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THE PARENTS' NEWS LETTER OF THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

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Dear Parents,

The headline news in this edition of the Parents' Newsletter is the result of our Denominational Inspection, which took place on 14th May. These inspections have to take place in Church schools within 8 working weeks of the Ofsted inspection. The denominational inspection is very thorough. The inspector, Catherine Large, arrived very early, and fitted a large number of observations and meetings into the day. These included an assembly, RE lessons in KS3 and in the sixth form, meetings with three groups of students covering the three key stages, a scrutiny of GCSE written work in RE, a meeting with a group of governors, including parent governors, and interviews with leaders of the RE department, the chaplain and members of the Senior Leadership Team. A number of documents about the life of the school were also called for. At the end of the day, the inspector had time for a brief visit to the A level Art exhibition.

I am delighted to report that the inspector's judgement was that **the distinctiveness and effectiveness of The Grey Coat Hospital School as a Church of England school are outstanding**. She found that 'the Christian ethos of the school is manifested in all aspects of its life. The school constantly and actively applies its Christian heritage and vision to the modern age. Students recognise and benefit from their experience'.

The established strengths of the school are listed as:

- 'The outstanding Christian leadership of the headteacher which, with the support of the management team, staff and governing body, creates a learning environment in which students flourish.
- The high quality, range and impact of opportunities provided for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students.
- The contribution of the chaplain and the Christian community to promoting the overall Christian character of the school and particularly, the positive impact of collective worship.
- The very high achievement of all students in GCSE Religious Studies.'

Two points were given as the focus for development:

- 'Build on existing opportunities for form - based worship by developing the role of student worship leaders and offering training for form teachers.
- Improve Advanced Level examination results in religious education.'

The full report has not yet been published, at the time of writing, but I hope that we will have it before the newsletter goes out, in which case you will be able to read it, in full, on the school website.

The weight of this inspection is very heavily on the Chaplain and the members of the RE department, and they deserve to be thanked and congratulated for their contribution to the school; but this is a whole school inspection nonetheless, because every member of the school community helps to make it what it is. We all rely on each other and learn from each other. It is a privilege to be part of such a vibrant Christian community.

During the last half term of the summer, we are both finishing off the work of this year, and beginning to prepare for the new academic year in September. One very practical expression of this, is that as their last exams are completed, Year 11 students will no longer need their Grey Coat uniform. On Friday 26th June, New Greys will be coming to school for their Admissions ceremony. Could I end by reminding Y11 students and parents that gifts of second hand uniform for sale on Admissions Day will make an enormous difference to the accessibility of the school for those just starting out. Please bring your bags of clean uniform to the office at either building, marked for the Guild.

With many thanks for your help and care!

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.



Attendance & Punctuality Years 7, 8 & 9

Attendance

Attendance has dropped despite the fact that it is quite a short term. Please make sure that if you bring medicine into school, you bring it to the office with a letter from your parents with instructions regarding when the medicine has to be taken. This can then be stored in the office.

Please make sure the school is notified every single day that an absence occurs and please follow this up with a note upon your return. Please give us as much advance warning as possible of any appointments.

Punctuality

While punctuality remains good, there are still students who are not leaving enough time for their journey should anything go wrong.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS?

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details in case of an emergency in school. Please also inform us throughout the year of any change in these details.

*Angela Trainor
Attendance and Punctuality Officer, St. Andrew's*

Arabic Club is a Big Hit

Would you like to discover about a culture that may be new to you, and learn a beautiful new language? Then Arabic club is the thing for you. When I heard about this great opportunity, I couldn't wait to go to the first meeting. Not a lot of people have the chance to learn Arabic; and it may even be useful in later life.

After only a few sessions, we have already started to learn some of the alphabet, and some words beginning with those letters, such as apple, fox and rabbit. We have also learned how to write the letters; it's great if you like art, because it's more like drawing than writing. Writing from right to left takes a lot of getting used to though! We also found out about some famous Arabs, and listened to some modern Arabic music.

Learning Arabic is an amazing new experience for me, because I love the chance to learn a language that is so completely different to my own. Luckily, some people in the club know some Arabic already, and so they can help the rest of us along! Whether you already speak a little bit or are a real beginner like me, Arabic club is useful, interesting and very fun! *Molly Clark 8Y*

Art News

This has been a busy term so far for the Art department. We have had students involved in many exciting projects. Kadeia How, Fallanne Bent, Celine Tinne and Chun-wai Lo have taken part in the Art and Design Saturday School at Chelsea School of Art. Isabelle Veysey and Sian Ditchfield have been mentored as part of the Royal Academy AttrAct programme. Fifteen G&T Art students from KS3 and 4 took part in an animation workshop at the Royal College of Art in January and thoroughly enjoyed it. We are very fortunate in that we are able to offer GCH Art students another workshop, this time for five weeks at school with Textile artist Yemi Awosile. The title of the workshop is 'Making Something Beautiful out of Something Ordinary'. Again this is part of the Reach Out RCA programme.



