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SILVER D OF E

STRIVING TO SUCCESS!

They passed! Congratulations to our Year 10 DofE students who passed the expedition part of their silver award last Monday.

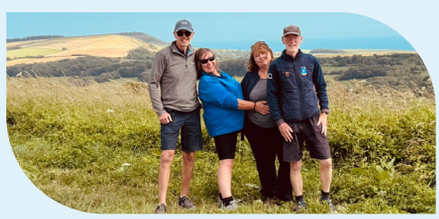
Two teams walked over 15-17km per day, for 3 days, in the Isle of Purbeck.

They started at Wareham train station and walked to Burnbake campsite. On Day 2, they walked through Studland, Swanage, up Barrow Down and into Acton campsite.

On Day 3, they walked from the campsite, along the ridge to Corfe Castle and finished at Creech viewpoint in the Lulworth army ranges.

Well done to our absolutely amazing students who have worked incredibly well as teams.

Thank you to Mrs Sellers, Mr Gillespie, Mr Cooper and Mrs Gibbs who supported our students this weekend, and to Liz who is their DofE assessor and has been assessing our students for nearly 20 years!



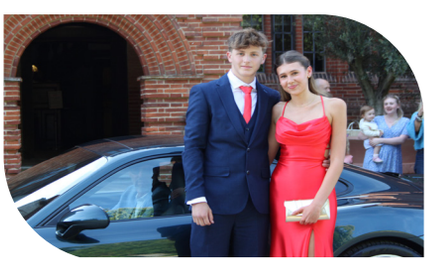
Our students enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream at the finish!

YEAR 11 PROM 2025

Last week our Year 11 students bid a fabulously stylish farewell at their Prom.

Once again New Place provided the perfect venue for our Year 11s to dress up in their beautiful, smart outfits, sweep into the drive in their variety of interesting and entertaining modes of transport, take photos in front of the main building and then head to the party room for dinner and dancing.

It was a pleasure to see everyone celebrating the end of their GCSEs and their time at The Gregg. We wish them a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing them on results day!



To see more Prom pictures, please click on this link and view in Firefly: https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/newsletter/prom-2025

SUMMER SOIREE

On Wednesday 25th June over 40 students entertained a packed audience of friends and family at the Summer Concert. It was a very enjoyable evening that brought students from different year groups together to share their musical work from this term.

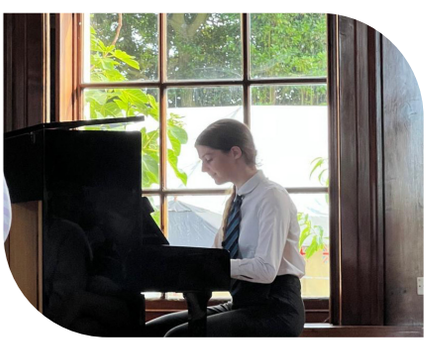
The evening began with a performance by the school orchestra, followed by a series of solo pieces that highlighted individual students' musical talent. These included instrumental and vocal performances across different genres and the audience were wowed by the students' talent and confidence.

The choir, led by Mrs Greville-Collins, finished the first half with a fabulous rendition of "Nine to Five" by Dolly Parton.

After a refreshing interval at our marquee bar, manned by Mrs Sellers, Mrs Azor, and Mrs Gibbs, the Jazz Band performed a fabulous set, and the Rock Band finished the evening with an energetic Queen medley!

Well done to all the students involved, and thank you to all parents and staff who supported the event.

Miss T Parrott, Head of Music



BRINGING HOME THE MEDALS!

CUNLIFFE CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS – What a Day!

We had an incredible day at the Cunliffe City Championships, where over 30 pupils proudly represented The Gregg School in one of the most exciting athletics events of the year.

Despite the scorching heat, our students showed outstanding determination, sportsmanship, and resilience. From start to finish, they gave it their all – and the results speak for themselves!

Medal Count:

18 Gold **15 Silver** **10 Bronze**

A huge congratulations to all those who competed – your hard work, dedication, and team spirit truly paid off. You did The Gregg School proud with both your performances and exceptional behaviour throughout the day. We can't wait to see what you achieve next!

ISA ATHLETICS

Fabulous results from our boys at the Independent Schools Association - National Athletics Competition.

A huge well done to:

1st place Declan S in the Discus with 30.57m

2nd place Oscar I in the 400m with 53.29s

3rd place Harry K in the 300m with 39.98s

You've done yourselves, us and your families so proud, boys - well done!

CYCLE SISTERS!
National Schools Hill Climb success for Eva and Isabelle!

Huge congratulations to two speedy cycling sisters, Eva and Isabelle M-M, who both represented The Gregg School at the National Schools Hill Climb Championship last weekend, held at Ditcham Park School in Hampshire.

Competing against over 100 riders from across the country, both girls put in exceptional performances on the demanding hill climb course, which finishes at the school grounds after a gruelling 2-mile ascent (shorter for younger riders). Usually racing with their cycling club, Eva and Isabelle proudly rode for The Gregg School in this schools-only event – meaning The Gregg now boasts a National Champion in the Under 15 category, and a Top 3 finisher in the Under 13s!

- **Eva – 1st Place (U15) and now a National Champion!**
- **Isabelle – 3rd Place (U13) and a Top 3 national finish!**

TUDOR TALES

Year 7 students had a glorious trip to Hampton Court Palace recently.

They had an amazing time learning about the history of the palace and exploring the grounds.

A REWARDING DAY OUT

Last Friday, the Year 7 Key Skills group enjoyed a fun day out at Paultons Park as a reward for all their hard work over the year. Lots of fun was had in the sunshine!

SAILING SUCCESS

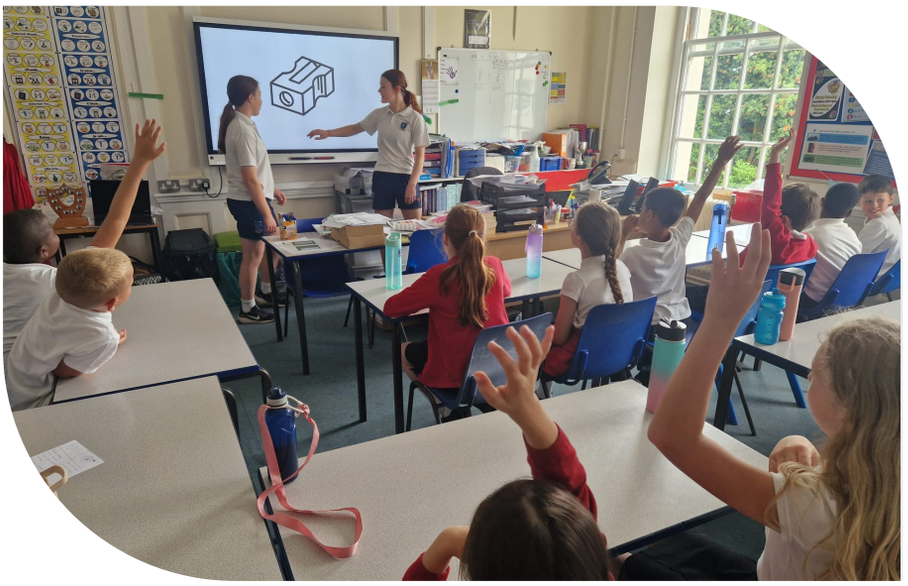
Congratulations to Harry O'C, who came 1st in the U16s in the WASZP Grand Prix Open at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on the Solent.

Day 1 was tricky sailing for lighter sailors, with a strong breeze reaching 25 knots, gusts and shifts. Day 2 was better, with flatter, lighter conditions perfect for foiling.

The WASZP is a fast, foiling dinghy that flies above the water suspended as if in mid-air - a lot of fun! It is also a multi-generational craft, so anyone from adults to teens can take part, but Harry and his team mate Oscar are two of the youngest competing WAZSP sailors in the country.

We wish Harry the best of luck for the 2025 International WAZSP Games in Weymouth 19th - 25th July.

LANGUAGE LEADERS



Every year, groups of Year 9 students take part in the Language Leader program, where students plan, prepare and teach MFL lessons to primary pupils. On 16th June, our 2024/2025 Language Leaders taught their second lesson to visiting Year 4 pupils from Townhill Junior School.

After months of preparation learning how to structure and deliver a language lesson, preparing their own lessons and practising in front of each other, students were nervous but excited to put it all into action.

In pairs, students taught topics such as sport and opinions in German and animals in Spanish to 15 enthusiastic 8 and 9 year olds! Activities included songs, learning with actions and lots of games with all the pupils being rewarded with big smiles, praise, stickers and even some sweets!

The result was lots of fun and laughter from both the Year 4s and the Year 9s and the visiting pupils leaving having had a great time and learning new phrases in a foreign language.

The Language Leader Award develops student leadership skills and linguistic skills. Learners of all abilities gain a tremendous amount of satisfaction and confidence from sharing what they know with others.

