



BLETCHLEY PARK

CRACKING CODES & EXPLORING THE FUTURE



On Friday 16th May, 60 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 set off on an exciting educational trip to Bletchley Park, organised by the Maths and Computer Science departments. Known as the historic home of British codebreaking during World War II, Bletchley Park offered a unique opportunity for students to explore the fascinating world of cryptography and computing history.

The highlight of the day was a cipher workshop, where students got hands-on experience with various codes and ciphers used during the war. A particularly exciting moment was when the students were able to use an authentic Enigma Machine—the same machine famously used by Benedict Cumberbatch in the film *The Imitation Game*. This hands-on experience brought history to life and deepened the students' understanding of the mathematical and logical thinking behind encryption.

Throughout the day, students were

commended for their engagement, curiosity, and behaviour. They represented The Gregg School brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm and respect for the historical importance of the site.



A powerful 'takeaway' from the visit was learning how the work carried out at Bletchley Park is credited with shortening the war by at least two years, saving millions of lives. This gave students a profound appreciation for the role of mathematics, logic, and computing in real-world problem-solving and historical impact.

In the afternoon, the group also explored Bletchley Park's new Artificial Intelligence exhibition, which sparked thoughtful discussions among the students. The interactive displays and thought-provoking exhibits encouraged them to reflect on the growing influence of AI in our everyday lives—from smart assistants to automated decision-making.

Well done to all who took part in making this visit a success!





THE CLARENDON WAY WALK 2025



Last Sunday, 21 Gregg School individuals and families took part in the Clarendon Way Walk for Naomi House and Jack's Place.

Our most enduring walkers started at Winchester for the full 26 mile trek to Salisbury, whilst others joined at Broughton for the 12 mile walk or at Pitton to walk 5 miles.

The weather was kind and the scenery stunning as we walked calmly through the beautiful countryside, absorbing the lush green nature around us, and all for a cause close to our hearts.

It is a very friendly event, superbly organised by Naomi House, with many volunteers marshalling along the way, including the family of alumni Peter Abrahams who were delighted to see The Gregg supporting the charity where Peter works.

Congratulations to all our finishers:

26 miles:

Mrs Hillyear, Mr Gillespie, Mr Cooper, Mr Lloyd, Mr Veal and Mr Morgan-Vassaf, Jana A, Cordelia B and Finlay C.

12 miles:

Mrs Allen, Mrs Rendall, Mrs King, Olivia S, Tom C, Amelie B with her mum and Charlotte N with her mum and Katie W's family.

5 miles:

Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Wesson, Mrs Webb, Flo P and her family.

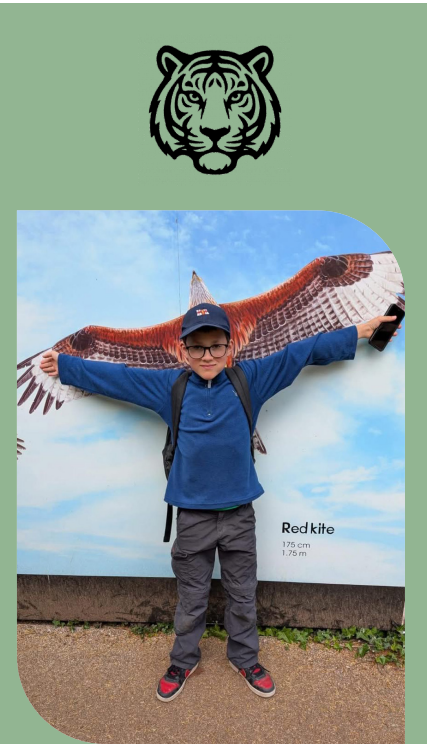


SCIENCE TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO



On Friday 23rd May, the Science Department took our Year 7 students to Marwell Zoological Park for a day of science and ecological learning.

The trip covered some aspects of the Key Stage 3 curriculum, including classification, ecology and the work Marwell is doing to protect endangered species. The presentation we received about the cat family (family Felidae), focusing on behaviour and adaptations was very informative.





FRESH BAMBOO PLEASE!

Two members of the Carnivore Team from Marwell Zoo came to visit us this week. Ashleigh and Carrie came to our arboretum to collect bamboo for their two red pandas, Tashi and Cherry.

Whilst technically being classed as carnivores, a red panda's diet consists of 98% bamboo. They can eat up to 10,000 leaves of bamboo **a day** in the wild. Our Grounds Team learnt that these red pandas are fussy eaters and like their bamboo fresh!

In the wild, red pandas can be found in cold, high altitudes in Asia and the Himalayas. Sadly, they are classed as endangered in the wild due to habitat loss and fragmentation, poaching and climate change.



HOUSE BAKE-OFF

Following fierce competition, here are the winners of the House Bake Off - well done for your delicious entries!

