

Glebelands Newsletter

Autumn Term Christmas 2025



In this issue

Welcome to our Christmas edition of our newsletter. The Autumn Term is long, and with time to reflect on a whole term for our new Year 7s and all the events that have happened in the last 13 weeks, we hope you can find some time in the busy Christmas period to enjoy our students' achievements. From all the events your children have been participating in to seeing what happens behind the scenes every day and our award winning team members. There is something for everyone.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Glebelands School.

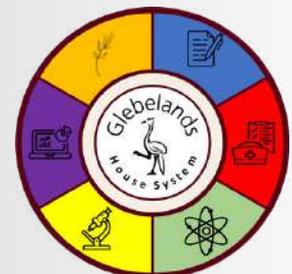
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A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a highly successful and positive half-term for the whole Glebelands community. Our students have immersed themselves fully in school life, embracing both the academic and wider opportunities available to them with enthusiasm and maturity.

Our Year 11 students deserve particular recognition. They have now completed their mock examinations, and I have been extremely impressed by their attitude, effort and resilience throughout this demanding period. Their approach has been exemplary and reflects their determination to achieve their very best in the year ahead.

This term has also been rich in sporting opportunities. A real highlight was the development of our gymnastics team and the outstanding achievement of our Year 11 girls' netball team, who finished third out of more than 50 schools across Surrey – a remarkable accomplishment and one of which the whole school is incredibly proud.

The Performing Arts have continued to thrive, with a large number of students auditioning for our forthcoming school production. The enthusiasm, commitment and courage shown by students in putting themselves forward has been wonderful to see. I would also like to thank all students who performed at our Carol Concert. The standard of performance was exceptional and showcased the talent within our school.

I would also like to recognise the significant efforts of our students in supporting a number of charity events this term, through which they have raised funds for our chosen charity, Children on the Edge. Their willingness to give their time, energy and compassion to support others is something we value deeply at Glebelands. Learning to give back and to look out for others is an important part of developing responsible, caring young people.

As we drew the term to a close, we came together for a whole-school assembly where we celebrated the many achievements of our students, both in and out of school. It was a powerful reminder of the character, ambition and success of the young people we are privileged to work with every day. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our parents and carers, and to our governors, for your continued support and partnership. I am also deeply grateful to our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our students throughout the term. Their professionalism and care make Glebelands the strong and supportive community it is.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope the holiday period provides time to rest, reflect and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming students back in the new term, ready for another exciting chapter.

Warmest Wishes
Mr. Mitchell





Key Dates

Spring 1 Half Term

| Date | Event |
|---|--|
| 05 January 2026 | Inset Day |
| 06 January 2026 | Y9 Revision Strategies Evening |
| 15 January 2026 | Yr7 Science Competition |
| 22 January 2026 | Yr11 Parents Evening |
| 23 January 2026 | Non-Uniform Day |
| 26 January 2026 | Yr9 Test Week |
| 28 January 2026 | Inset Day |
| 29 January 2026 | Yr11 Art Trip (Final exam preparation) |
| 02 February 2026 | Yr11 Information Evening |
| 05 February 2026 | District Schools Swimming Gala Theatre Trip |
| 07 February 2026 | Year 9 D of E Practice |
| 12 February 2026 | Yr10 Parents Evening |
| 16 th – 20 th February 2026 | Half Term |

NEED TO SPEAK TO US?

Please be aware that due to teaching and duty commitments of teaching staff we have a 48 hour response time to all enquiries.



Spring Term 2 - a look ahead

| Date | Event |
|----------------------|--|
| 23 February 2026 | All students return to school |
| 23 February 2026 | Yr9 Options Evening |
| 27 February 2026 | Yr9 Battlefields Trip |
| 05 March 2026 | Yr9 Parents Evening |
| 06 March 2026 | Enrichment Day |
| 09 - 13 March 2026 | Yr11 Second Mocks |
| 20 March 2026 | Comic/Sports Relief/COTE Yr9 Options Deadline |
| 24 March 2026 | Yr8 HPV Vaccinations |
| 26 March 2026 | Yr7 Parents Evening |
| 27 March 2026 | End of Term 12.30pm |
| 28 March - 3rd April | Ski Trip |

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Other Term Dates

A full list of our term dates and INSET days can be seen on our website [here](#).

Homework Club Update

From January, Homework Club will run Mondays through to Thursdays only. It will not run on Friday afternoons.

PE & Jewellery Notice

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we remind families that all jewellery, including piercings, must be removed for every PE lesson. This follows The Association of PE Safety guidance, which states that jewellery cannot be worn and taping over earrings is not permitted.

New piercings cannot be removed for several weeks; we strongly advise against getting ears pierced over the Christmas break. Students unable to remove earrings will not be able to participate safely in PE and will miss learning. We recommend delaying new piercings until the start of the summer holiday to allow sufficient healing time. Thank you for your support in this. **Mr Whistler.**

THRIVE CLUB

Unwanted gardening tools?

PLEASE CONTACT MR MILLIGAN VIA
INFO@GLEBELANDS.SURREY.SCH.UK





Safeguarding at Glebelands

Keeping children safe is our priority at Glebelands. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and we expect all staff and visitors to the school to share this commitment.

We have a safeguarding team at school, and if you have any concerns about the safety and welfare of a child, you can contact dsl@glebelands.surrey.sch.uk.

If it's an emergency always call 999.

Our DSL Team



Our Safeguarding Team



Mr Smitheram
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Montgomery
DDSL - Safeguarding Officer



Mrs McAulay
DDSL Assistant Headteacher



Mr Mitchell - DDSL, Headteacher



SAFEGUARDING IS OUR PRIORITY



Mr Singleton - DDSL, HOA7



Ms Auty - DDSL, HOA8



Ms Amin - DDSL, HOA9



Mr Nibloe - DDSL, HOA10



Mrs Albrecht - DDSL, HOA11



Attendance Matters



School Attendance & Penalties for Non-Attendance

In 2024 the National Framework for Penalty Notices was issued by the DfE. There is now a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years. **Please note:** The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

Reporting Absence

When absence is unavoidable, please report in the following ways:

- **First morning of any absence**, indicating the cause and likely duration of the absence please call 01483 542408 by 8.45am. A truancy call will be sent upon any unknown student absence.
- **Medical or dental appointment**, email the school in advance on absence@glebelands.surrey.sch.uk
- **Planned leave** - Absence forms can be obtained on the Attendance page of our website.



Attendance Matters

PENALTY FINES FOR NON- ATTENDANCE

Per Parent*, Per Child

A School Penalty Notice is issued to each parent*, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate penalty notices

*Parent

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.



SECOND OFFENCE

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.



THIRD OFFENCE

(within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case could be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in Criminal records and fines of up to £2,500
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 7

I'm writing this message having just concluded our end of term celebration assembly, the highlight of my term. The energy and positivity bouncing out of the assembly hall was magical. The Year 7 students are having great fun here at Glebelands and making a very good first impression in what is – it's hard to believe – the end of their first term!

In the assembly, in addition to awarding the students their achievement and effort certificates (there might have been a few sweets and chocolates too 😊) from their subject teachers, we also spoke about their amazing attendance and punctuality, to school and lessons. Yes, best in the school and also significantly ahead of national expectations!

We also spoke about the Shoe Box appeal that as a school and as a year group we took the lead on, collecting the most shoe boxes in the school and Glebelands raising the most shoe boxes in Cranleigh and the surrounding areas too. There will be a lot of deserving families in Ukraine that will be exceptionally grateful for all your efforts. Well done and thank you everyone.