Our Year 9 Language Leaders performed brilliantly, showing the skills necessary to become fantastic communicators, reflecting the hard work they have put into planning and preparing their lesson – well done to everyone!

CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SEMINAR

Southampton Family Trust are pleased to invite parents and carers to their upcoming free seminar:
Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism

Date: Monday, 7th July
Time: 9:30–11:00 AM
Location: Online via Zoom

There's no need to book – just join using the Zoom details below:

Southampton Family Trust
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Does your child have or might have autism?

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"An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism"

Insights and strategies for families

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Simply join the seminar by scanning the **QR code** or use the Zoom details below:

Zoom link here

Meeting ID: 890 3029 8427
Passcode: 853954

If you prefer, feel free to email us at **info@sftrust.org.uk** for the Zoom link.

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YEAR 7 TRIP TO HENGISTBURY HEAD

On Thursday 26th June our Year 7 students swapped their desks for a trip to Dorset and outdoor Geography learning.

They travelled over to the sedimentary cliffs of Hengistbury Head, where they completed field sketches, measured long shore drift and used transect lines to observe and record costal features.

INDUSTRIAL CADETS GRADUATION

On 18th June, the Industrial Cadets teams headed off to Bristol for their graduation ceremony.

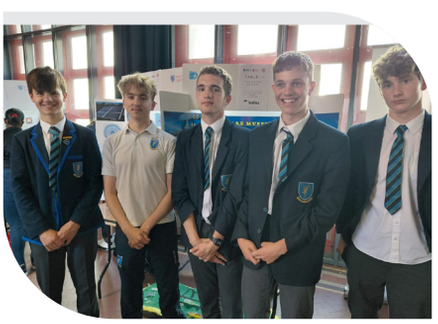
This gave them the opportunity to display and talk to other attendees about their project 'Theme Park for the Future'.

The day started with a Q and A session, where engineering graduates and graduate apprentices were asked questions by the student audience. They found out about the different pathways these people followed to get to their current occupation, A levels to take and how they knew that they wanted to be engineers, amongst lots of other questions.

The students were then able to look at other Bronze and Gold projects, as well as talk to representatives from different engineering industries, such as nuclear, IT, and security, and our mentors, Leidos, also had a stand. Gold projects are carried out by students in years 12 and 13 and there had very impressive stands including solar panels, recycling waste, communication for troops and a simple device for providing clean water for areas in Africa.

Whilst our Gregg School teams were nominated for the Teamwork Award and the Most Innovative Award, they were not winners this time.

If any students are interested in tackling a STEM project please come and see Mrs Carrier when the clubs are launched in September.



Year 6 Activities Morning

Saturday 27th September
8.45am - 12pm

For all pupils who will be in Year 6 this September, join us for a morning of fun activities. Meet the teachers and get to know the beautiful grounds.

Choose your combination of activities when you book:
https://tinyurl.com/44h7ndj3

GCSE PE TRIP

Our wonderful Year 10 GCSE PE students went to see The University of Southampton's Strength & Conditioning sessions to link back to their learning that has and will be done during GCSE PE.

They looked at fitness testing, technology in sport and training types during an excellent couple of hours led by Head of Strength and Conditioning, Tom Forster. They explored more ideas about careers in sport as well. It was a great experience for our students.

Events for Summer 2025

www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk/whats-on

Sunday 6th July

Saturday 19th July

Sunday 20th July

If you would like to attend any of these or other events, please visit www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk for further details and to buy tickets. Open Gardens is pay on gate only.

For all Jane Austen fans - Regency Ball on 13th December celebrating Jane's 250th birthday! Book NOW!

KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Thursday 3rd July
Year 6 Moving Up Day

Friday 4th July
Year 10 Summer Science Exhibition

Sunday 6th July
Gardens Open Day

Monday 7th July
Year 9 Camp Week Trip to Paris

Monday 7th July
Year 10 Work Experience

Sunday 13th July
Malawi Expedition - final preparation event and departure

Monday 14th July
Year 10 WEX Showcase

Monday 14th July
Achievement Evening

Tuesday 15th July
Sports Day - Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre

Wednesday 16th July
Summer Term finishes, 12.45pm

Monday 28th July - Fri 1st August
Year 6 Activities Week

Saturday 2nd August
Malawi Expedition returns

Thursday 21st August
GCSE Results Day

Wednesday 3rd September
INSET Day

Thursday 4th September
Year 7 Start of Term

Friday 5th
Year 8-11 Start of Term
Minibus service commences

We hope you enjoy another warm weekend!