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THE GRANGE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

A FORTNIGHTLY PUBLICATION FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS
AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME Dr Philip Hills

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after Easter. Our recent GCSE Event was extremely well attended by Year 10 parents and pupils, who heard from Mr Snell and others about the best ways to prepare and revise for exams. At the end of the evening pupils and parents collected revision guides in all of the main GCSE subjects. One of the online tools mentioned was GCSEPOD and it is worth mentioning that this superb resource is available FREE to ALL students in all year groups, not only to Years 10 and 11! The video content and learning resources are well worth a look, whatever your year group. And of course, do have a look in the LRC for further resources.

Look out too for our new PSHE contributor awards: at The Grange we take real pride in the contribution of our pupils to this important area, in assemblies, in tutor groups and in forming policies.

Our Year 7 Parents' evening was well attended and there was a lot of positive feedback from parents on the helpfulness of our talented teaching staff and the Year Group team.

The Brilliant Programme for Year 9 Scholars has now begun in earnest and we are looking forward to seeing the wonderful projects that emerge from their study of Cuba and its history.

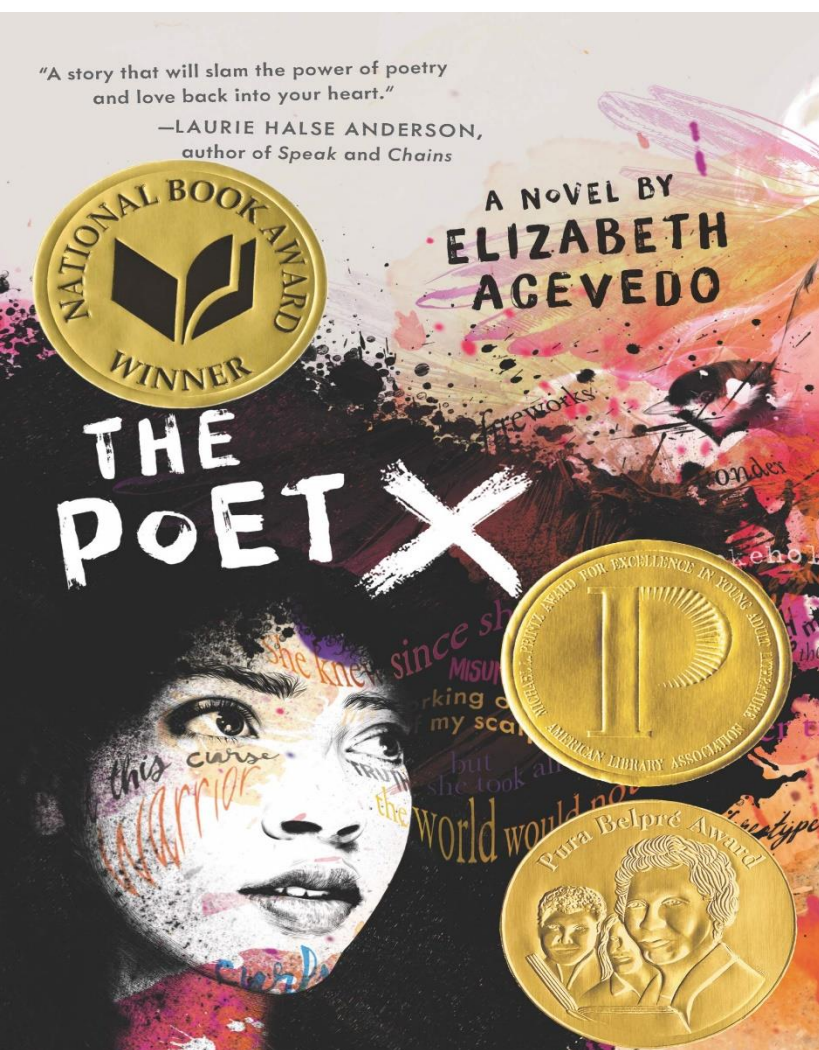
We look forward, too, to seeing the fruits of our 'G Factor' talent contest – don't be shy, book a rehearsal slot for 5th or 6th May after school and show us what you can do!

Finally, HUGE congratulations to Mr Putman, from our PE Department, who has recently raised over £1000 for Dementia UK by running the London Landmarks half marathon. Many thanks, too, to all who have supported him on Just Giving.

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The Grange Reads



Welcome to our new regular feature in the newsletter, The Grange reads.....

Every issue will include a review of a book available to borrow in our fantastic Learning Resource Centre (LRC). This month we are celebrating National Poetry Month and with that in mind, here is our top recommendation!

