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The Grange Gazette

Official Newsletter of The Grange School

Thoughts from the Headteachers Desk

This term saw the school hold a successful Careers Fair with thirty eight employers and education providers present to share what they have available for young people. Students in Year 8 and above had the opportunity to visit the Fair and discuss their interests with those exhibiting on the day. Similarly last week, Miss Devanney and Mr Sabin shared information in assembly and during form time relating to apprenticeships and National Apprenticeship Week



During the next half of term, I look forward to meeting Year 11 students for a 1 to 1 discussion, to review their current progress and ensure that they have plans for next September. It also enables me to have at least one conversation with every student as they pass through our school. For me this is important and very much a highlight of my year.

It is important that our Year 11 students have plans for their next steps and I am always reassured that they have given this a good deal of thought. At 16 there are options, and we try to ensure that our students are aware of the different pathways available to them. We would naturally want a good number to stay with us at The Grange but appreciate that our 6th Form offer does not meet the aspirations and ambitions of everyone.

There has been a great deal of activity happening over the past half-term which has kept students active and busy. The Culture Week Dance was very popular with students at lunchtime and was a great example of students working together to put on a show for their fellow students which celebrated the cultural diversity that we enjoy at The Grange.

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We have experienced success on the sports field with our Year 11 Boys Football Team reaching, for the third year in succession, the final of the Buckinghamshire competition. Hopefully they will go on to win the competition. Our Year 11 Girls Football Team are also experiencing success in their respective Buckinghamshire competition by reaching the semi-finals and awaiting their fixture to see if they too can reach the final. The Buckinghamshire competition is very competitive and is a special achievement for both sides to go so far.

Last week it was a privilege to attend the school's production of Footloose. I was mesmerised from start to finish and sat in awe at the quality of performance that I was seeing on stage. I greatly appreciate the time and effort that goes into delivering such a special event; from the cast, the backstage and light and sound crews, to the staff who give their time and expertise to challenge the interests and talents of our students. It was a memorable event and one that I am sure will have created life long memories.

During this term the school has hosted students and staff from other schools in two events. We hosted one of the preparation days for the Model United Nations where the main event will be held in the Oculus, at The Gateway, Aylesbury. It is a fantastic experience where students can debate the motion set by the Model United Nations, representing the views and interests of the country that they represent. The school also hosted The Rotary Club for their annual technology competition. As a community school it is important that we open our doors to support the activities of the wider educational community of Aylesbury.

We have also appreciated the visits of our local MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith, who revisited the school to meet with our curriculum Skippers to take part in the national current debate surrounding the secondary curriculum. Our students do have a voice and it crucial that it is heard in matters that effect their education.

Students will no doubt be looking forward to a break in the term and those who have departed with the Ski Visit will, I am sure, have a fantastic time.

The second half of the spring term brings with it the lighter mornings and longer days, and I hope it will not be long before students can enjoy spreading out on the school field during break and lunchtime. Enjoy your break and refresh ready to go again.



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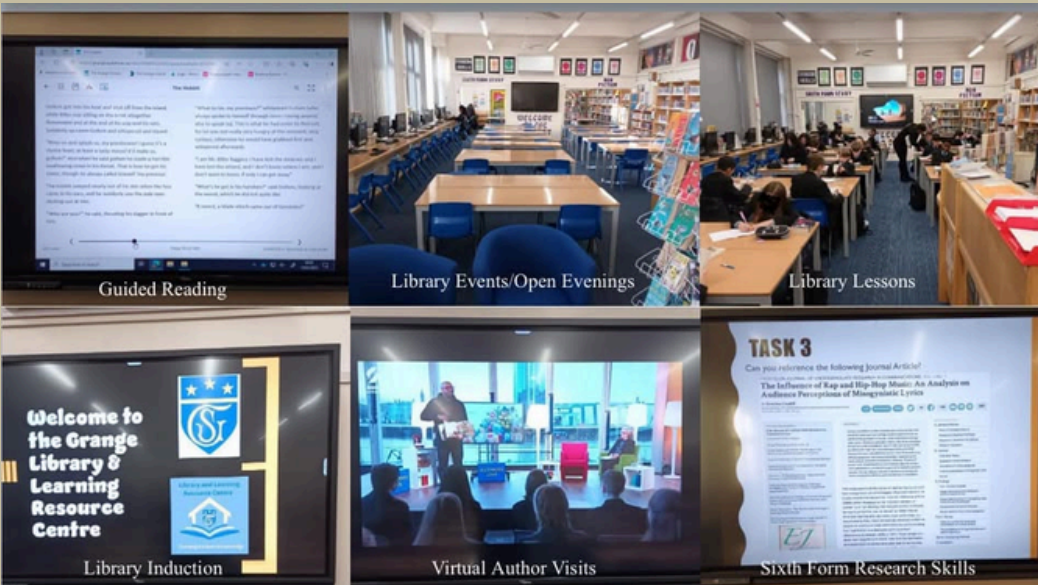
FUNDRAISING

Friends of The Grange School Update

Our wonderful school PTA, The Friends of The Grange School work tirelessly all year round raising money for the school. Their fantastic events which they both plan and host, are well attended and valued by our whole school community and in addition we are always grateful for their support at our own in school events.

