



# Senior Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I hope you will enjoy this newsletter. The undoubted highlight of the last fortnight was an informal visit to Oakeley by Olivia Colman, multiple award winning actor and a great role model for our pupils. Olivia opened the new building at Oakeley and we deliberately made the event as low key as possible. I know it was a real thrill for many of the girls, they were star struck and delighted in equal measure!

As we approach Chinese New Year I am reminded of the ancient Chinese curse, 'May he live in interesting times'; the past fortnight has certainly been interesting for me as many of you will know. I would repeat my invitation to parents to come and meet with me at any time to discuss any matter of interest or concern to them, my door remains open to you all.

With all good wishes for half term.

With best wishes

Douglas Robb  
Headmaster





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## BIOLOGY

In January, nine Sixth Form students from Gresham's took part in the British Biology Olympiad organised by the Royal Society of Biology. This competition is open to students around the world and involved completing two very challenging and demanding online exams that tested a range of Biological knowledge and expertise. This year over 7800 students took part! Particular congratulations go to Samantha Horan in Year 13, who achieved a Silver award by finishing in the top 17.4% of students completing this challenge. Congratulations also go to Amelia Doran Year 12, Toby Little and Joachim Greene both Year 13 who received a 'highly commended' award for finishing in the top 52.8%. Commendations were also awarded to Abbie Whitaker, Bryan Lee, Bettina Zur Muehlen and Archie Hoo. Very well done to them and to all students who took part in a very academically challenging competition.

*Mr T Philpott, Head of Biology*

## FRENCH

### Français Facile



Richard Peltier came in for his last Français Facile study session with selected Year 11, and Sixth Form pupils studying French. Pupils benefit hugely from this three hours immersion session with the host who refrains from uttering even a single word of English. Year 11 & L6th pupils looked at media, holidays and French cultural heritage whilst the U6th pupils tackled France in Europe and La Francophonie.



Well done to all pupils involved for their participation and enthusiasm.

### Linguistics Olympiad

Two of our most able linguists, Marta Cane and Daniel Zhao, gave up their own time to represent Gresham's in the Linguistics Olympiad. It is a national competition and this is the first year that we have entered pupils. They both were presented with patterns of foreign languages, (Tamil, Maori and Basque, amongst others), which they had to use to solve linguistic data problems.

Well done to Mr West, Marta and Daniel for their hard work.

*Mrs A Watt, Head of MFL*



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## OLIVIA COLMAN

We were delighted to welcome OG Olivia Colman to School last Friday to officially open the new building at Oakeley. Olivia attended Gresham's from 1991 to 1993 and was a boarder in Oakeley.



Olivia was given a tour of the new House and then a short informal concert followed by a tea party in the new Common Room. The girls were thrilled to welcome such a lovely guest to their "home". Olivia spent two hours chatting to the girls and reminiscing about her time at School. Olivia was delighted to catch up with Fiona Gathercole who was resident House Tutor in Oakeley when she was a pupil here and of course Mr Paul Hands who was Director of Drama.



She unveiled a slate plaque in the Common Room to mark her visit which includes the following words 'Olivia Colman OG who played Miss Jean Brodie at an impressionable age and never looked back'; she certainly hasn't!!



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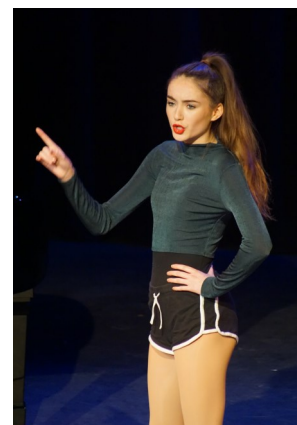
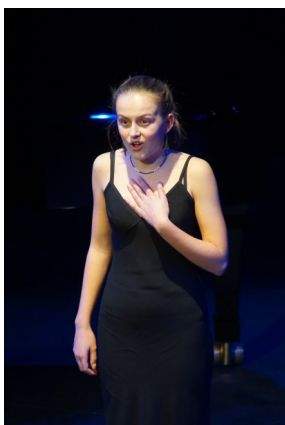


## MUSIC & DRAMA

Songs from the Shows is always a great evening attracting an impressive range of talent from across all year groups. This year was no different, but the choice of material seemed to be much more varied, shaped by student choice; it ranged from early revue and music hall through popular standards to the most current shows on stage and screen. At the end of a very busy Half Term an impressive company of 30 students, accompanied on the piano by the inexhaustible Mrs Reece and Mr Coleman, staged their numbers using all aspects of theatre to communicate character and emotion, even coping hilariously with the identity question *Am I a man or am I a muppet?* Lights, costume, props and choreography all added to the effect that this was indeed a glimpse of shows from the West End to Broadway via the silver and television screen.



