

Newsletter July 2019

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Exam Results

The Summer holidays are almost upon us and we'd like to congratulate all our pupils that have been part of this year's exam season; well done! Pupils conducted themselves with aplomb in what is inevitably a stressful time. Regardless of the final results, they have shown great character and learnt many important lessons from the experience.

GCSE results will be available on the 22nd August, staff will be available at school between 9am and 12pm if you'd like to collect them in person. We will be emailing results to all candidates on the 22nd, so please check your Green Room email. Alternatively, we will be posting statements of the results on the day and they should arrive on your doorstep within two days if you wish to extend your anticipation. If there are any queries, especially in relation to transitioning to college please do not hesitate to phone us at the school between the aforementioned times.

School is about much more than results and we are very proud of the individual journeys our pupils have made this year. Have a great Summer and look forward to results day.

Swanage Trip

Last week pupils went on a camping trip to Swanage, Corfe and Wareham where they displayed Green Room School characteristics in all areas. Resilience was shown when camping and on long walks in high temperatures.

The trip saw pupils develop



a creative attitude towards Geography, History, Art, Sport and Well Being.

It was a fantastic trip to magnificent locations creating wonderful memories and forging friendships, all in the name of learning and discovery. We look forward to a similar trip next year!



Snowdon Trip (by Eddie, GR6)

On the 3rd of July, three GR6 pupils and three teachers set off on a project designed to test their physical and mental boundaries to the max. Weeks of planning and dedication all came together in one bold ambition - to scale the highest mountain in England and Wales. To conquer the beast that is... Mount Snowdon.

With tents constructed, they spent the first day exploring the alluring scenery, swimming

(or paddling) in Llyn Padarn, wandering through the charming village Llanberis and climbing the ruins of decrepit castles. The day concluded with a camp-fire barbeque, and they retired to their air-beds to prepare for the 8 mile long, 1085 metre high trek up a mountain and down again. After breakfast they made their way across grassy fields, over mountain streams and through rusty farm gates to the Llanberis path and clambered up the mountainside. Finally, at 3.30 pm, they reached the summit to enjoy the view with the warm feeling of accomplishment before beginning the lengthy and adventurous climb back down to the Glaslyn - a glacial lake for which they braved





the icy temperatures to refresh and cool down. Pupils returned to their tents, full of satisfaction at what they had just accomplished - not only the physical mountain itself, but all the fears, doubts and insecurities that had come with it. (Read the full update on our blog).

making luxury dog treats and dog beds, which enabled her to create a portfolio of creative projects ready to apply for GR6. Eden's progress with her singing skills and her performance at the Christmas Market. Ethan making his own lightsabre as part of his props making skill development and Ami creating a make-up booklet and developing her makeup artistry skills that enabled her to apply to a makeup academy in London.

The Swan Pub

The renovation of the Swan has been a huge undertaking that has had many challenges. However, it is difficult situations that can bring out the best in us. The response from the community has been incredible. So much so, we are in a position to softly open the pub on July 20th and the School House will definitely be ready for the new term in September.

We are very excited about the opportunities the Swan will give us next year, not just in the building and its facilities, but in the people associated with it, who want to help our GR6 pupils achieve their dreams and step into adulthood with confidence. The paint is going on the walls this week, watch this space as we enter an exciting year for GR6.

Goodbye Rebecca

Not many staff ever leave The Green Room, but this year, it is with great sadness but also excitement that we say adieu to Rebecca as she embarks on a new adventure in Australia! Rebecca has been with us for four years, established Science in our curriculum from scratch and lead it to become our most successful GCSE with the greatest amount of currency. She is kind, patient, understanding in every situation and will be sorely missed. We all wish you the very best Rebecca and you know, you are welcome back anytime ;)



Arts Award

We have had another successful Arts Award year with 6 pupils passing, 3 with a Silver and 3 with Bronze, both equivalent to a higher and foundation pass at GCSE in Art and Design.

The pupils all worked really hard to complete a selection of projects which the moderator said demonstrated not only a huge learning curve, but also the immense amount of enjoyment, skill development and inspiration the pupils gained from the people they work with.

Highlights were from Lexi's White Duke dressmaking and fashion shoot which enabled her to develop her dress making skills. Connor's trip to Salamandra Animation and Design Studio where he got to play with Oculus Rift, a VR design tool new to the market. Ellie's development of a dog accessories project,





The end of June saw both schools come together at Old Park Farm, our Kingsley site, for 'GR Fest', our annual festival to celebrate the arrival of summer and the joys of camping. Our Year 11s were also bid farewell in style as they held their prom on the last night of the festival.

With almost 40 students taking part, this year's festival was our biggest and best yet, despite some challenging weather! Apart from spending time with the fascinating array of animals at the farm and relaxing in its beautiful grounds, the students competed in the annual Green Room Games, visited nearby Frensham Ponds, played glowstick manhunt in the dark, competed for the title of 'King of Throwing Land' in our very own throwing-based theme park, took part in arts and craft stalls, and even got

the chance to ride a mechanical Rodeo bull!

Even after all that, everyone still had enough energy to rock the dancefloor in the main marquee on the last night as the Year 11s held their "Overgrown Hollywood" themed prom. All in all, everyone went home having had an unforgettable time, learning lots about themselves and others, and ticking off the quintessential British experience: camping in the rain!

Hogmoor Inclosure

In June, we went to visit the Hogmoor Inclosure, a new natural play area near the school. We had a great time exploring the woods and playing on the zip wire, climbing towers and bouncy tyres.



Rewards Trip

Our pupils work towards achieving 'G Bucks' and this term seven of our pupils have reached the target of five G Bucks which means they have earned a reward trip of their choice. The rewards selected have ranged from having their nails done to paying for their provisional driving license. Well done to those who have earned their rewards.



Bowling

To give our year 11s some peace and quiet while doing their GCSEs, we took the rest of the school bowling which was a brilliant morning! Some had never tried it before but quickly got the hang of it!



New Arrivals

We are delighted to welcome a new arrival this term. First time parents Dawn and Dusk have been doing a wonderful job of looking after their week old gosling in the picture below. They have been very defensive and hissing at us all to stay away as they protect their little one!



Goodbye Year 11s

The first year 11s to pass through GRK are sadly moving on, but we couldn't be more proud of them! Three of them completed their GCSEs in Maths and English and are moving onto college or full time employment.

For up to date news and events visit our social media channels and our blog thegreenroomschool.com/blog

School starts - Thursday 5th September

INSET DAYS - Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th September

Last day of school - Friday 25th October

Half term - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Autumn Inset - Monday 4th November



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