Celebrating National Poetry Month 2022

Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Xiomara is a fifteen-year-old Dominican-American girl living in Harlem with her twin brother Xavier (she calls him "Twin"), her indifferent Papi, and her religious and strict Mami. She grapples with normal teenage-girl issues, such as her identity, her body, boys, religion and culture. She finds her voice through her participation in a citywide poetry slam, at which she excels.

The LRC is currently seeing an increase in visitors, as we get ready for exam season.

Remember, it is open before and after school and during break and lunch if you need a place to complete your homework or to revise.

We also have copies of revision resources for you to use.

Year 7 Parents Evening

A big thank you to all of the Year 7 students and families who attended parents evening this week. This was a remarkable evening and it was the first parents evening that we have had back in the building, face to face since February 2020! We were so pleased to welcome parents in person to discuss the progress that our year 7 students have been making. The evening was really positive and we received many comments from parents about how pleased they have been with The Grange. We look forward to many more opportunities to work with our parents and families to support the students learning.

If you wish to follow up any conversations, please contact the Head of Year for Year 7 - Mrs Rogers.

"Excellent parents evening, everyone is very welcoming."

"Since my son came to this school his confidence has grown! I am so happy to hear the teacher's positive feedback about his progress...."

"Thank you for the support you have given so far, we are appreciative of all his teachers."

"This is an amazing evening, Thank you so much."

"We are so pleased with her progress since starting school. We would like to thank all of her teachers for their continued support."



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We have recently introduced a new award at the academy. This is the PSHE Contributor Award, the award is for students who are fully committed to both the written aspects and the discussion opportunities during PSHE lessons. Students will be awarded with a beautiful pin badge and certificate so that they are able to promote their awareness of the issues and topics that we discuss in our weekly programme. These are important prizes as they demonstrate to our school community the importance that we place on PSHE. These will also be used in conjunction with our new PSHE stickers, again to share and promote excellence in this area.

INTERNET SAFETY

A reminder to make sure that we are all using the internet in a safe and respectful manner- This includes making sure that we social media and other online apps are a safe place for us to learn. Please make sure that you are aware of some of the tips below to make sure that you know what to do in order to support your child when they are using the internet. If you need any help, or have any questions about how to use the internet, smartphones and apps in a safe way- please contact a member of the pastoral team who will be willing to support you with this.

There are real advantages in maintaining an open dialogue with your child about their internet use. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

- 1** Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- 2** Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- 3** Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
- 4** Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- 5** Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Find out more ways of starting a conversation about online safety at www.childnet.com/have-a-conversation

CURRENT TOPICS THAT STUDENTS ARE STUDYING IN PSHE

Please see below a list of the current topics that are students are learning about in their PSHE lessons. As you can see there are a vast range of different topics and issues that are students have been and are looking at. For more information please contact Mr Wride.

Year 7: Assertiveness, Consent and Hormones

Year 8: Introduction to RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)

Year 9: STI's and Clinics

Year 10: Child Exploitation

Year 11: Drugs NPS

CULTURAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME

As part of our PSHE and Form Tutor programme, students regularly look at the world around us and learn to have an empathic awareness of a range of culture and current affairs from across the Globe.

So far this term we have explored a number of news stories and some central topics ranging from the situation in the Ukraine to more recently an understanding of the Stephen Lawrence Enquiry.

We're supporting

**STEPHEN LAWRENCE
DAY
22ND APRIL 2021**



Engaging the hearts and minds of our students and staff, opening conversations about racial equality and the part we play as individuals in creating a society in which everyone can flourish.

Year 10 GCSE Event

We started the summer term with an event targeted towards the current Year 10 students. Parents and students attended presentations outlining the importance of next year, learning and revision techniques and the benefits of virtual learning. Finally students were gifted revision guides chosen for each individual student. The attendance at this event was incredible as was the feedback.

GCSEPOD

One of the great tools that we have available to use at The Grange is GCSEPOD. **Based on analysis from hundreds of GCSEPOD subscribing schools, Year 11 students still have ample time to boost their final grades.** GCSEPOD is an educational platform offering subscribers unique, audio-visual teaching and learning resources. Bringing together the key elements of content, assessment, and data, combining them with tracking and monitoring all on one platform. GCSEPod is proven to engage students, consolidate subject knowledge, and accelerate progress. This is open to all students across the academy. We have recently been awarded the Silver Certificate by GCSEpod for reaching 5,000 streams and downloads. This is a remarkable achievement.



Year 10 GCSE evening- Mr Snell discussing the working and long term memory

UKMT Maths Challenge



Congratulations to the Year 7 Students, who have participated in the UKMT Maths Challenge. Well done to Alexia, Chryseis, Dado, Harry, Jay, Junik, Mihai and Rithwik!

Scholars Programme



Our Year 9 Scholars programme is well under way, the topic for this year is sustainable tourism. Under the expert guidance of Diana Williams, the Y9 students are studying the effects that tourism has had and continues to have on Cuba, with the focus on sustainable tourism development in Havana's Old City.