We also looked at and reflected on the fundraising week and Christmas jumper day, again, that as a year group we took the lead on. The photos and the tutor group contributions are listed on the last, separate page, but as a year group we collected a total of £897.21 which is even, more remarkable considering when I did this same event 5 years ago, with my previous year group, we raised a total of £300!

The last day will also see the year group taking part in their first whole school assembly, a very special occasion for the school as we come together as one whole community and recognise and reward the students in our community who have achieved either whilst at school or in their own time.

A huge thank you also to all the parents for your continued support in all school related matters and the amazing tutor team, who have played a huge role in ensuring that your children have made a positive transition from primary school to secondary school.

Request for donations of Denim and Fabric needed – Year 7 Textiles

As part of our Year 7 Textiles projects, students will be working with recycled and upcycled materials. We would greatly appreciate donations of clean, unwanted denim (such as old jeans or jackets). These materials will be used for practical learning activities and creative projects in class. If you're able to help, please drop donations in with your child or drop them off at Reception by 12 February. Thank you for supporting our students' creativity and sustainable learning.



Mrs E Clutton
Head of Design & Technology



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 7

Half Term Achievement and Effort Awards:

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 Freeland | Ellen Butterfield |
| D&T Food | Johannes Boxall | Dexter Fulbrook |
| D&T Graphics | Alexander Bell | Freya Kinge |
| D&T Textiles | Alexandru Darie | Ethan Berry |
| D&T Timbers | Elsie Tilley | Harry Gould |
| Drama | Aiva Dawson | Stefan Karagyozev |
| English | Willow Silvester | Amelia Bridges |
| French | Mia-Louise Duff | Kieran Stone |
| Geography | Georgiana Burtenshaw | Millie Mitchell |
| History | Hugo Mewis | Imogen Huffman-Wright |
| IT | Tegan Quinlan | Eliza Read |
| Learning for Life | Bella Simpson | Truda Bridger |
| Lexia | Sapphira Crook | Harris McCrea |
| Mathematics | Dexter Howard | Zack Marsh |
| Music | Nassira Tombling | Bonnie Dunkley |
| PE | Adam Mackenzie | Elle Peters |
| RS | Eva Jackson | Eva Watson |
| Science | Henry Standing | Yaromyr Kryvenkyi |
| Spanish | Charlotte Wait | Buster Roake |

Commendations – Top 10:

An indication of how hard students are working is the number of commendations achieved. I would like to recognise the top 10 in our year group:

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Max Hanks 7ANG (157) | 6 | Isabelle McGinn 7SEA (110) |
| 2 | Eliza Read 7ANG (134) | 7 | Eva Jackson FRA (109) |
| 3 | Mercedes White 7ANG (132) | 8 | Jake Faber TUR (109) |
| 4 | Henry Kettle TUR (124) | 9 | Bonnie Dunkley ANG (108) |
| 5 | Georgiana Burtenshaw 7ANG (122) | 10 | Ruby Lynn SEA (108) |

In addition to the individual achievements, we also like to create a bit of healthy inter house competition, below are the tutor groups commendation table.

| Tutor commendations | | |
|---------------------|-----|------|
| 1st | FRA | 2252 |
| 2nd | SEA | 2210 |
| 3rd | TUR | 2056 |
| 4th | ANG | 2044 |
| 5th | ATT | 1515 |
| 6th | HAW | 1436 |



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 7 (cont.)

Attendance – 100%

The following students have 100% attendance and no lates to registration – well done!

| | | | | | |
|------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| Charlotte | Booth | Harry | Gould | Isaac | Perkins |
| Daniel | Bounsall-Hughes | Leah | Grevatt | Emily | Perry |
| Quinn | Bowles | Elsa | Hadfield | Jessica | Phizackerley |
| Truda | Bridger | Matilda | Hammond Jones | Tegan | Quinlan |
| Matilda | Broad | Kayden | Harvey | Joshua | Radley |
| Ellyia | Bungaroo | Mia | Hawkins | Buster | Roake |
| Georgiana | Burtenshaw | Oliver | Hewitt | Alfie | Ruggles |
| Patrick | Byrne | Eva | Jackson | Sophia | Soares |
| Leo | Cassidy | Max | Kelleher | Alfie | Stapley |
| Mosaab | Chehade | Henry | Kettle | Georgina | Stevens |
| Alexandru | Darie | Yaromyr | Kryvenkyi | Kieran | Stone |
| Mia-Louise | Duff | Ruby | Lynn | Archie | Stott |
| Alfie | Edwards | Adam | Mackenzie | Albert | Sutton |
| Faith | Estallo | Isabelle | McGinn | Isla | Thomas |
| Emily | Fernandes Teixeira | Georgie | Mitchell | Nassira | Tombling |
| Dexter | Fulbrook | Lucas | Neal - Literas | Mercedes | White |
| Joseph | Giacomuzzi | Harley | Parker | Heidi | White |

Thank you to everyone for supporting the students through their first term here at Glebelands, but, as always, it's now time to relax and enjoy your well-deserved holiday.

ANG

Raised £94.30



HAW

Raised £47.05



ATT

Raised £72.56



SEA

Raised £63.56



FRA

Raised £71.81



TUR

Raised £81.93



Mr Singleton

Head of Achievement Year 7



Head of Achievement Updates

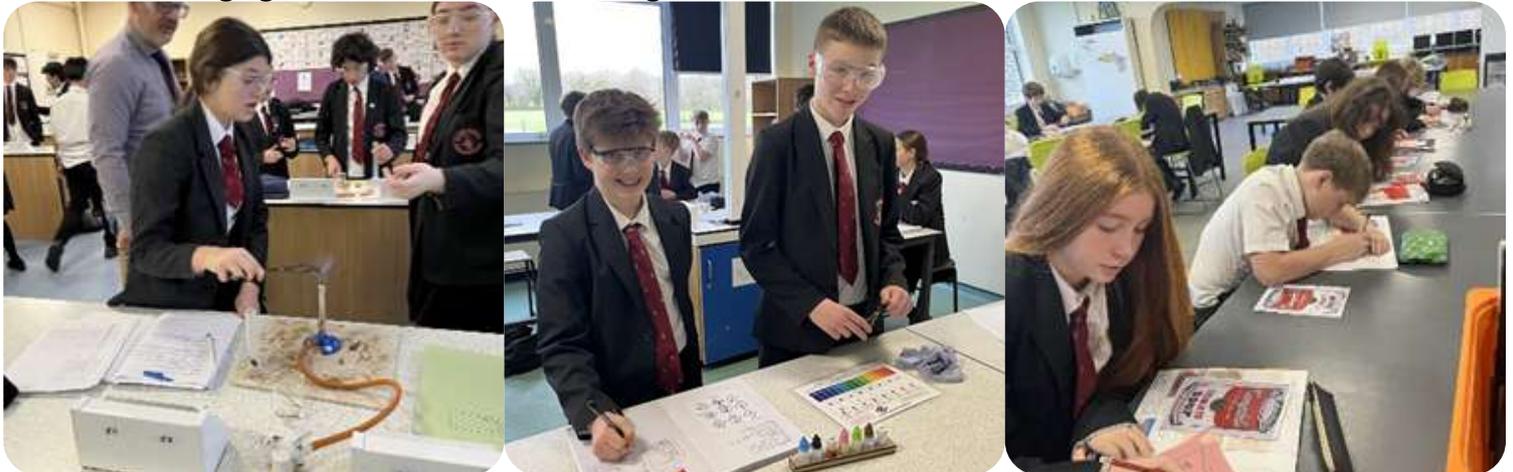
YEAR 8

So far this year, Year 8 have gained over 8700 commendations - a fantastic effort! Recently, Ms McAulay and I went on a learning walk to see all the Year 8s working across the school and we were so impressed by their attitude and engagement. I was really proud of how well they represent the school and of the positive learning environment they helped create. There are a number of students in particular this term who have made a massive effort to have a more positive year than last year, and I'm so proud of the achievements they have had this year and the difference they have made to their learning. I'm looking forward to what 2026 will bring!

We've had some excellent extra-curricular engagement this term. Year 8 sports teams have been playing in football, netball and basketball, with some successful wins. Outside of sport, we've also had some Year 8s join the Lego robotics team who will be competing against other schools in March 2026. I was also very excited to hear we had fourteen year 8s audition for Grease, the musical, and some of them were lucky enough to get call-backs for the main roles. Hopefully by the time you read this they'll know if they were successful or not. We can't wait to see all of them in the show in the summer term.

Outside of school, we were very proud to hear that Theo Burge qualified for the England Ice Hockey team again this year, and the school were happy to help him raise funds for him to represent his country in Canada at the world's largest international peewee ice hockey tournament. It was so lovely to see so many of Theo's classmates supporting Theo with cakes or helping him to sell, and I'd like to say a big thank you to all of you who sent money in for cakes that day. He raised over £200, and I'm pleased to say that Theo is 88% of the way there to reaching his goal, so all your efforts have really helped him on his way.

In addition, a big well done to Meredith Stott who came third in the annual Cranleigh Santa Dash fun run. She was running against adults and still managed to finish third in the 5km run.



What's coming up

We have a couple of inset days for staff training in January, on Monday 5th and Weds 28th. Please make a note in your diaries. It would be helpful if Santa could bring a few supplies to your students over the holidays: pens, green pens, pencils and a glue stick would be particularly useful.

We have lots more to look forward to in the spring term with more house competitions – the Bake Off will be back – and our Year 8 fundraising week for Comic Relief. So, I hope you have a restful Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming Year 8 back in 2026! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 8

Half Term Achievement and Effort Awards:

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; it's lovely to see some new names in there too.

| Subject | Achievement | Effort |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Art | Annabella Burton | Katherine Ridley |
| D&T Food | Kealan Rose | Anna Bernardi |
| D&T Graphics | Sofia Kite | Leon Ettouney |
| D&T Textiles | Krisztina Simon | Ethan Berry |
| D&T Timbers | Ruby Sutton | Megan Barr |
| Drama | Beatrix Walker | Riley Boucher |
| English | Isaac Cheetham | Esther Ogunsowo |
| French | Mackenzie Vince | Isabella Gartland-Dye |
| Geography | Dexter Rothwell | Alice Bell |
| History | Callum Simmons | Beatriz Aleixo |
| IT | Sophie Habens | Alice Marshall-Dziemianczuk |
| Learning for Life | Grace Rothschild | Charles Bartholomew |
| Lexia | Tia Cade | Kira Bakhmach |
| Mathematics | James Knight | Jude Wright |
| Music | Maya Jones | Jack Green |
| PE | Zachary Baker | Anya Huggon |
| RS | Tabitha Powell-Cullingford | Tyrese Bangali |
| Science | Hunter Brash | Neave Hamilton |
| Spanish | Suzi Coan | Annabelle Thomas |

Commendations – Top 10:

An indication of how hard students are working is the number of commendations achieved. I would like to recognise the top 10 in our year group:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Beatrix Walker | 6 | Jude Wright |
| 2 | Zachary Baker | 7 | Ava Gascoine |
| 3 | Alice Bell | 8 | Abigail Borlase |
| 4 | Alice Marshall-Dziemianczuk | 9 | Chloe Mikiri |
| 5 | Theo Burge | 10 | Flynn Pearl |

Attendance 100%:

We also celebrate student attendance, and I would like to recognise those students who have 100% attendance.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Bea Walker | Emmie Hall | Ethan Berry | Poppy Morgan | Neave Hamilton |
| Ruby Sutton | Hunter Brash | Anya Huggon | Jonathan Rochester | Viktoria Sulek |
| Sophie Habens | Abigail Buckman | Riley Templeton | Lira Gara | Joe Warner |
| Alice Bell | Maya Jones | Riley Boucher | Krisztina Simon | Caspar Jimmison |
| Theo Burge | Chloe Mikiri | Flynn Freeborough | Ben Small | Charlie McEntee |
| Ava Gascoine | Tiggi Aves | Daryna Andreiko | Leon Ettouney | Lucie Smith |
| Isaac Cheetham | Freya Hoare | Gabriel Wright | Annabelle Phizackerley | Thomas Turnbull |
| Jack Green | Esther Ogunsowo | George Andrews | John Harmer | Thomas Sandiford |
| Alice Marshall-Dziemianczuk | Casper Grazier | Jonah-James Williams | Meredith Stott | Josh England |

Mrs Auty

Head of Achievement Year 8



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 9

We have reached the end of Autumn Term of Year 9! I am incredibly proud of how well Year 9 have continued their Glebelands journey. It was pleasing to see lots of students partake in the Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Children on the Edge, as well as lots tucking in for the Christmas lunch. We have had the pleasure of Emily Project delivering sessions on mental health to some of the girls in the year group, as well as focusing on ways to cope when things become difficult. I would like to thank the PE department for arranging the project as well as the girls for taking part. We have had some lovely feedback from the agency. Below are some pictures of a few students in their Christmas jumper.



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| Subject | Achievement | Effort |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Art | Eloise Morris | Lilly-May Pearl |
| DT - Food Technology | Amelia Liddicott | David Sklenar |
| DT - Graphics | Olivia Bannister | Sebastian Bonard |
| DT - Textiles | | Ina Graham |
| DT - Timbers | Zahria Singhateh | Samuel Golding |
| Drama | Daniele Carrieri | Amelia Bailey |
| IT | Tymoteusz Janusz | Lilly Sparkes |
| English | Rosie Elliott | Rory Kinloch |
| French | Elise Wanner | Junior Kushonga |
| Geography | Adam Dauncey | Hugo Lucas-Lucas |
| History | Cooper Clements | Alexia Haynes |
| Learning for Life | Ellis Murphy | Grace Tosh |
| Maths | Evalyn Glenny | William Wield |
| Music | Isabel Bounsall-Hughes | Esmee Covey |
| PE | Samuel Savell | Eliska Kusakova |
| RE | Frankie Salvador | Eva Drane |
| Science | Lola Ellis | Daniel Hollingsworth |
| Spanish | Iris Lamont | Eli Williamson |



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 9 (cont.)

Commendations – Top 10:

An indication of how hard students are working is the number of commendations achieved. I would like to recognise the top 10 in our year group:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Kusakova | Eliska |
| Covey | Esmee |
| Dixon | Poppy |
| Mason | Harry |
| Wanner | Elise |
| Sparkes | Lilly |
| Bounsall-Hughes | Isabel |
| Hollingsworth | Daniel |
| Tsoi | Cheuk Kit |
| Wanner | Ruby |

Attendance – 100%

We also celebrate student attendance, and I would like to recognise those students who have 100% attendance.

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Saphire | Baker |
| Summer | Boucher |
| Isabel | Bounsall-Hughes |
| Isabella | Castle |
| Alexander | Cutbill |
| Poppy | Dixon |
| Sebastian | Ealden |
| George | Emmett |
| Jadon | Foy |
| Owen | Gregory |
| Ewan | Neale |
| Summer | Neville-Towle |
| Obinna | Nwaosu |
| Jake | Rice |
| Michelle | Sithole |
| Lilly | Sparkes |
| Cheuk Kit | Tsoi |
| Elise | Turnbull |
| Eli | Williamson |

As we end this busy term, we return on an even busier school term! A reminder that revision strategy evening commences 6th January 2026. This will be an important opportunity to support students in developing effective independent revision habits in the build up to their test week. It will be year 9's turn to raise funds for our chosen charity week, commencing 19th January. We have Test Week 26th-30th January and year 9 options evening 23rd February.

