



National Champion



Congratulations to Year 11 student Cee-Cee J and her dance partner Isa who have excelled in some high level dance competitions recently. They travelled to Assen in the Netherlands for the Dutch Open and WDC World Championships where they represented Team GB in the invitational team match and finished as the top British couple in the Under 16 categories. They also finished in the top 40 in the World U19 Latin Championships - their first time competing in that category.

To top this off very excitingly they went to Blackpool last weekend for the British National Championships where they became British National Junior Latin Champions for 2023!

Their names will be engraved on the coveted trophy and will appear in the programme's "past winners" listing forever more.

This is the absolute pinnacle of British dancing and has been something Cee-Cee has worked towards with great determination. What an amazing achievement Cee-Cee! Huge Congratulations!

Award Winners



Congratulations to the Year 10 students that have completed their Bronze D of E Award, (including four more not pictured here). Most of them are challenging themselves further by starting the Silver Award this term.



We will Remember Them

Lest we forget. On Remembrance Sunday our Head Girl Sophia W, Deputy Head Girl Jess C and a senior student Grace K joined West End parishioners for their Remembrance parade and service to pay their respects on behalf of the school.



Scientist of the Month



Well done to Alissa O (Year 7) and Rosie W (Year 10) who have been awarded Scientists of the Month for November.

Alissa has produced amazing quality of written work and demonstrated really good practical skills. She is conscientious, cleans up after herself and others work too!

Rosie has achieved the top joint score for the test on Structure & Bonding and an excellent essay on C60. Additionally, she always tries her very best.

Off with his Head



Year 8 have been recreating the execution of Charles I in History lessons this half term. Mrs Walker's classes got fully dressed up to play the

parts of executioner, Oliver Cromwell, Charles I and Parliament crowd.

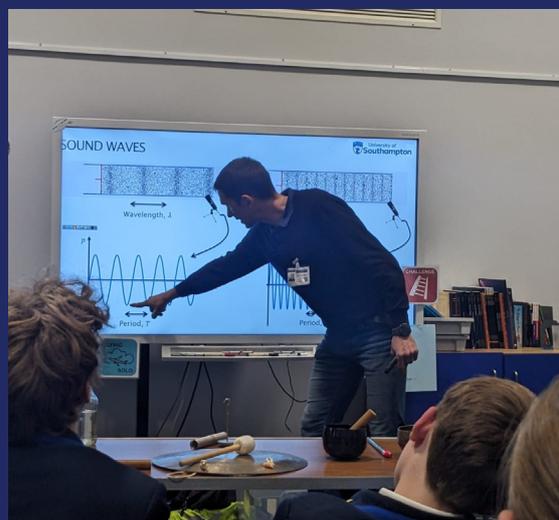
The students have been discovering why Charles I was killed and have become historical reporters writing articles about what the atmosphere was like in the crowd on the fateful execution day! Miss Whittaker

HPL Sound and Vibration Talk

As part of our HPL program The Gregg School welcomed Giacomo Squicciarini from the Institute of Sound and Vibration at Southampton University to give an introduction to the subject of sound and vibration.

The talk was interspersed with some fantastic demonstrations. Acoustic toys and musical instruments were used to demonstrate how vibrating objects generate sound and which can be 'felt'. A long slinky and a Chladni plate was used to show reflection and standing waves, and different wave lengths and frequencies.

For the grand finale (which encouraged gasps of 'wow' from the students) small polystyrene balls were levitated using ultrasonic sound. We are very grateful to Giacomo for his time and for the entertaining talk! Mrs Toward



Christmas Fayre



Come along and join us at our Christmas Fayre tomorrow Saturday 25th November 11am - 3pm.

You'll be able to kick start your Christmas shopping thanks to our fantastic selection of stallholders selling candles, Christmas decorations, cards, bags, jewellery, crafts and ceramics.

There will also be lots of fun games and activities run by the students and teachers. Join us for mulled wine and a mince pie to complete your visit!

Be sure to bring your family and friends to get into the festive spirit and find special Christmas gifts for your loved ones.

