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# Grey Coat

Number 134



THE PARENTS' NEWS LETTER OF THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

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Dear parents,

*This will be the last Newsletter of the year and it is packed with news of events which took place during the last half term. For my part, I would like to focus for a moment on the future.*

*This year, Grey Coat was reassessed as a Language College, and I am pleased to say that we have been redesignated not just as a specialist school, but as a High Performing Specialist School, thanks to the Outstanding Ofsted judgement in 2005. This makes us eligible to take on more activities for which we will receive additional funding. There are a limited range of possibilities which are put forward by the government each year, among which we can express a preference, but the final decision will be made on criteria to do with the national distribution of different specialisms.*

*After discussion among the staff, the preference I am proposing to put forward is for Grey Coat to become a 'Training School'. This will build on our strengths, and will involve every department, rather than one area of the curriculum. Each year we will take up a whole school focus on an aspect of teaching and learning – something like 'critical thinking' for example, and work on it together in all subjects. This specialism should make working at Grey Coat a stretching developmental experience for every teacher, and for student teachers working with us, for the ultimate benefit of the students. If parents define a need for training we will seek to provide it. In-school research will be encouraged, alongside professional development and outreach through our Advanced Skills Teachers. We'll know this initiative is successful when we have the whole staff passionately discussing teaching and learning from day to day.*

*I will let you know in the Autumn whether we have been successful in our bid to take on the 'Training School' specialism. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or concerns about this proposal, please let me know what you think.*

*An important point for parents to note is that following changes to legislation and government guidance about matters relating to discipline in schools, we have decided to change our policy with regard to mobile phones. As you know, from the school's point of view the near universal ownership of mobile phones by students is not helpful. Apart from disruption to lessons, a number of students have been mugged for their phones on the way to and from school this year, and a new and ugly form of bullying, by text message or 'anonymous' phone calls, is becoming more and more common. School policy will still be that mobile phones will only be tolerated if they are kept switched off and entirely out of sight on school premises, whether during class time, during breaks, or before and after school. A mobile that is seen or heard will be confiscated. From September, it will no longer be possible for parents to collect the confiscated phone from the school office. To ensure a fairer sanction, applied equally to everyone, confiscated phones will be held for 5 school days, after which students will be able to redeem them on payment of 50 pence.*

*With regard to cyber bullying, students need to be aware that the police can identify the phone from which unpleasant messages or phone calls have been sent. The same is true of email. There is an excellent source of information about how to counter cyber bullying at [www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk)*

*It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Abbey service on 4<sup>th</sup> July. We have so much to celebrate this year, and so much to be grateful for. I hope that all our students will make good use of their holiday, and remember to be helpful at home, especially if their parents have less holiday than they do. And for those of you who will be going on holiday as a family, I wish you a refreshing and enjoyable break to set you up for the challenges of the next academic year.*

*Rachel Allard*

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# 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.



*Angela Trainor & Vivien Moore  
Attendance and Punctuality Officers*

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## 100% Attendance & Punctuality

The students listed below achieved 100% Attendance & Punctuality  
for the period 7<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

### Year 7

7G  
Lucy Anderson  
Claudia Cueva  
Olivia Langley  
Natasha Little  
Florence Maxwell  
Alice Ormrod  
Leina Taylor  
Sarah Thompson  
Kelly Wray  
7H  
Luisa -Maria Bennett  
Olivia Pullarp

7C  
Mayowa Ayodeji  
Stephanie Black  
Claudine Bonsu  
Simonette Carlton-Carew  
Sophia Cattini  
Nadia Futa  
Nicole John  
Jordan Myers-Williams  
Jennifer Onakpoma  
Ramona Oppong  
Sabiha Sabur  
Francesca Strange

7R  
Mariam El-Ghazzaoui  
Hannah Fielding  
Kar Kai Lo  
Aneeqa Rahman  
Rosie Steel  
Rebecca Wesley

7T  
Eva Cheuk  
Rachel Ditchfield  
Emo Idaewor  
Jamie Jarvis  
Khadijat Mansaray  
Toma Onuwaje  
Kakay Pang  
Jessica Phung

