



# Glebelands Newsletter

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*December 2023*

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we reflect on the closing moments of a vibrant term, we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support and commitment to your child's education. The past few months have been a testament to the resilience, dedication, and collective spirit that defines our school community.

Thank you to all who attended the enchanting Christmas concert held this week. The stage came alive with the remarkable talents of our students, showcasing their artistic prowess and commitment to excellence. It was a spectacle that not only entertained but also filled our hearts with pride as we witnessed the passion and creativity of our young performers.

Our students also ventured beyond the classroom through numerous captivating trips including experiencing the magic of pantomimes and the awe-inspiring landscapes of Iceland. These excursions provided invaluable opportunities for personal growth, fostering a sense of curiosity and cultural appreciation.

The term concluded on a high note with our final assembly of the year, orchestrated primarily by our student leaders (co-ordinated by Miss Retter and Mr Smitheram). This assembly served as a platform to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our school community. A particularly heart-warming moment was the presentation of a cheque to our school charity, 'Children on the Edge'. The generosity and compassion displayed by our students in supporting this cause exemplify the values we hold dear—empathy, kindness, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the world.

In the spirit of transparency, we wish to inform you that Mrs Albrecht, a valued member of our staff, will be taking a temporary leave in the new year due to an upcoming operation. All our thoughts and well-wishes are with her for a smooth and speedy recovery. During her absence, Miss Jones will take over her Head of Year 11 duties, ensuring a seamless continuation of support and guidance for our students. Mrs Albrecht's classes will be covered by other experienced teachers to maintain the high standards of education that our students deserve.

We wish to express our profound gratitude to three members of our staff: Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Whittington (LSAs), and Miss Hammond (English) who are moving on to pasture new in January. We are truly grateful for their tireless efforts and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

As we embark on the holiday season, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. May this Christmas bring joy, laughter, and precious moments spent together. We appreciate the trust you place in us for the education and well-being of your children and look forward to an even more exciting and successful year ahead.

In closing, let us celebrate the achievements of this term, cherish the festive spirit, and anticipate the promise of a new year filled with growth, learning, and shared successes.

Warm regards,

**Mr R Mitchell**

## YEAR 7

### Year 7

Here we are at Christmas already and our Year 7 have completed their first term at Glebelands. We've been very proud of how well they have settled in and the progress they have been making, we hope you been proud of them too.

Since my last newsletter we had our Enrichment day where students represented their houses in a whole day of inter-house competitions that involved different skills from athleticism to dexterity and teamwork to problem solving. We had lots of positive feedback from the students who all enjoyed different activities, proving there was something for everyone. A particular favourite was the Taskmaster activity where Mr Ransom took on the mantle of Taskmaster and set unusual challenges for our teams to complete to much hilarity.

We ended this term with another teamwork challenge. Last week Year 7s were fundraising at break and lunch time in aid of Save the Children and our school charity, Children on the Edge. We had treats to buy, games to play (Mr Smitheram particularly enjoyed 7PAS's "I'm a student get me out of here" challenge) and our winning tutor group were 7COP who raised £83 with their raffle. Thank you to all those students who took part in the Christmas jumper day. We raised over £500 that will be split between the two charities.

Throughout this term, it's been lovely to see how many Year 7s are making full use of homework club to make sure they stay on top of their homework deadlines. When I've visited homework club I've found a hive of activity with students quietly working with the support of the staff members (if needed). Homework club is drop in and runs ever every night after school until 4.30pm and can be attended by any student as and when they need to.

In my last newsletter I asked you to please monitor social media use by your child. I would like to thank you for your support in this matter and I'm pleased to report that there has been a significant decrease in incidents involving social media this half term as a result. Please continue to keep an eye on what your young person is accessing/messaging as they learn how to use social media responsibly.

Now that we've reached the end of a term, it's a good idea to have a stock check of the equipment that has survived the term. Perhaps some new pens, pencils or glue sticks might need to be under the tree this Christmas so that your child is ready and well equipped to start the new term in January. A list of equipment needed for school can be found on page 9 of the journal.

### Enrichment day





## Extra-curricular activities

Our Year 7 sporting teams have been giving it their best in tournaments and matches this term. Teams in football, athletics, basketball and netball have been playing other local schools in the area with varying degrees of success but a great effort from all. It was also lovely to see so many Year 7s come and take part in the Year 7/8 benchball tournament in November. Sadly, I wasn't able to get photos of the fun but well done to our winners, Franklin house.

Outside of the sporting achievements, we've also seen many Year 7s join in with science club, art club and textiles club where they've been making, creating and experimenting. We'd really like to see more Year 7s join in with choir and orchestra at Glebelands. If your child enjoys singing or plays an instrument (even if at beginner level) we'd love to have them come to orchestra on Tuesday lunchtimes or choir on Wednesday lunchtimes. I understand some students may have been worried about getting lunch in the canteen and still getting to rehearsals. In the new year we will set up a pass scheme so that Year 7s who want to attend these clubs will be able to get their food first to enable them to get to rehearsals. I hope this will encourage more Year 7 students to join our excellent music clubs.

## Punctuality and attendance

This half term unfortunately has brought with it many coughs and colds so attendance has inevitably been affected for many students. However, the following students have managed to maintain their 100% attendance: Sapphire Baker, Sebastian Bonard, Isabella Castle, Esme Covey, Alexander Cutbill, Poppy Dixon, Maia Elms, Jadon Foy, Oliver Frawley, Evalyn Glenny, Owen Gregory, Sam Hollingsworth, Tymek Janusz, Amelia Liddicott, Skye Little, Jessica Maidens, Alexander Micklem, Ewan Neale, Summer Neville-Towle, Obinna Nwaosu, Annabelle Parker, Laura Peter, Jessie Poole, Subaitah Sameeha, Lilly Sparkes, Elise Turnbull and Elliot Vague.

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I would encourage students to avoid missing days of school wherever possible. There are of course genuine reasons for some absences and ill health cannot be avoided but do please try to arrange medical appointments outside of the school day wherever possible and keep holidays outside of term time. In the meantime, I hope that the rest over Christmas will allow everyone to recharge and recuperate after all the coughs and colds this half term.

## Commendations

In the Autumn term, students have been collecting commendations on cards which have been posted into the post box in student services and they've managed to earn 7000 between them, a brilliant effort so far. After the Christmas holidays we will no longer be using commendation cards so that Year 7 come in line with the rest of the school where commendations are just added straight onto Insight. This will allow you to see commendations on Insight the day they are given and will also remove any issues with lost or washed or damaged cards. We will continue to issue certificates and prizes for every 25 commendations. Congratulations to the following students who have all earned more than 100 commendations! Finn Bellamy, Adam Dauncey, Amelia Liddicott, Frankie Salvador, Isla Cooper, Poppy Dixon, Elliot Vague, and Olivia Bannister.

## Half term achievement and effort certificates

Each half term a certificate and a small prize is given to students who are nominated by their teachers for excellent effort or a great achievement in a subject area. Congratulations to the students who have been recognised and awarded these this half term.

