

The Grange Gazette

Official Newsletter of The Grange School



Thoughts From The Headteachers Desk

The first half term of the year seems to have passed very quickly, with our new Year 7 students settling into the expectations and routines of their secondary school very well. They have made themselves at home very quickly and appear to be happy and involving themselves in life at school.

I would like to thank our Year 10 Buddies for ensuring that our new students have been supported in their first two weeks since transitioning from Year 6. It is reassuring to know that our older students value the opportunity to do their bit in ensuring our younger students settle in and get to know their way about the school.



The team building event for Year 7 was a huge success and provided a great opportunity for staff and students to get to know each in a fun environment. I would like to thank staff for their enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring the activities were well supervised and for taking part in some of activities on the day. It was great to see and hear that everyone had a great time.

Open Evenings took place during September with the school being full on both evenings. Both evenings gave prospective parents and students a sense of life at The Grange. It is important that our students and staff have the opportunity to share their school. I am always conscious that we may not have the newest of buildings, but what we have, we look after and adapt to changing educational priorities.

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As a school community we know what we stand for and the community values of our school shine through on events like this. Our students were great ambassadors in both showing off their school and supporting their teachers with activities on the evenings. Students and staff embody their school, and I am always very keen for visitors to check what I say with our students and staff who live the experience every day.

As we enter the second half of the Autumn term, we will be further preparing our current Year 11 students for their future. Before we broke up, we held our annual Training Provider Encounter Event which showed off some of the opportunities available post 16. As well as this they will be embarking upon a full series of mock exams. In all performance situations it is important to know what is ahead of you. Mocks are very much about a moment in time when you get to experience the exam environment: what it looks like, what it sounds like, and what it feels like to work under exam conditions. Similarly, Year 13 will have their mock experience!

It was a pleasure to assist Mr Dharsey in presenting this year's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It is a wonderful project where young people give back to their community as well as learning new skills and having outdoor experiences. I greatly appreciate that we are able to offer and support our students both in gaining the award but also the memorable experiences that they make along the way. For us, it is dependent on so many people giving of their time in addition to what they do on day-to-day basis.

I am sure that your children enjoyed their week's break, and I had an interesting conversation at the school gate as to why we did not have two weeks like some other local schools. It did make me think whether that will soon be the norm.

As the days become shorter, we invariably arrive at school in the dark and leave in the dark, but one thing is for sure we are blessed in having the diversity of weather that our seasons bring. It makes us appreciate the daylight and long days that much more. I hope everyone has a wonderful half-term ahead.

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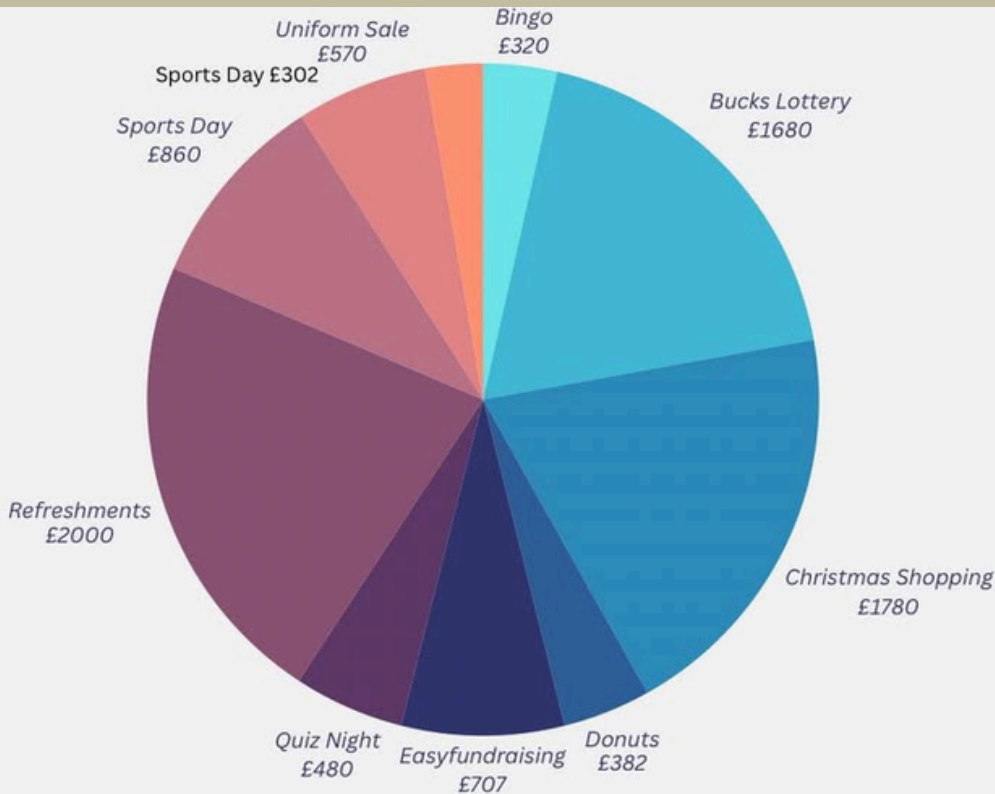
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FUNDRAISING

