

The Grange Gazette

Official Newsletter of The Grange School



Thoughts From The Headteachers Desk



Towards the end of the summer term is always a busy time in school and it has been a great pleasure being able to welcome visitors and guests to school for face-to-face events. It certainly makes you realise how much we have missed them over that past two years.

The weather has been exceptionally hot recently and everyone has coped remarkably well, and students have been sensible in responding to adaptations over uniform. It is reassuring that we can make adjustments but retain our standards in terms of uniformity. The hotter summers may be an issue that we need to become accustomed to and what we have learned is that our school can safely, when the water supply permits, remain open. Students and staff have done well when the heat makes it more unpleasant.



It is at this time of year that we say farewell to colleagues and friends as they move onto new opportunities. Mrs Callander leaves us after eighteen years to take a break in her career. Mrs Ingle departs after 15 years in order to relocate, and Mrs Spellman retires after 14 ½ years of service at The Grange School. Mrs Liptrot and Mr O'Sullivan are leaving the English Department in order to take up new opportunities and Mrs Harkin leaves as Subject Leader for Art to take up a new opportunity. Similarly, Mr Ali and Miss McCormack leave us at the end of term to take up positions in new schools.

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We also say goodbye to Miss Tamplin, one of our Learning Support Assistants, who has secured a position as Teacher of Art in another Buckinghamshire secondary school. Mrs Fryatt, the school's Attendance Officer, also left at the end of term. Ms King, Mr Maynard, and Mrs Payne leave as Learning Support Assistants. Ms King has secured career progression and we wish her well in her new role. Finally, Mr Johnson leaves The Grange in order to pursue a change in career path.

We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Ms Muriuki and Mr Odulate who have been with us for the past year.



I'd like to thank all of my colleagues, who are leaving, for their support and commitment to The Grange and wish them every success in their new ventures.

This school year seems to have flown past and we have all benefited from returning very close to what we would consider normal. We now have the summer break, where the site team are busy getting the school ready for the September start. The summer holiday is always a busy time in terms of upkeeping and developing the school site. We also look forward to celebrating in the achievements of Year 11 and Year 13 students, who will have the opportunity to return to school to pick up their results in person.



In rounding up this year, I hope that everyone has an opportunity to take a break during the summer holiday period and thank you for the support that you offer to our students and school.

We'll look forward to welcoming all of our students back in September.

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Year Group Round-Ups

Year 7 - Mr Holmes and Mrs Picton

Rather than our usual piece summarising our half term we wanted to share with you the incredibly powerful speeches shared by two of our current Year 7 students at our transition events for parents.

Have you as parents ever wondered if your child would do amazing somewhere, or fit in, or stand out in a good way? 'm Jack, and I'm here to give you an insight or let's say a 'mental tour,' of the school.

Our school motto is 'WE CAN.' I've only been here, seen it, done it for a year, but despite that this year has taken me by storm. I always thought Secondary school would be tons of homework and strict teachers. Although there is homework, when you work with the teachers and make a good impression, you fly!

The teachers are clever at getting you to learn and think for yourselves. I can tell you are all thinking the same things. Will my child be ok? Or, my child is worried about getting lost around the school. Well, I have the answers to both of those questions...

The teachers look after you and aren't as mean as they look. Although some, who shall remain nameless, happen to be Arsenal fans (but you can't be perfect eh Sir?!)

Initially, buddies take you to your lessons and you get a paper timetable. To me, The Grange is an adventure. The teachers treat you like mini adults, getting to know you, for you. Fun lessons with something for everyone, from the canteen to after school clubs. From getting stuck into DT and Art lessons, to trying new things: the day flies! If you want a quiet space, the library is open. As parents, get ready to remove grass stains as sliding on the field at break is fun!

You will never need to worry about anything, except maybe the grass stains! The school is on top of it all. In the films and books, school is somewhere everyone hates or the 'kids' prison! The Grange doesn't do stereotypes. This is a different school. We are celebrated and told when we need a consequence, but there are no detentions for petty reasons or boring history teachers. Every child gets an equal opportunity, to learn, to play, to be looked after. Its my home from home. Great education, great wellbeing. Looks like you've picked the right school. Good choice!

Jack 71

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Hi, my name is Harry and I'm here to tell you parents of the new year sevens how my experience at The Grange was and how long it took to settle in.

