

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Fri 17th – Sunday 19th May – Year 10 Silver D of E Practice Expedition

Mon 20th – Fri 24th May – ABIDE Week

Wed 22nd May – Celebrate your Culture (ABIDE) Non uniform day

Wed 22nd May – Cultural (ABIDE) Bake Sale

Thurs 23rd May – Y10 GCSE Food & Nutrition students to Eastleigh College

Mon 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term



TGS News

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We are the Champions (again)!

Eight schools from Southampton competed at the annual Southampton Schools Swimming Gala hosted at The Quays pool.

There were a total of 50 races with some tough competition from squad swimmers at various schools but we're delighted to announce that The Gregg School were crowned 'Overall 2024 Champions'!

The boys team came first and the girls second, giving us overall victory for the 15th year in succession! Congratulations to our swimmers who really gave everything to achieve these results.

Well done also to our students for cheering each other on and supporting each other so well on the side of the pool.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended to cheer our swimmers on as well!

	Girls	Boys
Year 7	1st	2nd
Year 8	3rd	3rd
Year 9	2nd	2nd
Year 10	5th	2nd

Results:

Freestyle Relay

1st Year 7 Boys, 1st Year 7 Girls, 3rd Year 8 Boys, 3rd Year 9 Boys, 3rd Year 9 Girls and 3rd Year 10 Boys

Individual Medley

3rd Noah H

50m Backstroke

1st Lucia Y7, 2nd Sam Y10, 2nd Ava Y10, 3rd Ardel Y7, 3rd Benji Y9 and 3rd Harriet Y9

50m Freestyle

2nd Jack Y7, 2nd Sam Y8, 2nd Yasin Y9 and 2nd Neil Y10

50m Breaststroke

2nd Sam Y9, 2nd Agatha Y10 and 3rd Louise Y7

25m Butterfly

1st Will Y10, 1st Noah Y8, 2nd Charles Y7, 2nd Lottie Y7, 3rd Oscar Y9, 3rd Lois Y8 and 3rd Ella Y9

Medley Relay

1st Y7 Girls, 1st Y10 Boys, 2nd Y9 Boys, 2nd Y8 Girls, 3rd Y9 Girls and 3rd Y8 Boys

Miss Brenton

Netball League Winners

Exciting netball news!! The U13 Netball team have won the Southampton Schools Netball League. Congratulations girls! They will be celebrating soon with their medals!

Miss Hadfield



ISA Tennis

14 students were selected to travel to New Hall School near Chelmsford in Essex recently for the ISA Open National Tennis tournament.



The senior students, in Years 9 and 10, competed on Thursday and the Year 8 and Year 7 students competed on Friday. Mika L and Arjun G were the best performers in the singles event, sailing through their group matches by winning all of them.



With really short matches in the knock out rounds - first to three games - there was not much room for error. Mika unfortunately lost 3-0 with two of the games going to sudden death deuce. Arjun played a great game against a very strong opponent, who went on to win the whole tournament. He won one game but his opponent's serve was too strong. The doubles in the afternoon was a more fun and relaxed atmosphere, embraced by Krish who provided entertainment for the spectators with cricket-themed calls and commentary! However, with such fine margins, and some unlucky draws, there were no medals to be had by the seniors but they should feel proud of how far they got and the effort put in by all – well done!

Football Winners

U13 Girls Football

Congratulations to the U13 girls football team who won the plate trophy at a 7-a-side tournament at Lingfield College. After not taking their chances and failing to win a match in the group stage, they won 4-0 and 1-0 in the knockout phase to take the trophy home. They won 4-0 and 1-0 to take the trophy home. Well done girls!



The juniors fared a little better, though they all went through to the plate competition after losing more group matches than they won. Ava D won a plate knockout match before losing in the quarter finals, as did Amelie W (beating Bonny K in an all Gregg School knockout match!).

They then excelled in the doubles. Noah H was partnered with Will from The Grange School and between them swept all pairs before them up to the final, when they played a team from New Hall who had been playing together for over 5 years!