	Achievement	Effort
Art	Samuel Savell	Isla Cooper
Drama	Matilda Thorp	Harry Mason
D&T Food	Poppy Dixon	Molly-Mae French
D&T Graphics	Skye Little	Hannah Loveday
D&T Textiles	Mya Baker	George Bolton-Marsh
D&T Timbers	Luca Rose	William Wield
IT	Jaydon Kennedy	Summer Boucher
English	Alexander Micklem	Amelia Bailey
French	David Sklenar	Isabella Castle
Geography	Eva Drane	Zlata Furmanova
History	Zahria Singhateh	Harry Freeland
Learning for Life	Amelia Liddicott	Noah Perkins
Lexia	Molly Coburn	Lennon Inwood
Mathematics	Laura Peter	Levi Lody
Music	Elliot Vague	Iris Lamont
PE	Jessica Maidens	Ewan Neale
RS	Annabel Joel	Robert Evans
Science	Sebastian Bonard	Eloise Morris
Spanish	Matthew Ford	Torrez Tsoi



## YEAR 8

Another busy half term for Year 8. I'm going to start at the very end of Autumn term 1 when it was great to accompany half the year group to the Tower of London just before half term. Students were impeccably behaved. They listened and contributed to the workshop where we learnt about how the Tower has evolved from Roman times to the present day. Students visiting Hampton Court also had a superb day and were impeccable too.

This term, students have been reading during tutor times. The book they are just finishing is called Sawbones by Catherine Johnson. It tells the tale of an apprentice surgeon in 18<sup>th</sup> Century London. It weaves through encounters with the Ottoman Embassy, Newgate prison and grave-robbing. Students have really been absorbed by the book and have asked some fantastic questions. I am looking forward to what Miss Frost has for us next term!

Another highlight of this term was Christmas Jumper day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Not only did many students enjoy the Christmas lunch served in the canteen (I'm pleased to say most sprouts were eaten) but many sported their finest Christmas jumpers too.



It has been a challenging half term for illness with lots of winter bugs around. However, there are 25 students who have achieved 100% attendance this term. A huge well done to those students listed below who have battled through to be in school every day.

Tristan Bradbury	Jodie Barr	Angelina Puentes Maksimova
Jacob Grazier	Phoebe Puckova	Dylan Spear
Eloise Harrowing	Austin Shakespeare	Isabella Avery
Lily-Erin Macdermott	Charles England	Sebastian Kenyon
Olivia Pantlin	Elliott Weller	Joel Rogers
Leo Baker	Kara Childs	Archie Stanley
Ethan Holt	Rupert De Vos Van Steenwijk	Sylvie Walker
Evie Ross	Mia Harry	Jacob Telling
Alice Maki		

A massive achievement – well done.

Year 8 have achieved a very impressive 7761 commendations this term. The top achievers this year so far are below:

	Achievement	Effort
<b>Art</b>	Joshua Smith	Olivia Pantlin
<b>Drama</b>	Jacob Grazier	Thomasina Bradbury
<b>D&amp;T Food</b>	Ruby-Rose Farrow	Ivan Bettles
<b>D&amp;T Graphics</b>	Hugo Moore	Chloe Gallo
<b>D&amp;T Textiles</b>	Erin McEntee	Samuel Hill
<b>D&amp;T Timbers</b>	Lily Sayers	John Mongan
<b>IT</b>	Lucy Auty	William McCudden
<b>English</b>	Lily Southgate	Oliver Allcott
<b>French</b>	Joseph Rowden	Lily-Erin Macdermott
<b>Geography</b>	Jack Betts	Oscar Habens
<b>History</b>	Thomas Eade	Jodie Barr
<b>Learning for Life</b>	Leilani Bryan	Logan Theodoulou
<b>Lexia</b>	Benjamin Ramsdale	Jake Barnfield
<b>Mathematics</b>	Daniel Rudin	Archie Stanley
<b>Music</b>	Nickolaus Coverley	Sophie Wouda
<b>PE</b>	Evie Beavis	Jack Fuller
<b>RS</b>	Charles Bradley	Alyssia Wenman
<b>Science</b>	Leo Baker	Lara Palmer
<b>Spanish</b>	Mackenzie Rose	Samuel Dobson

As always, at the end of each half term, subjects select two students that deserve to be rewarded for their work - one that has put in a mammoth effort and one who has achieved phenomenal attainment. Each student got a certificate and a prize in our celebration assembly on Monday. Well done to these students.

I am very proud of how students have worked this term and with such a positive attitude towards their work. I am very pleased to see how many contribute to the wider school life – sports teams, choir and music clubs, school council to name a few. I hope that each and every student has a fantastic Christmas and comes back in 2024 energised. On behalf of the Year 8 tutor team, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Mr Nibloe**  
**Head of Achievement Year 8**

## YEAR 9

Welcome to the Year 9 section of the newsletter. Year 9s have had a very busy half term and have been working very hard in lessons and being generally a super group of young people around the school. In addition to busy daily school life, Year 9s have also contributed to our Christmas Shoebox appeal, our mufti day fundraising, bought bake sale goods and worn their Christmas jumpers for the charity appeal. It is nice when they embrace our fundraising events with such enthusiasm. Our Christmas events in terms of our choir and orchestra/musicians have also been very carefully prepared for and we thank Mr Holcombe and Mr Jones for their hard work to ensure that recent performances were a real triumph, notably the Christmas Carol concert. Well done to the students who represented the school so well there.

In assembly this week we said congratulations to students for being awarded a subject prize from the following departments. Students are nominated by their teachers for excellent achievements. Well done to all the students listed below!

	Achievement	Effort
<b>Art</b>	Emily-Jane Rapley	Ella Bishop
<b>Drama</b>	Oliver Di Pietro	Lily Clark
<b>D&amp;T Food</b>	Sophie Maidens	Eben Steward
<b>D&amp;T Graphics</b>	Rose Rochester	Benjamin Di Pietro
<b>D&amp;T Textiles</b>	Katherine Whittington	Joshua Hamilton
<b>D&amp;T Timbers</b>	Joseph Elliott	Isabelle Radley
<b>IT</b>	Theodore Do Vos Van Steenwijk	Alice Meakin
<b>English</b>	Leah Peters	Radriel Rodrigues
<b>French</b>	Emma Ball	Sofia Avery
<b>Geography</b>	Sophia Radley	Ami Spurgeon
<b>History</b>	Harry Kidwell	Mason Cade
<b>Learning for Life</b>	Aaron Nairne	Noah Robins
<b>Mathematics</b>	Oliver Booth	Elsa Wooltorton
<b>Music</b>	Alexander Auty	Nicolle Sklenar
<b>PE</b>	Oliver Bradley	Blossom Howick
<b>RS</b>	Isabel Collins	Charlotte Gibb
<b>Science</b>	Zero Tang	Jake Mains
<b>Spanish</b>	Alice Cole	Harrison Taylor

### Year 9 top commendations

Congratulations to the following students who have the highest number of commendations in the year group and no concerns or detentions. It is a super achievement and shows that with excellent attitude to learning and dedicated organisation that it can be done!

