

# DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Monday 6th May – 2 - 5pm Gardens Open Day

Wednesday 8th May –Southampton City Swimming Gala

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th May – Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 9th May – Year 7 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Trip to Mayflower

Friday 10th May –Year 9 Key Skills trip to Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre

Friday 17th May – Year 7 Key Skills trip to Paultons Park

Wednesday 22nd May - Celebrate your Culture (ABIDE) Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 22nd May - Cultural (ABIDE) Cake Bake



## TGS News

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### D of E Bronze Practice Weekend



Last weekend was the practice expedition for our Year 9 students who are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. The are five groups of students who have completed their initial training and now was the time to put it into action.

We camped at school on Friday night with each group putting up their tents and cooking a meal on a camping stove that they had planned.

Although it rained overnight, with the exception of the odd item, most students and their kit were fortunately still dry in the morning.

After everything was packed away in rucksacks, we made our way to the New Forest for a day's hike. Each of the groups' routes was roughly 12km and the students had to carry all their kit with them.

Much of the New Forest is very boggy at the moment but the routes were generally along well-made paths, through woodland enclosures and across open heathland.



This practice walk is a great opportunity for students to test their navigation skills. Being able



to read a map and use a compass is essential if they don't want to get lost on their final expedition!

All groups made it in good time and thankfully avoided the downpour of rain that came whilst we were driving back to school.

The students now have a few weeks to plan their final expedition routes, route cards and menus ready for the assessed expedition.

Well done to all the students who took part and to the staff who supported the weekend. Mr Cooper



## Keep your eyes on Mrs Sellers.....

Whilst out on their rounds the Forestry Commission stopped to have a little chat with Mrs Sellers D of E walking group 'Alpha' to see how they were enjoying their walk.



Tired and exhausted our Year 9 trekkers told the Forestry Commission of their plot to kidnap their Headteacher so they wouldn't have to complete it.



Amused and concerned by this dastardly plan the lovely Forestry Commission officers told Mrs Sellers that they would keep an eye on the group as they trekked through the enclosure.

If they observed that she had 'gone missing' without explanation, then they would send out a search party to ensure that she had not been kidnapped! Fortunately Mrs Sellers made it to the end of the weekend!



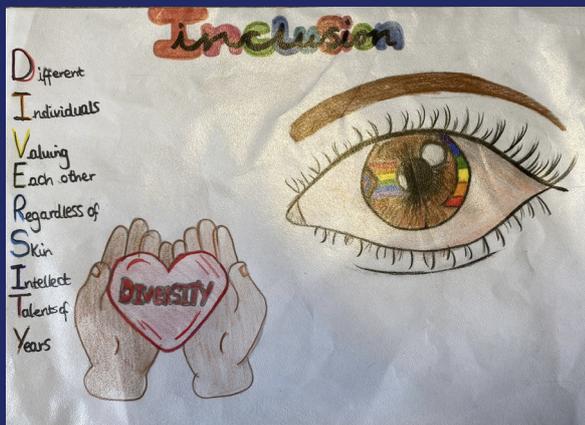
## House Slogan Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the House Slogan Competition.



Students were asked to come up with a slogan about diversity and inclusion and the winner will have their slogan added to the new House banner.

The overall winner was Lucia E in Year 8 for Trojan with House winners Jerzy B Year 8 for Roman, Rosie S Year 7 for Spartan and Rhett WM for Trojan.



Winning slogan: Inclusion

Different  
Individuals  
Valuing  
Each other  
Regardless of  
Skin  
Intellect  
Talents or  
Years

Well done to these students and thank you so much to everyone who took part. Mrs Clifton

## Student News

### Musical Theatre

Year 11 student Isabella C performed in a musical at The Theatre Royal, Winchester last weekend with the TPA Academy in a show called 'The Magical Yellow Lane', which included big musical hits such as 'This is the Greatest Show', 'Be Our Guest' and 'Welcome to the 60s'.

Isabella played the role of Carly in Princess Charlotte's Gang and performed her solo beautifully! Well done Isabella!



### Aiming High

Congratulations to Year 9 student Oscar I who competed in the Wessex League for Southampton Athletics Club last weekend and came 3rd in long jump with 4.72m and a fantastic 1st in the high jump with a jump of 1.55m.

This was the first competition of the season and Oscar had only had two training sessions for high jump beforehand! Keep jumping Oscar!





### Fareham Town Football Success

Year 8 student Amelie W's football team, Fareham Town are Hampshire league winners! They came first in the Hampshire Cup with a score of 9-0 on Saturday AND secured

the Junior Premier League Under 13's national championship (4-0) at the Warriors Stadium Worcester on Sunday.

Well done to Amelie and her team - it is a massive achievement to win both championships!

## League Winners

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys football team who have won the Southampton Schools league and celebrated with a pizza party and their medals! Mr Wilford



## National Crime Agency Sextortion News

The National Crime Agency have issued a warning about online blackmail 'sextortion'.

This topic has been discussed with students during lessons at school but if you would like further information please click on the link below:

<https://bit.ly/4bjMv6g>

## Drama Opportunity



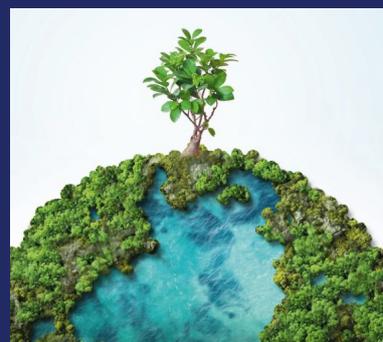
The MAST Mayflower Studios are looking for young performers aged 11-18 years old for their Christmas youth production of 'The Wind in the Willows'.

