

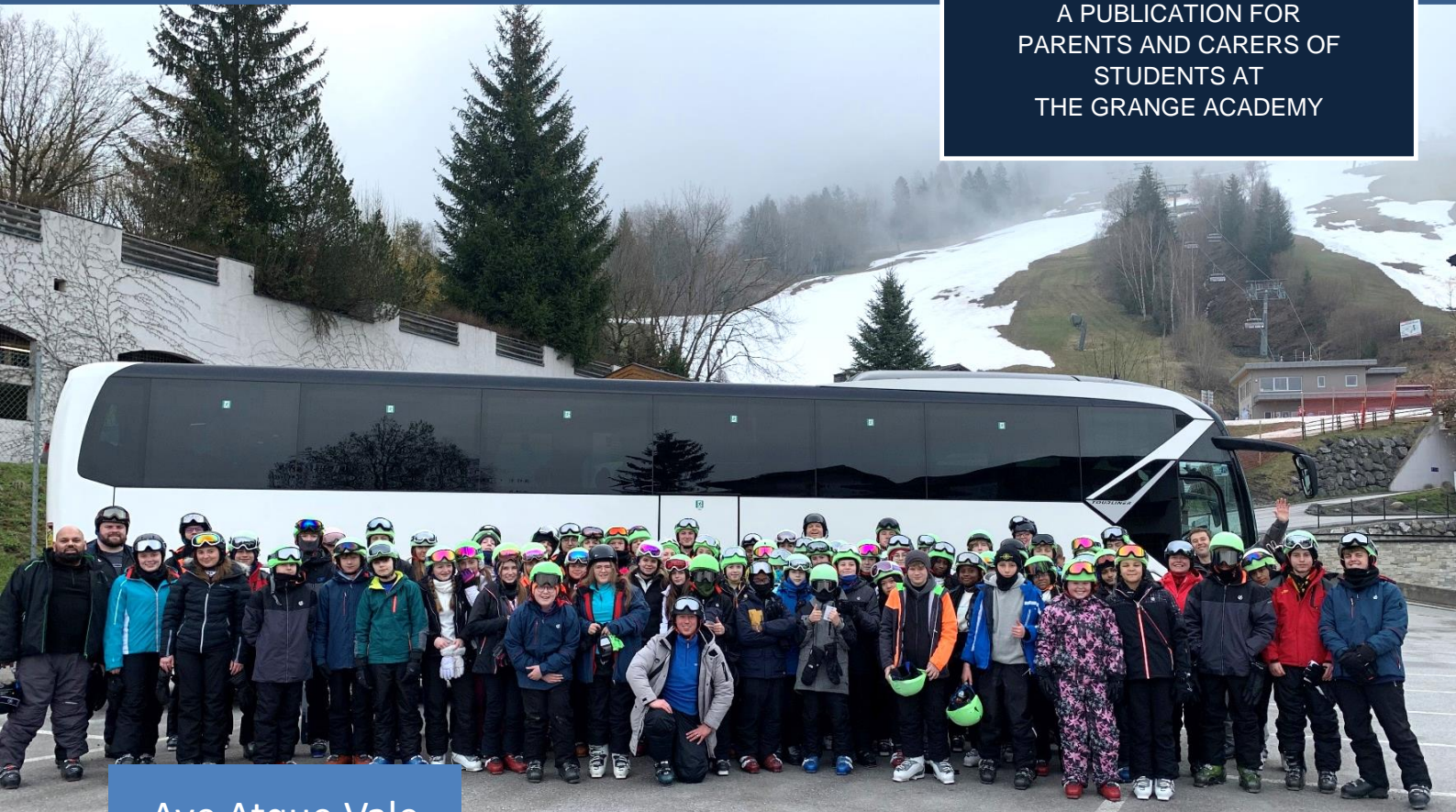


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THE GRANGE ACADEMY
NEWSLETTER

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



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It is with a mixture of sadness and real pride that I am writing this as my final contribution to *Nuntii Granicae*.

