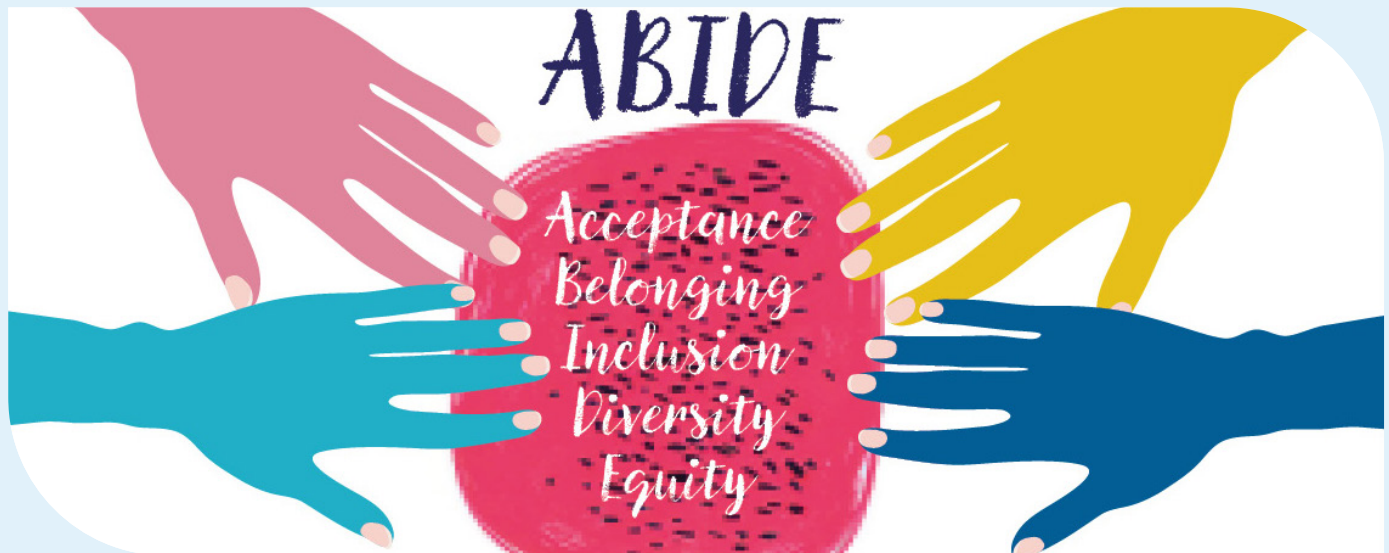




ABIDE WEEK



This week we celebrated ABIDE Week! As part of the Respect Programme, the school has been exploring the themes of Acceptance, Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity through projects, classwork, competitions and visiting speakers.

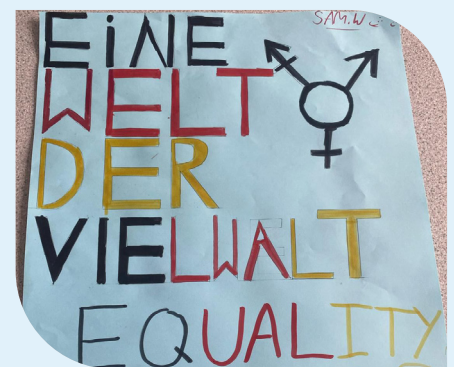


This week strengthens our ongoing work on ABIDE as research has shown that work on diversity and inclusion in schools improves academic performance. When students feel included and valued, they are more likely to engage in their learning and perform better academically. Educating

our students around these issues also engages deeper thinking and encourages qualities such as greater understanding of others, tolerance, empathy and a clear guide as to right from wrong - a key grounding for our future citizens of society.

Here are some highlights from our week:

Year 8 designed spoons in their 3D Design lessons for people with difficulties holding cutlery, whilst in their MFL lessons they wrote about ABIDE in the different languages and made banners to take around the school.