Natalia Eyres met Will Young at the Visual Dialogues private view at Tate Britain

The highlight however had to be the fact that the Art department have been hobnobbing with the rich and famous! Curious? This year Natalia Eyres took part in the Visual Dialogues project at Tate Britain. The launch was in April and we attended a private view, hosted by Nick Serota the director of the Tate. One of the honourable guests was none other than Will Young!

We have been very fortunate to have two associate teachers working with us since January. Emma Warburton and Su-yin Pelham have thrown themselves into the life of the Art department wholeheartedly and we have really enjoyed working with them.

Congratulations to our A2 students who applied and gained places on Art foundation courses. Rosie Chandler, Alison Jenkins, Eleanor Winter and Elizabeth Roche have been offered places at Chelsea School of Art (Elizabeth also gained a place at Kingston School of Art.) Ashley Andrews has been offered a place at Kingston too and Wimbledon school of Art. Natalia Eyres has been offered a place at Central St Martins. We are very proud of them, wish them all the best and hope they will come back to Grey Coat to tell us all about it. The annual AS and A2 exhibition on 14th May gave parents and guests a chance to see our students' work.

Library Corner



The Times Books for Schools Tokens

We have just received our first consignment of 9 books for the Library in exchange for the first 600 or so tokens!

Thanks to those of you who are collecting the tokens but as you can see we need about 70 tokens for each book!

Please keep collecting them and bringing them in and try to encourage The Times reading friends to collect them for us too! *Ms Raddon, Librarian.*

Is This The Longest Scarf in London?

Two months ago Sophie Mitchell in 11H made an appeal for GCH to raise £350 to send a war-time hero to Normandy for the 65th and final commemoration of the D-Day Landings in 1944. Her request inspired Mrs S. O'Reilly, whose father and brother had served in the Royal Navy, to suggest that staff should seek sponsorship for knitting the longest scarf in London.

Although help to cast on might have been required, a keen group set to work spurred on by gifts of wool from Mrs Woolvett and Ms Htun. During the Easter break, Mrs Moore managed to knit more in 2 weeks than Ms McMellan eventually produced in 2 months. Fortunately notable contributions were being created by Mrs O'Sullivan et al.

Textile Artist Celia Pym, who has paid previous visits to Lower School, came into the St Michael's Building to admire the rainbow scarf and the wonderful

patterns which are a feature of the work produced by Mrs Galal, Mrs Collins and her daughter Sam. Celia also presented a box of chocolates to Alison Warrick whose estimated 60 metres was the closest guess to the actual length of 2137inches.

The explosion of interest in knitting may be attributable to Mrs Henderson's Knitting Club which for the past 6 years encouraged Lower School pupils to learn this skill. Year 13 Art student Rosie Chandler is to be seen at the Papered Parlour in Clapham whilst others head into Peter Jones or Liberty's for free tuition or for inspiration.



Knitters: Ms McMellan, Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs O'Reilly, and Mrs Collins display the finished scarf



The scarf being paraded during an assembly at St Michael's



Guest Artist Celia Pym presents Alison Warrick with her prize for having the closest estimate to the actual length of the scarf

G20 Activities

As a fully accredited holder of the International School Award, The Grey Coat Hospital was invited to participate in two major G-20 events. Members of Debating Society had devoted time to prepare for these so that they were ready, given the promised opportunity, to deliver their opinions and to cross-examine politicians about global issues.

On Tuesday, 31st May, Mr Stephenson took 10 students to St Paul's Cathedral where the GCH party sat in close proximity to Gordon Brown, Kevin Rudd and the Bishop of London who chaired the debate. The Prime Ministers of the U.K. and of Australia wondered "could opportunities for society's good come from the economic crisis? Had there been a disconnection between morality, policy-making and practice? What will be the prospects for re-making the global order, for rebuilding financial systems and for re-establishing trust? How would a new global order actively include development goals and address climate change?"

Although GCH students had hoped that one of their questions would feature in the discussion, the odds were against this. Only 9 questions were randomly selected from a possible 100.

Meanwhile as reported in last month's newsletter, Miss Solani and a Year 13 member of Debating Society were participating in the British Council's Global Changemaker Schools' Workshop at the Oval. For 24 hours, Tatyana Zhukova was the EU Representative and enjoyed the opportunity to meet and hear the views of Alistair Darling and Cherie Blair.
Ms McMellan

Visit by Mark Field MP

On the morning of 7th May Year 9 were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to be visited by, and even better, to question, our local conservative MP for Westminster, Mark Field.