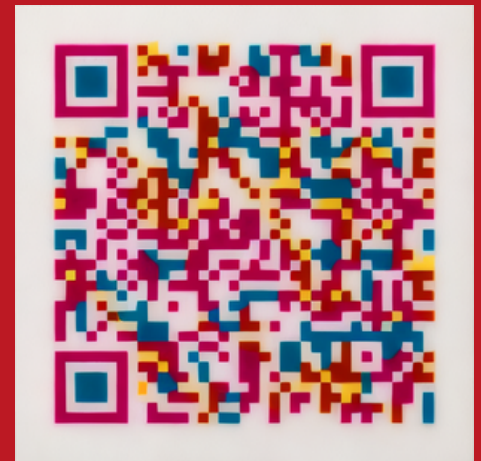
This half term the team have supported numerous events including Parents Evenings and our school production of Footloose by providing a range of delicious refreshments.

We were pleased to see the new multi use screen in place in the school library. It was purchased late last year with funds raised by the PTA. As you can see from these examples it will be used by everyone across the school for years to come.



Moving forward into the next half-term the team are getting set to host the incredibly popular Disco Bingo on Friday 28 March 2025. Tickets are on sale now via Sum up. Gather a team of friends, family and colleagues now for what promises to be a brilliant evening!

In the Summer Term we will be looking to organise another of our popular pre-loved uniform sales. More details will follow in the Parent and Carer Bulletin. As per our 'Wanted' poster, we would warmly welcome any items of clean, good quality uniform items next half-term (with the exception of shirts as we have an ample supply). Your children can take these straight to the team at reception who will sort and organise the items. Thank you in advance for your support with this initiative which supports our families and raises vital funds for the school.



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DISCO

BINGO

28 March 2025

7.30pm - 9.45pm



**£10 ENTRY PER PERSON
PRIZES TO BE WON
BYO DRINKS AND SNACKS**

PAYMENT VIA SUM UP

<https://friends-of-the-grange-school.sumupstore.com>

WANTED



All items of school and PE uniform are now being collected at reception for our PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale.



Gym Leaders Event

On Tuesday 11 February a team of our Gymnastic Leaders were invited to Stoke Mandeville Stadium to support an exciting event.

Isabelle M in Year 9 shares her thoughts on the experience:

"Recently I participated along with a few others friends in Year 9 in a gymnastic event. We had a short training session on Friday 7 February where we were given some sheets and guidance about how to judge and what would be involved. We kept the information until the day and it was very helpful, especially for those of us who had no previous judging experience.

On the day, we were briefed about what to do and we went to our specific station - ours was the vault. We started with the Year 3 and 4 vault and the moved on to Year 5 and 6 towards the middle of the day. Each time a school came around to vault, the teachers communicated with us, the children had their warm up and then had their turn to showcase their skills and talents!

There were six gymnasts vaulting in sequence and our team of three took turns to judge. We added the totals of each school on our vault and then the final scores were totalled by the adults.

As judges, we also got to present medals to schools in first, second and third place. It was a very fun, enjoyable and educational experience. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day!

Thank you so much to Mrs Shepherd for organising this event on behalf of our school with Rose from Insignis.



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Parent Survey Results

At the end of the Autumn Term, we asked all of our parents and carers to complete our annual survey asking the 'Big Questions'. These were a combination of the Ofsted style questions parents/carers often get asked about their child's school as well as some 'Grange School' specific questions for which we were keen to get parents & carers opinions. A total of 117 responses were collected and analysed.

We have been sharing the results of this annual survey with not only parents & carers but also the wider community on our social media pages which now include: Facebook - thegrangeaylesbury, Instagram - @thegrangesch and Threads - @thegrangesch.

So far, we have shared the following results - one per week - on our social media pages:

88% of parents/carers who answered the survey agreed or strongly agreed their child is happy in school. Last year, this was also 88%.