Former student Katie Pace visited the school and delivered some awareness-raising workshops about living with a disability. She is an impactful speaker who genuinely engages with the students; her honesty and passion is really empowering. At the end



of the sessions, students were able to play a cleverly made game of snakes and ladders which gave students options about the advantages and disadvantages of living with a disability and really made our students think with empathy and consideration of others.



The school celebrated Cultural Diversity Day on Thursday. Students and staff came to school wearing a costume, badge or item of clothing that represented their culture or something that gave them a sense of belonging. This ranged from national costumes, to sporting affiliations, to charity and community work – Mrs Carrier's RNLI wellies were fabulous!



There was also a cultural cake-and-bake sale. Students brought in snacks with a theme of diversity and inclusion or from different countries: Welsh cakes, Japanese mochi, Victoria sponge and scones and Swiss chocolate brownie to

name a few. There was a great buzz in the dining room as students tasted new foods, experiencing and appreciating the cultures of others. The proceeds raised will go to our school charity the Southampton Hospital School.

ABIDE activities from Year 7 to Year 9 were in earnest all week in lessons, the Library and around the school. You can find what each subject offered on this **Firefly link**. There are lots of photos and examples of some lovely work.



The week concludes with our Picnic in the Park where our Gregg families and friends, including from our Prep School and our upcoming Year 7s, are joining together to celebrate Britishness and the values of Britain over a high tea.

ABIDE week certainly created an atmosphere of excitement and activity, but it also, importantly, gave our students the space for conversation on these important themes, developed understanding of others' perspectives and helped to build empathy for one another.

A week of embracing diversity brought together the school community, encouraging a great sense of unity. Thank you to everyone for their support and hard work in making the week a success.

Mrs Clifton



CULTURAL CAKES!



GCSE STATISTICS PROGRAMME – YEAR 9

The Maths Department is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for students in the current Year 9 cohort who are demonstrating strong ability in Mathematics. We will be offering a GCSE Statistics Programme, providing students with the chance to explore the subject in greater depth and gain this additional GCSE qualification.

Programme Overview

Students will independently study the Edexcel Higher Tier GCSE Statistics curriculum.

They will check in once per half term with a member of the Maths Department to discuss their progress and understanding of the content. All communication regarding meetings and tasks will be shared via the school's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Assessment and Entry

Readiness for entry into the Summer 2026 GCSE Statistics exam will be reviewed in February 2026. This decision will be made in consultation with the student, their class teacher, and parents.

How to Get Involved

Students who are interested in taking part in the programme should contact Miss Carter via email at: nac@thegreggschools.org

Miss Carter

HAMPSHIRE HISTORY ARCHIVES COMPETITION

This year, for the first time, we entered the Hampshire History Archives competition. Secondary Schools from all over Hampshire can enter projects, either in groups or as individuals, to show their use of an archive.

A group of selected year 8 students joined the 'History Project Club' to work on their chosen project using our school archive. We have just heard that Ava D and Harriet F came in second place for their innovative project on Townhill Park House, which they built as a scale replica model, putting their information together by scanning the QR codes in the room. The judges said that they only missed out on first place by the narrowest of margins!

Jonathan M, in the individual section, was also highly commended for his project on Mr Gregg, who established many secretarial schools across the country. Also highly commended were Caitlin V and Ellie D for their lovely project on Townhill Park Gardens. A great result for our first year of entry! The students will be presented with their certificates by the organisers later in the term.

Many thanks also go to Mrs Mitchell for assisting the students with their work in the archive - not an easy task! Also to Mr Morgan Vassaf for his technical support in submitting the entries, and to all the staff who gave interviews or answered student questions for their projects.

Mrs Walker



NEW MAYOR GREGG ALUMNI!

On 14th May, Southampton City Council welcomed the 803rd Mayor and 4th Lord Mayor of Southampton in the annual Mayor Making Ceremony at O2 Guildhall.



Councillor James Baillie, Gregg Class of 2005, officially made the declaration of office on the day. Congratulations James!



HOUSE COMPETITION & HOUSE STAR AWARDS – TERM 2

Following the Spring Term's house events, the standings remain unchanged:

🏆 Trojan – 1st Place

🥈 Roman – 2nd Place

🥉 Spartan – 3rd Place

However, it's getting closer! The gap has narrowed to just two events—setting the stage for an exciting Summer Term.

