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# Grey Coat

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THE PARENTS' NEWS LETTER OF THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

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*Dear Parents,*

*We have recently been reviewing the Newsletter with a view to making a few changes which we hope will improve communication in the school, and I would like to canvass your views as well. One of the comments I have received is that the newsletter contains information that is as important for staff and students as it is for parents, and that it should therefore be addressed to all members of the school community, so that everyone is encouraged to read it.*

*It is quite a few years now since we last asked you for your views on the Newsletter. One of the questions then was whether or not you would like to receive it by email rather than by pupil post, and rather to my surprise, so few opted for email that we did not pursue this option at the time. Since then, the newsletter has been made available on the school website, so that parents are not totally dependent on their daughters remembering to pass the paper copy on. Possibly, this is the best solution, but I would be interested to hear what you think. Perhaps we should be moving towards abolishing the paper copies altogether? Please fill in the questionnaire and send it back to the school, so that we can get as full a picture as possible of what you would prefer.*



Mathematics students who gave presentations at our recent Y6 Open Days/Evenings

*The first half term of this school year was very busy, but I feel that the atmosphere in both buildings has been even more positive than usual. The new Year 7 have settled in extremely well, and are getting involved in Grey Coat activities very quickly. I was very sad to miss the first Year 7 concert on 19th October, but I hear that the singing was lovely! New students in Year 12 have also blended into one Sixth Form with those who have moved up from Year 11 at Grey Coat. Adapting to the demands of A level study is always a challenge for all students starting Year 12. After the effort required to prepare a relatively large number of subjects for GCSE, it can come as a surprise to some that taking fewer subjects for A level will require even more self-discipline and independent work. I hope that any students who were struggling will have been able to catch up over half term, but if you know your*

*son or daughter is finding it hard to manage the work-load, please encourage them to talk to their Form Tutor, or Mr Chesterman (Head of Year 12), or Ms Stevenson who will do everything possible to help.*

*November 12th is Academic Tutorial Day. For those new to the school, this is a day when students have the opportunity to discuss their progress individually with their Form Tutor. Students prepare for the interview by reflecting on what they have done over the half term, and by reading the tracking or written reports of their subject teachers. During the interview, they will be able to celebrate achievements, and set themselves targets for further improvement. I am always tremendously impressed by the thoughtful and constructive comments the students make, when I read their reports before sending them out to parents. For parents' benefit, the reports come with an explanatory sheet which gives the key to the grades and scores used in the tracking reports, and there is further comparative information made available on the school website. Tracking reports are prepared and sent home to all parents three times a year, and students in each year group also receive a written report once a year. This is very time consuming for teachers to prepare, so we work a rolling programme throughout the year to avoid having to do all students at once. This is especially important for staff who teach many classes – some teachers will see over 300 students in the course of the two week cycle. In the Autumn term, the written reports are prepared for students in Years 11 and 13. In the Spring term, we provide written reports for students in Years 7, 10 and 12. In the summer term, the written reports will be for students in Years 8 and 9.*

*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 are taken into account in all aspects of school life.



## Attendance & Punctuality Years 7, 8 & 9

**A**ttendance continues to be good in all years, which is very pleasing to see. Please remember to bring in a note the day you return, with the dates and reason for the absence.

**P**unctuality is still good but a small number of students are not leaving early enough to allow for daily incidents which are an unfortunate part of London life. Remember too that the days will be getting darker and colder and with the inclement weather, transport delays may become more frequent.

For those of you, who joined the school this year, please be aware that here in Grey Coat we organise trips to some fantastic places and they are always oversubscribed. Earning a place on the trip often comes down to Attendance and Punctuality, so it is in your best interest to attend on time every day.

