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THE GRANGE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS
AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

It's been another busy fortnight at The Grange. Our Sixth Form Open Evening was very well attended and it was a particular pleasure to be able to welcome a record number of external applicants. Both our Senior Football team and our new Year 7 team have recently made the finals of the local competition and Year 11 still have a chance of qualifying, too. This would be the first time that we have had three out of the six year groups in the finals, so fingers crossed! Everyone has been eagerly fundraising for Children in Need and Herts Young Homeless with some very tasty bake sales and a non-uniform day; we are delighted to have raised £2000. This week we will continue to collect food and clothing for the homeless charity: your ongoing support is hugely appreciated. On Friday morning our house captains and school captain greatly enjoyed meeting local MP for Hertsmere, The Rt Hon. Oliver Dowden CBE, who warmly congratulated them on their fundraising efforts after chatting about the trials and tribulations of Westminster life. A key part of the ethos of Future Academies is to equip our pupils with the verbal skills and self-confidence to express themselves with power and precision. In the years ahead we want our pupils to set their sights on positions of leadership and meeting visitors who have been successful in a variety of professions is a key part of inspiring them on that journey.

As I write, concern is growing about the new omicron strain of Covid-19. I would remind everybody of the importance of wearing masks in school and on public transport to and from school, and of the need to take a lateral flow test at home twice every week. It has just been announced that all pupils will need to be tested in school at the beginning of next term: full details will be circulated shortly.

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Sixth Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form Open Evening was held on Thursday 11th of November and was a hugely successful event. Year 11 students from both The Grange Academy and neighbouring schools were welcome to attend and find out more about their Post 16 options. Delivering a presentation the Head of Sixth Form outlined what we offer here at The Grange: a personalised, successful and inclusive place to learn. Tailoring our curriculum to suit the interests of the cohort that apply, we really endeavour to ensure that we are a Sixth Form for our students.

Post 16 studies are a hugely important and exciting time in a young person's educational journey and we want our students to be happy and successful in their time with us. Following the Open Evening applicants can now apply online via the academy website and we are busily planning for our next event, A Day in the Life of a Sixth Former, which will take place in early January.

If you have any questions regarding the Sixth Form please contact our support officer Mrs Dundon via email at c.dundon@thegrange.futureacademies.org.



Sport Roundup

Sport	Vs	Result	Star of the Match	Scorers
Year 7 football	St Joan of Arc	Won 4-1	Harrison	Harrison x3, Charlie
Seniors Football	Immanuel College	Drew 4-4	Harry	Harry E, Sam, Jayden x2
Year 7 Football	Nicholas Breakspear	Lost 2-5	Harrison	Georgie, Harrison

Boys Football Teams Make Finals

Both the Year 7 and Senior football teams have guaranteed places in the finals after progressing through their group. At the time of writing, Year 7 are also in the last 16 of the County Cup. Year 8 have finished 5th out of 7, Year 9 have narrowly missed out in 3rd place. Year 11 have two remaining games and hoping for results elsewhere to help them progress. Year 10 have two games left and are very close to topping their group and making the final. Finals will happen in February. The effort every individual has put in has been exceptional. Having two, possibly three teams in finals out of six year groups is a fantastic achievement. Well done.

Cycle Safety

We are really pleased that so many students ride bikes to school.

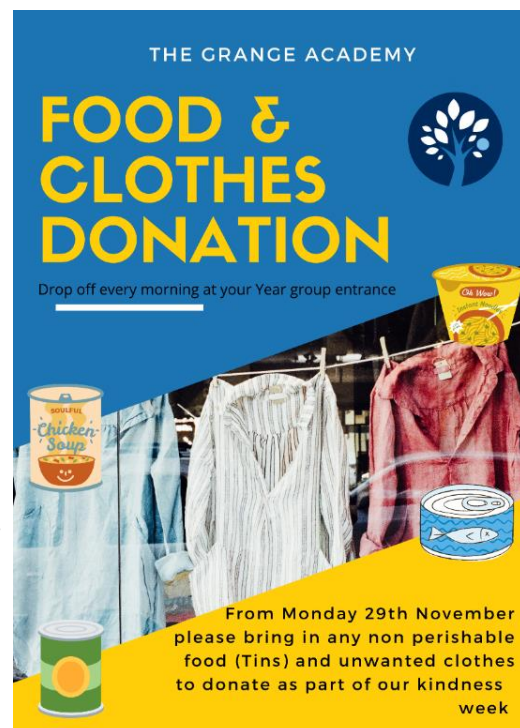
To ensure that students are safe when riding to and from school they are required to wear a cycling helmet. Please can you support this by ensuring that your child is wearing this every day.