We look forward to students returning on Tuesday 6th January at 8.45am in full school uniform, equipped ready to learn. Have a lovely festive break.



Head of Achievement Updates

Year 10

It's been an amazing half term for Year 10; we have achieved so much. To begin with, students organised cake sales, bake sales and activities for Children in Need. They raised an incredible £550 towards Children in Need and Children on the Edge. Alongside this, the Shoebox Appeal was underway and we sent 25 shoeboxes abroad to help brighten Christmas for a child.

Mrs Clark launched the Head of School Council applications which saw a top-class group submit very high-quality supporting statements. They were interviewed and candidates were put forward for the role. These lucky three produced a video for all students to vote on. We await to see who was successful in which roles! Good luck!!

Work Experience was also a hot topic this half term, with students (some with a little help from home – thank you!!) organising their placements ready for April.

Students have also been heavily involved with auditions for Grease and Carol Concerts, which has been fantastic to see.



Commendations – Top 10:

An indication of how hard students are working is the number of commendations achieved. I would like to recognise the top 10 in our year group:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Rupert De Vos Van Steenwijk | 6 | Alice Maki |
| 2 | Leanna Quinlan | 7 | Lily-Erin Macdermott |
| 3 | William Standing | 8 | Grace Prior-Egerton |
| 4 | Ines-Angel Milne | 9 | Kevin Orioha |
| 5 | Sylvie Walker | 10 | Benjamin Weaver |



Head of Achievement Updates

Year 10

Attendance – 100%

We also celebrate student attendance and would like to recognise those students who have 100% attendance or those who have not got any lates to school or lessons

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Faith Beardsall | Lucy Auty | Jake Barnfield | Erin McEntee | Thomasina | Tristan Bradbury |
| Jack Betts | Yasmin Basal | Ivan Bettles | Joel Rogers | Bradbury | Jacob Grazier |
| Chehab Chehade | Evie Beavis | Amelia | Joseph Ross | Ethan Cairns | Eloise Harrowing |
| Charles England | Charles Bradley | McCarthy | Archie Stanley | Samuel Dobson | Ethan Lee |
| Oscar Habens | Rupert De Vos | Samuel Radley | Ethan Stone | Thomas Eade | Lily-Erin |
| Charles Hanna | Van Steenwijk | Benjamin | Sylvie Walker | Jacob Telling | Macdermott |
| Hugo Moore | | Ramsdale | Finley Williams | Juliette | Olivia Pantlin |
| Szofia Szecsei | | Clara Robertson | | Wakefield | |
| | | Lily Southgate | | | |
| | | Oakley Tancred | | | |

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| Subject | Achievement | Effort |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Art | Lily Southgate | Szofia Szecsei |
| Business Studies | Leanna Quinlan | Ethan Lee |
| Computing | Nickolaus Coverley | Jack Betts |
| D&T Food | Joel Rogers | Abigail Reed |
| D&T Graphics | Poppy Horth | Ryan Powell |
| D&T Hospitality | Lulu Bennett | Jake Barnfield |
| D&T Textiles | Evie Alldred | Lily-Erin Macdermott |
| D&T Timbers | Rupert De Vos Van Steenwijk | Jacob Grazier |
| Drama | Clara Robertson | Olivia Pantlin |
| English | Georgia Davis | Daniel Stovold |
| French | Benjamin Weaver | Jodie Barr |
| Geography | Isaiah King | Giulia Carrieri |
| History | Annabel Newbery | Phoebe Puckova |
| Learning for Life | Reece Baker | Sam Quinn |
| Mathematics | Sophie Wouda | Evie Ross |
| PE | Tola Wilczkiewicz | Pippa Tidy |
| RS | | Iris Leete |
| Science | Arlo Denyer | Ella Peacock |
| Spanish | Toby Rowe | Charles Hanna |

We have had another really busy but successful half term. I am proud of how the students have responded to the opportunities available to them. There are many that are staying after school for clubs – homework club, sports clubs, auditions, or to work on their option subjects, such as Art. The vast majority of students have bought into Tassomai and completing daily goals to help them. I would like to see this strengthen and continue.

One area that has slipped a little is punctuality to school and to lessons. This is something we will be working closely with some students about next term.

On behalf of the Year 10 tutor team, I wish you and your family a fantastic Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Mr Nibloe

Head of Achievement Year 10



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 11

The Year 11s looked amazing on their Careers Interview Day, and by all accounts thoroughly impressed the external interviewers with the quality of their CVs, preparation and interview technique on the day.

There was a real buzz of positive energy and the students were congratulated on their excellent performance in a dedicated assembly at the end of the day.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank any parents/carers and members of the community who gave up their time to give the Year 11s this vital life experience. Your time and expertise is much appreciated. In addition, thanks go to Mrs Procter and Mr Smitheram for the organisation and oversight of a very productive day.



In addition, the Y11 students need to be congratulated for how they conducted themselves over the Mock Exam Period. Their behaviour was impeccable, and their dedication to completing their papers and concentration was impressive. I hope that they receive the results they deserve, and have worked hard for, in January, where they will have a special assembly and be given their mock results envelope. As I have previously said to them, it is the ideal time for the students to identify any or gaps in their knowledge and/or exam technique, which can be addressed in time for the summer examination period. Their tutors and subject teachers are here to support them in the final push.



Head of Achievement Updates

YEAR 11 (cont.)

Commendations – Top 10:

An indication of how hard students are working is the number of commendations achieved. I would like to recognise the top 10 in our year group:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|----|---|
| 1 | Samuel Elliott | 6 | Ami Spurgeon |
| 2 | George Rivers | 7 | Ayomide Corpes |
| 3 | Theodore De Vos Van Steenwijk | 8 | Esme Warner Leah Kale |
| 4 | Alexander Auty | 9 | Benjamin Di Pietro |
| 5 | Joshua Hamilton | 10 | Sofia Avery Katherine Whittington Ava Perry |

Attendance – 100%

Attendance in school is vital for students learning and progress, especially so in year 11, congratulations to those, listed below, who are still achieving 100% attendance this school year.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Alexander Auty | Samuel Elliott | Esther Lamont |
| Maisie Best | Daniel Elms | Jenna Macdermott |
| Oliver Bradley | Charlotte Gibb | Max Morris |
| Freya Bradley | Amber Gregory | William O'Brien |
| Alice Cole | Eliot Hard | Ava Perry |
| Theodore DeVos Van Steenwijk | Edward Jackson | Laila Smith |
| Annabel Dear | William Jenking | Lewis Trinder Pullen |
| Joseph Elliott | Arlo Knight | Esme Warner |

Half Term Achievement and Effort Awards:

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.

| Subject | Achievement | Effort |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Art | Ella Bishop | Eleanor Uddin |
| Business Studies – Years 10 & 11 Only | Nicolle Sklenar | Isabel Collins |
| DT - Food Technology | Reuben Smith | Poppy Fisher |
| DT - Graphics | Theodore De Vos Van Steenwijk | Daniel Lewis |
| DT - Hospitality | Elliott Miller | Cosmin-Georgian Mihalache |
| DT - Textiles | Sophie Bishop | Alexandra Wachtel |
| DT – Timbers | Jobe Meadows | Sydney Shayler |
| Drama | Lily Clark | William Mullan-Pryne |
| Computing | Henry Mewis | Edward Burton |
| English | Scarlett Wakefield | Aasuka Wickramasingha |
| French | Nicole Huet | Cheuk Wang Pan |
| Geography | William Jenking | Megan Austwick |
| History | Sesehang Limbu | Jay Bridger |
| Learning for Life | Max Morris | Katherine Whittington |
| Maths | Sophie Maidens | Edward Jackson |
| Additional Maths | Hoi Tang | Jaya Baworee |
| Music | Jack Templeton | Samuel Elliott |
| PE | Zachary Frawley | Laila Smith |
| RE | George Wood | Janusa Kirupaharan |
| Science | Amber Gregory | Eliot Hard |
| Spanish | Freya Bradley | Isabella Andrews |

I wish you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and hope that the Year 11s come back re-vitalised, re-energised and ready to take on board any advice, help and guidance they receive from their exam feedback. Have a wonderful holiday!

