



NURTURING CHARACTER FOR A CHANGING WORLD

As we step into a new academic year with fresh energy and purpose, we are delighted to shine a spotlight on one of our most cherished initiatives: **The Respect Programme.**

Now in its fourth year, this cornerstone of our pastoral and personal development ethos continues to evolve, remaining firmly aligned with the demands of a rapidly changing world.

While academic excellence remains at the heart of our mission, we recognise that the future our students are preparing for is dynamic and unpredictable. Many of the careers they will pursue do not yet exist! **What will set them apart is not just knowledge, but character.**



Our Respect Programme is designed to cultivate the essential life skills and values that will empower our students to thrive—whatever path they choose.



Resilience, adaptability, empathy, teamwork, self-respect, and a deep regard for human rights are just a few of the qualities we aim to nurture.

We also champion the timeless values of compassion, generosity, equality, and inclusivity, ensuring our students grow not only as learners but as conscientious global citizens.

We have our Respect Charter proudly displayed in every classroom, alongside our Respect Points guidance, which reinforces our

school's core values in everyday interactions.

These visual reminders are more than just posters—they are a daily call to action, encouraging students to live out the principles we hold dear.

At its heart, the Respect Programme is a celebration of the whole person. It is a commitment to wellbeing, personal growth, and the kind of character that will help our students stand out—not just in interviews or exams, but in life.

We look forward to another year of growth, reflection, and respect.



HOW TO EARN RESPECT POINTS



Respect ® The Gregg School



R – Recognise that everyone is different
E – Empathise with others
S – Self-monitor and think first
P – Promote respect through behaviour
E – Encourage others to act in a responsible way
C – Consider the feelings of others
T – Treat everyone as equal

**Take pride in your actions
and your school**



WHAT MAKES A RESPECTFUL STUDENT?



- Working collaboratively in a team
- Listening to the points of view of others
- Demonstrating tolerance
- Demonstrating empathy, cultural awareness and understanding
- Appreciating difference and the abilities of others
- Considering the needs of others
- Taking responsibility for own behaviour in school, on trips and educational visits
- Performing and presenting in front of others and celebrating the achievement of others



4186 points
have been giving
out since the
start of this year.



Year 8 students
are leading the
way with the
REspect points
so far!

“The ‘Respect’ programme strengthens pupil’s resilience and development of personal responsibilities. Pupils’ personal development is rich in examples of their developing understanding about how to play their part as active and responsible citizens. For example, pupils are typically confident and self-assured to challenge stereotypes and keep an open mind. They also demonstrate empathy in being able to ask searching and well informed questions...”

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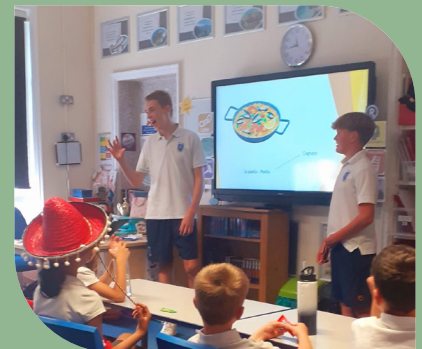


LANGUAGE LEADERS

Language Leaders is a programme for students who are keen to learn how to deliver foreign language lessons to primary age children.

It is open to all Year 9 students and is a great way for them to build confidence in their language skills as well as teaching them how to plan and deliver short lessons.

Every year, we have an amazing group of students take part - it's a great experience teaching younger children and giving something back to the local community.



Language Leaders Award

What is it? A language qualification... (looks really good on your CV)

What will I have to do? Attend sessions learning how to teach languages to primary children, plan lessons, then finally teach a group of primary children!

Who can attend? Anyone in Year 9

**You must be able to attend every
Tuesday lunch 1:10 – 1:40**



FUTURE CHEF



The Gregg School's Future Chef heats was a closely fought contest, with some exceptional cooking from all who took part. Visitors to our Open Evening were wowed by their talent, professionalism and enthusiasm for cooking.

With only a few points between them, the joint winners with 211 points were Tom C, with his homemade ravioli and Louis H with his stuffed chicken with rosti. Olivia S was close behind with some exemplary homemade pasta and foccaccia, with 209 points.

The boys will represent The Gregg School in the Regional Finals, which for the first time will be held at The Gregg School in January where they will compete against the best school cooks in the South.

Well done to everyone, you have made The Gregg School Food and Nutrition department very proud.



MUSIC

The Music Department has had a fantastic start to the academic year, with a great mix of new and returning students attending our lunchtime music clubs. In lessons:

- **Year 7** have been developing their notation reading and keyboard skills.
- **Year 8** have been rocking out on guitars, learning some iconic riffs.
- **Year 9** are exploring improvisation and the elements of jazz.
- **Year 10** are focusing on music theory and composition techniques.
- **Year 11** are working hard on their second composition coursework piece.