Stallholders include:

- Collecting Seashells - Home Decor
- Candles
- Throws

- Gifts
- Lizall Makes - Ceramics
- Foutala Towies Makers House - Crafting
- Ivy & Wild
- Zillabears - Handmade Luxury Teddybears
- Det Crafts - Sewing, Woodturning, Embroidery
- Leyton House - Hair Products & Styling
- Julie Jack - Christmas Decorations & Table Centre Pieces
- Charlie and Millie - Cards and Bracelets
- Crafty Bunny Designs - Clay and Silver Jewellery
- Student Enterprise Stalls - Tote bags, tea towels and many more
- Annie with Alex - Fabric Bags
- Emma Baker Handwoven Textiles
- G'Bees Honey - The Gregg School Honey
- The Pure Image Works - Photography
- Roshni Banerjee Jewellery
- Crafted with Glove
- Vanguard Crafts - Handmade Stitched Crafts and Gifts
- Elite Lights - Decoupage Bottle Lights
- Crafty Crafts - Cards, Crafts, Bracelets
- Sweets

Upcoming Charity Days

Save the Children - Thursday 7th December

Festive Ware and Christmas Lunch Day. Students are invited to wear a festive item alongside their school uniform. £1 and a donation item for the local Food Bank or Second Chance Animal Centre.

PICU Southampton General Hospital - Now until Monday 11th December

There will be a toiletry, craft and gift collection for children and families in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Southampton General Hospital. A list of items that can be donated will follow soon and collection will be in Room 13.

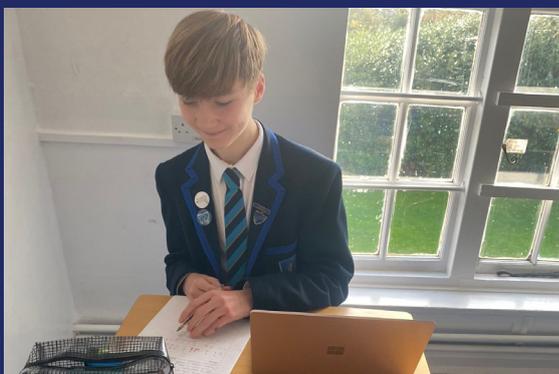
National Languages Competition

A massive well done and congratulations to all of the Year 9 students who took part in the National Languages Competition between 6th to 10th November.

Students worked in teams to complete various puzzle based challenges using a variety of languages, and sometimes made up languages and codes, to decode the hidden message and win points for their teams.

Although we didn't quite win the trip to GCHQ headquarters, all of the students who took part produced some wonderful work and had lots of fun. The Languages Department are so proud of you all.

Students can now sign up for the Christmas Challenge... Students who would like to be involved are invited to come along to Languages Spy Club on Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Lay.



Sports News

U16 Netball

Last week the U16 netball team won two more games! They beat Woodlands 7-3 and St George 12-4. Well done girls!

Senior House Boys 5-a-Side Football

There were some tense matches last week in the Senior House Boys 5-a-side football competition. Trojan secured the overall win, followed by Spartan, then Roman. Results were:

Roman 1 v Spartan 2, Roman 1 v Trojan 2, Trojan 1 v Spartan 0



Junior House Boys 5-a-Side Football

Congratulations to Spartan - winners of the House Junior Boys 5-a-side football today with scores of:

Roman 2 v Trojan 1
Spartan 1 v Roman 0
Spartan 0 v Trojan 0

Roman came second with Trojan third.



Junior House Girls 5-a-Side Football

Congratulations to Roman - winners of the House Girls Junior 5-a-side football. Trojan were second and Spartan third with scores of:

Roman 3 v Trojan 2
Roman 4 v Spartan 0
Trojan 3 v Spartan 0

Well done to everyone who has represented their house.



PlayerLayer Black Friday Deals

PlayerLayer have up to a 40% sale starting today for various of our core items such as midlayers, hoodies, socks and shorts. If you are particularly interested in our house tops and tracksuits please find the links below for those:

House Tops: <https://bit.ly/4a0s6n8>

Tracksuits: <https://bit.ly/3MUN2Sx>



Drama News from Mrs Azor

Oscar(s) of the Week

Our Year 10 GCSE Drama class performed a wonderful modern version of "The King's New Clothes" to a selection of Year 7's, as their first assessment. I was "blown away" by their creativity and energy. This bodes well for the future, and means that all five students had to have an Oscar! Well done Will B, Sienna T, Mika L, Rosie W and Grace P!



