

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Sat 21st Sep – Year 6 Activities Morning

Wed 25th Sep – The Gregg Prep Open Morning (YR – Y6)

Thurs 26th Sep – Macmillian Coffee Morning 9-10:30am

Thurs 26th Sep - European Day of Languages and Euro Café/Cake Sale

Thurs 26th Sep – Parent Meeting for Battlefields Trip

Thurs 26th Sep – FROGS AGM and Pizza and Prosecco

Fri 27th Sep – Year 8 Art Birds of Prey Visit

Fri 27th Sep – House Cross Country and Colour Run

Fri 27th Sep – Year 10 and 11 Parent Information Evening

Fri 28th – Mon 30th Sep – Year 11 Silver D of E Final Expedition

Thurs 3rd Oct – Open Evening 4-7pm*

*(school will close at 12:55pm to prepare for the evening)



TGS News

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Sporting Student Stars

Last week I was chosen to represent Team GB in Serbia playing American football.

The scenery was so incredible, the weather was amazing and I was nervous and very excited about the opportunity.



The sports weekend started on Wednesday until Sunday and I played in 6 matches including the final. We fortunately won all of the games up to the final which we lost but it lead us to become second in Europe, (silver medal).

This was the most memorable event so far in my football career.

Junior K (Year 11)

In August Lexie P (Year 10) attended two extremely competitive football trials for the JPL Warriors representative team.

She has also been selected from over 600 players across the country for the U15 National Squad 24/25 season. This means she will attend elite training camps in the school holidays and have the opportunity to play several matches against professional game academies. Next year the team will tour in Barcelona which will further her international playing experience.



Well done to both Junior and Lexie – we look forward to hearing about your future matches!

Sporting Staff Stars

Members of our staff have had an energetic and competitive start to the new school year.

Mr Cooper completed the Surrey Half Marathon in a very respectable 1 hour 32 minutes and in addition to his regular 5km ParkRun each week, he has entered the New forest 10 miler in October and a Southampton 10K in November.



Mrs Allen and Mrs Crowther have both donned their wetsuits for a spot of river swimming. Known as the swimmers equivalent of the London Marathon, Mrs Allen completed the Dart 10km swim by Level Water (a charity that provides swimming lessons for children with disabilities) whilst Mrs Crowther twisted and turned along the



Serpentine for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Charity. This completes Mrs Crowther's London Classics series which comprises the London Marathon, Ride 100 London Bike Ride and 2 Mile Swim the Serpentine. Congratulations to them all!

of our school community whilst raising money for this wonderful charity.

We look forward to seeing you there!

European Day of Languages

Also on Thursday 26th September is our much loved celebration of the European Day of Languages.



We will be running many activities for students to help promote European languages and raise money for our chosen charities, Naomi House & Southampton Hospital School.

Our wonderful Gregg Euro Café will take place in the Hall at breaktime Thursday 26th September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Please join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 26th September when we will be serving tea and coffee and European treats.

This will take place in the hall at The Gregg School from 9-10.30am and all families and friends are welcome.

We would also be delighted if you could help us to judge the entries to the student European bake sale, taking place afterwards. This is a lovely opportunity to meet and chat with other members



This will include 'The Gregg Bake Off' House Competition - the theme this year being cakes designed with a European theme eg, flags, famous monuments etc.

Following judging, prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All the cakes will then be sold in the hall at break and lunchtime.

We will be running a 'Guess how many sweets are in the jar' competition where students will say the number in a foreign language and a 'Name the Teddy' competition using foreign names.

Most of the cakes and activities will cost between 50p-£1 so there is plenty of opportunity to donate and have fun at the same time.

Our Year 7 students can take part in our poster competition, designing a poster to advertise the Café, with winners chosen for the best posters.

There will also be various other language related activities going on in tutor time and in lessons throughout the week.

So let's get baking and remember to bring in change next Thursday to buy some delicious cakes and enter the competitions at break and lunchtime! Mrs Lay

FROG Events



The FROGS invite you to their AGM with Pizza and Prosecco on Thursday 26th September 6-8pm.

If you would like to help out at an event, or are interested in helping plan one, then they would love to get to know you better at their first sociable parent gathering.

As this is their AGM evening too, they will take a short time-out from socialising to vote in their committee. If you would like to put yourself forward as the Chair, then please let the FROGS Secretary know on ljw@thegreggschools.org

Christmas Fayre

Save the Date for the FROGS and The Gregg School Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November 11am – 3pm.

We have a lovely variety of Christmas Stalls including:

- Leather & silver jewellery
- Ceramics
- Handmade hair accessories, pottery and crafting
- Home decor accessories
- Christmas decor and giftware
- Handwoven scarves, shawls and snoods
- Handmade candles
- Textile art, sketchbooks and cards
- Filled gift mugs
- The Gregg School Honey

In addition a selection of stalls will be run by the students including - guess the name of the bear, bracelet making, sweets and treats and of course refreshments will be available on the day.

Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Evening

Mr Lerego would like to invite all Year 10 and 11 parents to the Parent Information Evening on Friday 27th September 4.30-5.30pm where he will be setting out key dates and details for GCSEs amongst other useful information for the year.

Calling all Foodies

The search for Future Chef 2024 has begun!

This competition is open to Years 9 to 11 to take part in the nationally recognised cooking competition, so your cooking skills can shine. The first heat will take place during Open Evening on 3rd October.

On a budget of £5 for ingredients, you will have an hour to cook a dish to wow the judges. Two winners will represent The Gregg School in the South Coast heat to be held later on in the year.

Will you follow in the footsteps of Head Girl Etty T, and have your own professional mentor chef to prepare you for the regional finals in London?



We have a limited number of places, so please see Mrs Grice or Miss Gibbs to discuss any ideas you may have, express your interest and to receive your entry pack. Good Luck! Mrs Grice

Year 7 Key Skills Students

Year 7 Key Skills students visited Runway's End Outdoor Centre in Aldershot with some of our Student Support Department staff.





This carbon neutral site boasts a wide range of environmental and adventure activities, in the tranquil woodlands of north Hampshire. The children showed an amazing attitude

and fantastic resilience to succeed during a variety of team-building activities.

The challenges tested the children's problem solving skills and perseverance and included:

Gutter Ball (using drain pipes to transfer balls in a complete circle); Cup and Cane Relay Race (passing cups to team members using wooden canes); Bomb Detonating (removing 'bombs' as a team using ropes and hooks); River Crossing (using given crates to get the team across a 'river' without falling off!) and Chinese Whispers Drawing (passing information about a picture along a line, for a team member to recreate at the other end). A great time was had by everyone.



Miss Turnbull

Get Involved

In 2023-24, students at the Gregg took part in almost 12,000 hours of co-curricular clubs and activities.



This year, there are even more opportunities for involvement and last week, many students attended our Freshers' Fayre in the main hall where they could find out more.

Posters and sign up sheets were on display and teachers and staff were on hand to answer questions. There was a real buzz as students tried to figure out which clubs they could fit in to their busy schedules.



Whether our students are sporty, musical, outdoorsy, technical, creative or simply looking to make new friends and have new experiences, there is something for everyone.



The range of clubs on offer this term is extensive and includes Netball, 6-a-side, British Sign Language, Pokémon, Screen Printing, Book Club, Outdoor Learning, Touch Typing, Heritage Gardening & Duolingo amongst many others.



Full details of all clubs can be found on the Firefly page.

Students will be clocking up their Valor hours with ease!

Wanted!

Do you have any unwanted Lego that you are able to donate to the school for students to use in Lego Club? If you do please can you send it into school for the attention of Mrs Torres. Thank you.



Heritage Day

Heritage Day was a great success again and this year we welcomed about 200 people. Our visitors spent time wandering around Townhill Park House and grounds. We were delighted when one of the visitors showed us photos of Townhill Park House from before the extension of the Music Room (now Main Hall) in 1920. Apparently he had bought a camera at auction and found the undeveloped images on it!

A big thank you to those students who helped at this event – remember to collect your Mercury from Mrs Hillyear!

If you would like to come and visit the gardens, the next open day will be Sunday 10th March 2-4pm 2024.

Open Events

Our Prep School would like to invite families and friends with younger children to their Open Morning on Wednesday 25th September from 9:30-11:30am. Our excited Year 5 and 6 pupils will be our tour guides and the Senior Leaders will give an introductory presentation about all that our Prep School has to offer.



The Gregg School Open Evening is being held on Thursday 3rd October. This is open to families of any year group who are interested in finding out more about The Gregg School.

All the subjects will be represented, teachers available to talk to in classrooms and Headteacher presentations at 4:15 and 5:15pm. **Please spread the word and book using the following link. <https://bit.ly/47dOLvi>**

Open Evening is all the better when we have lots of our fabulous students helping and entertaining our visitors. **If your child would like to get involved, please reply to the Student Helper email.**

Please remember that school closes at 12.55pm on Thursday 3rd October to allow classrooms to be arranged for Open Evening displays. The regular bus service will be in operation from 12.55pm.

Next Steps

It's an exciting time for our Year 11 students who are starting to think about what their next steps are going to be after leaving The Gregg.

We strongly recommend that students attend college open events as this is the best way to learn about what the different colleges have on offer, and to get a feel for what student life is like.

This week we welcomed back three of our ex students Henry, Katie and Carrie who came to talk to Year 11 about life at Barton Peveril College.



The students have also had an assembly with Peter Symonds College on Monday and have upcoming assemblies with Itchen College and Sparsholt College in October.

Below is a list of some of the upcoming college open events in the local area.

If you are interested, please make sure you book your place on the respective college websites. These events are also open to Year 10 students.

Barton Peveril College - Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th September

Peter Symonds College - Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd October

King Edward Sixth Form College - Friday 4th October

Sparsholt College - Saturday 6th October

Southampton City College - Thursday 10th October

Fareham College - Tuesday 15th October

Itchen College - Thursday 17th October

Eastleigh College - Wednesday 23rd October

Over the next few weeks, all our Year 11 students will also have an assembly at school by representatives from Peter Symonds, Barton Peveril, Itchen and Sparsholt Colleges.

