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STEPPING UP FOR CHARITY

This week, students were excited take part of their own Mini Clarendon Way Walk followed by a inter house mini-bus pull competition to raise money for the charity Naomi & Jack's.

Laps of the school were walked to gain points for their House teams of Roman, Spartan & Trojan before a series of competitions between the Houses to see which team of students could pull their minibus the quickest across the front field. Much excitement, cheering and celebration was evident amongst our year 7 and 8 students!

Year 7 Girls

1st Roman, 2nd Spartan, 3rd Trojan

Year 7 Boys

1st Roman, 2nd Trojan, 3rd Spartan

Year 8 Girls

1st Trojan, 2nd Roman, 3rd Spartan

Year 8 Boys

1st Spartan, 2nd Roman, 3rd Trojan

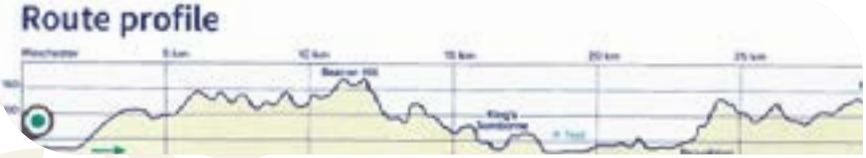
CLARENDON WAY WALK

Last Sunday, twelve members of the The Gregg School staff took part in the 20th Clarendon Day Walk in aid of Naomi House and Jacks Place. It was a great relief to those walking, that the weather had finally taken a turn for the better after a week of rain, especially for those starting their walk at Winchester at around 7 am.

Various distances were chosen to challenge us from 26 miles to 12 or 5 miles. The Clarendon Way Walk from Winchester to Salisbury enabled us to enjoy the beautiful scenery and various terrains. The steep climb out of Broughton, where you seem to climb three huge swathes of track under the trees is not for the faint hearted, particularly if you have already walked 14 miles!

Four of our students; Pollyanna, Katie, Cordelia and Namrita walked the entire 26 mile route. Well done to them!

Thank you to everyone who organised this event and to our school community for taking part once more or helping to fundraise for this very worthy local charity. If you would like to add to the pot, you can do so at: www.naomiandjacks.org.uk/donate



THREE PEAKS

Ms Wynn took on the Three Peaks Challenge last weekend, climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in under 29 hours.

It was a true test of endurance, with ever-changing conditions, from clear skies on Ben Nevis to heavy rain and darkness on Scafell Pike, and strong winds on Snowdon.

Her team completed the challenge in support of Solent Mind and have already raised over £5,800- an incredible achievement!

If you would like like to support Ms Wynn and Solent Mind, you can find more details here: Support our Three Peaks Challenge

DUKE OF EDINBURGH- BRONZE WEEKEND

With the weather forecast looking less than promising, our Year 9s set of on their final assessed expedition to the New Forest. Our 4 groups met their assessors on Saturday morning at Longdown for their briefing, before setting off on their planned routes. The four groups had already completed a 16 week training program where they learnt how to set up a tent and cook for themselves on a small camping stove. They had also learnt about maps and navigating using a compass and what to do if they should get lost. Now was the time to put it all into practise. As the morning passed, the rain and wind picked up making navigation difficult. Despite this, morale seemed remarkably high given the fact that the rain was almost horizontal at times. All groups passed southwards through Shatterford and Matley Wood and finally made camp at Roundhill just east of Brockenhurst. Here the weather was kind to them and tents were put up and dinners cooked in the dry. Then a chance to chill out with friends and talk about the days experiences. This was followed by an early bedtime to try and get a good night's sleep ready for the next day.

Sunday was an early start to re-pack rucksacks and prepare breakfast. There were a few moans and groans as shoulders and legs were feeling sore from the day before but everyone was up for the challenge. Good progress was made throughout the morning as the students passed through various checkpoints.

The weather was an improvement of the day before, with no rain, making walking fairly pleasant. All the groups arrived back in good time and were delighted to find out that they had passed.

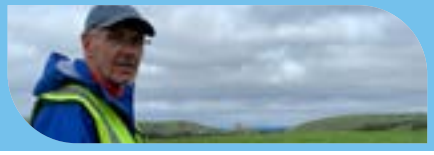
Through out the weekend, the groups complete a project of their choice. Some decided to do a VLOG at each checkpoint, filming themselves, rating their mood and commenting on how things were going. I look forward to seeing their edited versions during their presentations next week.

This was the last of our four DofE weekend this year so I would like to congratulate our students on completing their expeditions so well. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their time to join me on each of the weekends as without them it would be impossible to run the programme.

