

12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**THE GRANGE ACADEMY SPORTS DAY AT WOODSIDE STADIUM, HORSESHOE LANE, GARSTON, WD25 7HH**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 8.40 am - 3.00 pm**

Sports Day this year will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Woodside Stadium, Garston. It is a chance for all students to contribute to their House in what is the climax of the House competitions which have run through the year. **All** students will score points for their House for participating. Students will opt to take part in a variety of different athletic events including track running, both short and long distances, field events such as long jump and discus and relay races. There will also be some fun space hopper races and a tug of war. Students will sign up to the activities they wish to take part in during assemblies the week before sports day. Each student will take part in a minimum of one event, but should be encouraged to sign up for more! This letter provides key information about the organisation of the day.

**Attendance and Kit**

All students are required to attend Sports Day as it is a normal school day, and will be registered on arrival at Woodside. School is not open on this day and all staff will be at the stadium throughout the day to supervise students. Students are required to attend the day in their Academy PE shorts or navy blue leggings/tracksuit bottoms and they may wear a t-short or polo shirt in their House colours (please no crop tops or inappropriate t-shirts) with appropriate sporting footwear.

Athena = green

Apollo = blue

Hera = red

Zeus = yellow

Students should arrive at Woodside by 8.40 at the latest and will have to register on their way into the stadium. The day will finish at 3.00pm when students will leave the stadium to walk home, catch a bus or be collected by parents/carers.

If your child is ill on this day please phone attendance at the school as you would normally do to report their absence.

**Travel Arrangements**

Students will need to make their own way to the stadium, and below you will find a number of different bus routes to help students work out the easiest way to get to Woodside. Students who normally travel to the Academy via public transport should travel directly to Woodside.

From Watford central – number 10, 20 or 321 bus from Market Street to Woodside

From South Oxhey – number 8 bus to Watford High Street, then number 10, 20 or 321 bus from Watford Junction to Woodside stadium. Or train from Carpenters Park to Watford junction then number 10, 20 or 321 bus to Woodside.

From Bushey – train from Bushey station to Watford Junction, then number 10, 20 or 321 bus to Woodside.

From Borehamwood – number 306 bus to Watford High street then the number 10,20 or 321 bus to Woodside stadium

There are public bus services running to Woodside from the following locations: Watford Junction, Watford General Hospital and Watford town centre. Students may also walk or cycle to the stadium.

Please can I encourage any student/family that travels by car to the academy to go directly to Woodside and wherever possible arrange lift shares. This helps the smooth running of the day and allows the Physical Education department to plan and run the day effectively. If you have arranged to collect your child from Woodside Stadium at the end of the day, please ensure to arrive by 3.00pm so as to ensure their safe collection.

### **Food and Drink**

There will be limited snack items available for purchase from our caterers Cucina while at Woodside. For students entitled to free school meals; a sandwich, snack and drink will be provided. It is recommended that all other students bring a packed lunch and plenty of drink(s) with them on the day. We recommend that all students bring plenty of water as the weather is likely to be hot. Students are **not** be permitted to order food from food apps, and any food orders that come to stadium will not be allowed in by Academy staff who will be on the gate throughout the day. An ice cream van will hopefully be in attendance so students may wish to bring a small amount of money with them to purchase an ice cream.

### **Other Information**

All students should bring adequate sun protection, including hats and sun cream to ensure their safety throughout the day. Students will sit in the covered stands unless they are involved in an event.

If your child takes any regular medication or uses inhalers, epi pens or allergy medication please ensure they have this with them for the day.

### **Support**

We hope that as many of you as possible will come and support your children and the Academy at Sports Day. For further details of the timetable for the day, please refer to the academy website ([www.thegrange.futureacademies.org](http://www.thegrange.futureacademies.org)) or the PE twitter account [@GrangeAcademyPE](https://twitter.com/GrangeAcademyPE). All parents will be asked to sign in before entering the stadium; this is so we can monitor adults at the event. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for spectators to sit with students during the day.

Sports day has always been a huge success at the Academy, we are looking forward to getting it back up and running again after COVID, it wouldn't be possible to run Sports Day on such a large scale without your support and co-operation, we thank you in advance, and look forward to seeing you on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Williams

**Subject Leader Physical Education**