Mrs Albrecht

Head of Achievement Year 11



UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

YEAR 11

Nine students in Year 11 took part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge in October. This is aimed at students in Year 13 and below. They did an amazing job, and we were really proud that so many of them earned Bronze certificates.

Congratulations to Sam Elliott and Zero Tang for being joint best in the school.

Here are the results:

| | | | |
|----------|----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Samuel | Elliott | 55 | Bronze Best in School |
| Zero | Tang | 55 | Bronze Best in School |
| Theo | De Vos Van Steenwijk | 51 | Bronze |
| Alex | Auty | 48 | Bronze |
| Jaya | Baworee | 47 | Bronze |
| Joseph | Elliott | 46 | Bronze |
| Eliot | Hard | 43 | Participation |
| Edward | Burton | 39 | Participation |
| Sesehang | Limbu | 18 | Participation |



Mrs Rudolph
Maths Teacher



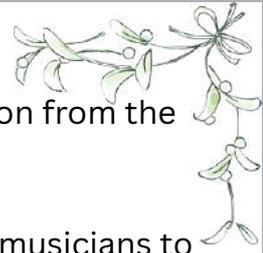
Music

Christmas Carol Service

On Monday 15th December night our fantastic students received a standing ovation from the crowd after our annual Christmas Carol Service at the Cranleigh Baptist Church.

The Glebelands School Choir and School Orchestra were joined by staff and local musicians to provide a magical evening of music in our community. It was a very special occasion, and our students did themselves proud.

A massive thank you to all parents and staff who attended, and we look forward to welcoming you all next year (bring your grannies and in-laws - it's Christmas!).



Mr Forrester
Music Teacher





Music

Wicked Theatre Trip

On the 27th November, fifty students and staff hopped on a coach into London for an unforgettable night at the theatre. To further support our GCSE Music and Drama students, and in the wake of the highly anticipated release of the new film, we went to watch Wicked Live in the West End.

Opportunities to experience live music and live theatre are essential to a thriving performing arts programme, and trips and experiences like this are always the most memorable part of being at school. From the looks on their faces, every single child had a blast! Our next theatre trip is Back to the Future! See the letter issued on Wednesday 17th December for more information.



Mr Forrester
Music Teacher





Community

Acorn Nursery Nativity

On Thursday 11th December, twenty-five of our Glebelands Choir joined forces with Acorn Nursery to perform at their annual nativity in St. Nicolas' Church. The choir supported the singing of the young nursery performers and also lead their own carols. It was a lovely experience for all involved and we look forward to continuing this Christmas tradition next year!

Mr L Forrester
Head of Music





Spotlight On...

Behind the Scenes at Our School

Recently our Head Chef, Mr Olival, was invited to take part in The Pantry Chef of the Year Competition. More about this later, but it got us thinking about the staff behind the scenes who go above and beyond to make a school run smoothly every day.

Most days, when students arrive at school, everything just works: classrooms are open, lessons run smoothly, meals are hot and ready, computers behave, and someone always knows where that missing PE kit has ended up (mostly!). But behind this seamless experience is a remarkable network of people working tirelessly—often before students even wake up—to keep our school safe, organised, welcoming, and running like a well-oiled machine. We'd like to take you on a short journey behind the scenes at Glebelands to celebrate the teams who make school life possible.

Administration

Every day begins at our Main Reception welcoming the early arrivals. Mrs Williams and Mrs Hanks are the welcoming voices and friendly faces who manage incoming enquiries, appointments, forgotten equipment, visitors, and everything in between.

Overseeing the smooth flow of communication, HR and keeping Mr Mitchell organised is Mrs MacVicar, PA to the Headteacher, whose coordination and calm under pressure keep the entire school aligned. Working closely alongside her is Mrs Korousova and Mr Fronczak, who coordinate our finances, trips, resources and payroll systems run efficiently.

You may often hear your children refer to Student Services, our Reception for students. Attendance and admissions, vital to every student's successful start, are in the expert hands of Mrs Sieber and Mrs Newton. Their work ensures every student is accounted for throughout the day, supported and on track from the moment they join us. We also have Mrs Williams and Mrs Freeland who manage student enquiries, signpost where necessary, provide first aid and have the unenviable task of sorting through lost property to find names on items - used PE kit and lunch boxes being their least favourite items to look through!

Assessment and data—so crucial yet so often invisible—are expertly managed by Mrs Angela Dawson, our Exams Officer & Data Manager. From exam timetables to secure submissions, overseeing Invigilators, statutory returns to government, school reports and timetable assistance, she ensures every detail is accurate and every exam runs smoothly. We are also lucky to have a separate team of Invigilators who turn up every exam season to support and guide students through these important exams.

In the Learning Resource Centre and also covering our Print Room, Mrs Cook quietly supports research, reading, and revision for hundreds of students each week.

Keeping Teaching on Track: Teaching & Technical Support

When staff are unexpectedly absent, learning carries on seamlessly thanks to our Cover Supervisors, Mr Milligan and Mr Allen, who step in at a moment's notice, expertly keeping lessons productive and consistent.



Spotlight On...

Practical learning is powered by our outstanding Technicians. In Science, Mrs Cathy Wilson and Mrs Julia Reed prepare, test, and troubleshoot every experiment long before students arrive at the lab bench. Down in Design & Technology, Mr Urquahart (DT) and Miss Bradbury (Food Technology) ensure tools, machinery, and ingredients are all ready for creative learning to happen.



Supporting Every Learner: Learning Support & Safeguarding

Our Learning Support Team, led by Mrs Hearn has a range of dedicated staff. Mrs Singleton provides small group support and our LSAs who support students in every corner of the school. Their compassion, patience, and expertise make an enormous difference daily. Thank you to Mrs Trayling, Mr Hearn, Mrs Vodden, Miss Erricker, Mrs Van Wyk, Mr M. Fielden, Mr L. Fielden, Ms Rose, Ms Colombi, Mrs Newman, and Miss Denton, for the support and care they provide to so many young people.



Overseeing student safety is our Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Montgomery, whose role is central to ensuring that every child feels safe, heard, and protected.

Our Pastoral Support Team—Mrs Roundell, Mrs Imran, and Mrs Killick work every day to support wellbeing, behaviour, relationships, and personal development. For many students, they are the safe space and steady anchor of the school.



Keeping the Building Running: Premises

Before the first student arrives, Mr Gunner, our Premises Manager, and his team—Mr Olival and Mr Grady - have already opened the site, checked safety, managed maintenance, and prepared classrooms for learning.

