



Welcome Evening for Year 7 Parents



The Year 7 Welcome Evening was an event designed to warmly welcome new parents to the school community. The evening featured engaging speeches from key staff members, including the Headteacher and the Head of Year, who shared insights about experiences so far as well as the school's values and goals for the year ahead. Attendees were delighted by a dynamic dance and singing performance that showcased the talents of the pupils, adding an uplifting energy to the event.

Parents also had the opportunity to meet their child's tutors, view photos and examples of their child's schoolwork, allowing them to celebrate their achievements and get a glimpse into their school life.

Lisa Williamson Author Visit

On Tuesday 15th October best-selling author Lisa Williamson visited Year 7 for a fantastic talk about her new "Bigg" School series! Lisa's books deal with starting at a new school, making new friends and experiencing new challenges. After the talk, Lisa met with dozens of students in the library for a book signing event, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

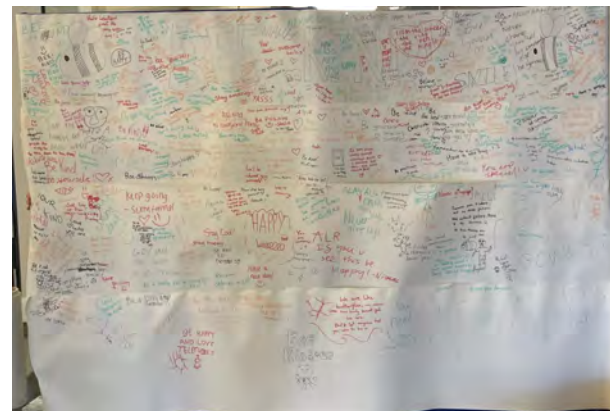


Kindness Wall

Last week, we ended GHS Wellbeing Week with a lovely activity: the Kindness Wall! Staff and pupils from all years wrote messages of positivity and kindness on the wall during Friday lunchtime.

From the Heads of Houses and all members of staff, we hope that the pupils remember the importance of active kindness in their school and home lives - one kind word is the step towards a better school community!

'The greatest wealth is (mental) health' - Virgil



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B Week

Theme of the Week

"Even In Darkness, it is Possible to Create Light",
Elie Wiesel

Looking Ahead

Years 7-11 Flu Vaccine

Monday 21st October

Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Information

Evening

Tuesday 22nd October

Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco

Thursday 24th October

Inset Day

Friday 25th October

October Half Term

Monday 28th October to Tuesday 5th November

Inset Days

Monday 4th November

Tuesday 5th November

**All pupils return to school on Wednesday,
6th November**

Inspiring visit to the Chancery Division High Courts

On Tuesday 8th October, a group of law-aspiring students were invited to observe a commercial law case on the first day of its hearing at the Chancery Division High Court. We also had a chance to speak with Mrs Justice Bacon, the youngest female high court judge in the UK when she was appointed, and a law student who was currently doing a conversion course in law, having previously studied languages. Observing the case was insightful, as it gave a first-hand view on how the court worked as an aspiring barrister. Speaking with Mrs Justice Bacon was both inspiring as a female and as an ethnic minority, as she was born in India. It was also helpful and informative, as she started off in the EU law and had several different jobs before becoming a judge. It allowed us to believe that a career in law is exciting as you never know where you will end up, and that it is possible to make it into a position such as the one she has at her age, as some imagine most judges to be old. This trip has enriched our vision for our future in law, and was definitely amazing for anyone desiring to work in the law.



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Sporting Results

Year Group	Sport	Opponent	Result
U12 Girls	Football	Kingston Academy	Lost 3 - 0

Akram Khan's Theatre of Dreams



Last week, the Dance department took A-Level and BTEC pupils to a performance of Akram Khan's Theatre of Dreams at Sadler's Wells in London. The show was an immersive experience with audience participation and a Q and A at the end of the show. Students voiced interesting interpretations of the piece and for some, the piece has influenced their choice of which solo practitioners they will focus on in their studies.



Parent reminder

Please be aware that the school will be conducting banding tests on Saturday 23rd November. If you have a Year 6 child and wish to apply for a place at the school for September 2025, then you must enter them for the banding test regardless of whether or not they have a sibling in the school. Please be aware the closing date for the banding test is midnight Thursday 31st October 2024. Applications must be completed in full, including your child's picture.

[Please click here for the banding test registration](#)

The Willow Menu for w/c 21st October

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING
08/04/2024 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024
22/07/2024

V – Vegetarian
VE – Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS		VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS	
MONDAY Traditional Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy	MONDAY Vegan Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy (VE)	TUESDAY Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese, Selection of Toppings, House Salad & Garlic Bread	TUESDAY Loaded Mac 'n' Cheese, Selection of Toppings, House Salad & Garlic Bread (V)
WEDNESDAY Hand Carved Roast Turkey, Roasties, Seasonal Veg & House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Mature Cheddar, Broccoli & Leek Quiche with Seasonal Veg or Garden Salad (V)	THURSDAY Baked Beef Enchilada with Mexican Rice & Salsa	THURSDAY Mixed Bean Enchilada with Mexican Rice & Salsa (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Sweetcorn, Chilli & Coriander Fritters with Sriracha Dressing, Chips & Peas (V)		

DESSERTS

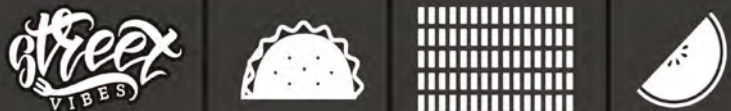
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Apple Pie & Custard	Peach & Pineapple Crumble	Sticky Coconut & Jam Pudding	Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce	Manager's Special

FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD
Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Caramelised Onion & Mozzarella Poutine (V)	Gochujang Chicken and Sesame Rice Pot	Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles	Korean Fried Crispy Chicken	Manager's Special



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reggae Reggae Jackfruit Curry (VE)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Vegan Ramen Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Manager's Special



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Pepperoni Pizza	Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or BBQ Chicken Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society. 