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

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## 100% Attendance & Punctuality from September 2008 – July 2009

**100% Punctuality** from September 2008 – July 2009 (Year 10) (NOW Year 11)

11H Naomi Calder, Rebekah Fitton, Matilda Rolph, Eloise Morris, Jasmine Timbres

11Y AnnaMary Goodall, Wrenae Hylton, Anika Kadir, Scarlett Lawrence, Sara Murra, Laura Robertson

11G Emily Calcott, Ashley Shepherd, Amber Tallon

11T Imogen Eddleston, Zoe Gauriau-Cade, Zahra Jawad, Diana Thayil, Sevda Thompson

11C Renee Charles, Bethany Hawke, Kimberley Little, Emily Miller, Sophia Rodrigues, Maia Rowe-Sampson, Imogen Thom

11R Gabriella Blunden, Ekaterina Gousseva

**100% Attendance** from September 2008 – July 2009 (NOW year 11)

These girls listed below have achieved 100% Attendance for the year and have been awarded with Special Badges – Well Done Girls!

11H Oghaleoghene Ifenedo, Amanda Iyawe

11Y Abigail Dyke

11G Joanna Mansy, Lwazi Sibanda

11T Theresa Awolesi, Jia Ying Dai, Joanne Oguntimehin

11C Damilola Shokunbi

11R Adeposola Karunwi, Nina Wise

**100% Attendance and Punctuality** from September 2008 - July 2009 these students and have been awarded with Special Badges. They were also rewarded with a theatre trip to see Oliver! – What an Achievement!

Shan Black-Matharu 11H, Preye Berenengia-Sambo 11Y, Madison Ball 11G, Mary Min 11T Elaheh Morteza 11T, Rebecca Hyde 11C

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## 100% Attendance & Punctuality from September 2008 – July 2009

**100% Punctuality** from Sept 2008 – July 2009 (Year 9) NOW Year 10

The girls listed below have achieved 100% Punctuality for the Year and have been awarded with Special Badges – Wear them with Pride girls Well Done!

10G Valentina Alija, Lydia Calder, Sophia Cattini, Emma Delaney, Edith Flowers

Miriam Harris, Daisy Ibsen, Claudine Jantuah-Bonsu, Lucy Kernick, Florence Maxwell, Ramona Oppong, Sarah Ormrod

10T Rachel Ditchfield, Harley Greer, Emoshogwe Idaewor, Khadijat Mansaray

Jessica Phung, Imogen Tarry

10H Cassandra Esan, Paige James, Olivia Pullarp, Georgina Taylor, Lucy Anderson,

Claudia Cueva, Natasha Little

10R Mariam El Ghazzaoui, Alice Hawkins, Kar Kai Lo, Sarah Rose, Rosemary Steel

10Y Bethia Atkinson, Lucy Coates, Jessica Gillett, Charlotte Hitchcock, Elle Kilminster Esther Ounounou, Nerissa Williams

10C Valentina Alija, Lydia Calder, Sophia Cattini, Emma Delaney, Edith Flowers, Miriam Harris, Daisy Ibsen, Claudine Jantuah-Bonsu, Lucy Kernick, Florence Maxwell, Ramona Oppong, Sarah Ormrod

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10Y Danielle Belcher, Charis Lord

10C Jordan Myers-Williams

10T Lamiorokor Naa-Bannerman

10H Leina Taylor

These students achieved **100% ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY** from September 2008- July 2009 and have been awarded with Special Badges These girls have also been rewarded with a theatre trip to see OLIVER! What an achievement!

Alexandra Smith 10G, Aneeqa Rahman 10R, Constance Harper 10Y, Thea Preece-Smith 10Y, Eva Cheuk 10T, Elisabete Diogo 10T, Kar Kai Lo 10R

*Vivien Moore,  
Attendance and Punctuality Officer, St. Michael's*

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## Attendance & Punctuality Years 10 & 11

### Attendance

I would like to thank all the parents/carers who follow the procedure when their daughter is absent from school, which is telephoning the school as early as possible each day to inform the school that your daughter is not well enough to attend, giving a reason and making sure that a note is provided on your daughter's return.

### Punctuality

Punctuality has been good so far. It is of the utmost importance at Grey Coat and is taken into account in all aspects of school life. Please allow plenty of time when travelling by London Transport to arrive in school before the 8.30 bell.

*Vivien Moore,  
Attendance and Punctuality Officer, St. Michael's*

# Work Experience 2009

In July the current Year 11 participated in 9 days work experience. Throughout the summer break I have enjoyed looking through their work experience diaries and I must congratulate the students as they all completed them well, reflecting their time in the work place and many had included photos and posters and it was very hard to choose form prizes. The feedback from employers and visiting staff was all very positive and I have selected some employers' comments from their report forms below.