The Grange Academy is on a very exciting journey and it has been my privilege and pleasure to have served as your Principal for the past three years. In that time the school roll has steadily grown, as have the numbers of clubs and activities on offer. In particular, football and cricket continue to go from strength to strength and in this issue we are celebrating the success of our Year 7 and 8 basketball Champions. I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of the staff who work with these teams week in, week out and to the hard work of all of our teachers in classrooms and wider activities. The large number of staff volunteering for Monday's Athletic meet at the Woodside Stadium was a case in point.

The fantastic results of the UK Junior Maths Challenge, with a record number of golds, silvers and bronzes, shows that the academic side of the school is going in the right direction, too. As a Classicist I am delighted that Latin has proved such a success, with almost half of the current year 9 opting to continue to GCSE – a fantastic achievement in a proudly inclusive school. Rehearsals are underway for the music event of the year – the tribute to Top of the Pops, buy your tickets now before they sell out!

We are in the middle of exams' season and I wish all of our pupils, both those who are about to leave us and those who have many happy years ahead of them, every good fortune.

I am confident that your new Principal, Mr Danny Bryant, will enjoy the challenge of working with all of you every bit as much as I have. With all best wishes.

Dr Philip Hills, Principal

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Ski Trip – Easter 2023

During the Easter holidays, The Grange Academy took 69 pupils and 10 staff to Salzburger in Austria to ski.

The pupils were an absolute credit to the school and the Trust. It was commented on the trip how they have never had such a talented group that improved so quickly in such a short amount of time.

From the group, we had 55 beginners and 30 of these improved so fast that they managed to ski to the world-famous doughnut restaurant on the second mountain. An incredible achievement.

The snow came down on the last 2 days, this didn't stop us from skiing or making snow angels and friendly snowball fights breaking out.

During the week we stayed in the town of Bischoffosan where pupils explored the local town as well as experiencing a roller coaster, billiards and mini golf in a fun packed week. On the last event we held The Grange Academy Awards event. This included awards for the most improved skier of the week (Toby) as well as a Miss Austria competition!

I would like to say a big thank you to the pupils who came on the trip. I was so proud to say every single one of them was part of our school.

A massive thank you also, to all the staff who gave up their time to help us run this amazing adventure, they went above and beyond.

Mr Putman, Head of PE



Sport Update

Trust Basketball Champions

Both the Year 7 and Year 8 Basketball teams won the regional Basketball Trust tournament and went onto the finals at Pimlico to play the London winners. Year 7 had a hard match against Pimlico but became Trust champions after a 18-16 win after a last second winner by Stanley. Year 8 took on Phoenix who won the London region. With a dominant performance, winning 42-14.



We are very proud of all the pupils who represented the school.
The Grange Academy have now won 5 of the 12 Trust tournaments - Keep it going guys!

Host Athletics Woodside

Fantastic performances at our 4th athletics match on Monday 22 May.

Thank you so much to the staff and sport leaders who gave up their evening, and to the students that participated. Well Done.



County Football Selection

Congratulations to Kaila Stiles Buchanan who has been selected out of 150 students to represent Herts for Schools Football for the 2023/24 season.

This is a fantastic honour and we are extremely proud of her!



Sport	Vs	Result	Star of the Match
Senior Basketball	Croxley Danes	Won 24-20	Alex
Year 7 Basketball	Rickmansworth	Won 16-10	Alex
Under 14 Girls	County Athletics League Match 1	3rd	Lanie
Under 14 Boys	County Athletics League Match 1	5th	Alfie
Under 16 Girls	County Athletics League Match 1	3rd	Ella S
Under 16 Boys	County Athletics League Match 1	5th	Daniel
Year 7 Girls Rounders	Queens	Lost 11.5-21	Kiara
Year 8 Girls Rounders	Queens	Lost 6-14	Jess
Under 14 Girls	County Athletics League Match 2	5th	Kaila
Under 14 Boys	County Athletics League Match 2	4th	Zaine
Under 16 Girls	County Athletics League Match 2	4th	Emiley
Under 16 Boys	County Athletics League Match 2	4th	Reece
Year 7 Basketball	Trust Final v Pimlico Academy	Won 18-16	Stanley
Year 8 Basketball	Trust Final v Phoenix Academy	Won 42-14	Zaine
Year 8 Girls Rounders	Immanuel	Won 21-20	Jess B
Under 14 Girls	County Athletics League Match 3	4th	Ava Lewis
Under 14 Boys	County Athletics League Match 3	4th	Charlie C
Under 16 Girls	County Athletics League Match 3	4th	Chloe
Under 16 Boys	County Athletics League Match 3	4th	Zak M
Under 15 Cricket	Bushey Meads	Lost by 8 Wickets	Shanuelleh
Year 7 Rounders	St Michaels	Lost 4-9.5	Aya
Year 8 Rounders	St Michaels	Won 12-8	Lanie

