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THE PARENTS' NEWS LETTER OF THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

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Dear Parents,

The Headline news this week is the Government's surprise announcement of the abolition of KS3 testing (SATS) with immediate effect. From the school's point of view, this will reduce the time and energy wasted on administration and on checking poor marking when the tests are returned, but it will not make a great deal of difference in the classroom. Year 9 students have been working towards these tests, and have been given targets to aim for, based on the expected National Curriculum levels that they should be achieving. This challenge to students will not change.

Year 9 students know that teachers at Grey Coat are still interested in their progress, and will be monitoring it closely, to ensure that each individual achieves her potential. Internal school tests and teacher assessment will replace the unreliable external testing. In Mathematics and Science the scheme of work and the method of testing will be very similar to the SATS. The English department, however, will be seizing the opportunity to improve the Y9 course to make it a better preparation for GCSE, and the nature of the school English exams set at the end of Y9 may be different from the old SATS formula. It may take a little while to review the Y9 course, but students will be kept informed of what to expect.

The results of Y9 tests will be used to inform decision making about subject setting when students move up into Y10. Students need to be aware that the internal school tests which will replace SATS will be used in the same way, alongside teachers' evaluations of each student's progress, revealed in their participation in lessons and homework. Year 9 remains a crucial year in a student's education, and I would ask parents to encourage their daughters to take responsibility for their learning this year, without having to rely on the novelty of public exams to motivate them.

The International School Award has already been mentioned briefly in the newsletter. On 8th October Michele Worsfold our international ethos coordinator received the award from George Alagiah at a presentation ceremony at The Brewery Conference Centre.



Michele Worsfold receiving our International School Award from George Alagiah

Rachel Allard

Attendance & Punctuality

If your child is absent for any reason, please remember to phone the school between 8 and 9am to let us know. The phone number for reporting absences is 0207 969 1998. For years 7-9, please press option 1 and for years 10-13 please press Option 2.



Please make sure we are notified in writing as far in advance as possible of any medical appointments. Please make sure the letter clearly states the time the students need to leave and the time and type of appointment. Your daughter's full name and Form should be on the note. Attendance and Punctuality is taken into account in all aspects of school life.

100% Attendance & Punctuality

The following students are to be congratulated for having achieved **100% Attendance** last year.

AGBANA, Deborah
ANSAH, Emefa
BLACKWOOD, Shannon
EDIGIN, Hannah
FAWIBE, Debbie
GREER, Emma
JEMSON, Emma
MACFOY, Maheney
OKUBAJO, Nicole
SACRAMENTO, Sara
SUTTON, Estelle
WARD-ANDERSON, Dionne
ARISTOTELOUS, Demi
COATES, Lucy
EL-GHAZZOUI Mariam
KABUYE, Zibah
LO, Kar Kai
NOEL, Shakira
RAHMAN Aneeqa
WANGCHANDLER, Dou-Dou
BALL, Madison
BLUNDEN, Gabriella
GOODALL, AnnaMary
KARUNWI, Adeposola
MIN, Mary
PEARSON, Ruth
WEBSTER, Khadija

AGUILAR, Jadene
AHMED Tasnia
BARNIEH-ANNO, Natasha
CLARK, Molly
EDWARDS, Raymonde
FORWARD, Alice
HAWKE, Eleanor
HOQUE Nazya
KALONGO, Lorraine
MAVIDENIZ, Elize
OTUSANYA, Simi
SARPONG-AMANKWAH, Renee
TEKLEBRHAN, Bethel
WILLIAMS, Ann-Marie
BLACK, Stephanie
DAVIS, Rachel
ESAN, Cassandra
KESSE, Golda
LORD, Charis
ORMROD, Alice
SABUR Sabiha
AJAKAIYE, Esther
BERENENGIA-SAMBO Preye
BYARUHANGA, Katie
IFENEDO, Oghale
LITTLE, Kimberley
OGUNTIMEHIN, Joanne
SHOKUNBI, Dami
WILLIAMS, Hannah