1st place Layla K, Roman

2nd place Luca H, Spartan

3rd place Benji F, Trojan

However, taking into account the points gained from all of the entries for each house means that the overall House Bake Off results are:

1st Roman

2nd Trojan

3rd Spartan



SAILING SUCCESS



Harry O'C and Henry R took part in the RS Feva 2025 Nationals over half term.

The National competition was held in Edinburgh over a series of days and featured around 100 of the best sailors in the UK competing for a podium position. The sailing conditions were challenging out at sea with high winds, with one day cancelled due to extreme weather gusting up to 50 knots and 1.5m waves!

Harry and his sailing partner, Cassius, sailed well alongside a cohort of skilled and experienced sailors, and came third in the Gold Fleet, narrowly missing out on first place by an OCS (when the boat crosses the start line too early).

Henry (and his crew) came first in the Silver Fleet and second in his age category; a fantastic showing considering it was their first national event.

Well done to Harry and Henry!



ABIDE MIGRATEFUL WORKSHOP



As part of this year's ABIDE week, students across Years 8, 9 and 10 were invited to participate in an online Migrateful workshop, where they made two Iranian dishes:

BAGHALI POLO - Rice with broad beans and saffron chicken

It can be made with chicken or lamb, but lamb takes more time to cook. The chicken is marinated in saffron water before cooking. Saffron is an essential ingredient in Iranian food. The chicken is served with rice. Iranians eat rice at least 4 times a week - so for a change, we like to add other ingredients.

MAST O KHIAR - Yoghurt and Cucumber

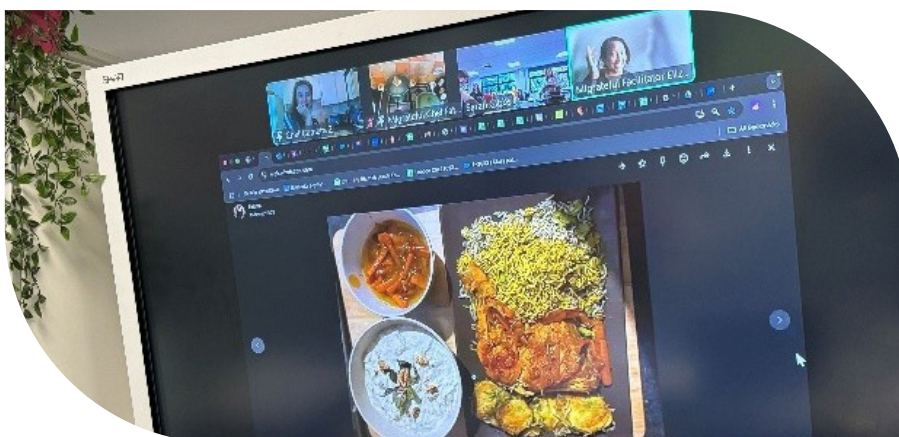
Iranian main dishes always have a side dish or a salad. This side dish goes very well with the saffron chicken. There is a popular drink in Iran that is similar to this dish - with yoghurt, fizzy water and dried herbs. It's delicious!

Not only did the session enrich and develop students' cooking skills and palette, but it also helped develop their awareness and empathy of people who, for many reasons, have had to leave their homes to travel to the UK.

Migrateful does wonderful work to integrate migrants and refugees into the work place by developing their cooking skills, so they may teach recipes from their home countries or gain work in restaurants. Migrateful have helped nurture talent, so they can share their food and cultural traditions with students such as ours.

Thank you to Chef Fatima who guided the students with their cooking!

Miss Gibbs and Mrs Grice



CHARITY CONCERT

On Saturday 28th June, Embley Park are holding a Candlelight Concert in support of the Jibraan Chaudhary Sepsis Research Foundation (JCSR), a charity set up to fund vital research into sepsis in leukaemia patients.

This will be a beautiful, moving evening of live music by candlelight and more than just a concert, it's a chance to raise awareness and make a real difference.

Every single penny from ticket sales goes directly to the foundation. No admin fees. No deductions. Just impact.

Staff, families and friends of The Gregg School can use voucher code **JCSR15** when booking to receive £15 off.

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Candlelight

By **JCSR FC**
JIBRAAN CHAUDHARY

Experience an enchanting musical performance by talented musicians at the iconic home of Florence Nightingale at Embley Park. Illuminated by the warm glow of thousands of candles, Candlelight® by Fever creates an immersive and intimate atmosphere like no other. An evening of Hollywood Soundtracks.

Saturday 28th June 2025
Doors open at 20:15 / Concert begins at 21:15 prompt
Embley Park, West Wellow, Romsey SO51 6ZE

Dress Code: Black Tie

Drinks and canapés included

Purchase tickets here: <https://feverup.com/m/360514>

STUDENTS SHINE AT ISA COMPETITION

Last Wednesday, 24 talented pupils from The Gregg School travelled to the prestigious Eton track to represent us at the ISA London West Athletics Championships – and what a day it was!

