

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August - Year 6 into 7 Activities Week

Thursday 22nd August – GCSE Results Day

Tuesday 3rd September - Year 7 Start of term

Wednesday 4th September - Year 8-11 Start of term



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Camp Week

Year 7 and School Squad

Our Year 7 students and the School Squad had a jam-packed week of fun activities!

On Monday they travelled to the New Forest Activities Centre to canoe on the Beaulieu River and play laser tag in the woods, followed by a day at Fairthorne Manor where they tackled the Jacob's Ladder and paddle boarded down the Hamble River. Toby impressed everyone by doing headstands on his board!



Wednesday saw students head over to Woodmill to ascend the impressive climbing frame and take on the crate challenge - whilst harnessed to a wire, they had to see how many crates they could stack on top of one another before the pile collapsed!

Another day...another river, this time the River Itchen and a visit to Southampton Water Activities Centre where students were able to develop their water skills dinghy sailing, paddle boarding and raft building.



Year 7 camped in the school grounds on Thursday night and Friday was spent at school partaking in team building activities and having a well deserved relaxing time watching movies!



Year 8 Brecon Beacons



A wonderful week in Wales for Year 8! Well, at the time of writing, myself and the Year 8s have been back from Wales for just under a week. We had the most exciting, exhilarating and exhausting time, and we are full of many memories that will last us a lifetime!

I particularly enjoyed getting to know the year group better, seeing them take a massive step outside of their comfort zone (and I also surprised myself by enjoying rock climbing and jumping off waterfalls in the gorge walk!).



We also celebrated their successes together on the final night awards ceremony: this was a special and happy night, enjoyed by students and staff alike. I am very proud of the year group, and am looking forward to whatever Year 9 holds!



I will now hand over to some of the students, so that you can find out more about our week from them!

I wish all of the Year 8 students and their families a wonderful and restful summer. See you in September! Mrs Azor

Mountain Walking

On Wednesday my tutor group walked up Pen y Fan and Corn Du which are two of the tallest mountains situated in the Brecon Beacons, a National Trust



Park in south Wales. It was so fun and exciting as my whole tutor group was determined that we could get the top. We are very competitive and wanted to dig deep to get there. It was very hard at one point as the weather wasn't the best and it got very steep but we ploughed on.



A number of us were a bit nervous when you couldn't see the ground because we were up in the clouds but we still wanted to get to the top as none of the previous groups achieved it and we wanted to be the first group out of our whole year to get there!

Our instructor Barney told us so much about the mountains. He told us about Tommy Jones, a five year old son of one of the miners, who got lost in the mountains in August 4th 1900 and was found September 2nd 1900. He was lost for 29 days, sadly no one knows what happened to him, but on

the way up we saw where he was found and we got to see the stone the villagers put there.

When getting to the top we all had a feeling of accomplishment that we had walked up Pen y Fan, the second tallest mountain in Wales, which is 886 meters and 2,906 feet. Camilla W

Evening Activities

During camp week, we did many activities and challenges, but I would like to talk about the evening activities.



On the second and third nights we all split into two groups - one doing a problem solving task and another group doing orienteering.



For problem solving we had to do three problems: one was with two planks of wood connected to a rope and we would have to race another group of people with two planks of wood then figure out how to move: that taught us how to work together.



Another challenge was to get a ball through a pipe into a bucket which we all had to coordinate as; one person could only hold up one pipe.

The third challenge was to pick up cans with a hook that was connected with 12 ropes which we had to pull in all different directions to put it out a circle.

For orienteering it was a special type called picture orienteering where you were given a photo of somewhere around camp and we would have

to go find it and then plot it on a map and see if we got it right.

Although this seems like an easy task, please bear in mind we only did this on the second and third night, so we didn't know a lot about where we were but by the end, we all knew where a certain wheel was apart from one or two pairs still trying to figure it out to this day! By Olivia S

Rock Climbing



From supporting each other climbing up and lowering each other down we had such a great time climbing! Once you made it up the quarry wall you looked out and saw all of your friends cheering you on, encouraging you to help you get higher.

We really enjoyed trying all the different routes we could go up and challenging ourselves.

Jess L



Gorge Walking



Gorge Walking was another of the activities we did whilst we were in Wales. We first jumped into the gorge (which was called 'the shocker' because it was freezing).

