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PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS  
AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

DR P. HILLS

On Thursday morning, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we remembered the fallen. We have had some superb tutorial sessions as well as historical assemblies this week, from Mrs O'Connor, highlighting the history of conflict from the first world war onwards and commemorating the sacrifices of the generations who have gone before us and our debt to them.

As I write, we are preparing for our Sixth-Form Open Evening. Our Sixth Form team have produced an excellent presentation and prospectus and the numbers of students and parents signed up to attend are very healthy. Watch this space for details in our next publication!

As you will now know, Hertfordshire County Council have recently reintroduced compulsory mask-wearing in schools in the light of the recent resurgence of Covid. So far, at The Grange, we have seen relatively low numbers with no major outbreaks this term, but we are conscious that many neighbouring schools have been severely impacted. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation with this. Anyone with a medical exemption can obtain from Mr Nagle a badge to be worn on the outside of their blazer. Relatedly, a local bus driver has asked us to remind all of those who take public transport to and from school to make sure that they put on their mask before boarding.

An even better solution, which does not require a mask and which has health benefits of its own, is for pupils to walk down to Bushey station rather than wait at the bus stop after school. We have been encouraging pupils to do this recently, particularly as the weather has been mild.

It has been excellent to see all the clubs and activities that are taking place this term – more are being added all the time. It has been particularly good to see all year groups making use of the Cloister for our new lunchtime table-tennis sessions. It has been a pleasure, too, to read our latest match reports, penned by our students.

Year 11 have just finished their mock season. Before we reflect on results, now would seem a good time to remind Year 11 pupils of the CGP revision guides handed out at the start of the term and also of the online GCSEPod resources. These are available to ALL pupils, in all years and are well worth a look: they offer video explanations, notes and revision assistance in all major subjects together with 'Check and Challenge' revision tests. There is also a free parent toolkit with additional resources to enable you to support your child in their learning and revision.



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# CHARITY NEWS

On Friday 19th November students will raise money for Children in Need and Herts Young Homeless. This local organisation has been voted for by the students as our school charity for 2021-22.

For Children in Need on 19 November, students can come to school in non-school uniform and will be asked to contribute:

- £2 for wearing non-school uniform, or
- £1 for wearing non-school uniform that contains a large item in the colour yellow i.e. t-shirt, sweatshirt, trousers, shorts, trainers, or
- £0 for wearing school uniform

All students who have PE on this day are still required to bring their PE kit for lessons.

We will also be running a bake sale where students will be able to use cash to buy cakes and snacks at break and lunch.

All the money collected will be distributed between the two charities. This event is the first big fundraising opportunity of the year and we thank you for your support.



# SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES AND NEWS

In our ambition to support and improve adults' knowledge of safeguarding issues we will be sharing a number of resources, training courses and guidance documents with Parents and Carers to help you keep your child safe online and whilst using social media.

Every two weeks we will email you a resource that you can use yourself, you can discuss with your child and you can also ask us further questions about. These resources come from the NSPCC, the National Online Safety Team and internally produced guidance from The Grange Academy.

The first resource will give you information on how children can use Netflix safely. Any feedback on these new resources is encouraged and will be greatly appreciated.

Within the academy, the student body will be focusing on creating a charter to tackle Peer on Peer Abuse and Online Safety both at school and at home.

## HALF TERM COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone that took part in the half term Halloween pumpkin competition.

Well done to Jess in Year 7 and Mrs Godfrey for their winning entries.

We were really impressed with all of the artistic and scary pumpkins!



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Over the last half term students have been participating in our Black History Month competition as mentioned in the last newsletter. Well done to all those who participated, the winners are listed below.

Please look out for our next awareness month House competition coming very soon.