During the summer holidays we did a two-day transition with two exciting days out doing team building events exercises while getting to know who our form members were and some of the teachers' names were prepared for the start of year

At the start of the year, we had two year ten buddies guide us around the school taking us to all our lessons for the first two weeks. They also gave us a warm welcome and made sure no one got lost along the way. If needed, we could ask them questions on who was who and what was what.

The teachers will always treat you with respect and treat you how they would treat the staff. They will never exclude your child from participating from an event but if needed you will be giving a warning on the traffic light system, so you know to calm down.

Although the school might seem a bit big on the outside it won't take your child long until they fully memorise where every classroom is. To help them know what lesson they got next, they will be given a paper timetable at the beginning of the year by their form tutors. It can also be accessed on Satchel One where all homework and achievement points are stored, and you can access at any time.

From my personal experience at The Grange so far it's been a laugh meeting some wonderful people and excellent teachers. Although it was challenging at first it does get easier and can make you feel at home. The year also goes so quick. Yesterday felt like the first day of year seven and now boom, you're already at the corner of year 8.

Harry H, 7D

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Year 8 - Mr Ali and Miss Bellin

As we come to the end of another academic year, we firstly want to start off by saying a massive well done to the Year 8s who have made it through their first 'proper' year at The Grange with maturity and with a positive attitude. We would also like to thank the Year 8 form tutors who, as ever, have done an excellent job in taking care of the pastoral and academic needs of their tutees.

As the students hit the 'reset' button in September, next year will be a pivotal for the year group as they start looking to choose their GCSE options. As a school we will be providing intense support in ensuring all students pick the pathway that is best suited to their future aspirations and ambitions.

On a personal note, we would like to say a thank you and good luck in the future to two Year 8 tutors, Mrs Callander and Mr O'Sullivan, who will be moving on from The Grange. They will be missed by the year 8 team and students alike.

Next year will see a change to the OVER Year Team Leader as I move on to pastures new. I would like to thank parents for their constant support over the past two years. Without your support we would not be able to do the job that we do. I am excited that Mrs Mathieu will be taking care of 8 OVER. She has been working with the year 8s very closely over the past two years and will be brilliant in taking them forward into year 9.

We wish all of you a brilliant, restful summer.



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Year 9 - Mr Walsh and Miss McCormack

Our apologies, but these were not available at the time of publication.

Year 10 - Miss Vakani and Mr Hains

We are so incredibly proud of Year 10 as they complete their first year of their GCSEs. They have worked very hard in their lessons, whilst producing coursework and during their week of mocks.

Over the last 6 weeks of the summer, so much happened. The students participated in their final Sports Day at The Grange School and they were an absolute joy to see! Their sportsmanship was second to none, and we thoroughly enjoyed watching them break past records.



During 'Employer Day', Year 10 had the opportunity to learn about sectors in the workplace that interested them. They were also able to liaise with professionals as well as take part in activities. They were fantastic throughout!

Some students were involved in the Enterprise scheme. 16 students participated in an app development challenge in collaboration with Florence Nightingale Hospice. On Friday 15th, both teams spoke to key stakeholders and then went onto presenting to four judges.

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Miss Devanney, who was in charge of the event said: "They did fantastically well." Team 'Powerup' also won the whole competition against other teams from Mandeville. A massive well done to all those who took part- you were amazing!

Year 10 have been superb over the last year- we can't describe just how proud of them we are as we watch them grow and mature. We wish them every bit of success as they move on into Year 11 after the summer.

For now, we'd like them to have a wonderful and safe summer making lots of memories, get lots of rest and recuperate for their busy year ahead.

Year 11 - Mrs Liptot and Mrs Jones

We were so proud of our fabulous Year 11 students that attended their prom on the 8th July at Missenden Abbey. It was lovely to see all of them expressing their individuality through their lovely attire - particularly loved seeing some of the girls helping themselves to the emergency flip flops that we had supplied as they quickly realised high heels aren't practical! They really rose to the occasion and made the night a great success. They were able to access a variety of entertainment and food and drink, such as a magician, DJ, crepe van, sweet stall, buffet, photographer, photo booth and the exclusive use of the secret garden, where they enjoyed an informal picnic. What a lovely way to end the year! Both The Grange and Missenden Abbey staff were very complementary of the way our Year 11 students conducted themselves. You did yourselves proud.