Ms O'Sullivan (Yr10 work experience coordinator) .

"Everyone at the Foundation Stage Unit has enjoyed working with Wrenae, she has built good relationships with the children and it is always a Godsend to have a student who has 'common sense' and Wrenae clearly uses this and thinks ahead before problems occur." Holy Trinity Primary School



Teresa Awolesi 11T & Vanessa Manley 11R at the Movieum of London

"Zoe has been an excellent work experience student. She has really applied herself well and shown great initiative. Along with Destina, they have probably been the best students we have had." Elm Lodge Surgery

"Latisha's IT skills are very good and she learned how to use several industry-standard programmes very quickly." DSDHA



Laura Robertson 11Y at Surrey Docks Farm

"Ashley was a pleasant, punctual student and it was beneficial for us to have her at this busy time. Some of her work will be "immortalised" on our website which will display the 'Famous Pupils Project'." Teachweb

"I and my team found Meron very honest, hardworking and a pleasant personality always willing to help and engaging in conversation." Turkman Gallery

"Amber has shown maturity when dealing with the children and happily taken on any tasks asked of her. It has been wonderful to see how she has grown in confidence." St Anne's Nursey School

"Sara's punctuality has been excellent. She has dressed appropriately and successfully made positive contributions to the daily running of the store and her attitude

has allowed us to treat her as a regular member of the team she should be very proud of herself. Sara is a smiley, hard working reliable and trustworthy individual and a pleasure to have in the store." Urban Outfitters Covent Garden

"Preye has been an absolute pleasure and I have received excellent comments from everyone she has worked with. Anytime Preye wants to come back she is more than welcome." Bladonmore Ltd



Sarah Khweiss 11G  
at St Johns Wood Othordontic Clinic

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# Preparation For Employment Qualification

**Y**ear 12 students Sabrina Jaffry & Rabia Alibaig received their certificates for passing all four units of the OCR qualification Level 2 'Preparation for Employment' which they completed this year following their YR10 work experience placements at Nat West Bank Goldsmiths College.

Their portfolios were completed to a high standard and assessed by an external OCR assessor.

*Ms O' Sullivan*

Photo: from left to right Sabrina Jaffry & Rabia Alibaig with their certificates



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## The Ceremony of The Keys at GCH

**F**reedom Day on the 18th September was a very special occasion here at The Grey Coat Hospital beginning with our very own Ceremony of the Keys.

Students arrived at both Upper and Lower School to the magnificent sight of Yeoman Warders from the Tower of London resplendent in their Navy Blue uniforms. Mr Paul Cunliffe and Mr Ken McGrath had very kindly given up their free time to perform a very meaningful ceremony to enhance the theme of the day.

In resounding tones they each gave a very eloquent speech to begin the formal part of Freedom Day, continuing with a powerful message to the students as follows:-

'Today, with the presentation of these keys, we offer you a symbol of the Freedom of The Grey Coat Hospital School, an institution dedicated to providing the opportunities offered to you by education. You will find a lock for your keys in your form room. This lock symbolises the security of this school community. The keys symbolise the freedom and independence you have always within your reach. Use the lock and key wisely for if you are the keeper of the keys, you hold the power to unlock your unlimited potential!'

"Pass, The Keys to Grey Coat Hospital, and all's well. God preserve the school and all who serve and study within."

The Yeoman Warders then passed the baskets of keys to the heads of years saying, Keys to the Freedom of GCH for Year 7; Keys to the Freedom of GCH for Year 8; Keys to the Freedom of GCH for Year 9; Keys to the Freedom of GCH for Year 10  
Keys to the Freedom of GCH for Year 11



Students watch the Ceremony of the Keys which officially opened 'Freedom Day'

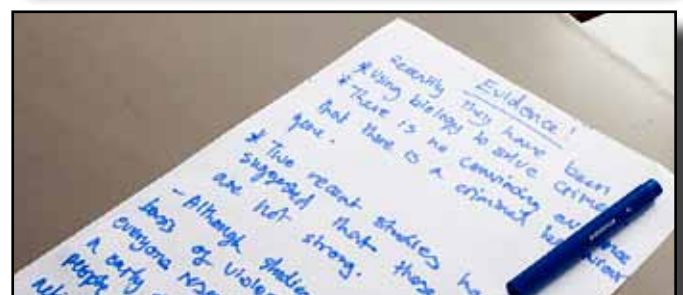
This majestic introduction to the day made a big impression on all the students who were moved by the sentiment and the significance.

