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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

DR P. HILLS

The past fortnight at The Grange has been busier than ever and we have packed a lot in.

This week will be the Year 11 Mocks. Vice Principal, Academic, Mr Snell, has emailed parents already, but a reminder to everyone in Year 11 that you will need to be ready to start the school day at 8.30am, rather than the customary 8.55am, in order to fit the exams into the working day.

It was fantastic to see our Year 7 and 8 netballers in action last week, against our sister school, Future Academies Watford, and Reach Free. In football we had some very strong results, too, winning four, including a hard fought 3-1 away win against Bushey Meads, and losing only one match.

Our covid vaccinations went smoothly with almost 300 students aged between 12 to 15 receiving their first jab. If you missed out this time do please watch this space for further opportunities in the weeks ahead.

Our celebration of Black History Month has gone well, with assemblies, reflections and numerous 'Black British Icons' being selected by teachers and put onto doors of their classrooms, together with informative biographies. Well done to those students who have managed to track down all of the icons to the right rooms: Mr Wride assures me that prizes will be available!

We are looking forward, too, to our presentation assemblies next week, where we will celebrate the achievements and attendance of our students and reveal the House who has scored the most combined points this term.

Last week also saw us welcoming the Principals from the other Future Academies schools in Hertfordshire. They were bowled over, not only by our incredible facilities but by the politeness and good conduct of our students, which was very pleasing.

Please do keep up with the lateral flow testing at home twice a week; it is an important measure that is helping to keep life moving along.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing break over the half term holiday (25-29 October).



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We have been recognising and learning about Black History Month this half term.

Students have been participating in our Black History Month House competition where they are researching different personalities that have inspired members of staff - students are collecting information as they go to different locations around the academy.

Students have also been discussing and learning about Black History Month in PSHE lessons.



DRAMA NEWS

This half term, students in Year 8 have been learning about the play 'Blood Brothers'. The show ran for more than 27 years in the West End, and played more than 10,000 performances, becoming the third longest-running musical production in West End history. It finally closed in November 2012. The musical has been produced with success on tour, on Broadway and elsewhere, and it has developed a cult following. Students have been learning how to develop characterisations skills, learn about accents and explore important Drama techniques.



YEAR 11

As the first term draws to a close, we thank all Year 11 parents and carers for their support so far. The pressures of Year 11 can have an impact on the family as well as the student, and so the support is appreciated.

As per the message sent home already by Vice Principal Mr Snell, to help us with the assessments week commencing 18 October, Year 11 students should come in for 8.30am rather than their usual 8.55am. This will enable a prompt start to the assessments, which are taking place in the exam hall. Students will finish school at normal time.

Most important of all, we encourage all students to take these assessments seriously and to try their very best. However, that is all we ask: that they try their best. They cannot do any more than that and if they can say they tried their best, then in the long term they can only be successful. These assessments are part of the process in preparing for the summer exams, so we should keep that in perspective - this is part of our learning and preparation, not a final event. No assessment will ever define a student - there is much more to them - their personalities, mentality, connection with others. All of these things make up who they are, and they should approach the exams knowing that.

The two final things to leave you with: make sure your child gets enough sleep and that they are revising/self-testing with the excellent revision booklets which were issued earlier this term!

SPORT AND ENRICHMENT GIRLS NETBALL

Girls netball matches were able to take place this week, some mixed results but well done to everyone involved – looks like you all had fun and will go from strength to strength!

- Year 7 drew 1-1 with Future Academies Watford, but lost 4-2 against Reach Free.
- Year 8 lost 8-6 to Future Academies Watford and won 1-0 against Reach Free.

SENIORS MATCH REPORT

The first eleven's opening match of the season was away at Bushey Meads. We trailed 1-0 at half time despite a first half where we dominated possession, won most second balls and created various clear cut chances particularly through Bradley's creativity down the left hand side.

The second half was a different story. We dominated, but, critically, we made that dominance count. The equaliser came pretty quickly after Jensen found the time and space to cross for Sam who tapped in for the equaliser. The second came after neat interplay and Bradley's equally neat finish. He followed this up with his second and TGA's third. More chances followed - Daniel perhaps should have played in Jack rather than having a shot. Had we been more clinical the scoreline might have been even better.

It was a fantastic performance from the whole team, in particular Dylan, in Year 11, who won the man of the match award for his sterling performance in defence.



MATCH REPORT BY JAYDON -YEAR 10 'SUPPORTER TO REPORTER'

Year 10s had another thumping win, this time against Croxley Danes. It finished 9-1 to The Grange with Ebou scoring a second-half hat trick including an unbelievable finish for his first goal.

The first goal of the match came when Callum latched onto a corner in the 11th minute. Only six minutes later Richard got himself onto the score sheet with a collected finish just past the goalkeeper. Just before halftime, Raul scored from a rebound following a great save from the Croxley Danes keeper.

At half time the boys were happy with the score but they thought it could be more. And then more goals came in the second half. Ebou, Raul and Becaye all added to the scoresheet. Luke won a penalty with some clever footwork to make the score 7. Sadly we lost our clean sheet conceding a penalty late on but there was enough time for Ebou to complete his excellent hat trick after that.

A great win!

ENRICHMENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- From week commencing 18 October, students will be able to look at the list of clubs and activities commencing after half term.
- Interested students should attend the first session of the club or activity in the week after half term to sign up with the club or activity lead teacher.
- Where a club has a limited number of spaces, these will be filled on a first come first serve basis.
- Students who are already signed up will keep their places and most of the clubs and activities will continue until the Christmas Holidays.
- Students with any questions should see Mr Simmons.

VACCINATION UPDATE

Covid vaccinations took place at the academy this week for students aged 12-15. The nurses from the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) have asked us to congratulate the students on their exemplary behaviour and conduct. It was a very busy day!

Once the initial vaccination rollout within schools is completed, the SAIS advise that there may be a catch up programme for anyone that missed out. We will update you again as and when we receive any more information.

RECENT RESULTS

SPORT	RESULT	STAR OF THE MATCH	SCORERS
Year 8 Football	Lost 1-2	Onthatile	Flic
Year 7 Football	Won 2-0	Harrison	Harrison & Georgie
Seniors Footbal	Won 3-1	Dylan	Sam & Bradley x2
Year 9 Football	Won 2-0	Norbet	Ashton & Finlay
Year 7 Football	Won 4-1	Kailia	Harrison X3 & Alfie
Year 7 Netball	Drew 1-1		
Year 7 Netball	Lost 2-4		
Year 8 Netball	Won 1-0		
Year 8 Netball	Lost 6-8		
Year 10 Football	Won 9-1		Callum, Richard, Raul x2, Becaye, Luke, Ebou x3



Year 7 Netball



Year 8 Netball

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

On Tuesday 19th October all students in Years 7-11 are eligible to have a nasal flu immunisation. Parents simply need to complete a consent form to book this - these forms have been given to students this week at school or are available at reception.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 October	Year 11 Mocks commence
Tuesday 19 October	Flu nasal vaccinations for Y7 to Y11
Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October	Half term holiday
Thursday 11 November	Sixth Form Open Evening 5pm - 7.30pm

CUCINA

IFG, the parent company of Cucina have asked us to share the following messages:

Dear Parents & Carers,

You will have seen in the media, and on supermarket shelves, we are all experiencing disruption to the products available to us. You have probably had your own frustrations with the lack of products out there or even getting fuel when you need it. Well, we are too, but we have more flexibility in our supply chain as we use a wide range of local and regional suppliers, and have more options available to us. We may, on occasion have to move slightly off plan and change some products during this challenging time, but we will always be doing our very best to make sure there is a freshly made meal available every day.

You may have seen also that there are staff shortages in the hospitality sector. This is a challenge for us and we are working hard to maintain our service levels. Again, under these circumstances we may need to change some of our services where necessary while we fill our vacancies. We will of course be doing everything to minimize any disruption and look after our students in the usual way.

In summary, there are issues out there with both the supply chain and the hiring of great people, but we are on it, and we'll do everything we can to ensure your child is not impacted. But if you do notice any changes, you'll know why. Please bear with us and we will get through the issues we are all having together.

Working for IFG

We are a great place to work and we look after our people well. So, if you, or anyone you know, are looking for work that fits perfectly with the school day, then please do have a look at our dedicated careers page here:

<https://impactfood.co.uk/vacancies/> With term-time only hours, loads of development opportunities, exclusive rewards, and fantastic work-life balance, a career with IFG could be the start of something great!

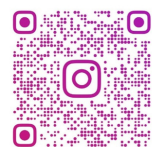
HOUSE CUP COMPETITION

We are delighted that over 30,000 Achievement Points have been awarded to students in the first six weeks of this academic year. In the race to win the House Cup the latest totals mean that Apollo currently hold the lead for top spot:

1. Apollo - 8086
2. Hera - 7588
3. Zeus - 7576
4. Athena - 7224

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