From us both, do take care, enjoy the rest of your summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Results Day!



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Sixth Form - Mr Russell

Year 12

Mock Exams/Study Leave

This term year 12 have been working hard to complete their mocks for all of their subjects, most students were on time, respectful and worked well the whole exam time. These, together with mocks in year 13 and in class assessments will form their predictions for further study.

Work Experience (11th – 15th July 2022)

Most of the students were able to secure work experience placements and were out of school learning new skills and experiencing a range of workplaces.

Sixth Form Leadership Team

Now we have lost the year 13's we were keen to appoint a new SFLT. Many great students put their names forward to be part of the SFLT and we are happy to have appointed a new team! Congratulations to Talyah D, Harry E, Kacper W, Danushke K, Kate O, Leonie H, Aiden B-D, Chloe J, Eden T, Luca I, Alex M and Rosie G. We will update our Sixth Form page on the website listing their important new roles over the Sumer break. We wish them all the best and look forward to what they decide to do with their new found opportunity!

Year 13

I would like to say a massive well done to year 13 for all of their hard work in their subjects and impressin me with their approach to their final exams.

Prom

The Year 13 prom took place at Kings Chapel in Old Amersham, the students did an incredible job securing, organising and decorating the venue, I think students were more determined this year as they missed out on their year 11 prom. The evening was brilliant, lots of dancing, great memories and photos that I am sure they will treasure for a long time to come!

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Miss Glenister - Key Stage 3 Lead

We have made it Key Stage 3! A full year at school back in the classroom and interacting face-to-face! It has been a long time since I could say that!

Our bulge year 7 have completed their first year here at the top of the leader board for attendance across the school at 92.4% as well as taking the top spot for achievement points with the average Year 7 student gaining 1,031 achievement points. Year 8 take second place with 91.3% attendance and an average of 906 achievement followed by Year 9 with 90.1% and an average of 825 achievement points. A special mention has to go to the following 3 students for ending the academic year with the most achievement points and zero behaviour points in their year group: Year 7 - AJay C, Year 8 - Evie W and Year 9 - Katie W.

It has been a busy term for all 3 year groups in the Key Stage. Year 7 were busy writing some letters back to their primary schools sharing how their first year at The Grange has gone - I read every single letter and was proud to send them to their chosen teachers and teaching assistants. We have been lucky enough to have some responses - even from schools in other countries. Year 7 students from Bedgrove and Broughton have also recently met with some staff from their primary schools at our 'coffee, cake and catch-up' afternoon. The number of students attended was our highest yet demonstrating how keen our Year 7s were to see their previous teachers and teaching assistants again.

Year 8 have been lucky enough to take the opportunity to go on a couple of day trips - one to the Bucks Skills show and one to the Black Country. The feedback from these has been very positive and it was so great to see students being able to get out of school for the day and benefit from these events.

Finally, Year 9 have chosen their GCSE options subjects after having attended the options workshops and the options evening. Year 9 have had 3 years studying all subjects The Grange has to offer so have hopefully been able to make an informed decision that is right for them as they head into Key Stage 4. From being their Head of Year in Year 7 to more recently being their Key Stage Leader, I wish each and every one of you the best of luck as you head into the next stage of your education. Work hard and finish each school day feeling proud of something you have achieved.

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Finally, we do have some movement of staff in the Key Stage 3 pastoral team. Congratulations to Mr Creeves who will unfortunately leave 7R as form tutor but become the Year 7 team leader for 7 DISCO alongside Mrs Picton. Congratulations also to Mrs Mathieu who will become the Year Team Leader for 8 OVER alongside Miss Bellin. Good luck to Mr O'Sullivan (8D form tutor), Mrs Callander (8V form tutor) and Miss McCormack (Year 9 OVER team leader) who will be leaving us this summer - we wish you the best of luck. Last but not least, I will hand over the baton to Mr Holmes to become the Key Stage 3 leader starting in Sept 2022. Congratulations Mr Holmes!

I wish all Key Stage 3 students and their families the best summer holidays. Enjoy special times with your friends and families making memories and look after each other. See you all in September



Mr Netley - Key Stage 4 Lead

I would firstly like to say a massive well done to all students in Key Stage 4 for getting through this academic Year. It has been a real challenge over the last few years and I have been immensely impressed with the attitude and approach students have taken to coming back into school for a full academic Year.

