

# DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Fri 22nd September INSET Day

Fri 23rd & Sat 24th September Year 10 D of E Assessed Weekend

Tues 26th September European Day of Languages – Cake Bake/Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wed 27th September Class of 2023 Presentation Evening – Barton Peveril

Thurs 28th September Year 9 Geography Trip to Fleming Park

Fri 29th September FROGS Cocktails and Canapés 7-10pm

Thurs 5th October Open Evening 4-7pm (please note school will close at 12:45pm)



## TGS News

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### House Captains

Congratulations to all the house captains in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 who have now been presented with their badges. Good luck for the competitions and events for the coming year!

#### Roman House Captains



#### Spartan House Captains



#### Trojan House Captains



### Nice to see you Again!



Recently we toured a number of Marine Engineer Cadets who trained at Townhill Park House during 1979 – 1983. Some of them had not been back since 1980 and their visit to the house and grounds brought back some very happy memories of the time they spent here. They held a raffle and have very kindly donated £100 to the school.

Thank you and we hope to see you all again.



## Forest School



Year 7 have had their first experience of Forest School with Miss Cripps, our Forest School Co-ordinator. She is a wonderful teacher, tailoring each session to the interests of the individual students.

They explored our arboretum, learning about the four layers of the woodland and they used their senses to fully immerse themselves in the woodland environment. They're very much looking forward to their next lesson! Mrs Le Cornu

## Botley Bypass Investigation

Year 11 Geography students have been completing their coursework in Botley, assessing the potential impacts of the proposed new bypass. Students gathered valuable data which will enable them to create maps and graphs to evaluate their findings.



Students worked in small groups to carry out a range of surveys including traffic, land use and noise, which will be used over the next few lessons to complete their data analysis and write their conclusions on the impact of the bypass on Botley. Mrs Le Cornu

## Sports News

### Athletics Report

On Wednesday 13th September, The Gregg School athletics team travelled to Southampton Sports Centre to compete at the Cunliffe Athletics Championships (named after Geoff Cunliffe who worked at The Gregg for many years and was a big figure in the Athletics community).



The competition invites all secondary schools in Southampton to enter and compete across track and field events. The fixture had been postponed in July but rearranged for the start of the autumn term. We were pleased that lots of students attended running club on Tuesday after school for some last-minute practice before the big day!

The Gregg School won a total of 46 medals which is an outstanding achievement. The boys' team finished 4th and the girls 5th overall and we were very close to a team podium position which we hope to improve on in July 2024!

Listed below are all our medal winners and we would like to congratulate all of the students who represented The Gregg School! Well done!

Miss Brenton

### Year 8

Gold: Archie L Javelin, Declan S Shot, Jana SA Shot, Camilla W 600m and Harry L 600m

Silver: Lois B Discus, Sam H 250m, Jack B 1000m, Noah H High Jump, Relay Boys (Benji, Archie, Sam, Harry), Relay girls (Jana, Elise, Zoe, Betsy)

Bronze: Benji P Long jump, Elise B 80m and Zoe B 150m

### Year 9

Gold: Oscar I High jump and Finlay C Javelin

Silver: Jamie R Triple Jump, Jessica H-C 1500m, Harrison S 1500m, Sebastian R 300m and Namrita B Long Jump

Bronze: Tobias C Long Jump, Emily B 800m and Sam A-R 800m

### Year 10

Gold: Rhett WM Triple jump, Mika L Discus, Gethin S 100m, Benji F 300m and Rosie Javelin

Silver: Arjun G Discus, Zhane M Shot, Chloe V High jump, Alex D 800m and Boy's relay (Gethin, Rhett, Benji, Aedan)

Bronze: Pippa W 1500m, Aedan H High jump and Mishka Shot

### Year 11

Gold: Preston W Discus, Annabel P 200m, Jemma R Long Jump, Eva L Discus

Silver: James C 1500m, Harriet D 300m, Beau B 400m and Emily R 800m

Bronze: Lucas H Javelin





### Netball

The U14 netball team had their first matches on Tuesday and despite playing against some tough opponents they drew against St Anne's 2-2. Well done to Charlotte N for getting player of the match. Miss Hadfield



In a difficult first game, which saw them take an early lead, they sadly couldn't get to grips with a very talented Sheffield Giants team that boasts a number of Great Britain players and came out of it with a loss.