Well done to all our students for your enthusiasm and dedication so far! We look forward to seeing even more of you at clubs—especially with our Christmas performances just around the corner.



GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

Our **Year 7** students have been learning about the world of geographical fieldwork this term. As part of their learning, they practised field sketching—an essential geographical skill—using the school grounds to observe and record both human and physical features.

Field sketches are a valuable form of qualitative data, helping students to interpret and understand the characteristics of a location through direct observation.

It's been a fantastic way to bring geography to life and build confidence in using these skills.



Year 9 students recently visited Fleming Park to carry out river surveys along Monks Brook as part of their geography fieldwork. They applied themselves with great enthusiasm, to conducted a range of investigations, including measuring sediment size, river depth, velocity, and wetted perimeter.

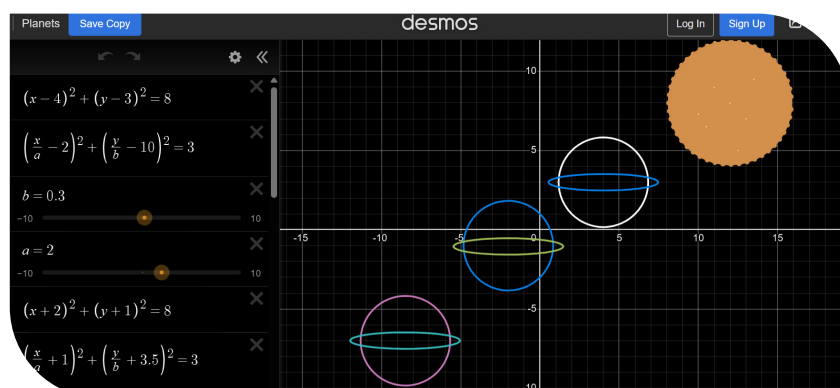


MATHS

Exploring Graphs with DESMOS

Students in Years 9 and 10 have been using Desmos, a dynamic graphing tool, to explore mathematical relationships in a visual and interactive way. Some particularly impressive creations by Jack H highlights how graphing can bring abstract concepts to life.

Graphing helps students make sense of data, spot patterns, and think critically, skills essential for success in maths and beyond. It builds a strong foundation at GCSE and deepens at A Level with concepts like transformations, calculus, and modelling.



MATHS

September Maths Leaderboard

A huge congratulations to the students who topped the leaderboard on MathsWatch and DrFrost this term.

The students will receive 5 Learning Habits as recognition for their hard work and achievement.

MathsWatch

Year

7	Maya M
8	Jacob R
9	Charlie M
10	Harry L
11	Namrita B



Year

7	Bernard T-M
8	Tam L
9	James W
10	Jessica H-C
11	Lexie P

HISTORY



To mark the beginning of Black History Month, twenty six of our History students visited Hollybrook Cemetery to take part in an event held by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Army, the Navy and the Royal British Legion.

The Cemetery has historical significance as the final resting place of many Black soldiers who served with the South African Native Labour Corps and the British West Indies Regiment.

The event offered a meaningful opportunity to connect with the past, honour those who served, and deepen understanding of the diverse contributions made during times of conflict.

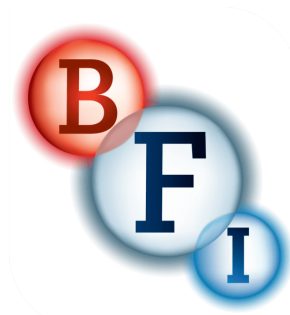
The day concluded with a memorial service where two of our students laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



MEDIA

This month, our GCSE Media Studies students had the opportunity to take part in a virtual event hosted by the British Film Institute (BFI). They looked at the key elements of media language, including visual, technical and audio codes and the use of narrative.

They also had the opportunity to participate in a live Q&A session and collaborated with students from other schools around the country.



PSD UPDATE



Each year we review our PSD (Personal Social Development) curriculum and the policies that correspond with the subject. Part of this is our Relationships and Sex Education Policy.

During the summer the government released new guidelines around the content of the RSE curriculum and, therefore, we have updated our policy accordingly.

Please could we ask that you read the initial draft of our new RSE Policy, which can be found on the PSD Firefly page, and offer any feedback, comment or questions via email to Mrs Upson-Dowie, Head of PSD on mdu@thegreggschools.org.

SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES...

Dive into the magic of books this half term with these thrilling spooky reads that will have you giggling, gasping, and gripping your blanket tight!

Find your favourite snacks, cozy up on the sofa, and get ready for devilishly good reads that beat any movie — and will keep you entertained in between trick-or-treating.