With a packed calendar ahead, students can look forward to competing in House Rounders, Tennis, Cricket, Pétanque, and Sports Day. Every event is an opportunity to earn points and help your house climb the leaderboard!

🌟 House Star Awards 🌟

Students earn a House Star from their Head of House and a Mercury from their Form Tutor for every five house events completed. The Spring Term House Star recipients are listed below.

Kimberley S	1 STAR	Amie S	1 STAR	Charlie L	1 STAR	Sophie G	1 STAR
Tam L	1 STAR	Jacob S	1 STAR	Charlotte C	1 STAR	Darcey A	1 STAR
Isaiah N	1 STAR	Anabelle G	1 STAR	Lexie P	1 STAR	Elise B	1 STAR
Lillian M	1 STAR	Bonny K	1 STAR	Olivia S	1 STAR	Will R	1 STAR
Amber G	1 STAR	Jerzy B	1 STAR	Thomas C	2 STAR	Lucia E	1 STAR
Izzy M	1 STAR	Tilly C	1 STAR	Ava D	1 STAR	Rhys T	1 STAR
Abishana A	1 STAR	Marc V	1 STAR	Charlie I	1 STAR	Charlotte C	1 STAR
Kaelin W	1 STAR	Luca I	1 STAR	Florence P	1 STAR	Benjamin P	1 STAR
Jenson S	1 STAR	Sophie H	1 STAR	Amelie M	2 STAR	Charlie G	1 STAR
Hien L	1 STAR	Holly H	1 STAR	Constance P	1 STAR	Harry L	1 STAR
Lillie S	1 STAR	Finn B	1 STAR	Fatima A	1 STAR	Lois B	1 STAR
Dimitrios R	1 STAR	Rory S	1 STAR	Jai N	1 STAR	Freya P	1 STAR
Layla K	1 STAR			Libby N	1 STAR	Lizzie R	1 STAR
Jack H	1 STAR			Rubén S	1 STAR	Bethany R	1 STAR
Harrison H	1 STAR			Ryan J	1 STAR	Jonathan M	1 STAR
George W	1 STAR			Zara P	1 STAR	Noah H	1 STAR
Lexi P	1 STAR			Amelie B	1 STAR	Bayar S	1 STAR
Alexandra P	1 STAR					Yasin A	1 STAR

🌟 Don't forget: instructions on how to iron on the House Star patches can be found on the Firefly page. Ironing instructions: <https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/house-events/house-star-ironing-instructions>

HOUSE TOPS! A reminder for the link to the new house tops. <https://playerlayer.com/teams/gregg-school/coming-soon.html>

CRICKET – HOWZAT!

Year 7 and 8 boys had a fantastic win against Bitterne Park tonight with a 6 wicket victory in our beautiful grounds.

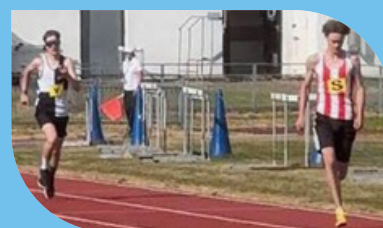
Ryan J led the bowling performance, Charlie G (representing us in his 4th sport of the year!) kept well and Angus P, Ardel F steadied the ship with the bat after losing a couple of wickets.

Thanks to all who played. Junior Nets are on a Tuesday for anybody interested and the girls are going to have a friendly soon with local school Regent's Park as well.



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Year 10 student Oscar I who competed in the Wessex League athletics meet representing Southampton Athletics Club where he achieved two firsts!



One in the high jump with a new PB of 1m 63cm and one in the 400m.

Well done Oscar!

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Lexie P in Year 10 who has got through to the next stage of Independent Schools U16 England selection - the next steps will be a 3 day summer camp for our senior girls captain!