The previous week, we had put any questions we wished to ask into a box, and a lucky few were picked to be put forward to the unwitting gentleman! The subject matter ranged from the politician's ability to juggle both work and family, to the preparation for the 2012 Olympics.



Answering all questions with infallible good humour, despite numerous different political views being present in the hall, with varying levels of acrimony and admiration fired forwards, Mr Field dealt with all thrown at him impeccably, which, despite his obvious experience with public speaking, could not have been easy in front of 160 teenagers - we are, after all, the harshest critics!

So, thank you to Mark Field for coming to visit us, we hope to see you again in the future.

Miriam Harris 9C

Westminster Celebration Awards

On Thursday 7th May the annual Celebration event of Work Experience and Work Related Learning programmes in schools in Westminster were held at the Movieum, County Hall. This event is a thank you to employers who participate in the schools' work experience and work related programmes and to recognise the achievements of students whilst on Work Experience.

All secondary schools had been asked to nominate a student and an employer for an award. This year the employer nominated for the award was Elm Lodge Surgery. They have taken a vast number of students over the years. Our nominated student was Shanice Milton-Gorvie 11H. Shanice committed herself fully to her placement at Marks & Spencer. Many congratulations to Shanice. She was a credit to herself and Grey Coat and is hoping to get a part-time job in the holidays. Her certificate and prize of a voucher were well deserved.

*Sue O'Sullivan
Work experience Coordinator*



Shanice Milton-Gorvie who was presented with a Work Experience Award

Grey Coat 50 Years Ago

What was our school like half a century ago? It seems that a lot of time has passed, but was it really that different? We found out when we got to talk to Old Grey, Patricia Powell, who attended this school from 1954 to 1961, and who shared her experience with us.

- The uniform was similar, but hats and gloves were also part of the dress code.
- The sixth formers had more choice too, like today.
- The hall was identical to its current appearance.
- The school had the same high academic standard.
- Similar target cards were used for bad students.
- The same opportunity for instrumental lessons applied to pupils as at the present.
- The reading lists were longer, noting 100 books to read during the year.
- Girls had study sessions in the library to learn independently.
- The school was smaller, with only 600-700 pupils.
- There were fewer clubs. The clubs that existed were debating and music clubs.
- Lessons were probably shorter, lasting roughly only 40mins.
- The discipline was stricter. Girls were not allowed to eat outside school while wearing their uniform.
- Some classrooms were located where the cafeteria now stands.
- Girls went on outings, such as those to London Zoo, a few abroad and they even listened to concerts at the Royal Festival Hall.
- Pupils played sports such as hockey at Battersea Park, like we do on Sports Day.
- There were school dances with Westminster City boys!

Elena Rastorgueva 7C



Jack Petchey Award News

The winner of the April Jack Petchey Award is Hannah Robbins in Y13

This is in recognition of her contribution to the success of the Italy trip. She was a great help musically, teaching some parts to the younger students and ensuring nobody was left out when on sight-seeing trips. She also sang a solo in 2 of our concerts in prestigious venues in Verona and Lake Garda.

It is also in recognition of her commitment to music at Grey Coat. She is involved in so many extra-curricular groups and plays an important part in the many concerts.

She regularly arranges to meet with younger students to offer them tuition and help with their music studies – usually, without the music staff even knowing! She has also represented the music department at some recent events outside of school (such as the Jack Petchey Annual Award ceremony event at Kensington Town Hall). *Ms Parish*



Year 9 Achievement Project

In the Autumn Term, 32 Year 9 girls were selected to take part in an innovative new programme specifically aimed at raising achievement. These students have been given the opportunity to meet regularly in small groups with a Mentor and to focus on improving their performance both academically and pastorally. They are being coached in independent study and have been involved in a number of collaborative activities and extra-curricular opportunities based on their own interests and aspirations, including an exciting Guest Speaker Programme. This project requires the students to maturely analyse and critique their own performance as well as the performance of their Mentor.

