

9 November 2018 - Edition 5

## Message from the Principal



Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. This is a really important term for all of our students and I expect progress to really accelerate now that we have laid strong foundations in the first half term. During my visits to classrooms this week I have seen some really high level learning going on with students answering some very difficult questions and students showing great perseverance if they don't get it right first time. Perseverance is an important quality for students to develop as learning new things is often hard and it requires hard work and determination. I have been delighted to present a number of Principal's Awards this week to students to have shown great perseverance in their lessons and have really shown that Lord Grey Can! I am looking forward to awarding more next week.

**Jim Parker, Principal.**



### 9 November 2018

11am Whole School  
Remembrance Assembly

### 12 November 2018

GCSE Maths Paper 3 Re-sit

### 14 November 2018

Sixth Form Open Evening

### 14-20 November 2018

Scholastic Book Fair

### 14 November-27 November 2018

Year 11 Pre Public Examinations

### 30 November 2018

Staff Training Day  
Academy closed to students

## Lord Grey Remembers

### 100th Anniversary

Today at 11am, Lord Grey staff and students gathered to remember all those killed in conflict.

Students heard a short reading and a wreath was laid. The bugle sounded for the last post and everyone was silent to remember and honour those who fought for us.

Many other activities have happened throughout the week, with poppies on sale at Student Services and our reception area, a member of staff made a memorial statue of remembrance which is

located at the front of the school plus a Remembrance Day House Competition run by our Head of History.

Top entries of this competition will be sent to the Royal British Legion to be included in their 100th Anniversary Commemoration. The deadline for entries is Monday 12 November.





# Talent Show 2018



**On Thursday 25 October, we enjoyed a full range of fantastic performances at this year's Lord Grey Talent Show. The audience and judges were blown away by the talent of our students.**

The Show was compered by Year 11 Drama students, Katy and Felicity, who did an amazing job, and a special thanks goes to Year 12 CTEC Performing Arts students who worked as the technical crew for the evening, making sure the sound and light was just right for each of the acts.

Our twelve finalists spanned from Year 7 to Year 10 and were chosen from twenty auditioning acts by a panel of student judges three weeks before the show. They included:

- Erin, who was fabulous playing the ukulele and singing Photograph by Ed Sheeran
- Megan who gracefully performed a dance solo to This is Me from The Greatest Showman
- Mya who gave a beautiful performance of Ariana Grande's Something About You
- Ollie who impressed us all with his drum solo to Teenage Kicks by the Undertones
- Lois who was simply amazing playing Fur Elise on the piano
- Debbie and Daniel who performed a soulful dance to Changes by XXXTentacion
- Graziella wowed the audience with her powerful performance of Rise Up by Andra Day
- Neitonas who was brilliant performing diabolo tricks
- Ellie and Jamie gave a lovely rendition of The Climb accompanied excellently by Nojus on piano
- Blake impressed us all with his range of card tricks
- Sorcha terrified the judges and had everyone laughing with her fabulous dramatic monologue
- Year 10 band the Octoclefs (James, Isabella, Freya, Rebecca, Charlie, Gracie and Taylor) were hugely impressive with their rendition of Ed Sheeran's I See Fire

Our judges for the night included Enigma Assistant Head of House, Judith Kirby, who has come on board as Head Judge for us for many years and is always impressed with the talent shown by our students. We also welcomed our new Business Manager, Debbie Hawkins, who enjoyed seeing all our stars in the making. Paula Diamond, Director of Milton Keynes' Diamond Theatre School for 25 years, joined us as a judge for the third time this year and said the acts just keep getting better and better. Our fourth judge was Lord Grey Academy's much-loved librarian who was very excited about seeing all the performances, and for the first time this year, we also had a student judge, Year 8 student Presley who was an important part of the first student panel of judges for the auditions. **Finally, we welcomed celebrity guest, and ex-Lord Grey student, Ryan Hayes; who now works as a professional dancer and has performed for artists such as Katy Perry and Rita Ora, and performed on Britain's Got Talent and The X-Factor.**

After the show Ryan stated that choosing first, second and third place was incredibly difficult as all the acts were so good. He was thoroughly impressed by everyone who performed and hopes to be asked back in the future.

