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Message from the Principal



Since I arrived at the Academy in September I have been looking at how we can improve our facilities and site in general. One of the first things we have done is to cover the canteen queuing area with a new canopy. This means that students will stay dry when it is raining and we won't have to move the queue inside the building. Although we haven't actually had a wet break time since we installed it, I am sure the students will appreciate it when the rain returns! Funding for school building improvements is unfortunately in very short supply but we have put a bid in to the Government for improvements and we will hear if we have been successful later in the year. In the meantime I am looking forward to hearing ideas from our new student leadership teams (who will be established very soon) about what they think can be improved next.

Jim Parker, Principal

CASHLESS CATERING @ LORD GREY

Dear Parent, Carer and Guardian

Lord Grey Academy is taking the next steps in becoming a cashless school. From Monday 25 February, Lord Grey Academy will no longer accept cash in the Canteen, at the Cube or the Hut. All purchases will be made using the fingerprint cashless system, which is already in place.

Top up of your child's 'cashless catering' account can be achieved via two methods, Top Up machines located around the campus or ParentMail.

Top Up Machines - There are two Top Up machines on site where your child can use their fingerprint to access their account and deposit the money into the machine to top up their 'Cashless Catering' account.

ParentMail - ParentMail has been in operation for over a year at the Academy for email communication. Since September 2018 more and more payment types have been made available on the system. You can pay for dinner money, trips, music fees, book appointments for parents' evenings etc. through your ParentMail account. ParentMail now have a mobile app available to make it more accessible for parents.

97% of our families are receiving email communication from the school via ParentMail. 84% have activated their account on ParentMail, which enables our families to make payments to the school, book Parents' Evening appointments and soon will have access to other elements of the system.

You can top up your child's 'Cashless Catering' account by using ParentMail. You can add dinner money to your basket, to the value you wish and pay by debit card or credit card. Paying by ParentMail is easy, safe and available at your convenience.

If you or your child has a problem accessing ParentMail or using their fingerprint, please speak with Student Services, who will be able to assist you in resolving the issues.

Future - After the Easter holidays, the onsite Top Up machines will be removed from use, therefore all dinner money top ups will need to go through ParentMail. If you have not yet activated your account, can we please ask you to make time as soon as possible, as it will assist you in the future. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support as Lord Grey Academy becomes a cashless school.

Debbie Hawkins, Business Manager

The letter can also be found on our website - Link: [Cashless Catering Letter](#)



2019

4 February

GCSE VCERT Business
Exam

7 February

Year 8 Parents' Evening

14 February

Year 10 Parents' Evening

18 February – 22 February

Half Term Holidays

YEAR 8 CAREERS DAY CAN YOU HELP?

We need volunteers to come in to the Academy to talk about their jobs on Year 8 Careers Day.

If you are able to spare an hour between 09:50 and 10:50 on 26th March, please get in touch with our Careers and Destinations Adviser, Joanna Brown, on 01908 626180

joanna.brown@lordgrey.org.uk



LORD GREY ACADEMY ALUMNI

Our new alumni is now live!

Lord Grey Academy would like to connect with ex-students and colleagues, as there is a wealth of talent and experience out there; and using an alumni can be a powerful resource. We want to work hard and build a thriving alumni community. Within the Academy's alumni community, there is a host of potential career and education role models. The list of possibilities are endless and new innovative ways of working with alumni are developing everyday. We do hope you connect and join our journey.

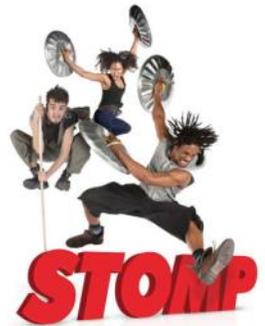
<https://www.lordgrey.org.uk/alumni/>

[https://www.linkedin.com/](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12180798/)

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STOMP

**WILL BE SHOWING ON
TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY
IN MU02 AT LUNCHTIME.
EVERYONE WELCOME,
BE EARLY TO GET
YOUR SEAT AND DO
NOT FORGET TO BRING
YOUR LUNCH!**



Sport Update

Thirty six of our young leaders attended the BISI Badminton Finals at the National Badminton Centre on Thursday 24th January. They were a credit to the school and they will now organise sessions at two local primary schools.



RUGBY

On 23 January, Lord Grey Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby team (boys) played in the Milton Keynes Rugby Festival.

This was held at the Sports Central. The boys represented the school brilliantly, with some excellent teamwork. Well done boys!





LGA Girls Rugby Club
 With Miss Hussey
 Time: 3:20 - 4:20pm
 Every Friday after school



Principal Star Awards

Congratulations to our Madi, T08 and Rheanna, T10 who has been awarded their Silver Star Badge from Mr Parker, Principal. Well done. #Lordgreycan!

Faye - L02, Nina - C08, Imogen - E04, Gracie - E05, Hajrah - L13 who have received their Bronze Star Badge. Well done all of you.

To gain these badges you MUST receive 5 Principal Award cards = a bronze star badge, 10 Principal Award cards = a silver star badge and 20 Principle Award cards = a gold star badge.

Keep up the good work, and we look forward to distributing many more badges in the forthcoming weeks.



Lord Grey Academy - Sports and Activity Clubs



Club	Day	Time & Place
American Football	Thursday	3:15pm - Astro
Art (Year 7 & Year 8)	Tuesday	12:35pm - AS05
Art Catch Up (KS4)	Wednesday	3:15pm - Art Department
Badminton	Tuesday	12:35pm - Sports Hall
Basketball	Wednesday	12:35pm - Sports Hall
Basketball	Thursday	3:15pm - Sports Hall
Breakfast Club	Monday - Friday	8:00am - LSU and 8:00am - Oak Room
Book Club	Wednesday	12:35pm - LRC
Chamber Choir	Friday	12:35pm - Performing Arts Faculty
Cheerleading	Thursday	3:15pm - Gym
Chinese Club	Thursday	12:35pm - L13
Darts	Friday	12:35pm - Sports Hall
Dodgeball	Tuesday	12:35pm - Gym
Drama	Friday	12:35pm - Drama Studio
EAL Homework	Tuesday & Thursday	10:50am and/or 11:15am - EAL Classroom
EAL Homework	Mon, Wed, Friday	12:35pm - EAL Classroom
Flute	Wednesday	12:35pm - MU02
Football (Years 7&8)	Wednesday	3:15pm - Astro
Football (Girls)	Thursday	3:15pm - Astro
GCSE French Revision	Wednesday - Thursday	12:35pm - Language Faculty
Glam Squad	Friday	12:35pm - G12
Guitar	Thursday	10:50am and/or 11:15am - P/Arts Faculty
Homework Club	Monday - Friday	3:15pm - LSU

Club	Day	Time & Place
ICT CA (Years 7/8/9)	Monday - Friday	12:35pm - T15
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Italian	Wednesday - Week B	3:15pm - L01
Knit and Natter	Wednesday	12:35pm - Mtg Room3/HUB
LEGO	Friday	3:15pm - LSU
Maths	Wednesday	12:35pm - T35
Music Mash Up	Thursday	12:35pm - P/Arts Faculty
Music Mash Up	Thursday	3:15pm - P/Arts Faculty
Music Theory	Monday	3:15pm - MU01
Netball	Wednesday	3:15pm - Sports Hall
Orchestra	Tuesday	3:15pm - MU01
Rugby (Boys)	Thursday	3:15pm - Sports Field
Rugby (Girls)	Friday	3:15pm - Sports Field
Science Help Sessions	Friday	3:15pm - S02
Sing Up	Monday	12:35pm - P/Arts Faculty
String	Friday	10:50am &/or 11:15am/MU01
Study for Success	Monday - Friday	3:15pm - Oak Room, ILF
Table Tennis	Thursday	12:35pm - Gym
Tennis	Wednesday - Thursday	3:15pm - Gym
Trampoline	Monday	12:35pm - Sports Hall
Woodwind Group	Tuesday	12:35pm - MU01
Xplore Christian Club	Tuesday	12:35pm - Pavilion

New Year's Eve Spanish Tradition



Year 10 Spanish students celebrated the Spanish New Year's Eve tradition which consisted of eating a

grape with each bell strike at midnight of 31 December. So twelve grapes in total, one for each month.

According to the tradition, that leads to a year of prosperity!

KEEP IN TOUCH WE MAY NEED TO CONTACT YOU.

In the ever changing world of mobile phones it is important to have good communication between home and school. Could you please ensure that you keep us up to date with regards to any changes to your mobile and home phone numbers as well as address and email details, plus any updates on legal forenames, surnames and medical information. You are able to do this by using your son or daughter's Student Planner or by contacting:



Student Services on

01908 626176/01908 626167

or emailing them:

student.services@lordgrey.org.uk

PARENTMAIL IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS REGARDING TELEPHONE AND EMAIL CHANGES TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

Please remember, if you have a ParentMail account **DO NOT** forget to login to your account and amend your details. This will ensure that you receive communication from the school via text or email.

School Uniform Suppliers

We are delighted to inform you that we now have **two** uniform suppliers to give our parents more flexibility when purchasing school uniform. We do hope you will find this of great benefit. The details are below:

Our current supplier: Maisies Superstore, 60-64 Church Street, Wolverton MK12 5JW
Tel: 01908 313313

Our new supplier: Kedaph Schoolwear Ltd Unit A, Lennox Road, Bletchley
Milton Keynes MK2 2HH
Tel: 01908 417142

Both suppliers offer the same choice of services e.g. purchase in store, online ordering.

2018 SUMMER EXAM CERTIFICATES are now ready for collection.