The project is being facilitated by Miss Stacey, Fast Track Teacher at The Grey Coat Hospital, and is supported by Ms Kirkaldy, Head of Year 9, who selected the students suitable for the project based on the available data. The students have committed to meet once a week with their Mentor and have welcomed the opportunity to have focused support with her studies. *Sabiha Sabur 9C*

The GCH Guest Speaker Programme External Guest Speakers - December '08

Lawyer – Matthew Nortcliff (Nabarro Solicitors, Holborn)

Careers Officer – Nicky Libero (Connexions)

Publicity in Publishing – Fiona Atherton (Random House – Mainstream Publishing)

Journalist – Alex Shaw (Free lance Sports journalist)

Pilot/Aviation – Pete Nataraj (BA Pilot)

Law, Journalism, Careers Officer, Publicist, and Pilot are some of the careers which Year 9 students have had the opportunity to learn more about through the Year 9 Achievement Project Guest Speaker Programme. I went to the lawyer's talk which I am grateful for, as I found out that you can study any subject(s) at University and still go on to follow a career in Law. This reassured me about my options for the future and I felt the Lawyer's talk really helped to clarify what I already knew about this career. I also made sure I took the advice of all the Guest Speakers, and I decided to take advantage of any other talks or opportunities offered by the Year 9 Project and I would encourage every girl in Year 9 to do the same, whether or not they know for sure what they want to do in the future. The important thing is that we find out as much as possible and learn which skills are desirable in the work place. *Naa Lamiorkor Bannerman 9T*

In School Speakers

This term the Year 9 Mentors who volunteered to support the girls students selected for the project also invited other students in the school to speak to their Mentor Group and share their experiences and offer advice. This opportunity to speak to older students was really appreciated by the Year 9 Achievement Group.



Sabiha Sabur and Naa Lamiorkor Bannerman who are involved in the Y9 Achievement Project and who also wrote this article

November 2008-April 2009

- Year 10 students came to talk to Mentor groups about transition to Upper school and developing strong study skills
- Year 10 students led a Year 9 Assembly about choosing their Options for GCSE. Each student represented a different department and shared their experiences of the GCSE course
- Year 11 came to talk to Mentor groups about GCSE and how to develop independent study skills.
- Year 13 came to talk to Mentor groups about Sixth Form life, study skills and organising your own time.



Music Department's News of

ITALY TOUR: In the Easter holiday, 40 music students set off on the 24-hour coach journey to Trento, Italy. The week went extremely fast as every moment was taken up with rehearsing, performing and exploring this amazing country. Not a moment was wasted. That said, we still managed to find time to grab an ice-cream from the nearest ice-cream parlour at every opportunity! Performing in such high-profile venues was incredible; the music conservatoire in beautiful Verona (who



actually thought we were a specialist music school), the theatre

in Malcesine, Lake Garda (although very wet), and singing during Mass in St Mark's Basilica, Venice (an inspiring experience). My personal highlight was our day in Venice, exploring the famous sights and soaking up the atmosphere along the Grand Canal. We all had a great week and I hope to get the chance to return to Italy very soon. *Megumi Aoki (Year 12)*

The group pictured outside St Mark's Basilica



Year 7 Choir members in full voice during the Spring Concert



The Senior Choir sing during the Spring Concert

SPRING CONCERT: The Spring Concert was once again a huge success. The event was extremely well-attended by friends and family who were treated to a high-quality celebration of the musical life at Grey Coat. The concert served as a reminder of the talented musicians we have in the school. The event was enhanced by a live video feed onto a big screen organised by Patience Harding, Film Prefect – just like Proms in the Park! Congratulations to all those involved.

BBC SINGERS & RADIO 3

As mentioned in the December 2008 Newsletter, the Year 12 music students had their compositions performed by the famous BBC Singers at the BBC studios, Maida Vale.



Zyah Khan, Edna Mginah, Megumi Aoki and Efua Boakye at the BBC studios



The performances were recorded for the BBC's Discovering Music programme and were broadcast on Radio 3 in March 2009. Well done to the students involved: Megumi Aoki, Efua Boakye, Zyah Khan and Edna Mginah.

Projects, Concerts & an Italian Tour

YEAR 7 RECORDING: Members of Year 7 Choir have recently been recording in the studio of the Royal College of Music. The choir was asked by the organisation Sing Up! to record some songs for the Sing Up! website and magazine (Barbecue Blues, Oh When the Saints, We All Shine for Each Other). Sing Up! promotes singing in primary schools across the country and the tracks that the Year 7 Choir recorded will be used to teach the songs to thousands of primary school students. We have been invited back to record some more songs before the end of term. You can listen to the tracks here:
<http://www.singup.org/songbank>



