



Grease is the word!



Our students pulled out all the stops for their impactful performance of 'Grease' this week! Returning to The Theatre Royal, our large cast of students from Years 7-11 showed what months of dedication to rehearsals can create – a spectacular show!

Set within brightly coloured scenery and lighting, Sandy (Khile W) and Danny (Charlie L) led the Burger Palace Boys and Pink Ladies through a vibrant performance.

The students blew us away with those favourite tunes, including 'Grease Lightning', 'Hopelessly Devoted' and 'You're the One that I want', with great colour, glamour and energy coming from the large supporting cast.

This show brought together our school community in so many ways. In addition to six months of dedication to rehearsals by our actors and musicians, so many staff,

students, parents and alumni helped to create sets and programmes, source and fit costumes, do hair and make-up, collect raffle prizes and organise logistics of set, props and children to and from Winchester.





To be able to perform at The Theatre Royal again was such a pleasure – the staff are enormously professional and enable us to realise our vision for set, design, lighting and sound. The students also really enjoy the backstage experience and the use of their professional changing rooms. This wouldn't be possible without the support of everyone who came to watch the shows, the kind raffle donations and sponsorship in the programmes - thank you all.

It was such a positive experience in the theatre during the week. The camaraderie across the year groups was a joy to witness! Seeing students supporting each other perfecting songs and dance routines, helping each other do hair and make-up, calming those who were feeling nervous, creating human shields for lightning backstage costume changes and unanimously, spontaneously bursting into song whilst getting ready, has shown the true Gregg spirit!



Huge thanks to Mrs Azor, Miss Parrot, the whole creative arts team, our musicians, the costume team, marketing, the maintenance team and the staff that helped with the raffle, back and front of stage... and especially the cast and crew who created this memorable experience for all – we're so proud of what you achieved!

The Theatre Royal staff congratulated the students on their polite manners and behaviour saying "they were the best school group we've had performing here".





YEAR 7 NEWS

CASTLES PROJECT

This year, as always, we have had some amazing entries for our annual castle competition in History. Students had to make either a motte and bailey, square keep or concentric castle.

They needed to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the key features of the castle. The key was accuracy, scale and attention to detail plus clear labelling. There was an extra bonus if they included a moving part, such as a drawbridge.

We had a fine array of finalists who have all received Senior Teacher Commendations. It was very difficult to choose our winners!

The overall winner, receiving the £10 Amazon voucher, was Ryan J with a highly detailed concentric castle. Joint second place went to Rose O and Daniel R, with third place going jointly to Arrabella B and Peter K.

Many thanks for all the support and patience from parents and grandparents! Mrs Walker



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Teamwork, perseverance and perception were all skills our Year 7s demonstrated and developed today, whilst revelling in the warmth of a stunning day to mark the Spring Equinox.

They learnt some basic knots and lashing techniques to make more fabulously creative stick people. Students helped each other to learn and practicing the knots

They explored our beautiful woods and discovered so many signs of new life, then finished by burning off a bit more energy with some games.

Great communication and respect for each other and the woodland - well done Year 7.





YEAR 8 NEWS

Thank you to Class of 2019 student Katie Pace, who came back into school to talk to our Year 8's about her experiences of being a wheelchair user and the societal issues around how disabled people are treated.

Our students had lots of interesting questions and were keen to learn what they can do to be more inclusive.



YEAR 10 NEWS

Year 10 students enjoyed an interactive revision seminar delivered by the charismatic Rob Hughes from Learning Performance. This was a revision event with a difference, nothing to do with learning how to do algebra, write an essay about World War One or how to quote from Macbeth! Instead, students learned about their brain chemistry, and about how their brains are unique and full of vast potential.



Rob's goal was to help students to understand that revision doesn't have to be all about sitting for hours at a desk reading through revision books. He wanted to show us that revision can be fun, active, interactive and even done outdoors. By the end of the session, students all had a better idea about how their own brains work, helped by Rob's use of games, puzzles and memory challenges.

Students also had a better understanding about which revision methods might best suit them and how they can revise in sustainable ways without causing exam stress. Quite a few of them learned how to juggle into the bargain! Mr Lerego



COMPUTING NEWS

Congratulations to Elise B (Year 9) who has just been awarded the iDEA Bronze Award.



WHATSAPP MESSAGING

Parents/carers please be aware to check any WhatsApp groups that your child might have to make sure that they are being used in a friendly way!



HOUSE NEWS

HALF-TERM HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE: FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL & MORE

As we approach the end of this half term, the excitement surrounding our House Competitions continues to be strong. Students across all year groups have shown excellent effort, teamwork and house spirit. Below is a quick roundup of the recent fixtures and results:

YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 7 and 8 football competition has been nothing short of thrilling with huge excitement and support from the many spectators that supported the players at lunchtime.



Each house put forward strong teams, with close matches played in great spirit. After a draw in all 3 matches, a second set of matches the following week was needed. Spartan edged ahead with a narrow victory, thanks to some standout performances in both attack and defence.

Special mention goes to Malachi from Spartan for scoring an incredible goal in the final fixture and to Euan H in year 9 for his fair and decisive refereeing.

YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 9s brought intensity and skill to the pitch, delivering a fantastic display of football talent. Every house fought hard, but it was Trojan who took the top spot after a tense final game. Thanks goes to Aiden H for his consistent refereeing.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our girls' football competition was another highlight this half term, showcasing the growing talent and enthusiasm among our female athletes.

It was fantastic to see all houses field strong teams but it was Trojan who emerged as the winners.





KEY STAGE 3 BASKETBALL



The Key Stage 3 basketball competition was fast-paced and competitive, displaying excellent skills and enthusiasm. Spartan ultimately came out on top but with very few points in it. Thanks goes to Anaya G for her excellent umpiring. Well done to all involved!

PI RECITAL

On March 14th, Pi day, we held our annual House Pi recital. Harriet F in Roman recalled the most digits but the school record remains unchallenged.

It was an overall win for Spartan as the second and third place entries were both from Spartan and all students who recited over 10 digits gained a house point for their houses.

Second place house was Roman with Trojan in third.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in these events – your commitment and house pride have been outstanding. Stay tuned for more competitions next half term, including table tennis, chess and the ABIDE week themed bake off.

Mrs Webb



BOOK BESTIES

The Book Besties were delighted to have shared Finding Bear for the group read.

We enjoyed sharing thoughts about the story, loved the illustrations and were happy to have found out what had happened to bear after the last adventure - a truly heartwarming sequel.

If you like inspiring stories about animals going forward with determination, courage and hope this book is a treat. It is a touching environmental story of surviving and thriving in the Arctic - available in the library now.





SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR RUGBY 7'S TOURNAMENT



Our Rugby 7 A team came third in a small tournament held at Boundary Oak School last week.

In our final game, Rory P won player of the match and in the 5th v 6th game Krish G won player of the match. It was a great tournament played in the sun.

Prior to this tournament Zac B finished off a great run of 'Cake Friday' in Mr Bayford's GCSE group with a cake featuring a photo of the Gregg rugby team printed on it which nicely fuelled the two hour preparation session for this tournament. Yum!



YEAR 9 & 10 NETBALL TEAM SHINE AT BARTON PEVERIL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 9 and 10 netball team recently took part in a fantastic tournament, organised by Barton Peveril students, as part of their course—including Amelia Barrow an ex-Gregg School student! The event was exceptionally well run and well attended, providing a great opportunity for our girls to showcase their skills and teamwork.



YEAR 8 SHINE AT SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 8 netball team recently competed in the Southampton Schools Netball Tournament, showcasing their skill, teamwork, and determination. The competition brought together schools from across the city, creating an exciting and competitive atmosphere.

Our girls put on a fantastic performance, demonstrating great resilience and effort in every match. They worked hard, supported each other and showed real sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

It was a great experience for the team and we are incredibly proud of their dedication and achievements. Well done to all who took part!





The team put in an outstanding performance, displaying determination, resilience, and a strong team spirit. They won most of their games and narrowly lost a couple by just one or two goals. Their hard work and never-give-up attitude were a credit to the school and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

A huge well done to all the players involved!

YEAR 9 GIRLS FOOTBALL ISFA SEMI FINAL CUP AND SHIELD

Unfortunately, we came second in both of our semi finals of the Independent Schools Football Association Cup and Shield.

First, we travelled to London to play Alleyns in London on a very hot day. Bonny K, Mia SC and Amelie W kept us in the game for as long as they could but unfortunately without a couple of key players and losing Lexi P early to a wrist injury we had to play for a long time against a very strong opposition in hot weather. Eventually losing 7-0, Alleyns deserved the win, but our girls put in a brave effort with only 10 players for 60 minutes.



YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 9 football team are keeping up their winning ways with two recent wins.

There was another 6-2 home win against Oasis Lordshill, to put them top of their league of the Southampton Schools Cup, followed by another win in a hard fought game against Deer Park.

Sam H sealed a 2-1 victory in this match.

Well done boys!



On Tuesday 11th March, we hosted St. Dunstons College at The Gregg. Coming to us with academy level players, we did well to stay in the game for 60 minutes at only 1-0 down (from an early conceded goal).

However, as per the week before, with 5-6 key players unable to play we were up against it. Jana AS, Amelie W, Matilda C ran tirelessly for us; as did our three debutants (Cam, Charlotte and Aurora) but as we pushed for a goal, we unfortunately left ourselves exposed defensively.

We would like to give a special 'shout out' to our Year 10 players who have led us brilliantly to two semi finals. Lexie P, our captain, even played through injury to try and turn our second semi final around and has proven herself up front, in midfield and in defence when needed, always leading by example on the field.

The girls would also like to thank the school for allowing them the chance to have some curriculum time off to have this enriching school experience.

It is such a shame to lose two semi finals but we will try again next year with our talented group of Year 9s! Mr Bayford

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Congratulations to our runners who competed in the Southampton Schools Cross Country Race 3 and also the last race of the season hosted at The Gregg School.

Race 3 Results: 2nd Amber, 3rd Annabelle, 10th Jacob, 16th Malachi and 17th Daniel.

Race 4 Results: 3rd Amber, 4th Annabelle, 15th Jacob, 19th Angus, 20th Yusef and 21st Malachi

At the end of the season Amber and Annabelle G have finished 1st and 2nd in this league.



ISA CROSS COUNTRY

Our running superstars Amber and Annabelle G did amazingly well competing at the ISA Cross Country Nationals in Leicestershire to represent the London West team who went on to win the overall event across all age groups.

The girls were fantastic in their race on Sunday, with Amber coming 10th and Annabelle coming 14th. Coincidentally, there were four sets of twins running in the Year 7 race and Amber and Annabelle were the second set of twins to finish!

Amber and Annabelle even had a chance to meet with Olympic 800m runner Alex Bell who gave the girls some valuable tips. It was a great experience for the girls and we hope it helps with their preparation for future races.





SCIENCE NEWS

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

As part of Science Week yesterday, we welcomed Sylvestre and Bethany from EDT who delivered fun and interactive Challenger Workshops for our Year 7 and Year 9 students. We also welcomed Roy and Lee who gave did a talk on the opportunities of a STEM career.

Year 7 students learnt about coding and how to programme small robots called Ozbots, to follow a path they designed on a piece of paper and Year 9 learnt how to programme Spheros robots and also a bridge building challenge - all to promote teamwork and problem solving.

The students had a great time! Mrs Carrier



Microscope Images Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Microscope images competition who correctly identified the various unlabelled images including fabric, hair and a 1p coin.



SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH

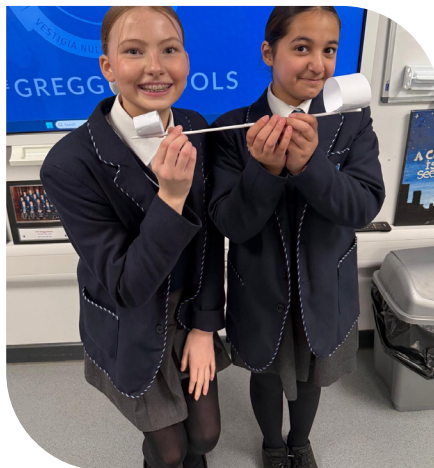
Well done to Year 7 student Sophie G and Year 10 student Jessica HC for being awarded Scientists of the Month for March.

Sophie was awarded it for excellent test results and Jessica for working consistently hard in her lessons with great explanations in her work.



O RINGS

During British Science Week, Year 9 also had fun making O Rings which they made out of paper during British Science Week and had a competition to see how far they could throw them!



INDUSTRIAL CADETS

Industrial cadets is an opportunity for students to get involved in a STEM project and work alongside a mentor from industry. This year both of our teams have chosen to research 'A Theme Park for the Future'.

Their project involves researching how to make their theme park sustainable and produce a report that is submitted to assessors from industry.

On Tuesday 18th March, they presented their work with a PowerPoint and were then asked questions from the assessors.

The Industrial Cadets projects involve learning lots of new skills, working as a team and learning time management. It's hard work but rewarding. We look forward to hearing their results!



Open Mornings at The Gregg Schools

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?

Then come along to one of our Open Mornings, which run from 9:30-11:30am for a tour by our students and to see the schools in action.

Please book your place via the links:

The Gregg Prep Thursday 1st May <https://bit.ly/47Ue4Ta>

The Gregg School Thursday 24th April <https://bit.ly/3zOWvay>

Please spread the word!





WORLD BOOK DAY

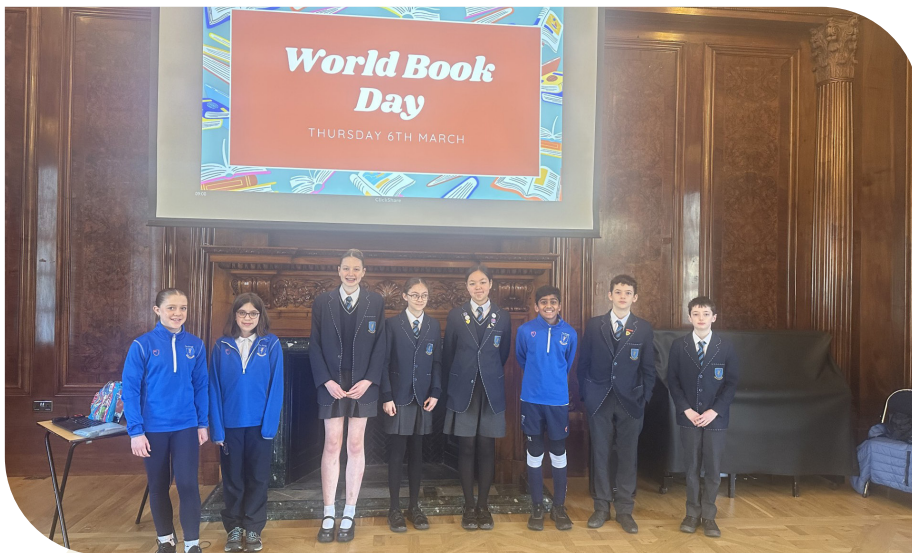
Read Your Way! This was the theme of World Book Day 2025 that took place on 6th March. The English team and the Library worked through the week encouraging book talk from lesson discussion prompts and classroom activities - celebrating all things book!



For Key Stage 3 students, there was a 50-word short story competition (closes at the end of March) which will reward the top three entries with Amazon vouchers. Key Stage 4 had the challenge to locate and solve a series of book themed riddles with all entries entered into the prize draw.

At lunchtime, students were invited to create bookmarks or make blackout poems. There was a book swap too with students really making the most of it. All students also received a book token to use against any book which can also be redeemed in the upcoming annual Book Fair!

Please continue to share stories, poems and books together and I'd love to hear from you with recommendations, reviews and ideas!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Don't miss out on the Scholastic Book Fair. The books arrive on 25th March for a week and books can be purchased with cash or card reader.





CHARITY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Comic Relief afternoon on Friday.

It was an afternoon full of fun and laughter where our students teamed up in their minibus groups to compete against each other in various fun activities including:

welly wanging, egg and spoon race, water relay, backwards relay, sack race, three-legged-race, dress-up-as-you-race, hula hoop and tug of wars!

We raised an incredible £1,600 on the day, including a pop up bake sale organised by Year 7 two students Amelie M and Amy R.





LINCOCUT WORKSHOP

New! One day Linocut Print Workshop for Easter Holiday in the 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. The cost is £95 with all equipment provided. Beginners are welcome and those with some experience who wish to develop their practice. This will be a fun creative day for all. Refreshments will be available during the day but please bring your own lunch. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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

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KEY DATES

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th March - Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 26th March – Year 11 Invited Parental Consultation
Friday 28th March - -Saturday 29th March – Bronze D of E Practice Expedition
Saturday 29th March – Sunday 30th March – Malawi Expeditions Training Weekend
Monday 31st March – Year 11 Art/3D/Textiles Practical Exams
Monday 31st – Friday 4th April Year 10 Mock Exams
Monday 31st March – Hamilton Community Theatre Trip
Tuesday 1st April – and Wednesday 2nd April – Year 9 Core Parental Consultation
Wednesday 2nd April – HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 3rd April – Year 9 Language Leaders
Friday 4th April – End of Term, 12:55pm
Monday 7th April to Thursday 17th April Easter Holidays
Friday 18th April - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 21st April – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 22nd April – INSET Day (Staff Only)
Wednesday 23rd April – Start of Term