Well done for achieving the silver medal! Ava and Bonny received medals for their doubles performance in the plate, as did Jonathan M, Charlie L and Henry C as a three-strong team in the doubles. Well done to all of you!



Well done to all students involved, especially the junior students who showed great resilience to play in the rain all day long!

Mr Wilford



Senior Girls Football Team

Well done to the senior girls football team for winning their division this season.



It was secured via a league play off vs Oasis Sholing that went to penalties after a 3-3 draw! All 5 penalties were scored to give us the victory.

Thank you, good bye and good luck to the Year 11 students that contributed this season.

Mr Wilford

Pipped to the Post at ParkRun!



On Saturday Miss Brenton took on the challenge of racing Daniel C (Y10), Mr Cooper and Mr Lloyd at the Southampton 5km Parkrun.

On her return from injury Miss Brenton set off fast but Daniel stuck to her heels and pushed the pace on at 1km. At 4km Miss Brenton had closed the gap on Daniel going up the hill, but Daniel was too strong over the final 100m and took the honours in a time of 18.23 minutes and Miss Brenton came in at 18.29 minutes.

Following on from his excellent performance in the London marathon, Mr Cooper finished in a time of 19.25 minutes and Mr Lloyd finished in 28.05 minutes.

Year 10 student Thomas W was a volunteer marshal the finish line, handing out finish tokens to 1136 finishers!



Miss Brenton

Achieving Great Heights!

Congratulations to Oscar I (Year 9) who achieved a season personal best by achieving a height of 1.60m in the high jump at the Hampshire County Championships last Sunday which earned him a silver medal. Well done Oscar!



Another one in the Bag!



Year 8 students Amelie W and Jana SA's football team Fareham Town have won the EDF Tournament for their age bracket last weekend.

They won all their games over Saturday and Sunday and only conceded one goal throughout.

Well done girls!

GCSE Statistics

The Maths department are pleased to announce that they will be offering a GCSE Statistics programme to students in the current Year 9 cohort, presently excelling in Maths.

This exciting opportunity to explore the subject of Mathematics further, will consist of students independently studying the content of the Edexcel Higher Tier GCSE curriculum and meeting as a study group with a member of the Maths department once per half term for discussion on work completed. Students will be kept informed of meetings and tasks via the school's Virtual Learning Environment.

Readiness for entry into the Statistics GCSE in Summer 2024 and predicted grade will be discussed in February 2024 via consultation with the individual student, class teacher and parent.

Students keen to take part in the programme should contact, Miss Carter, nac@thegreggschools.org

Computing News



Congratulations to Year 8 students Lois B for achieving her 'Excellence in Computing Award' for outstanding effort in last term's web design topic and also to Seb T who received the 'Debugging Duck' for making the most progress. Well done both!

Mrs Gibbs

Happy Anniversary!

We would like to wish a Happy 36th wedding anniversary to Mr T and Mrs J Smith who got married at Townhill Park House in 1988 and came to our Gardens Open Day and recreated some lovely photos.

We wish you many more happy years together and hope to see you both again!



University of Southampton Visit

Our Year 9 science students recently visited the School of Electronics and Computer Science at the University of Southampton.

They attempted to solve a crime using techniques used in cyber forensics and had the opportunity to visit the high voltage lab where students witnessed some experiments being performed by PhD students of the faculty.



Linguists of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Linguists of the Month for April.

Harry W Year 7, Harrison H Year 8, Alex T Year 9, ETTY T Year 10 and Sophia W Year 11.



Well done to all, please wear your Task Force badge with pride!



Jay, George W, Henry, Jack G, Albert, Marty, Zoe, Pippa, Pollyanna, Lexi, Poppy, Emilia T, Eva (plus Harry O'C, Khile and Jana who are not pictured).

In Year 8 assembly this week, we had some clear reminders of expectations for the year group, as well as celebrating their successes of the year group, from maths, to netball, to swimming and computing!

I am very proud of how many of the students



Year 8 News

Congratulations and well done to our new Year 8 volunteer team 'Task Force'!



The students above (and a couple more not pictured) have signed up to be key members of our school community, by assisting staff members with various small projects around the school.

A number of them have already got stuck into helping Miss Parrott organise the music room, and more tasks are lined up for the coming weeks.

are getting involved with activities in school. In the assembly we also spoke about the Northern Lights, making the most of every day, and treating the present, as a gift! I hope the students get involved in as much as possible in the upcoming last half term.

Mrs Azor – Head of Year 8 & Drama

Oscars of the Week

Congratulations to two Year 8 students for their amazing work on “War Horse” over the past fortnight, which has earned each of them an “Oscar of The Week!”



Well done Jay, who demonstrated a very mature attitude and gave some fab responses to an extract from the book. And Katie really impressed me with her facial expressions in her performance.

Well done both! Who will be our next winners?

Mrs Azor – Head of Year 8 & Drama

What's New in the LRC?



All seven Carnegie shortlisted books are now in LRC!

The Yoto Carnegies are the UK’s longest running and best-loved children’s book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for children and young people.

The Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing is awarded by children’s librarians for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.

The book that wins the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing should be a book that creates an outstanding reading experience through writing.

The whole work should provide pleasure, not merely from the surface enjoyment of a good read, but also the deeper subconscious satisfaction of having gone through a vicarious, but at the time of reading, a real experience that is retained afterwards.

All students have been encouraged to read these and get back to me with their opinions. I hope they enjoy!

With the bright days of summer now upon us, please may I remind you of the joys of reading in the sunshine! Why not pop down to your local library and please keep being role models to our students as adults who read for pleasure.

Let's get engaged with all kinds of book talk with each other too, share your likes and dislikes with friend and help show our children that reading is a fulfilling activity that will pay dividends in so many ways for their future selves.

Ms King

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!



ABIDE Week Monday 20th - Friday 24th May

Next week we will be celebrating ABIDE (Acceptance, Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity) Week and is a theme within our Respect Programme that has grown in relevance over recent years.

What's happening?

Teachers will provide a number of activities in their subject areas to support the theme of diversity and inclusion.

Tuesday 21st May - World Cultural Diversity Day

A guest speaker will provide Year 7 - 10 students with some very powerful workshops on "anti-racism" during the day.

Tuesday 21st May - Migrateful Multicultural Cooking Workshop



We have partnered with Migrateful (<https://www.migrateful.org/about-migrateful/>) an exciting organisation based in London, with one mission: 'To change lives, one dish at a time.'

Their aim is to support and celebrate migrants on their journey to employment and integration. Migrateful believe in 'harnessing the unifying power of food to bridge divides, challenge stereotypes, and promote unity.'

To celebrate ABIDE week, we are offering a very special workshop to our students to not only learn to cook traditional dishes from around the world, discover new cookery techniques and understand new flavours, but to learn about the chef tutors' journey to England, which is a wonderful way to build empathy.

The workshop will take place between 1pm and 3.45pm on Tuesday 21st May.

There are only 10 spaces in total and we have two left to be filled. The cost of the event is £45 (We will provide difficult to source ingredients, but students will be expected to provide some ingredients. This is to keep the cost and the numbers participating as low as possible.) All profits support the incredible work Migrateful are doing.

If you would like to secure one of the final places, please contact Mrs Grice (emg@thegreggschools.org) or Miss Gibb (srg@thegreggschools.org).

Tuesday 22nd May – Non-Uniform Day and Bake Sale



As part of the celebrations for this week, we are also holding a non-uniform day on 22nd May where students can wear something that reflects their culture and heritage. This could be a traditional costume such as a kilt, Lederhosen or a sari, or their normal clothes with a badge, scarf or some other symbol that reflects their culture or what they feel they belong to. The cost of the non-uniform day is £2 per person and the money will be split equally between Naomi House and the Southampton Hospital School Trust.

In addition, we will be running a 'Bake Sale with a Difference' on the same day - we would like students to bring in sweet or savoury snacks that reflect their culture or heritage. Please bear in mind it should be something that is easy to pick up and eat such as scones, samosas or croissants. These will be sold at breaktime to raise money for the charities.