Freddie Anderson	Isabel Collins	Toby Greening
Isabella Andrews	Ethan Dauncey	Amber Gregory
Megan Austwick	Theodore De Vos Van Steenwijk	Joshua Hamilton
Emma Ball	Annabel Dear	Eliot Hard
Maisie Best	Joseph Elliott	Benjamin Hennessy
Ella Bishop	Samuel Elliott	Martha Horstead
Freya Bradley	Daniel Elms	Ava Hounsham
Claudia Bradnock	Connie Emmett	Paige Howells-Davies
Mason Cade	Poppy Fisher	Nicole Huet
Alice Cole	Charlotte Gibb	
William Jenking	Sophia Radley	Ami Spurgeon
Summer Koo	Emily-Jane Rapley	Amelie Stevens
Esther Lamont	George Rivers	Harrison Taylor
Daniel Lewis	Rose Rochester	Scarlett Wakefield
Jenna Macdermott	William Sandiford	Esme Warner
Alice Meakin	Nicolle Sklenar	Harry Watson
Gustavs Mucenieks	Laila Smith	Katherine Whittington
Ava Perry	Sienna Southgate	Elsa Wooltorton
Leah Peters	Isabelle Radley	

We also said a big well done to those students who have managed to still maintain **100% attendance**. I think this has been particularly difficult in the course of this month with so many tricky coughs and colds affecting students.

Congratulations to:

Jaya Baworee, Lily Clark, Maverick Mitchell de Vera, Theodore De Vos Van Steenwijk, Joseph Elliott, Samuel Elliott, Daniel Elms, Amber Gregory, William Jenking, Summer Koo, Jake Mains, William Sandiford, Laila Smith and Jack Templeton.

**98% attendance** congratulations go to:

Gustavo Andrade, Alexander Auty, Maisie Best, Freya Bradley, Oliver Bradley, Mason Cade, Shehad Chehad, Alice Cole, Joshua Hamilton, Esther Lamont, Daniel Lewis, Jenna Macdermott, Alice Meakin, Max Morris, Isabelle Radley, Nicolle Sklenar, Ami Spurgeon, Lewis Trinder Pullen and Esme Warner.

**Year 9 test week** will commence on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January with students in the year group sitting tests across their subjects in the Main Hall under exam conditions. It is very important that students attend each day, please try to arrange medical appointments out of this week if you can. Students should bring to school a fully stocked pencil case including black pens, calculator and revision materials each day.

We encourage students to have a proper rest over the Christmas holidays but to be mindful to plan in some revision time so that it is not a rush over the first weekend to cram in revision. Slow and steady wins the race when it comes to revision. Students have had all the revision materials and lists issued to them in paper versions and on INSIGHT. A copy of the timetable is below.

## Year 9 Test Week – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Date	Morning 8:45 – 10:30	After Break 11:00 – 12:30	Afternoon 1:35 – 3:15
<b>Mon</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Wk A	<b>Normal Lessons</b>	<b>History</b> <b>1hour 10mins</b> Revision 11:00am – 11:10am Start: 11:15pm Finish: 12:25pm	<b>Maths</b> <b>1hour 30mins</b> Start: 1:40pm Finish 3:10pm
<b>Tues</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Wk A	<b>RE</b> <b>1 hour</b> Revision 8:45am – 9:15am Start: 9:20am Finish 10:20pm	<b>Geography</b> <b>1hour 10mins</b> Revision 11:00am – 11:10am Start: 11:15pm Finish: 12:25pm	<b>DT/Art/Drama</b> <b>1 hour</b> Revision 1:35 – 2:05pm Start: 2:10pm Finish 3:10pm
<b>Wed</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Wk A	<b>English</b> <b>1hour 30mins</b> Start: 8:50am Finish 10:20am	<b>Music</b> <b>1hour 30mins</b> Start: 11:00am Finish: 12:30pm	<b>PE</b> <b>1 hour</b> Revision 1:35 – 2:05pm Start: 2:10pm Finish 3:10pm
<b>Thurs</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Wk A	<b>French</b> (All Spanish students to normal lessons PE/Maths) <b>1 hour 10mins</b> Revision 8:45am – 9:15am Start: 9:20am Finish: 10:30am	<b>Spanish</b> (All French students to normal lessons Science/PE) <b>1 hour 10mins</b> Revision 8:45am – 9:15am Start: 9:20am Finish: 10:30am	<b>Science</b> <b>1hour 10mins</b> Revision 1:35 – 1:55pm Start: 2:00pm Finish 3:10pm

As we turn our attention to the new school year please can you ensure that items of uniform such as school shoes, new trousers etc are ordered over the holidays to facilitate a smart return to school on January 4<sup>th</sup>? The uniform shop items can be ordered online via the school website for collection on Mondays and Thursdays. The first open date will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of January for ordering in person and collections.

May we take the opportunity to wish the Year 9 students and parents a lovely Christmas holiday! We look forward to seeing the students return refreshed for a busy January!

**Ms McAulay**  
**Head of Achievement Year 9**

## YEAR 10

Well, it's definitely starting to feel a lot like Christmas. In the last few weeks, the Y10 students have been embracing this special time of year and have been involved in:

- Christmas Jumper day
- Christmas meals in the school canteen
- Secret Santa's being held in the individual tutor groups
- A number of Y10 students taking part in the school Choir for the Acorn Nativity show
- And finally, the Santa Dash that was held in Cranleigh recently.



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They certainly have got into the spirit of things, but now there are a lot of students, and staff, who need a break, with time to relax and enjoy the festive holidays.

This has, yet again, been another busy term at Glebelands. It started with the school trips to the History and Science museums. With the whole year group heading to London together on coaches, what could possibly go wrong! The students however, were amazing and a real credit to their parents and the School. This is an important part of the Glebelands enrichment and rewards programme and there were a number of students who commented on how they had never been to the museums before and some, never to London.

We also had our first online meet the tutor evening. The feedback from this was very positive with everyone enjoying at least 5mins of time with your child's tutor discussing how they're getting on in school. We are mindful that, as tutors, we see your child twice a day, and for some parents you never have any contact with their tutor and in some cases have never met. Hopefully you enjoyed this as much as we did?

This term, the year 10's as a year group, we were charged with organising the non-uniform day for the 17<sup>th</sup> November which coincided with raising money for Children in Need and Children on the edge, which is the schools chosen charity. Like last year, each tutor group was given an allocated day to try and raise additional funds individually on top of the donations for wearing non-uniform. As a year group, we did exceptionally well, raising £1224 and when you consider that all five-year groups last year collectively raised £2800, it shows you how hard they worked. Special mention goes to CED who raised the most this year, great effort.

On top of the fundraising already achieved, MJH, led by the amazing Mr Hayden, yet again took part in his annual 'Movember'. Not sure about the quality of his moustache but the quality of his efforts every year in raising awareness and funds (£100) towards this great cause is noticed and applauded. You never know, next year some of the students might be able to join in..... 😊

I would also like to congratulate:

Emily Donoghue  
Charlotte Lovegrove  
Beth Quin

For being successful in their application to become Head of the School Council. To make it to the final three is a major achievement and one that you should be extremely proud off. Good luck to the three of you in the final election, which I believe is being announced in the whole school assembly?

Finally, with work experience getting closer, there are a number of students who are yet to organise a Work Experience Placement for April 2024. The Waverly Federation have kindly agreed to extend the deadline to Friday January the 15<sup>th</sup>. INSIGHT contains a directory of all placements our students have used previously. Please make the most of this during the Christmas period to help secure a placement and keep Mrs Bradley in the loop with what is going on. [mbradley@glebelands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mbradley@glebelands.surrey.sch.uk)

As you can see a very busy but productive second half term of learning.