Libby Lukins opened the proceedings with a joyous rendition of *Good Morning Baltimore* from *Hairspray* and Daisy Quick brought the evening to a close with a barnstorming performance of *Don't Rain On My Parade* from *Funny Girl*. The evening had so many highlights that to focus on individual performance does not do justice to the company. I hope the photos will speak for themselves capturing a little of a great evening's entertainment. Clearly the audience agreed with me as we raised- in an after show collection- an amazing £520 for our school charities. Congratulations one and all.







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## DRAMA & MUSIC (cont/d)

A full list of performers and the numbers they sang is below:

Libby Lukins	Good Morning Baltimore from Hairspray
Ines Twist	Naughty from Matilda
Jemima Porter	I Speak 6 Languages from Putnam Spelling Bee
Tiah Paige	The Coolest Girl from A Very Potter Sequel
Poppy Robinson	How Could I Ever Know from Secret Garden
Ella Fairbairn Day	Just Around the Riverbend from Pocahontas
Evey Jermy	With You from Ghost
Amelia Doran	When He Sees Me from Waitress
Tilly Mann	I Hate Men from Kiss Me Kate
George Ward and Daisy Quick	You've got a friend in me from Toy Story
Romy Sipek	Nothing from Chorus Line
Molly Sankey and Amelia Fox	Tale As Old As Time from Beauty and The Beast
Tom Kinder and Eddie Osbourne	Valjean and Javert duet The Confrontation Les Miserables
George Giles Loan	Man or Muppet with Wona Igiehon
Maria Butcher	We'll Meet Again from We'll Meet Again
Daisy Brucki	Morning Person from Shrek with Jemima Porter
Jo Oxtoby	Mad Dogs and Englishmen
Amy Matthews	This Nearly Was Mine from South Pacific
Marta Tallin	Times are Hard for Dreamers from Amelie
Molly Sankey and Ash Faire Ring	A Lovely Night from La La Land
Jemima Porter, Tilly Mann, Jess Beeson, Elle Matthews	Honey Honey from Mamma Mia
Eddie Osbourne and Amelia Fox	Our Last Summer from Mamma Mia
Libby Noy	Burn from Hamilton
Clem Chapple	I'd Give my Life for You from Miss Saigon
George Giles Loan	Nothing Suits me like a Suit from How I met your Mother
Daisy Quick	Don't Rain on my Parade from Funny Girl

*Miss B O'Brien, Head of Drama*



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## MUSIC

The Music department have had a terrifically busy, and fun few days since its last newsletter communication. In addition to Songs from the Shows, two important events have taken place.

### The Schubertiade

Staff and pupils came together to celebrate this great composer's work and life. The evening could hardly have been more varied. Amongst the various offerings, Mr Boyd played a beautiful Schubert Romance on his guitar. In addition to all her accompanying Mrs Reece played an Impromptu. The Guitar Quartet, with George Ward, Oliver Thomas, Naomi Crame & Tom Oliver played Stormy Weather. We watched a chilling performance of *Der Erlkönig*, performed by the famous interpreter of German song, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. Then, by contrast, we watched Dudley Moore's interpretation of the same song, *Die Flabberghast*. Mr Myers, not to be out done produced his beatbox version of *Das Wandern*, too. Sam Aldersey-Williams and Roxy Yang were joined by Mr Coleman & Mrs Reece in an 8-handed piano duet. Tom Oliver & Bill Carter performed a Beatles number (there was a link!) Caspar Schlueter, Laura Marbach, Amelia Fox, Sam Aldersey-Williams, Libby Lukins, Joe Oxtoby, Tiah-Paige Davie, Mr Bowley and Poppy Robinson sang solo songs. Miss Kennedy and Mr Boyd combined to perform



*Frühlingsglaube*. Several staff members got together to sing one of Schubert's drinking songs. Rather more edifying was Sam Aldersey-Williams' performance of *Impromptu* Op. 90 No. 4 in Ab major, and a large proportion of the Chapple family sang *Wiegenlied*. It really was a party; it even had a birthday cake, and everyone sang *An die Musik* and *Happy Birthday* at the end.







