THE GREGG

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HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to Autumn Term 2025!

It's always fantastic to see our new Year 7 students as they experience their first few days at The Gregg School. What a gorgeous bunch they are, looking smart, especially with the girls wearing our new bespoke, The Gregg School (patented) plaid skirts!

Our staff are already enjoying teaching our new students who promise to be a very strong, ambitious cohort. If they were searching for inspiration, they need not look any further than the class of 2025…

In August, we were proud to celebrate the outstanding GCSE results of our Class of 2025. An impressive 95% achieved five or more high-grade passes, with 15 subject areas attaining a 100% pass rate at higher grades. English and Maths saw exceptional success, each with a 95% pass rate.Over half of our students in this year group gained at least one grade 8 or 9. Many of our students earned a selection of results that were way above their baseline predictions and we couldn't be prouder of them. We wish them every success as they embark on their academic journeys at college.

At the end of 2025 we said goodbye to two of our longest serving members of staff – Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Hiley – with combined service of over 60 years – we hope that they enjoy their retirement – the Autumn will, for the first time in years, seem rather quiet! Let's hope they plan to make the most of taking family holidays during term time.

In turn, we welcome our new Head of English, Mrs Board, a new second in Student Support, Mrs Boyd, and another new Student Support Assistant, Miss Wells. Mr Cluett has eagerly joined the PE team assisting Mr Bayford as he manages his new team, Year 8! Our grounds team has been joined by Pip Jones, who, in spite of the endless rain seems to be enjoying assisting the team in their newly refurbished Sunk Garden.

Quietly, behind the scenes, Mr Bartlett has built a low ropes course in our woodland during the Summer, and we were pleased to open our gardens and grounds once more to the public on a slightly soggy Heritage Day last weekend.

So, as we rapidly make way into the second half of September, I hope that all of our students have embraced the wide range of clubs and activities on offer and are looking forward to another exciting year at The Gregg School. In my opening assembly I talked about us all realising our *Personal Best* and *the Power of One* - what we can all do as powerful individuals to make a difference, both personally and in our school community… so, let's see what we can do!

As parents and families – you can help us by joining our PTA, The FROGS, who do a great deal to support our school with raising funds for the 'extras' or lending a hand. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Looking ahead, we will be hosting a number of exciting events in our beautiful grounds including: a Fireworks Night, an Exciting Christmas Fayre and an Elegant Regency Ball - the finale of Hampshire's Jane Austen 250 as that annual year of celebrations draws to an end.

We hope you'll join us and share in the fun!

Mrs S Sellers

GCSE Results 2025

The Gregg School has once again demonstrated that small class sizes, a focus on student wellbeing and giving students opportunities to expand knowledge outside of the classroom and enjoy their secondary school years, leads to success.

Congratulations to those hard-working students, their teachers and supportive families.

These are results for us all to be proud of!

95%
Students achieved Grade 4+ in English Language and Maths

95%
Students achieved 5 or more GCSEs Grade 4+

76%
Students achieved at least one Grade 7-9

91%
Students achieved Grade 4+ in Combined Sciences

100%
Students achieved Grade 4+ in Foreign Languages, Creative Arts, Sciences, RE, Child Development, and Further Maths

42%
Of ALL Grades were 7-9

WELCOME TO OUR SENIOR LEADERS

Marc Verhille

Favourite Subjects Maths, PE & French
Hobbies Football, Golf and Movies
Goals For The Year To create positive change within the school.

Charlotte Newhouse

Favourite Subjects Drama & Biology
Hobbies Playing Netball
Goals For The Year To have the best final year ever!

Ethan Robinson

Favourite Subjects Physics
Hobbies Sailing & Computer Programming
Goals For The Year To do well in GCSE's and have fun.

Namrita Bagri

Favourite Subjects DT, PE & Maths
Hobbies Basketball and Gym
Goals For The Year I would like to fulfil my role through representing the school, promoting an inclusive environment, or creating change and opportunities for students.

CO-CURRICULAR

We consider learning beyond the classroom an important part of being at The Gregg School and offer a huge range of lunchtime and after-school activities for students to enjoy.

Students are able to earn Valor points through attending co-curricular activities.

Here is a selection of some of the clubs available this term:

- History Club
- Orchestra
- Science Club
- Duolingo
- Coding
- Jazz Band
- Stop Motion Film Club
- 3d Printing
- American Football
- Cross Country
- Industrial Cadets

A full list of the Clubs can be found on Firefly.

THE GREGG OUTDOORS

We're thrilled that our Year 8s will be continuing with their Outdoor Learning studies, in addition to our new Year 7s!

The Gregg Outdoors offers students a unique opportunity to learn in a way that's very different from traditional classroom subjects—immersed in nature across our beautiful woodland, orchard, hertiage gardens and school grounds.