## **Half Term Achievement and Effort Certificates:**

Each half term a certificate and a small prize are given to students who are nominated by their teachers for excellent effort in a subject area or great achievement. Congratulations to the students who have been recognised and awarded this half term.

	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Effort</b>
<b>Art</b>	Rowan Greening	Abbie Luck
<b>Additional Mathematics</b>	Isaac Jones	Milo Swift
<b>Drama</b>	Alana Mason	Hannah Money
<b>D&amp;T Food</b>	Lola Harewood	Hannah Poole
<b>D&amp;T Hospitality</b>	Josephine Perry	Max Campbell
<b>D&amp;T Graphics</b>	Rebecca Deasley	Alfie Macdermott
<b>D&amp;T Timbers</b>	Holly Bennett	Samuel Tang
<b>D&amp;T Textiles</b>	Niamh Jimmison-Spice	Anneka Bridger
<b>IT</b>	Larah Gara	Hanley Croucher
<b>English</b>	Abbie Luck	Riley Johnson
<b>French</b>	Charlotte Lovegrove	Zachary Brahami Craig-Wood
<b>Geography</b>	Oscar Lucas-Lucas	Emily Fuller
<b>History</b>	Jack Gosden	Henry Cottam
<b>Learning for Life</b>	Alexander Marcus	Esme Howells-Davies
<b>Mathematics</b>	Joshua Steyne	Sapphire Coleman
<b>Music</b>	Zachary Brahami Craig-Wood	Harriet Mewis
<b>PE</b>	Matilda Stanley	Emily Rogers
<b>RS</b>	Evelyn Wouda	Amy Whittall
<b>Science</b>	Mark Tomlinson	Kieran Mitchell
<b>Spanish</b>	Adelaide Jones	Ayla Neale
<b>Business Studies</b>	Emma Anderson	Zoe Childs

## Students with 100% Attendance:

Amazing attendance is always a target of mine and I often speak about the future importance of this during my year group assemblies. Below are the students who have yet to miss any time at school this academic year.

Eva	Bellamy	10FMR	Charlotte	Lovegrove	10CED	Beth	Quinn	10MJH
Niamh	Chamberlain	10SPR	Abbie	Luck	10JHG	Emily	Rogers	10JEP
Rebecca	Deasley	10JHG	Alfie	Macdermott	10CED	Miles	Rogers	10JEP
Emily	Donoghue	10SPR	Ewan	Mackness	10CED	Reuben	Soares	10FMR
Larah	Gara	10FMR	Sophie	Maki	10JEP	Matilda	Stanley	10CED
Jack	Gosden	10SPR	Kieran	Mitchell	10CED	Jessica	Stone	10JEP
Lola	Harewood	10SPR	Ayla	Neale	10MJH	Milo	Swift	10JEP
Keira	Lennon-Booth	10JEP	Hannah	Poole	10FMR	Amy	Whittall	10JEP
Gustavo	Leverentz	10JEP	Harry	Price-Allen	10JHG			

An amazing achievement from all of the students listed above.

## Students with the Highest Number of Commendations, so far, in year 10:

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Top ten students -\_as I write are below:

Top students this half term - Autumn 2 2023		
Quinn Beth	9MJH	81
Murphy Isla	9CED	76
Breydin Harley	9SPR	70
Liddicott Chloe	9JEP	70
Tomlinson Mark	9FMR	66
Allcott William	9JEP	64
Wilson Barney	9JHG	64
Coleman Sapphire	9SPR	62
Basal Lara	9JEP	61
Anderson Emma	9JEP	60

Tutor group commendation totals:\_as I write, are as follows:

Last year the tutor group competition was a fiercely fought contest, with the eventual winners, SKR. This year looks like it will be another close contest between the tutor groups, but can another come along and spoil the party?

18/12/2023		
Position	Reg	Total
1st	JEP	1092
2nd	SPR	1035
3rd	CED	976
4th	MJH	932
5th	FMR	923
6th	JHG	822
	Grand Total	5780

Well done to everyone for working so hard to be recognised and then receive so many commendations!

## Year 10 students who have not been late to lessons or school in 2022-23

Another of my key targets this year is to ensure that all students are punctual to school and lessons. At the moment we are not achieving our target, and there are a few key individuals affecting this, but we need to

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recognise and reward those students who have yet to attend school, or a lesson, late this academic year. Well done to those listed below.

Allcott William	Greening Rowan	Luck Abbie	Ridley Alex
Anderson Emma	Greenyer Imogen	Macdermott Alfie	Roche Max
Ball Chloe	Harewood Lola	Mason Alana	Rogers Miles
Barrow Ruby	Harrison Ava	McFetrich Amy	Savage Scarlett
Basal Lara	Heathcote Amelia	Mewis Harriet	Seebold Carmen
Batchelor Jenson	Horler Isabella	Mitchell Kieran	Shickell Lara
Beardsall Frederick	Howells-Davies Esme	Moore Darcie	Smith Zoe
Bellamy Eva	Jimmison-Spice Niamh	Mort Oliver	Stanley Matilda
Bennett Holly	Jolly-Jaimez Jacob	Murphy Isla	Steyne Joshua
Brahami Craig-Wood Zachary	Jones Adelaide	Murray Ethan	Stone Jessica
Bridger Anneka	Jones Elias	Neale Ayla	Swift Milo
Chamberlain Niamh	Jones Isaac	Olney Ellie-Rose	Tang Samuel
Coleman Sapphire	Kirby Lily	Orioha Josephine	Taylan Ilayda
Deasley Rebecca	Leete Angus	Packham Isla	Tomlinson Mark
Donoghue Emily	Lennon-Booth Keira	Perry Samuel	Turner Kenzie
England Oliver	Leverentz Gustavo	Pettyfer Harry	Whittall Amy
Fowle Lilly	Liddicott Chloe	Pettyfer Millie	Wilson Barney
Fuller Emily	Lilley Charlie	Poole Hannah	
Gonzalez Ruben	Loveday Thomas	Quinn Beth	
Gosling Matthew	Lovegrove Charlotte	Regan Florence	

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and enjoy your well-deserved Christmas holidays and I look forward to seeing you return in January, refreshed and recharged.

**Mr Singleton**

**Head of Achievement, Year 10**

## YEAR 11

As previously mentioned, on the Enrichment Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, the year 11s had a careers morning taken by ASC Energy who talked in detail about the energy business, career paths into the business and where a number individual speakers were kind enough to present about their job roles and their journey to work as energy engineers.

In addition the students were able to learn in more detail about A-levels, T-Levels and Apprenticeships, which was followed by a fire and road safety day run by the local Fire Brigade. This is where the Y11s experienced being in an emergency scenario, had some first aid training, listened to a talk from the lead training officer and watched a staged rescue of Mrs Albrecht being cut out of a crashed mini, placed on a back board and carted off!



## Mock Exams

Myself and the Examination Team are very proud of the way our Y11 students have conducted themselves throughout the Mock examination series. The students will receive their grades for each subject in an assembly in a sealed envelope. Not matter how well they do, these are a stepping stone to identify their strengths and weaknesses and for them to build on their exam technique ready for the actual exams in the summer.