Sport Awards Evening – July 2023



On Wednesday 19 July we will be hosting a ticket only Sport Awards Evening at the Grange Academy.

More details will follow in due course, but in the meantime we would like to know if you can recommend any organisations that may wish to sponsor the event or offer a raffle prize.

We would be very pleased to advertise any sponsors in the event programme, and will name tables after them on the evening itself.

If you can help please contact: j.putman@thegrange.futureacaemies.org

Year 9 Scholars Club Graduation



Friday 5 May was an important day for the Year 9 Scholars Club students. Months of taught sessions and essays were behind them and this was the day they got their reward.

Mrs Ponsford and I accompanied the students to the graduation event at King's College London. The weather was fine as we travelled up to London. As we walked through the King's College campus we were met by some friendly student ambassadors that showed us to the impressive lecture theatre where we waited for the session to begin. The atmosphere was light and friendly and the staff kind and full of energy, a perfect way to celebrate the wonderful achievements that our students had accomplished.

We were given a wonderful tour of the campus by Hassan, a King's medical student that had recently completed his medical degree. He took us to a wonderful building where medical students practice on some very lifelike mannequins, some are even voiced remotely which is very unnerving.

The tour continued with some historic sights on campus; it has been a university since 1829! We ended up back at the lecture theatre where our students were presented with their certificates in front of a friendly but noisy supporting crowd.

Well done to all the students for taking part in the scholars programme this year, you deserve a big shout out for all your hard work and commitment.

Mr Simmons, Enrichment & Careers Co-ordinator



Year 9 Pathfinders Day

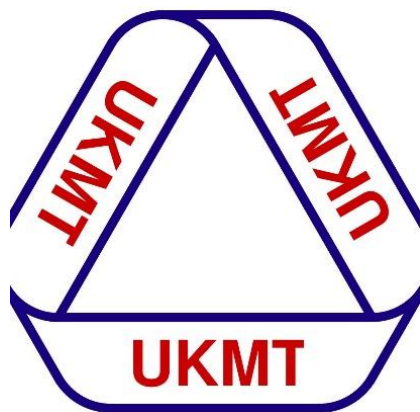
The University of Hertfordshire was our destination on 9 May. Accompanied by Mrs Ponsford, Dr Hills and Mr Simmons for the visit, students were warmly welcomed by student ambassadors and divided into teams for the day. We took part in an interactive exercise about what it's like to study at university. There was a competitive edge to the day with quiz questions and points awarded for each team. The ambassadors expertly led the teams and gave hints and tips along the way. Our students were given a tour of the campus, which looked stunning in the spring sunshine. For the final session of the day students had to create a presentation about what they had learnt and experienced, and then deliver this to their peers. All teams designed some fabulous content and the presentations were superb! Prizes were awarded for the winning team. We left for home a little bit more informed about higher education.



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Junior Maths Challenge



On the 26th of April, top set students in year 7 and 8 sat the Junior Maths Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust.

The 60-minute multiple choice challenge is designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve complex problems. The students have been working hard over the last few months to prepare for the challenge through weekly exercises and completing past papers. All their efforts have definitely paid off.

As a school we received 3 gold certificates, 10 silver certificates and 27 bronze certificates. Fantastic work year 7s and 8s!

Congratulations to the students who achieved the highest scores in their respective year groups.

