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PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS
AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME Dr Philip Hills

It's been another busy fortnight with Parents' Evenings, Options Evenings and a host of sporting fixtures. Our Year 7 footballers were unlucky in their final, losing a closely contested match by the odd goal. Our Year 10s went one better, however, in their regional final, beating a Croxley Danes side containing several Watford Academy players 2-1. It has been great to watch the Yr 7 Rugby players, too, this season: they really got into their stride at the recent festival held at Watford RFC, with five wins out of five. World Book Day was a great success, with competitions, screenings and prizes. There is still a bit of time, too, to spend your voucher if you haven't been able to get along to a bookshop yet! As I write, Red Nose Day is as busy as ever: the school has been even more of a hive of activity than usual, with cake sales and charity football events just two of the things on offer. The Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal for Ukraine will be one of the beneficiaries of the fundraising this year. Mrs Hayter's knitted flower coasters remind us of the small acts of kindness that can change people's lives. This week the UK government opened its 'Homes for Ukraine' refugee scheme, which will pay UK families who agree to take in a Ukrainian refugee £350 per month for a minimum of six months. If you are fortunate enough to have a spare room, do please consider helping: according to UNICEF estimates 75000 Ukrainian children have become refugees everyday since the start of the invasion. Imagine the security you could offer to one of these children and their mother by opening up your home to them, even for a short period. The link to the scheme is: <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

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Year 9 Celebration



Top achievers in Year 9 were celebrated this week, congratulations Year 9, keep up the good work!

Year 9 Options Evening



We were very excited to welcome parents, carers and Year 9 students to the academy for our Year 9 options evening last week. It was the first time many parents and carers had visited us for over 2 years and we welcomed over 130 families to the event.

The event included a talk about the options process and subject stands for all of the optional subjects on offer this year, including two new subjects: classical civilisation and citizenship.

Heads of Department and subject teachers were on hand to talk about what the different courses involved and how to be successful in each one. It was a great opportunity for students to start thinking about what they would like to study next year and their aspirations for the future.



Here is a reminder of the timeline for Year 9 options choices:

Wednesday 16 March	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 17 March	Options Google Form sent to Parents and Carers
Wednesday 30 March	Deadline for options form to be returned
5 May onwards	Individual student interviews
Friday 10 June	Final choices confirmed to students

Sport Roundup

Sport	Vs	Result	Star of the Match	Scorers
Year 8 Rugby	Festival	7th Place	Onthatile & Reece	Tries - Reece 3, Onthatile 2 and Sonny 1
Seniors Basketball	St Michaels	Won 38-34	Kent	Points - Kent 13, Sam 6, Luke 9, Kyan 2, Thiery 3, Dylan H 5
Year 10 Football Final	Croxley Danes	Won 2-1	Ethan	Max and Casey
Year 7 Football Final	Bushey Meads	Lost 2-3	Tyler	Harrison and Charlie
Year 7 Rugby	Festival	1st Place	Zaine	Zaine - 4 / Bryan 2 / Jayden 2 / Harrison 5 / Tyler 7
Year 8 Rugby	Festival	7th Place	Onthatile & Reece	Tries - Reece 3, Onthatile 2 and Sonny 1
Year 8 Table Tennis	Festival	5th Place	Tiago	
Year 9 Table Tennis	Featival	5th Place	Josh	
Year 7 Rugby	Bushey Meads	Won 6-5	Zaine	
Year 8 Rugby	Bushey Meads	Lost 0-3	Onthatile	

Year 7

Year 7 Football Final

The Year 7 Football team made the short trip with Mr Mack to Queens School on the 10th of March to local rivals Bushey Meads in the District League final. In what proved to be a cagey encounter, Bushey took the lead early on in the first half through an opportunistic goal. The Grange Academy's response was swift and immediate: after some brilliant work out wide from Harrison, a great delivery allowed Charlie to convert to level the score 1-1.

Across the next 20 minutes of play Bushey Meads secured 2 more goals from a corner and a free kick to take a 3-1 lead. The Grange responded again after a long ball from Zaine was received by Harrison who brilliantly beat the keeper to reduce the lead.