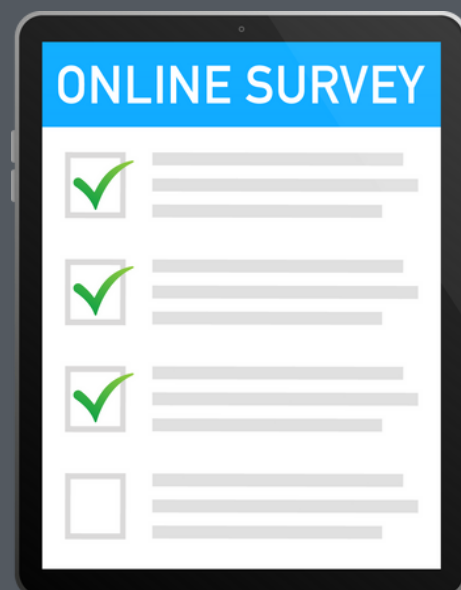
93% of parents/carers who answered the survey agreed or strongly agreed their child feels safe in school. Last year, this was 91%.

76% of parents/carers who answered the survey agreed or strongly agreed the school makes sure students behave well. Last year, this was 69%.

60% of parents/carers who answered the survey agreed or strongly agreed the school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the school year. Last year, this was 54%.

79% of parents/carers who answered the survey agreed or strongly agreed that when they have raised a concern with the school, they have been dealt with properly. 26% have not raised a concern.

"Thank you to the 117 parents and carers who took the time to answer our survey. Your feedback is valued and much appreciated."





Below are some lovely additional comments we would like to share to show our appreciation for taking the time to not only complete the survey but also to leave some further words.

"Excellent communication. Good awareness of what my child is doing at school. Good recognition of work and effort with achievement points. Very good transition programme for Year 7"

Year 7 Parent

Year 8 Parent: "I can't recommend this school highly enough. I love that you acknowledge good behaviour of students and frequently reward them for this. The opportunities both in and out of school are excellent."

Year 8 Parent

"Support for my child regarding their wellbeing in unusual circumstances have been very good and very much appreciated"

Year 9 Parent

"My child has blossomed at The Grange and developed a real love for learning which is great to see. All of the staff I have had communication with have been professional and very helpful."

Year 10 Parent

We will continue to share more results on a weekly basis. Thank you to all those parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is valued and much appreciated.

"We will continue to share more results on a weekly basis through our Parent and Carer Bulletin, Social Media pages and future editions of The Grange Gazette."



Music Department Update

It's been another jam packed half-term for our wonderful music department! Here's what we've been up to:

Footloose

It was a pleasure to work in partnership with the Dram Department to put on our school production. You can read the full article on page 21 and 22.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are offering a wide range of extra-curricular groups this year. All of these groups are open to musicians of every level. Students can speak to their music teacher to find out more.

"Speak to your music teacher to find out more about our extra-curricular clubs."

SPRING TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC TIMETABLE

DAY	CLUB	TIME	YEAR GROUPS	LOCATION
MONDAY	SOLO PRACTICE	WEEK 1 LUNCH A WEEK 2 LUNCH B	YEAR 7, 9 AND 11 YEAR 8, 10 AND 12	MUSIC BLOCK
	CHOIR	3.00-3.45PM	YEAR 7, 8 AND 9	MUSIC BLOCK
TUESDAY	THEORY BREAKFAST	8.00 - 8.25AM	ALL YEAR GROUPS	MUSIC BLOCK
	SOLO PRACTICE	WEEK 1 LUNCH A WEEK 2 LUNCH B	YEAR 7, 9 AND 11 YEAR 8, 10 AND 12	MUSIC BLOCK
	ORCHESTRA	3.00-3.45PM	YEAR 7, 8 AND 9	MUSIC BLOCK
WEDNESDAY	GUITAR/UKULELE CLUB	WEEK 1 AND 2 LUNCH A	YEAR 7, 9 AND 11	MUSIC BLOCK
	SENIOR CHOIR (INCLUDING STAFF)	3.00-3.45PM	YEAR 10-13	MUSIC 1
	KEYBOARD CLUB	3.00-3.45PM	YEAR 7-13	MUSIC 2
THURSDAY	TECH CREW	3.00-3.45PM	YEAR 7, 8 AND 9	MUSIC BLOCK



Instrumental Tuition

We have teachers visiting us every week for students to learn Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum Kit, Piano, Violin, Clarinet and Trumpet.

If you would like to learn a musical instrument sign up at <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

For Classical guitar, contact Mrs Kirk at akirk@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Upcoming Music Events

Bucks Primary Choir of The Year - Monday 31 March 2025

We are delighted to be hosting this event where visiting choirs from local primary schools will compete for the title of Choir of the Year.

Concert with Cake - Thursday 3 April 2025

Performances by extra-curricular music groups, soloists and small groups with delicious baked goods!

Summer Showcase - Monday 7 July 2025

Performances by school extra-curricular groups, soloists and small groups.

"More information regarding our other events which are set to take place before the close of the academic year will be communicated via our Parent and Carer Bulletin."



 **Mark your Calendar** 



Student Skipper Team Progress!

After a full skipper meeting at the start of the new term, our Skippers have not stopped!

