

26 October 2018 - Edition 4

## Message from the Principal



As the end of the first half term draws to a close I would like to thank everyone in the Lord Grey community for making me feel so welcome during my first few months at the Academy. I have spent a lot of time in classrooms so that I can understand the learning needs of the students and to begin to get to know them as individuals. This time spent in classrooms has given me a good idea of the strengths of the Academy and of the areas we need to improve. After half term I will be publishing to parents the development priorities that we will be focusing on over the rest of the year and beyond.

This week saw the return of the amazing Lord Grey Talent Show. It was wonderful to see just how talented our students are and how they embody our new mantra Lord Grey Can! I look forward to seeing everyone back again for the start of the new term at 8.45 on Monday 5th November.

Jim Parker, Principal.



**26 October 2018**

Last day of term

**29 October-2 November 2018**

Half Term Holidays

**5 November 2018**

Student return 8.45am

**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

**9 November 2018**

11am Whole School

Remembrance Assembly

**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

## PARENTMAIL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Carer,

Lord Grey Academy has a system called ParentMail. ParentMail is becoming our key point of access for parents to receive communication from the school, to make payments to the school and will soon be able to book their appointments for Parents Evening too.

ParentMail is a safe and secure service used by over 5,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate and collect payments from millions of parents. ParentMail is beneficial to parents/carers because:

- messages will reach parents/carers reliably by email;
- messages are sent directly to all parents/carers at the same time;
- emergency/important information can be sent by text message;
- online payments can be made to the school for dinners top ups, trips, events, uniform etc.;
- permission for events or trips will be available online alleviating the requirement for written consent;
- online booking of Parent Evening appointments.

ParentMail will replace the traditional letters home, cash/cheque payments to school and makes these functions available together in one system. It is our intention to become cashless over this term, therefore it is important to ensure that all families have completed their registration to be able to access the functionality of ParentMail.

When your child joined Lord Grey Academy an automatic registration email or text would have been sent to you, from the information we have on file for you. Please ensure you complete the simple registration process from a PC or mobile phone to fully access ParentMail. Once you have registered, you can download the ParentMail app from 'Google Store' for free, if you wish.

If you already have a ParentMail account with another school, club or nursery, your Lord Grey student(s) should automatically appear on that account when you log in. If you feel we do not have your correct email address or mobile number, please contact Student Services  
**Email: [student.services@lordgrey.org.uk](mailto:student.services@lordgrey.org.uk)**

We look forward to making good use of this method of communication with our parents/carers of Lord Grey Academy.

Rebecca Burton, Student Services

Debbie Hawkins, School Business Manager

# PRIVACY NOTICE



We would like to draw your attention to the student privacy notice that we have at Lord Grey Academy, which has been on our website since May 2018.

The privacy notice is a statement that shows the ways in which we collect, use, manage and disclose our data. It is part of the legal changes that happened in May 2018 under the new GDPR legislation.

All new students who joined Lord Grey Academy from September 2018 have been asked to sign as part of the ICT statement that they have read and understood the privacy notice. It is important that you read and understand the privacy notice and the accompanying Data Protection and GDPR Policy. Lord Grey Academy takes its responsibility seriously to ensure that all school data is appropriately protected.

To read the **Privacy Notice**, please click on this [link](#). **Data Protection and GDPR Policy** can be found [here](#).

# Sporting Success



## RUGBY BOYS

Year 7 team beat Radcliffe 45-10 in their first fixture. Jayden was named Man of the Match. A great performance!

Year 8 team fell short against Radcliffe in a valiant effort, only losing by two tries. Ole was named Man of the Match.



## Football Boys

Year 8 beat The Misbourne School in the County Cup 4-0.



## Girls Football

Our Year8 and Year 9 team beat Shenley 4-1 on 24 October, with sensational performances from everyone.

**Congratulations to all our teams! #lordgreycan**

# Talent Show 2018



We had a lot of excellent talent performing last night at Lord Grey's 2018 Talent Show. The results:

**First place:** Graziella, singing Rise Up

**Second place:** Lois on piano playing Fur Elise

**Third place:** Sorcha performing a self-written dramatic monologue.

**The winners of the Audience vote:** a band called The Otoclefs performed an Ed Sheeran's song 'I See Fire'.

Many congratulations to all who entered and performed last night, you are all stars!



## News from the Community

Various autism conferences being held in Milton Keynes, which may be of interest to some of our parents...