Year 10 students have shown great maturity towards their education with an excellent start to their GCSE courses. We were lucky to be able send our Year 10 students out on work experience again this academic year, which has not been able to take place for a couple of years. Students completed a one week placement, which was hugely successful and we received really good feedback from the work places. I hope Year 10 students have a restful summer ready to come back in September to work hard for their GCSE's.

Congratulations and well done to all our Year 11 students who completed their GCSE examinations this year. I look forward to seeing you all on results day in August. We will be saying goodbye to some of our Year 11 students who will not be staying on for Sixth Form next year. I wish you all the best for your next steps in education and beyond. For those students who will be returning for Sixth Form, we are looking forward to seeing you in September.

I hope you are all having a lovely summer break.

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Music Department Round-Up!

Life has got a lot more back to normal in the music department this term. We've been very busy with rehearsals and performances both in and out of school.

Jubilee Celebration

We joined with dancers from the PE department to collaborate with Turnfurlong Infant and Junior Schools to create a showcase of performances in Celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Members of our Choir went to Turnfurlong Junior School after school to rehearse a song and teach them a round that they all performed together in our Joint Jubilee Celebration on Friday 17th June. It was fantastic hearing all the voices together and a great opportunity for our singers to showcase their talents in another setting. Many of them had been students at the school previously and were pleased to see their teachers again and share how they were getting on. We particularly enjoyed performing The Greatest Day by Take That with Turnfurlong Infant School as they have learned how to perform the sign language as well.

Wendover Singers Summer Concert

The Choir was invited to take part in the inaugural concert of Wendover Singers at St Mary's Church, Wendover. This new community choir of about 60 people of all ages was set up two years ago but has not been able to hold a concert until now. We were invited to go and perform in their first ever public performance and to sing two numbers with them. The students arrived for a rehearsal on the Saturday afternoon in the church and were excited to see the lighting and sound set up for a slick, professional event. After a rehearsal of the combined numbers we had our own run-through and then enjoyed a picnic in the park opposite the church (until rain forced us back inside!).

The concert was fantastic and the audience was huge, in excess of 250 people giving a packed feeling to the venue. Although only 9 of our singers were available for that event they sang brilliantly and even managed to sing in 8 parts. The Wendover Singers very kindly gave the choir chocolates and a thank you card after the event saying "we really wowed them".

A huge thank you to the parents and students who supported this event and made it possible. We've already been invited to join them again in the future.

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Awards Evenings

With more events now back 'in-person' we were asked to provide some music as parents and students arrived at the KS3 Awards Evening on Thursday 30th June. It was lovely to have performances from Jeannie A (Y7) Teddy H (Y7) accompanied by Mr Hart (our violin teacher) Nia and Tegwen J (Y8 and 11) James G (Y9) and Niamh M (Y9). They really set the atmosphere for a fantastic celebration of achievement. The choir performed again singing a gospel song Encourage my Soul and Mrs Kirk's favourite, Whose pigs are these!



The KS4/5 Awards took place on 13th July and we were delighted to have some year 11 students, Mackay W and Lucas L back to perform along with Adrian S. Well done to all the students who performed as part of these awards events.

Orchestras for All

Throughout this year a group of dedicated Y7 students have given up their Thursday lunch to rehearse music for the Orchestras for All programme. This initiative allows us to bring our small orchestra of 10 players to join with other small orchestras from all over the country to create a large symphony orchestra. On Wednesday 6th July we travelled to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire for the National Modulo Meet. It was a very long day with the coach collecting us at 6 am and not returning us till 8pm! The students spent the day rehearsing and exploring music with other students with some even being given the opportunity to conduct the orchestra! We are all excited about welcoming even more players to join our orchestra next year. See Mrs Kirk if you would like to know more.

Summer Showcase

On Thursday 14th July we enjoyed a variety show of performances from the Music and Drama departments. The Choir, Orchestra and Guitar Club, who have given up their own time all year to rehearse, performed some of their favourite pieces. The Drama club produced three sketches and some excellent dance pieces. We had solo and small group performances from a number of students in years 7-13. It was fantastic to have such a variety of styles of music on show and to see the wonderful talents and hard work of so many of our students. Congratulations to all those who were involved, we can't wait to hear what you have in store for us next year.