### Marathon Men

Mr Wilford and Mr Cooper took part in the New Forest Marathon on 10th September. They spent the week worrying about the heatwave so were not quite prepared for the downpour of rain just after the race started! Battling some difficult hot humid and wet conditions, as well as challenging terrain in the second half of the course, Mr Wilford finished in a respectable 4 hours and 38 minutes but Mr Cooper clocked an amazing 3 hours and 41 minutes to finish in 87th place in his first marathon! Well done to both!



Their second game against the Nuneaton Jaguars (who are always difficult opponents) was full of grit and determination and saw some stand out performances from Elliott with excellent coverage and tackling as one of the line backers. There were also some dominant displays at quarterback, repeatedly driving their offence down the field, ending with a convincing Red Storm win, which set them up for the 5th/6th place game.

The last game of the day was against the Hertfordshire Cheetahs for a crunch clash to see who would finish on top of this bracket. Again, a gritty performance from Elliott and his team meant they came away with a 25-23 victory that went down to the last seconds.

Solent Red Storm Under 14s are now ranked as the 5th best team in the United Kingdom which is a huge achievement for this young team and gives them an excellent place to build from next season. Well done Elliott!

### South Coast Rowing Champions!

Last Saturday, Jasmine A and Hannah G in Year 11, competed in the South Coast Championship rowing competition in Folkestone. This is the final regatta of the coastal rowing season which brings together clubs from all along the South Coast - from Cornwall to Kent.

Together with the other two members of their crew, they raced against 10 other clubs in the Girls J16 Quad category and not only made it

### American Football

Earlier this month Elliott S (Year 8) travelled up to Manchester with his Solent Red Storm Under 14s team mates to take part in BritBowl, the annual Flag American Football National Finals involving teams from Scotland, Wales and England that is the culmination of the season.

through their heat but into the final – which they won! This will be the first time that their club, Coalporters ARC, based in Southampton, will have their name engraved on the cup, so they are especially proud of this achievement.

Huge congratulations Jazz and Hannah!



so far and are using the play to work on their characterisation skills. They have been making me chuckle and I am looking forward to seeing how their skills develop this term.

Year 9 are working on a comedy murder mystery (I can't wait to find out "Whodunnit?").



### Half Term Football

Southampton Football Club are running Soccer Schools during the October half term. If your child is aged between 5-13 and would like to sign up for this please use the link below:



<https://bit.ly/3Pif5vG>

### Oscars of the Week

Our first Oscar of the week winner of the year comes from Year 7! Massive congratulations to Jeevan G in 7KGA, who was awarded the Oscar for making a great start to his Year 7 Drama work. Jeevan was making some fantastic contributions to our class discussions and was also a good team player in his group.



Finally, he has demonstrated some real creativity in his performance work. Well done Jeevan!

## Drama News

It has been so lovely to be back in the classroom with our wonderful students having fun, being creative and of course working hard!

Our new Year 7s have made a great start to their Year 7 Drama curriculum. They have been listening to Toccata and Fugue in D minor by Bach, in order to inspire some tableaux and mime. They will continue to be introduced to a number of other drama skills and techniques throughout this half term in their "Into to Theatre" unit.

Year 8 have begun the year by looking at the play of "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole". Remember this book from your youth, parents?! They have loved meeting Adrian, Pandora and Nigel



The second Oscar of the Week for this year has gone to Ollie A in 9BTL for his excellent contributions in the murder mystery, both verbally and practically whilst developing his performance with his classmates. Congratulations! Mrs Azor



### MAST Youth Theatre

If your child is interested in joining a Youth Theatre, Mayflower Engage run sessions in drama, musical theatre and production arts for young people.

Please click on the link below for further details:

<https://bit.ly/3sTL65F>

brilliantly in an environment which was new to most. They learnt and assisted in tacking up, then lead their horses around the area. Great work riders!