Our school is a community hub for sports and with our 3G pitch and sports facilities our school is open evening and weekends to keep the community healthy. Mr Piskun and Ms Campbell (supported by Mr Fronczak in Finance) keep the bookings running smoothly. From sports hall bookings in the evenings to weekend set-ups, their work keeps our school functioning around the clock.



Fuel for the Day: The Pantry Catering Team

From break to lunch queues—our Pantry Catering Team ensure students and staff are well-fed and energised. Thank you to Robby Olival, Liz Loveday, Felisbela Gois, Daniella Howick and Nicole Thomas for the nutritious meals, warm smiles, and heroic patience during the busiest lunch rushes.

As mentioned earlier, Mr Olival's was invited to partake in the Chef of the Year Competition in November. Unfortunately he didn't win, but came away with the Outstanding Contribution Award for his amazing Christmas and Halloween extravaganzas. He truly is exceptional in dedication to the school and his talent in cooking for the children. He also gives a lot of his time to decorate the canteen, and his hand-crafted creations at Halloween and Christmas bring joy to so many of our students.

Spotlight On...

The Digital Backbone: Learning Partners IT Team

Finally, technology is at the core of modern learning, and our IT systems are kept running by our highly skilled IT partners: Mr Loveday, Mr Watson, and Mr Joe Bennett. From resetting passwords to managing whole-school systems, they keep our digital world secure and responsive.

A Community Effort

Running a school is far more complex than most people ever see. It takes countless hands, early mornings, late finishes, and a shared belief in giving every young person the best possible experience. This list doesn't mention countless other contractors who turn up during the week to assist us such as cleaners and uniform shop staff.

To all the staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes—thank you. And to our families—thank you for supporting us, partnering with us, and trusting us with your children every day. Together, we make this school a community.

Mrs Rogers, School Business Manager



Congratulations to Mr Olival on competing in the Chef of the Year Competition. Five chefs from schools up and down the country competed for the coveted title. Although he didn't win on this occasion, he came away with a surprise Special Contribution Award for his legendary displays in the canteen! Congratulations!





Sporting Achievements

NETBALL

This term has been a fantastic one for netball across all year groups. The girls have shown great commitment, strong teamwork and real improvement in every fixture. Year 11 qualified for the third year in a row for the county finals event. Year 10 are on their way to joining them with a win over Rodborough. Year 9 have continued to grow in confidence and their skills have developed. In their recent game against Rodborough, they only lost by one goal. Training for these year groups will resume on Thursday 8th January.



After years of hard work, determination, and a spirit, the Year 11 netball team have been crowned the third best team in Surrey. It's been a journey filled with both triumphs and challenges, but through it all they've remained passionate, and now they stand proudly on the podium. During the tournament, the team played undoubtedly the best netball I've seen in their time at Glebelands. They faced some very difficult and physical opponents, but they played their own game and showed they are built of strong stuff. A huge well done to the whole team.



The Year 7 netball teams have taken part in games against Rodborough, Kings College and George Abbot this half term. The 7A team showed great skills to win against Rodborough and Kings. The year 7B squad have also had a successful half term, winning the Waverley tournament at Woolmer Hill. Many girls have played their first games for the school this half term, including in a friendly against George Abbot, where the girls put all the skills they have been learning in training into practice. The year 8A team have continued to go from strength to strength, working hard as a team to get convincing wins against Rodborough, Kings College and St Catherine's this half term. The 8B team have played against George Abbot, St Cat's and in the Waverley tournament at Woolmer Hill; the girls all showed great determination in these games, some of which were extremely close.





Sporting Achievements

Football - Girls

The U16s put in an outstanding performance against Rodborough. After going 1-0 down early on, the girls showed brilliant resilience and quickly took control of the game. Luchia was unstoppable up front, scoring a superb hat-trick, with Evie adding another well-taken goal to secure a convincing 4-1 victory. A fantastic comeback and a great display of teamwork, determination and attacking quality from the whole squad. POTM – Sienna and Sofia A.

Unfortunately, other matches that were due to be played were postponed by opposition schools.

The U13s have been working very hard at training this half term. Their commitment has been outstanding, even on dark, cold, and wet afternoons. The team had a match against Rodborough recently. The game got off to an exciting start with both teams scoring in the first five minutes to make it 1-1. The girls pressed well against a strong team and were resilient in defence. Despite a second goal for Glebelands, some outstanding saves from Tia, and the girls matching a lot of Rodborough's play, unfortunately we could not convert into goal opportunities in the second half, meaning Rodborough took a 6-2 win this time. POM – Tia.



Football - Boys - overall summary

The Boys teams have played some more matches in the local district league.

The Year 8 boys played against Woolmer Hill, losing a very good game 9-5. Glebelands played some nice football and goals were scored by Tom (2), Sam and Casper, and despite a great goalkeeping performance from Zach the boys conceded a couple of late goals to give Woolmer Hill the win.



Year 10 boys played very well against Woolmer Hill, pressing, working hard off the ball and then playing some lovely football. Reece B score two great goals along with another from Maksim to seal a 3-1 win.



Year 7 played an entertaining match which ended 2-2 despite a great opening goal from Casey who lobbed the goalkeeper. Woolmer hit back with two goals to lead 2-1 until the final five minutes of the match, when a penalty was won by Harry who subsequently scored it to give the team a share of the points.



Sporting Achievements

Year 7 Boys



Year 7 and 8 football tournaments/match at George Abbot School.

The Year 7 boys who had yet to represent the school played in a tournament at the start of December. The team played well in all their games, winning two and losing one to finish joint first overall. The Glebelands goals were shared between Ethan, Bertie, Harrison and Isaac, but everyone contributed very well, with passes/ tackles and great saves as well from Simon in goal.



Year 8 boys played a friendly match against George Abbot the week before the Year 7 competition. It was a great game with plenty of goals scored and some excellent saves from Beavis and Casper in goal. Michael C scored both the Glebelands goals in the 5-2 defeat.

Basketball

U16 vs Kings- This was not played due to Kings not having a team. U16 vs Woolmer Hill- rearranged for after Christmas

U16 Tournament - The team played 5 matches against George Abbot, Howard of Effingham and Guildford County. They won one, drew one and lost three but all the matches were close and the team looked good defensively, but could not always convert the chances they had to score the points needed. Glebelands points scorers were Daniel, Mackenzie, Isaiah and Oliver A.



Year 8 vs Woolmer Hill. This was a great match with two very even teams. The lead continued to change throughout the match, with Glebelands points coming from Beavis, Sam and Leon. The final score was 29-22 to Woolmer Hill.



Year 10s vs Hurtwood House Sixth Form - This was another great match with the score line remaining very close throughout. Glebelands started a little slowly but improved as the match went on, and looked more organised defensively in the second half of the game. Glebelands played on the counter and score points through Mackenzie, Isaiah, Daniel, Reece and Oliver A. The final score was 27-25

Year 9/10 Girls Tri Fixture with George Abbot - Brilliant fixture, winning one game and narrowly losing the other. The team showed fantastic positivity throughout, working hard in defence and growing in confidence with every play. It was great to see so many of the girls stepping outside their comfort zone and embracing a different sport with such enthusiasm. The Year 8s played their tournament in a similarly positive spirit, showing great teamwork and energy throughout. They secured one well-deserved win and narrowly lost the other, demonstrating real progress and enthusiasm for the sport. A brilliant effort from all involved.





