

## *A Celebration of Victory!*



### VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 80<sup>TH</sup> CEREMONY

On Thursday morning we held VE 80 ceremony at the school flagpole which was attended by staff and tutor representatives from each year. A moment of reflection took place and Mr Lerego read a portion of Churchill's VE Day speech.

The last post was played by Jack B and the choir sang a medley of wartime songs.

### VE THEMED LUNCH

Events were televised at different points throughout the day and our catering team produced a wonderful celebratory menu with imaginative names such as Spitfire Corned Beef Hash and Vera Lynn Fruit Flan!



## VE PROJECTS

VE Day 80 has been commemorated in a variety of ways this year. Some members of the Year 8 History project group: Wickham L, Jonathan M, Ava D, Charlie I and Harriet F helped with attaching all of the red, white and blue tissue paper flowers made by all our tutor groups, to our VE 80 bases provided by Mr Bartlett in DT. This display was presented in the ceremony held at the flagpole on VE Day itself.



Our Library supported the occasion with a range of war time books for students to read.



The tutor groups also took part in a 'decorate your bunting' competition. There were some great creations and the winners were Mrs Carrier's tutor group.

In all Key Stage 3 lessons students have been learning about the war and watched a recording of a live production by Theatre Online about one family's experience during World War II. This was followed with a choice of homework activities such as newspaper front cover writing of VE day to 1945

menus to celebrate the day, collages and poems. These are on display in school. Well done to everyone's efforts.

Thank you to the whole school community for getting involved in this very special commemoration.

Mrs Walker



## V FOR VICTORY!

Our students came very patriotically dressed in their red, white and blue outfits and each year group got together to create our V for Victory on the lawn below the terrace.





## STUDENTS EXCEL IN UKMT CHALLENGE

We are delighted to congratulate Helena R (Year 11), Samuel K (Year 11), and Hien L (Year 10) for their outstanding performance in the UKMT Pink Kangaroo Challenge. All three students achieved Bronze in this prestigious follow-up round to the Intermediate UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) competition.

Their success in the Pink Kangaroo round follows their impressive Gold awards in the Intermediate UKMT earlier this year — a testament to their dedication, talent, and mathematical ability.

Well done to Helena, Samuel, and Hien for representing the school so excellently and for continuing to set such a high standard in mathematics!

Mr Dullaghan



## WINNERS AGAIN!

On Wednesday we took 30 students from Year 7-10 to the annual Southampton City Schools Swimming Gala. We were able to enter competitors into almost every race and the students supported each other brilliantly across the afternoon.



The Gregg School got off to a flying start winning the first four freestyle relays. Next was the individual medley - Jess HC filled in last minute to compete in the boys open event and came 3rd! Lucia E competed in a really strong field, made up of Year 9/10 students, in which our brilliant Year 8 came 3rd.

Year 7 boys squad

Our next wins again came from Jess and Lucia competing in the back-stroke followed by Kim S, Noah H, Lottie PL who won their fly races, and then we finished with a flurry of wins in the medley relays.

Thank you so much to all of the students that represented us. The boys came second and the girls came first which means:

**We have WON the Southampton schools swimming gala for an astonishing 16 years in a row!**

Mr Bayford

## IDEA AWARD

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jack G for completing his Bronze iDEA award this term.



## LUCY WORSLEY

A group of staff and students went to the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke last week to hear Lucy Worsley talk about Jane Austen, her life and the houses where she lived. It was a truly inspiring and fascinating evening!



## SAILING SUCCESS

Year 9 student Harry O'C spent the bank holiday weekend competing in the Eric Twinaine Championship 2025 in Rutland. He came first with his sailing partner Cass in his two-handed sailing boat RS Feva.

Organised by the Royal Yachting Association this is a highly competitive championship in association with British Sailing that encourages young sailors to represent their region or home county.

Harry has a number of National and World sailing competitions ahead of him this year but this is a wonderful start to the season. Good luck in your future competitions Harry!





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# AFTERNOON CREAM TEA

## PICNIC IN THE PARK!

Friday 23rd May  
4pm to 6pm

Afternoon tea box includes:  
Cream & Jam Scone  
Cheese Scone & Butter  
Choc Brownie  
Slice of Cake  
Tea/Coffee

£15 PER BOX!

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GLUTEN FREE OPTION

*Bring a picnic blanket and chairs (if required).  
Friends, family and well-behaved pooches welcome.*

Prosecco Bar!  
Live Music!

Supporting Southampton Hospital  
school garden glow-up initiative

Book at: <https://forms.officecom/e/EqkTSr9Uvq>

## THANK YOU AND FAREWELL



It seems fitting to bid farewell to our esteemed colleague in her last newsletter! For the past 8 years, Mrs Samuel-Camps has been the lady who has sourced the stories and produced our newsletters, along with all of our social media. Thank you for all of your hard work in spreading the great news about The Gregg Schools and we wish you all the best for the future. You'll be greatly missed...

Mrs Allen



## OPEN DAY

Saturday 28th June  
10am – 1 pm

- Bring your family and friends to wander around the school and gardens.
- There are activities for the children to enjoy whilst you chat to teachers in the classrooms.
- Take a look at the Art students' fantastic GCSE work.
- Listen to our music students performing and watch drama sketches.
- Enjoy refreshments in our beautiful grounds.

*We look forward  
to seeing you!*



## DIARY DATES

Monday 12th May  
GCSE Photography Trip to London

Friday 16th May  
Year 8 Trip to Bletchley Park

Saturday 17th–Sunday 18th May  
D of E Bronze Final Expedition

Monday 19th May–Friday 23rd May  
ABIDE Week

Monday 19th May–Tuesday 20th May  
Year 10 Parent Consultation

Friday 23rd May  
Year 9 Key Skills Student Support Trip

Friday 23rd May  
FROGS High Tea Summer Social

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May  
Half Term

*Happy VE 80 to All!*