Further details can be found for the auditions on the link below (please note that the registration deadline is 17 May 2024).

<https://bit.ly/3QpiYAh>

## Hampshire Young Poets Competition

For any budding poets out there there is a super poetry competition on theme 'Our world, our planet' which is run by Hampshire Cultural Trust in partnership with the Winchester Poetry Festival.



Full details can be found on the link below and the closing date is 31st July 2024.

<https://bit.ly/3wikEoo>

## Art Asia Classes



For any students interested, Art Asia run weekly music dance classes in Southampton including Bollywood Dance, Bharata Natyam, Singing and Harmonium, Tabla Drumming and Kathak.

If you would like more information on these super classes please click on the link below.

<https://bit.ly/4ddfDOm>

## Gardens Open Day

Looking for something to do on Monday?

Our Gardens Open Day is on this Bank Holiday Monday 6th

May 2-5pm – the blossom and the bluebells are out as well as a number of the rhododendrons.

Entry and parking are free and there will be refreshments, a classic car display and a fun inflatable gladiator game.



## June Open Day

We would like to invite you all to our Open Day on Saturday 22nd June 10am – 1 pm.

Bring your family and friends to wander around the school and gardens, take part in activities, listen to music, watch drama sketches and enjoy refreshments in our beautiful grounds. We look forward to seeing you!



## Clarendon Walk

Training is going well for our trekkers taking on the Clarendon Way Walk for Naomi House and Jackspace as they start to increase their distances on their walks.

If you would like to support our staff and students for this challenge please use the link below.

Thank you for your support.

<https://bit.ly/3xMxLhR>



## FROGS News

FROGS Lotto -  
You've got to be in it  
to Win It!!



For a monthly subscription of £5, you could be in with a chance of winning one of three prizes (£50, £25 and £10) each month. If you would like to join the FROGS monthly lottery please simply click below for the bank details to set your direct debit.

<https://bit.ly/44oBXR0>

### Easyfundraising

Please remember to use Easyfundraising every time you shop online and help raise money for the FROGS.

Over 8,100 businesses and sites including Amazon, JOHN LEWIS, MARKS & SPENCER, TESCO, eBay and Apple will donate to The Friends of Gregg School for FREE when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them, so you can support us no matter what you're buying!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Please sign up and help us raise more at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/.../thefriendsofgreggs...>

Thank you for your support.

### Save the Date

The next FROGS event will be the ever popular 'Pizza, Pop and Prosecco' on Friday 7th June, 6-8pm.

Further details to follow soon!



## Historians of the Month

Congratulations to our Historians of the Month for Key Stage 3 Louise M and ETTY T for Key Stage 4.



## Presenting the Past

On Monday two classes of Year 8 and Year 9 students were lucky enough to have a visit from History students from the University of Southampton.



The university students taught the classes about Lady Swaythling's philanthropic activities as well as her time living at Townhill Park House. Fascinating local history!



## Buzzing Around

This week Mr Widdup (Beekeeper and Head of Facilities) collected two nearby 'rogue' swarms which he relocated to two of our empty hives.



We currently have one spare hive that is ready to accept new tenants. Please contact [aww@thegreggschools.org](mailto:aww@thegreggschools.org) if

you hear of any swarms that need relocating and he will come and collect them.

## DrFrost and MathsWatch Winners

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

### MathsWatch:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Alissa O	Jerzy B	Hilary-Ann A -A	Pippa W	Illy K
Louise M	George T	Alexander T	Naina N	Evie S
Daniel G	Richard P	Matthew H	Charles H	Isabella C

### DrFrost Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Daniel G	Lexi P	Marc V	Grace P	James C
Caitlin V	Harry K	Jessica H	Jeremiah A	Ruby E
Sam W	Noah H	Charlotte N	Helena R	Preston W

## House News

### Year 11 House Rounders

After some tense matches on Friday Spartan were victorious in the Year 11 House Rounders, Trojan came in second and Roman third.



### Key Stage 3 Boys House Basketball

Congratulations to Trojan who won the Key Stage 3 Boys House Basketball competition last week. Spartan were second and Roman third.





They were helped by some excellent shooting by Mishka B, as well as some timely interceptions by Naina L and Agatha F.

Roman, who started slowly against Spartan, made a comeback in their second game against Trojan, lead by Kaitlin F and Chloe V who combined to create lots of opportunities and their top scorer Alex D scoring the deciding baskets against Trojan.



### Key Stage 4 Girls Basketball

Congratulations to Spartan winners of the Key Stage 4 Girls House Basketball. Roman were second and Trojan third. Scores below:

Spartan 9 v Roman 5  
Spartan 7 v Trojan 4  
Trojan 9 v Roman 11



There was excellent teamwork by Spartan, who were coached by Lucia S meaning that they were able to pull away in both games, winning against Roman and Trojan.



Lead by Anaya G, who was joint top scorer across the tournament, Trojan played well in both games narrowly missing out in their two close games.

Well done to all students who have represented their house.

## Doing the Double



We wish Mr Hendon-John luck as he embarks on his 'double-header' fundraising challenge over the next fortnight.

He will be taking on the Isle of Wight Randonnee (a 100km cycle around the hilly Isle of Wight) on Sunday 5th and a 26.5 mile 'Walk The Wight' on Sunday 12th in aid of the Mountbatten Hospice.

If you feel able to contribute, please follow the link below. Thank you and good luck Mr Hendon-John!

<https://bit.ly/3WnlhYg>