7Y  
Lucy Coates  
Shennell Crabbe  
Jessica Gillett  
Constance Harper  
Charlotte Hitchcock  
Hephzibah Kabuye  
Alexandra Law  
Holly Ormrod  
Esther Ounounou



### Year 8

8G  
Esi Armah-Tetteh  
Blaire Bacchus  
Madison Ball  
Elizabeth Koledoye  
Joanna Mansy  
Phoebe Ogunwobi  
Ruth Pearson  
Amber Tallon

8R  
Gabiella Blunden  
Leah Buckle  
Charlie Mae Foster  
Laura Hall  
Vanessa Manley  
Leah Powell  
Julia Titley  
Laquieca Woodroffe

8Y  
Preye Berenengia-Sambo  
Anna-Mary Goodall  
Fern Hawkins  
Scarlett Lawrence  
Laura Robertson

8C  
Rebecca Hyde  
Anna Maria Macauley  
Dalida Taha

8T  
Theresa Awolesi  
Ella Buckton  
Akilah Moxham  
Joanne Oguntimehin

8H  
Shan Black-Matharu  
Manna Constantine  
Amanda Iyawe  
Jasmine Timbres  
Hannah Williams

# Congratulations Girls!

The students listed below achieved 100% Attendance & Punctuality for the period 4th September 2006 to 5th July 2007 and will be rewarded with a trip to The London Palladium to see The Sound of Music on 18th July 2007

## Year 7

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Lucy Anderson  
Florence Maxwell  
Leina Taylor

7R  
Kar Kai Lo

7Y  
Hephzibah Kabuye  
Alexandra Law  
Esther Ounounou

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Jennifer Onakpoma  
Sabiha Sabur  
Francesca Strange

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Esi Armah Tetteh  
Blaire Bacchus  
Madison Ball  
Joanna Mansy

8Y  
Preye Berenengia -Sambu  
AnnaMary Goodall

8C  
Rebecca Hyde  
Dalida Taha

8T  
Joanne Oguntimehin

8H  
Shan Black-Matharu  
Manna Constantine  
Hannah Williams

## Year 9

9G  
Deborah Ounounou

9R  
Willow Mercer  
Sonia Onyeka

9Y  
Sarah Nwandu

9C  
Kristie Brandon  
Vanessa Casiwan  
Kate Quane

9T  
Gloria Choi

## Year 10

10G  
Giorgia McCallister  
Sophie Jackson

10C  
Phoebe Gibson-Best  
Rachel Swann

10T  
Kadecia How  
Rachel Swann

10H  
Alexandra Amaadzie

## Year 11

11C  
Zahra Jaffry  
Zainab Afolabi

11H  
Isabel Rose

## Attendance & Punctuality Years 10 & 11

### Attendance

Attendance is good although some students are taking off too many Mondays and Fridays, should this pattern continue a letter will be sent home.

### Punctuality

Punctuality is good on the whole although there are some students coming late every day. Please ensure students allow extra time for travelling, allowing for transport delays or heavy traffic. Thus, enabling them to be in school before **8.30am**, it is very important to be on time so as not to cause disruption to their form and interrupt assemblies and miss vital information given out at morning registration.

### Holidays

If you are booking holidays at half terms please ensure that you arrive back in time for **the start** of the school term allowing for delays at airports, jet lag etc., Permission for holidays in term time must be requested in writing in advance to the Head.

### Medical and Other Appointments

Please note that we require as much notice as possible for medical appointments, and if possible for them to be made outside of term time.

### Absences

Absences must be cleared by letter on the day your daughter returns to school following an absence.

Thank you for your co-operation with all the above.  
Enjoy your Summer Holidays.

Vivien Moore  
Attendance and Punctuality Officer

Well done  
to all of  
you!

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# SAS Expert and TV Personality Ray Mears Unveils Green Plaque in Honour of David Thompson

**O**n Tuesday 26th June 2007, survival expert and TV personality Ray Mears unveiled a Westminster Green Plaque at the St Andrews building, in honour of David Thompson who attended school at Grey Coat here in the 1700s. You can find out more about David Thomson in the history below.