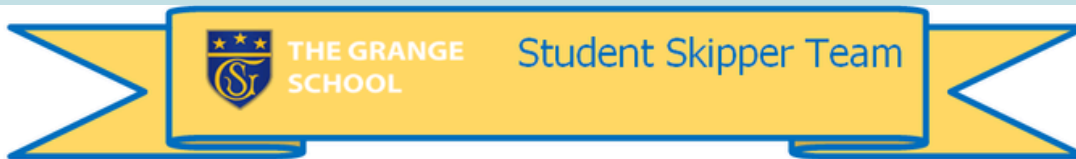
Careers Fair

On Thursday 23 January, our Sports and Extra-Curricular Skippers helped run our annual Careers Fair which included helping to welcome our guests, set up their stalls and be of assistance throughout the day to ensure it ran smoothly.

Model United Nations Challenge

On Friday 28 January, our Community and Events Skippers helped Miss Brown and Mr Pynn to run the Model United Nations Challenge which welcomed students and staff from other schools to participate. Our Skippers played the perfect hosts!

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	Pastoral e.g. behaviour for learning, rewards, safety	Equalities & Culture e.g. LGBTQ, FAB, racism, gender	Sports & Extra-Curricular e.g. clubs, teams and events	Curriculum e.g. subjects areas, schemes of work, GCSE options	Community and Events e.g. charity events, theme days
YEAR 7 STUDENT LEADERS	Form Reps	Form Reps	Form Reps	Form Reps	Form Reps
YEAR 8 STUDENT LEADERS	Khloe C 8E Charlie B 8E Amilia P 8E	Georgie P 8D Tommy S-S 8S Erver M 8D	Aubrey H 8E Ellie B 8V Aamina K 8E	Ahmed A 8E Sienna C-S 8E Amera H 8R	Neve C 8D Matthew R 8E Abi B 8V
YEAR 9 STUDENT LEADERS	Rosie J 9R Halaika H 9S Ayan P 9D	Isabelle M 9S Sofia H 9S Alice T 9D	Lily A 9I Freya P 9V Ruby G 9I	Antonio T 9C Daisy H 9D Ellie-Mai B 9D Tobiasz F 9D	Anabelle C 9C Inayah J 9S Millie B 9E
YEAR 10 STUDENT LEADERS	Ava-Rose B 10S Ajay C 10S Daisy H 10D	Felix L 10S Bethan E 10D Paige H 10S	Imogen A 10S Sophie B 10V Zayyan J 10D	Hayley F 10I Caitlin B 10V Sam B 10I	Zelda G 10D Tafari R 10C
YEAR 11 STUDENT LEADERS	Prefects	Prefects	Prefects	Prefects	Prefects
6TH FORM STUDENT LEADERS	Leadership Team	Leadership Team	Leadership Team	Leadership Team	Leadership Team

Vaccination Day

On the 28 January, our Pastoral Skippers were an incredible help to our First Aid Officer and the team of school nurses in running our Year 9 vaccination day. Skippers ensured our Year 9 students were in the correct location at the correct time to ensure the sessions ran smoothly.





Culture Week

We also cannot forget the return of Culture Week 2025. A huge number of Skippers volunteered to help Mr Salmon plan, organise and run a very successful Culture Week. Skippers have been meeting and working together for months in advance of this event and I am sure they will be happy with the outcome.

Staff Interviews

Our Skippers have formed student panels for multiple staff interviews. In total this half term, we have formed five student panel interviews and our Skippers are not shy to share their thoughts on potential new candidates. They know what they want, that's for sure!

Catering Feedback

Our catering manager, Chris, met with the full team of Skippers at the end of January to get their views on the food, service, prices and anything else they wished to discuss. Chris was extremely impressed with what they could offer and it has definitely given him some food for thought!

Enterprising Skills

Our Skippers sold Valentine's items to our students and staff during lunch breaks in the last week of term. The Skippers chose the items themselves and the school placed their order. A great test of their entrepreneurial skills!

Skipper Logs

Our Skippers are continuing to document and log all of their activities on their individual Skipper logs which are checked on a half termly basis. With so many of our students across the school expressing an interest in becoming Skippers, it is vital that Skippers make the most of this prestigious role in school.

The Curriculum Skippers

The team have been reflecting on what they have enjoyed about their role since September. Here are some of their thoughts about why they enjoy their role:

"I want to be a teacher. The Skipper role gives me insight into the curriculum and what it consists of across our school." Ellie Mai B

"I like helping people and this role allows me to have input into changes in school around my subjects and my learning." Antonio T

"I like giving a voice to the students and having the opportunity to share my ideas around learning with my teachers." Hayley F

"My position has allowed me to communicate better with my peers and grow my confidence. I have spoken in assemblies, staff meetings and briefings." Caitlin B

"It helps me to share my ideas and have them listened to. For example we have discussed the importance of practical subjects in our curriculum." Daisy H

"I enjoyed meeting with our local MP to discuss our curriculum and give my point of view." Tobi F

We look forward to the exciting things they have planned for next term!