The Year 7 Choir at the Royal College of Music

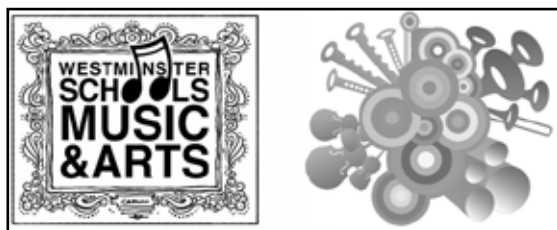


Members of the CYM Jazz project play at the Spring Concert

CYM JAZZ

PROJECT: As a result of funding from the John Lyons Foundation, The London Centre for Young Musicians recently ran a series of Jazz workshops at Grey Coat. Led by famous jazz musician Annie Whitehead, the project was for Year 8 students with representatives from Grey Coat, St Thomas More and Westminster City schools. Over 10 weeks, the students learned about a variety of jazz styles and developed their improvisation skills. The quality of the group's final performance at the Grey Coat Spring Concert was testament to their hard work. Well done to Grey Coat students Alice Forward, Lisa James, Maheney Macfoy, Rebekah Perreira, Hannah Robinson, Charlotte Vyvyan and Bethany Walker.

SOUND CENSUS: Some Year 13 music students have recently had the opportunity to compose for the world-class chamber ensemble Endymion. The students had the rare privilege to have their music performed and recorded by professional musicians in Kings Place Concert Hall, King's Cross. Congratulations to Robert Amissah, Miriam Damanhuri and Hannah Robbins.



WESTMINSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA: In March 2009, a large number of Grey Coat students represented the school as part of the Westminster Youth Orchestra. The 2-day workshop was held at both Grey Coat and Burdett Coultts Primary School and culminated in a public performance in St Andrew's Hall. The Junior section of Orchestra was again led by Mr Jones and the Senior section was led by Mr Parkin from St Augustine's CE High School.

ABRSM EXAMS: Congratulations to all the students who recently passed Associated Board Music Exams. The music department again enjoyed a 100% success rate with passes from Grade 2 to Grade 8. We look forward to similar success in the summer term.



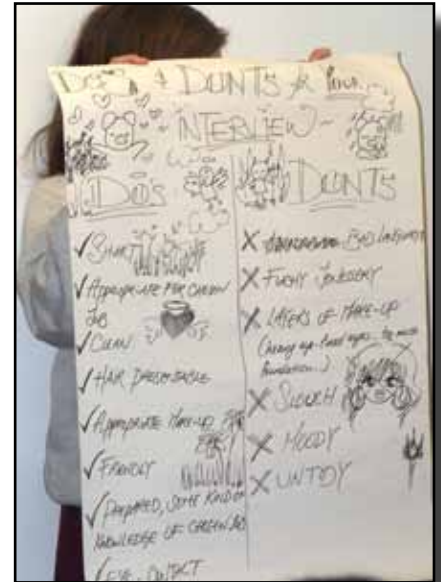
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Year 10 Work Related Learning Activities

The afternoon of Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th April Year 10 participated in a carousel of activities on work related learning skills. The sessions were led by the Army School Challenge team and Westminster Community Partnership facilitators. The sessions were based on role play situations covering H&S, being prepared for interviews and telephoning employers, working as a team in groups, listening to one another, communicating and cooperating on problem solving tasks. The afternoons aimed to help the students be prepared prior to going to their work experience placements in July.



Students working as a team on Industry Day

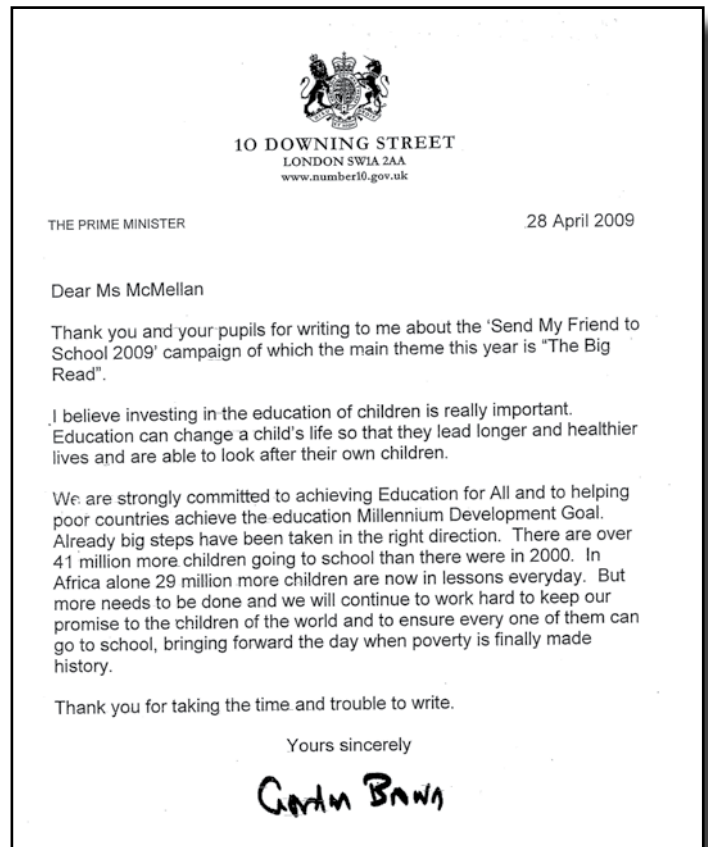


The do's and don'ts of going for a job interview

Send My Friend to School 2009

Some members of the Year 7 Reading Club participated in this year's campaign to remind world leaders of their promise to ensure that more than 70 million children currently NOT receiving education would do so by 2015.