AUTHOR TALK with Emma Swan

On Friday 7th November we are delighted to be welcoming Emma Swan to talk to our Year 7 Students about her life and book - Cruise Ship Kid. She is an engaging, funny and energetic speaker so this is bound to be a great event!

If you would like a discounted and signed copy of her book, please let Ms King know by the 31st of October.

On Friday 7th November 2025 the best-selling author and Horrible Histories West End actor

Emma Swan

will be visiting The Gregg School School to talk about her new book.



There will be an opportunity to purchase a book at the reduced cost of £7.

All books will be signed.

Please order via SchoolMoney by 31st October.



For more information see:
www.emmaswanauthor.com

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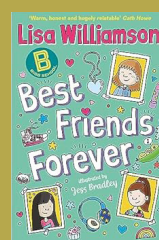


MRS KING'S BOOK CORNER



THE RESCUE OF RAVENSWOOD by Natasha Farrant

A beautiful, soulful, exciting adventure. Three children fight to hold onto what's precious to them. A captivating tale about guarding the extraordinary nature that surrounds us.



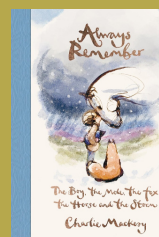
Best Friends Forever by Lisa Williamson

A warm, funny and bittersweet story of growing up and growing apart. This will resonate with so many young people, about being true to yourself. It's a best friend in a book.



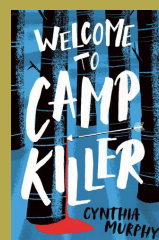
THE BRAVEST WORD BY KATE FOSTER

A rescue story of love and trust between a boy and a dog this is a powerful and heartfelt story packed full of empathy and hope.



ALWAYS REMEMBER by Charlie Mackesy

Four unlikely friends return in this beautiful and profound picture book. They're not sure what they are looking for, but they do know that life can be difficult, that they love each other, and cake is often the answer. A quick read but a book to return to every day and cherish.



WELCOME TO CAMP KILLER by Cynthia Murphy

A fun, fast-paced and atmospheric slasher that is perfect for spooky season. Think creepy stories around the campfire, lonely cabins and mysterious figures...

THE GREGG OUTDOORS

We have truly embraced Autumn in our Outdoor Learning session as students have enjoyed the glorious sunshine in our beautiful school grounds. We have explored the orchard, complete with badger sets, and collected windfalls from the apple trees to make chutney and apple juice in our outdoor kitchen.

We discussed the importance of preserving and eating through the seasons before the existence of freezers, tins and readily available food sources.

We are hoping that we have made enough chutney to be able to sell some at the School's Christmas Fayre and see us through the winter!



CHARITY AND COMMUNITY

"On the tenth of October I participated in the Cancer research 10km Shine Walk 2025 and fundraised £105.

This important cause is close to my heart because I lost my uncle a few years back to a very aggressive type of cancer.

In his memory and to support all who suffer or are affected by this terrible disease, I chose to support Charities that are helping to improve the treatment and find the cure.

The 10km Shine Walk was challenging but also fun. I really enjoyed it."

Alicia C-P



Congratulations Alicia !

YEAR 10 NEWS



I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to Year 10 for starting their important GCSE years so brilliantly. As always, the students have embodied our year group motto of "Work Together, Win Together", by helping each other face new challenges, as well as embracing the plethora of opportunities available to them. Highlights have included our new Student Leaders running clubs and student council meetings, sporting successes, multiple entrants to the future chef competition, taking part in School of Rock, volunteering at Open Evening...the list goes on!

Our last assembly of the term focused on **Kindness**, which links back to our whole school Respect programme. I shared the story of how a baseball team's fans helped a player end his losing streak: following months of booing and jeering the player, fans consistently gave Trea Turner a standing ovation every time he came to bat. The kindness turned this player's season around, and I explored the true power of kindness with the Yr 10s. (You can watch this true story yourselves in the Netflix documentary, "The Turnaround").

Following this, it was a delight to share this term's "Kindness Hero Award" nominations with the year group. Well done to everyone who received a nomination! Every time I read the nominations on Firefly, I am heartened by the words of the students: small acts, selfless acts, support and sharing are all represented, and it makes me very very proud of them.



I am delighted to announce that the winner this term was Isaac K. He was nominated multiple times and for various reasons by other students. He consistently supports his peers as well as younger students, and is a role model to others. Isaac chatted to Deputy Head Mr Gillespie about the award as he received his trophy on Thursday, and we can safely say that we are all very proud of him.

I would like to wish all of the Year 10 students and their families a restful half term break, and I look forward to seeing you all again in November!

Mrs Azor



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Students and staff were invited to wear an item of yellow to school on Friday 10th October to mark World Mental Health Day and Young Mind's 'Wear it Yellow' Day.