Year Group	Student
7	Lindan
8	Tyler
8	Chryseis



The Grange Reads



Check Out a Library Book

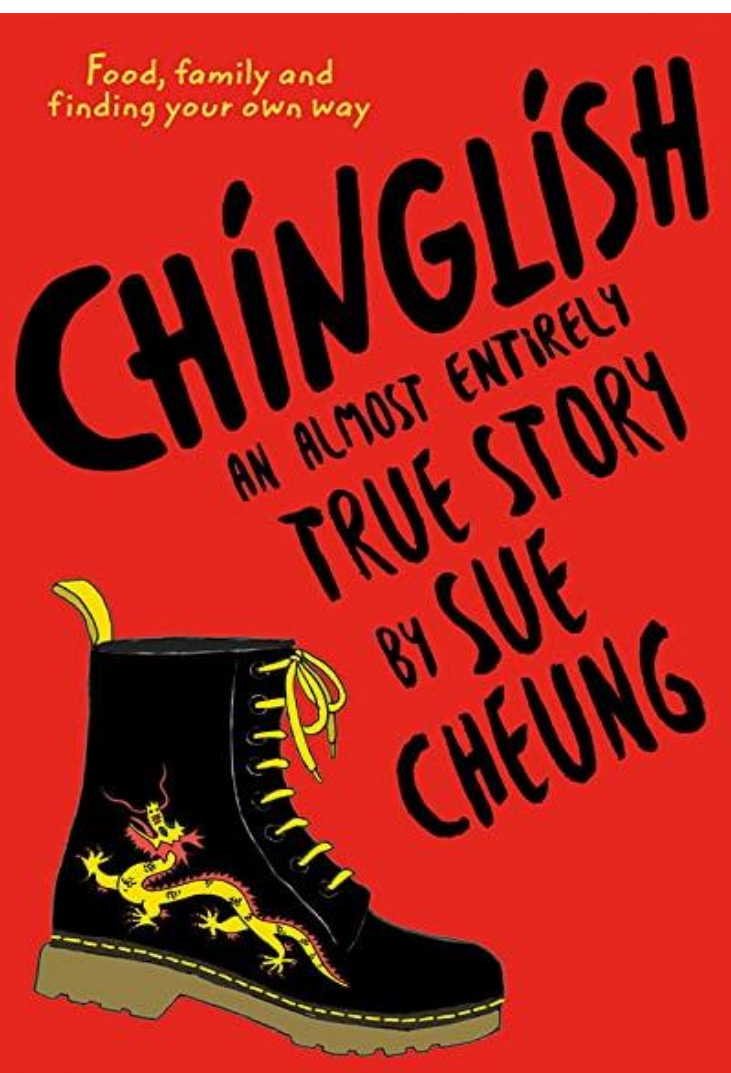
Every issue we include a review of a book available to borrow in our fantastic Learning Resource Centre (LRC). New books are available from different genres of fiction - here is our top recommendation.

Chinglish An Almost Entirely True Story by Sue Cheung

Jo Kwan is a teenager growing up in 1980s Coventry with her annoying little sister, too-cool older brother, a series of very unlucky pets and utterly bonkers parents. But unlike the other kids at her new school or her posh cousins, Jo lives above her parents' Chinese takeaway. And things can be tough – whether it's unruly customers or the snotty popular girls who bully Jo for being different. Even when she does find a BFF who actually likes Jo for herself, she still has to contend with her erratic dad's behaviour. All Jo dreams of is breaking free and forging a career as an artist.

Told in diary entries and doodles, Jo's brilliantly funny observations about life, family and char siu make for a searingly honest portrayal of life on the other side of the takeaway counter.

The LRC is open before and after school and during break and lunch if you need a place to complete your homework.



**MONDAY 19TH JUNE AND
TUESDAY 20TH JUNE 2023**

**THE GRANGE
ACADEMY, LONDON
ROAD, BUSHEY,
HERTFORDSHIRE.
WD23 3AA**



7PM – 9:30PM

**£8 ADULTS
£5 CHILD (16
AND UNDER)**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
[TRYBOOKING.COM/TOP OF THE POPS](https://www.trybooking.com/TOP)
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/EVENTS/LANDING/41127](https://www.trybooking.com/UK/EVENTS/LANDING/41127)

Music

We are working very hard for our forthcoming concerts 'Top of the Pops Through the Ages'.