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Mrs Kirk, The Music Department





Year 10 Employer Day



On 13 July, the school organised our first Employer Event. This involved all Year 10 students. The students were given the choice of two Career Sectors to visit. On the morning there were a range of 15 different employer talks. A huge thank you to the employers who put so much effort and enthusiasm into supporting the event. We were also provided with invaluable help from some of our Sixth Form students.



This year we included a range of different careers sectors. These were Animal Care, Armed Forces, Art, Business, Childcare and Teaching, Computing and IT, Construction, Games Design and Development, Hair and Beauty, Health and Social Care, Hospitality and Food, Law, Motor Mechanics, Medicine and Nursing and Sport. There was also an Assembly with a talk about apprenticeships and overview of working in Sport and the Armed Forces. Next year we hope to expand this list even further.

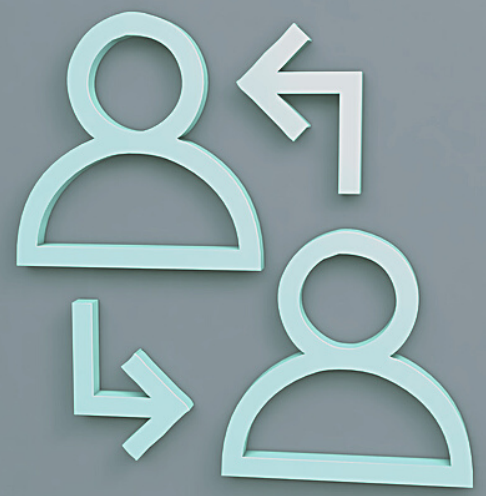
If you would like to be involved in future career events, please email the school office and we will be in touch to let you know about the range of different opportunities available throughout the academic year.

You can find out more about our Careers offer at <https://www.grange.bucks.sch.uk/curriculum/careers>

 THE GRANGE SCHOOL <i>Employer Day</i> 13 July 2022			
Admit: _____		_____	
First Session Period 2 - 9.55 - 10.50		Second Session Period 3 - 11.15 - 12.05	
Employer : _____	Location: _____	Employer : _____	Location: _____
Break Time from 10.50-11.15		12.05 all students back to Main Hall	

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Sue Kittles, Careers Adviser





Comments from Students

"Really fun for the Construction group as we got to use a digger. We had a good time, and the employer went out of his way to help us. Thanks to Chris from Lynch Machines."

"I learnt a lot about Law, the different areas in law such as family, property, human rights. Also, you can now qualify through an apprenticeship route."

"I found out about apprenticeships, the different levels and pay. I also now know about Higher and Degree Apprenticeships. I found out lots of good information about working in Animal Care and what different jobs involve. The Tiggywinkles' people were really interactive with everyone."

Comments from Employers

"The event was very good, I feel the sessions could have been marginally longer and maybe include a "careers fair" type session in the afternoon so students could ask questions to a range of employers they hadn't previously considered."

"I thought it was very well-organised and was impressed by the number of employers that you had managed to involve. "

"We found that with an active ice breaker the students were happier to freely ask questions and engage. The students were very polite and asked some key questions. It was great to see some that had a very clear direction for their future."

If you work in a role that would help us to expand the number of career areas next year, please get in touch via the school office. Our Annual Careers Fair will be held in January 2023.

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WELCOME



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

2023 ENTRY

OPEN EVENINGS

**WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER &
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

6.30PM-8.30PM

- Presentation from Mr Murray, Headteacher
- Guided and independent tours of the school
- Activities and displays of work
- Talk to our friendly staff and students
- Samples of our delicious canteen food

We look forward to welcoming you!

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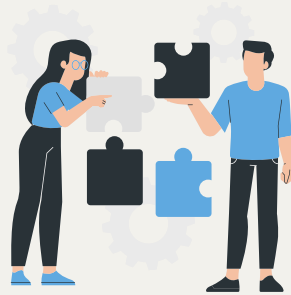


Florence Nightingale App Challenge

Towards the end of the Summer term, we had 16 year 10 students participate in an app development challenge in collaboration with Florence Nightingale Hospice. Both of our amazing teams spoke to key stakeholders during a display exhibition before presenting to 4 judges. They did fantastically well, and our team 'Powerup' won the whole competition against other teams from Mandeville.