Our thanks go to the Yeoman Warders for making this such a memorable start to the day. *Ms Trainor*

# A Taste of Freedom for Students

Freedom Day was a huge success for all concerned. The day started with two Yeomen from The Tower of London holding a formal ceremony where all Year 7 to 11 students were issued with a key offering them the Freedom of the school for the day. The students used their keys to open their Freedom books which they were able to write in throughout the day and to keep as a memento of the day. The guest speaker was para-olympian Danny Crates who lost his arm in a car accident in 1994 and subsequently became a UK 800m runner winning a gold medal at the Athens Olympics in 2004.

The students also participated in a Freedom Activity where they were challenged to consider how the concept of freedom related to different images. In addition, the physical workshops helped students to consider the freedom of movement that different disciplines offer. In the form rooms the Year 13 Prefect led a criminal court case activity where students were made to consider whether there is a genetic influence to crime. We were delighted with the enthusiasm of the students in terms of the engagement with their different activities and their willingness to consider the concept of Freedom especially in terms of rights and responsibilities.



Photos: Some of the varied approaches taken to celebrate Freedom Day 2009

# A Level D&T Exhibition

**A**s a celebration of the end of last year, the D&T department put on an exhibition to show the work of the year 12 and 13 students. There was a fantastic display of Year 12 and 13 Product design students - hats inspired by different cultures and made of acrylic, polypropylene, plywood and gold leaf, plaster cast and modrock, furniture such as a bike storage unit and a wonderful natural wood garden chair. There was also a wonderful fashion show featuring models wearing pieces inspired by uniforms such as the London Underground, a brownie uniform, a street culture inspired hoodie, by year 12 students, and an array of creations by year 13 – a theatrical cloak, a costume for midsummer night's dream's Titania, a military jacket for Dita Von Teese, to name a few.

One of the highlights of the event was a talk by Margo Selby, an ex student of The Grey Coat Hospital who is now a very successful textile designer, with clients including the British Museum, the Southbank Centre, and Habitat.

Margo runs a workspace in Central London, designing and weaving fabrics in jewel like colours, which are made into a range of fashion and furnishing products like scarves and accessories, sofas and chairs and other interior textiles.



Textile designer Margo Selby talking to students and staff at the D&T exhibition



Above: One of the hats on display at the exhibition

Margo's talk was inspiring for all, particularly the A level students themselves, some of whom were about to begin their college courses and hope to pursue careers in fashion and textiles. *Ms Hayhurst*



A theatrical cloak



A natural wood garden chair



Some of the fashion designs modelled by students

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# Take Your Daughters To Work Day

In June 2009, Year 8 girls took part in the Take Your Daughters to Work Day programme and produced a piece of work explaining their day for which book tokens were awarded as prizes.

The girls spent the day at a wide variety of places including Lords Cricket Ground, Harrods and a West End theatre.

The entries were outstanding and incredibly innovative with a high number of girls making excellent use of the technology available to them to produce Power Point presentations and short films about their experience.

1st place was awarded to Alice Forward who made an extremely moving film about a day spent at her little brother's school where he gets help to cope with his Angelman syndrome.



Left to Right: Madeline Planer, Alice Forward, Polly Alexander, Diana James and Charlotte Vyvyan receive their certificates in assembly

Other students who were highly commended for their presentations were Polly Alexander, Madeline Planer, and Charlotte Vyvyan.  
Ms Astles

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## Library Corner



Year 7s will all be reading for Readathon over the half term period. Each year we raise about £1,000 for two charities working with children with cancer and brain injuries. Please encourage your daughter to really go the extra mile with her reading, not only to raise money but because it is a really enjoyable way to improve her literacy which will help her in all her lessons. For more information see [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org) Ms Raddon, Librarian.