The plaque unveiling was attended by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Carolyn Keen and the Deputy High Commissioner for Canada Mr Guy Saint Jacques, among governors, staff and contacts of the school. It was a wonderful occasion that highlighted the significance of Thompson in his exploration and mapping of Canada. Our thanks go to The Grey Coat Hospital Foundation who sponsored the plaque, and to the Canadian Tourism Commission for sponsoring the reception. The plaque can be seen at the front boundary wall of the school towards the corner of Greycoat Place / Horseferry Rd



Guy Saint Jacques, Ray Mears & Councillor Carolyn Keen at the unveiling of the plaque



Geography tutors & students pose with Ray Mears and Guy Saint Jacques

## More about David Thompson:

Most people in the UK are unaware of David Thompson but in Canada he is regarded a national hero. David Thompson is a former student of The Grey Coat Hospital who attended the school in 1777 until 1784. He left for Canada after being given an apprenticeship with the Hudson Bay Company, where he then went on to explore and map much of Western Canada. 2007 is 150 years since his death in 1857.

David Thompson was born in Marsham Street, Westminster on April 30th, 1770. His father, a Welshman, died early and his mother remarried. In 1777 David was sent to The Grey Coat Hospital where he excelled at mathematics. At the age of fourteen David and another boy were chosen to be apprenticed for seven years to the Hudson Bay Company but the other boy was

frightened and ran away, unable to face the long and perilous sea journey and the terrors of an unknown land. David, however, left the teeming Westminster streets of his childhood and began a new life far away. Westminster promptly forgot him.

His new life began in a desolate fort on the shores of the Hudson Bay with its dark, dreary and intensely cold winters and the hot summers with the swarms of mosquitoes, whose attacks made even the dogs howl in agony.

Kitted out with a trunk, a handkerchief, shoes, shirts, a gun, powder and a tin cup, he was sent with others into the interior to establish trading posts on the Saskatchewan. The Hudson Bay Company's fortune was made from supplying the native Indians with guns, axes, kettles and beads as well as the 'fire water' which made the Indians so

dependent on the white traders in exchange for the furs: beaver, fox and otter. David had to learn to barter with the different tribes of Indians; Sioux, Piegan, Iroquois, Blackfoot.

In the winter of 1789-90 he put his mathematics to good use, learning the technique of surveying and for the next seven years he carried out very extensive surveys for the Hudson Bay Company, thus beginning the study of geography, astronomy and mapmaking for which he became famous. This involved lengthy journeys on foot, on horse, with dogs and sledges and in canoes, often in the depths of winter when the cold was intense.

We know about the journeys he made from the journals that he kept regularly (now in Ontario Archives). These describe in detail the landscape, the animals, the life style of the native

Indians at the moment of contact with Europeans as well as the work of trappers and settlers. His style was laconic, filled with measurements and calculations.

In 1797 he joined the North West Company as Astronomer and Surveyor, to locate and map their trading posts and the waterways connecting them and this assignment he completed over two years. He continued to map and trade furs until the end of the century and eventually he was made partner in that company.



History Tutors & students pose with Ray Mears at the unveiling of the plaque to honour David Thompson

In 1799 Thompson married Charlotte Small. She was the daughter of a trader from a famous Irish family and an Indian woman and she too was to accompany him on several of his journeys.

In 1807 Thompson made his most famous journey. It was a carefully planned but perilous journey through the Rocky mountains to the Pacific Ocean, encountering many different tribes of Indians, some distinctly unfriendly. They carted heavy equipment and supplies marching until the explorers' feet were crippled, canoeing through turbulent rapids on fast flowing rivers,

through ice and snow. Throughout it all and despite disputes within the party Thompson was indomitable: courageous and calming. He established trading posts en route and he was responsible for finding and mapping a navigable route from the Rocky Mountains to the Western Ocean which was followed by immigrants, fur traders and adventurers alike until the Canadian Pacific Railway was built some 74 years later.