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## The Individual House Music Competition

We were very excited that on Sunday we held the Individual Music Competitions. New this year, we have augmented the House Music Competition to include individual performances. For a couple of weeks Mr Bowley and Mrs Reece have been listening to auditions, as 125 members of the School gained those all-important House points. On Sunday we held the final. To adjudicate, we had Dr Richard Dunster-Sigtermans: A very experienced adjudicator, who was able to give good feedback for all performers. The programme is below. The winners are in red. In addition, the pupils in gold were commended.



Congratulations to all who took part; it was a wonderful celebration of all the pupils' hard work and musicianship in the school.

- Joe Kooreman won the Intermediate Instrumental Cup.
- Sam Aldersey-Williams won the Advanced Instrumental Cup.
- Jemima Porter won the Intermediate Singing Cup.
- Amy Matthews won the Advanced Singing Cup.







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## Instrumental Intermediate

### 2.30pm Piano

Fergus Robson

**Leonide Massine**

Isabel Kitto

Tiah-Paige Davie

*Not tomorrow* - Yamaoka

*Girl from Ipanema* - Jobim

*Blues* - Chapple

*Crumbling dreams: Bellora's lullaby* - Riskin

### 2.50pm Jazz, Electric Guitar and Drum Kit

Teddy Chapple

Archie Kenyon

Jamie Dykes

**Joe Kooreman**

*Lily was here* - Dave Stewart

Improvisation

*Havana* - Cabello

*Under pressure* - Queen and Bowie

### 3.10pm Orchestral Instruments

**Poppy Robinson**

Michael Haney

Harry Ardern

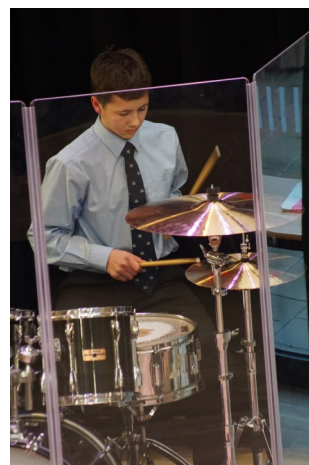
Daniel Zhao

*Durch die Wälder, durch die Auen* - Weber

*Dave's magic crumble* - James Rae

*Supplementary studies No. 6* - Rubank

*Kimi wo nosete* - Jou





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## Instrumental Advanced

### 3.35pm Piano

Kate Webster

**Sam Aldersey-Williams**

Diana Edwards

Poppy Robinson

Lucia Leung

*Tambourin* - Gossec

*Wedding day at Trollhaugen* - Grieg

*Staccato Beans* - Tan Dun

*Valse lente* - Merikanto

*River flows in you* - Yurima

### 3.55pm Jazz, Electric Guitar & Drum Kit

Sam Field

Aaron Hollinger

Ned Porter

Callum Richardson

**Benjamin Wood**

Dougie Wright

Tom Oliver

*Sir Duke* - Stevie Wonder

Improvisation

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*Always with me, always with you* - Joe Satriani

*Reapers* - Muse

*Mind the gaps* - Morgan

*Little sunflower* - Freddie Hubbard

### 4.30pm Strings

Rachel Heath

James Westmore

Peter Westmore

Oliver Thomas

**Tom Oliver**

*Sonata in E minor* - Marcello

*Prayer, No. 1 from Jewish Life* - Bloch

*Adoration* - Borowski

*El Testament D'Amelia* – Catalan Folksong

*Estudio 13* - Sor

### 5pm Woodwind and Brass

Mio Nevin

**Adrian Leung**

Nicholas Dugdale

Diana Edwards

Tom Kinder

*Frensham pond* - W Lloyd Webber

*Rhapsody in blue* - Gershwin

*Rumba* - Glyn

*Bagatelle* - Beethoven

*Chanson de matin* - Elgar





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## Singing Intermediate

### 6.30pm Classical/Traditional Song

Jemima Porter  
Caspar Schleuter  
Edith Broch  
Akaura  
Camilla Morgan-Evans  
Isabel Kitto  
**Poppy Robinson**  
Tilly Mann