Students who do not wear a helmet will not be able to ride to school moving forward and this would be disappointing.

Charity Fundraising



Our non uniform day and Bake Sale on Friday 19th November raised an incredible **£2,000** for **Children in Need** and **Herts Young Homeless** (our selected school charity for this academic year). It was great to see the students wearing yellow and brilliant to watch the House Captains coordinate the Bake sale. Week commencing 29 November we continue our drive to help others, show kindness and develop character. We are asking for students to bring in **non-perishable food items and any unwanted items of clothing**. 100% of these goods will be donated to a local food bank and our Homeless Charity. We will also be coordinating this as a House Competition to see which house can collect the most items. From Monday 29th Nov - Friday 3rd December students are encouraged to bring items to school where they will be collected at the start of school at our line ups each morning.



Visit from the MP for Hertsmere



On Friday 26 November, we were delighted to welcome Oliver Dowden, Member of the Cabinet and MP for Hertsmere to The Grange.

Oliver came for a tour and to chat with students. He particularly enjoyed meeting with our Head Students and members of the Student Council, to discuss recent fundraising activities and plans for the future. Oliver was very impressed with the students activities and helped them celebrate raising **£1000** for **Children in Need**.

We are looking forward to welcoming a representative from Herts Young Homeless to the academy very soon, so that we can present them with their cheque too.



FREE Christmas Lunch

We are very pleased to announce that not only is Christmas Lunch going ahead again this year, but that thanks to our Trust, Future Academies, it will be available **FREE OF CHARGE** to every student at The Grange.



Tuesday 7 December – Years 7, 8, 9

Wednesday 8 December – Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

Our thanks to Future Academies for helping us all get in the Christmas spirit!

Covid Update

Just a reminder that students must complete an LFT test at home every Wednesday and Sunday and report this result to the NHS. We continue to have very low numbers of positive cases at The Grange due to the measures that we have in place but it is essential that regular testing continues.

It is also essential that students are bringing and wearing masks to school everyday. At present the school is providing over 200 masks every day and this is not sustainable. Can you please ensure that your child has a mask for school, even on days when they have PE.

Please note: masks are also a requirement on public transport.

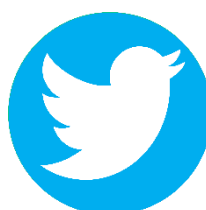
Dates for your diary

Monday 29 November	Year 12 Assessments commence
Monday 29 November - Friday 3 December	Food & clothing donation week
Tuesday 7 December	Christmas Lunch – Years 7, 8, 9
Wednesday 8 December	Christmas Lunch – Years 10, 11, 12, 13
Thursday 9 December	Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 10 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17 December	Last Day of term
Wednesday 5 January	Staff only INSET day
Thursday 6 January	Spring Term starts

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E-Scooters



Dear Parent,

In the build up to Christmas we are receiving questions from concerned parents regarding the law and safety of using e-scooters.

It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on the pavement or on a public road. The reason being is that e-scooters are classified as 'personal light electric vehicles' (PLEV's) and as such are treated in the same way as motor vehicles requiring a driving licence and insurance. However, the law does not restrict retailers from selling them.

We have seen an increased use of e-scooters and **police do have the power to seize e-scooters** if they are seen being used on a public road or path.

We have also seen an increase in accidents involving e-scooters which have resulted in injury of e-scooter users and other members of the public.

Hertfordshire Police urge you to take into consideration the law and safety element of buying your children e-scooters this Christmas.

Regards,
Bushey and Radlett Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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Why am I being given this flyer?

Because it's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.



We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements.

All details can be found on the following Government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

What happens if I've been stopped by Police?

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take your e-scooter home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

Check out the gov.uk website or enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.