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## Message from the Principal



### 2019

13 May 2019  
Public Exams Commence

27 May-2 June 2019  
Half Term Holidays

3 June 2019  
School re-opens  
Timetable Week A

3 June 2019  
Royal Holloway Visit

19 June 2019  
Year 9 Health Tech Trip 1

24 June 2019  
Year 9 Health Tech Trip 2

25 June 2019  
Year 11 Leavers Assembly

28 June 2019  
Staff Training Day  
Academy closed  
to students

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we will be introducing the Lord Grey Way next half term. I have now held assemblies with all students to outline how the Lord Grey Way will help to further improve learning.

This week Mr Handyside has led assemblies that have outlined some minor changes we have made to the consequences system (C points) to support the introduction of the Lord Grey Way in June.

We know that some students are frustrated that learning can be interrupted by a small number of students whose silly behaviour causes disruption. We have decided to take a much firmer line with these students. From June teachers will give just one warning to a student who is behaving in a way that is disrupting their learning or the learning of others and if the students continues to disrupt they will be very quickly removed from the lesson and parents will be contacted.

The feedback from students following our programme of assemblies has been very positive and it is important to remember that it is only a very small minority of students who cause disruption. However it is unacceptable that learning opportunities are lost and we hope parents will support the Academy as we raise expectations further. A copy of the revised C points system can be found on the Lord Grey Academy website.

As you will see from this Newsletter our students have been living up to our motto Lord Grey Can! I hope you enjoy reading about their successes.

Jim Parker, Principal



## Measles Information

Milton Keynes Council have asked the Academy to make our parents aware that there have been reports of children contracting Measles in neighbouring council areas.

We are not aware of any cases in Milton Keynes but it is sensible to read the letter and heed the advice given. There have been no cases reported at Lord Grey Academy.

If you have any concerns do not hesitate to contact Student Services on **01908 626176** or email **student.services@lordgrey.org.uk**  
**Further information can be found on the NHS website - see the link below:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

# Colossus News

Helen Whalley recent completed her 10th marathon in the Peak District and is now officially a registered runner for England athletics. What a fantastic achievement. Many congratulations. Good luck with your coaching course which you start in a few weeks.



# Sporting Results

Many congratulations to Mr Henry, Head of PE who completed the London Marathon in 4 hours 24 minutes and 4 seconds. What a fantastic achievement and very well done. Funds raised so far for the charity 'Children with Cancer' has reached £3,000.

Mr Henry would like to express his sincere thanks to everyone who has sponsored him for this very worthwhile charity.

# Lorenz News



Congratulations to Kacey L13, for her performance in *Once on this Island*, which was performed over the Easter Holidays. Her stage presence and vocal performance was outstanding. It was a pleasure to watch such young amazing talent.

Mrs Bowen, Head of House



# Anglian Water Activity

Our Year 10 Technology students had a visit from Anglian Water recently, and studied about water towers and water filtration. They were given fifteen minutes to design a way to support a bucket of water using what looked like Jenga blocks.

This activity was made harder by giving the students fifteen minutes of planning time. The planning sheets were rotated and the students had to build each others designs. This is very similar to real-life where you need to include enough detail on a plan to help someone else interpret the design. All teams were successful in holding the water. So no tea-towels or cloths were required. The winning teams were picked on their team-working skills. Well done Year 10 Technology students!



**Lord Grey Academy**  
**Year 11 Tux & Tiara Prom 2019**

**New Venue**

**Tux & Tiara Prom 2019**  
4 July 2019, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels, 7pm-11pm.  
Prom tickets £33 – non-refundable deposit £18.  
Final balance to be received by no later than 31 May 2019. For more information please contact Ms Dunn or Mrs Kirby, Enigma House.

