

Newsletter April 2019

Spring has finally arrived and both pupils and staff have been welcoming the warmer weather. Everyone is looking forward to a well earned break, but here is a reminder of what The Green Room Windsor and Kingsley have been up to this half term

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Mock Exams

Spring is here and examination season is fast approaching. In order to best prepare our pupils for this important and stressful period of their adolescent lives we have recently undertaken a series of mock examinations in the core subjects; English, Maths and Science.

The mock exams have provided pupils with a taste of what it will be like in the Summer and can help them visualise their future success. It has also provided staff, and ultimately pupils, with a valuable insight into what needs to be our focus over the remaining lessons. Every minute, every activity and every day counts from here on in as there are countless opportunities to gain the few extra marks that will help to make this Summer the most successful examination season yet. Of course, any revision done by conscientious pupils over the rapidly approaching Easter holidays will pay dividends and staff are happy to both provide activities and mark anything that is attempted outside of school time.

We wish all our pupils the best this Summer and look forward to celebrating with them as they reach this important milestone on their educational journey.

Animal Care

This term, the 4th Dimension Animal Care group were lucky enough to visit the Blue Acre



Horse Rescue sanctuary in Old Windsor.

We were welcomed by Veanne, the rehoming and rehabilitation advisor, and Caron, the yard manager and co-founder of Blue Acre. They explained the background to a number of the characters in their care; such as Raymond the dove, Mouse the horse and Maisie the goat. But they currently have over 40 horses in their care, and the way they get to know each and every character is truly heartwarming.



They give their time, patience and TLC show that each horse can grow to its full potential.

An enjoyable and educational time was had by all, and we hope to pay a return visit in the summer term.

Live Music!

Arranging music, singing and performing live to an audience is to many considered a daunting prospect. It has therefore been marvellous to witness our 6th Form pupil Maddie unleash musical dexterity with her efforts towards The Edge project. Maddie has accepted some musical guidance however the bulk effort has been her willingness to sing and perform in front of audiences at various establishments, an endeavour to give to the community as part of her project and it's terrific to see. Such activity has generated public appreciation while accessing the LORIC principles and developing a greater confidence for her character framework, a wonderful example of a Green Room pupil in full swing.





The Hopton Tattoo Parlour

Harry, one of our sixth form pupils, recently shared two of his passions with the rest of the school; tattoos and empowering anyone who has been the victim of bullying.

As part of Harry's Masters Edge qualification, a Level 3 award which challenges students to run projects building up their leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication, Harry set up a tattoo parlour in our science lab.

Lavishly decorated with Harry's chosen "cloak and dagger" theme, The Hopton Tattoo Parlour transported pupils and staff into a strange but supportive world where all were they were given the opportunity for self expression through decorative body art.

Harry had designed all the tattoos himself, based on his deep knowledge of the symbolism of Celtic mythology, ancient South American civilisations, as well as

popular culture and rock music. Each design held a meaning, promoting the themes of inner strength, bravery, individuality and compassion. These designs are close to Harry's heart as he seeks to help those who may have suffered from bullying at any stage of their lives. And don't worry, all the tattoos administered were temporary transfers from printable tattoo paper, although Harry has a real one himself of his own design!

Allotment

As we transition from Winter to Spring, it's time to get our hands dirty! This year we have been given a new allotment site to dig up and make our own.

Our new plot has kindly been donated by the Windsor Allotment and Home Gardeners Association. There has been a long history of schools using this particular plot but due to a few



years of neglect it has become overgrown and derelict.

The Green Room has been challenged to bring the patch of ground back to its former glory and make it a pleasant place for plants to bask in the sun.

Esports Champions

We are very proud of our Esports team who have recently been competing in the British Esports Championship. We are delighted to announce that they have won the league this year, playing Rocket League against 7 other teams! An excellent display of teamwork and resilience over the whole term, they thoroughly deserve to win. It has been a brilliant experience for our school and given pupils a taste of competition and an opportunity to socialise with other pupils they wouldn't normally. Bring on next season!



New Staff

Rosie is a local Kingsley resident and will be joining the GRK team after Easter as an LSA every Wednesday. We are very excited for her to join the team.

Elizabeth started with us just after half term. She is our therapist offering therapeutic support to our pupils. She has been doing some great work with pupils already.



Horse Riding

Horse riding is set to start after Easter every Friday. Pupils will have a half an hour session once a week to reward them for all their hard work with our horses to date.

Parent Consultation and Easter Egg Hunt

On Tuesday 2nd April GRK welcomed parents into the school for a Parent Consultation Afternoon and Easter Egg Hunt. Despite the weather not being on our side we started with a delicious buffet lunch and then embarked on the great egg hunt. This lead parents and pupils with clues around the school to meet all staff and hold 1:1 meetings to find out how pupils are getting on. The Spring reports were sent

out prior to the event to help support this. The atmosphere was fantastic, the pupils as always lead the event really well and we are so grateful to all the parents who came for attending and making it such a special and successful day.

Lantra Tractors

Jake was our first pupil to pass his 16+ LANTRA Tractor driving qualification with Ally. Other pupils, Luke and Andrew are currently working on theirs and are set to pass soon. Great achievement! In order to pass they have to do a range of practical and theory and get signed off in these areas.



Baby Shower

The pupils and staff at GRK were kind enough to throw Danielle a surprise baby shower on Wednesday 3rd April. Pupils made gifts, snacks and games such as guess the baby food and guess the baby photo. They enjoyed celebrating alongside staff. It was a very thoughtful and kind event!

GCSEs

Our three pupils sitting their GCSEs have just taken their mock exams with excellent

results. They took the week long assessments really seriously and the results reflected this. They now know areas for improvement and are working on this in 1:1 and lesson time but we are very proud of all they have achieved so far and wish them the very best for their final exams.

Castle Nursery Visit

Pupils from GRK went to Castle Nursery in Guildford and Butts Primary School in Alton with our 2 bunnies and 3 new born chicks this half term. They really enjoyed this as part of their Easter project and both the nursery and school were really grateful for us going to visit! The children stroked and held the animals and our pupils explained a little about each one.



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Term begins - Wednesday 24th April - Friday 24th May
Half Term - Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June



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