This year, our focus will be on the changing seasons and hands-on exploration of local wildlife, ecology, and sustainability. Students will develop practical skills in conservation, survival, foraging, and more - such as making chutney from apples grown in our own orchard!

Beyond fieldwork techniques such as observation and analysis, students will gain a deeper connection with the natural world and our rich local environment.

Personal, social, and emotional development is at the heart of everything we do, with emphasis on:

- Teamwork, communication, and cooperation
- Independence, resilience, and determination
- Leadership, kindness, and respect

Let's hope these sunny autumn days continue!

CAREERS - COME AND INSPIRE!

Parents, can you help?

As part of our PSD and Careers programme, we are excited to invite parents into school to talk about their careers and help our students learn more about the world of work.

Whether you're in healthcare, construction, hospitality, tech, education, the arts — or any other field — we'd love for you to share your journey and experiences.

Why take part?

These talks help the students to develop a real insight into a range of different industries which, alongside PSD lessons and careers interviews, inspire them to start thinking about their next steps.

What's involved?

You'll be invited to speak to a class or small group of students in an informal setting. It's a great opportunity to answer questions and inspire the next generation.

If you have a career that you are particularly passionate about and would like to share your insight with the students, or if you know anyone else who might be interested, please get in contact with Mrs Upson-Dowie at

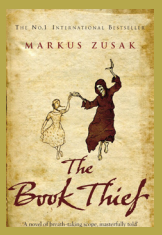
mdo@theggreggschools.org.

Thank you for helping us bring learning to life!

MRS KING'S BOOK CORNER

The First Year by Matt Goodfellow

'A perfect portrait of friendship, family and new beginnings'.

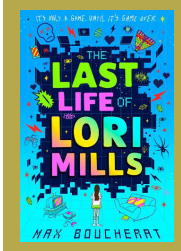


The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

The power of books and words is beautifully told in this life affirming piece of work based during World War 2

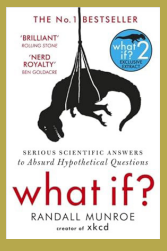
Komi Can't Communicate by Tomohito Oda.

This book is a wonderful way into the world of manga.The socially awkward teen is mistaken as being coolly reserved and the quest to make 100 friends.



The Last Life of Lori Mills by Max Boucherat

A unique and unforgettable gaming adventure happens when Lori is home alone for the first time with spine tingling and funny twists throughout.



What If by Randall Munroe

Finally, a non-fiction pick that gives smart answers to silly questions.Packed full of mind blowing fun and factual delights ...like how much physical space does the internet take up, actually??!

SPORTS NEWS

Year 10 & 11 Netball Tournament – First Fixture of the Season

The Year 10 and 11 girls kicked off their netball season with the first tournament of the year. Always a challenge so early in the term, especially with limited training due to the weather, the girls showed great determination and spirit.

It was fantastic to welcome some new recruits into the squad, who gained valuable experience playing competitive matches for the first time. The team started against a very strong side from KES but quickly settled into their rhythm, moving the ball down the court with confidence and defending with resilience.

After a series of tough fixtures, the girls secured 5th place overall – a solid performance and a great foundation to build on

AFC Sholing in the community

Huge thanks to AFC Sholing head coach and academy coaches for coming into the Gregg to deliver an expert football session to our Year 10 footballers in their games lessons. They also handed out some tickets and made our students aware of the education courses that can be accessed through Sholings new state of the art facilities.'

YEAR 10 PARENT & CURRY EVENING

Thank you so much to all the families and staff who attended the Yr 10 Parent Info Evening & Curry Night!

It was great to be able to celebrate how brilliantly the Year 10s have started the year, as well as discuss a wide range of topics and events coming up.

This was all followed up by a chance to catch up with other Yr 10 families and some year 10 tutors over a delicious curry, cake and beverages from Thomas Franks, our catering team. Thank you!

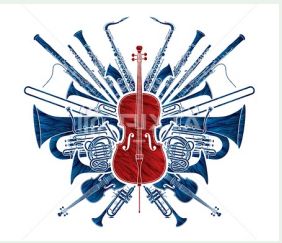
Mrs Azor will share the information from the evening within the next few days, but in the meantime, if you have any questions following the presentation this evening, please get in touch with Mrs Azor

naz@thegreggschools.org

MUSIC AT THE GREGG SCHOOL

Our Music Department offers a diverse range of opportunities for students to explore and develop their musical talents. Take a look at the timetable below to see what's on offer. Whether you're an experienced performer or just beginning your musical journey, there's something for everyone.
We look forward to welcoming you!

See Firefly for times.

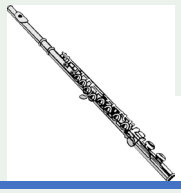


Monday Lunch – Orchestra – woodwind, brass, strings, drums/percussion and piano (to play tuned percussion)

Tuesday Lunch – Jazz Band – woodwind, brass, guitar, bass guitar, double bass, drums, singing.