Sporting Achievements

District Cross Country

Thursday 17th November at Charterhouse - A great event with a small squad from Glebelands taking part. It was a lovely afternoon and the conditions meant that the runners could run quick times. The Glebelands team represented the school very well. The final results saw the Junior boys finish third in the district which was really good. Overall notable performances came from:

- Harrison M who finished 4th overall in the U13 Waverley Boys competition.
- Daniel H who finished 6th overall in the Waverley Junior Boys competition, Alex C finished 10th and Sam P 13th overall.
- Cole finished fourth overall in the Waverley Intermediate Boys competition with Jacob finishing seventeenth.



Sam H, Sam P and Josh E (not pictured)

Gymnastics Competition

The U13 Gymnastics team entered our first Gym competition at Priors Field School in November. Students had to perform a set floor and set vault routine entering as a beginner, intermediate or advanced gymnast. We filled all three categories, with sixteen gymnasts competing. In the beginner competition Mercedes W placed fourth and Jolene W fifth, which we are very proud of. Our next competition is vs Tormead on Saturday 24th January 2026. Training is Friday lunch time.

Our cheerleading team continue to train and learn exciting new routines blending their gymnastics, acro and dance skills together. Training is Thursday after school- everyone welcome.



Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders did a fantastic job running three primary events this term: Year 5/6 Football, Year 4/5 Dodgeball and Year 4/5 Basketball. The leaders showed excellent organisation, communication and confidence throughout, ensuring each event ran smoothly and that all visiting pupils felt supported and included. They officiated matches, explained rules clearly, encouraged the younger players and demonstrated real maturity in managing large groups. Their positivity created a brilliant atmosphere across all three events, and they were outstanding role models for the primary students. A huge well done to all the leaders involved—they represented Glebelands superbly.





Sporting Achievements

PE Department Extra Curricular practices-

| DAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| LUNCHTIME Years 7/9/11 | 7 Boys Football- Sp Hall (RMW) Volleyball (KS3) Gym (VNR) | Year 11 Football- (RMW) Sp Hall Year 7 Boys and Girls Basketball- Gym (VNR) | Year 7/9 Pickleball Sp Hall (AAM) Year 7/9 Girls Football- Gym (VNR) | Year 9 Boys Football (RMW) Just Dance Year 7/9/11- Gym (VNR/AAM) | Year 9/11 Boys and Girls Basketball- Sp Hall (RMW/VNR) Gymnastics Club- all years (HRP) |
| LUNCHTIME Years 8/10 | Year 8 and 10 Boys/Girls Pickleball (Sp hall) (AAM/VNR) | Year 10 Football (RMW) Sp hall Year 8/10 Girls Football (Indoor- Gym) (VNR) | Year 8/10 Boys and Girls Basketball (VNR/RMW) | Just Dance Year 8/10 -Gym (AAM) | Year 8 Football- Sp Hall (RMW) Gymnastics Club - all years (HRP) |
| AFTER SCHOOL | All Years Girls Football Club- Astroturf (AAM) KS3 Boys and Girls Basketball club (Sp hall/Gym) (VNR) Inter-House Sports event night FIXTURES | All Years Badminton Club (recreational) (SP Hall) Strength and Conditioning (Year 9/10) External coach (cost involved) FIXTURES | Year 7 and 8 Netball Club (AAM/HRP) FIXTURES | Year 9,10 and 11 Netball Club (VNR/ WAVERLEY VIPERS) Gymnastics/ Cheerleading Club (HRP) FIXTURES | |



House News



House System Update

Well done to all students who have taken part in our recent house events. We have seen excellent engagement across the school in a wide range of activities, including Language Nut, Maths Sparx, the Year 7 and Year 10 fundraising initiatives, and our whole-school Cancer Research Challenge.

| Sparx Maths Challenge top 10 | | Language Nut top 10 | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Mihalache Florian-Marcus | Esther Ogunsowo | Summer Boucher | Chloe Mikiri |
| Henry Kettle | Archie Stott | Kate Radley | Lucas Neal-Literas |
| Gabriel Wright | Jake Faber | Georgina Stevens | Ella Ketley |
| Nas Tombling | Alexandru Darle | Gabriel Wright | Mia Hawkings |
| Ben Weaver | Mia-Louise Duff | Ellie Zaharieva | Albie Robberts |

In particular, the Cancer Research Challenge has been a fantastic example of the Glebelands community coming together for an important cause. Students showed real determination, resilience and compassion as they took part, raising awareness and vital funds for Cancer Research. The effort, commitment and generosity shown by students, families and staff have been truly impressive, and every participant should be extremely proud of their contribution. In total we raised £2776, which is a phenomenal total, and put us fifth on the Cancer Research leaderboard; it was also enough money for someone to receive treatment, which will make a huge difference to their life.

| Students who raised over £100 for Cancer Research | | Ines Angel Milne |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Will Mullan-Pryne | Isabelle McGinn | Alfie Edwards |
| Alice Bell | Jake Faber | Elliya Bungaroo |

All of these events have highlighted the positive culture within our house system, with students supporting one another, earning valuable house points and demonstrating our core values in action. Thank you to everyone who got involved, your enthusiasm and commitment continue to make our house events a success.

| October Cancer Research Challenge - £2778 – some money was not allocated to specific Houses. | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| House | Participants | Money Raised | Total Points |
| Angelou | 14 | 150 | 164 |
| Attenborough | 16 | 340 | 356 |
| Franklin | 9 | 815 | 824 |
| Hawking | 15 | 490 | 505 |
| Seacole | 19 | 458 | 477 |
| Turing | 46 | 460 | 506 |



House News



| Children in need - £ 1729.10 | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| House | Year 10 | Non-uniform | Total Points |
| Angelou | £75.14 | £187 | 263 |
| Attenborough | £144.75 | £224 | 369 |
| Franklin | £77.81 | £222.5 | 301 |
| Hawking | £64.80 | £204 | 269 |
| Seacole | £79.75 | £152 | 232 |
| Turing | £51.50 | £239 | 291 |

| Year 7 Christmas fundraising - £ 431.21 | | |
|---|--------|--------------|
| House | Year 7 | Total Points |
| Angelou | £94.30 | 95 |
| Attenborough | £72.56 | 73 |
| Franklin | £71.81 | 72 |
| Hawking | £47.05 | 47 |
| Seacole | £63.56 | 64 |
| Turing | £81.93 | 82 |

House Points

The current points totals are as follows:

| House | Points Total |
|--------------|--------------|
| Angelou | 6090 |
| Attenborough | 5811 |
| Franklin | 7014 |
| Hawking | 6018 |
| Seacole | 6122 |
| Turing | 6863 |

Events coming up in Spring

| Date | Event |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| W/C 12 th Jan | Kindness takes over |
| W/C 19 th Jan | Performing arts comp |
| W/C 19 th Jan | Year 9 fundraising |
| W/C 2 nd Feb | Wellbeing Take over |
| W/C 9 th Feb | Digital Dilemmas |



School Council Update



All Change!

For the School Council, it is this time of the year that we look back over a year of progress, wave goodbye to our current student leaders and tutor representatives, and look forward to a new team starting in January!

So, first of all, I would like to thank everyone in the current School Council for all of their efforts and contributions. I am really proud of how seriously many Tutor Representatives have taken their responsibilities this year, including presenting feedback to their tutor groups on behalf of all the Committees and SLT.

I am especially grateful to George Rivers, Theo De Vos Van Steenwijk and William Sandiford for their excellent leadership, superb communication and presentation skills, but also their wit and enthusiasm; they should feel very proud of their achievements. A very special mention also goes out to our dedicated committee leaders: Alexander Auty, Jaya Baworee, Lily Clark, Maverick De Vera, Joseph Elliott and Eliot Hard. It is because of their excellent leadership of the 2025 team that they have paved the way for another large leadership team next year!