Students have been learning through class information, group discussions and written assignments with feedback from Diana. It has been very inspiring to see how our students have developed an excellent understanding of the challenges facing Cuba and the policies the government is using to ensure tourism is beneficial and not detrimental to Cuba's economy.

THE GRANGE ACADEMY

THE G FACTOR

Singers
Dancers
Comedians
Magicians

FINAL 26TH MAY

We are looking for talent/skill in any area- individual or teams.

AUDITIONS 5TH AND 6TH MAY 2.50PM-4.00PM

To Enter - please complete the Paper Entry Form and hand this to your Head of Year by Wednesday 4th May

Are you good at singing, dancing, playing the piano? Perhaps you are a budding young magician or comedian? Then why not participate in our own version of 'Britain's Got Talent'. We proudly present to you.....

THE 'G' FACTOR!!!!

If you are interested in auditioning for this exciting event, then complete an application form available from your Head of Year. The competition is open to all year groups.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY TO BE HEALTHIER?

GOOD NEWS! FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE COURSES ARE STARTING IN HERTFORDSHIRE IN MAY.

JUST CHOOSE YOUR GROUP

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Starts w/c 23rd May for 10 weeks	Allum Hall BOREHAMWOOD 17.00-19.00 Age 5-15	Birchwood High School BISHOP STORTFORD 17.30-19.30 Age 5-15	The Orbital Community Centre WATFORD 17.30-19.30 Age 5-15	The Hobletts Manor Junior School HEMEL HEMPSTEAD 17.30-19.30 Age 5-15
	Ridgeway Academy WELWYN 17.00-19.00 Age 5-15	Jackmans Community Centre LETCHWORTH 17.30-19.30 Age 5-15	St Cuthbert's Church HODDESDON 17.30-19.30 Age 5-15	
Starts w/c 9th May for 10 weeks	ONLINE 17:30 - 18:30 Age 5 - 8		ONLINE 18:15 - 19:15 Age 9 - 12	

...AND SIGN UP FOR FREE

Scan the QR Code, or fill in the form at beezeebodies.com/families



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*to be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child age 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
16 May onwards	GCSE and A Level exams commence
Wednesday 25 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 26 May	The 'G' Factor Final
Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 29 June	Music/Drama Summer Spectacular
Thursday 30 June	Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Day
Friday 1 July	Sponsored Walk
Friday 8 July or Friday 15 July	Sports Day (date to be confirmed)
Thursday 14 July	Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day
Thursday 21 July	End of term

STEPS

Everyday, No Excuses.

We always use.....

S Sir/Miss

T Thank You

E Excuse Me

P Please

S Smile

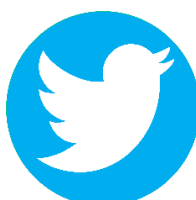


It's who we are, It's what we do at The Grange Academy

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BLACK
HISTORY MONTH

How do you think schools
should be celebrating Black
History Month?

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Parent and Carer Online Forum **Thursday 19th May 5.30 – 6.45pm**

Join parents and carers from schools around Hertfordshire at this free online event run by Herts for Learning (HfL) to express your views about celebrating Black History Month.

This event will be hosted by HfL Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers who are particularly keen to listen to parents and carers who are and/or have children from Black and mixed heritage backgrounds. They want to hear direct experiences, find out what is working well and hear suggestions about where improvements could be made. They hope to welcome voices from early years settings, primary and secondary schools, as well as sixth form colleges.

HfL Wellbeing and Race Equality Advisers will lead and facilitate the discussions, ensuring that the forum is a safe space where everyone who is willing to share will be heard and respected.

Feedback from this event will be used by the team to provide further free resources and support to maintained schools in Hertfordshire to celebrate Black History Month in October 2022 and beyond.

To register to attend this free online event, please visit
[Livestorm/herts-for-learning/black-history-month-forum](https://livestorm.com/herts-for-learning/black-history-month-forum)

Thursday 19th May 2022, 5.30 – 6.45pm
Logon at 5.20pm

For more information, please contact the HfL Events team
at training@hertsforlearning.co.uk or call 01438 544477.

Do you know any organisations or people willing to stage an event for Black History Month in Hertfordshire 2022?

What activities and events would you like to see happening during Black History Month in Hertfordshire?

Are you involved in Black History Month in your child's school or in your workplace?

How is Black History Month celebrated in your child's school?

What do you think about Black History Month and why?

Do you have any suggestions for your child's school?

Herts for Learning (HfL) is a provider of products and services to schools and educational settings. We believe that every young person, through access to a great education, should be able to realise their potential, regardless of where they live or their circumstances.



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