Thompson's fame rests on this exploration and his work in mapping the area west of the Rockies (now British Columbia) and which contributed to the charting of the official boundary between the United States and Canada. It is in this area that the David Thompson River is to be found, (between Vancouver and Wells National Park, starting near the highest point in the Rockies), named after him in recognition of his contribution to the mapping of Western Canada. It is estimated that Thompson travelled, in all, not less than fifty thousand miles, a record few Western explorers have equalled. Much of this was through country hitherto untrodden by the feet of white men.

Until 1812, when David Thompson retired to Montreal with his wife, he

continued to trade with the Indian nations but he refused, as he had at the beginning of his career, to barter with guns and alcohol. The story is told of how partners in the Company commanded that he should take kegs of alcohol on an expedition to an unexplored part of Western Canada. Knowing the deplorable effects of spirits on the Indians Thompson refused. They insisted. A man of principle as well as physical courage Thompson found a solution. He

ordered that the barrels be loaded on the back of a vicious horse. By noon the kegs were empty, broken to pieces.

No one here would have known that this Old Grey had made such a success of his life but for the quite unexpected arrival of a letter one hundred years later. This was received by Elsie Day, the Headmistress in 1890, from Mr J.B. Tyrell, Geologist to the Canadian Survey. He visited the Hospital in 1900 and as Miss Day writes, "spoke of Thompson as a man of great power, highly esteemed. In his autobiography, Thompson describes his delight in mathematics while at school, and his constant practice, in the playground, and when out for walks, of mensuration. Granddaughters of Thompson were personally known to Mr Tyrell, who was most enthusiastic in his praise of this 'Old Grey'".

Throughout his career Thompson was one of those whose influence among the Indians was almost wholly for the good and they admired and respected him. Thompson was more than a trader: he had the mind of a scientist and the soul of a poet and throughout his life he was a credit to the school which educated him. The Founders would hardly have guessed how far one of their pupils' feet would take him, but they would recognise his principles as those they sought to encourage.

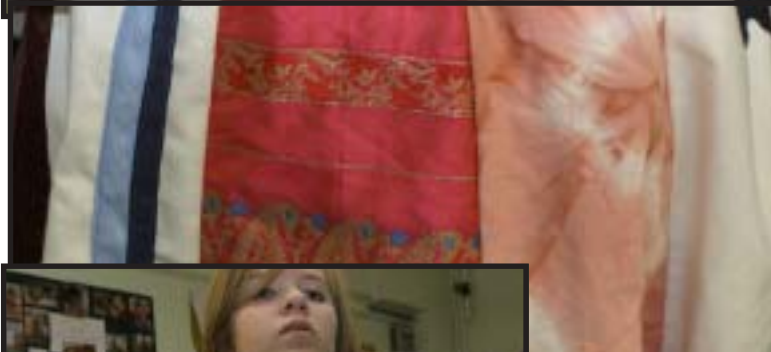


Ray Mears with journalist York Membery who started the campaign to have a plaque dedicated to David Thompson

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# D&T Textiles Students

It was a real pleasure to showcase the work of year 11 Design and Technology Textiles students with a lively fashion show. The garments all designed and made by Year 11 were modelled by the gorgeous Year 9 girls. Thank you for all who made this a special and memorable event. Here are some photographs of the clothes details and the students involved. *Ms McDermott.*



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# Showcase Work at NRA Day



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# Mathematics Lesson in Slovakian

**T**hirty pupils had the privilege and opportunity to experience a Mathematics lesson in Slovakian. Miss Eva Skurchacova kindly offered to teach Number and Algebra content in her native language to both inspire and challenge some of our pupils in Year 8.

The lesson was both amusing and hard work for our girls as they tried to solve number problems and learn key words in Slovakian at the same time! Some students even tried to mix other languages into the lesson such as French and Gujarati (including their Mathematics teacher) as they desperately tried to impress Miss Skurchacova with a few broken words in Slovakian.



We are grateful to Miss Skurchacova for her time and sadly goodbye to

her as she returns home next year. We would like to thank her for all the work that she has done both within the department and in the school.