ALUFOHAI, Ruby
BLACKNELL, Anna
DE-GUZMAN, Hannah
EKEH, Ayesha
FRASER-COBB, Phoebe
IYAWA, Anita
LYON, Catherine
OGUNTIMEHIN, Rachel
PLUMMER, Lettisha
SOBERS, Faith
THAPA, Shrijana
ANDERSON, Lucy
CARLTON-CAREW, Simonette
DITCHFIELD, Rachel
JAMES, Paige
LITTLE, Natasha
MANSARAY, Khadijat
OUNOUNOU, Esther
SMITH, Alexandra
AWOLESI, Theresa
BLACK-MATHARU, Shan
DAI, Nancy
IYAWA, Amanda
MACAULAY, Anna Maria
OKERE, Rosie
TAHA, Dalida
WISE, Nina

The following students are to be congratulated for having achieved **100% Punctuality** last year.

AGUILAR, Jadene
ALUFOHAI, Ruby
ATKINSON, Eleanor
BLACKWOOD, Shannon
COTTERILL, Bethan
EDWARDS, Raymonde
FERGUS-CUMMINGS, Rianna
FORWARD, Alice
GRAVES, Virginia
HARVEY, Harriet
HOQUE, Nazya
IYAWA, Anita
JONES, Holly
LINCOLN-TODD, Chloe
MCLEOD-SALE, Aimee
MOXEY, Christine

ALEXANDER, Polly
ANDOH-CUNNELL, Lily
BAKER, Maya
CITRO, Tara
DE-GUZMAN, Hannah
EKEH, Ayesha
FERGUSON-SMITH, Jessica
FRASER-COBB, Phoebe
GREER, Emma
HAWKE, Eleanor
HUTCHESON, Charlotte
JEMSON, Emma
LETTEN, Stephanie
LUTALO, Danniella
MENNELL, Sian
NELSON, Laura

ALI, Shnia
ARMSTRONG, Eleanor
BLACKNELL, Anna
CLARK, Mary
EDIGIN, Hannah
FAWIBE, Deborah
FLUIN, Amelia
GHAFUR, Niga
HARPER, Eleanor
HEATH, Madeleine
IRWIN, Jessica
JLU-JOHNSON, Philsy
Leung, Sally
MARSH, Emily
MORRIS, Millicent
NIMBLETTE, Chanelle

OGUNTIMEHIN, Rachel
PITTMAN, Talia
RAMANOOP, Kimberley
SACRAMENTO, Sara
TAYLOR, Sydney
TWYMAN, Emily
WARD-ANDERSON, Dionne
WILSON-JONES, Nadine
ANDERSON, Lucy
BELBEN, Grace
CARLTON-CAREW, Simonette
COATES, Lucy
DELANEY, Emma
EL-GHAZZAOUI, Mariam
GARNER, Victoria
HARRIS, Miriam
IBSEN, Daisy
JARVIS, Jamie
KRASNIQI, Shqiponja
LAWRENCE, Amber
MANSARAY, Khadijat
MORLANDO-M-SHAY, Monique
OPPONG, Ramona
PREECE-SMITH, Thea
STEEL, Rosemary
VARMA, Emily
WILLIAMS, Nerissa
BAKER, Elia
BERENENGIA-SAMBO, Preye
CALCOTT, Emily
DAI, Jia Ying
GAUGHAN, Helen
GOUSSEVA, Ekaterina
HOEDEMAKER, Steelia
HYLTON, Wrenae
JORDAN-ROLPH, Matilda
MORRIS, Eloise
OLALEYE, Daniella
SHEPHERD, Ashley
THAYIL, Diana
WHITE, Jordana
YUAN, Amy