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# Apprenticeships Information for Parents

If your son or daughter is talking about getting an apprenticeship when they leave school, you can find out how to support them with this Parent Pack from Amazing Apprentices.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/app/uploads/2019/04/Parent-Pack-April-1.pdf>

## Raising Awareness for the Mind Charity



Year 8 student Alfie has decided to raise money for the Mind charity, in memory of his elder brother who suffered from severe mental health issues. By shaving his head Alfie wants to raise awareness of mental health issues that young people face everyday and help fund life changing treatment and support. Below are some of the statistics:

- 16 million people in the UK experience a mental illness
- One in four adults will experience a mental illness at some point each year in the UK.
- Three in four mental illnesses start in childhood
- 75% of mental illnesses start before a child reaches their 18th birthday, while 50% of mental health problems in adult life take root before the age of 15.
- 10% of school children have a diagnosable mental illness
- 75% of young people with a mental health problem not receiving treatment
- Suicide is the biggest killer of young people in the UK
- Suicide is a leading cause of death in young men and women aged 20-34 in the UK.
- People with severe mental illness die between 10 and 20 years earlier than the general population - an equivalent or greater impact on life expectancy than heavy smoking (which, on average, reduces life expectancy by eight to 10 years).
- Just 6% of UK health research spending goes on mental health
- Less than 30% of mental health research is focused on young people

**Please help Support Alfie and Mind tackle mental health problems here in the UK by donating to Alfie's gofundme page below**

**<https://www.gofundme.com/shavinghairat100>**

## 500 Word Competition



In February Year 7 and Year 8 English students were tasked with writing an exciting and original 500 word story to potentially enter into the **BBC 500 Word Writing Competition**. An amazing seventy seven entries were submitted which has been our highest so far. The English Faculty were delighted to see how many students decided to take on the challenge.

Over the Easter holidays I received a wonderful email to say that Alana - Year 7, E06 had made it through to the final 2,500 for her age group with her story '**The Piano**'. Alana stated; *"My story was inspired by my love of playing music, I thought it would be great to write about and I am delighted that my story made it to the final round. I can't wait to hear the overall results!"*

This was not the first time Alana has gained commendation for her writing skills. In November we hosted the Bletchley Poetry Buzz where Alana was also crowned the winner. We have recently received a beautiful award from visiting poet Paul Delaney and this was presented to Alana by Mr Parker our Principal.

As well as the national competition we also held an internal one for the other 500 word stories with Mr Parker and Ms Turvey choosing the final three. The results were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Aidan (L15)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nardos (C05)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Carmen (E09).**

All students received a certificate, a W H Smiths voucher and a printed copy of their poem.

**Miss Brett**

**Teacher of English/Head of Key Stage 3**

# CHINESE CLUB

Tuesday Lunchtimes in L13

Enjoy things Oriental:  
music/songs, movies,  
snacks, calligraphy,  
pictures.....



# Old School Uniform

If any of our Year 11 parents have good quality/unwanted second hand uniform which you no longer require, please could you consider donating it to the school? It would be gratefully appreciated.



Any donations can be dropped into Student Services between 9am-3pm Monday to Friday during term time.

Student Services Team

## Lord Grey Academy - PE Clubs



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12.35pm - 1pm	Tennis Miss Keith	Tennis Miss Thomas Dodgeball Mr West	Tennis Mr Whiting	Tennis Mr Henry	Darts Mr Mori/Mr Henry Glam Squad Miss Webb (KS2)
After School 3.15pm - 4.15pm		Girls UV Multisports Miss Webb	Cricket Mr Mori/Mr Whiting Rounder's Miss Webb	Athletics Miss Keith/Miss Henry Cheerleading Miss Thomas Softball Mr Henry	KS3 Dance Miss team



## BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Dear Parent/Carer

In order that we have a safe and calm school where learning is the focus, we have a clear Behaviour for Learning Policy. Please can I ask that you read this carefully so that you fully understand our system and so that you can support your child and the school in ensuring that productive learning is at the heart of what we do at Lord Grey Academy. Please click [here](#) to view.

Mr N Handyside, Vice Principal

## 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/groups/12180798/>



Year 10 Spanish students playing Taboo to improve their speaking skills...  
Lordgreycan!