## Meet the Tutor

Thank you to the parents who attended the Meet the tutor event on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. The Y11s had a real focus on revision resources, techniques and looking forwards to college/apprenticeship applications. By now, the students should all have a completed their CVs in preparation for the Practice Interview Day which is scheduled to be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January (details to follow in the new year)

## Subject Prizes

Congratulations to the following students, who were nominated by their teachers to receive a certificate and prize for their effort and achievement this half term:

	Achievement	Effort
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Molly-Anne Blackwell	Summer Woodley
<b>Drama</b>	Louise Gilbey	Lewis Cade
<b>D&amp;T: Food, Preparation &amp; Nutrition</b>	Freddie Robson	Denis Glowacz
<b>D&amp;T: Hospitality and Catering</b>	Lewis Cade	George Hunter
<b>D&amp;T: Graphics</b>	Tobias Ford	Rasmus Griffiths
<b>D&amp;T: Textiles</b>	Zoe Bickmore	Denise Chu
<b>D&amp;T: Timbers</b>	Jacob Hedges	Aaron Lee
<b>Computer Science</b>	Gideon Ford	Zaibaa Chowdhury
<b>English</b>	Theo Salvador	Anouk McCann
<b>French</b>	Isla Cole	Sofiya Treskin
<b>Spanish</b>	Chloe Huggon	Rory Mackness
<b>Geography</b>	Jacob Treeby-Goodall	George Woodhead-Dunning
<b>History</b>	Will Stewart	Callan O'Carroll
<b>Learning for Life</b>	Scarlett McLaren	Leland Whitworth
<b>Maths</b>	Chun Yin Lee	Kassa Singhateh
<b>Additional Maths</b>	Ava Bushnell	Olha Kovtun
<b>Music</b>	Joshua Root	Elliott Wright
<b>PE</b>	Isabelle Roker	Olivia Stovold
<b>RS</b>	Yasmin Yetik	Yelyzaveta Soloshenko
<b>Science</b>	Charlotte Uddin	Ruby Holland-King

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

**Mrs N Albrecht**

**Head of Achievement, Year 11**

## YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

### Iceland – November 2023

Once again, our fabulous Geography department embarked on our annual fieldtrip to Iceland. 50 students and 5 staff flew from Heathrow to Iceland for a trip of a lifetime. The risk of imminent volcanic activity did not dampen their spirits on what proved to be a trip of so many highlights. An international trip like this takes a huge amount of time planning but they were fantastic ambassadors for our school and a pleasure to be around. A highlight for me was the lava demonstration in Vik on Saturday. For some students, this trip was not easy, but they displayed resilience and tolerance and together that made for a truly awesome experience for all with the help and support of our fantastic staff. As a geography team we hope this is just the start of their desire for travelling and exploring new places and a step on the way to a lifelong love of Geography.

#### Mrs Martin



#### Student account from Chloe Huggon

Despite the widely covered simmering tectonic activity, our team of Glebelands geographers managed to spend a glorious four days exploring southwestern Iceland.

We began in Reykjavik, the country's capital and largest city where we took a less traditional tour of the country in a flight simulator. This fully immersive experience allowed us to view the land from a completely different perspective, suspended in the air, feet dangling before a spherical screen giving us a preview of the natural wonders to come. It was almost as if we had been placed in the middle of a David Attenborough documentary.

Iceland is famous for its abundance of waterfalls so the next day we travelled to two: Seljallandsfoss and Skogafoss. After drying off a little, a trip to Reynisfjara beach allowed us to appreciate many different landforms. The large black sand beach was originally volcanic ash and immediately these great basaltic column formations at the base of the mountain Reynisfjall draw your attention. Mr Bromley in particular found great joy in answering my many questions on these formations, telling me how basaltic lava cools in hexagonal columns which has

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shaped the landscape here. It was the perfect backdrop for our team picture too, as we clambered on top of the rocks to get the perfect shot of everybody.

We finished the day off with a trip to the lava show where we were able to experience a close encounter with real molten volcanic rock and a glacier walk which for me and many others was the highlight of the trip. Being up on the glacier, ice picks in hand and learning from our guide about its rapid retreat provided a stark reminder of the consequences of climate change.

The third day saw us travelling to one of the largest waterfalls by volume, Gullfoss falls. The weather was on our side as even though temperatures were very low, the sun managed to burst from the clouds overhead, giving us a beautiful arching rainbow. We also explored a geothermal park, where everybody waited patiently for a glimpse of a geyser explosion.

Our final day in Iceland was no exception to our hectic schedule as we managed to fit in a swim in a geothermally heated pool and some last-minute souvenir shopping before boarding our flight. We returned home enthused, enchanted and exhausted but thankful to all who made this trip possible.



## House Update



### Poetry Competition Results

1st = Attenborough – Summer Woodley  
 2nd = Angelou – Harriet Mewis  
 3rd = Franklin – Rose Rochester  
 4th = Turing – Lola Nicholson  
 =5th = Seacole – Cayla Pealling  
 =5th = Hawking – Alexander Micklem

Well done to all students who entered, everyone has achieved House points for participating

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**Poetry** Language instead of labelling an object melody, by symbol, or hearer's precise, or or attitude. This and verse, which ... ending the rhy ...

### Benchball year 7/8



### INTERHOUSE BENCHBALL RESULTS



4th: [House Icon]

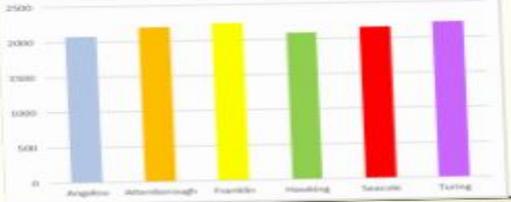
5th: [House Icon]



### Whole School Assembly

As mentioned by Mr Mitchell the last day of the Autumn term saw our first whole school assembly at Glebelands. This was a brilliant occasion where we celebrated the students and their achievements. Our House Captains were superb role models who showed great courage to stand and speak about their roles in front of the whole school. There were also great speeches from our student leadership team and school council.  
 Well done team, we are really proud of you

### CURRENT POINTS TOTALS



House	Points Total
Angelou	~20500
Attenborough	~21500
Franklin	~22000
Hawking	~21000
Seacole	~21500
Turing	~22500



Regular updates @Glebelands\_School

## Cranleigh Lions Donate to Glebelands

As part of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations Cranleigh Lions are generously supporting student's mental health in Cranleigh.

We are delighted to announce that following a bid process, Glebelands was selected by Cranleigh Lions to receive £15,000 towards refurbishing a space to be used as a Mental Health Suite. The new Suite (The Beacon) is home to the Mental Health Support Team provided by the NHS who joined Glebelands as part of a pilot project last year. Since September, the team have a permanent base and operate from the new facilities thanks to Cranleigh Lions.



The Beacon

Lions President, Trevor Dale and Melissa Rogers, School Business Manager



Thank you for this local support and for recognising the importance of The Beacon to support present and future students with this much valued addition to the school.