PARRY, Alexandra
PLUMMER, Lettisha
READ, Rebecca
SARPONG-AMANKWAH, Renee
TEAR, Tilly
WALKER, Bethany
WARWICK, Ellie
ABBAN-MENSAH, Esther
AYOUBI, Reem
BELCHER, Danielle
CATTINI, Sophia
DALE, Elizabeth
DIOGO, Elisabete
FERNANDEZ-CEA, Maria-Jos
GILLETT, Jessica
HAWKINS, Alice
IDAEWOR, Emoshogwe
JUKES, Hollie
LAW, Alexandra
LITTLE, Natasha
MAXWELL, Florence
MYERS-WILLIAMS, Jordan
OUNOUNOU, Esther
PRIZEMAN, Theodora
TAYLOR, Georgiana
WANG-CHANDLER, Dou-Dou
ARMAH-TETTEH, Esi
BALL, Madison
BLUNDEN, Gabriella
CLARE, Hollie
FANONI, Alicia
GAURIAU-CADE, Zoe
HALL, Laura
HOWE, Georgia
IYAWA, Amanda
KADIR, Anika
MORTEZA, Elaheh
ROBERTSON, Laura
TAHA, Dalida
THOM, Imogen
WILLIAMS, Hannah

PEREIRA, Rebekah
POOLE, Charlotte
RICHARDSON, Sarah
TAYLOR, Elizabeth
TEKLEBRHAN, Bethel
WALKER, Chrystal
WATCHORN, Hannah
AGUILAR, Justine
BARKER, Hope
BLACK, Stephanie
CHEUK, Eva
DAMESTANI, Nikou
DITCHFIELD, Rachel
FLETCHER, Isabella
HARPER, Constance
HITCHCOCK, Charlotte
JAMES, Paige
KABUYE, Hephzibah
LAWRENCE, Abigail
LO, Kar Kai
MORLANDO-M-SHAY, Dominique
NOEL, Shakira
PHUNG, Jessica
REDDY-DEVLIN, Maia
TAYLOR, Leina
WILLIAMS, Alice
AWOLESI, Theresa
BEETON, Zorina
BOND, Danni - Lee
CONSTANTINE, Manna
FERNIE, Heather
GOODALL, AnnaMary
HAWKE, Bethany
HYDE, Rebecca
JAWAD, Zahra
MIN, Mary
OGUNTIMEHIN, Joanne
ROWE-SAMPSON, Maia
TALLON, Amber
WELLS, Bobbie
WISE, Nina

Library Corner



Year Seven Reading Club

Reading Club has now started and we have a lovely group of Year Sevens who are already having fun! On Wednesday they were getting to know each other and acting their favourite characters charade style. We have also started on our Reader Profiles.

It's still not too late to join! Students should bring a permission slip (or letter signed by a parent/guardian) to the St Andrew's Library. The club meets on Wednesdays at 3.30pm.

TransLingual Express on European Day of Languages

On The European Day of Languages, Friday 26th September 2008, a group of Grey Coat students were invited to attend the premiere of the Trans-Lingual Express film launch at the BFI Southbank. Trans-Lingual Express is an intensive language learning project that uses film-making as a means to motivate and inspire students of foreign languages. In addition, it is a vehicle that can transport young people's stories and experience across Europe and give them an insight into each other's cultures.

Over the years, The Grey Coat Hospital has been involved in the French and German initiatives of this kind, and this year the focus of the documentaries was on London, Madrid and Rome.

The short films starred and were produced by over 50 students across the UK and Europe as part of an initiative organised by Eastside Educational Trust. Five Grey Coat Students were offered places on the project, sponsored by PriceWaterhouse Coopers and John Lyons charity. Our students benefited linguistically, academically and socially, commending the experience to anyone with a love for languages, a passion for cultures and an interest in all aspects of film production. The films shown at the screening covered a range of topics and issues including urban fashion, ethnic food and city life. The DVDs which the students produced in the course of a week of filming, over the Easter holidays, will be used as educational teaching aids for language learning in schools across the continent.

As a Language College, we are delighted that Rosa Cagnoni, Alex King, Angel Lambo, Stevie Robinson and Ruth Mead were able to contribute to the school's international dimension in such a creative, individual and inspiring way.

Many thanks to Rakhee Jasani of Eastside Educational Trust and to Ms Stacey, Mr Waltl and Mrs Weithers for promoting this project

The following is an excerpt from the press release put out by PricewaterhouseCoopers on European Day of Languages.

Business meets schools' languages needs on European Day of Languages

The award winning Trans-Lingual Express programme encouraging greater take-up and usage of European languages in London schools, including Spanish, German, Italian and French, celebrates the European Day of Languages with a showcase event at BFI Southbank.

During the last two years, employees of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP who are native language speakers from France, Spain, Italy and Germany have been working with students, including those from The Grey Coat Hospital school in Westminster, to improve their language skills as part of the firm's Community Affairs programme.

This year's programme culminates in today's event at BFI Southbank, showcasing short films from four London schools, including Grey Coat, made by 16-18 year old students about life in the capital. Working with volunteer native language speakers from PricewaterhouseCoopers, the students scripted their dialogue, interviews and descriptions of the visual images and sound bytes they captured on film. The whole exercise was carried out using a second language and the volunteers accompanying them during two days of filming on location around London.

The films will be played alongside others from schools in Spain and Italy who have also taken part in this year's programme.

The Trans-Lingual Express project was recently awarded a European Commission Award for Languages. The award promotes best practice in modern language learning, recognising projects that demonstrate innovative, effective and replicable approaches to learning languages.

Languages Day Celebrations

On Friday 26th September, Grey Coat celebrated the European Day of Languages. The International Committee sold a pâtisserie breakfast and collected spare change in foreign currency all to raise money for charity. The Committee will be selecting the charity they would like to donate to, but it will have an international focus in keeping with the day.

Lower school students were also invited to take part in a treasure hunt quiz through which they learnt new things about languages, their impact on the world and their place within our own identities. Year 8 girls were challenged by their Head of Year to find the official language of a number of different countries and many teachers of all subjects got involved by including a little of a foreign language in their lessons.

Well done and thank you to the International Committee for contributing to the internationality of our school and for promoting languages in a way fitting for a Language College. *Miss J Camp*

International Events at Grey Coat 2008-2009

International Student Committee

The International Student Committee continues this year to discuss how to promote the international ethos at the school. The committee is made up of the elected International Representatives (global reps) from each form but any one interested is more than welcome. In order to show how international our students are, a Grey Coat International Community map has been put up on the International Notice-board. Students and teachers alike are invited to place a sticker on the map of the world showing where their family are from. The new International reps undertook their first duty by helping out with European Day of Languages on 29th September 2008.

World Challenge

GCH will be taking a team on a trip with World Challenge in the summer of 2009. The team will spend 4 weeks travelling the Maya Route through Mexico, Guatemala and Belize. They will be trekking and undertaking community work. The students will be fundraising for this trip over the next year so watch this space! (There are still spaces available should any new students be interested in joining us – see Miss Worsfold)

www.world-challenge.co.uk



International School Award

2008–2011

The Amnesty International Youth Group

The Amnesty International youth group's focus is to find out about human rights abuses throughout the world and campaign for individuals to be helped. This year we aim to broaden people's knowledge of what is going on in the world through assemblies and other events. Last year the students prepared and presented an assembly to lower school on the problem of modern day human trafficking. We meet every Wednesday lunch time in the chapel at lower school. All are welcome.

www.amnesty.org.uk

International Ethos on the website

There is also a link on the school website for the International ethos. <http://www.gch.org.uk/language-intethos.aspx>

It aims to highlight international events at the school and inform readers of international issues. This will be developed throughout the year.

If you would like to get involved in any of these international events or have any ideas on how we can improve the International ethos at the school please see Miss Worsfold the International Co-ordinator.

Science News

Science Stars - Alice Forward, Loda Lalabizadeh and Rebecca Read (all in 8Y) impressed Dr Nabarro with the work that they produced on atoms. The attached picture shows them with their displays of atoms and molecules.

For your information:

Family fun day at the Royal Institute of Great Britain.