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Our Skippers have been interviewing our Teachers! Here's the first interview from Ellie-Mai B in Year 9 with Mr Oyeleye.

What is the best thing about being a Science teacher?

Helping students develop an investigative mindset which helps them to learn better. Science is special, you want students to be curious and ask questions.

What is your favourite practical to teach?

My favourite practical to teach is feeding and raising mosquitos in the lab.

If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share?

For them to know time is precious. Don't waste it, use it well.

What did you do before you became a teacher?

I was a student.

Why did you become a Science teacher?

To help students excel and succeed in the difficult field of Science. To support them and help them achieve.

What is your favourite thing about Science?

My favourite thing is that no answer is wrong in Science. If you're doing something and you get a result you aren't satisfied with it can help you improve.

If you could take the students on a Science trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them and why?

Anywhere research is being done.

What would students be surprised to find out about you?

I like basketball. I play basketball very often.

Looking Ahead

The Skippers will be getting back to working on creating their own job description and person specification for this leadership role ready to introduce and promote the role to our Year 7 students later in the year.

Our Curriculum Skippers will be delivering some assemblies alongside Mrs Kenny as well as continuing to present in morning staff briefings and contribute to the staff weekly bulletins.

Finally, the Skippers have and will continue to work together more closely with the Sixth Form Leadership Team on some joint projects which benefit all students from Years 7-13.

A short but extremely busy term for our Skippers!

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Careers Team Update

We have had a busy and exciting half-term in the careers department. Here's some of our highlights so far!

Careers Fair 2025

A fabulous event at the end of January which gave students the chance to explore their futures by engaging with our 38 exhibitors. You can read more about this successful project in the article on page 19.

BTEC Recruitment and Selection Interview Business Day

On Friday 24 January, Year 13 BTEC Business students participated in a Recruitment and Selection Interview Event organised by Mr Haycock as part of their course. They were all interviewed by external business people and governors who very generously gave up their time to support our school. All of the students did really well! It really helped boost their confidence and helped to prepare them for the world of work. Our visitors described the students as "ambitious, focused, confident and on the right path for success!" We are very proud of you all!

Work Experience

Year 10 students are busy securing their work experience placements which are scheduled for 12-23 May 2025. We have extended the deadline for students to organise these until Monday 31 March as per the recent letter home.

National Apprenticeship Week

Several assemblies were delivered to students as well as a wonderful and informative presentation focused on Apprenticeships in Law. Former Grange School Student and former President of the Law Society, Stephanie Boyce, shared her journey before introducing two colleagues who themselves are currently going through the apprenticeship process. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged and we were so proud to see the confidence they displayed as they stood to formally introduce themselves before delivering some very well thought though and mature questions.

Inspirational Alumni

Students have been voting on Alumni names for an exciting project to set to showcase the successful journeys of some of our former students since leaving The Grange School. Assemblies delivered to Years 7-10 on ex-Grange students who have gone on to have very successful careers with the underlying message of 'we absolutely can.' Students voted using our tubes and tokens to choose from three options; 1) Grange Grads 2) Wall of Fame and 3) Grange GOATS (Greatest of All Time). The votes have been counted and verified and will be shared with the staff and students after half term but it was very close between two options in particular.



Rotary Competitions

As a school, we have taken part in three competitions organised by the Rotary Club of Aylesbury this half-term.

Youth Speaks

What a wonderful evening we had on the 16 January at the [Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds](#) Youth Speaks Competition. Mr Salmon took a team of three of our Year 9 boys, Mbongeni D, Thisanan P and Owen H who bravely competed against 6 other talented teams from schools across Buckinghamshire.

The boys delivered a superb presentation as they debated that 'video games should be banned for under 16's.' Their take away point being balance not ban; moderation is the key. We are proud to share that we came away with a fantastic second place! A huge well done to the boys for their teamwork, presentation skills and can do attitude and a big thank you to Mr Salmon for supporting the boys every step of the way.

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**ROTARY CLUB OF AYLESBURY
HUNDREDS
YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION**





Technology Tournament

Another brilliant Rotary Club event, this time for Technology which our school proudly hosted on Monday 10 February.

Students from schools across Buckinghamshire battled it out as they used their STEM knowledge (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) alongside their team work skills to tackle the challenging brief that has been set.

Whilst we didn't come away with a trophy this year, our Year 10 team placed a credible third. We all certainly learnt a lot from this fantastic experience and were proud to have taken part once again. A huge well done to our teams of students from Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 and thank you to Miss Friend for coordinating the project on behalf of the school.

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Young Chef Competition

The Rotary Young Chef Competition is organised and promoted by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GB&I).