## MUSIC

We are so proud of our students, who've applied themselves well in classroom music lessons this term. Year 7 have been learning about World Music; Year 8 covered Film & TV Music and Year 9 have learnt how to play snare drum to grade 1 and 2 standard, whilst covering a wide variety of popular music genres: Gospel, Blues, Trad and Big Band Jazz, Soul & Motown, Funk, Reggae and Ska Punk. Next term, year 7 will study incidental music; year 8 musical theatre and year 9 will learn to play drum kit and cover additional musical genres including:

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Hip Hop & Rap, Heavy Rock and Metal, EDM and Contemporary World Music. Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students have been busy learning about eight set works, whilst working on performances and compositions as part of their course.

We are pleased to announce that a colours system has been finalised for music. Some year groups have received their colours recently, with others to follow after Christmas.



**Year 7:** Elliot Weaver, Lucy Auty, Alice Maki, Rupert De Vos Van Steenwijk and Lily Southgate



**Year 10:** Alana Mason, Josephine Perry, Abbie Luck, Ava Harrison, Beth Quinn, Eva Bellamy, Ellie-Rose Olney, Sophie Maki, Charlotte Lovegrove, Emily Donoghue and Archie Davies.

**Year 11:** Joshua Root, Theo Bewsey, Alfrayer Bushnell, Sarah Gosling, Barnaby Bamford, Elliot Wright, Chloe Huggon and Lewis Cade.

The criteria to be awarded music colours works as follows:

Level	Curriculum	Extra-curricular
Junior – year 7 up to 9, with three examples of...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High grade (7 to 9)</li> <li>Improved attainment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitment to a club for 3 terms</li> <li>Performing at a school event</li> </ul>

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Senior – year 9 up to 11, with three examples of...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing a graded music practical or theory exam</li> </ul>
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Our extra-curricular opportunities continue to shine a light on the exceptional talents of our students. Our school choir performed at several events including: Park Mead Christmas Fair, Sunfit & Cranleigh Rotary Santa Dash and Acorn Nursery Nativity.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, our school held its annual Christmas carol concert at Cranleigh Baptist Church. Both our school choir and orchestra performed a selection of Christmas carols and songs, including a special guest vocal performance of 'It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas' by our very own Mr. Smitheram!



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We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our first annual Spring Concert titled, 'Lights Camera ACTION!', taking place from 1715 to 1930 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The concert will feature a selection of music and dance numbers by soloists and groups, with music found in film, television or video games. The event will feature our school choir and orchestra, a house band and lighting and sound rig. Students are invited to audition at lunchtime on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, with acts to be announced by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.



It has been a wonderful pleasure to host musical theatre club on Fridays after school. Following our super-successful production of Legally Blonde Jr this year, we are excited to confirm that our next school production will be **High School Musical Jr**, taking place in July 2024. There will be an official launch the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January, with auditions taking place week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Details regarding audition requirements will be posted on INSIGHT from 28<sup>th</sup> December, in order that students have ample time to prepare. There will also be opportunities for students to get involved creating props, painting sets and working backstage or on light and sound too!

Finally, as a reminder, if your child is interested in taking up musical instrument lessons at school, please visit the following website for full details. Surrey Arts are also able to offer financial support for students who are in receipt of pupil premium funding, are young carers or are looked after.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/arts/music/lessons-for-children/apply-and-pay>



Have a fabulous festive break!

**Mr Holcombe**



## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

As I mentioned in our recent whole school assembly, I am so proud of the achievements of our 2023 School Council.

I would like to thank all of the current School Council for their efforts and contributions. I am especially grateful to **Sarah Gosling**, **Alfrayer Bushnell** and **Atreyu Strange** for their excellent leadership, enthusiasm and commitment; they should feel very proud of their achievements. A special mention also goes out to **Chloe Huggon** and **Ed Hewitt** for their hard work and excellent leadership of School Council committees.

This year has seen an increased focus on the work of our five committees which have grown from strength to strength. The Eco and Premises Committees have raised and discussed issues which have led to many direct improvements to the canteen, the toilets and other areas of the school site. The Learning Committee have continued their discussions into improvement that can be made to lessons, revision and student behaviour in

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# Glebelands Newsletter

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Glebelands. Plus, the Wellbeing and Diversity Committees paved the way to mark Pride Month at Glebelands and have promoted our school's Cultural Diversity in recent assemblies to year 7-10. The representatives for this latter committee, spoke about a House poster competition and student survey that has been launched on Insight. Well done to **Chloe Huggon, Zaibaa Chowdhury, Theo Salvador, Sarah Gosling** and **Alfrayer Bushnell** for your presentations and to all other students who contributed slides, designs and ideas.

All projects started by the current committees will now be picked up by our new 2024 School Council team in January. This will include looking into enhancing student wellbeing with regards to homework, eco-projects and some potential fundraising plans.

## **School Council 2024**

Last week saw the elections for the Head of School Council for 2024 and all tutor groups have selected or elected their new Tutor Representatives. As announced in our whole school assembly, our new Head of School Council is: **Emily Donoghue!** Congratulations to her, but also to her fellow School Council Leadership Team: **Charlotte Lovegrove** and **Beth Quinn**, who will be taking on the roles of Deputy Heads of School Council. I know that the three of them will make a superb team and have already shown great support of each other during the interview phase and while preparing to record their speeches for their election presentation. They will in turn be supported by **Sophie Maki, Ellie-Rose Olney** and **Freddie Beardsall** who will each take on roles such as Committee or Project Leaders – yet to be confirmed.

**Mrs N Clark**

**Head of Student Personal Development**

## PE NEWS

Gymnastics club started this term on a Wednesday after school. A small group of year 7s and 8s have been developing their floor skills working cartwheels, round-offs and walkovers. They have also worked hard to develop their vaulting and trampette skills. We are hoping in the New Year to enter a gymnastics competition. Gymnastics club is open to all boys and girls in Year 7-11 on a Wednesday after school.

### Year 7 Indoor Athletics



Year 7 participated in the Waverley district indoor athletics event. It was a very busy afternoon with lots of great performances from students both on the track and in the field events. Each person in the team worked really hard to achieve their best, with both teams finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place against some very strong schools.

### Boys Football

#### Year 7 V Rodborough L6-3.

This was a great game, with end to end action and lots of scoring opportunities for both teams. Glebelands scored first through Jack N but Rodborough hit back to make it 3-1. A very good final 15 minutes from the team saw two more Glebelands goals scored by Oli F and Seb D but unfortunately also saw the team concede as it was such an open game Final score was 6-3 to Rodborough.



#### 7 B tournament

There was B team tournament for boys football hosted at Rodborough on Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

The boys started brilliantly scoring in the first minute against Rodborough A through Eliis and although they played well conceded two late goals to lose 2-1. The second match was another very close one against the eventual winners Kings College who scored one goal to win 1-0. The third match was against Woolmer Hill and again this was close with both teams having chances to score and despite good defending from Frankie and Obi the boys lost 1-0, the final matches against Rodborough A saw the team play some of their best football and again create chances, unfortunately two late goals saw Rodborough take the win. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall, well done to the whole squad.