Students had an assembly where we launched our Peer Mentoring Scheme, Mental health Ambassador programme and the BeeWell National Survey.

ODD SOCK DAY

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be supporting the annual Odd Socks Day on Monday the 10th November.

The day helps to raise awareness of bullying and is now part of our Respect Programme.

To take part, our students need to wear odd socks to school. Adults are also encouraged to wear odd socks to work as well!



SPORTS

DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS



Senior boys table tennis took the short journey to woodlands for the district table tennis competition. Some high level table tennis was on show and a great opportunity for our boys to demonstrate the skills taught by our infamous minibus driver Len who has been playing table tennis for 40+ years and coaching it in the last 10.

We managed to come second, player of the A team was Charlie H, and a special mention to Olly G for a 10+ point victory in the final, just 5 points off of first place. Rory P and Myles O also deserve a round of applause for coming along to the tournament so we could enter two teams!

BASKETBALL



A huge thanks to all of our students who represented us so well at the Regional Swimming Competition for Independent Schools. Louise M, Noah H achieved impressive PBs and India NJ came a brilliant 2nd in her swim.



CLIMBING



Recently, a group of our pupils represented the school at a climbing competition held at Parthian Climbing Center. The event tested a range of climbing disciplines, including bouldering, lead climbing, and top roping, showcasing both skill and determination.

Our pupils were fantastic throughout the day, demonstrating excellent technique, teamwork, and perseverance.

Many achieved multiple flash scores – reaching the top of a climb on their very first attempt!

We now eagerly await the official results, but regardless of the outcome, it was a brilliant day of climbing and a great experience for everyone involved. A huge well done to all competitors for their effort, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship!





Open Mornings

The Gregg Prep - Thursday 13th November
The Gregg School - Wednesday 19th November
9.30am-11.30am

Visitors are welcome to tour the school with our students, talk to our teachers and visit the classrooms.

Please share with your friends and family!

Book online here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4wxudknc>

Entrance Assessments

Year 9

Welcoming prospective current Year 9 students
to our upper school Entrance Assessment on
Friday 7th November

Year 6

Our senior school transitional entrance
assessment for current Year 6s takes place on
Saturday 24th January 2026

If you have friends or family who are interested in joining
either our lower or upper school, please ask them to
contact our Registrar, Mrs Sam Sharp, for more details
registrar@thegreggschools.org



COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Southampton College
21st October



Eastleigh College
22nd October



Sparsholt College
8th November



CEMAST College
19th November



TOWNHILL PARK EVENTS

5TH NOVEMBER 2025
GATES OPEN 5.30PM

**THE
GREGG
SCHOOL
FIREWORKS
NIGHT!** FIREWORKS, FOOD AND
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

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ADULTS £10
U16 £7.50
UNDER 5'S FREE



Mr & Mrs Middleton
of Townhill Park House, Cutbush Lane, Southampton SO18 3RR

Invite you to help them celebrate the birthday of

Jane Austen
at her 250th Anniversary

Regency Ball
Saturday 13th December
6.30pm - carriages 11pm

Tickets £95

Invitation includes:
Regency ball called by Dr Helen Davidge of Georgettes of Oxford
Live music on period instruments
Canapes with tasting bowls & sumptuous desserts
Cards and entertainment with Miss Austen and friends
Complimentary pre-ball dance workshop
Licensed Bar - all set in beautiful, historic Townhill Park House

Ticket Sales: <https://www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk/box-office>
Information: events@thegreggschools.org
Dress Code: Regency

**FUTURE
FROGS
DATES**

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025 - AGM - 18:00 - 19:00

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025 - FIREWORK NIGHT

SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2025 - THE GREGG BIG CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2026 - PTA MEETING - 16:00 - 17:00

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026 - VALENTINES SOCIAL 18:00 - 20:00

THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026 - AFTERNOON TEA PICNIC - 16:00 - 17:30

SAVE THE DATE



The Gregg School

**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAYRE**
29th November 2025

11am-5pm
Plenty of free, level parking with disabled access.

**Handmade gifts and treats
for the whole family!**

*Creative crafts, food, mulled wine, afternoon
teas, raffle, games, story time with Santa,
and loads more! Come for a browse!*



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KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

**Monday 20th to Friday 31st
October**
Half Term

Wed 5th to Fri 7th November
St Ives Art GCSE Trip

Monday 10th November
Anti-bullying- Wear Yellow Day

Thursday 13th November
The Gregg Prep Open Morning

Friday 14th November
Children In Need Day

Thursday 19th November
Open Morning

Thursday 4th December
Winter Concert

Thursday 11th December
Year 7-8 Panto Trip

Friday 12th December
Festive Wear Day
Rowing Challenge

Monday 15th December
Carol Service

Tuesday 16th December, 12.55pm
End of term

Wishing you a restful half term!

