



PRIMARY SCHOOLS Partnerships



The Gregg School has been running a Primary Schools Partnership programme since September.

We have welcomed Merdon, Townhill Park, Owslebury, Marchwood and Uplands Primary Schools so far to experience Art, 3D Design and Science workshops. This Monday, pupils from Uplands created collagraphs using wallpaper as texture with some lovely results.

On Wednesday, we hosted our annual Primary School Cross Country Championship, where pupils from local schools were invited to race around our challenging 1000m course.

Twenty schools attended the event, including The Gregg Prep, bringing teams from Year 4 and 5.

The course was particularly wet

and muddy in places making the course extra challenging!

Our Year 11 GCSE PE students helped to organise the event and a special thank you to students Daniel C, Rhett W-M and Benji F who were hares for each race.

Aedan H, Junior K and Zhane M managed a very busy finish funnel (which was extremely wet and muddy!). Arjun and Jeremiah A calculated the results and our other GCSE students assisted with marshalling the event.

Thank you to our students for hosting this successful event and to all the schools who attended - we hope you had a great time.

We would also like to thank our fabulous grounds team for designing and setting up a wonderful safe course and the

transport team for organising buses to collect the teams.

Results as follows:

Year 4 Girls:

1st Bartley CofE,
2nd North Baddesley
3rd Abbotswood

Year 4 Boys:

1st Bartley CofE
2nd North Baddesley
3rd Abbotswood

Year 5 Girls:

1st St James Primary
2nd Springhill Catholic
3rd North Baddesley

Year 5 Boys:

1st Bartley CofE
2nd Springhill
3rd St Antony's





HOUSE NEWS

HOUSE COMPETITION & HOUSE STAR AWARDS

The first term of the school year was another busy one for the Houses, with events being held by all departments across the school. After the 23 House events in the Autumn term the current standings are:

Trojan 1st, Roman 2nd and Spartan 3rd

As a House team we enjoy celebrating individual students contributions.

The Autumn term saw over 750 student entries in the house events and House Stars were awarded in House assemblies to the list of students below.

Roman	Spartan	Trojan
Amber G	Amelie M	Lottie F
Lexi P	Immy B	Lucia E
Kimberley S	Alexander M	Khosi R
Layla K		Charlotte C
Eva M	Amy R	Felicity S
Albert M	Reuben C	Poppy W
Lillian M	Sophia H	Edward E
Louise M	Ava D	Ellie D
Rose O	Bertie B	Jonathan M
Abishana A	Alissa O	Sophia A
Anabelle G	Amelia T	India N
Tam L	Annabel H	Darcey A
Isaiah N	Zoe S	Tristan D
Kaelin W	Betsy J	Rhys T
Torben A	Katie R	Bethany R
Jerzy B	Jack G	Sophie C
Harriet F	James M	Freya P
Isaac K	Jay J	Henry R
Lillie S	Daniel R	Louis H
Caitlin V	Ryan J	Noah H
		Harry L
		Wakhile M
		Daisy Q

HOUSE STARS

Instructions for ironing House stars on to House tops can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/42rInjp>

Traditionally, House Stars are placed above the school logo on House tops.



EARLY GCSES MATHS AND GEOGRAPHY

Congratulations to our early GCSE Maths students who received their results last week.



A fantastic 32 students achieved Grade 7 and above, with 12 of those attaining Grade 9.

In GCSE Geography we had 10 high grade passes with four attaining a Grade 8.





YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 have started the new year with some interesting guest speakers:

JUST LIKE US TALK

Our Year 8 students attended an online talk with Eve, Em and Laura from Just Like Us - an LGBT+ charity that supports and educates young people around the challenges that currently face the LGBT+ community.

Our Year 8's were shocked to hear that 91% of young people who are part of the LGBT+ community have heard negative language about being LGBT+ in the past year.

Many of our students were also surprised to hear about the long term impact that these negative comments can have on young people's mental health and how it can make people feel unsafe in their communities, particularly when they hear negative comments at school.

Our students (and staff) learnt about how to be an effective ally- listen to others; educate yourself; advocate; stand up for others- all of which we reiterate in PSD lessons and as part of our Respect programme.

At the end of the talk students had the opportunity to ask questions about the speakers' personal experiences of discrimination and how they dealt with negative attitudes from family and friends. Their stories were very insightful and eye opening, and sent a powerful message to our school community on the importance of respecting everyone and looking out for each other.

Mrs Upson-Dowie

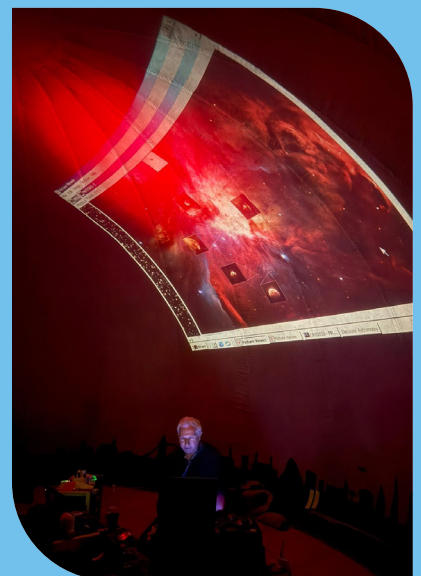


THE ASTRONOMY ROADSHOW

On Monday 20th January a planetarium appeared in the hall! This visiting roadshow was invited to support Key Stage 3 students with the astronomy component of the science curriculum.

The inflated dome was setup in the hall for a 50 minute presentation to all Year 8 students and it easily accommodated two groups of around 20 students.

The show was delivered by an external speaker Peter from The Astronomy Roadshow, who was a true astronomy enthusiast and included a wide range of topics. Students were shown how to identify various constellations and were given separate presentations to explain the phases of the moon, lunar and solar eclipses, meteorites and meteoroids. The possibility of alien life was even alluded to!





YEAR 9 NEWS

OPTIONS

Year 9 were positive and mature during their assembly with Mr Gillespie this week regarding their GCSE Options. Well done team!

Please could families take time to go through all of the information provided on Firefly and in the letter sent home from Mr Gillespie on Monday. If students have any questions, they can come and chat to us in school. I look forward to supporting the students in this next step at The Gregg!

Mrs Azor

FUTURE CHEF

Year 9 students Olivia S and Jessica L both represented The Gregg School at the prestigious inter schools cooking competition, Future Chef last Friday. They travelled to Odiham where they competed against schools from the South West.

They produced exceptional plates of food under enormous pressure and the judges, who are professional chefs, were impressed with the colours, presentation and flavours of Jessica's bean chilli dish with homemade nachos, sweet potato cubes and guacamole as well as the skill, quality and flavours of Olivia's homemade seafood stuffed tortellini.

Both girls narrowly missed out on a place in the finals, but as the youngest competitors, they both wowed the judges with their talent, determination and hard work.

Well done Jessica and Olivia you made The Gregg School proud!



YEAR 11 NEWS

Congratulations to talented Year 11 student Amelia M and her handsome horse 'Bruce' who have qualified in the individual category with a fantastic first place at the 90-95cm Showjumping competition.

The next step is the NSEA National Schools Championships in October at Addington.

Good luck Amelia!





YEAR 9 AND 10 NEWS

BOX HOUSE THEATRE VISIT

Year 9 and Year 10 Drama students had an AWESOME day with a visit from the Box House Theatre on Tuesday!

The company came in and performed their award winning show, "Twisted Tales", to them. They were so engaging and physical, and we were all really captivated by the "Platform Theatre" style. It was lovely to also have some Q&A time with the actors!



A number of our students were then treated to a Platform Theatre workshop, run by Lewis and Amy from Box House, which was great fun!

Mrs Azor didn't stop smiling all day!

Well done to all the students involved.



ALUMNI NEWS

Last week it was lovely to welcome back Class of 2020 student Lillie Bishop, who came to visit the Year 11 Child Development class about becoming a Norland Nanny!

Lillie told us all about her journey to Norland, the placements she has carried out and how excited she is to get her first job in June.

We wish Lillie every success in her future adventures!

More about Norland can be found here: <https://www.norland.ac.uk/>





SPORT

FOOTBALL

On Wednesday our U15 girls football team competed in the quarter final of the ISFA shield and produced another WIN with a score of 2-0 against Truro School. In a physical game we managed to battle through to the semi finals! Our stand out performances were captain Lexie P, Amelie W and Izzy E. Well done girls!

Yesterday our Year 7 & 8 girls lost 5-4 in an end to end game at Red-bridge. Captain Freya P was player of the match, she gave it her all out on the field and then when she saw a teammate upset she went in goal to support. Great teamwork!



Another win on Wednesday for the Year 9 boys football team who got their league campaign off to a flying start with a 6-3 win away to Oasis Mayfield.

It was a tough first half which found The Gregg losing at half time but thanks to 4 goals from James M-G and one each from Elliot S and Declan S, the Year 9's came away with the win.

Well done boys!



YEAR 11 RUGBY VS MAYVILLE

Our Year 11 rugby team took the journey east last week to play Mayville School and won by an astonishing 66-5! Despite some challenges we enjoyed a meaningful experience and grew as a team running in 6 tries.

Player of the match was our captain Jack G followed closely by players who currently aren't at an external rugby club, Krish G and Olly G!



HAMPSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Camilla W, Alex D and Jack B who represented Southampton Schools at the Hampshire Schools Cross Country Championships in Aldershot.

Our students all ran really well and Camilla finished an incredible 10th place despite losing her shoe at the start of the race! She continued to run for 3k wearing only one shoe and has qualified to represent Hampshire!



CLIMBING COMPETITION

Last week our students went to an inter-school climbing competition at Bouldershack Brighton.

It was a really successful day that saw our students challenging themselves on a range of different climbs.

We look forward to the results in the coming weeks.



We also had a memorable moment where Rhett followed the football lines he is usually more accustomed to and put the ball down for a try a whole 3 metres short of the actual try line!!

The Easter cup and a potential visit to the Isle of Wight is next in the pipeline!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

The following Open Events might be of interest to our Year 10 and Year 11 students:

BARTON PEVERIL

Year 10 Summer Open event Thursday 1st May.

Register your interest here: <https://bit.ly/4heC33I>

South Hampshire College Group SHCG.AC.UK

T Level Parents Information Evening

CEMAST CETC
Wednesday 5 February
17:30 - 18:30

Fareham College
Thursday 6 February
17:30 - 19:00

Eastleigh College
Wednesday 12 February
17:30 - 19:00

Southampton College
Thursday 13 February
17:30 - 19:00

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REGISTER TO ATTEND



GETTING ARTY

Ollie S (Year 10) and Henry C (Year 9) have worked together in their own time to create their own skate board design - hand painted and finished with a wood stain.

Well done boys – it looks great!



BOOK YOUR TICKETS



Tell your friends, tell your family, tell your neighbours all about our superb production of Grease at The Theatre Royal in Winchester on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March.

Tickets can be booked on the link below:

<https://bit.ly/3BVyKih> num

GET INVOLVED

Calling all boys! Like to Dance? ZoieLogic is an energetic dance theatre group for boys in Southampton who are on the lookout for new members to join their creative company with classes at both Mayflower Mast Studios and Coxford Community Centre.

They empower, ignite purpose, fuel pride, and evoke emotions as they guide people on a journey to achieve extraordinary things, creating unforgettable memories!

They are the go-to experts in getting guys dancing, community activations and mass dance events and believe anywhere can be a dance floor.



<https://zoielogic.co.uk/get-involved/>

STORYTIME

If you are travelling to IOW over the half term the Quay Arts Centre is Newport is hosting a their annual story festival aimed at 3-14 year olds on 20th, 21st and 22nd February with authors, performers and hands on activities. <https://www.iwstoryfestival.com/>



SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT WE WANT!

Our 2025 Mayflower Theatre Summer Youth Production is GREASE School Edition and we want you to audition!

If you're ready to Hand Jive in our Summer Youth Project then visit the sign up link below. You will get to work with a professional creative team both onstage and offstage for two weeks and then get to perform in the biggest theatre on the South Coast!

Audition registration is open for 11-18-year-olds and you must be available on both 2nd and 23rd March: <https://pulse.ly/kj5wzdboui>

And don't forget, this year we are also running a Summer Dance Project, The Last Rose of Summer. Registration is open for both projects now!



OPEN MORNINGS

Do you have a younger child about to start primary school or a Year 6 looking for a senior school? Or know someone who does? Why not come along to one of our Open Mornings, which run from 9:30-11:30am to see the schools in action?

Please book your place via the links:

The Gregg Prep **Thursday**
27th February
<https://bit.ly/4dHiQoh>

The Gregg School **Thursday**
6th March
<https://bit.ly/3BL6yhm>



NEW! ONE DAY LINOCUT PRINT WORKSHOP FOR EASTER HOLS IN LRC AT THE GREGG SCHOOL.

Renowned printmaker and artist Jo Morley will help you discover the versatile printmaking technique of Linocut. Jo will guide you through the complete process from carving, inking up and printing in colour in a variety of ways - the results will be new and exciting!

The Hayloft Studio in the LRC at The Gregg School, Townhill Park House, is fully equipped with a professional etching press. Fee is £95 with all equipment will be provided. Beginners are welcome and those with some experience who wish to develop their practice. This will be a fun creative day for all.

Please bring your own lunch and refreshments will be available during the day. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

You can view Jo's work here: www.jomorley.studio

TO BOOK: Jo Ekin: events@thegreggschools.org



FROGS Valentines Quiz

Get your thinking caps on for the FROGS Valentine's Quiz.

It's going to be a fun family evening and a great chance to catch up with other parents.

Please book on the link below. We hope to see you there!

<https://forms.office.com/e/CLe5GrrSMj>

LIONESSES

Year 7 footballing girls. If you're interested in joining a local football team why not give the Hamble Lionesses a try?

Hamble Club Lionesses



Hamble Girls are looking to add players for the upcoming season as we move into u13 (11v11)

If you would like to play in a fun / friendly environment with coaches who look to encourage and develop players then feel free to contact us for trial sessions.

We train on a Tuesday in the Winter and Wednesday during the summer. Matches are played on a Saturday in the Hampshire girls leagues.

If you are currently yr7 and moving into yr8 in September and would like more information feel free to Contact us :

Coach:
Jason Curnow
07900680167

Linocut Workshop



11th April 2025 £95
10am to 3.30pm

The Gregg School Hayloft Print Studio
Bookings: events@thegreggschools.org
www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk



FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd Year 9 STEM Careers Talk

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 6th Southampton Hospital Schools visit to Science

Thursday 6th Year 9 Sports Careers Talk

Friday 7th Swimming Gala



Friday 7th FROGS Valentines Quiz

Tuesday 11th Non-Uniform Day Spread the Love

Wednesday 12th Year 7 Challenger Workshop

Wednesday 12th Year 9 Apprenticeships Talk

Thursday 13th GCSE Science Live

Friday 14th INSET Day

Monday 17th – Friday 21st Half Term

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th GCSE Geography Iceland Trip

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th MFL Speaking Mocks

Wednesday 26th Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam

Wednesday 26th – Thursday 27th Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening

HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY WEEKEND!