There will be prizes for anything homemade that is a little bit different and House points and Respect points will be rewarded for those students who participate.

Many thanks for your continued support, we hope that the students will enjoy this cultural celebration. Mrs Clifton

Further Education

Please see below details of open events at a number of local colleges which may be of interest to Year 10 students.

Richard Taunton Open Evening:
Wednesday 15th June 6-8.30pm. Register on their website. <https://www.richardtaunton.ac.uk/>

King Edward Sixth form Open Evening for Year 10 students:
Thursday 27th June 6-8pm. Please complete this enquiry form in order to attend the evening, or email registrar@kes.hants.sch.uk.

Peter Symonds Open Evening:
Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July 5.30-8.30pm. Register on their website. <https://psc.ac.uk/>

Charity News

Clarendon Way Walk for Naomi House and Jacksplace

Training is ongoing for our team of trekkers and Mr Lloyd has been doing some glorious walks on the South Downs.



If you would like to support our staff and students for their forthcoming Clarendon Way Challenge please use the link below.

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

Mountbatten Hospice

Double Congratulations to Mr Hendon-John who has completed his 'Double Challenge'! He cycled 100km in the Isle of Wight Randonnee and completed a 26.5 mile 'Walk The Wight' last Sunday to raise money for the Mountbatten Hospice. If you feel able to contribute, please follow the link below:



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



Saints Foundation Fundraising



Mr Lloyd is taking part in a 10km 'Tough Mudder' with his football team the 'Monday Ballers' to raise money for the Saints Foundation. If you would like to donate please use the link below:

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

Thank you for your support

Pizza, Pop and Prosecco

The next FROGS event will be the ever popular 'Pizza, Pop and Prosecco' on Friday 7th June, 6-8pm. Details will be emailed soon. Families are welcome to join us for delicious pizzas made in our outdoor wood fired pizza oven.

Our House team will be providing garden games for all to join in, and of course the FROGS will be serving a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. We hope that you can join us for an evening of fun!

House News

House Chess Competition

Congratulations to Year 9 student Hein L, from Roman House, for winning the House Chess Competition.



Back in the Autumn term, 32 Students from both KS3 and KS4 signed up to represent their house. The standard of the competition was very high and a huge congratulations to everyone who took part. A special mention for the finalists; Sam K, Alex T, Henry P and Oscar M.

If students would like to practice their chess skills ready for next year's competition, Chess Club runs every Thursday at lunchtime in Room 7.

Mr Dullaghan

Key Stage 4 Boys House Basketball

Congratulations to Spartan who won the Key Stage 4 boys house basketball. Trojan came in second with Roman third.



Scores:

- Trojan 1 - Spartan 2
- Spartan 2 - Roman 0
- Trojan 3 - Roman 3



Spartan proved strongest in the Key Stage 4 Boys Basketball Tournament, with the greatest depth in their squad. They secured a closely contested win over Trojan and followed that up with a win against the Roman team who were short on players. The experience of Year 11s Harrison S and Jadan O paid off as they took control of play when the games were close. This, combined with the shooting of brothers Aedan and Euan H secured them overall victory.



There were stand out performances from many of the Roman team including brothers Finn and Torben A, as well as Zhane M, who both houses struggled to contain. For Trojan, top scorer Arjun G lead the way and their excellent team play, orchestrated by some great leadership by Junior K meant they had chances to win both their matches, which both came down to chances to win or tie the games.

Well done to all those that took part, particularly some of the Key Stage 3 students who played up. Special mention goes to Jack H in Year 7 who was able to hold his own and make some great plays to set up his teammates.

Basketball Club will continue on lunch times throughout the Summer. Students please check the bulletin for times. Mr Hendon-John

Year 9 House Rounders

Congratulations to Roman winners of the Year 9 House Rounders followed by Spartan then Trojan.

The final scores were:

Roman 14 v Spartan 10.5

Spartan 16 v Trojan 13

Trojan 11.5 v Roman 16.5

Well done to all those who took part and represented their house.