Mr Cooper

D OF E HEROES

A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their weekends to ensure that our Bronze and Silver DofE students were able to have the best experience possible.



HAMPTON COURT

Last week, the History department made our annual visit to Hampton Court Palace with all of Year 7 to complement their curriculum studies of the Tudors. Students took part in a workshop all about Tudor power and politics where we met 'Sir Thomas Melville' who led the students through a range of activities including a debate about who should take over with the line of succession when Elizabeth was gravely ill with Smallpox. The Palace was as magnificent as ever despite some rain showers. We explored the state apartments with a lot of 'wows' from the students as they discovered about the different aspects of life at a Tudor Court, including the atmospheric kitchens and the Great Watching Chamber where the Court would have waited to hear about the news of the birth of Edward V1 to Jane Seymour and the great sadness of her death shortly afterwards.The maze, as always, was also very popular. Well done to the students for their great participation!

Mrs Walker

Head of History

MATHS

Maths leaderboard - May 2026

Congratulations to the students who topped the leader board on MathsWatch and DrFrost this month.

Please see your Maths teacher to receive your 5 Learning Habits as recognition for your hard work and achievement.

Keep up the momentum!

MathsWatch

Yr 7	Zack S
Yr8	Tam L
Yr9	Alissa O
Yr10	Emilia T
Yr11	Jamie A

MathsWatch

Yr 7	Naadir D
Yr8	Aaron Z
Yr9	Sophie C
Yr10	Tom C
Yr11	Ethan R

RESPECT ONLINE
ADVICE TO PARENTS & CARERS

Over the past year, there has been an increasing amount of media coverage highlighting the potential risks of mobile phone use and social media among young people. We recognise that this is a rapidly evolving digital landscape - one that can be challenging to navigate not only for teenagers, but also for parents and carers who understandably want to keep their children safe online.

At The Gregg School, we are committed to supporting our families in this important area. Drawing on the latest guidance around online safety, we have created a series of five short, accessible information pieces, presented in a podcast-style format. These have been carefully designed to offer practical advice, reassurance, and clear signposting to trusted resources.

Our Online Safety Series will help you to:

Better understand the digital world your child is growing up in

Recognise potential risks and how to manage them effectively

Support positive and responsible technology use at home

Access reliable, up-to-date guidance and support

We hope that these resources provide both clarity and reassurance, and that they support you in having open, informed conversations with your child about their online experiences.

You can find the series on Firefly using this link - https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/respect-1/respect-online---advice-to-parents-and-carers

KINDNESS AWARD

Well done to Sophia A for receiving the Year 10 Kindness Award.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

We love celebrating our students' achievements outside of school.

Please send in any news that you would like us to share in our newsletter to:

marketing@thegreggschools.org

WATER SAFETY

We have been talking to our students about water safety in tutor time this week.

The Royal Life Saving Society advises that teenagers and young adults often take risks around rivers, lakes, canals, reservoirs, quarries and other inland and coastal waters, especially when they are in groups. Most teenagers, don't fully recognise the risks they're taking.

As we are a school community that lives near the sea, rivers and lakes, we would like to encourage our parents to also talk through the guidance from the Royal Life Saving Society with their children.

These are the situations worth talking about:

1. Peer-pressure activities
2. Jumping or diving into unknown water
3. "Tombstoning" from bridges, walls, or jetties
4. Swimming in cold or fast-moving water
6. Using inflatables or makeshift rafts
7. Running or messing around on slippery banks
8. Swimming near boats or jumping from them
9. Entering water to "rescue" friends
10. Exploring drains, culverts, weirs, or restricted areas

Cold water shock can affect anyone - even strong swimmers, even on hot days.

Full guidance can be found here - https://tinyurl.com/449mwjmu

"When you're not there, knowledge matters. Have the conversation."

STUDENT NEWS

The 2026 RS Feva Nationals were held in Phwelli, North Wales during the half term week. Over 100 boats entered and after four days of hard racing, Harry O'C with his helm Cassius D were crowned National Champions.

Next up the pair will travel to Germany in the summer holidays, representing their country to compete in the World Championship in the same class of boat where the competition will no doubt be even tougher.

Congratulations to Harry on winning the Nationals and good luck in the World Championships!

ATHLETICS

ISA London West Athletics Championships

A strong team of 17 students travelled to Eton to compete at the ISA London West Athletics Championships. Following the recent heatwave, conditions could not have been more different, with torrential rain in the morning and strong gusty winds – at one point, our gazebo nearly blew over the fence!

Despite the challenging conditions, our students performed admirably, with nearly every athlete leaving the competition with either a medal or a personal best – a fantastic achievement.

Two standout performances came from Camilla W (Year 10), who won the 800m, and Oscar I (Year 11), who won the 400m. Both athletes will now go on to represent the London West at the ISA National Championships.

Our medallists included:

1st place: Camilla W (800m), Oscar I (400m)

2nd place: Noah H (Javelin), Bonny K (Discus), Jana S-A (Triple Jump)

3rd place: Betsy J (High Jump), Harry K (200m), Declan S (High Jump), Noah H (Triple Jump)

Personal Best Performances:

Finley C (1500m), Amber (1500m), Archie (1500m), Annabelle (800m), Charles DT (800m), Ryan J (300m), Sophie (300m), Bethany (200m)

Hampshire Pentathlon Championships

Three Year 10 students proudly represented The Gregg School for the first time at the Hampshire Pentathlon Championships: Harry K, Hoah H and Declan S. The boys competed across five demanding events – hurdles, high jump, discus, shot and 1500m – showing excellent commitment and determination throughout the day.

Well done to all involved!

ROUNDERS

Two wins for our Junior Rounders Team in their last few matches.

Well done!

RUGBY

Huge congratulations to our Year 9 girls, who travelled to Crofton School for a 6-a-side touch rugby tournament.

Captain Flo P was voted Player of the Match by the team. Every single player was outstanding, especially battling through the rain and scoring some fantastic tries all round!

An extra special milestone… our very first Gregg girls' rugby team!

STUDENT LEADERS 2026-2027

We would like to introduce to our new Head Boy and Head Girl and the Deputies for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

The competition was exceptionally strong this year, and we were truly impressed by every student who took part in the application process. Each candidate demonstrated remarkable dedication, enthusiasm and talent, making a very positive impression on both staff and peers alike.

We are incredibly proud of all those involved, and they should feel a great sense of achievement in reaching such a high standard. While only a small number of positions were available, every student who applied deserves recognition for the hard work, commitment and courage they have shown throughout the process.

The roles of Head Boy and Head Girl and the deputies carry particular distinction within the school, reflecting not only outstanding personal qualities but also a deep commitment to leadership, service and the values of our community. In addition, the wider student leadership team plays a vital role in shaping the student experience and representing their peers.

We are delighted to confirm that all applicants will take on positions of student leadership. In particular, we would like to congratulate Head Girl - Wakhile, Head Boy - Harry, Deputy Head Girl - Olivia and Deputy Head Boy - George, on their appointment to these senior roles, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across the school.

Friends and Family welcome to join us

OPEN DAY

Saturday 27th June 10am-1pm

Book Your Place

Join us next Saturday for the inaugural GreggFest Charity Day – 20 June 11am - 8pm. It will be a fun-filled day for the whole family with live music from 60ft Chicken, the Sing Now Choir and Helen Spooner (from Channel 4's The Piano). There is also theatre and dance performances from the Artisan Theatre Company and Dance Junkie.

Saints legend Francis Benali will be taking to the stage at 4:30pm to talk about all things Southampton, his charity work and keeping a positive mindset as well as an interview with sports presenter Michael Kurn.

There will also be student stalls, a craft fair, sport demonstrations from cricketers the Hampshire Hawks and tennis from AJ Academy, tasty food stalls and bar, a huge charity raffle and much, much more. All of this is to raise money to support the following six charities:

- JCSR Foundation
- Southampton Hospital School
- From Me to You
- Naomi and Jack's
- Sophie's Legacy
- St Francis Animal Welfare

Come along and enjoy the day!

Tickets are available from the following link:

https://bit.ly/4rYliOB

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

KES Sixth Form 26th June
Open Evening 6-8pm

Peter Symonds 1st & 2nd July
Year 10 Open Evening 5.30-8.30pm

Brockenhurst College 1st July
Year 10 Open Evening 5-8pm

Bitterne Park Sixth Form
Spaces available for September 2026

KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Thursday 18th June
Year 11 Trip Thorpe Park

Saturday 20th June
The Gregg School GreggFest

Tuesday 24th-Wed 25th June
Year 7 Parental Consulations

Wednesday 24th June
Summer Concert

Friday 26th June
Year 7 Trip Hengistbury Head

Saturday 27th June
The Gregg School Open Day

Thursday 2nd July
Sports Day Southampton Sports Centre

Monday 6th July
Camp Week Years 7-9
Work Experience Year 10

Tuesday 14th July
Achievement Evening

Wednesday 15th July
End of Term 12.30 Finish

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!