

23 November 2018 - Edition 6

Message from the Principal



26 November 2018
English A-Level
Theatre Trip

29 November 2018
Year 12 Safe Drive
Event

30 November 2018
Staff Training Day
Academy closed to
students

6 December 2018
Year 13 Drama Trip

7 December 2018
Year 7 Rainforest Trip

13 December 2018
Year 11 Parents' Evening

14 December 2018
VCERT Food Exam Prep

21 December 2018
Last Day of Term

7 January 2019
School Re-opens
for staff and students

During this week Year 11 students have been sitting their Pre Public Exams (PPEs) in the Sports Hall. It is a stressful two weeks but it does provide a good simulation of what it will be like in the summer exam season when they take their final GCSE papers. I have been impressed with the very positive attitude that our Year 11 students have shown during this period and I expect they will have learned a lot from going through this process. Good luck for the rest of the exams.

I was delighted to be able to attend the Key Stage 3 poetry festival last week and enjoyed seeing how our students engaged with our visiting poet Paul Delaney. We will publish some of the work produced in our next Newsletter.

Jim Parker, Principal.

A note from the Chair of the Academy Interim Board.

I thought as we have now been in place for two and a half months, it was time to introduce ourselves to you.

Why we are here

There are only three of us, appointed because of our collective considerable experience and expertise in working effectively with schools to bring about rapid improvement. Our small size means that we can move swiftly, if necessary, and maintain a close focus on the priorities of the school. We report to Tove Learning Trust which is a multi-academy trust (MAT) consisting of four secondary schools enabling the sharing of resources, expertise and training across its schools.

Who we are

Sarah Conway – A school improvement professional with a successful career in teaching followed by successfully working with schools in three Local Authorities to raise achievement. I know Milton Keynes having spent two years working with the Local Authority across its schools so that all children do well no matter what school they attend.

Christopher Watt – Chair of Tove Learning Trust. His appointment to the Board shows the importance given to the task of the AIB and provides us with a direct link to the Trustees. Chris has been a school governor for over twenty years in both the primary and secondary sector, but mostly secondary. He has been on the governing body of Sponne School for over twenty years and Chair of Governors for the last ten years.

In business he has been involved in corporate finance and business recovery. He is also a national leader of governance and in this role he is a member of an Academy Improvement Board at a school in the West Midlands.

Sue Cox – An ex-student of Lord Grey with considerable experience of teaching in and leading successful schools in Milton Keynes and elsewhere. She followed that up by being appointed as an HMI for Ofsted and has led many school inspections across the south.

Lord Grey Can

We are extremely excited that we are joining Jim Parker, the new Principal and the school's staff to build on the recent success of the school in improving outcomes for students. We know students can do even better and we want students' achievement to continue to improve but at a faster rate so that they have choices about the paths they wish take when they leave Lord Grey.

Parents are the chief educators of their children so it goes without saying that with your support, students can aspire to even more. We look forward to working alongside you in helping your children to realise their ambitions. We look forward to meeting you in person. In the meantime, we can be contacted via the Academy reception.

Sarah Conway
Chair of the AIB.
November 2018

Remembrance Day and Competition Results

At 11am on Friday 9 November, Lord Grey Academy held their own Remembrance Day Assembly. This was to commemorate the hard work and sacrifices made by all people impacted by war since the First World War. It is particularly poignant this year, as it is the 100th anniversary of the end of the 'War to End All Wars.'

I would like to say a special thank you to our students, who acquitted themselves admirably. After a moving speech from our Principal, we observed the customary one minute silence and heard the last post. Our poppy wreath was then displayed next to our 'soldier' at the front of the school, and subsequently placed at the memorial near St Mary's Church.

Here are some people who deserve a special mention:

Daniel Hales – In charge of laying the wreath

Jonathan Evans from the Boys Brigade, and brother of Miss Evans, for playing the last post

Mrs Stevens – For customising our poppy wreath

Mr Ray – For making a beautiful military statue for the front of the school

All our students for being so respectful, and especially to those who have entered the First World War letter competition. Please see the winners listed on this page.

Thank you again
Miss Cowap, Head of History.

History First World War – Competition Results

First Place

Winning 50 House Points, big box of chocolates and a Principal's Award

- **Blessing, Enigma 15** – For a beautifully written and carefully researched letter.