*Miss Solani*  
Head of Mathematics

Photos: *left* - Miss Skurchacova teaches a Mathematics lesson in Slovakian  
*right*: Ms Solani helps out.

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## A Southbank Saunter

**O**n Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, a bevy of GCH students from year 7 and year 8 walked to the Purcell Room to hear the author David Almond contribute to the London Literature Festival. David Almond has written many novels including *Skellig*, *Clay*, *Kit's Wilderness*, *Heaven Eyes*, *Counting Stars* and *Secret Heart*. All of David Almond's books can be found in the school library and *Skellig* is on the year 7 reading list.

The audience learnt a lot about Almond's childhood experiences and the processes he used when writing his stories. His most recent publication, *Clay*, is set in Northumberland where he lived as a child. In particular Almond remembers how boys like Stephen were taken away to train for the priesthood but were then sent back home, like Stephen, having missed formative years within a family. In addition to realising that the strong female figures in his tales came from growing up with 4 sisters, Almond delivered encouraging hints on how to become a writer.



David Almond has won numerous awards including the Whitbread and Smarties and is regularly nominated for the Carnegie Medal which he won with *Skellig*.

The day was a great success and a very inspirational hour.

*Tilly Jordan-Rolph, 8H*

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## Free Books for Year 7s

**Y**ou may have seen in the Press about the scheme which is starting this year to encourage children to read.

The scheme called "Booked Up" is aiming to provide a new book for every Y7 student. The pupils get to choose the book they want from a list of 10 books. The Grey Coat Hospital was one of the first schools in Westminster to register for this scheme and we will also receive a pack of books for the Library! The books should arrive towards the end of the Autumn term! Watch this space for more news about the scheme. *Ms Raddon*



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## Year 7 Trip to Hampton Court

Our day at Hampton Court was fantastic. It was a 45 minute journey to this place of Tudor history. We entered the grand gate with open mouthed excitement. I felt honoured to be walking in the steps of Henry VIII. The first room we visited, the Great Hall, was amazing. Grand tapestries hung from the walls under beautiful stained glass windows.

Then it was time for lunch and I could not wait because I was starving. We went to the amazing Victorian Gardens at the back of the palace and sat down on the soft cool green grass.

7G then went to the chapel. It was very peaceful and calm and it was interesting to look up at the amazing ceiling. The Tudor kitchens were also fascinating and I could not believe how much space and how many rooms Henry VIII had to prepare food such as fish, bread, pies, cakes and tarts. We learnt that there was one head cook, 12 normal cooks and 12 assistant cooks when Henry lived there.

We also visited the gift shop (a bit of a rip off), we bought souvenirs and gifts for ourselves, friends and family. It was then time to go home. We sadly waved goodbye and went back home to tell our families and friends about our wonderful day. *Lucy Anderson 7G*

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Year 7 students enjoying their trip to Hampton Court

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## Documentary Film Making

A programme of work was piloted in school this year which aimed to engage pupils with various aspects of their learning by using the medium of film. Learning Mentor, Lesley Henderson, and Chloe Ruthven, a colleague from Westminster LEA, facilitated the project over several months. Run as an after school activity, several pupils from Year 9 were invited to participate and learn all of the necessary techniques and skills required to produce a documentary style film.

As well as learning the technical procedures such as setting up and using camera and sound equipment for the video shoot the pupils also had the unnerving task of conducting street interviews with members of the general public; this required confidence, patience and perseverance as they soon discovered the difficulties of stopping and engaging busy Londoners who were usually rushing to get home from work. However, the hard work and



students involved in the film making project

commitment from the pupils paid off; the result being a professionally produced documentary film which focused on teenage behaviour and sought to uncover the underlying causes, including views from members of the public, professionals who gave formal interviews and the personal views of the pupils themselves.

Kimberley Charles, Layla Harris, Nina Dougan, Amber Noel, Natalie Ortegon, Clarissa Ferrara, Mary-Anne Oladinni and Freyja Ealy.