There are four stages to the competition, each designed to support and encourage the development of young people's culinary skills and confidence. The competition aims to encourage young aged 11-17 years old people to:

- Learn how to cook a healthy meal
- Develop food presentation skills
- Consider food hygiene issues
- Develop organisational and planning skills Develop an ability to cope in a demanding situation

Shoaib in Year 8's, Two Course Menu was successfully short listed and as a result he was invited to cook his menu live in the local cook-off heat where he cooked for the Head Chef of Hartwell House!

The finished food, in addition to the table setting were judged. While there, Shoaib met the President of the Rotary Club and The Mayor of Aylesbury! Fantastic job Shoaib!

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Culture Week 2025

With our school being so wonderfully diverse, Culture Week 2025 which ran from 3-7 February was an excellent opportunity to bring our differences to life in a meaningful and creative way.

Throughout the week, we witnessed breathtaking cultural expressions through poems, music, food, dance, colourful informative displays and traditional attire. It was truly inspiring to see students and staff engaging wholeheartedly and learning more about the world and each other.

It truly was a wonderful experience for us to share together as a whole school community and one where we have valued diversity, fostered mutual respect and celebrated the unique identities that make up our vibrant community.

We are pleased to announce that £327.11 has been procured from the Culture Week bake sale and will be donated to Save the Children.

Thank you once again to Mr Salmon for organising the event and to all of the students who worked so hard leading up to the event and throughout the week.





Careers Fair 2025

On Thursday 23 January we hosted our annual Careers Fair. Over 1000 students engaged with our 38 exhibitors from across a whole range of different industries and educational partners. So many questions asked and so much information gleaned to support our young people as they explored their futures!

A massive thank you to all of our visitors for their time and boundless energy to support this event – it is truly valued and appreciated! Thank you too to our Careers Team led by Mr Sabin and Mrs Devanney who did an amazing job as always organising the event.

The day ran super smoothly thanks to the extra help from our Sixth Form students and Student Skippers who as always were a credit to themselves and the school.

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Model United Nations Training

It was an absolute pleasure to have hosted the second round of training for schools across Buckinghamshire for the Model United Nations Schools Project which is coordinated by Buckinghamshire Council.

We have already learnt so much from this interactive learning experience. Not only have we had the chance to study and discuss global issues, but along the way, we are also developing crucial skills such as research, persuasive writing, public speaking, problem solving, consensus building, conflict resolution, compromise and cooperation.

This inspirational project culminates with the final MUNGA conference on the 7 March at The Oculus, at The Gateway, Aylesbury. We can't wait to see our students in action!

Thanks to Mrs Brown and Mr Pynn for supporting our students with this project and as always thank you to our Student Skippers who are such an incredible support at all of the events we run.

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Everybody Cut Footloose!

On Thursday 13 and Friday 14 February we were incredibly proud to present our school Musical Footloose! The show tells the story of teenager Ren McCormack, from Chicago (Niamh C). He and his mother (Sofia T) move to the small town of Bomont after his father abandons them. Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including the Reverend Bomont (Jack M) who has convinced the town to outlaw dancing. With the help of Ariel (Olivia S) the Reverend's daughter and Willard (Bethan E), Ren convinces the Reverend to let the teenagers dance, and in the process helps the town to heal from a tragedy that has affected them all.

Show Director, Mrs Gordon said

"Having directed and produced many school productions over the last 30 years, I am still inspired and enchanted by the processes that our students go through in order to create a meaningful piece of theatre.

The purpose of a school production is to help build the confidence the students need to command a stage. They are obliged to step out of their comfort zone and overcome their insecurities.

Throughout the last few months of sheer hard work, the entire cast and crew of Footloose have learnt about resilience, forged new friendships and experienced pure empathy. It was an honour and a privilege to direct the show."

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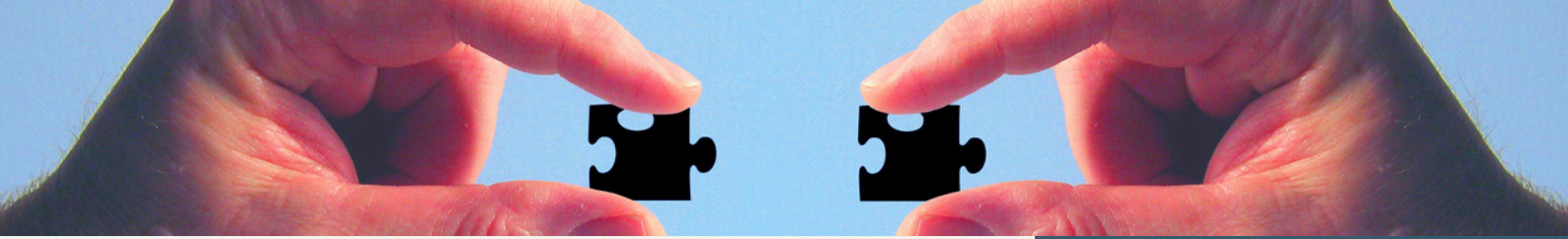
Curriculum Coordinator for Performance Studies. Mr Dawson said:

"Footloose is a physically demanding and technically challenging work to stage, especially in a school setting. As a new member of the staff team at The Grange, I have been swept away by the enthusiasm, love for the art of performance in music and acting, and dedication to high quality throughout, that our production team have shown. Powerful skills have been honed, and life-long memories have been made by this wonderful cast of performers!"