Saturday 1 November 2008

Suitable for 5-14 year olds.

Tickets costs £5 for adults and £3 for under 18s.

To find out more call the Events Team on 020 7409 2992 or go to the following website:

<http://www.rigb.org/contentControl?action=displayContent&id=2358>

Mr Xavier



Positive Attitudes Praised During Work Experience

In July the current Year 11 participated in 8 days work experience. I have enjoyed looking through the diaries that the students had completed whilst on placement and I must congratulate them as they had completed them well, reflected and evaluated their experiences in the world of work. The feedback from employers and visiting staff was very positive, below is a selection of comments from the employers' report forms. *Ms O' Sullivan (Work Experience Co-ordinator)*

Sharon has good communication skills, a team player and took ownership of a department. She had respect for fellow workers, wanted to learn all about the retail trade and tried out tasks on her own. (House of Fraser)

Verna has shown herself to be very conscientious, completing tasks quickly and efficiently. I have very much enjoyed working with her. She has developed a good rapport with the children. (Alfred Salter Primary School)

Bethel is quick to learn, inquisitive and articulate, everyone has enjoyed working with her, and she was an enthusiastic contributor and approached her tasks with enthusiasm and commitment. (School Home Support)

It was a pleasure to have Zeinab with us for work experience. She showed good clinical abilities and character, and she put a great amount of effort and interest into her work, very good manners and a polite attitude towards the patients and staff. (Millbank Dental Care)

Andrea has just completed her work experience on Lewis Lloyd ward. She has shown she is reliable, punctual, and pleasant to patients and staff. This was demonstrated by her willingness to talk to patients and learn from their experiences. (St Mary's Hospital)

Chloe has impressed us with her ability to fit in as a staff member, she was happy to take initiative but willing to follow instructions. She was a pleasure to have; in fact an ideal employee. (Teachweb)

Kehinde did a very good job in this environment which is physically and mentally demanding and requires a fair bit of determination. (Kingston riding School)

Tolu undertook all of the tasks set for her with a very positive attitude. It is clear Tolu knows what she wants and is prepared to follow her deep interests. She has gained in confidence and took pride in her work. Compliments to Tolu and to her schooling. (Vivienne Westwood)

Rochelle was a simply outstanding individual to have on a work placement; diligent, conscientious, motivated and great fun. Everyone was impressed by her enthusiasm and professionalism. (Islington Law Centre)

Freyja showed a huge amount of application. She was a willing student who showed initiative, and showed a particular aptitude during maths lessons – a much needed skill for teaching assistants. (Dulwich Hamlet Junior School)

Giselle has been the best work experience student we have had. She has a natural ability with children, showed keenness and creativity and I do hope she goes on to work with children in some capacity. (Burdett Coutts Primary School)

Mercy worked very hard in the department fitted in very well as a team member. On my recommendation she has applied to BLT staff bank to work as temporary support during school holidays, I will gladly have her back. (Barts NHS)



Paige Gordon 11G at the Marriott Hotel, County Hall



Kehinde Sears-Speare 11G at Kingston Riding Centre

Provocative Speeches at Channel 4

On Thursday, 11th September, 8 members of Upper School Debating Society attended C4's lively discussion of 'How and when children should be taught about sex education and by whom'. On the platform were: Katrina Mather, a member of the UK Youth Parliament; Jane Lees, the new Chair of the Sex Education Forum; Lynette Burrows, author of *The Fight for the Family*; Dr Terri Apter, social psychologist at Cambridge University and Dr Petra Boynton, sex and relationship psychologist. A number of men had been invited to speak but all had declined.

Katrina's key point was emphasising the obligation (Article 13 of the UN Rights of the Child) to teach Sex and Relationship Education. Whilst girls are certainly being taught about sexual responsibility, the issue is regarded as being less important for boys. A Youth Parliament survey elicited 22,000 replies which revealed that 73% had participated in under-age sex and 43% did not know the location of the nearest sexual health clinic.

The Sex Education Forum is particularly aware of the gap between what the young wish to know and the provision. One London borough has 10 specialist teachers but recognises that more are needed to deal, contrary to popular belief, with discussing **relationships**.

The mother of 6, Lynette provoked the strongest reaction from the audience with her view that teachers discussing SRE compromised childhood innocence. In the past, a combination of modesty, fear and repugnance had protected the young from sexually transmitted diseases which could result in death.

Terri contrasted the Kinsey Report's finding that 'sex was only discussed as part of the romantic plot' with to-day's superficial sophistication. Girls however are receiving mixed messages about looking desirable but expected to say no. Females should be able to recognise their own desire in order to plan ahead and to detect the coercion of having sex because a partner desires it.

The absence of critical thinking and evidence was the chief concern of Petra who felt that good practice should be shared and scary pictures avoided. In the public domain there is a mass of material which needs to be carefully evaluated so that people are able to distinguish between facts and PR. Whilst the media tends to present sexual issues as entertainment, the province of 'junior women journalists', the Government fears to lose votes by insisting on the compulsory teaching of SRE. A speaker from the floor stressed that, for members of the Campaign for Real Education, sex education should be presented primarily by parents. Though a male teacher declared 'masculine responsibility to be a real issue', it was felt that 'reconstructing the male psyche to learn that just having sex was not something to be proud of' was not currently practicable.

After the presentations, the sixthformers seized the opportunity to talk to the speakers and expressed some sympathy for the views of Lynette Burrows. *Ms McMellan*

Jack Petchey Award

The Sept 2008 Jack Petchey award has been given to **Nina Dougan**, for the charity work she did during the summer holidays. She went to stay with her aunt in Cape Town and gave up her time to work at a nursery, run to look after children of vineyard workers who are affected by foetal alcohol syndrome. Nina worked there several days in the holidays and came back to school wanting to do more to help. She has put herself forward as charity rep for 11H and is very keen for her form to raise money to send over to the charity in Cape Town. *Ms Parish*

Students on Catwalk

With great support from our school, The Grey Coat Hospital, the sixth form Design and Technology Textiles students independently organised a fashion show that not only demonstrated our abilities as textiles students but also raised money for a very worthwhile charity.

The key theme for the collection was seasons. We incorporated colours, fabrics and special details to represent the four seasons through our collection of garments. We used a mixture of new and used materials as we were aiming to promote an environmentally friendly ethos throughout our work.

All sixth form students involved in the work worked very hard in our own time to create an exciting and experimental collection.

The show took place on Thursday, October 16th and was a big success. Staff and visitors alike, praised everyone involved for their commitment to the project.

We would like to thank everyone who came along and in particular, members of the Design and Technology department who helped us enormously in making this happen.

Correction

In the September edition of the Parents' Newsletter we gave an incorrect date for next year's Ski Trip to the USA.

It will take place from Friday 3rd - Saturday 11th April 2009.

Apologies if any confusion has been caused. *Ms Lecky*

PE Successes

On Thursday 2nd October the Yr7 and Yr8 netball teams played in their first match of the season against the mighty City of London School for Girls.

Both teams got off to a flying start and were passing and receiving extremely well. Minnie Tran 7G was an excellent centre and caused several problems for City as did Sophia Taiwo (8R). Both teams were very strong in defence with Deborah Osowu 7G, Wumi Fatoki 7R and Gmanoh Choloply 7Y marking their opponents well and making several interceptions.

The Year 8 team displayed some assertive play and often snatched the ball away from City, Dionne Ward-Anderson 8T and Trime Bejtullahu 8T worked well together in defence bringing the ball up the court. Iashia Carth 8R worked very hard as Goal Attack and scored several goals, she was partnered by Ann-Marie Williams 8T in the second half and both worked well to get the ball in the goal area. Nadine Wilson-Jones 8 played out of her usual position as Goal Keeper and made life very difficult for City's Goal Shooter.