Don't worry if you missed out... there will be further opportunities throughout the year. Mrs Le Cornu

## Get Involved

Students in all year groups were excited to see the huge variety of clubs that are on offer this year at our 'Fresher's Fayre' held in the hall during lunchtime recently. Posters



for each club were displayed and teachers were on hand to answer questions. The students just needed to work out how many clubs they could fit in to their week and sign up!

The range of clubs on offer this term is extensive and includes many new ones such as Horse Riding for Beginners (an article from that club can be found below), Photography for Phones, Robotics, Driving Range Golf, Creative Sewing, British Sign Language, Lego, Screen Printing, Just Dance, Meditation and Mindfulness 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!

### Horse Riding Beginners Club

Six lucky students (Georgia M, Daisy J, Natalie F, Jessica H-C, Holly H and Harry O'C) have had a wonderful experience on Thursday lunchtime being the first group to take part in our new Valor activity - Horse Riding Club. These beginners did

### Let's Build!

Wanted Lego Donations! If you have any unwanted Lego what you no longer require, it would be greatly appreciated and put to very good use by our Lego Club, which is run by Mrs Torres. Thank you.

## European Day of Languages - Cake Sale!

We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages on Tuesday 26th September.

What's happening?

The Gregg Euro Café is back on in the Hall on Tuesday 26th September with all proceeds raised going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We will be having lots of fun on the day to promote languages and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support:

- 'The Gregg Bake Off' House Competition - cakes to be decorated with a languages theme please e.g. flags, famous monuments etc. These will be sold at the Euro Café at break and lunchtime.
- A "guess how many sweets are in the jar" competition where you will have to say a number in a foreign language.

- Name the Teddy competition with the names being foreign language names.

So let's get baking and remember bring change on Tuesday to buy pastries and cakes and enter the competitions at break time and lunchtime!

Mrs Lay

## Heritage Day



Heritage Day was a great success again and this year we welcomed over 350 people. Our visitors spent time wandering around Townhill Park House and grounds, pressing apples, listening to music from Uke Box Glory, buying our homemade honey and home grown apples, and enjoying delicious cakes.



Big thanks especially to the students who came and helped at this event – remember to collect your Mercury from Mrs Allen!

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



## Open Evening

Our Open Evening is being held on Thursday 5th October. This is open to all families of any year group who are interested in finding out more about joining The Gregg School. All classrooms will be open, teachers available to talk to and Headteacher presentations at 4:30 and 5:30pm, please spread the word.

To book please click on the following link.

<https://thegregg.applica.com/events/12>

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 12.45pm on Thursday 5th October to allow classrooms to be arranged for Open Evening displays. The regular bus service will be in operation from 12.45pm.



## FROGS (PTFA) News

All adults are invited to the FROGS Cocktails and Canapés evening on Friday 29th September 7-10pm. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet new parents and catch up with old ones in a relaxed atmosphere. We hope to see you there!

Tickets are £15 to include your first cocktail and canapés. EARLY BIRD OFFER: book by Friday 22nd and get two cocktails as well as your canapés included! Click on the link below to book.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9tTwAkd2Qd>

Upcoming FROGS Events for your diary:

Fri 29th September - Cocktails and Canapés  
Sat 25th November - Christmas Fayre  
Fri 8th December - Ice Skating in Southampton  
Fri 26th January 2024 - Burns Night themed Quiz  
Fri 7th June - Pizza and Prosecco

Many hands make light work – if you are able to help out for an hour here and there at events, the small FROGS team would be delighted for your support.

Please use the following link to let us know which event you may be able to help at.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1BE7ShQsQF>

Thank you!

Come and join our meetings!

We welcome all parents to our meetings. Please come along - you will be warmly welcomed.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Tues 7th November AGM, in School, 6pm  
Wed 22nd November, Zoom, 4.30pm  
Tues 9th January, in School, 4pm  
Wed 24th January, Zoom, 4.30pm  
Tues 27th February, in school, 4pm  
Tues 30th April, in School, 4pm  
Wed 5th June, Zoom, 4.30pm  
Wed 19th June, in School 4pm