- Jessica, Reece, Georgie - 7D
- Tyler – 7A
- Dominic – 7B
- Olivia, Shyanna – 8E



## RECENT RESULTS

SPORT	VS	RESULT	STAR OF THE MATCH	SCORERS
Year 9 Netball	Immanuel College	Won 10 - 6	Amelia	
Year 9 Netball	St Joan of Arc	Lost 16 - 4	Emily	
Year 11 Football	Future Academies Watford	Lost 0 - 1	Cameron	
U13 Girls Football	Reach Free	Lost 4 - 2	Flick	Flick
Year 10 Football	Roundwood Park	Lost 2 - 4	James	Raul, Becaye
Seniors Football	Queens	Lost 2 - 4	Sam	Bradley, George
Year 10 Football	Immanuel	Won 3 - 1	Becaye	Luke L, Luke J, Raul
U13 Girls Football	Croxley Danes	Lost 0 - 5	Kailia	
Year 9 Football	Rickmansworth	Lost 0 - 2	Ali	
Year 8 Football	Immanuel College	Lost 0 - 5	Wesley	
Year 7 Football	St Joan of Arc	Won 4 - 1	Harrison	Harrison x 3, Charlie

## SENIORS MATCH REPORT - KNOCKED OUT OF THE COUNTY CUP

Sadly, the Seniors are out of the County Cup. We took on Queens, one of the best teams in the county and lost 2-4.

We went in knowing that the game would be tough, after 11 minutes, they managed to keep the ball in play, passed it back and our midfield didn't track their man for the opener. The second goal was a bad error, Jensen tried to switch play, but it went to their player and we were then two goals down. Swiftly this was followed by a third goal when they scored a tap in as we didn't follow the run.

Despite a poor start, we started to believe in ourselves a little more and a great pass from Jayden out wide to Daniel found space, he crossed it over for Bradley to tap in our first goal.

From an inspiring half time talk, with Joel getting the lads ready, we dominated the second half. Our second goal was scored from a corner. Jayden won the header and as it went towards the goal, George came jumping in for 2-3. As we were going for the equaliser, they won the ball and had a shot from outside the box, Josh went to save it; but he couldn't hold the ball and it bounced off him and into the back of the net.

The team played well overall. Tom and Dylan Hale made their debuts, Bradley and Harry E never gave up and kept running. Harry D won the midfield battle with Sam getting man of the match. Daniel and Joel were excellent on the wings. Dylan, George and Jensen did great at the back. Jayden and Jack made a great debut in the second half and Josh made two great saves to keep us in the game.

We matched them completely in the second half and they acknowledged the score line flattered them and wasn't a true reflection of the game.

**Final score 2-4 | Man of the match - Sam**

# ENRICHMENT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

We have many wonderful clubs on offer, from The Debating Club and the school Choir through to Table Tennis and Cine Club.

Perhaps you are in Year 10 and have wondered why human beings conform and obey, you are interested in current affairs such as the effects of COVID on our society, then why not come along to the Social Sciences Club in 2.19 on Thursdays from 3.15pm.

Are you considering a career in sports journalism? Maybe you are just an enthusiastic supporter? If so, sign up with Mr Putman for the Supporter to Reporter Club. It is open to all year groups - you will travel with school sports teams to fixtures, support the team and write the match report.

Our clubs and activities programme is extensive and runs every day of the week after school.

If you would like more information of when a club or activity is running, look for the information in your form room or speak to Mr Simmons, the Education and Enrichment Coordinator in room G.48.



**Basketball Club**



**Chess Club**

## A WIN FOR YEAR 10 VS IMMANUEL COLLEGE

*Match snapshot from our Supporter to Reporter - Jaydon*

Luke L opened the scoring with a tidy finish in the 23rd minute with the ball hitting the bottom left corner. In the second half Luke J made it 2.0 to The Grange. Within a few minutes Immanuel had made it 2.1. Raul then scored and we secured a 3-1 win of what was a scrappy game.

**Final score 3-1**

**Man of the match - Becaye**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 19 November	Non uniform fundraising day for Children in Need
Monday 29 November	Year 12 Assessments commence
Thursday 9 December	Year 11 Parents Evening
Tuesday 7 December	Christmas Lunch – more information to follow
Wednesday 8 December	Christmas Lunch – more information to follow
Friday 10 December	Flu nasal vaccinations for Y7 to Y11
Friday 17 December	Half term holiday
Wednesday 5 January	Sixth Form Open Evening   5pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 6 January	Spring Term starts

## GCSEPOD – REMINDER

This is our online platform for supporting students with their learning. Please encourage your child to log in to this. Please visit the parent toolkit (displayed on the image).



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- ✓ Covering 28+ subjects
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- ✓ Available online and offline

GCSEPod's Parent Toolkit provides you with everything you need to know about the resource and guides you on how to help your child:

- ✓ Log into GCSEPod
- ✓ Find the right Pods
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- ✓ Monitor your child's usage

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