*Lesley Henderson  
Learning Mentor/  
Business Mentor Co-ordinator*

The project, which involved several other schools in the borough, concluded with a screening of all the participants' films at the Curzon Theatre in Soho last month. With the atmosphere of a movie premiere it was an exciting and memorable occasion. Well done and congratulations to the pupils involved:

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## Gospel Choir sings at National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is organised by Christian MPs and Peers from Parliament. They hold prayer meetings, a service at St Margaret's Westminster, and seminars each year. Their aim is to build relationships



The lower school Gospel Choir

amongst Christian leaders from every constituency around the country, providing opportunities to connect with communities and constituencies - and to pray.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June the Lower School Gospel Choir was invited to sing at the inaugural service at St Margaret's. We chose one contemplative number, *You Are*, and one upbeat number, *What you're looking for*, both by Kirk Franklin. The girls from year 8 and year 9 behaved impeccably and sang beautifully, helping to lead the worship and singing with commitment.

Many thanks to all the girls taking part, and to Miss Ryan and Rev Swinton for making the visit possible. *Miss Platt*

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## Carnegie Winner Announced

On 21<sup>st</sup> June we heard that "*Just In Case*" by M.Rosoff had been chosen by the Carnegie Judges to be the recipient of the Award for 2007. Year 7 Reading Club, many of whom had read all six books, were divided in their reaction to this news! In our discussions (which took 2 hours in total) we finally decided to vote for "*A Swift Pure Cry*" by S.Dowd.

The Summer holiday is an excellent opportunity to get into a good book. Make sure your daughter takes a book with her if you go on holiday! *Ms Raddon, Librarian*



## Business Mentoring

A highly successful initiative which takes place at The Grey Coat Hospital is the Business Mentor Programme. This year was the most successful to date with 26 partnerships, between volunteer business women and our Year 9 pupils.

The aim of the programme is to encourage pupils to develop relationships with professional business women who can advise and support them in all areas of their school life. This is particularly valuable in Year 9 as it is during this time that pupils face important decisions regarding their option choices.

Business Mentors, with their wealth of experience and talents, are able to offer practical guidance and advice and on many occasions have been instrumental in helping pupils to make important decisions about their choice of career.

*'She has given me good advice and helped me plan a CV.'*

*'She has made a difference to my life because we talk about future careers; also how to revise and academic issues.'*

The business mentors, who are all trained specifically for this volunteer work, come from PricewaterhouseCoopers, The Sustainable Development Commission and Channel 4. They are a valuable asset to our school and pupils who are willing to give up a little of their own time can benefit greatly from their support. I look forward to an equally successful result next year.

*Lesley Henderson  
Learning Mentor/  
Business Mentor Co-ordinator*

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# The Grey Coat Hospital Guild

an association for Parents and Staff



Dear Parents & Carers,

May the Guild Committee take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all in the autumn term.

In the meantime, please find listed below some important dates for your diary for the next academic year. Also, listed below are the names and numbers of the June, July and August 200 Club winners!

### **200 Club:**

The winning tickets holders for the 200 Club:

**June**      3<sup>rd</sup> place Rachel Platt (68)  
              2<sup>nd</sup> place Karen Kernick (28)  
              1<sup>st</sup> place Hannah Sesay (54)

**July**        3<sup>rd</sup> place Robert Titley (89)  
              2<sup>nd</sup> place Simon Taylor (42)  
              1<sup>st</sup> place Caroline Bryant (08)

**August**    3<sup>rd</sup> place L Mason (10)  
              2<sup>nd</sup> place Bola Akanda (67)  
              1<sup>st</sup> place Sarah Kasmin (10)

### **Important Guild Meeting Dates for Next Year:**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2007  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2007 - Annual General Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2008

All the Guild meetings are held at the St Andrew's Building and they commence at 6.30pm

### **Other Important Dates for Events in the Next Academic Year:**

*Barn Dance – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007 6.30pm at St Andrew's*

*Guild Carol Service – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007, 6.00pm at St Stephen's Rochester Row*

*Guild Christmas Fair – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007, after the Carol Service – St Andrew's*

*Quiz Night – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008, 6.30pm at St Andrew's*

*International Fair – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – 11-2pm St Michael's*

*New Greys' BBQ – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 4pm at St Andrew's.*



# Physical Education News

## Netball Match Report

Yr7 vs Quinton Kynaston School Westminster Schools Netball.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007 the Yr7 Netball Team played in the final of the Westminster Schools Netball Tournament. Quinton Kynaston (QK) won the toss and had first centre pass, Grey Coat were very nervous and needed a few minutes to settle. QK scored a goal and rattled the defence. Stephanie Black (centre) dodged well and made several vital passes to Melita Emmanuel Carr (Goal Attack) and Rosie Steel (Wing Attack). Within minutes Grey Coat had found their confidence and were 4-1 ahead. QK fought back and managed to score 2 more goals, however Grey Coat were on fire and took advantage of weak passes made by QK. Esther Abban-Mensah (Wing Defence) and Athalia Bradshaw (Goal Keeper) worked hard to protect the circle and keep the ball out. The score at half time was 16 – 3 to Grey Coat.

QK played better in the second half and soon rattled Grey Coat's defence. However the power and determination of Paige James (Goal Defence) was too much for QK's Goal Attack and she was unable to get under the post. Alex Law played Centre during the second half and used her speed to her advantage. Esther Ounounou supported as Wing Attack and played several vital square passes to Danielle Belcher (Wing Defence). When QK were able to get the ball into their circle Demi Aristotelous (Goal Keeper) ensured the Goal Shooter was unable to take any shots. Grey Coat continued to play well and scored many goals. Bella Spencer (Goal Shooter) and Melita Emmanuel Carr (Goal Attack) played well and were goal scoring machines throughout the match. Final Score 27 – 3 to Grey Coat, a fantastic victory and a great end to the season

Grey Coat are the official winners of the Yr7 Westminster Schools Netball Tournament! Congratulations to the Yr7 Netball Team for working so hard this season and playing so well. Roll on next season!

### Team List

Stephanie Black	Danielle Belcher	Rosie Steel
Athalia Bradshaw	Demi Aristotelous	Paige James
Esther Abban Mensah	Bella Spencer	Alex Law
Melita Emanuel Carr	Esther Ounounou	

**Player of the Match:** Stephanie Black

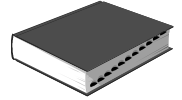
## Y7 Beginner Swimming Course

Six pupils from 7G participated in a six week beginner swimming course where they developed their water confidence and stroke technique in front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke. It was a challenge for pupils both physically and mentally and they worked hard each week to overcome their fears and develop their stroke techniques.

During the final session in week 6 pupils were assessed and awarded distance badges. Congratulations to the girls listed below for completing the course and achieving the following distance awards:

- Goldie Quaker-Dokubo 5M
- Kirsty Korley 10M
- Maria Bamgbele 20M
- Antina Zelceska 20M
- Georgiana Taylor 40M
- Leina Taylor 40M

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### JULY

20th Year 10 Work Experience Debrief

#### END OF TERM SERVICE

22nd Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition  
(returns 27th)

### SEPTEMBER

3rd Y12 students Enrol - all day

Y11 Tutorials (individual times)

4th Y13 prefects Enrol & Workshop - all morning

5th Y7 Induction Programme - 8.30am-12 noon

Y8-10 Tutorials (individual times)

Y12 Day Trip - all day

Y13 students enrol (individual times)

Y11 Day Trip

6th Lessons begin for Y7-11 students

Y12 Circus - all day

7th Y13 University Workshop

10th Lessons begin for Y13 students

Y12 pastoral programme P1+ P2

Consortium induction 2.30pm

11th Lessons begin for Y12 students

**12th Guild Meeting 7pm**

19th Y11 Geography Trip to Walton

**Y7 Tea Party 2pm**

21st Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition  
(returns 24th)

**25th Y6 Parents' Evening 5pm & 6pm**

**27th Y6 Parents' Afternoon 2pm**

28th St Michael's Service at

St. Margaret's 9.20am