZES, BYO BOTTLE, REFRESHMENTS
LOTS OF GAMES FROM JUST £1,
EVERYONE WELCOME!
A FUN EVENING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Drama Update



Congratulations to both of our 'Oscar of Week' winners this past fortnight: Evelyn D (Year 7) won this for showing some excellent characterisation skills during her drama lesson, representing a particularly sassy young lady and Grace K (Year 10) for amazing accent work during an assessed performance on Monday. Grace tells me that she has her Grandma to thank for her top-notch Sheffield accent!



Which brings me on to the Year 10 assessed performance itself. On Monday, Grace, Elizabeth F, Izzy C, Jemma R, Lucy S and Nicole G all performed their comic murder mysteries to a small audience of enthusiastic Year 7s, Mrs Sellers and Miss Hadfield.

The girls did a fantastic job of entertaining us all with an intriguing plot, fantastic characterisation skills, and great use of physical theatre. Well done girls!

Mrs Azor

Netball News

The netball girls have all been working hard this term. The U14 netball team have just finished their league where they played against eight other schools in the area and finished in third place which is amazing!

They had a strong 8-0 win against Oasis Academy Mayfield and they beat St George School 5-2. The U16 team are sitting mid table with a couple of matches still to go next week.

This week they played against Upper Shirley High and with 30 seconds left of the match they were down 5-4 and were able to score in the final seconds to finish on a 5-5 draw.



After Christmas it will be the turn of the U12s and U13s to start their leagues which they have been training hard for since the start of term. Miss Hadfield

Music Clubs!

All groups for all abilities. No auditions, just come along!

Flute Choir - Wednesday break time

Junior Choir (years 7, 8, 9) - 13:15 Wednesday

Concert Band (all year groups) - after school Wednesday

Ukulele - Thursday 13:25

Music Theory - after school Thursday

KS3 School of Rock - Friday 13:15

KS4 Jazz/Soul Band - Friday 12:20

Recycling News

The school already has Green Flag status and we have recently traded in a number of old electrical equipment including laptops which has contributed towards a carbon forest project.

For this we have been awarded an Environmental, Social and Governance certificate for this from Brighter Futures for our contribution.