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## Jack Petchey Award News

The September Jack Petchey winner was Preye Sambo.

Preye's has had a lot of illness in her family and she has stepped into the role of main carer and managed to keep up with all her school work. She was nominated by a large number of students and staff and the awarding committee were very impressed with her dedication and resilience. Ms Parish



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# Grey Coat Art Students at Frieze Art Fair

**O**n 15th October the Art Department took our AS students to the Frieze Art Fair – one of the most important contemporary Art events in Europe. The students had taken part in two workshops organised by the Royal College of Art 'Reachout RCA' project with artist Nicolas Deshayes to create 'Readymades' – sculptures using found objects. They then had to vote on three to take forward to exhibit at the fair.

There was a private view at 3pm for students to present their sculptures, their supporting work and explain their ideas and intent. They spoke really confidently to an audience of students from Pimlico Academy and also members of the public who came to the private view, including a representative from the sponsors of the project, Deutsche Bank, and the Rector of the Royal College of Art. The artists said how much they enjoyed working with our students. We as teachers were so impressed with the jump they have made and how sophisticated their making and the language they use has developed over the three weeks they were involved. We will be exhibiting large photographs of their work after they are returned to school and will put some pictures up on the website too.

The following students took part: Jessica ARENAS, Kristie BRANDON, Vanessa CASIWAN, Ines CASTELLO DE ARAUJO, Olivia CEMAH, Helen CHIU, Ricardo FERNANDEZ, Lauren GRANT, Diana GRYECHKO, Stefanie HUANG, Miranda INMAN, John MARCHER, Joshua MCLYNN, Liz MUCHATAT, Kai NOEL-LALGIE Rianna NORBERT-DAVID, Phillip PARK, Kehinde SEARS-SPEARE, Anis SHAFIEI, Georgia TULLY.

*Ms Lyons*

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## Is Peace More than the Absence of Conflict?

**T**o initiate the London Week of Peace, GCH was invited by the Youth Justice Board to participate in an evening debate at The Lewis Media Centre in Millbank Tower on Monday, 21st September. Members of Debating Society proved extremely keen to speak at the event which was ably chaired by Kwame Kwei-Armah, known to some for his appearances in "Holby City" and to others for his play, "Elmina's Kitchen".

A distinguished panel had been convened to consider the topic from a variety of angles. Following the opening speaker, Major General Tim Cross whose military career had involved bomb disposal was Jo Berry who explained how the death of her father in the IRA Brighton Bombing had led her to become a peace campaigner. Whilst Mohamed Hassan of the Somali Youth Forum declared that pride was the enemy to peace, Dr Waqar Azmi's focus was on the need for dialogue, understanding and equality. Hattie Collins, the Editor of RWD magazine, and Commander Steve Kavanagh of the Metropolitan Police emphasised the need to engage in difficult conversations and to listen carefully to the views expressed. Particularly moving was journalist Ejos Ubiribo's description of the murder of her 18-year old brother for an alleged "lack of respect".



Amy Pang, Tina Oyelami, Sonya Onyeka, Alice Clark Edwards and Mabast Jaf pictured with playwright Kwame Kwei-Armah who chaired the peace debate

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# What's Happening in the Mathematics Department . . .

## **A** new initiative for The Grey Coat Hospital – the introduction of the Peer Tutor Scheme

Can you motivate others?  
Do you love Mathematics?  
Can you help others?

Grey Coat pupils from Years 7 to 13 have been invited to apply for the positions of:

- Peer Tutor (Years 8 and 9)
- Senior Peer Tutor (Years 10 and 11)
- Advanced Peer Tutor (Years 12 and 13)

Applicants will be committing to helping a tutee at least once a week (either Monday or Tuesday subject to your role) after school.

Applicants are allowed to choose how many and which specific year level pupils they would like to tutor. They must also consider what makes an outstanding Mathematics coach/tutor and how they would promote/encourage learning Mathematics.

Mathematics teachers will be present to help but it is Peer Tutor's responsibility to meet with their tutees each week.