Unfortunately, despite some phenomenal attacking, The Grange were unable to find an equaliser.

The boys played with fantastic passion and represented the school with the highest respect. We will look to go one better next year!

Year 7 Rugby Festival

The Year 7 Rugby team competed in a Festival at Watford RFC against 5 other schools on the 11th of March.

In an afternoon that saw perfect playing conditions, the team secured 5 wins out of 5, scoring 15 tries against local schools including St Joan of Arc, St Michael's, Reach Free, Bushey Meads and Croxley Danes.

They boys all played incredibly well, player of the tournament was Zaine.



Match Report – Year 10 Football Final

The boys went and did it. They beat Croxley Danes 2-1 to win the Watford District Year 10 League. They battled hard and worked so well as a team. The performance deserved the victory and we are very proud of our young men.

The game started off really well with Becaye hitting a 30 yard free kick against the cross bar. Raul then missed a shot two minutes later. We were on top throughout the game. The boys played well in formation and Ethan stood out, as defensive mid, he held the space, which takes a lot of maturity and discipline, which stopped Croxley from building many attacks.

Unfortunately though, in the 26th minute, they crossed the ball over and a defensive error led to them scoring with their first shot on target.

We kept our composure and Becaye managed to get the goalkeeper to come out and make a mistake, leading to an empty goal. Max pounced on it and slotted it nicely in to the goal on the 38th minute.

The second half was a lot more even, with Croxley getting back into the game while still showing signs of being rattled. We kept working as a team creating opportunities. One bad tackle by their striker was followed by some rough treatment of our centre back. We kept the pressure on and Becaye picked up the ball and played Casey through on goal; he turned the keeper and slotted in our deserved winner on the 64th minute. The boys were elated.

Jordan came on for the last 25 minutes and was a great spark, he picked up the ball and made things happen. We kept our discipline and defended the game as much as possible. Becaye got booked for a 50/50 tackle, which, after the game, the ref conceded was a mistake.

The ref added on 4 minutes, but they just couldn't get past our defence and we won the game 2-1. CHAMPIONS.

James was fantastic in goal. Jackson, Miller and Dylan defended really well. Mihai and Callum are unstoppable as a centre back pairing. Luke L, Luke J and Jordan made spaces out of nothing. Raul, Max managed to make runs. Casey did not stop running. Becaye is so good on the ball. Ethan was the heart of the team.





World Book Day

The LRC was a hive of activity on Thursday 3rd March for World book Day 2022. To celebrate, we had lots of activities happening throughout the day. Year 7 students watched a special showing of Matilda the Musical in the theatre at lunchtime and there were competitions to get involved in, including matching teachers with their favourite books (winners below!). Everyone who took out a book on the day also received a bookmark. During the day, we had a wide variety of our new titles on show, including LGBTQ related reading, refugee stories and literature supporting mental health and ethnic diversity. Something for Every Reader!

All years 7, 8 and 9 students have now completed their library induction. Please encourage your children to visit and take out books if they have not already done so. Students can take out two books for two weeks at a time. The LRC is open for students to use before and after school and at every break and lunch.



Well done to the winners of our 'Guess Whose Favourite Book is.. ?' competition:

Lewis 7C
Tiago 8E
Samuel 10F

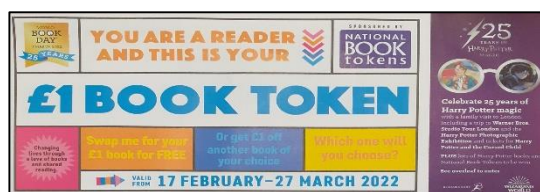


Our 2022 £1/€1.50 books

Remember to use your book token to get your FREE BOOK by 27th March!

We look forward to receiving all your book reviews.

Happy Reading!



Small act, great symbolism

Upon purchasing one of Mrs Hayter's knitted coasters for her efforts in raising funds for Ukraine, the flower knitted in the middle of it reminded me of the William Blake poetry the Year 13 English Literature students are currently studying. Many of Blake's poems contain images of nature and were published around the time of the French Revolution which reminded me of two certain individuals within it.