In 2008 GCH students sent the Prime Minister images of themselves and details declaring the benefits they believed they gained from attending school. This year the pupils wrote to Gordon Brown and despatched pictures of doorways as a reminder that education is the key to a better future. As in 2008, there was a prompt reply from 10, Downing Street.



Ski Trip Lake Tahoe, USA April 2009

The third GCH ski trip to the famous Heavenly resort in Lake Tahoe, USA, over the Easter holidays was another huge success. The students and staff enjoyed the trip enormously – the ski conditions were excellent and all students' skiing ability improved, irrespective of previous experience. The students also enjoyed their stopover in San Francisco where they visited Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. The depreciation in the pound against the dollar was not evident at the shopping outlets when the students had two hours to find as many bargains as possible! All the students made a real effort to get to know each other and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Below are some comments made by the students after the trip.

Yr 8 students

Brianna: Fantastic! Mind blowing! The most exciting trip ever!

Emily : I thought the ski trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

I would love to have this opportunity again though.

Molly: It was the most exciting feeling whizzing down the slopes.

Rebekah: It was a great trip and I learnt so much – even how to ski backwards.

Debbie: I especially enjoyed the encouragement and support from the skiing instructors.

Yr 9 students

Emily: I really liked Tahoe because it is friendly and beautiful.

Thea: America was the best – It was so much fun! I miss the skiing and the feeling of flying down the slopes.



Everyone including instructors gathers for a group shot

Elle: I miss the coldness of the snow! I remember going down one slope and nearly falling on the rocks! That was painful. It was a fabulous trip and I would love to go back.

Yr 10

Portia: It was just great, just great!

Olivia: It was really fun and action packed.

Georgina: Skiing was amazing; I had an awesome time!



Whizzing down the slopes

Zorina: Skiing was really fun.

Yr 11

Katie: The skiing was great; I had a fabulous time and it was really enjoyable.

Shannon: The ski trip was hilarious especially the quiz!

Ophelia: Out of all three I have been on it was the best!

Yr 12

Jess: I had a brilliant time on the ski trip to Lake Tahoe. Not only was the skiing amazing but it was great to go out and do different activities most evenings. The most memorable part of it for me was definitely skiing through the trees even though it was very challenging.



Ms Lecky, Mr Hart, Ms Warren & Mr Waltl

Wolfson Foundation Funds Science Laptops

Last year we submitted a bid to the Wolfson Foundation, a charitable organisation which awards grants particularly to fund science, technology and medical research. We pointed out how many of our students go on to follow careers in these and related subjects and how important we felt it was that our students had access to excellent ICT facilities both in lessons and for research work. Later in the year we were visited by Sir Eric Ash, CBE FBA of the Wolfson Foundation (a very eminent Scientist) who came to assess our eligibility for this grant.

We are therefore delighted to announce that the Wolfson Foundation awarded the school £30,000 towards ICT. This has enabled us to upgrade and improve general access for students in the computer rooms at both sites and increase our provision in Music. Perhaps most exciting of all are the 30 laptops purchased for the St. Andrew's Science/Geography area potentially making any classroom on that floor a computer room.

Special thanks must go Ms Magdalena, ICT/Network Manager, Mr Higginson, Head of Science and Ms McCarthy, the Headteacher's Executive Assistant for all their help in putting the bid together.



Students use their new laptops purchased with the Wolfson Foundation grant money



The Grey Coat Hospital Guild

an association for Parents and Staff

200 CLUB

This will start again in the Autumn term. You will receive a letter in July outlining the details for joining the scheme. The annual subscription costs £12 and the monthly draws give cash prizes of £30, £20 and £10, with extra bonuses at Christmastime.

COMPETITION TIME

Can you design a poster to publicise the 200 Club? Entries on an A4 sheet of paper by the end of the first Monday back after the half term break, Monday 1 June, should be sent to Rona Mattis, The Guild, via the Lower School Office or by email at info@gch.org.uk. The poster will go up in the second half of the Summer Term. There will be a small prize for the winning entry. Open to all and good luck!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you have any school uniform that is no longer needed and in good condition, please will you send it in as soon as possible to the School Office in a bag labelled "The Guild". A special plea to the Year 11s to ask for their "cast offs" when they finish their exams in June. We will be having a sale on New Greys' Day (Friday 26 June). Once again, we are asking for helpers to come and sort the uniform before that day and then to sell it on 26 June. Please contact the Guild via the School Office or via email at info@gch.org.uk.

NEW GREYS' DAY on Friday 26 June

Helpers wanted to help with setting up and running the Barbecue and refreshments as well as the Uniform stall, anytime from 2 – 6 pm. Parents in Years 7 and 8 have been asked to help especially with the new parents – Amanda Hawke will be in touch with you. We look forward to hearing from you.

STUFFING ENVELOPES on Wednesday 1 July either from 11 am – 2 pm or from 6:15 – 8 pm

Helpers wanted to come in and help stuff envelopes to send out to parents with everything that they need to know about the raffle, barn dance and 200 Club. The more the merrier and the quicker it is done! All are welcome to come and join in for a summer evening bite to eat (once we have finished the work!) to mark the end of another year in the life of the school.

TEACHERS COMPLETED THE LONDON MARATHON IN AID OF SENSE, A CHARITY FOR THE DEAFBLIND

The Guild committee congratulates the teachers, including Ms Lecky and Ms Kaur, who completed the London Marathon on 26 April in under 5 hours. Well done! Their commitment to serious training paid off and, in turn, will help raise funds for the charity, Sense. Thanks to all who have donated so far by going to the [justgiving](#) link on the main webpage of the School, where you will also see photos of the runners. There is still time to donate to this good cause, so please give what you can, and help make a real difference to the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves!

Their times were:

Ms Foley 4 hours 33 mins

Ms Lecky 4 hours 57 mins

Ms Kaur 4 hours 59 mins

Unfortunately, Ms Bryant incurred a hairline fracture in her foot 3 weeks before the race; she is now doing the London Marathon next year and any money given to our joint justgiving site will still be split 4 ways. This site will remain open until the end of June.

Guild Dates for your diaries:

- Wednesday 10 June 6:30 pm Guild Committee meeting St Andrew's
- Friday 26 June New Greys' Day: barbecue and uniform sale 2 – 6 pm at St Andrew's
- Wednesday 1 July 11 am – 2 pm and 6:15 – 8 pm stuffing envelopes at St Andrew's
- Wednesday 16 September 6:30 pm Guild Committee meeting St Andrew's
- Barn Dance on Friday 9 October and draw for the raffle

(not to be missed after last year's success. Watch out for tickets sale soon.)

- 11 Nov AGM 6:30 pm to be confirmed
- Friday 11 Dec Guild Carol Service and Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 13 January 6:30 pm Guild Committee meeting
- Friday 5th February Quiz Night

Make a note of them now, so you do not miss out!

FINALLY, A PLEA FOR SOMEONE TO WRITE THE NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GUILD

Sue Heath will be standing down at the end of this year from the Committee. If anyone could be interested in compiling the information for the Newsletter, this would provide an invaluable service for communicating the activities of the Guild to the parents and carers.

If you can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Guild Committee via the School Office or by email at info@gch.org.uk.

If you are interested in knowing more about the guild please contact the Guild Committee via info@gch.org.uk, or send a letter to the free post address, which is:

“Freepost RRAK-AGBC-CGYZ, The Guild, The Grey Coat Hospital, Greycoat Place, LONDON SW1P 2DY.



Physical Education News

Year 7 Netball Match Report

On Tuesday 28th April the Yr7 netball team played in the final of the Westminster Schools Netball Tournament against Pimlico. The team got off to a great start intercepting Pimlico's first centre pass. Lisa Whitehouse (Wing Attack) and Jasmine Gotobed (Goal Attack) worked well together and proved too fast for their opponents; Grey Coat was soon 4-0 up. Tiffany Campbell and Gmanoh Choloply marked their opponents well and Pimlico were having huge difficulties breaking the Grey Coat defence. The score at half time was 7-0 to Grey Coat.



During the second half Pimlico came back stronger and managed to score a goal. However the speed and agility of Minnie Tran (Centre) proved too much for Pimlico and Grey Coat were soon dominating every centre pass. A special mention has to go to Harriet Wright who bravely played Goal Defence for the first time when Gmanoh Choloply got injured. Harriet marked her opponent well and worked with Bobbi Benjamin Wand (Wing Defence) to ensure the ball was brought up to the attack in the centre third. Grey Coat became relentless in their pursuit for more goals and continued to play hard and chase every stray ball. Chidima Abiaka (Goal Shooter) scored several goals from difficult positions and the team grew stronger and more confident as the time ticked by. The final score was 14 – 1 to Grey Coat a fantastic victory! The girls were crowned Westminster champions with medals and a shield from Westminster Sports Unit.