We look forward to announcing the names of our Peer Tutors for this academic year in the next newsletter!

## **GCSE Revision Classes**

GCSE Booster Revision Classes with a former chief examiner!

David Haslam is an experienced teacher and past examiner of GCSE Mathematics. He has been coming to run booster sessions for our pupils for the past four years. His contributions and enthusiasm has contributed to our GCSE success alongside the hard work of our students and staff.

We would once again like to invite Years 10 and 11 pupils to attend his revision classes where he will use many techniques to help motivate and encourage pupil learning. This year is the final year of his revision classes here at Grey Coat as he is planning to retire and we do not want anyone to miss out on this great opportunity!

Revision dates to put into your diaries ...

- Saturday 27 February 2010
- Saturday 15 May 2010

Each session does cost £14 and the students get a good 6 hours of Mathematics!!!

More details will be given closer to the date ... so watch this space!

Here is a picture of last year's session. These are some of the students who achieved 90% A\* - C at GCSE. Well done!!





# THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL GUILD

an association for Parents and Staff



## **YOUR GUILD NEEDS YOU**

Remember how you worked to raise funds for your primary school PTFA?

Remember how your efforts were appreciated?

Remember how much satisfaction you felt?

Then don't forget that your secondary school needs you too.

### **Way; you can help:**

- Join our lively meetings which are held twice a term – on the second Wednesday after the beginning of term and the second Wednesday after half term – at 6.30pm in the Chapel (St Andrew's site).
- Bake a cake. Make jam, marmalade, chutney or a home favourite for the Christmas Fair.
- Lend a hand at one of our events – the October Barn Dance, the Christmas Fair, the January Quiz Night, and the International Fair.

**BUT most important of all support your PTFA – The Guild - by joining in.  
You are already a member – there is no fee to pay.**

### **Dates for Your Diaries**

#### **2009**

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| 11th November | Guild Meeting & AGM 6.30pm, the Chapel, St Andrew's                              |
| 11th December | Carol Service 6.15pm followed by the Christmas Fair, the Great Hall, St Andrew's |

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| 13th January | Guild Meeting & Meal Out 6.30pm, the Chapel, St Andrew's                     |
| 29th January | Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper 6.30 for 7pm, the Great Hall, St Andrew's |

For more information contact Rona Mattis via [info@gch.org.uk](mailto:info@gch.org.uk)

If you are interested in knowing more about the guild please contact the Guild Committee via [info@gch.org.uk](mailto: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

On Thursday 1st October the under 13s Grey Coat football team took part in the English Schools' Cup. The game was played against Eltham Green Sports College on their 11 aside football pitch. This was the first time that the under 13's have played together. An entertaining match ended with a 3-2 win to Grey Coat. The girls worked very well for their victory, coming from behind twice to eventually win the game. Two fantastic individual goals from Ruth Oburoh and a sweet volley from Katie Sapiano-Oakley were enough to see off a very strong, organised Eltham Green side. Every player gave their all for the side, Bethany Kilminster in goal making two very good saves. The defence frustrated the opposition's attack and the midfielders and strikers worked as an engine to chase down every single ball and break down play.

The performance was indeed amazing as the team battled their way into the next round - the furthest Grey Coat has ever gone in this competition.

It is hard to pick out a girl of the match as they all deserve recognition for their hard work, but captain Jasmine Gotobed was the one who wouldn't let her team-mates heads drop when they went behind each time and she eventually spurred her team on to win the game. She linked the defence with attack and ran tirelessly back and forth for the whole game. The girls involved in this victory were: *Bethany Kilminster, Charlotte Finn, Chloe Murr, Carla Cooper Robinson, Sade Turner – Moise, Carla Cooper Robinson, Araba Banson, Katie Sapiano-Oakley, Jasmine Gotobed, Gmanoh Cholopy, Ruth Oburoh, Elena Rastorgueva, Arabella Starbuck.*

On Monday 5th October, what should have been a tightly contested affair between ourselves and Quintin Kynaston School, actually ended 8-1 to our girls. The sky is the limit now as The Grey Coat Hospital Year 8 + Carla Cooper of Year 7 tore apart Quintin Kynaston School, who before last night were actually top of the group!