Thank you to everyone who came to see the show, to our staff team for giving up so many hours of their time to make the show a reality and of course to each and every member of the cast and crew whose talent and hard work brought this show to life.

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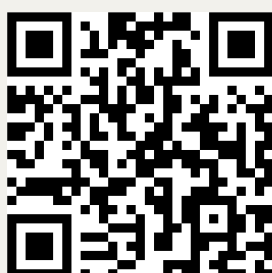




Communication is Key



Keep up to date with all of the latest goings on in school via our social media accounts.



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

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A Note from the Attendance Office

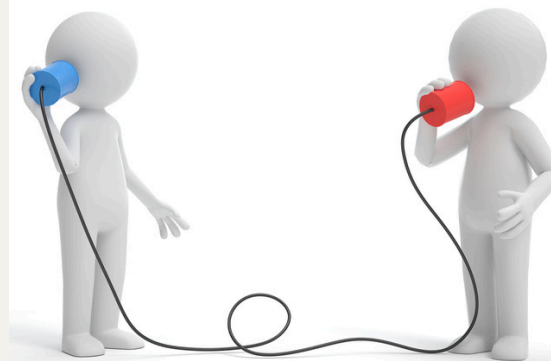
A gentle reminder that all absences should be reported by telephone on 01296 390959 or via the attendance email attendance@grange.bucks.sch.uk before 8.30am.

Please can notes and medical evidence also be brought into school 48 hours prior to appointments rather than on the day of the appointment.

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance at any time please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Scroggs.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**"Our whole
School
Attendance
Target is
set at 97%"**



Every School Day Counts!

0 Days off School	100%	Perfection!
2 Days off School Each Year	99%	Excellent
5 Days off School Each Year	97%	Good
10 Days off School Each Year	95%	Slight Concern
20 Days off School Each Year	90%	Concerned
30 Days off School Each Year	85%	Very Concerned

5 days absence
over the whole
year

97-100%

Good chance
of success and
progress

20 days absence
over the whole
year

90%

Less chance of
success. Harder
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20+ days absence
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Under 90%

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Grange School Target 97%



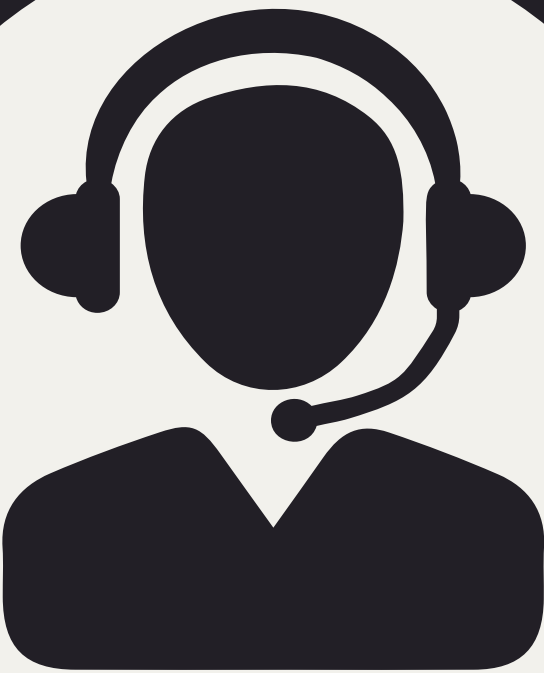
Parent and Carer IT Support

A reminder that if students are experiencing any school IT related issues that our dedicated IT Support Team work through both the term time and school holidays and are available to assist.

You can contact them on parent-IT-help@grange.bucks.sch.uk and they will be happy to help.

We have a [dedicated page on our website](#) which provides information and advice for all things IT related.

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THEATRE

Year 7 Pantomime Trip, December 2024

Just before we closed our school doors for Christmas, we invited and organised for all our Year 7 students to go to a showing of The Further Adventures of Peter Pan at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

The students were joined by the form tutors, Year Team Leader, Miss Curtis and some of our wonderful Learning Support Assistants.

