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Message from the Principal



On Wednesday this week, at our Open Evening, our students really demonstrated our new mantra Lord Grey Can! I was delighted to see so many students who were happy to give up their time to show parents and year 5 and 6 students around the academy. Our visitors were very complimentary about all of the student helpers they encountered and were impressed with what they saw during the evening. I was very proud of the six students who spoke in the Hall too - they gave very good accounts of their experience of being students at Lord Grey and I am sure that this was reassuring for the year 6 students in the audience. Thank you to all you parents who were involved in making arrangements to drop off/collect children - we couldn't do it without you.

Jim Parker, Principal.

Lord Grey Welcomes Baroness Young of Old Scone

We hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords on 3 October to encourage students to become more engaged with the political and parliamentary process. Baroness Young met Sixth Form History and Politics students to talk about the work and role of the House of Lords, followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at the Houses of Parliament generally.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from their daily lives, but they have now had a thorough insight into the workings of Westminster." Mr Greenwood, Head of Politics.

The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's office who manages the Peers in Schools programme as part of the House of Lords outreach programme which raises awareness of the Lords and encourages people to get involved in its work. Members of the House of Lords visit schools, academies and colleges to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum.



26 October 2018

Last day of term

29 October-2 November 2018

Half Term Holidays

5 November 2018

GCSE English Language 1 Re-sit

6 November 2018

GCSE Maths Paper 1 Re-sit

7 November 2018

GCSE English Language 2 Re-sit

8 November 2018

GCSE Maths Paper 2 Re-sit

12 November 2018

GCSE Maths Paper 3 Re-sit

14 November 2018

Sixth Form Open Evening

14 November-27 November 2018

Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

30 November 2019

Staff Training Day

Academy closed to students

Introducing our Parent Ambassador

Hello, my name is Catherine Williams, and I will be covering both our campus and community, as your newly appointed Parent Ambassador.

My role is quite diverse and unique to Lord Grey Academy in that as well as becoming a focal point of contact for any parents that feel they could benefit with additional support or assistance, I will also be raising cultural awareness within the school and promoting its growth within community events and school projects and increasing the ethos and understanding of Fundamental British Values.

Working closely with the Ethnic Minority Achievement Network, I hope to help in overcoming any barriers and increase confidence in all aspects of my parental engagement with you, identifying key areas that we can improve upon to best support you and your child.

At Lord Grey we welcome all contact from parents. We are eager to develop this further, so that we can quickly and efficiently address your concerns and any ideas or suggestions that you may have, can help form an action plan for us to build upon.

I want to encourage you, as our parents to feel confident in supporting your child at home and also to be able to come to us during those times when you may need that extra helping hand. You may have a skill or hobby or belong to an organisation and you would like to offer your to support us! I can even, quite simply redirect any concerns or questions you have to the correct member of staff to respond to, if you're not quite sure who to ask.

It has been proven that increased home to school links create potential for greater successes and achievements of the student – let's put it to the test, get in touch and see how we can help each other!

Your direct route to Heads of House and Form Tutors remains open, as and when you need it and they may also refer me to you, if they feel this would be beneficial. We have many lines of communication available to you.

**If you would like to get in touch,
please make initial contact via email at:
catherine.williams@lordgrey.org.uk**

**I look forward to hearing from you and
building successful relationships.**

Lord Grey Can!

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

STEM Returners Programme

**Locations: Oxford, High Wycombe
and Milton Keynes with BT!**

- Have you taken a career break from an engineering or technical sector and wish to return?
- Are you working below your experience in a different sector?
- Do you have an engineering or technical degree **that you aren't using?**
- **Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience?**

**If so, this could be the
opportunity for you!**

We are currently sourcing candidates for the BT STEM Returners programme, a 13 week fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in November in Oxford, High Wycombe or Milton Keynes.

All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme.

No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today!

For more information please visit

www.stemreturners.com or
email hello@stemreturners.com

An ex-student returns

We would like to welcome back a fellow student who has gone on to dance for some very high profile musicians such as Katy Perry and Rita Ora.

Would you like to find out more and maybe follow in his footsteps?

Come and meet Ryan at the Dance Workshop all for only £7 or speak with Miss Smithers for more information.

2hr workshop after school on Thursday 18th October for just £7

See Miss Smithers in the Performing Arts office by the Sports Hall to get your letter

DANCE WORKSHOP

with Professional Dancer

RYAN HAYES

Known for his work on Britain's Got Talent and the X-Factor, and has danced for music artists such as Katy Perry and Rita Ora

ALL AGES. ALL ABILITIES. NO PREVIOUS DANCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



Hot Chocolate Friday

Our winners for the last three weeks!

Many congratulations to you all, a great achievement.