YEAR 8 FOOD PREPARATION & NUTRITION TRIP TO HOLT FARM



Year 8 Food students recently took a trip to Holt Farm near Upham in the South Downs, where they learnt about how sustainable farming methods can support the environment. The children met some grass-fed Norfolk Red and Aberdeen Angus beef cows and their calves, and some Wiltshire horned sheep.

After a stroll through a meadow dotted with daisies and other wild flowers, they discovered how pastures and meadows can absorb carbon from the atmosphere. Students looked more closely at some of the crops grown on the farm and how they are processed



into 'everyday' food items. In addition, students learnt all about the different farm machinery that is used and how it has developed over time. We will be following up the trip in upcoming Food lessons!

Miss Gibbs and Mrs Grice

YEAR 10 FOOD VISIT TO EASTLEIGH COLLEGE

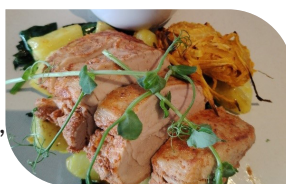
Our Year 10 Food students had a tour around Eastleigh College recently. Students were shown around the Hair and Beauty, Art and Photography, and Engineering departments, before having a tour of the kitchen and eating at the East Avenue Restaurant.

The level 2 students prepared and cooked our food, whilst we enjoyed the atmosphere in the restaurant. Students chose from dishes on the

Summer Lunch Menu, such as smoked duck, mango coulis and oriental salad; pan fried hake with a cockle broth; mushroom and green lentil moussaka; and banoffee cheesecake pavlova.

We look forward to seeing how the trip inspires our students with their recipe ideas and presentation!

Miss Gibbs and Mrs Grice



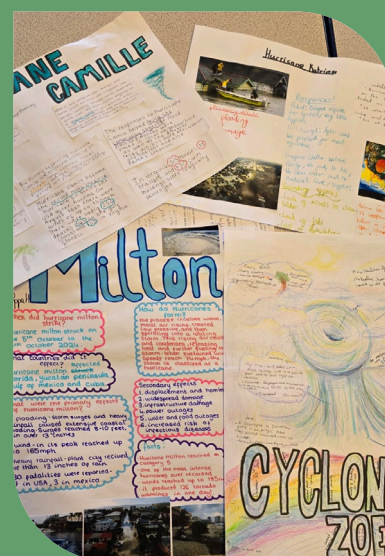
YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, Year 9 have been studying hurricanes with the focus on specific case studies.



They carried out an investigation research project collecting data on primary and secondary effects as well as solutions and responses. Students shared and presented their work.

Well done Year 9!



YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY

Our Year 10 photography students recently embarked on an inspiring tour of London, blending architecture, artist research, and beautiful sunny skies. From iconic buildings to dynamic cityscapes, students captured some truly stunning shots that reflected both their creativity and technical growth.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Tate Modern's "Electric Dreams: Art Before the Internet" exhibition, offering fresh insight into the digital age's early pioneers and iconic works. It was a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on how art and technology intersect.

Throughout the day, students were challenged to adjust their camera settings in real-time—balancing composition, lighting, and timing—without missing a moment. Their skills were put to the test and they certainly delivered.



As we walked across the Millennium Bridge towards the Lloyd's Building and the Gherkin, students captured impressive patterns, reflections, and structures—highlighting the rhythm and beauty of London's architectural landscape.

The day ended with a relaxing boat ride along the Thames, offering more chances to photograph the skyline and soak in the sunshine. After nearly 17,000 steps, we made it back just in time for our train home!

This trip marks the beginning of what promises to be a portfolio full of striking images and unique perspectives.

SURVIVAL SKILLS

Last week our Year 7 students continued learning survival skills in Outdoor Learning.

We discussed safety around the use of knives and then they found their own stick to whittle into a peg ready for den making.



Everyone was very careful and improved their skills and confidence considerably; it was also very encouraging observing their focus and determination in mastering new skills and leadership in helping each other!

Mrs Webb



SCIENTISTS OF THE MONTH



Zoe B Year 9

Zoe has worked really hard in all her lessons this year. She always makes a great effort to answer questions in class and has been a pleasure to teach.