Which brings me to introduce to you the new 2026 team: Jacob Grazier, Leanna Quinlan and Benjamin Weaver successfully gained their place in the main leadership team – congratulations! Although I am unable to reveal which one of these will be the Head of School Council at the time of writing this article, by the time this newsletter is published, the announcement will have been made in the whole school assembly! Congratulations also go to the Committee Leaders: Sophie Bernardi, Tristan Bradbury, Rupert De Vos Van Steenwijk, Lily-Erin Macdermott, Annabel Newbery, Olivia Pantlin, Clara Robertson, Lily Southgate and Sylvie Walker. All of these students earned their place thanks to their application letters and interview performances, which showed varied skills and great dedication to the school community. I know they will prove to be an excellent team!

Several projects started by the current committees will now be picked up by our new School Council team from January. These will include the ongoing monitoring and improvements to the premises and learning around the school, ideas for wellbeing and diversity, plus enhancements to our environmental efforts and the next Earth Week. Our new suggestion box in the LRC will also need to be checked on a regular basis.

My final congratulations go to all students who have been selected as Tutor Representatives. I wish the new 2026 School Council all the very best!

Mrs N Clark
Head of Student Personal Development



Why Your Support Matters

Glebelands School manages its finances effectively, but there's always a gap between available funds and the cost of providing the best possible educational experiences. The Glebelands Trust helps to bridge this gap by funding valuable resources and innovative projects across all school departments. We align all our spending with the School Development Plan, which is approved by the Governors, ensuring every penny enhances the quality of education.

Your support truly makes a difference. Every pound donated helps us provide valuable extras that enhance the school experience, from additional curriculum resources to enriching learning opportunities that go beyond the classroom.

However, over the past few years, donations have gradually diminished. At present, only twenty-six families contribute to our equivalent of the PTA fund. We are so grateful for their ongoing support – but imagine the impact if every family joined in! If every family regularly donated just £1, together we could transform what's possible for our children. Small, regular contributions add up quickly, enabling us to fund even more improvements, resources, and experiences that benefit everyone.

Let's work together to continue building a school environment we can all be proud of – one that gives every child the very best opportunities to learn, play, and thrive.

Thank you once again for your generosity, your community spirit, and your continued support.



How to Donate

Your support is crucial, and there are several ways to contribute to the Glebelands Trust:

- **Just Giving:** Please scan the QR code make a donation through Just Giving. They offer an easy 'one click' option for both monthly and one-off donations, though they do take a small commission.
- **Direct Donations:**
 - **One-off or Monthly Contributions.** £10 per month, or quarterly or annual donations. Set up a direct debit or make a one-time payment to:
 - Account Name: Glebelands School (Cranleigh) Educational Trust
 - Bank: Natwest
 - Sort Code: 52-41-56
 - Account Number: 48271462
- **Online Shopping Donations:**
 - **Easy Fundraising:** Register and select Glebelands School (note: not the Trust) as your charity. Shop through their site, and a percentage of your purchase is donated.
 - **Give as You Live:** Similar to Easy Fundraising, register at giveasyoulive.com and choose Glebelands School Trust. Donations are made as you shop.

Gift Aid: Enhance your contribution by an extra 25% at no additional cost to you. Just complete the Gift Aid form and return it to the school office.



Geography Fieldtrip to Iceland November 2025

Earlier in the term, we had the chance to experience the raw beauty of Iceland on a trip that was unforgettable from start to finish with fifty fantastic Year 11 Geographers. After an eerie tour of the once populated town of Grindavik we spent a few hours at the Blue Lagoon. Floating in the warm, mineral-rich water surrounded by mist was the perfect way to start our 4-day trip under the clear night sky.

One of the highlights was a glacier walk that took us across shimmering blue ice and dramatic crevasses. With crampons strapped on and a guide leading the way, it felt like stepping into another world—quiet, powerful, and humbling.

In Vík we showed the pupils the world-famous Lava Show. Watching real molten lava flow and hearing the crackling heat up close was both thrilling and educational, offering a rare glimpse into the island's volcanic heart. Iceland's contrasts—ice, fire, and serenity—made the trip truly spectacular, as well as the excellent company. The memories of the trip will last a lifetime and hopefully ignite a lifelong passion for travel and adventure.

Mrs K Martin
Geography Teacher





Enrichment



Our recent visit to Iceland was truly an unforgettable experience. From witnessing the power of the magnificent waterfalls to walking on a glacier and even seeing real lava react at Vik's lava show, it was an amazing four days.

My personal highlight had to be going to the Blue Lagoon, a beautiful geothermal spa where both students and teachers could relax in the various hot pools.

The trip also included visits to three waterfalls (aka "fosses", in Icelandic), with the most impressive surely being Skogafoss. Seeing the sunrise from the viewing platform, while hearing the roar of the water just metres away was utterly magical, though some of us did end up a little soggy afterwards! We are very grateful to Mr Smitheram for his brilliant commentary as tour guide, including learning some Icelandic.

Iceland really was a wonderful experience with memories we will all surely keep for years to come, and we are so thankful to Mrs Martin and the Geography Department for organising this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Alice Cole and Alice Meakin





Community



Cranleigh Rotarians Shoe Box Appeal

Once again thanks to the families of Glebelands School, 105 Ukrainian children will receive a box full of goods and supplies so needed at this time of year. Pastor Vasyl Ostryi of Irpin's Bible Church (to the north-west of Kyiv) will ensure that all donated shoeboxes are given to local needy families. He will be duly supported by Irpin's Rotary Club.

So, please be assured that your shoebox gifts will greatly enhance the quality of the Christmas season for many people.

Thank you for your support.

IN SUPPORT OF: CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

The school Charity, Children on the Edge, continues its great work around the globe with our local communities' generous donations.

Glebelands student charity events in November alone contributed £953 pounds to their support of 15,500 young people in countries such as Myanmar, India, and Uganda.

Tutor group cake sales, and the recent non-uniform day donations from parents have helped increase the schools overall total to £9,834 since starting our support just over 4 years ago.

Thank you all for your generosity and kindness and we look forward to celebrating again with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 12th December.

Mr Pike





Community

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

You are the expert of your child

You Are Not Alone - Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply hang back and listen in.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents said:

'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the last year'

Jo (parent)

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Louise (parent)

'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6th January**, please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the **Zoom** link.



Sports Lettings

The school sports facilities are available to hire when not in use by the school. If you are interested in hiring these facilities please email bookings@glebelands.surrey.sch.uk. The following clubs currently use the facilities and would love to hear from you if you would like to join!

| Club | | Day/Time/Location | Contact |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Cranleigh Football Club |  | Various The Sanctuary 3G Pitch | https://www.cranleighfc.co.uk/ |
| Ewhurst Football Club |  | Various The Sanctuary 3G Pitch | https://ewhurstjfc.co.uk/ |
| Badminton |  | Friday 8-10pm Sports Hall | Maura Syed maurasyed@hotmail.com Mobile: 07941913337 |
| Cranleigh Netball Club |  | Monday 6-7.30pm – U13 and U14 Monday 7.30pm-9pm – U15-U16 Friday 5-6pm – U8-U10 Friday 6-7pm – U11-U12 Sports Hall/Outdoor Courts | cranleighnetballclub@gmail.com |
| Surrey Fitness Camps |  | Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm (Boxing) Sports Hall 15 other sessions at <u>Snoxhall</u> | Rich Dow cranleigh@surreyfitnesscamps.com |
| Cranleigh Vets over 50s Football |  | Wednesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm The Sanctuary 3G Pitch | Mike Dawson mikerdawson@hotmail.com |