



The Gregg School

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Forthcoming events

Monday 6 Feb	School Council
Tuesday 7 Feb	Year 10 mock interviews with Rotary Club of Southampton Magna Year 7 Rugby Tournament at Eastleigh Rugby Football Club
Weds 8 Feb	Year 10 mock interviews with Rotary Club of Southampton Magna Duke of Edinburgh Parents' Information meeting 5.00pm
Thursday 9 Feb	Year 7 trip to "Swan Lake" at The Mayflower Theatre Year 7 Parents' Social at Kuti's Brasserie
Friday 10 Feb	House Cross Country

Busy weekend for athletes

On Saturday 21st January, four of our students represented Southampton Schools in the Hampshire Schools' Cross Country Championships held at Gang Warily in Fawley. Emma T and Lucy B competed in the Junior Girls' section, contributing to the team's bronze medal (3rd place), whilst Andrew Hand Callan J were part of the Intermediate Boys' team.

Emma and Andrew were joined on Sunday 22nd by fellow athletes Amber C and Mollie S, who travelled to the southern semi-final of the National Schools' Biathlon Championships at Bath University.

The Gregg School team achieved a very creditable fourth place with 4958 points (396 behind bronze). Individual results were as follows:-

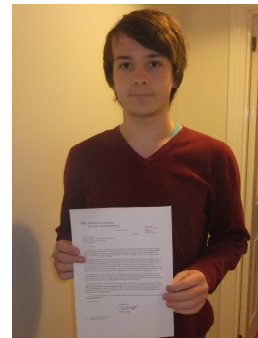
Year 8 Girls	100m Swim	1000m Run
7th Emma T	1.06.79 (p.b.)	3.37.65
33rd Amber C	1.20.31	3.58.11
50th Mollie S	1.59.67	4.12.98
Year 10 Boys		
28th Andrew H	1.09.41	3.40.85

Peter's in the "Ivy League"

We were delighted to learn that Peter Humby (class of 2007) has gained a place at Yale Graduate School in America as a Visiting Research Assistant in the Department of Physics.

The award of a place at the "Ivy League" University follows Peter's success in gaining the Physics Prize at Surrey University, which is awarded to the top student on the Masters course.

Peter will join the Physics Department at Yale in February, where he will carry out research into Nuclear Physics, and hopes to be back in England in time for Christmas.



Book awards prize brings authors to School

On Tuesday the 31st of January, a small group of Year 7 students attended an exciting event held at Down to Earth Farm in Millbrook. At the event, the results of the Southampton Favourite Book Award 10-12 – an award which we had all voted for - were announced.

Our challenge was to read the 5 books which were shortlisted for the award and then vote for our favourite. We were all very excited to find out the results.

The winning book was 'The Quest of the Warrior Sheep' by Christine and Christopher Russell (a very funny book, about a group of sheep who go on a quest!) - and the winning authors gave a talk about the book. We were entered into a prize draw for the winning authors to come to our school to give a talk to a larger group of people and we were very excited to hear that our school had won!

We were then given the chance to talk to the authors in person. We were told about two new books which start a series about the warrior sheep, which both sounded interesting. After this, we were given a chance to have a look around the farm. We were introduced to all the animals before we left. Everyone had a great time and it was an event to be remembered. Thank you to Mrs Baldwin for organising the trip and accompanying us on it.

Report by Helen N (Year 7)

Original Writing Competition

Owing to various other demands on students' time, there were fewer entries for the competition this year, although the standard was as high as ever. In the senior section, we were all impressed by the very well-crafted piece by Dominic James which described the feelings of someone contemplating suicide, and this entry was awarded first place.

Second was Max M's "The Captain", a story full of precise description which evoked a strong sense of atmosphere.

Jennifer B achieved third place with "Angelica", in which she imitated very successfully the style of an American police thriller.

Highly Commended awards were achieved by Euan A, Ashleigh B, Emma B, Katie C, Jenna F, Andrew F, Kirsty N, and Aidan S.

The overall result in the Senior competition was Trojan 16 points, Spartan 9 and Roman 5.

There was an interesting variety of subjects in the junior competition entries. First place was awarded to Katie G's powerful piece set in a concentration camp; her use of two viewpoints of the same event was both moving and highly convincing.

We decided that the entries of Isobel W and Dominic D were too close to separate, so both achieved second place. Again, the split narrative was used to good effect: Isobel wrote a vivid account of a girl leaving home for university, while Dominic's equally well-described piece was about a prisoner and his interrogator.

In third place, again tied, were Georgina P and Katie R. Both entries expressed the feelings of their narrators with considerable skill.

Highly Commended awards were achieved by: Ayush A, Emma C, Megan H, Shiona M, Emily M, Elliot P, Joshua S and Ben W.

The overall result in the junior competition was Roman 17.5 points, Trojan 8 and Spartan 4.5.

Musical Theatre success for Emma

Congratulations to Emma P (Year 10) on achieving a Distinction at Grade 5 in her Musical Theatre examination through the London College of Music.

Girls' football

Our girls' football team played their first match at home against league regulars Regents Park School last week. It was a tough match, but the team played well together, with Hollie M, Mollie S and Lucy B deserving particular praise. Louise Summers scored the only Gregg goal of the match, and the game ended in a 3-1 victory to Regents Park.

The team fared much better in their second match against St. Mary's College on Tuesday. Goals from Louise S (3), Hershilla P (1), Charlotte T (1) and Holly M (1) resulted in a 6-1 win, and the team is now giving serious thought to entering the Southampton Girls' league next season.

Silver Sam

Year 11 student Sam B struck silver at the South of England Under 17 Indoor Athletics Championships last weekend. In only his second competition since last September Sam cleared 3.60m for second place. There is still more to come as Sam will be changing up poles in readiness for the England Championships at the end of February.



Andrew D, Year 8, also had a good competition in the Under 15 boys' age group finishing 5th with 2.30m. This is Andrew's first year in this age group and his next competition will be the London Games on 4th February.

National squad place for Mollie

Congratulations to Mollie S (Year 8) on her selection for the Great Britain National Taekwondo Squad. Mollie took part in trials for the squad which were held over a number of weekends, and was one of only 20 children selected from across the country.



Her training schedule with the GB Team requires her to stay in Manchester for most of the school holidays this year. Mollie also has tournaments that she will be attending, both in this country and across Europe, including A' class tournament (full international tournament) in Sweden this February.

Mollie has also entered for the Childrens' European Championships in Germany in March 2012, so all in all she's going to be a very busy girl!