*An die Nachtigall* - Schubert  
*Lachen und Weinen* - Schubert  
*Maria Wiegenlied* - Reger Sae  
*The dormouse carol* - Poston  
*Ave Maria* - Franck  
*Maria Wiegenlied* - Reger  
*En prière* - Fauré  
*Dusk* - Armstrong

### 7.15pm Music Theatre/Popular Song

Rachel Heath  
**Jemima Porter**  
Joe Oxtoby  
Sae Akaura  
Edith Broch  
Ella Fairbairn-Day  
Evey Jermy  
Ines Twist

*All I ask of You* - Andrew Lloyd Webber  
*I speak 6 Languages* - Finn  
*I'm learning to read* - Roe  
*I Feel Pretty* - Bernstein  
*How could I ever know* - Simon  
*'till there was you* - Wilson  
*With you* (from Ghost) - Stewart & Ballard  
*Naughty* - Tim Minchin

## Singing Advanced

### 8pm Classical/Traditional Song

Daisy Brucki  
Daisy Quick  
**Ashmole Faire-Ring**  
Sam Aldersey-Williams  
Amy Matthews  
Amelia Fox

*V'adoro Pupille* - Handel  
*How Beautiful are the Feet* - Handel  
*Caro mio ben* - Giordani  
*Der Lindenbaum* - Schubert  
*Music when soft voices die* - Quilter  
*An die Musik* - Schubert

### 8.30pm Music Theatre/Popular Song

Daisy Brucki  
Clementine Chapple  
Daisy Quick  
Molly Sankey  
**Amy Matthews**  
Libby Noy  
Amelia Doran  
George Giles-Loane  
Marta Tallinn

*Morning person* - Tesori & Lindsay-Abaire  
*I'd give my life for you* - Claude-Michael Schönberg  
*She used to be mine* - Sara Bareilles  
*Misty* - Garner  
*Take me to church* - Andrew Hozier Byrne  
*Burn* - Miranda  
*It never was you* - Weil  
*It takes two* - Kim Weston & Moy  
*Whispering* - Rose





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## SKIOUROS

The Gresham's Philosophy society held a meeting on Friday 2 February to investigate the power of money. Senior members of the society, Charles Hickman, Rupert Tancred, Naomi Crame, George Ward and Bill Carter led a discussion about the role of money for human society and different understandings of its worth, exploring such diverse ideas as the gold standard, payment in salt and budget shopping. Additional observations were contributed by Tiah-Paige Davie & Christoph Zur Muehlen, with the society eventually reaching the conclusion that the value of money was purely determined by the humans it served.

*Mr S Gates, Head of RS, Philosophy & TOK and CCF Contingent Commander*

## DEBATING

Congratulations to the three Gresham's teams who competed at Cambridge on Tuesday 23 January in the Oxford Union Schools' Debating Competition Eastern Region.

This is intense and demanding debating, with debates beginning in the British Parliamentary Style just 15 minutes after the motions are declared. The motions were *This House would ban meat* and *This House would abolish juries*.

The three Gresham's teams were very impressive in their two matches in three hours of debating. The teams were: Lora Naydenova and Amelia Doran, Samantha Horan and Charlotte Moulton, Henry Alston and Luke Nash

This was the most teams we have fielded to date, and we must be edging closer to a place in the national finals, which are held at the Oxford Union.

*Mr S Kinder, Teacher of History and Head of Learning & Teaching*





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## CCF—LENT TERM ACTIVITIES

The CCF has been busy this term with Year 10 cadets completing elements of their basic training, including first aid, drill, range shooting and military skills appropriate to their section. Many Year 11 cadets have been involved with NCO cadre courses, developing leadership skills and learning how to be instructors. A briefing was also held for Year 9 pupils, outlining the opportunities available to them through the CCF including camps and courses – Adventure Training weekends in the Peak District (23-25 March and 25-27 June), Army Camp at Beckingham (Sat 30 June -7 July) & RAF Camp at St Mawgan (July). All members of the CCF are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities and further details are available from CCF staff.