Ethan R Year 10

Ethan has achieved very high grades in his Year 10 exams. He always asks excellent questions to push his understanding of Science concepts.



D OF E EXPEDITION

We had another extremely successful weekend with our Year 9 students completing their Bronze expedition in the New Forest. A bright and early start on Saturday morning saw all six of our groups beginning their first day's walk after meeting with their assessors. During their hike, students have to stick to their planned route and times on their route cards and meet their assessors at various locations during the day. The day was blessed by glorious weather which meant that spirits were high as all groups made their way to their overnight camp at Ferny Croft. At the campsite the task



turned to putting up tents and cooking their evening meal on their camping stoves, and by 9 o'clock a tired group of Year 9 students were ready to turn in.



Surprisingly, everyone was up early in the morning and ready to go. Breakfast was cooked and devoured and groups met again with their assessors. The second day's hike

started promptly and was even more successful than the first day. All groups kept on track and on time, finishing their expedition with a smile by mid-afternoon. We even had some cheerful singing from some groups as they romped home to their finishing points.



I would like to thank the staff that gave up their time to help with the weekend. I would also like to thank the Year 9 students who made the weekend so enjoyable. I can't remember a final expedition that has gone so smoothly, so credit to them all. It goes, almost without saying, that all the groups passed with flying colours.

Just a reminder to all students that they need to complete their other sections to gain their Bronze award. Good luck.

Mr Cooper



COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Barton Peveril Open Events

24th and 25th September 2025. They have launched a Register Your Interest form where you can be the first to know when official tickets for the open events become available and receive updates and important information about open events. Click [here](#) for the link to the form.

Sparsholt Open Evening:

Thursday 12th June 5-7pm.
Register here: sparsholt.ac.uk/opendays/

Peter Symonds Open Evening:

Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July 5.30pm-8.30pm. Register here: psc.ac.uk/open-evening/register



EASY FUNDRAISING

On Donation Day, easyfundraising paid over 30,000 causes a share of £1.7 million, including The Friends of Gregg School. Donation Day is a significant event in the easyfundraising calendar. Occurring four times a year, on this day easyfundraising pass on all the donations that are ready to be paid to registered good causes.

Thank you to all our supporters for raising FREE donations for FROGS. Simply by shopping online, your donations make a huge difference to our fundraising. It's easy to use - all you have to do is sign up and do your usual online shopping via easyfundraising to raise free donations for the school.

There are thousands of retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more. If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, please sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thefriendsofgreggschool/?utm_campaign=raisemore&utm_content=s-f2

LIBRARY NEWS

The Book Besties have had a selection of diverse books to pick from! We are shadowing the Carnegies this year as well as reviewing a range of books for the Blue Peter Book Club AND we were gifted a copy each of Sophie Cameron's Flash of Neon. (Did I mention the choccie rewards for book reviews?!)

You don't have to be in the Book Club though to enjoy reading - come take your pick from new titles and classic texts, non-fiction and graphic novels - they're all here for you. Happy half term break! Ms King



OPEN DAY

Saturday 28th June
10am – 1pm

- Bring your family and friends to wander around the school and gardens.
- 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.

[Book here](#)



KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Monday 2nd June

Return to school

Wednesday 4th June

ISA Athletics at Eton

Friday 6th June

Teen Booster/HPV Catch-up

Sunday 8th June

Clarendon Way Walk

Tuesday 10th June

Mini Clarendon Way Walk in School
(Years 7 & 8)

Thursday 12th June

Mini Clarendon Way Walk in School
(Year 9 & 10)

Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th June

Year 10 GCSE Food Mock Practical Exams

Tuesday 17th June

City Athletics (Years 7-10)

Wednesday 18th June

Year 7 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

Thursday 19th June

Year 11 Leavers' Trip to Thorpe Park

Thursday 19th June

Year 10 GCSE Food Mock Practical Exams

Thursday 19th June

Gregg's Got Talent

Friday 20th June

Year 11 Leavers' Day, 11am – 2pm

Saturday 21st - Monday 23rd June

Silver DofE Final

Wishing you a happy half term break!