The students were really proud of themselves and their hard work, just as we were! A huge well done!

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**WORK
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The Grange BIG Draw!

During the final few weeks of term in our Key Stage 3 skill lessons the students have collaborated across all lessons to create a massive piece of textiles design wallpaper inspired by natural forms.

Over 200 students took part in producing this incredible, creative, large-scale artwork and I think you would agree with us, that the final piece looks really striking!

Well done Grange Artists!



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Spelling Bee

Huge congratulations to Alyssa B and Michal B who were crowned winners of our annual Year 8 Spelling Bee. The pair made it into the final, competing against the top boy and girl of each Form Group.

The two students are pictured below picking up their prizes of new pens, markers, pencil case, flashcards and some delicious chocolate.

Well done to all of the students who took part and tried their best.





Friends Against Bullying

The Friends Against Bullying team (FAB) was initially launched some years ago but with staff changes and the pandemic it needed to be re launched.

We now have a regular group of around 15 students who meet every two weeks. Within this group we have re-written the school anti bullying policy which has now been agreed with the Governors and will be published on our website very soon. Our new policy has been simplified and is makes a clear definition of bullying as being 'a group or person repeating unkind behaviour to another group or individual'. We have adopted the DfE more complex one as well which you will be able to see on our policy.

We have also written a new charter for the whole school to sign up to which we will share with you in September and we hope that everyone will agree and promise to the statements within this.

We are in the process of developing a new logo for FAB and all members of the FAB team will have badges to show who they are.

The FAB team also had lunch with some of our Year 6 students when they came for an additional transition day a few weeks ago which really helped some of our more anxious Year 6 students starting next year.

Next year we will be undertaking the training from the Princess Diana Award and we will also promoting the anti bullying message in assemblies and activities for form time.

We actively encourage any students to become a member of FAB and we will continue in September to meet fortnightly.

We'll look forward to sharing further examples of our work in future editions of The Grange Gazette.

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Transition Events

What a fabulous two days we had on the 5th and 6th of June welcoming our brand new cohort of Year 7 students to our school.

The current Year 6 students spent their first day getting to know their new Form Tutor and fellow tutees. Our amazing Year 10 buddies supported them while they worked their way through a series of fun get to know you type activities. We concluded day one with a huge fit and funky session in our main hall where the students (and staff!) got to showcase their best moves!

Day two saw all students have the chance to experience different lessons at The Grange with tasters in Maths, PE, Design Technology, Art, Drama and Science. We were so very impressed with the work produced. Mr Murray concluded the two days with an inspirational assembly.

We very much hope the events helped our new students to feel more confident about joining us in September. We're already excited to welcome them back!

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Sports Day 2022

It has been so wonderful to have sports day back as a whole school event this year. The atmosphere on the hill and among supporters and the positivity that staff and students were sharing whilst waving their handmade banners was just brilliant. To add to that the weather was kind hot but not too hot. All off the participants were amazing giving everything for their forms as they ran, sprinted, threw and jumped.



Special mentions must go to this years record breakers; both of which went on to win the same event at district sports

Tye D who broke the 300m record set in 2014 running a time of 42.13 seconds and Trey R-P who broke the 400m record set in 2003 running a time of 54.05 seconds.

Other awards from sports day were as follows:

Year groups winners – 7C 8I 9s and 10I

House winner – 10I

The top Athletes were:

- Year 7 Milly D, Angel S, Theo K
- Year 8 Olivia M, Gordon G, Will J, Tye D
- Year 9 Jasmine F, Bobby S
- Year 10 Rosie L, Lewis M

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make it such a very special day!

We can't wait to do it all over again next academic year!



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Mrs Shepherd, PE Department





Panathlon Event

On 21 June I took the amazing year 10 young leaders listed below out to Stoke Mandeville Stadium where they led primary schools of deaf and other SEN children in a Panathlon competition.

The organisers were blown away from the start with the fabulous attitude from our students and had nothing but praise throughout the day. All of our students did us proud and the primary school teachers also commented how good they were.

The way the students interacted with the primary students was lovely to see, using problem solving skills as some of them couldn't hear instructions so they had to find different ways of getting the instructions across!

A fabulous day with a wonderful group of students, showcasing how amazing our students at The Grange are. The students all commented that they had a fab day and that it was really fun.