*Mr S Gates, CCF Contingent Commander*



## THE RIFLE CLUB

The teams for the British Schools Home International match, a 'Five Nations' for young shooters, have recently been announced and Gresham's School have a good representation throughout the England teams. The England teams will be competing against teams from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and the Channel Islands. Harry Ardern, Ben Danziger and Toby Little have all been selected to shoot for England 'A', with the Cubitt brothers, Toby and William, both being selected to shoot for England 'B'. Shooting for honours only, and representing England 'C' will be Kira Kapustina and Rupert Tancred. Alex Todd will be representing England 'D'. Many congratulations to all of these students on being selected to represent England Schools and good luck to them all.

*Mr F Grounds, Master in Charge of Shooting*





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## TALLIS



This week the boys in Tallis hosted the annual Tallis Entertains. With everything being left even more to the last minute than any year before, this year's show was even more exciting and spontaneous than usual. This added to the comedy of the show with certain moments of the show sending the audience into fits of laughter.



Particular highlights included an U6th sketch personifying each House and taking them on holiday, with hysterical but light-hearted jokes at the expense of other Houses.

The old Tallis boyband, 1T was reformed with new members singing the Backstreet Boys' hit 'I want it that way', which sent the crowd wild.

As well as this musical number, the show featured George Giles singing his own song about his height, the winning house instrumental being performed again, Wona and Edefuan singing and playing the drums together and Ariel playing Chopin on piano to an incredible standard. Perhaps the most highly anticipated act of all and a personal highlight of mine was Jerry Chu taking to the stage to sing Whitney Houston's 'I will always love you'.

Overall, the show was very entertaining and was enjoyed by all, with all the boys' hard work paying off to receive a pizza and drink after the final performance was done. In total £396 was raised for the School's charities.





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## CRICKET

Earlier this month, Gresham's Director of Cricket, Chris Brown went to Harare, Zimbabwe, to source two players for a potential scholarship opportunity to come and experience our school environment and pursue their academic and sporting development and requirements. Twenty-three players from across the country were invited to cricket trials. Following this process, over a two-day period, three players were shortlisted with two being selected to join the school. Congratulations to Brandon James and Declan Oldreive who will join the School at the start of summer term.

Chris also worked with the Zimbabwe National XI team before their tri-series with Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and has been invited to help their coaching team in preparation for their World Cup One-Day (ODI - 50 overs) qualifiers. Chris will fly out to Dubai on Thursday 8 Feb with the Zimbabwe National XI ahead of the their 5 ODI match series v Afghanistan at the Sharjah International Cricket Stadium, UAE. Chris will then link up with Nottinghamshire CCC in Muscat, Oman for their Academy tour from the 16 -24 February. This is a great achievement and accolade for Chris and I know he is very much looking forward to picking up new ideas and practices in order to pass onto our cricketers next summer term.



Chris pictured with National XI Head Coach, Heath Streak and all-rounder Sikanda Raza at Harare Sports Club





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## HOCKEY

We played a block fixture against RHS, where all 3 senior teams won their matches against some tough opposition and playing an improved standard of hockey, the Junior teams had a mixed afternoon with the highlight being the way the 14A's played.



Due to weather conditions we have had to reschedule the U18s plate, U14s & U16s regional prelim tournaments which will now be after Half Term.

*Mr D Buckmaster, Head of Hockey*

## Gremlins Hockey Club



The Gremlins hockey team beat Holt's Old Greshamians (HOGS) 5-1 in an epic battle last week. The Gremlins are a social mixed hockey team of boys and girls from Years 11-13. The match was hotly contested with the HOGS fielding a strong side of hockey players from the local league sides including Norwich City HC and North Norfolk HC.

The first half was a close fought affair with Gremlins leading 2-1 at half time thanks to goals from Rob Mackenzie and Ross Butler. The second half became a physical battle with both sides seeing players spend 2 minutes in the "sin bin" for stick tackles, but it was the Gremlins who kept their heads and ran away with the score line as Ross Butler scored three more goals putting the game out of reach. It was a great experience for all the pupils involved and they learned many lessons in hockey and team work along the way. Player of the match: Lucy Reader.

*Mr C Mack, Teacher of Economics*



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## NETBALL

The season continues apace, and we are delighted with the way in which the girls are working. The 1<sup>st</sup> VII are certainly leading the way, and acquitted themselves very well indeed at the East Region Under 19 finals at Home Weekend. After brilliant performances in their pool they missed a place in the Semi-finals by only one point.