Westminster Netball Champions - the winning Y7 team

Final Score: 14 - 1

A fabulous end to the season!

Yr 7 Team

Chidima Abiaka Jasmine Gotobed Minnie Tran Deborah Osowu Gmanoh Choloply Harriet Wright Tiffany Campbell
Bobbi Benjamin Wand Player of the match: Minnie Tran

Junior Football Organisers' Course

11 Grey Coat Girls were invited to take part in the Junior Football Organisers' Course run by the London Football Association. The course ran over two 3.5 hour sessions on Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 7th May. They were joined by a coach from the FA and 9 students from St Marylebone School.

The FA Junior Football Organisers course is designed to support young people aged 14 to 18 with the skills to lead groups of young people aged between 6 and 11 years in safe football activities under the supervision of an FA qualified coach. The JFO course is a stepping stone towards enrolling on the FA Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football course that is open to people aged 16+. The course included: Preparing to play football

- Football skills
- Refereeing
- Organising and delivering a football festival
- Safety and codes of conduct
- Mini-Soccer / Futsal 5-aside
- Warm-ups
- Planning and evaluating football sessions
- Leading and progressing football related practices

The course was a mix of football theory and practical and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Students who took part were:

Shazelle Joseph-Peters 9H	Ivy Rowe 9Y	Danielle Belcher 9Y	Florence Maxwell 9C
Claudine Jantuah-Bonsu 9C	Athalia John 9T	Audrey Madiuke 9G	Kadija Webster 10C
Abigael Young 10Y	Beatrice Chequer 10C	Blaire Bachaus 10G	

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Year 9 Netball Team Westminster Champions

The Year 9 netball team played several games throughout the season against other schools in the Westminster Borough. In total, they played 4 games and went through to the final against Pimlico undefeated. I am very proud of the effort they have put in all season to training, which has paid off in our victory. Well done girls!! From a very proud Coach, *Miss Clohesy*



Team members: Shazelle Joseph-Peters 9H, Paige James 9H, Melita Emanuel-Carr 9H, Rosie Steele 9R, Stephanie Black 9C, Esther Ounounou 9Y, Danielle Belcher 9Y, Rachel Ditchfield 9T, Athalia John 9T, Esther Abban-Mensah 9T.

Match Report by the players:

1st Half: This is the best start we've had all season. Because of our set plays we have practised all season, we had most of the possession of the ball.

Score at half time was 12-0.

2nd Half: Esther O made some good deflections with her back hand (Miss Clohesy was very impressed), while the goalers (Shazelle and Paige) had difficulty getting the goals in.



Westminster Netball Champions - the winning Y9 team

Final score:
18-1 Grey Coat the winners!

Year 9 Netball Team – End of Season Report

The trainings were very helpful because we learnt a set play which enabled us to communicate with each other.

Everyone was 100%

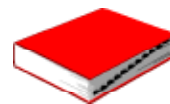
committed and turned up to training with great enthusiasm. The matches we played were very competitive and gave us a lot of confidence in what we were achieving.

Some highlights of the season were:

- Shazelle and Paige distracting each other with laughter.
- Miss Clohesy with her Aussie "Hat of Shame" during training
- Winning the final against Pimlico 18-1.

Compiled by the entire team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JUNE

5th	Foundation Athletics Day
8th	Y12 talk on UCAS
10th	Y12 return to lessons Guild Meeting, 6.30pm, St Andrew's
12th	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition (returns 14th)
15th	Sports Day, Battersea Park
19th	Y7 to Hampton Court
20th	Old Greys' Summer Tea Party
22nd	NRA Day Y10 exams start (end 3rd July) Y8 GR to War Museum PM
24th	Y8 YC to War Museum PM
25th	Y8 TH to War Museum PM
26th	Admissions Day/Guild BBQ (PM) Y7 to Kew Gardens/ Y8 Take Your Daughters to Work Day/Y9 Trip Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition
30th	Academic Tutorial Day

JULY

1st	Y10 Work Experience preparation PM
2nd	RS Conference, St Michael's
3rd	Y8 Trip to Kew Gardens Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition (returns 5th)
6th	Y10&12 Work Experience begins (ends 16th)
8th	Annual Service, Westminster Abbey 6.30pm
10th	Berlin Trip leaves (returns 17th) Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition (returns 15th)
13th	School Play, St Andrew's (13th -15th)
16th	Year Trips
17th	End of Term Service, St Michael's
26th	Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition (returns 31st)