First was poet and political activist Olympe de Gouges who, upon seeing that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights only applied to free men, proceeded to write her own, a Universal Declaration of Women's Rights.

Secondly, Toussaint Louverture asked whether the Universal Declaration of Human Rights applied to slaves too. Louverture then triggers the Haitian Revolution, liberates all slaves, and establishes a free democratic republic on the principles of the French Revolution.

What this reminded me of was that anyone's individual acts can contribute to a wider awareness. So thank you, Mrs Hayter, for going to the trouble of knitting these coasters; your single act is working towards a conscious collective.

Mr Lugg

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Over the last couple of months we have reported in each edition on the importance of PSHE.

You will have heard that PSHE is a vital part of our students education. It allow students access to wider issues that surround them in understanding about the world, themselves and others. A recap below discussed some of the content that we deliver at The Grange Academy.

PSHE is an abbreviation of personal, social, health and economic education.

The national curriculum states that: **all schools should make provision for personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE), drawing on good practice.**

The subject helps children and young people grow and develop as individuals and as a member of families and social and economic communities. Over the last few weeks our students have been studying the following topics:

Year 7: RSE continuation focus on Boys Puberty

Year 8: Self Esteem and the Media

Year 9: Saving and Managing your Money

Year 10: Preventing Knife Crime

Year 11: Testicular and Prostate cancer

A really big congratulations to the following students who are winners of the LGBTQ+ competition.

Year 7		Year 9	
Ethan	7E Zeus	Erin	9F Athena
Alexia	7C Hera	Caitlin	9H Athena
Jessica	7D Zeus	Amna	9F Athena
Dominic	7A Athena	Precious	9B Zeus
		Krystal	9B Zeus

Year 6 Welcome Event

Our Year 6 welcome event was a huge success with record numbers of students joining a taster class in History, Food Tech, Science, Sport, Spanish or Music to support them in the transition to Secondary School.

Parents and Carers enjoyed a presentation in the theatre and spoke with Dr Hills and members of the senior leadership team.

This was followed by an opportunity to take a tour of the school and visitors were also treated to some stunning food provided by Cucina.

Visitor feedback on the event and welcome received at The Grange is excellent, and we are delighted with the record number of accepted offers of a place for September 2022.

"thank you for such a warm welcome at the year 6/7 welcome event, and for such inspiring speeches. The taster classes were great fun. We are very excited to be starting in September!"



On Friday 18th March the students and staff at The Grange demonstrated their generosity and raised over £1500 for three assigned charities:

**Red Nose Day
Ukraine Appeal
National Animal Welfare Trust**

All three charities are thrilled that in these difficult times the school and our young people had donated so generously.

It was great to see a sea of red clothing, red noses and happy smiling faces taking part in our bake sale and 8 hours of the House Football Competition!

The bake sale alone, sold over 500 cakes which were donated and made by students and staff - and raised over **£400**.

The football competition organised by our Year 12 Sports Leaders saw some fantastic goals but more importantly over 300 students took part. The final winners of the competition were Zeus, congratulations, some well deserved points towards the overall house competition.

**1st- Zeus (89 points)
2nd- Hera (64 points)
3rd- Athena (52 points)
4th- Apollo (40 points)**

Thank you to everyone who got involved, including the parents and carers who generously baked cakes and donated to the non-uniform day.



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

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Thursday 24 March 16:00-17:00

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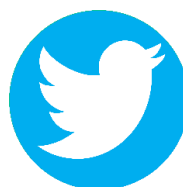
Wednesday 23 March	Music/Drama Spring Showcase
Monday 28 March	Sixth Form Applicant Tea
Tuesday 29 March	Y7, 11, 12,13 Year Group photos
Monday 4 April to Monday 18 April	Easter holidays
Tuesday 19 April	Summer term starts
Thursday 21 April	Year 10 GCSE Information Evening
Monday 25 April	Year 7 parents evening – in person
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
16 May onwards	GCSE and A Level exams commence
Wednesday 25 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 29 June	Music/Drama Summer Spectacular
Thursday 30 June	Sponsored Walk
Thursday 30 June	Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Day
Friday 8 July or Friday 15 July	Sports Day (date to be confirmed)
Thursday 14 July	Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day



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