The four senior teams went on to confident wins again Langley and Wisbech Grammar, and in the local derby vs Norwich School, the honours were fairly evenly shared. Special mention should be made to the U15A game versus Norwich School, where at the end of an hour of exciting and skilful Netball, only one goal separated the two teams.

Snow descended on our courts on Tuesday, and all one hundred and twenty netballers headed for an action packed one hour session in the Sports Hall. This was great fun; brilliantly led by Mrs Buckingham who made sure that everyone had an enjoyable workout.

Many congratulations to Daisy Rennison who was awarded her full senior Netball colours this week.



## ATHLETICS



Congratulations to Harry Taylor who won the 60m race at the Norfolk County Championship with a PB of 7.3.





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## SOCS SPORTS WEBSITE

A reminder of our new Sports Website, which you can see via the address below.

<http://sports.greshams.com> The school password is **grasshopper**.

You might want to save the address in your favourites and send it to your family and friends. To see at a glance 'What's On, Where and When' you have a number of choices:

You can navigate to our Sports Calendar via the main menu, and then select the day you are interested in and then click the Details link. This shows the venue and if we're playing away will have a link to the location map of our opponent's school. You can also see the team selected for the fixture wherever you see this blue image . Normally we announce team selections at least the day before and in some cases 48 hours before. From the Sports Calendar you can also click directly through to a team's fixtures & results listing by clicking the Team's Name. e.g. click on the "Girls-U16A". If you are following a particular team or teams you can also select **Sports & Teams Fixtures & Results** from the main menu. Then select a particular sport and your team to see **past results and upcoming fixtures**. From any teams Fixture list you can "Spy" on the opponents recent

results by clicking on the spyglass button , or see the playing record by clicking on this button , or find their location by clicking on the map point button .

From any team's Fixtures & Results listings you can also download the entire fixture list to your personal calendar on your PC or mobile device (such as an iPhone or iPad). Any changes we make to our fixtures will be synchronised with your personal calendar whenever you connect your PC or mobile device to the Internet.

If you need to quickly find an away venue for one of our opponents you can either choose the map link directly from a fixture, available via the "details" button as described above, or you can select "Opponent Maps & Links" from the main menu.

If you are visiting our sports website on your mobile phone you will notice it loads up as a Mobile Web App. Full instructions for how to get the most out of the Web App can be found online by clicking here [>>>](#). The mobile Web App will allow you to access Fixture and Team Sheet information on the go!

We hope this helps to keep you informed and a much improved service for our fixtures and results throughout the school.

*Mr S Adams – Sports Development Director*



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## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Last week Gresham's pupils became judge and jury as Phil Hunter, Visiting Lecturer in Law at the New College of the Humanities, presented a number of historical cases where a difficult decision had to be made between a murder conviction and one of manslaughter. By taking his audience through a number of trials from the last 30 years, he ably demonstrated how the UK legal system works in the case of Common Law and how this had changed over time. Much discussion and debate continued long after his talk. After Half Term, the programme continues with a varied selection of topics. Talks start at 6pm and are in the Fishmongers' Recital Hall unless otherwise stated:

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** "Liberal, a one word oxymoron" - Douglas Robb, **venue Auden Theatre**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** "Modern cosmology" - Dr Matthew Bothwell, University of Cambridge  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** "Why maths matters" Dr Robert Hunt, University of Cambridge  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** "How NOT to write a historical novel" Dr Vicky Rangeley-Wilson

Please contact Marc Gillingwater ([mgwater@greshams.com](mailto:mgwater@greshams.com)) if you would like to attend.

*Mr M Gillingwater, Teacher Research Lead*

## CHARITY

During 2016/17 Oakeley raised funds for the Grace House Community Centre in Cambodia. The funds were used to build a chicken coop. Fiona Cameron, Program Manager of the Centre writes:

*"I wish to extend our gratitude for the generous donations you made in 2016 and at the beginning of 2017. We had a bit of a challenge finding someone reliable to build the chicken coop, but it finally got finished at the end of last year, and we purchased 1 male and 5 female chickens and currently have about 40 eggs in the 2 baskets!"*

*We hope you enjoy the attached photos and continue to follow GHCC on Facebook or through our newsletters. Thank you once for your support. "*

*Mrs K Mousley, Housemistress of Oakeley*