Well done to Malaki W, Alfie M, Noah B, George P, Chris B, Owen M, Rosie L, Evie M, Ella S, Abinaya B and Morgan E



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A Note From The Chair of Governors

I think this is the first time I have been able to write after a reasonably 'normal' term. I have certainly appreciated being able to go into school on a regular basis and meeting some staff and pupils as have other governors. The summer term is such a significant one for so many students:

public exams for Years 11 and 13, GCSE choices to be made for Year 9 and, for some, saying farewell. There have clearly been added pressures this year as students returned to exams after a 2 year gap but when I saw students coming out of the exam hall I was pleased that most seemed relaxed and positive.

I thought I would give a little more background to what governors do; governors are not education specialists but people with an interest and enthusiasm in helping our young people get the best start possible.

We help to set the overall strategic direction of the school, agree its policies, set challenging targets and monitor progress. Key tasks include monitoring finances, providing support to the Headteacher and senior leadership and making sure that the school is compliant with current regulations and best practice. This is why a range of skills and experience amongst governors is so useful.

This term just a few of the things we have been involved in include the recruitment of a new Assistant Head, undertaking visits to help ensure that the school complies with Health and Safety matters, meeting with the SEND lead to understand some of the challenges being faced by both school and families and meeting with staff to ensure improvement strategies in relation to the curriculum and attendance management are on track.

Good luck and best wishes to all the students who are leaving us, enjoy the next step in your life. We look forward to meeting more of the returning students on our visits next year and welcome to our new students.

Have a wonderful summer.

Zena Sutcliffe, Chair of Governors



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Queen's Baton Event

On 6 June we took 21 leaders to Stoke Mandeville Stadium to assist with the Commonwealth Games Queens Baton relay. The Baton started its journey on Monday 4 July and finished on 28 July in Birmingham where the opening ceremony was held.



Our leaders were there to manage the set up of the relay and cheer on the primary school children. They then lead a fun multi skills circuit of activities to get them active and participating themselves.

Once again our Grange students did us proud and created a fun and competitive atmosphere for the primary students to engage in.

"They have all demonstrated fantastic leadership skills when organising and running these events"

Mrs Bradley, PE Department

Leadership at The Grange School



During this term our students in years 9,10 and 12 have been involved in leading at several sporting events including football, multiskills, The Year 6 games, primary school sports day and a panathlon.

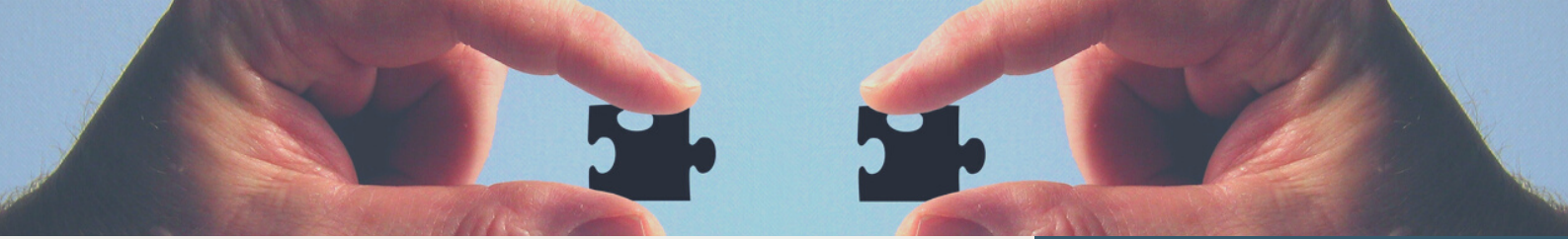
The events have involved pupils from year 3 to 6 of a range of abilities where our students have demonstrated their capabilities to communicate, motivate,

encourage and above all support the young pupils in reaching their potential.

They have all demonstrated fantastic leadership skills when organising and running these events and not only have done themselves proud but the feedback from staff in other educational settings has been so positive. Our students are AMAZING!

Mrs Bradley





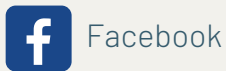
A Note from the Attendance Office

A gentle reminder that all absences should be reported by telephone on 01296 390919 or via the attendance email attendance@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Please can notes and medical evidence also be brought into school prior to appointments rather than on the day. Many thanks for your continued support.

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In addition, we're always delighted to hear from our stakeholders to address your feedback.....

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