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PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS
AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

DR P. HILLS

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I hope you were able to make the most of the half term break and the better weather.

We have said farewell to Year 11 and Year 13 following their assessments. The year teams put on some wonderful celebrations, reflecting their time at the academy. We were very impressed with the way in which the students persevered with their learning during this difficult time.

We look forward to seeing many of the Year 11s again for Sixth Form induction, and we wish Year 13 all the best with their next steps towards university, apprenticeships and the world of work.

Years 7, 10 and 12 are currently taking their end of year assessments in preparation for next year. They have shown a commendable work ethic and have been revising hard.

You may have seen in the news this week that Ofsted have produced a report concerning inappropriate sexual behaviour and sexual abuse in schools. This was in response to the testimonies posted on the website Everyone's Invited. The report from Ofsted makes clear that this issue is not purely related to schools and colleges but is a wider issue within society as a whole.

"This is a cultural issue - it's about attitudes and behaviours becoming normalised, and schools and colleges can't solve that by themselves." Amanda Spielman, Ofsted Chief Inspector

Please be assured that we have systems and processes in place at The Grange and reports of this nature will always be investigated and taken seriously. Sexual harassment and sexual abuse have no place in our society and we are committed to continuing to work with parents and carers to keep our young people safe.

If you are worried about anything, please do contact a member of staff at the academy – this could be the Form Tutor, your child's Head of Year or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Please do continue with the twice a week testing for Covid, it will make a difference to the rate of transmission within our local area.



YEAR 8 HOUSE COMPETITION

THE GREAT GRANGE BAKE OFF

Wed 16th June - Healthy Signature biscuits/cakes/muffins

Wed 23rd June - Technical Challenge

Wed 30th June - Showstopper



HOUSE NEWS - UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

SPORT

The Grange Academy PE department is pleased to announce **SPORTS WEEK 2021**.

Running every afternoon from Monday 12th July - Friday 9th July, each year group will spend one afternoon taking part in House Competitions involving football, netball, basketball, rounders and team building activities.

Look out for more details in assemblies and PE lessons next week, and make sure you are ready to secure your House a win!

Who will be the victors in each year group? Will it be Apollo, Athena, Hera or Zeus?

YEAR 8 FOOD STUDIES

We cannot wait to judge the student contestants participating in '**The Great Grange Bake Off!**' There is a lot of cooking talent in Year 8, so please speak to Ms Beveridge for more information and get baking!

HOUSE MUSIC

Send in your video entries for the House Music Competition and with any luck we can see some live performances of the finalists! See Mrs Johnson and flyer below for more information.



REMINDER: PARENTAL WEBINAR ON 'SOCIAL MEDIA, GAMING & KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE'

Monday 14th June 2021 at 6.00pm

We are all more and more concerned with the safety of young people online - especially when they use social media and are gaming.

The Grange Academy has teamed up with Digital Awareness UK to provide a webinar for parents and carers on Monday 14th June at 6.00pm on the dangers of these online tools and to give strategies for parents to keep their children safe.

The webinar will be delivered by Zoom and is for over 18's only.

In order to register your interest in this webinar, please check your email which contains a link to sign up and get your access codes.

Please contact Mr Nagle should you have any further questions regarding this training or have concerns for your child in their use of social media or gaming.

ATTENDANCE

We would like to send a huge congratulation to all students for recording the school's best attendance for over 5 years at 94.4%. This gives students the best opportunity to succeed both academically and with key character and social skills.

To improve this further we have analysed patterns of absence and noted that many students are absent on a Friday. This is not acceptable and absences on Fridays for all students will be monitored and medical evidence requested where persistent patterns are identified.

Please can you ensure that your child is present every day for every minute where possible.

STUDENT COUNCIL

This week it was great to meet with the Student Voice. They discussed the changes that they would like to see at the school post-COVID and selected the charities that they would like to raise money for during the remainder of the year.

In the next six weeks, several events will take place through the House system to try to raise £1000 - this is the ambitious target they have set themselves for the end of term!

SAFETY

It has been great to receive some positive feedback from members of the public regarding students now riding to school wearing helmets. Please remember that this is now part of the school's expectations. We strongly encourage students to walk and ride to school wherever possible but this must be in a safe way.

Any students riding bikes to school without a helmet will have their bikes locked up until parents contact us to give reassurance that safety helmets are being worn.

UNIFORM

Students should be wearing full school uniform or PE kit from the moment that they leave the house in the morning until they return in the evening. If a student brings into school a non-uniform item such as a hoodie this will be confiscated for two weeks as per the school's uniform guidance document.

FIDGET TOYS

We have seen an increase in students, particularly in the lower year groups, bringing fidget toys into the academy. These toys are causing a distraction in lessons. Examples of these toys include fidget poppers, spinners and octopuses.

Unless authorised by the SENDCO, from Monday 14 June 2021, these items will be confiscated. If you have any questions please contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.



HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

VIDEO ENTRIES BY: FRI 25TH JUNE

FINAL: W/B 12TH JULY

ATHENA
ZEUS
HERA
APOLLO

ROUNDS: SUBMIT A VIDEO ENTRY TO MRS JOHNSON

FINAL: LIVE PERFORMANCE (COVID PERMITTING)

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA

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TO UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO