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THE GRANGE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME Dr Philip Hills

It's been a busy and thought-provoking January. Trips are finally starting up again and Year 10 enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to delve more deeply into Cubist Art with their trip to Tate Modern. Mrs Tomlin, our Head of Art, also offered some excellent tips on how to improve our photographic skills in Assemblies this week and I look forward to seeing the fruits of this in the competition entries.

Along with Netball, Basketball continues to go from strength to strength, with teams in all year groups enjoying strong league results. The Senior team had a different challenge, playing the teachers in a charity match and ending up convincing winners in a hugely entertaining contest. Thanks must go to Rhiannon Buckingham, for organising the event, and Kent Asante, Captain of the Seniors who was a star man on and off the court. Thanks are due, too, to Mr Putnam and all teachers who took part.

A more sombre note was struck by two superb presentations about the holocaust, giving our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils a powerful and moving glimpse of the horrors endured in World War Two. We had the privilege, too, of hosting a Holocaust Remembrance event in the Grand Hall last night, which reminded us that genocides are still happening across the world with alarming frequency.

At The Grange we put the wellbeing of our pupils front and centre and I have been impressed by the thoughtful maturity shown in the pupil contributions to the Peer on Peer Charter and by the way that these have been shaped into policy by our Student Voice Team.

Revision remains a key theme at this time of year and additional sessions are being laid on by all departments for Year 11. Do encourage your son or daughter to make the most of these and do, please, make sure that they are using the CGP revision guides that we handed out in September.

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Year 10 Art Trip to the Tate Modern

The year 10 Art students visited the Tate Modern on Wednesday 26th January. There was much excitement – not only were they learning off site but it was the first Academy trip out in two years!

The free collection exhibitions consisted of a huge variety of contemporary works – from 'Babel' by Clido Meireles to the more well-known paintings of the Cubists.

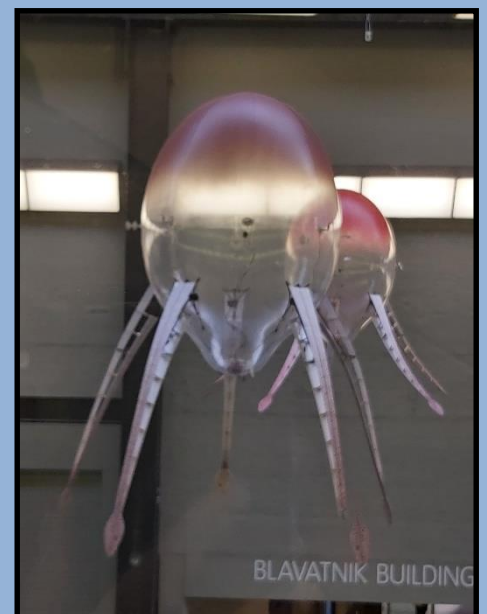
Students had opportunities to interact with artworks sometimes through listening, sometimes through walking around or in-between the sculptures and also by watching 'films' in the specially designed cinema rooms.

The Tate constantly refreshes and improves their displays ensuring a wide range of different styles and techniques can be seen on every visit. The most obvious difference for the students, is of course the size of the works – which never translate over computer screens! It was a great opportunity for the students to see real life artworks and note the pencil lines, the mistakes and in some cases the rough edges. Students were asked to sketch and draw their favourite pieces and they also had a little quiz to complete as they meandered around the displays.

'I found the exhibition interesting because you can view the pictures & sculptures from all angles. I liked the way Clido Meireles used different radios to build his tower! They were working too so I could hear the news today!' **Nicole**

'I loved the floating jellyfish in the Turbine Hall. I couldn't work out how they were floating! They were so pretty moving up and down the hallway – like jellyfish in the sky.' **Lee**

'I really enjoyed the room dedicated to Gerhard Richter. There were six massive painted canvases which reminded me of water reflections. I kept having to look closely to see how he had used the paint and yet far away to see what it could resemble.' **George**



Performing Arts

"Summer Spectacular" event will take place in the week beginning 27th June 2022, and will include musical performances from the Guitar Club, Brass Band and Choir along with a "sixty-minute Shakespeare" modern-English version of 'The Tempest' from our Drama club.

Choir (Monday 3pm) and **Guitar Club** (Tuesday 3.30pm) are open to KS3 and KS4 students free of charge.

Brass Band carries a cost of £60 per term and includes 90 minutes of music making each week and the hire of an instrument - please visit this link to sign your child up for this club

<https://forms.gle/GMZVtueZ8NkyZ6Mq7>

Auditions for 'The Tempest' take place on Wednesday 2nd February at 3pm.

Please see Mrs Johnson or Mr Wride if you have questions about music or drama activities.

CALLING ALL STUDENT ACTORS!



The Grange Academy
AFTER-SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB

Wednesday @ 3.00pm Drama Studio KS3

For more information speak to Mrs Johnson

THE GRANGE ACADEMY
LOOKING FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

If you have a passion for singing, join us!

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL FROM 3PM

Come and join The Grange Academy Choir! Make some friends, have some fun, get to sing, get to perform! Brilliant! KS3 and KS4

See Mrs Johnson



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LIBERTAS PER CULTUM



The Grange Academy
Guitar Club



Want to come and learn some skills? Want to be the next great guitarist? Pop along to Guitar Club! Open to all.

TUESDAY FROM 3.30PM

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND HAVE A GO?
SPEAK TO
MRS JOHNSON AND MR GILLON
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



THE GRANGE ACADEMY
LIBERTAS PER CULTUM

Want to learn how to play a brass instrument?

Wow! What an opportunity.....



If you are interested speak to Mrs Johnson NOW!



Remembering the Holocaust



On Tuesday 18th January, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were privileged to attend an assembly presented by Generation 2 Generation regarding the Holocaust.

The speakers spoke about their personal stories and family members who had been part of the Holocaust, their lives and the horrific impact it had on them.

The speeches captured the attention and empathy of the students who were enthralled and asked many pertinent questions after the presentations. The stories aimed to inspire tolerance and understanding in society, and this powerful event definitely did this.

A huge thank you to Maralyn and Judith who shared their personal stories and educated our students.



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Sport Roundup

Basketball



Year 9 Basketball

Year 7 Basketball team have had a great result at Croxley Danes, winning 16-6. Croxley Danes are a strong side, but we implemented everything we've practised in training and came away with a well deserved win. MVP (Most valuable player): Zaine

Year 9 Basketball team were victorious in their most recent match 30-10 – just brilliant! MVP (Most valuable player): Jake



Year 7 Basketball

Sport	Vs	Result	Star of the Match	Scorers
Year 7 Basketball	Bushey Meads	Lost 8-14	Brian	Brian – 4pts, Jess – 4pts
Year 10 Basketball	Bushey Meads	Won 21-11	Becaye	Dylan / Becaye / Mihai / Eduardo / Isaiah / Ethan
Year 8 Basketball	Bushey Meads	Won 18-6	Ethan	Sonny / Ethan / Josh / Edin / Onthatile
Year 7 Netball	Immanuel	Lost 5 -0	Kaila	
Year 7 Netball	Bushey Meads	Won 2 - 1	Jess	
Year 8 Netball	St Michaels	Lost 5 - 7	Ella	
Year 8 Netball	Immanuel	Lost 12- 1		
Senior Basketball	Bushey Meads	Won 54-27	Luke	Luke - 19pts, Dylan - 8pts, Thierry - 6pts, Kent - 10pts, Sam - 8pts, Joel - 3pts
Year 9 Basketball	Croxley Danes	Lost 8-32	Archie	Christian, Liam, Mason, Josh
Year 9 Basketball	Westfield	Won 30-10	Jake	Jake – 10pts, Ali – 6pts, Archie – 4pts, Ben – 2pts, Liam -1pt, Tom – 7pts
Year 7 Basketball	Croxley Danes	Won 16-6	Zaine	Jess – 2pts, Nicky – 4pts, Brian – 2pts, Sophia – 2pts, Louis – 4pts, Zaine – 2pts
Year 10 Basketball	Rickmansworth	Won 41-14	Mihai	Mihai – 10pts, James – 8 pts, Edouardo -6pts, Ethan – 5pts, Dylan – 4pts, Becaye- 4pts, Jackson – 2pts, Alex – 2pts



Netball on a cold January day. Years 7-10 with support from Sixth Form Sport Leaders

Charity Basketball Match - Staff v Sixth Form



The Sixth form students organised a basketball match to raise money for **Herts Young Homeless**. It was great to see so many students and staff come to watch the game and donate. Fantastic organisation of the event from Rhiannon and well done to Kent for putting together the sixth form team.

An enthusiastic staff team put up a good fight but the Sixth Form won 44-36, highlights included Mr Calverley showing off his skills, Mr Jaffer had a nice 2 point shot, Mr Mack with a 3 pointer, Mr Evans and Mr Nagle rebounding in the last quarter and Mr Putman scoring 10pts. Well done to the sixth form for such an enjoyable experience for participants and spectators.

The atmosphere was incredible and the whole school community got behind the event for this great cause raising over £100.



House Photography Competition



Our Head of Art, Mrs Tomlin has launched this years Photography competition.

Students are invited to submit entries either by handing in their photograph to the Art Department or by uploading it on Google Classroom.

The deadline for entries is 29 April 2022. Prizes will include a voucher for the Atria Shopping Centre.

Good luck everyone, we can't wait to see your photographs!

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Learning Resource Centre

The Library is now open to all Year 7 students during their break and lunch times for reading and homework. The library is being run by our new LRC coordinator, Ms Wimalasena and we are very excited to be relaunching this great resource for students.

We have a wide range of books to choose from including adventure, fantasy, comedy and sci fi! There is also space for students to study.

Students can borrow up to two books for up to two weeks at a time. Students can also speak to Ms Wimalasena for help choosing books they will enjoy.

Over the next few weeks, we will be running inductions for the other year groups.



Happy reading!

Covid Update

Masks

At present all students are still strongly encouraged to wear masks when they are in communal areas of the school building. Please can you ensure that your child brings a mask to school every day.

Lateral Flow Testing

New LFT packs have been distributed to students this week. Please can you ensure that they continue to test twice a week and more regularly if required. Any positive results should be reported to Mr Nagle at j.nagle@thegrange.futureacademies.org

Vaccinations

All students aged between 12-15 can get their first or second COVID vaccination at school on Wednesday 2nd February 2022. A letter has been sent to you regarding this and you must complete the online consent form for your child to have the vaccine. You can also complete a paper consent form - all students have been offered the paper forms this week - you can also collect one from reception.

Year 11 Saturday Revision Sessions



On Saturday a group of year 11s were selected to take part in the first of three sessions aimed at developing their knowledge and understanding of the English texts that they will be examined on in the summer.

It was a good turnout as students grappled with quotation timelines, looked at plot developments, and attempted exam questions.

Thanks to all who came.

PSHE Update (Personal, Social, Health Education)



Since our last update, students across all year groups have been working hard learning about many different issues and themes that affect them, us and the wider world.

This week we have continued with our RSHE programme for Year 7 students, who have been working with Mrs Rogers and Mr Nagle covering a wide range of RSHE issues. Students in Year 7 are spending this half term looking at 'Growing Up' and the many changes that take place. In Year 8 students have been discussing and learning about employability and enterprise skills. They have also been studying topics such as 'All about me' where we look at aspirations and the future. The saying 'from failure comes success' has been a point of conversation in the Year 9 PSHE programme and finally students in Year 10 have been learning about aspects of the Internet including how to keep data safe.

This all leads nicely on to next week's launch of 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday 8th February.

Disability Awareness Month

Before we broke up for the Christmas Holiday we were very pleased to have launched our Disability Awareness Month. This was following on from our very successful Black History Month House competition.

During this time students made their way around the academy collecting factual information about key figures who have a physical or mental disability. This ranged from people such as Robin Williams, Lady Gaga and many others.

We are very pleased to announce the winners of this competition and the overall house winners for the event.

Congratulations to the following top 3: **Dominic 7A, Jessica 7D, Ethan 7E.**

Well done to **'ZEUS and Athena'**, the overall House Winners.

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 8th February the academy will be learning all about how to use the internet in a safe way - we will be launching this through assemblies and form time sessions.

The theme of this year's programme is:

#PlayYourPart in creating a better internet

Look out for posters around the academy.



BEFORE YOU POST...

THINK!



T - is it true?

H - is it hurtful?

I - is it illegal?



N - is it necessary?

K - is it kind?



Peer on Peer Abuse Charter

We take all forms of abuse extremely seriously, in particular those where students have incidents with each other. We have carried out a whole school piece of work on this where students have created their own Peer on Peer Abuse Charter - please see this below. We are very proud that all students contributed towards this - the charter will be launched in tutor time next week through the Student Voice Leadership Team.

THE GRANGE ACADEMY - PEER ON PEER ABUSE CHARTER

AS STUDENTS OF THE GRANGE ACADEMY, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE SAFE, HEALTHY, AND BE ABLE TO FLOURISH. WE HAVE DESIGNED THIS CHARTER FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, AND CONSULTATION:

- 1/ EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE AT SCHOOL AND THEREFORE STUDENTS SHOULD FEEL CONFIDENT TALKING ABOUT AND REPORTING PEER ON PEER ABUSE IMMEDIATELY
- 2/ STUDENTS SHOULD AND WILL HAVE A TRUSTED ADULT TO TALK ABOUT PEER-ON-PEER ABUSE AT SCHOOL
- 3/ STUDENTS WILL BE EDUCATED TO KNOW WHAT PEER ON PEER ABUSE CAN LOOK LIKE
- 4/ DISCRIMINATORY COMMENTS ARE NOT WANTED AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT OUR SCHOOL
- 5/ THE PERSON REPORTING THE ABUSE SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AT ALL TIMES
- 6/ PEER ON PEER ABUSE SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IMMEDIATELY
- 7/ ALL STUDENTS WILL BE LISTENED TO WHEN DISCUSSING INCIDENTS OF PEER ON PEER ABUSE
- 8/ RECORDS OF INCIDENTS WILL BE KEPT TO IDENTIFY PATTERNS AND ENSURE THAT EDUCATION AND STRONG SANCTIONS ARE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PERPETUATE THE ABUSE
- 9/ STUDENTS SHOULD BE TAUGHT HOW TO BE KIND AND RESPECT OTHERS THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS
- 10/ AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY WE WILL NOT TOLERATE OR ACCEPT ANY FORMS OF PEER ON PEER ABUSE INCLUDING PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, VERBAL, RACIST, EMOTIONAL, AND CYBER ABUSE



Knowledge, Aspiration, Respect

Be ready for school

Please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform, with the correct school bag and equipment.

Your child also needs their Student ID card every day, many students are forgetting them, especially on days when they have PE.

Please can you regularly check your child's balance on ParentPay. If they wish to purchase food and drink from Cucina then their card should have enough credit. We will never allow a child to be hungry, but we need your help to keep the card topped up. If an account should go into a minus situation, then it must be back in credit by the following day.

If any family requires support from the school regarding free school meal applications, or any other concern, then please speak with your child's Head of Year, Form Tutor or contact Vice Principal, Mr Nagle.

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Future Teacher Training - Recruitment Webinars

Get into Teaching with Future Teacher Training

Webinar registration

If you or someone you know has an interest in becoming a teacher, please encourage them to attend a Future Academies Webinar.

This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the team at Future Academies and find out what makes a great teacher with the Future Teacher Training SCITT; learn about the schools you could be placed in as well as the application process and how to develop your teacher training application.



The next webinar is taking place on the following date:

Dates	Start Time:
Friday 4th February 2022	10-11am

Please register your interest in attending this event by [completing the form here](#), selecting your preferred date and providing some more information about yourself.

The link to join the webinar will then be emailed to all attendees prior to the date of the event.



Poppy Appeal Feedback

"The Grange is the best at collecting the poppy monies and we would like to thank all the staff and students that put in the effort"

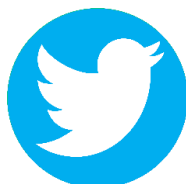
Dates for your diary

w/c Monday 24 January	DCP1 Assessments for Year 8 and Year 9
Wednesday 2 February	2 nd Dose Covid vaccination for 12-15 years
Wednesday 2 February	Auditions for The Tempest
w/c Monday 7 February	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 10 February	Year 10 Parents Evening
Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February	Half term holiday



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