**Unfortunately, several matches were postponed and will be played after Christmas**

Year 7 match v Woolmer Hill (H)- rearranged for 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

Year 9 v Rodborough (A) Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

Year 10 v Rodborough (H) Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

Year 8 v Broadwater (to be re-arranged)

Year 8 v King Edwards (ESFA Cup)

This was a great match, Glebelands scored through Daniel early on and with a great free kick. King Edwards came back into the match and scored 2 quick goals before Glebelands got a goal back from Daniel again. 2-2 at half time.

The game continued to be close and both teams had chances to score. King Edwards managed to get a third goal before Glebelands scored again through Oscar and then Seb To lead 4-3 with minutes remaining. King Edwards came back once again to get late equaliser to take the match to extra time. The time was running out and at the end of extra time King Edwards scored a decisive fifth goal to make the final score 5-4.

A great performance from the boys who should be very proud.



## Basketball

Year 7 Waverley tournament

The Year 7 basketball squad played their first tournament at Woolmer Hill school. The team played 3 matches with all the games being close.

Glebe 4- 7 Woolmer Hill

Glebe 2-6 Rodborough 'B'

Glebe 2-5 Rodborough 'A'

**Overall** 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish with Austin and Matthew scoring the Glebelands points



## U14 Boys v Woolmer Hill

This was a match split into two teams as other schools could not make it for a tournament

Both games were very good, plenty of quick passing and good movement off the ball saw the teams create a lot of scoring opportunities. The teams both worked hard on defence and rebounded well under own basket.

Team A eventually lost 18-16 and Team B won 23-5.

Glebelands points were shared between Will, Julian, Radriel, Oli A, Will J and Isaiah



## U16 Boys

The u16 Boys played a Waverley tournament at Woolmer Hill on 9<sup>th</sup> November

The team played against Woolmer Hill, Rodborough A and B. All the matches were very close with only one basket separating the teams in two games (Glebe 13-15 Woolmer Hill and Glebe 8- 10 Rodborough B). Glebelands points were scored by TJ, Toby, Archie and Charlie with the boys finishing third overall.



## Indoor Cricket

Year 8 boys played a mini tournament at Broadwater school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

There were two close matches against George Abbot and Broadwater.

George Abbot hit 67 runs in their 6 overs, with Oli, Seb and Jack taking wickets. In reply Glebelands hit 54, with Cole top scoring on 20.

In the second match the team scored 57 runs with Oli A, Arlo, Seb and Oli T scoring the runs. In reply Broadwater hit the winning run in the final over to take the win.

Overall a great team performance with lots of very good fielding and bowling



## Yr 11 Vs Woolmer Hill



## Netball

Year 11 played really well against Woolmer Hill with a comprehensive win, the team have grown and grown over the past couple of years and it was really enjoyable to see how well they are not applying their skills. They moved the ball quickly around the court, keeping their distance from the opponents and giving themselves more time to pass the ball and find space. Shooting was on point and almost every time they made it in to the shooting D they came away successful. A very good performance – one more game to go after Christmas against Broadwater. POTM – Sofiya and Pia

## Year 9 vs St Catherine's



Well done to the year 9s who played against St Catherine's in two very competitive games with the Glebelands teams getting off to a slow start but then growing in confidence as the games went on. The teamwork and encouragement from the girls were fantastic during these games and it was great to see how well they listened and worked for one another. St Catherine's took both wins but the Red team won the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and reduced the deficit well. POTM – Esme, Nicky, Esther, Poppy, Freya and Elsa.

## Year 9 Tournament



A super performance from the year 9 netball team in their district tournament to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Great performances against Woolmer Hill, Christs and Kings, and losing by only one goal to Howard and Guildford County. The team really did work hard and moved the ball effectively into the D, they were able to intercept the ball well and this ensured the games were very close. A really great effort against some very strong teams. Well played – POTM – Everyone.

Year 10 performed very well in this event, moving the ball well around the court, quickly to avoid interceptions and preventing the defence from getting set. This enabled them to beat Rodborough but unfortunately a narrow loss to a strong Woolmer Hill side saw us finish in second place. Nonetheless a great performance and good to see the GCSE student putting the skills from their lessons in to practice. POTM – Ayla and Jess

Year 9 also played very well to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a very competitive tournament. They too moved the ball well, but unfortunately some interceptions and turnover ball enabled the opposition to have more shots and therefore score more goals. Despite this, heads did not drop and the team continued to grow and develop throughout the tournament getting better and better winning the ball back and taking their shooting opportunities. Well done all – POTM – Laila and Poppy.

## Year 9 and 10 Tournament



## Yr8 v St Catherine's

Well done to year 8 who played against St Catherine's in a friendly match. We saw two good games with the teams growing as the games developed and finding their rhythm, playing their own game rather than letting St Catherine's control. As the games developed so did the movement, with lots of purposeful runs into space and off the ball for their teammates to pass to and lots of good interceptions to win the ball back. St





Catherine's took both wins but the red team held their own winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and then staying within 2 goals for the remainder of the match. The yellow team played a very strong St Catherine's team but did really well to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Well done everyone – POTM - Amber, Tola, Ellie and Jodie.

## Year 7 and 8 vs Woolmer Hill



A determined performance from Year 7 in their first fixture for Glebelands. They showed great understanding of the game, using a range of passes and dodges. Unfortunately, a few misplaced passes meant that Woolmer Hill took the lead and maintained it for the rest of the game. A great effort by all.

Well done to Year 8 who won their game after strong performances from the whole team. The girls showed great commitment to put their skills into practice successfully, working well as a team to move the ball quickly from defence to attack. Plenty of turnovers were won in the centre court which helped create more shooting opportunities which were well taken by all the shooters on the day. Well done to all.

## Year 7 and 8 vs Christ's College



Year 7 and 8 played a home game against Christ's College on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The year 7s demonstrated some great skill, moving the ball down the court well in this game. However, some good interceptions and movement from a strong Christ's College team led to Glebelands falling behind in the game. The girls still showed great resilience and showed great defensive skills during the second half to keep the goal difference to a minimum. POTM – Iris and Seren.

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The year 8s played another strong Christ's College team. They moved the ball extremely well, using lots of flat, straight passes to prevent interceptions and provide lots of shooting opportunities which were taken well by Lucy and Amber, giving them a lead from the first quarter. Throughout the game, the girls showed great dodging in attack to maintain possession and confident play in defence prevented the girls conceding too many goals. The year 8s demonstrated many of the skills and tactics discussed in training to take a convincing win. Well done to all involved. POTM – Evie and Lucy.

## Year 7 and 8 tournament at Woolmer Hill



Year 7 and 8 had the opportunity to play in a tournament at Woolmer Hill on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Despite all of the year 7s playing in their first netball game for Glebelands, they showed great confidence on the ball and displayed some strong passing down the court. Although Poppy and Summer made some incredible interceptions in defence, the year 7 team came 3<sup>rd</sup> following two narrow losses. Well done to all the girls for a great effort. POTM - Poppy.

Meanwhile, the year 8s demonstrated great communication and movement down the court in their games. Excellent work feeding the circle by Clara, Jodie and Poppy and consistent shooting by Courtney and Ellie helped Glebelands to take early leads in both their games. Clara, Poppy and Lily picked up loose balls well to provide even more scoring opportunities. As a result, the year 8 team managed to win both their games and take 1<sup>st</sup> place at the tournament. POTM - Clara.