The girls showed once again, great spirit and team commitment in what was a tremendous victory. They displayed good sportsmanship throughout especially when one of the Quintin Kynaston players walked off the pitch and Bethany Kilminster gave her some nice words of encouragement to carry on. The team was: Bethany Kilminster 8G, Charlotte Finn 8R, Carla Cooper 7T, Ruth Oburoh 8C, Elena Rastorgueva 8C, Katie Sapiano – Oakley 8G, Arabella Starbuck 8T, Jasmine Gotobed 8H

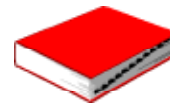
One more win and we make the final! A very well done to the girls involved together with Amy Morris who gave up her own time to come along and support the team.

On Wednesday 14th October our Year 7 football team played their first match of the Westminster Tournament. It was their first game together but you wouldn't have thought that, because they looked like they had been playing together for a few years. Praise is due to the girls not only for the effort they put into the game but also for how they represented the school on and off the pitch. They won an incredible game 4-1.

The girls involved were: *Keeley Lloyd-Janes 7H, Carla Cooper-Robinson 7T, Sade Turner-Moise 7H, Rebekah Thoma 7G, Araba Banson 7T and Mathilde Edgington-Pollard 7H* Well done to all!

Mr Powell

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### NOVEMBER

10th	<b>Autumn Concert, St Andrew's 7pm</b>
11th	Y11 Science Workshop PM <b>Guild AGM 6.30pm</b>
12th	Academic Tutorial Day
14th	Play Rehearsal
16th	Thinking Skills Week
18th	Y11 Taster Lessons
19th	<b>Annual Prize Giving, St Andrew's</b>
20th	Early Finish
22nd	Play Rehearsal
24th	Gym & Dance Display
25th	Y11 Science Workshop PM
26th	YY10 Art Trip P 3-6 11>12 Open Evening, St Michael's 5-6.30pm
27th	Play Rehearsal
28th/29th	Play Rehearsal

### DECEMBER

1st	St Andrew's Day Service, St Margaret's 2.15pm
1st-3rd	<b>Y6 Tests, 3.30-6pm St Michael's</b>
3rd	Y11 Mock exams begin (end 17th)
2-4th	<b>School Play, St Andrew's</b>
7th	Y9 Charity Week
11th	<b>Guild Carol Service, St Stephen's 6.15pm</b> <b>Christmas Fair 7.30pm</b>
14th	Sixth Form MUNGA
16th	Medieval Fair-Y7 P 4-6
18th	Carol Service, St Margaret's 9.15 am
	<b>END OF TERM</b>

### JANUARY

4th	<b>INSET Day - school closed for staff training</b>
5th	<b>INSET Day - school closed for staff training</b>
6th	<b>START OF TERM</b>
11th	Public Exams start (end 3/2) Y10 & 11 Maths Modular Exams
13th	<b>Guild Meeting, 6.30pm</b>
14th	<b>Y11 Parents' Evening</b>
15th	Early Finish
18th	Thinking Skills Week
21st	Y10 & 11 Maths Modular Exams
25th	Y9 Freedom Week
26th	<b>Y10 Parents' Evening</b>
27th	Late start
29th	<b>Guild Quiz Night, 6.30pm</b>

# THE GREY COAT HOSPITAL

## Parents' Newsletter Questionnaire

Please tick ( ✓ ) in the box that best corresponds with your views about the Parents' Newsletter

		Please tick ( ✓ )	YES	NO	Sometimes
1	My daughter gives me the newsletter every month				
2	I always read the newsletter				
3	I always read the Headteacher's letter on the front page				
4	I would like the newsletter to contain more text and fewer photos				
5	I find the 'Dates for your Diary' section very useful				
6	The newsletter helps me get to know the school				
7	I am interested in accounts of events and achievements even if my son or daughter did not take part				
8	I am more interested in advance notice of events than in reports of past events				
9	I am most interested in clarification of school policies and rules				
10	I always like to know what events the Parents' Guild is organising				
11	I would like to receive the newsletter via email				
12	I would like to receive it by post				
13	In order to save paper, I think it should only be distributed electronically				
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