Then we swam to a big rock in the middle of the gorge where we got onto a ledge and rolled a bolder into the gorge.



We swam a little bit more and exited through to a bigger gorge and went into the jacuzzi (it was not warm) and we dunked our heads into a tiny waterfall.

After that we climbed up a massive waterfall and went into a little pool of water and that is where we did a 'belly flop' challenge where we could jump off the waterfall and into a pool of water.

By Pippa H

Year 9 Paris



Last Monday at a very early hour, Year 9 arrived at school ready to embark on their exciting journey to Paris. Although the journey was a little long on a double decker bus, we were very pleased to arrive safely at the Chateau de la Grande Romaine.



On arrival, we quickly unpacked our cases to explore the site; there was a basketball court, swimming pool and a big football pitch. There were lots of things to do and after our first meal, we started our first activity which was picture

treasure hunt. The site of the chateau is situated in lovely grounds and there was plenty of space for our group to have fun.



On the first day we went to a lovely little market in Brie-Comte-Robert; a typical insight into French culture. We were able to explore the little castle and order things in French at the market. We then travelled into Paris to visit the Sacre Coeur and have a wonderful view of Paris. The climb to the Sacre Coeur was quite exhausting, but the church itself was very interesting and had a fascinating atmosphere. We also enjoyed the free time after the visit, as we shopped around Montmartre and tried some French cuisine. The day ended with a crepe making evening; the pancakes were delicious!



On Wednesday we got up early and went to Euro Disney; this had to be our favourite day because it was Disney and there were lots of rides and yummy doughnuts. Our favourite rides were the Tower of Terror and The Avengers Thriller, we were upside down and went around and around. It was a great day, but all very tired on the journey home. However, the Disney songs on the way back kept us entertained.

On our last day we went up the Eiffel Tower which

was very exciting for us students, but some of our teachers felt a little queasy due to the heights, especially Mr Bartlett. The views of Paris were amazing up the tower, but also the prices. We saw lots of preparations going on in the centre of Paris for the upcoming Olympics; it looks very exciting! After lunch we all went on a boat trip along the Seine to have a better view of the more famous monuments of Paris such as the Louvre and Notre Dame. On our way home, we had a lovely sing along with Austen, our animateur. He was a great guide for the week and really helped us engage in the trip.



To complete our stay, we had a last night disco and everybody joined in dancing; great fun to end the week on a high.

Although very tired, Paris was a fantastic trip. We enjoyed the French culture, engaged in lots of activities and made some great memories.

Year 9 Students

Year 10 Work Experience

Last week Year 10 were given the opportunity to enter the world of work during their work experience placements. Students found their own placement or secured one with EBP, our careers service.



They enjoyed their week working in an amazing range of different industries including schools, financial advisors, University of Southampton, Ordnance Survey, fitness centres, hotels and even the SeaCity Museum in Southampton.



Year 10 showed excellent resilience and commitment and alongside attending recent College Open Evenings, means they are well on their way to deciding their future steps as they move into Year 11.

Senior Student Leaders



Congratulations to Head Girl Etty T and Head Boy Zhane M for 2024-25

They will be supported by Deputy Head Girl Rosie W and Deputy Head Boy Rhett W-M.

Student Leaders



Year 11: Naina N, Anaya G, Sienna T, Elisa C, Mika L, Helena R, Charlotte W, Grace P, Ava F, Jake G, Harley G, Junior K, Jack G, Fergus N, Angus S and Stanley F.

Year 10: Myles O, Robert R and Natasha S.

House Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent their house for 2024-25 as either a Sports, Charity & Events or Respect representative.

House Captains

Roman

Sport

Louise M (Y 8), Henry C (Y 9), Tilly C (Y 9), George W (Y 9), Camilla W (Y 9), Lexi P (Y 9), Harrison H (Y 9), Henry H (Y 10), Natasha S (Y 10), Lexie P (Y 10), Rory P (Y 10), Jake G (Y 11), Zhane M (Y 11), Alexandra D (Y 11)

Charity & Events

Jessica L (Y 9), Harry O (Y 9), Albert M-B (Y 9), Harley G (Y 11) and William B (Y 11)

Respect

Harriet F (Y 8), Layla K (Y 8), James W (Y 8) and Emilia T (Y 9).