Throughout the event, our young athletes showcased not only their sporting abilities but also exemplary sportsmanship and team spirit, making us incredibly proud. The sun stayed with us for much of the day, providing perfect conditions for some fantastic performances.



Our team finished the competition with an impressive medal haul:

Gold Medals

- U15 Discus – Declan S
- U15 300m – Harry K

Silver Medals

- U17 400m – Oscar I
- U15 Triple Jump – Noah H
- U17 Triple Jump – Joel C
- U15 200m – Harry K

Bronze Medals

- U15 Discus – Bonny K
- U15 High Jump – Declan S



We are also delighted to share that Oscar, Declan and Harry have been selected to represent our region at the National ISA Athletics Championships in Birmingham later this term. We wish them the very best of luck as they take on the best young athletes from across the country.

Reflecting on the day, a member of staff said:

“What a long but fantastic day. Some of our pupils had never competed in track events before, but their attitude and behaviour did The Gregg School proud. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another and striving to do their best.”

Congratulations to all who took part – you were a credit to the school.

ATHLETICS CLUB – GIVE IT A GO!

Athletics continues to go from strength to strength at The Gregg School. Our after-school Athletics Club runs every Monday from 4–5pm – new members are always welcome. We look forward to our next event, the City Athletics competition, which takes place on Tuesday 17th June.



ISA COMPETITION



JOHN JENKINS CUP



Before half term, on 23rd May, The Gregg took a senior boys football team to the John Jenkins 5 a side cup in Portsmouth.

Our boys did incredibly well in a high-level competition to finish joint 3rd. Myles O scored 5 goals, Harry L put his body on the line in familiar territory and Archie L was imperious in goal.

All of the boys represented us so well. We would like to thank Portsmouth FC and Mr Barnard for hosting us.

Mr Bayford



BMX COMPETITION

James W in Year 8, recently competed in a BMX competition with his club, Knightwood BMX, at the event they were hosting for clubs around the region. Having completed training along with 6 races, he was eligible to compete in the KWD BMX Winter Series. James came 4th in the 13-14 years age category. Well done James!



SENIOR CRICKET



Our Senior cricket team won against Oasis Sholing on Tuesday evening, captained by Year 9 Noah H who led the team to victory against a competitive Sholing team.

Year 7 Ryan made his debut for the senior team, top scoring as we made our way to 100 off of 12 overs. Bonny K played too and she's a super cricket star!

Archie L and Ryan J were also the pick of the bowlers on a sunny evening at Netley Cricket Club. Well done, team!





COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Peter Symonds has Open Evenings on 2nd and 3rd of July. Please visit their website to book a place: <https://psc.ac.uk/open>

The South Hampshire College Group have various open days throughout June. Please see below for more details.



South Hampshire College Group **Community Open Days**

Dive In

Join us for fun-filled open days with exciting activities for all ages – there's more than meets the eye!

<p>Saturday 14 June 11:00 – 14:00 Southampton College</p> <p>Saturday 21 June 11:00 – 14:00 Eastleigh College</p> <p>Saturday 28 June 11:00 – 14:00 Fareham College</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Explore our excellent facilities ★ Meet our expert lecturers ★ Learn about our course and apprenticeship options ★ Live music & performances ★ Prizes to be won ★ Bouncy castle ★ Refreshments ★ Stalls and much more!
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Register your visit shcg.ac.uk/events
All proceeds to Alfie's Wish, a children's cancer charity

WEDDING FAIR

Do you know a bride to be? Why not come along to the Hampshire Wedding Network Wedding Fair at The Gregg School:



TOWNHILL PARK HOUSE

Wedding Fair

Sunday June 22nd 11am-3pm

Hosted by Hampshire Wedding Network

H.W.N HAMPSHIRE WEDDING NETWORK
Tel: 02380 472133
events@thegreggschools.org
www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk
The Gregg School, Cutbush Lane, Southampton SO18 3RR

THE GREGG SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Current and prospective families are welcome to come to our Open Day on Saturday 28th June.
Simply click here to book online.

We need lots of help on the day - please remember to complete the Student Helper form that was sent via email.



THE GREGG

Open Day

Saturday 28th June 2025
10am-1pm



KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

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, 8.30am - 11.30am

Saturday 21st - Monday 23rd June
Silver DofE Final

Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th June
Year 7 Parental Consultations

Wednesday 25th June
Summer Concert

Thursday 26th June
Year 7 Trip to Hengistbury Head

Thursday 26th June
Open Day at The Gregg School

Saturday 28th June
Year 11 Prom

Wishing you a lovely weekend!