**The Results:**

**Third Place:** Sorcha

**Second Place:** Lois

**The Judges Winner:** Graziella

**The Audience Winner:** The Octoclefs

**Special thanks go to** the Performing Arts team for all their hard work that went into making Talent Show a success – particularly our Faculty Teaching Assistant Kaydee l'Anson who gave up lots of her own time to help us and was a brilliant backstage hand, and the members of staff who came to support the students and help us out on the night.

Well done to everyone involved and congratulations to the winners.

**Maria Edwards, Head of Performing Arts Faculty.**



# 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.

**Mr N Handyside, Vice Principal**

Please click [HERE](#) to view

# Sporting Success



On Thursday 25 October our girls football team took on Walton High in a tightly contested, exciting goal-fest. Sadly, our girls lost the game 8-4, but have an awful lot to be proud of after yet another brilliant performance from the side. Unlucky girls, but really well played! On to the next one, keep it going!



On Thursday, 25 October the Year 7s football team delivered an absolute hammering to Walton High, beating them 8-1. With a stellar performance from Ellie scoring 5



On Thursday, 25 October, our Sixth Form football team defeated Milton Keynes Academy 2-0 in a competitive match, filled with plenty of goal scoring opportunities from both teams. Our boys held strong and managed to be clinical towards the end scoring 2 goals. Great result lads, hopefully more to come!

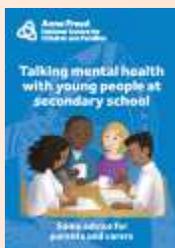
## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING DURING SECONDARY SCHOOL

As parents and carers, it can be hard to know whether your child's feelings and behaviour are normal or becoming a problem. This is especially during adolescence when young people can feel a great deal of pressure and increasingly want to loosen their family ties.

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families has come up with a booklet showing some advice. We thought we would share this with you.

<https://www.annafreud.org/insights/news/2018/01/just-released-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-secondary-school/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/6310/secondary-parents-leaflet-final-proofed.pdf>



# GLAM Squad Showcase



**Art Club** open to all Year 7 and Year 8 students every Tuesday at lunchtime in AS05. Bring your imagination and share your inspiration.



On Tuesday 6 November Miss Webb took her team of GLAM Squad girls to a **GLAM Squad Showcase** event. Miss Webb expressed her delight towards girls engagement and enthusiasm at the event, and were a credit and testament to the Academy. Well done girls!

Mr Selvester

## Venice and Lake Garda Trip 8 July –12 July 2019



Interested in this trip? It is open to all students in Year 7 and Year 8. If you require more information please contact Ms Sacca in room TL06 to register your interest and receive a letter with more details.

## Sixth Form Monthly Newsletter.

The latest newsletter is now available to read. Click the following link. **November 2018 edition** Click [here](#)

## IMPORTANT PARENTMAIL COMMUNICATION

Please register for ParentMail to enable you to:

- receive communication from the Academy in place of letters home
- receive a text of an urgent nature, when we cannot reach you
- pay for your child's dinner money top up, trips, music fees etc.

Soon we will be launching the **Parents' Evening Booking System**, where you will be able to book your appointments online through ParentMail.

The Academy will be using ParentMail more and more to enable the school to effectively communicate with parents/carers and to give parents the flexibility to pay for items online at their own convenience.

The Academy will be going cashless during this academic year, so please do not forget to register.

If you have any questions or are experiencing difficulties, please speak with Student Services on **Tel:** 01908 626176 or **email** [student.services@lordgrey.org.uk](mailto:student.services@lordgrey.org.uk)