Any questions please contact Mrs Upson-Dowie

Sports News

Cross Country

On Wednesday The Gregg School hosted the first league competition of the season. Over 100 students from 7 schools came to race around our stunning grounds.



Well done to our students for representing our school so well and to our Year 7s making their debuts.

Top performances:

- 2nd Oscar (Y10)
- 3rd Camilla (Y8)
- 5th Amber (Y7)
- 12th Charlie (Y7)

U16 Netball



The Gregg School U16 netball team enjoyed competing in the Southampton schools netball tournament on Tuesday.

They were tough matches but we won against St George and drew to Wildern.

House Cross Country and Charity Colour Run!

This week, Year 7s were welcomed into their new House. As always, the programme of events is busy and varied with competitions launched this

term in Art, Drama, Modern Foreign Languages and Humanities.

Next week on Friday 27th September is our first whole school event of House Cross Country followed by our school Charity Colour Run. Both events promise to be exciting and vibrant.

Get ready to splash into fun and make a difference! Remember to sign up through School Money and prepare to run, walk or skip through a rainbow of colors for a great cause! Make memories while supporting Sport Relief and Naomi House charities.



Year 9 News

Welcome back to our wonderful Year 9 students and their families! Well, we're a little over 2 weeks into Year 9, and I must say that I have loved catching up with the students about their summer adventures, and hearing about their plans for this year. They have really impressed me with their positive attitudes over the past fortnight, and I am excited for what this year might hold for us all.

This week, in true Gregg style, numerous co-curricular clubs and activities got underway again, and true to form, Year 9 students got stuck in to the various events.

What has been particularly nice has been seeing students trying something new. From Chess to Computing, Drama to Languages, and Art to Sport, there really is something for everyone. Please encourage your child to explore the clubs and activities, which you can view here: <https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/clubs-and-activities-timetable>

Please remind your child that they should change into their PE Kit at the END of the day for any sports clubs, rather than wearing the kit to school. On the note of uniform, jumpers can be worn as an optional addition to blazers in cold weather. Blazers must be worn on non-PE days.

I must highlight that once again we have the “Kindness Hero” award nominations open to Year 9. Students in Year 9 can nominate someone in their year group for an act of kindness towards them or someone else, via a simple task I have set on Firefly.



The winner receives a trophy, and of course, a sweet treat! The nominations close on 11th October, so please encourage your child to take part, and reward someone in their year group for those acts of kindness who might otherwise go unnoticed. I have had over 20 nominations so far...who will win this term?!

The last news for me to report this week is about our wonderful Year 9 team of volunteers, the “Year 9 Task Force”! Some of you may remember that this group was formed in the summer term. These students use their own time to help others in the school with various tasks – in the past 2 weeks, they have helped prepare for Heritage Day, and assisted Miss Rendall in the Geography department. Upcoming tasks include helping weed the herb garden and assisting staff in the PE, Maths and Music departments. We are also going to be raising money for Southampton Hospital School. These students really are stars, who embody some of our work on Respect, Legacy and Belonging in the school. (And this volunteering will also look great on future application forms!) If your child wishes to get involved in the Year 9 Task Force, please ask them to speak to me.

As Year 9 parents will know, we have an upcoming Year 9 Parent Information Evening next Tuesday 24th September, at 5:30pm. The School Post form for attendance is now closed, however please do email me if you had not completed the form and would like to come.

Please give your children a pat on the back from me for their first 2 weeks!

Mrs Azor naz@thegreggschools.org

Drama News

Well done to our first 2 “Oscar of The Week” winners for this year!



Year 8 Daniel M won his Oscar for some AMAZING effort in his first ever Drama lesson at The Gregg! Daniel has a natural stage presence, and a quick wit! Freya S in Year 10 gave a hilarious performance of the character “Mr Basford”, the Demon Deputy Head, in her GCSE Drama lesson. Well done both!

In Drama, we have 2 clubs running this year:

- Key stage 3 Drama Club on a Monday Lunchtime (Run by me, Mrs Azor!)
- One Act Plays after school Monday (run by Mr Morgan-Vassaf). This is a great option for our actors who are pure actors, rather than the Whole School Musical

Please see us if you would like to get involved!
Mrs Azor naz@thegreggschools.org

Annual School Musical

After our amazing and successful run of “Sister Act” at the Theatre Royal Winchester in March this year, we are already looking ahead to 2025!

On Wednesday, we met with potential cast and crew members, to give them a taste of what the project will involve, and to explain the process between now and the performance.

Nearly 100 students turned up! We can't give you any more information right now, but we can promise that it's a very exciting project! WATCH THIS SPACE!!



If there are any families or businesses who would be interested in sponsoring our show this year, please get in touch so that we can discuss this with you. Mrs Azor and Miss Parrott

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