Spartan

Sports

Sam H (Y 9), Lexi P (Y 9), Aedan H (Y 11) and Zoe L (Y 10)

Charity & Events

Annabel H (Y 8) and Charlie L (Y 9), Agatha F (Y 11), Jada T-M (Y 11) and Elisa C (Y 11)

Respect

Poppy D (Y 9), Evelyn D (Y 9) and Charlotte C (Y 9) and Naina N (Y 11)

Trojan

Sports

Darcy O (Y 9), Jana S A (Y 9), Harry L (Y 9), Jana S A (Y 9) Pippa H (Y 9), Namrita B (Y 10), Noah D (Y 10), Ollie H (Y 11), Fergus N (Y 11), Mika L (Y 11) Sienna T (Y 11) and Yasmin A (Y 10)

Charity & Events

Darcy O (Y 9), Elise B (Y 9), Aurora S (Y 8), Sophia A (Y 9) and Wakhile M (Y 9), Stanley F (Y 11), Jack G (Y 11), Krish Y 11), Eryka C (Y 11)

Respect

Pippa H (Y 9), Elise B (Y 9), Sophia A (Y 9), Wakhile M (Y 9), Jack G (Y 11), Krish G (Y 11) and Yasin A (Y 10)

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was once again an incredible day of excitement and fierce competition! The temperature was perfect and energy levels were high as students proudly represented their houses.

Nearly all students took part in three individual events plus a 4 x 100m relay. There was constant

action on the track, whilst the high jump, long jump, shot putt and javelin took place on the infield.

There were great moments to celebrate when we saw four school records beaten by Camilla W (Roman), Lois B (Trojan), Bonny K (Roman) and Oscar I (Spartan).



Camilla ran away from the field in the 600m taking 3 seconds off the previous record. Bonny beat Lois's discus record from last year, but Lois managed to achieve a new Y8 record - something for Bonny to aim for next year!



Oscar took a nasty fall on the finish line of the 200m, tripping and cutting his torso. However, after being patched up, Oscar managed to win the Y9 boys high jump with a huge jump of 1.50m and then broke the school record in the 300m in an incredible 40 seconds!



Rhett W-M (Trojan) was 1cm off breaking the school record in the high jump. The whole school sat and cheered Rhett as he cleared 1.69m on his final attempt. Rhett almost cleared the next height for the school record jumping a height taller than most of the students at school!



Thank you to all of the parents who came to support their children and to the wonderful FROGS for providing refreshments and an ice-cream van for all of our students!



New School Records!

Y7 Bonny K Discus 16.79m
Y8 Camilla W 600m 1.49.8 mins
Y8 Lois B Discus 15.77m
Y9 Oscar I 40.6m



Year Group Winners!

Year	Girls	Boys
7	Trojan	Spartan
8	Trojan	Trojan
9	Trojan	Spartan
10	Roman	Trojan



Overall Results

1st Trojan, 2nd Spartan and 3rd Roman

Victrix and Victor Ludorum Winners

The students all won three individual events!

Year	Girls	Boys
7	Bonny K	Charles D-T
8	Jana SA Elise B	Harry K Jay J
9	Jessica H-C Hilary-Ann A-A	Oliver G Oscar I
10	Mika L	Rhett W-M



Southampton Track and Field Championships



Yesterday we had 9 students from The Gregg School represent Southampton at the Year 7 & 8 Track and Field Championships hosted at The Sports Centre.

The standard was extremely high and our students performed incredibly well. Bonny K won the discus to become Year 7 Hampshire champion and Camilla W placed 3rd in the 800m.

The team recorded many personal bests and top 7 finishes. Well done!



Freestyle Dancer

Year 10 student Grace P recently competed in her last competition at the World Freestyle Championships at Blackpool as she is retiring from competitive dance.



Grace came 2nd in Adult Intermediate Freestyle Pairs and made the semi-final (top 10) for Under 16 Street Dance and Under 16 Starter Slow.

Grace is not giving up dance completely and plans to continue with commercial and street dance styles at another dance school but doesn't have plans to compete and also to go back and help younger dancers in street classes at her old dance school.

Her dance school 'Tom Evans Dance Company' were lovely and presented her with cards and gifts and it was a lovely way to leave on a high as she did really well, beyond her own expectations.

MathsWatch and DrFrost June Winners

Well-done to the students below who finished in the top three, of their year in June. Who will each receive 15 credits!

MathsWatch:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Daniel G	George T	Alex T	Aedan H
Alissa O	Jerzy B	Namrita B	Eva A
Ava D	Harry L	Hilary-Ann A-A	Alannah G

DrFrost Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Natalia F	George T	Maddi R	Georgia M
Caitlin V	Jerzy B	Emily H	Fergus N
Daniel G	Pippa H	Natasha S	Freya A

Salad Servers

Our Catering Team entered a Holroyd Howe interschool competition for our salad bar. They showcased the creative and variety of our daily salad bar and won! Well done to Ms Morrissey who puts so much passion and effort into producing our amazing salads every day for our students and staff.



Industrial Cadets

Our Industrial Cadets team, Hilary-Anne A-A, Ethan R, Harry K and Gregor M chose their project as 'Our School is an Island'.



They put in over 20 hours of work into researching how to build a sustainable, self supporting school on an island. They researched how to get the energy, food, transport and buildings for the school and how to get rid of waste, focusing on renewable energy sources.

They had to produce a report detailing their research, build a model and then they had an online assessment where they showed the assessors a powerpoint of their work and answered questions about their research, what they had enjoyed and how they thought the project had helped them.

Unfortunately, because of camp week, the students were unable to attend the graduation ceremony so they missed the fact that they were awarded the 'Teamwork Award'.

Well Done! Mrs Carrier



Get Reading this Summer

Students have been set a Firefly task to write a review of ANYTHING they've read over the holiday and a bonus extra challenge to send me

photos of them reading anywhere (the more weird and wonderful the better!)



We've also been celebrating the new children's laureate Frank Cottrell Boyce who is going to be a force for good in addressing the reading culture of the nation. He urges parents to keep talking and sharing book talk with their children. He is adamant that the research backs him up. "There's nothing speculative about this. We've got the figures – we've had the figures for 25 years – on what difference reading for pleasure and reading together makes in the life of a child, particularly in the early years. We know this really well." He points to a study indicating that 95% of parents with children under seven know how crucial reading is, but only one in five read with their children. Cottrell-Boyce talks of the "invisible privilege" that feeling confident in reading and enjoying books confers.

He recalls working on the film Welcome to Sarajevo with Michael Winterbottom back in the late 1990s and interviewing a Roma woman called Mariella Mehr, who had been imprisoned by the Swiss authorities and had her own child taken into care. He asked her: "How did you know this wasn't all there was? How did you know that you deserved more? How did you know that life could be better? And she said, 'I read Heidi.'"

It confirmed something he believes to this day: "There is a book for every child and the child has to be given the opportunity to find that book. It's not one size fits all – not everybody's mind is going to be ignited by Roald Dahl or whoever. You need that range and a child needs that opportunity to find their own Heidi, their own stick of dynamite."

Happy summer and happy reading. Ms King

Sailing Stars



The National Schools Championships, now in its 69th year, is one of the only such events in the country, promoting inter-school sailing and encouraging participation in the sport. There were 96 entries sailing in RS Feva's this year.

Harry O and Darcy O represented The Gregg School and did not disappoint - they finished 3rd in the mixed team and 16th overall out of 97 boats.

Looking to the Stars

Year 8 Astronomy

As part of the Year 8 curriculum, all classes have spent some time studying astronomy this year. As part of this topic, students had the opportunity to build a solar system in a shoe box. This is a tricky task as the solar system is so vast that fitting everything to scale in a shoe box takes a bit of imagination. Several projects from each class went through to the final rounds and the results are finally ready to be announced.



In first place was George E from Trojan house who made a very accurate model and produced a booklet laid out as a travel guide to the solar system.

In second place was Lois B from Trojan house who made a colourful model of each of the planets along with a super travel guide.

In joint third was Betsy J from Spartan house and Harry O from Roman house.

Well done to all the students who submitted an entry and particular congratulations to our winners. Mr Cooper

Achievement Evening



Congratulations to all our students whose hard work, effort and commitment was rewarded yesterday at our achievement evening at the Turner Sims. The prize winners received awards for Silver, Gold and Platinum Mercuries as well as Valor Additus pins and trophies.



A final word from the Head



We finally made it to the end of another super-successful year at TGS,

It's been an absolute pleasure to lead and manage this wonderful community and our celebration Achievement Evening last night at Turner Sims was a very fitting end to a busy year. The venue provided an aspirational backdrop for our students as they grow, develop, challenge, perform, achieve and eventually enable their own success as adults.

TGS has been a 'hub of busy' once again this year and once again our students have taken centre stage.



We have hosted more visitors to our site than ever before and they have had the pleasure of talking to our amazing young people. I promise – every time members of the public encounter our students they say 'oh my goodness....they are amazing'. I feel sure that they are equally wonderful at home, but we certainly get to witness them at their very best during the school day.

They epitomise everything that is great about our little (but growing) school and I am so very proud of each and every one of them.



It will not have escaped your notice that we were inspected this year – for the first time, comprehensively in nearly four years.

I have produced a little summary of our ‘best bits’ which many of you will have received at our Achievement Evening last night. Suffice to say we were extremely proud of leadership, individual learning, enrichment, academic progress, excellent behaviour and our beautiful environment. Inspectors were also quick to point out how we really do focus on the entirety of our students’ personal development and we do so in an atmosphere of kindness and respect.

These qualities will more than shine in our young people – our leaders of the future, are completely engaged in and contribute to every aspect of school life.



We were able to celebrate more achievements this year than ever before. Our co-curricular offer of over 70 activities boasting a record-breaking 11,456 valour hours or 477 whole days over the year – so many of our young people have engaged in something new/ exciting/ award bearing outside the classroom – experiences that enable the acquisition of new skills and interests – and, as importantly allow our students to really understand and hone their individual talents for their future.



99% of our students have participated in the Valor Programme this year and over a third have completed more than 36 hours of additional activities.

In this last academic year, we have witnessed a 60% increase in our co – curricular uptake and this is, without doubt, benefitting our whole community.

Students also earned many Mercury Awards for their outstanding academic work, their resilience as learners or demonstrating their contribution to our whole school programmes such as RESPECT and most recently our work on diversity through ABIDE.

Many have helped/ guided and assisted our school leaders (by secretly running the schools themselves) they’ve sat on interview panels, mentored younger students, guided visitors or have just been generally rather fabulous!



Successful schools and students are, by their very essence shaped, honed, guided, pushed, encouraged, cajoled and sometimes firmly advised. Their success is not the result of a happy accident – it is through the hard work that happens both at home and at school to enable the individuals within them to demonstrate their Personal Best.

It comes from the successful partnerships that we experience in an atmosphere where our staff truly and deeply care about every individual in our organisation.

I can only continue to feel deeply humbled and lucky to be leading our teams and students forward.

Their futures are very bright indeed – we shall continue to thrive and have some exciting plans in the pipeline...watch this space!



Thank you for your support of our young people and our school. We are always looking for extra helpers to galvanise our school community even further with PTA (FROGS) or Gardens Volunteers so if you would like to assist a little more then please don't hesitate to step forward – you will be very warmly welcomed!

Until then....Happy and safe holidays – we look forward to seeing you in September!

Mrs Sellers



Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET Day: Mon 2 Sept (Staff only)

Start of Term: Tues 3 Sept (Year 7), Wed 4 Sept (Years 8-11)

INSET Day: Fri 20 Sept (Staff only)

Year 6 Activities Morning: Sat 21 Sept

Open Evening: Thurs 3 Oct (School finishes 12.50pm)

Half-Term: Mon 21 Oct to Fri 1 Nov

End of Term: Fri 13 Dec 12.30pm

Christmas Holiday: Mon 16 Dec to Fri 3 Jan

Spring Term 2025

Start of Term: Mon 6 Jan 2025

INSET Day: Fri 14 Feb (Staff only)

Half Term: Mon 17 to Fri 21 Feb

End of Term: Fri 4 Apr

Easter Holidays: Mon 7 Apr to Thurs 17h Apr

Bank Holiday: Fri 18 Apr (School closed)

Summer Term 2025

Bank Holiday: Mon 21 Apr (School closed)

INSET Day: Tues 22 Apr (Staff only)

Start of Term: Wed 23 Apr

Bank Holiday: Mon 5 May (School closed)

Half Term: Mon 26 May to Fri 30 May

Open Day: Sat 28 June

End of Term: Wed 16 July, 12.45pm