The score at half time was 8 - 1 to the Yr7 team and 4 - 2 to the Yr8 team. During the second half the Yr7 team played more effectively and confidently. Jasmine Gotobed 7H was superb as Goal Attack and scored several goals. She was partnered by Chidima Abiaka 7G who won several high balls and rebounds to help increase the goal tally. Both teams fought for every ball and claimed a well deserved victory at the end. Final Scores: Yr 7 Won 12 – 1 Yr8 Won 6 – 3

Yr 7 Team

Chidima Abiaka Jasmine Gotobed
Minnie Tran Deborah Osowu
Wumi Fatoki Gmanoh Choloply
Harriet Wright

Player of the match: **Jasmine Gotobed**

Ms Morrish- PE Department

Yr8 Team

Iashia Carth Sophia Taiwo
Dionne Ward-Anderson
Emma Greer Trime Bejtullahu
Ann-Marie Williams Ayesha Ekeh
Nadine Wilson-Jones

Player of the match:
Trime Bejtullahu

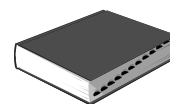
The Year 8 team played against Pimlico Academy on 15th September and beat them an astonishing 5-0. Ellie Atkinson captained the side and managed to score a hat-trick. The team included: *Philsy Jlu Johnson, Josie Petrie, Thomasin Adams, Lily Kiang, Hoda Kalabizadeh, Lily Andoh Cunnell and Ellie Atkinson.*

The result actually flattered Pimlico as they were outclassed by our year 8's and we certainly should have won by a bigger margin if not for some fine goalkeeping by Pimlico. I had only managed to coach the team a day before the game which makes the result a lot more special as I expected a difficult game against an opposition team which has proved a challenge in the past.

The Year 9 team also played Pimlico Academy on the 22nd September and won by the same scoreline. Our goalkeeper never touched the ball. The year 9s captained by Florence Maxwell played some beautiful football and it is no wonder they are rated as the 4th best national schools side. Again some brilliant goalkeeping by Pimlico Academy prevented the score from being far worse. Florence captained a fine performance with an AMAZING goal, picking the ball up deep inside her own half and dribbling past 4 Pimlico players before rifling home the best goal of the game. The team includes: *Audrey Maduilse, Athalia John, Claudine Bonsu, Shazelle Joseph-Peters, Danielle Belcher, Ivy Rowe, and Florence Maxwell.*

Matthew Powell - PE Department

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



OCTOBER

- 18th German Exchange to Germany (returns 28th)
 - 22nd Spanish Exchange to Spain (returns 29th)
 - 23rd Black Heritage Day (Y9)
 - 24th **INSET Day - school closed for staff training**
- HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

- 3rd German Exchange arrives (returns 12th)
- 4th Japanese Exchange arrives (returns 14th)
- Governors' Meeting 5pm**
- 5th Y10 art students to V&A Museum, P3-6
- 7th **Autumn Concert, Great Hall, St Andrew's**
- 12th **Guild AGM 6.30pm**
- 13th Academic Tutorial Day
- 17th Start of Y11 Mock language orals
- 19th Y11 Taster Lessons
- 20th **Annual Prize Giving, St Andrew's**
- 25th Gym & Dance Display
- 26th Y11>12 Open Evening, St Michael's 5-6.30pm
- 27th St Andrew's Day Service, St Margaret's 2.15pm

The following girls represented the school on Tuesday 30th September in a thrilling football match v St Marylebone. Bethany Kilminster 7G, Charlotte Finn 7R, Toyosi Sobogun 7R, Erika Faulkner 7R, Elena Rastrogueva 7C, Katie Sapiano – Oakley 7G, Holly Tarry 7G, Gmanoh Choloply 7Y.

The girls won the match 1-0 against a solid and organised Marylebone side. Their determination and courage was rewarded when Holly Tarry fired home in the last 5 minutes to secure victory for The Grey Coat Hospital.

This result rounds off a fantastic month for Grey Coat as the Year 8s and 9s also won each of their group games.

Matthew Powell - PE Department