**12 February 2019** Autism Learning Day 1  
For more information [click here](#)

**14 May 2019** Autism Learning Day 2  
For more information [click here](#)

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

### Lego Club



**Every Friday**

**Venue - Mentoring Room  
LSU Contact - Mrs Al-Timimi**



## Remembrance Day House Competition

To celebrate  
100 Years  
of the  
Royal British Legion

We have lots to be thankful for these days. When we think about wars, we often feel sad, but we should also be grateful.

We are running a House Competition to commemorate the **100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion**.

### Competition

Write a letter to someone from the First World War to say thank you. It can be in general terms, or research someone from that time. It does not have to be a soldier...

Deliver your entries to any teacher in the Humanities Faculty by no later than **Monday 12 November**.

**First prize** - 50 House Points  
**Second prize** - 30 House Points  
**Third prize** - 20 House Points.

The top entries will be sent to the Royal British Legion to be included in their **100th Anniversary Commemoration**.

Miss Cowap, Head of History



## The Oxford Scientist Year 10-13

### School Science Writing Competition

The Oxford Scientist is pleased to announce the **Michaelmas Term 2018 School Science Writing Competition**. Are you a school, sixth form or college student in the UK, about to enter into Year 11, 12 or 13 for the academic year 2018-2019? Are you fascinated by science and want to communicate it to those around you? Would you like to see your work published in the next issue of the Oxford Scientist and win a prize?

If you answered **YES** to all of the above, then all you need to do is write a 700-word article and send it to The Oxford Scientist by **31st October 2018**. The theme this term is 'Inspirational Young Scientists'. There are no right or wrong topic choices, so your article could discuss anyone, from a person who made an important discovery at an early age, to someone who is working now to inspire young people to take up science.

Once you have written your article, you can upload it at [www.oxsci.org/schools](http://www.oxsci.org/schools)

Articles must be submitted by **31st October 2018**. If you have any questions about the competition, please email [competition@oxsci.org](mailto:competition@oxsci.org).

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

Please remember, if you have a ParentMail account and you have changed your details such as phone or email. **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.

# House News from Turing

## Massive amounts of news from **Team Turing**, where do we begin?



Let's start with Hannah in Year 8, she brought home the silverware! Hannah entered the National Dance Championships in Skegness, for "Freestyle" and "Rock 'n' Roll". Hannah achieved trophies in many categories and has brought home the **GOLD**. Well done to Hannah, we are super proud of her continued achievements, we look forward to seeing her on the 'Strictly' dance floor in the future.

We would like to share more good news... Throughout this term, we have awarded **Student of The Week**. Each week students are entered into the draw to win **MK Lightning Ice Hockey tickets**. **Turing Champions** this term have been: Charlie-Turing 13; Leslie-Turing 03; Logan-Turing 11; Rory-Turing 04; Lewis-Turing 01; Courtney-Turing 11; Claire-Turing 10; Lucy-Turing 05; Ella-Turing 13; Ellie-Turing 06; Sherrie-Turing 05 and Amber-Turing 01.

During the summer holidays our new Year 7 students had to create projects and the winner was **Alfie** in Turing 13, who created the most spectacular replica of the Cutty Sark, well done Alfie a new shining superstar.

Turing are putting a strong boot forward on the Rugby field and particular mentions are Ellen, Freya and Harry who are keeping up the push and are aiming for the winning score.

We are so proud to be part of this amazing hardworking House, who continually strive to achieve and be leading members of the Lord Grey Academy community, proving that **#LordGreyCan!**

Here's to a fantastic half term holiday and let's work really hard on improving our attainment, attendance and attitude, because **Turing House** are winners. See you on 5th November.

**Karen Wasway, Head of Turing House and Rebecca Brown, Assistant Head of Turing House**

## Year 11 Career Workout Sessions

Throughout October all Year 11 students have had the opportunity to take part in a 'Workout'. This means they get to meet people from different professions and careers and talk with them in rotation. The students also get some coaching in interview and self-presentation skills as they go through the meetings. Students found it useful to have gone through this process this term. Below are some positive quotations from the students who took part in these sessions:

*"It was useful to learn about business skills and what employers are looking for."*

*"I found it useful to speak to many different people to get an understanding of future jobs."*

*"I felt the Careers Workout sessions were useful. They offered different career choices and it was helpful to exercise my interview skills."*

*"The Career Workout session helped with communication skills and the ability to listen. It also gives you an idea how important it is to have a back-up plan."*

*"You can find out about what options are open to you and also what people's work-ethic is."*



## 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**