A musical spectacular that will take you on a journey from the early pop of the 1960s right through to the 2000s. Sit back and allow this musical feast to absorb all of your senses, with music provided by a core professional band and students, as well as musicians provided by the Purcell School. Costumes will be adorned by the talented students of The Grange Academy whilst they perform classic hits ranging from The Beatles to Blur and The Monkees to Minogue.

This event pays tribute to British cultural history as we learn together about the beginnings of Top of the Pops, until it's farewell in 2006. So come and be a part of our Top of the Pops audience, as we awaken fond memories from this revered pop show.

Monday 19th June and Tuesday 20th June 2023
Doors open at 6:30pm; 7-9:30pm

To purchase tickets:

£8 Adult & £5 Child plus booking fee (40p per ticket)

Tickets are now live on Trybooking.com and type in 'Top of the Pops Through the Ages' or follow the link;

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/41127>



For your child to fully achieve at school they need to attend **over 95%** of the time.

Attendance	Chance of Passing GCSE Grades 9-4
96%+	82%
95-96%	74%
92-95%	60%
90-92%	46%
88-90%	34%
88%-	27%

Mobile Phones

Remember the rules with regard to mobile phones at The Grange. Once a student enters the school building in the morning their phone must be switched off and placed in their bag or blazer for the remainder of the day until they leave the building to travel home.

If a student takes their phone out at any stage the following rules will be implemented:

- The first time the students phone is confiscated, it will be until the end of the same day
- The second time the student's phone is confiscated, it will be for one school week
- If students refuse to hand over their phone they will be placed in Internal Exclusion until the phone is given to the member of staff.

Travel Expectations

Uniform - students should travel to and from school in full school uniform.

Behaviour - if students display poor behaviour on their journey, the same sanctions will be given to students as if they were at school.

If students repeatedly misbehave on public transport then their right to use this will be withdrawn and they will be asked to find a different mode of transport.

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'SLANT' IN EVERY LESSON
EVERY DAY, NO EXCUSES
IT'S WHO WE ARE, IT'S WHAT WE DO AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

SIT UP STRAIGHT
SIT UP STRAIGHT
(AND FOLD ARMS)

LISTEN CAREFULLY:
LISTEN CAREFULLY

ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS:
ASK AND ANSWER QUESTIONS

NEVER INTERRUPT:
NEVER INTERRUPT

TRACK THE TEACHER:
TRACK THE TEACHER

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Helping students to report bullying & concerns

Just a reminder of the communication method for students to report bullying and concerns that they might have for themselves or their peers. This is an anonymous email address:

icanreport@thegrange.futureacademies.org

We would encourage students to use this communication during the holidays as well as term time should they want to report issues without speaking to an adult face to face.

Examinations Feedback

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are half way through their public exams - we are receiving really positive feedback from the students that their hard work and commitment is paying off during the actual assessments. They now have a week to recharge their batteries, take short breaks with friends and family and maintain the revision timetable which is in place each day to prepare them for the final set of exams in June.

Throughout the exams we are really proud that Year 11 students are still coming to school everyday. Our attendance for this year group in May is at 97% - this shows truly amazing dedication. Year 13 students are also choosing to come to school for final intervention and revision sessions rather than rely on independent study - this strategy is proven nationally to get the best results.

Dates for your diary

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half Term
Friday 16 June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 19 June	TOTP Tribute Event
Tuesday 20 June	TOTP Tribute Event
Friday 23 June	Year 8 Work Experience
Friday 30 June	Sponsored Walk
Monday 3 July	INSET Day
Friday 7 July	Academy Sports Day
Thursday 13 July	Year 6 Transition Day
Tuesday 18 July	Reward Trips
Wednesday 19 July	Sport Awards Evening
Friday 21 July	Last Day of Term

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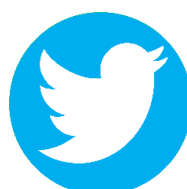
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E Excuse Me
P Please
S Smile

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