Second Place

Winning 35 House Points, box of chocolates and a Principal's Award

- **Jade, Turing 15** – For a well researched piece of family history, with a stunning piece of art work.

Third Place

Winning 25 House Points, box of chocolates and a Principal's Award

- **Oliwia, Enigma 09** – for a fantastic and imaginative poster.

Highly-Highly Commended

Winning 20 House Points and a Principal's Award

Izzie, Enigma 02 **Adam, Lorenz 09**
Myles, Enigma 07 **Elliot, Lorenz 09**
Teisha, Enigma 10 **Anisha, Turing 12**

Highly Commended

Winning 10 House Points and a Principal's Award

Laurrene, Colossus 06	Sameh, Enigma 14
Lucas, Colossus 06	Rahul, Enigma 10
Georgia, Colossus 05	Chardnay, Enigma 10
Paige, Turing 03	Abigail, Enigma 08
Annabelle, Colossus 04	Archie, Enigma 11
Isobel, Enigma 06	Felicity, Enigma 08
Chloe, Enigma 12	Eden, Turing 03
Lauren, Enigma 15	Lewis, Lorenz 10
Faye, Lorenz 02	Shannon, Lorenz 15

Commended - Winning 5 House Points

Jasmine, Enigma 08	Ethan, Enigma 08
Dom, Enigma 08	Amelia, Enigma 08
Albert, Enigma 08	Honey, Enigma 08
Harvey, Enigma 08	Mason, Enigma 11
Karolin, Enigma 08	Georgia, Enigma 08
Ikraam, Enigma 10	Hafiza, Enigma 10
Fletcher, Enigma 10	Daisy, Colossus 07
Harry, Enigma 10	Mia, Enigma 10
Faye, Enigma 04	Amy, Colossus 01
Grace, Colossus 01	Kai, Colossus 01
Madison, Turing 03	Charlie, Turing 03



Sporting Success

ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS



On Wednesday 14 November, our Year 7 boys football team defeated Sir Herbert Leon 12-1 in a totally dominating performance. Incredible display from Sam B who was prolific in front of goal, scoring an amazing six goals! Also, another thrilling performance from Emmanuel who was named Man of the Match. Amazing result boys, well played!

ACADEMY SPORTS NEWS



On Thursday 8 November our Year 7 Rugby team took part in the MK Schools Rugby Festival at Sports Central. The lads played extremely. There were many positives from the boys performance on the night to build upon going forward! Well done and keep going!

PE UNIFORM

Now we are coming into the winter months and the weather temperatures are dropping. I would like to remind students that suitable clothing should be worn for outdoor PE lessons.

Shorts and T-shirt may now not be suitable and lead to students becoming increasingly cold and uncomfortable.

A list of acceptable clothing for PE lessons can be found on the school website and in student planners.

Mr Henry, Head of PE

Year 9 Design and Technology Network Rail Day

On Friday, 9 November 2018 several engineers from Network Rail visited Lord Grey Academy and worked with students from our Year 9 Design & Technology classes. They worked with the students on a range of STEM activities which included a bridge challenge, Lego building for making a working rail crossing and a costing exercise.

The first activity was to build a bridge, to see which one was the strongest. We were given limited materials and with these resources had to build a bridge to reach over a distance of 80cm. We tested the strength by putting weights on the bridge, several bridges performed really well. Next we had to build a level crossing out of Lego. We had to work out how to slow down a motor and then get the movement we needed in order to create a working mechanism. This was very interesting because no one had done this before and it was a great challenge. Shortly after that we did some project management activities which consisted of planning for a new railway station, and considering ways of making a new track and the best placement using a map. It made us think of the best, cheapest and safest route of travel to get to the other stations.

It was a very fun day. Thank you to the engineers from Network Rail.