When the student returned to school, they completed a review of the performance. Here are some of the things they had to say:

"My favourite part was when Peter Pan flew over us" Lilly 7E - rated 5 stars

"My favourite part was the TikTok crocodile - it was so fun to dance along" Georgia 7C - rated 5 stars

"My favourite part was the finale with all the sparkly outfits" Theo 7E - rated 4 stars

"I loved the 12 days of Christmas song, especially the bra made to fit three" Holly 7C - rated 4.5 stars

"My favourite part was when the pirates were jumping over the box doing flips and different stunts" Evie 7I - rated 5 stars

"My favourite part was the fire because it was really tall and I could feel the heat" Mohammed 7I

I absolutely adored the show. My favourite part was when the pirates were doing stunts. That must have taken years of training to pull off" Tori 7D

"I liked the part where workers of Captain Hook started doing a circus performance with a trampoline and did crazy stuff" Senula 7D

"I enjoyed the show, but I can't pick my favourite part, because the entire show was amazing" Emelia 7D

This is the first time we have run this trip and were keen to broaden our student's experiences outside the classroom as part of our Extra-Curricular opportunities. It is pleasing to see the students enjoyed their day and we will look to run this again in the future.

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Library Update

It's been another busy half-term in our School Library and Learning Resource Centre.

Readers of the Month

Congratulations to our students below for consuming an impressive amount of reading material throughout the month of January!

Year 7 - Goodness O

Year 8 - Leon S

Year 9 - Ash A

Year 10 - Tadiwa M

Year 11 - Zuzanna G

Year 12 - Rijaab M

Year 13 - Ayesha K

Culture Week

Alongside our displays of books from other cultures, we ran a map challenge. Students were asked to send us titles of books set in their country of origin.

Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month 'Totally Deceased' by Sue H. Cunningham has been shortlisted for Bucks Book Award. Why not give it a try?

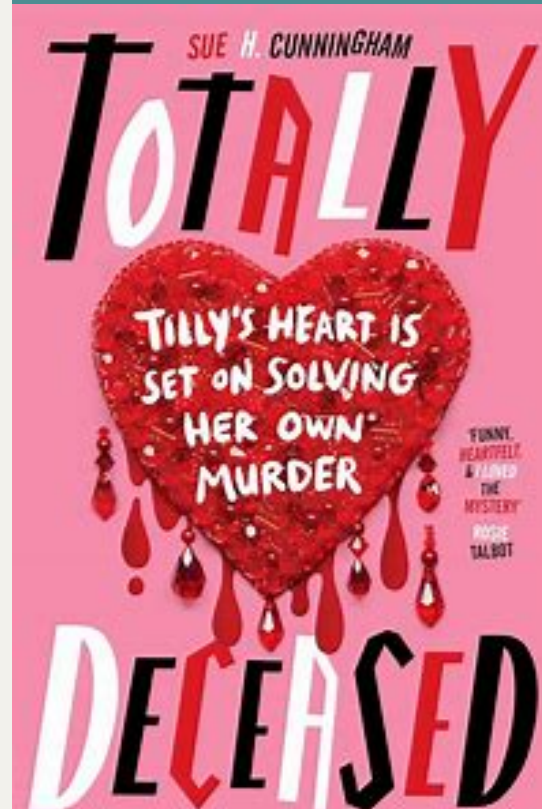
Seventeen-year-old Jess wakes from an emergency heart transplant to discover she's being haunted by the disgruntled ghost of her donor.

World Book Day

World Book day is coming very soon! On the 6 March 2025 the library will be running a series of fun events alongside our English Department. More information coming soon in the Parent and Carer Bulletin.



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First Aid Notices

We wanted to highlight a few important pieces of information in relation to medical care in school. These will help better support the health and wellbeing of all of our students.

Healthcare Plans

If there are any changes to your child/children's Healthcare Plans please contact the First Aid Officer so that we can make a note.

Administration of Paracetamol

For those students who are prone to suffer with either migraines, headaches or period cramps, we ask that they bring their own supply of paracetamol (or other suitable painkillers). These can be brought to the First Aid office where they will be stored in a locked cabinet and administered as required. We do not have a supply of paracetamol in school.

Drinking Water

Students are reminded to please bring in a water bottle that can be filled up at the various water stations located around the school. As well as for general hydration there is significant evidence that drinking sufficient water improves educational outcomes through the positive effects of hydration on attention, concentration, and short-term memory. As the weather begins to get warmer, this is of even more importance.



If students are generally well, they should not come to First Aid to ask for water as this is resulting in a delay in dealing with medical issues.

Medication

If you are sending medication into school with your child, please ensure you have completed a Parental Agreement to Administer Medicine Form. These must be completed for each new medicine.

If you have sent medication into school for a 'one off' medical concern which will not need to be used again, please can students collect the remainder to take home. Similarly for students leaving school at the end of July medicine can be collected as per our recent correspondence.

If you have any questions or queries about First Aid in school, please don't hesitate to get in touch on 01296 390919.

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