Wednesday Lunch – Choir – boys & girls from any year group, singing a mix of pop, musical theatre, and traditional songs.

Thursday Lunch – String Ensemble – Violins, Violas, Cellos, Double Basses.



Tuesday break – Flute Choir

Thursday after school - Music theory – any ability, working towards the grade 5 theory exam.

Thursday after school - Keyboard Club – improve your keyboard skills with a teacher's guidance, or come along and make your own music Logic Pro.

Friday Lunch – Rock Band – Singing, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Piano.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

30 minutes per week individual tuition. Takes place during school time.

- Drums
- Singing – classical, pop, musical theatre
- Piano- pop, classical, jazz
- Guitar – electric, classical
- Bass Guitar
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Oboe
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass

See Miss Parrott if you are interested.

SCHOOL MUSICAL - ROCK ON!

This week Miss Parrot and Mrs Azor revealed **The School of Rock** as this year's school musical. They had a great group of 77 students attend the first meeting and are looking foward to auditions next week.

Save the Date!
The show will be performed at The Theatre Royal Winchester on the 10th and 11th of March 2026.

#WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

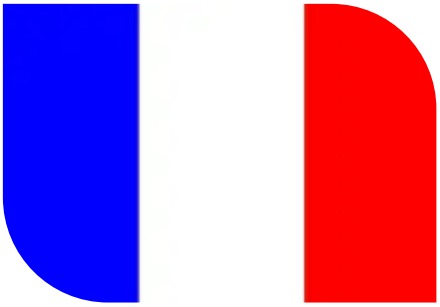
RSHE POLICY

As you may be aware, the new statutory guidance on relationships, sex and health (RSHE) education was released over the summer.

We are currently in the process of updating our RSHE policy and PSD curriculum. In the meantime, information about what will be covered in PSD lessons this half term will be sent out via email.

If you have any questions about PSD and RSHE please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Upson-Dowie at mdo@thegreggschools.org

EURO CAFE



We're excited to celebrate the European Day of Languages on Thursday 25th September.

This annual event highlights the rich linguistic and cultural diversity across Europe and encourages language learning at all ages and we will be celebrating in various ways in school, including a cake sale for students at breaktime - so please ask your child to get baking!

We will also be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9:00am to 10:30am for parents. We warmly invite you to join us for tea, coffee, and a selection of freshly baked European pastries.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other members of our school community while supporting a great cause—donations to Macmillan Cancer Support will be gratefully received.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Year 6 Activities Morning

Saturday 27th September
8.45am - 12pm

For all pupils who will be in Year 6 this September, join us for a morning of fun activities. Meet the teachers and get to know the beautiful grounds.

Choose your combination of activities when you book:
https://tinyurl.com/44h7ndj3

Open Evening

Thursday 9th October
4.30pm-7pm

Welcoming all families who would like to discover more about The Gregg School. Mrs Sellers will be giving introductory presentations at 4.30pm and 5.30pm.

Visitors are welcome to wander around the gardens and visit the teachers and students in classrooms. There will be activities available to keep children entertained and also refreshments.

Please share with your friends and family!

Book online here:
https://tinyurl.com/4wxudknc

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Barton Peveril
24th & 25th September

Brockenhurst
27th September

Peter Symonds
1st & 2nd October

Sparsholt
4th October

Itchen College
9th October & 11th October

Fareham College
14th October

If would like to attend any of these events please make sure you book your place on the college website.

TOWNHILL PARK EVENTS

KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Wednesday 24th September
Munich Trip Parents Information Evening

Thursday 25th September
MacMillan Coffee Morning
Euro Cafe
Yr 8 Parents Information Evening

Friday 26th September
Whole School Cross Country Charity Colour Run

Saturday 27th September
Year 6 Activities Morning

Tuesday 30th September
Yr 9 Trip to Bovington Tank Museum

Wednesday 1st October
Yr 7 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 2nd October
Yr 9 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 9th October
School closes at 1 PM for Open Evening

Friday 10th October
Year 9 Trip to Fleming Park River Wear Yellow Day

Mon 20th to Fri 31st October
Half Term

Wed 5th to Fri 7th November
St Ives Art GCSE Trip

Monday 10th November
Anti-bullying Odd Sock Day

Thursday 13th November
The Gregg Prep Open Morning

Friday 14th November
Children In Need Day

Thursday 19th November
Open Morning

Thursday 4th December
Winter Concert

Friday 12th December
Festive Wear Day
Rowing Challenge

Thursday 11th December
Year 7-8 Panto Trip

Friday 12th December
Festive Wear Day

Monday 15th December
Carol Service

We hope you have a great weekend!