## Basketball Year 11 Tournament



Well done to Glebelands on finishing first in the Guildford and district basketball tournament. Great speed and defence saw lots of steals and enabled us to drive up the court and take our shooting opportunities. Lots of great skill on show from all the team and it was really good to see the tenacity of each player to try and win the ball back and drive quickly into space to take a shot or do a lay-up. A very good effort from the whole team – POTM - Bernice

## Year 10 Tournament



Well done to year 10 who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their Guildford and district basketball tournament. There was lots of fast movement and a great use of triangles to create space on the small court enabling them to move the ball down the court quickly, getting close to the basket on lots of occasions but unfortunately the shots just did not fall for them in all the games. Good defence from their opposition made shooting even harder and a few late baskets saw Glebelands finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great effort team – POTM – Tilly, Lola and Beth.

## Year 9 Tournament



Well done to the year 9's who finished joint second in their Guildford and district basketball tournaments, they played really well scoring lots of baskets and playing really hard on defence. Their only loss came to a very strong George Abbot team who were able to shoot from anywhere on the court. Well done team a great effort POTM – Nicky.

## Football

### Under 15 Tournament



The U15 team played really well in the torrential rain and storm to come 2<sup>nd</sup> in their district football tournament. The sideways rain made things very difficult but the team preserved in spite of this to win 2 of their three games. A great goal from Woolmer Hill saw them take the win in the third. On the whole the team played really well, using the space available to them really well and tracking back quickly to stop counter attacks. POTM – Sophie and Ayla.

## Year 8 and 9 Vs Woolmer Hill



A great performance from the year 8 and 9 team against Woolmer Hill, despite the freezing and torrential rain they played their best with a narrow 1-0 defeat, this score line does not do the game justice. Glebelands had the large majority of possession and moved the ball round effectively, slowly gaining ground and thinking about their next play. Unfortunately, our shooting in the final third let us down and we were not able to capitalise on the many chances we had. A break away from Woolmer just before half time saw them take the win. A very good game from both teams POTM – Sienna and Issy.

## Sports Leaders

### Year 4 and 5 Primary Basketball Tournament



Glebelands sports leaders hosted our feeder primary schools for a year 4 and 5 basketball tournament and it was really nice to see them interacting and playing against one another. This was an inclusive event for students who do not participate in sports out of school and was designed to help build the confidence of those who did attend. Our sports leaders worked phenomenally well with the younger students to make sure they knew the rules, some techniques and were able to participate effectively. Every school was very positive towards their own students and others with lots of great teamwork and encouragement. A really lovely event. Thank you to the teachers and parents for giving up

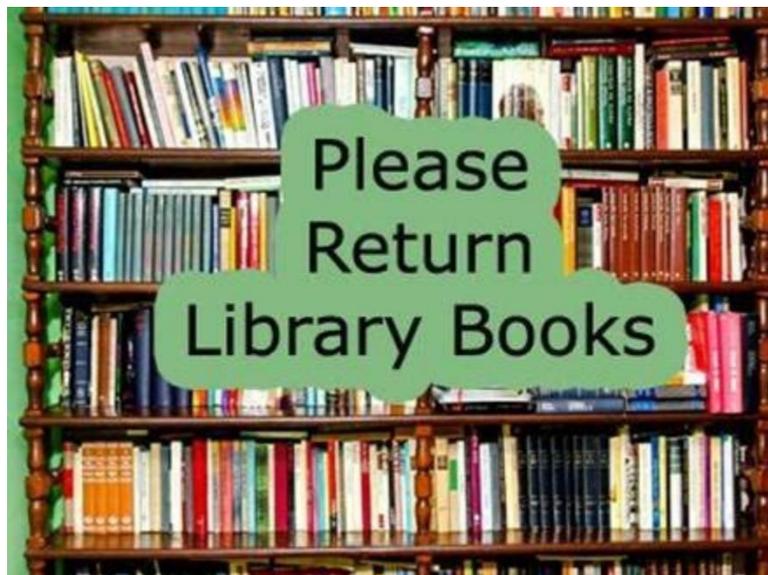
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their evenings to bring the students over and to the sports leaders for running the event. They were outstanding. Well done everyone who participated.

## Results

School	Position
WSG and SCM 1	1 <sup>st</sup>
SCM2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Parkmead 2	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Parkmead 1	4 <sup>th</sup>

## All outstanding library books to be returned



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

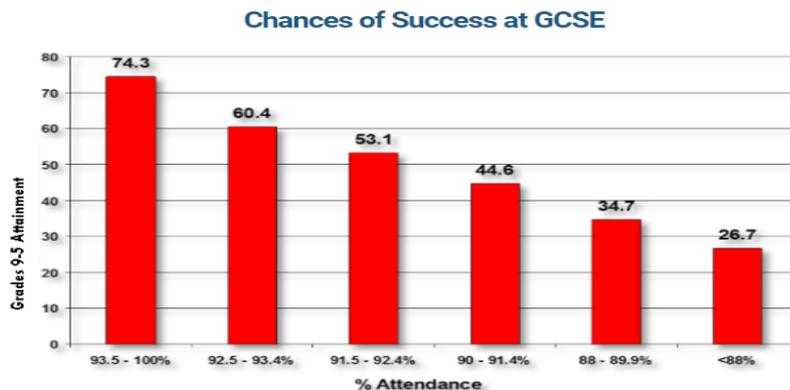
We are all aware that attendance is important. All research informs us of this: we know that students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. At Glebelands we do not underestimate the impact that parental support has on ensuring good attendance. With your continued support we can all work to gain back control and make their future years a success.



Students who are frequently absent will fall behind with learning, we do not want this to happen; absence can make students feel anxious and vulnerable; we do not want this for our students. All students at Glebelands are valued, important and anything that gets in the way of their education is important to us.

Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning. Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning.

Fact: Students who are absent between 10 and 12% of school (that's 19 to 24 days per year) stand only between a 45% to 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 74% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.



## Attendance

Our target is **96%**- but we are some way off reaching our target. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance. Whole school attendance up to mid October was **93.2%**.

Year 7 96%

Year 8 94%

Year 9 93%

Year 10 94%

Year 11 89%

You can help by coming to school every day and on time.

## Build the Habit of Good Attendance

- Parents and schools have a key role to play in children's success
- One of the most important life habits we can instil in children is attendance
- Promoting good attendance helps children to understand the importance of education, commitment and taking responsibility

## What Parents/Carers can do

- Set a regular evening and morning routine
- Do not let your child stay at home unless they are truly sick (we do not operate a 48-hour policy)
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call a family member, a neighbour or another parent and check bus timetables and routes
- Avoid medical appointments and holidays during term times

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
20 December 12:30	End of Term
3 January 2024	INSET Day
4 January 2024	Students return to school
8 January	Start of Year 9 Test Week
16 January	Start of Year 11 GCSE MFL Mocks
19 January	Year 11 reports issued
19 January	Year 11 Practice Interview Day
24 January	Year 11 Godalming College Interviews
25 January	Year 11 Parents Evening
31 January	UKMT Maths Challenge – Years 9 and 10
6 February	Year 9 Final School Booster
9 February	Ski Trip leaves
12-16 February	Half Term
19 February	INSET Day
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