Khosi RV (Year 8) won her Oscar for a brilliant piece of writing in role during her work on "Homelessness". Khosi was able to show great empathy and her imagination shone through. Also in Year 8 work on "Homelessness", Harry O'C showed fantastic reflection, insight and empathy in his work. Such mature and thoughtful work from these two!



Finally, our most recent winner was Charlie I in Year 7. Charlie has shown excellent acting skills in Drama Club, "Sister Act" and in his Drama lessons.

He is always looking to explore different styles and techniques, and is a pleasure to work with. Well done Charlie!



Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying week and supporting our Respect programme in school, I ran some workshops with our Year 7 students over the past fortnight, which focussed on different ways of standing up against bullying.



My goodness, once again I am simply stunned at the level of maturity and thoughtfulness amongst our young people as they made anti-bullying adverts/performance to share with their peers.

Special mention must go to Freya who came up with the following phrase for her group's advert:

"Stop Bullying. Make it end. Can't somebody just be a friend?"

Mrs Clifton and I were so impressed by their performances and that they were able to link what they have learnt to Mrs Crowther's Anti-Bullying week assembly. They are all stars!



Year 8 - Thoughtful consideration of homelessness

As already mentioned, Year 8 have been working on a unit about "Homelessness" in their Drama lessons. Although I am a huge fan of comedy, the Drama Department is also a safe space to discuss the world around us, and important issues that affect our wider community.



Through devised work, written exercises, reading scripts and performing, the students have been considering why young people in particular become homeless, their own and wider views about the homeless community, and how we can potentially help.

This is such a pertinent topic in the current cost of living crisis and leading into the colder months.

Well done Year 8, you are already such thoughtful young people, who genuinely care about the world around you.

Year 9 – Comic Murder Mystery

Year 9 have continued working on their comic murder mystery performances. Plot examples include the Lord of the Mansion being found in a fridge, a detective believing that a winged pig could kill the gardener, and of course.... THE BUTLER DID IT! These performances are due to be performed and assessed soon: I can't wait to see the finished article!



Year 11 – Working hard

A mention must now go to our lovely Year 11 GCSE Drama students, who have been working hard on the theory element of the course, studying "Noughts and Crosses" as their set text, and "Treasure Island" as their live theatre review.

The students have enjoyed not only thinking about acting and performance but also the design elements of lighting, sound, costume, hair and make-up, set design and puppetry. Well done all, you have really thrown yourself into this element of the course!

Drama club

In our co-curricular programme, Year 7 and 8 Drama clubbers are having fun in their weekly lunchtime sessions.

This week, we explored the silent movie era with some great music and body language.

These students never fail to make me smile on a Monday!

Sister Act



Finally, we are working hard towards our spring production of "Sister Act"!

Rehearsals are coming along nicely, with our leads and ensemble cast members getting to know their characters and working with new songs and dance routines.

We are all so excited to be performing in a professional venue! Tickets are selling **EXTREMELY FAST**, so don't miss out on getting yours!

The best availability is in the stalls on Wednesday 20th March, and in the circle on both Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March. (Please note that the size of the theatre means you still get a fantastic view from the circle!)

Click this link or scan the QR code to buy tickets:

<https://bit.ly/46r3Lnl>



Dates for your Diary

Saturday 25th November – FROGS Christmas Fayre 11-3pm

Tuesday 28th November – Whole School Vaccinations

Wednesday 29th November – Year 8 National Theatre Trip to London – The Witches

Thursday 30th November – Year 9 House Netball

Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Carol Service St James' Church West End

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December – Winter Concert 6:30pm

Friday 8th December – Year 7 trip to Winchester Theatre Royal Pantomime

Friday 8th December – FROGS Ice-Skating

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th MFL Trip to Barcelona

Wednesday 13th December – End of Term 12:30pm