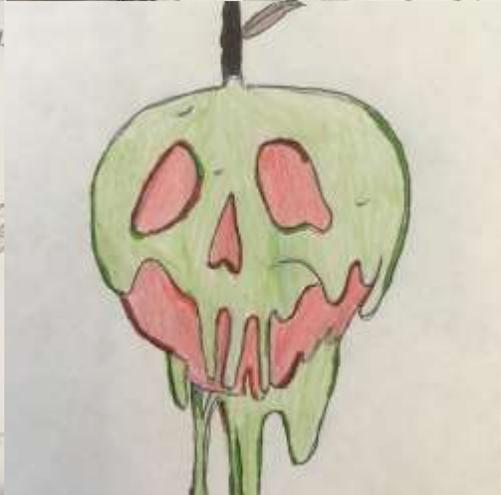
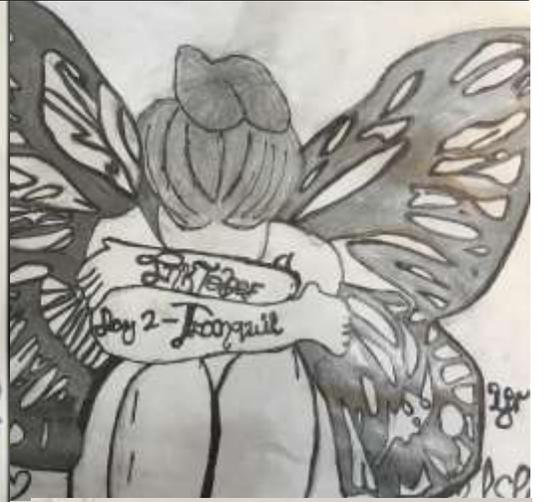
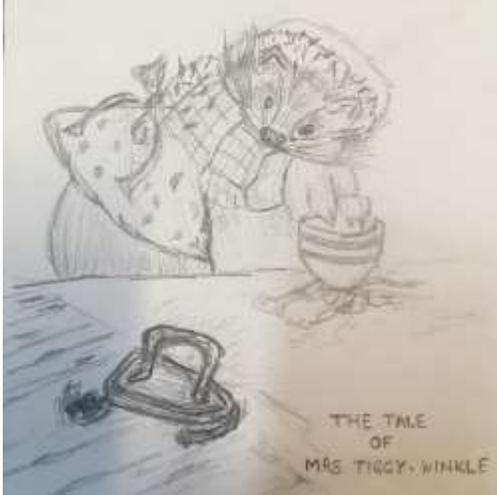
Ema and Mercy, Year 9



Inktober

Students and staff participated in the 2018 'Inktober'.

Every October, artists from all over the world take on Inktober. This is a drawing challenge by doing one ink drawing each day for the entire month. This can help improve various drawing/inking skills. I am sure you will agree we have some excellent talent at Lord Grey. #lordgreycan!





A beautiful armistice poem written by a student in tutor group, Turing 06.

This is to the soldiers we adore,
 men and women that fight in the tragic war,
 heroes that give their lives to us,
 the ones who deserve all our trust.

We wear sweet poppies
 as red as can be,
 to show we remember,
 those who fought for us.

We remember this day,
 for the soldiers near and far away.

So this is what I'm saying,
 to soldiers all around,
 goodbye, farewell,
 for those who lay in the ground.

News from Lorenz

Lorenz House continues to work hard and students are still being selected for the Ice Skating reward. We would like to say a huge thank you to all students who have been popping their pennies in our Young Carers charity box, every little helps. Many students from Lord Grey took part in the remembrance service at Bletchley Park, including Finley and his brother. A great credit to their family and the Academy.



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ParentMail!

A cashless way to pay.
 Pay for your dinner,
 trips, music fees
 through the shop on
 ParentMail.

News from the local community

*Bletchley Preschool
 Festive Bazaar*
 Saturday 15th December
 11am to 3pm



~ Free Entry ~
 Christmas Stalls
 Handmade Gifts
 Face Painting
 Santa's Grotto with Gift
 Popcorn, Chocolate & Sweets
 Hot & Cold Beverages
 And Much Much More!

For more details contact <https://www.facebook.com/BletchleyPre/ActivityCenter>, Porchester Close, MK3 7DF

Principal Star Awards



Congratulations to **Madi**, T08 and **Katelyn** T08 who are the first two students to receive their **Bronze Star Badge** from Mr Parker, Principal. 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 supported the charity Children in Need on Friday 16 November and raised a huge amount. At the time of going to print, we have collected £801.62. Many thanks, and well done to all who took part.