Week 1

Joseph, Lewis, Zahra, Umar

Week 2

Amber, Kelsie, Weronika, and Imogen

Week 3

Poppy, Jack, Bernice, Pacific

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News from Languages

TOP TIPS TO BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY

Learning a language can feel overwhelming at times. With so many new words to take in after every lesson, it can be difficult to make it stick. Here are a few simple tips and tricks that you can use to make building your vocabulary a little bit easier...



Make a list of new vocabulary & revisit it at regular intervals over the next week. This process of repetition will help you transfer the knowledge to your long-term memory.



Use new vocabulary in a sentence. Putting a new word into context when you write your own sentence makes it easier to remember the definition.



Learn mnemonics. These are the easiest of words to learn, as they have a similar sound, meaning & spelling to their English counterparts.



Read familiar stories in the target language. Try reading translations of fairy tales or traditional children's stories to help you build your vocabulary.



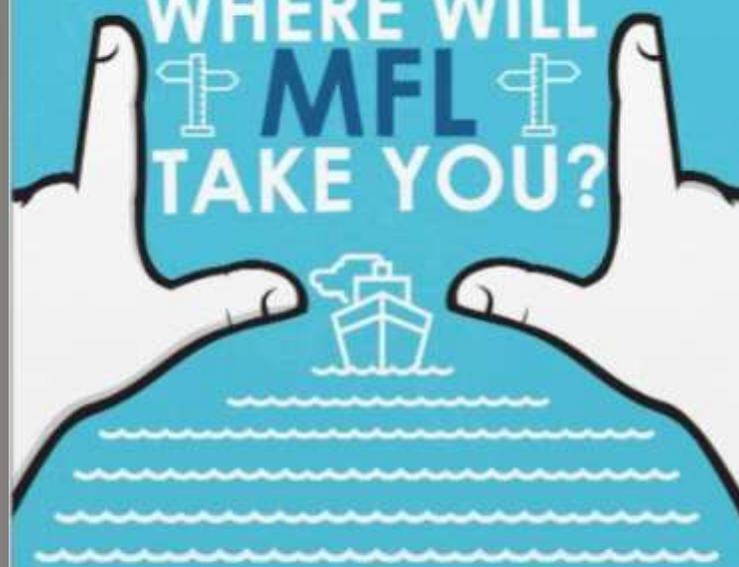
Create a picture in your mind to fit every word, which you can conjure up whenever you need to recall the meaning, helping to make it easier to remember.



Find songs that are easy to sing along to and contain at least a few new words. This puts new vocabulary into context - plus it's a fun way to learn!



WHERE WILL MFL TAKE YOU?



A qualification in Foreign Modern Languages at Lord Grey Academy could lead to a career as an...
Air Traffic Controller/Intelligence Specialist/Art Dealer/International Account Representative/Police Officer/Travel Writer/Doctor/Investment Analyst/Sports Agent/Financial Planner/Economist/Tour Organiser or a job not yet created...

House News from Colossus & Lorenz

Lorenz House have some amazing students who have the 'Can Do' attitude and follow their dreams.

Megan, L05 - Performing in the West End in *Troubles are Brewing*

Finley, L09 - Joined Sea Cadets

Remi, L09 - North Bucks County Netball team

Remi, L09 and **Bailey, L13** - North Bucks County Darts Team

Shannon, L15 - Came second in a Trampoline Championship

James, L15 - Achieved Level 2 in Saxophone

HUGE congratulations to all the students who follow their dreams and achieve.

Also, congratulations go out to those students who have been recognised by staff for their hard work and won the MK Lightening tickets. Names are drawn out of the positive pot on a weekly basis:

- Kerri L06
- Jessica L09
- Harmony L09
- Scarlett L15

Keep up with Can Do attitude and following your dreams.

Mrs Bowen and Mr Carr
Head and Assistant Head of Lorenz House

Colossus House - Well done to C07 who raised £91.55



for the **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** charity.

The students did a great job organising a cake sale and there were some yummy cakes on view!

Well done to Billy and Evan for receiving Success of the Week. Both students received tickets to see MK Lightening.



Mr Green and Mrs Whalley
Head and Assistant Head of House

Sporting Success



Another week of fantastic sporting results...



Year 7 Boys won 5-0 in the County Cup against Princes Risborough School. U15 girls won in the County Cup vs Radcliffe 4-1. U16 Netball Team are MK Tournament Champions. U14 Netball Team beat Webber 30-6. Year 8 boys football beat MKA 5-1. Logan scored 3! Year 7 girls football beat MKA 3-1/Year 8 girls football drew 3-3.

A fantastic achievement well done to you all. #proudoflordgrey

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 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: student.services@lordgrey.org.uk