Friends of The Grange School Update

Our wonderful school PTA, The Friends of The Grange School work tirelessly all year round raising additional funds for our school.

Last academic year was a BRILLIANT success with some wonderful events as outlined in the pie chart below!



The team recently met for their AGM to celebrate raising over £9000 this year and have appointed a new committee. Thank you so much to those stepping down this year as your children leave The Grange School. We are still keen to welcome new members! Please drop an email to pta@grange.bucks.sch.uk to find out more.

We are currently busy planning our **Christmas Shopping Event for the evening of Friday 28 November**. More information will follow soon but for now, please save the date!



pta@grange.bucks.sch.uk



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Year 7 Teambuilding Day – Fun, Friendship and Fantastic Memories!

What an incredible day our Year 7 students had on Friday 26 September at their Team Building Event!

The brilliant 'Fun Experts' joined us once again, bringing their amazing inflatable equipment and plenty of energy. The day was filled with climbing, bouncing and laughter! What a perfect way for our new students to build confidence, teamwork skills, and lasting friendships.

It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, trying out new activities and supporting one another throughout the day. Many students stepped out of their comfort zones and discovered just how much fun comes from giving something new a go!

As the day came to a close, the smiles said it all. New friendships formed, great memories made, and a real sense of Year 7 community spirit.

A huge thank you to our fantastic Form Tutor team, and to Miss Lindsay, Mr Walsh and Miss Curtis for their incredible support in making the event such a big success.



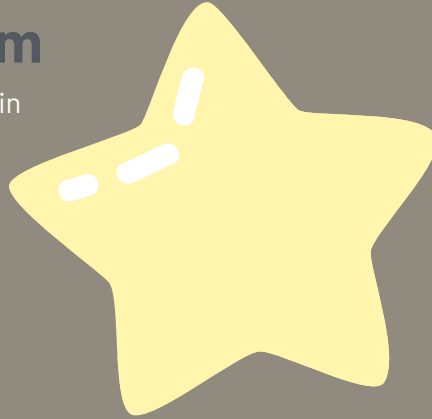
Star Of The Half-Term

The final week of assemblies for students in Year 7 and 8 saw us announce our much awaited Stars of the Half-Term.

This impressive accolade is awarded to students who have really stood out throughout the half-term.

Our Form Tutors for each Form Group in Year 7 and 8 carefully select one student in their Form Group for the award and share their reasons why in assembly as they announce the deserving winners.

Our stars of the half term receive a certificate from Mr Murray, a recognition on Bromcom and a delicious sweet treat A huge well done to all of the stars for Autumn Term 1.



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Year 7

7D - Oliver H
7I - Bailey G
7S - Sofiyah A
7C - Callum W
7O - Emily E
7V - Georgiana J
7E - Perry L
7R - Susanna P

Year 8

8D - Tori C
8I - Tayah T
8S - Whirly F
8C - Deanna V
8O - Daisy M
8V - Suhail J
8E - Chloe R
8R - Alicja R



Duke of Edinburgh Award Celebration Evening – A Night to Remember!

On Thursday 16 October, our school community came together for a truly special occasion: the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award Celebration Evening. Students, staff, and families gathered to recognise the remarkable achievements of our Bronze Award recipients.

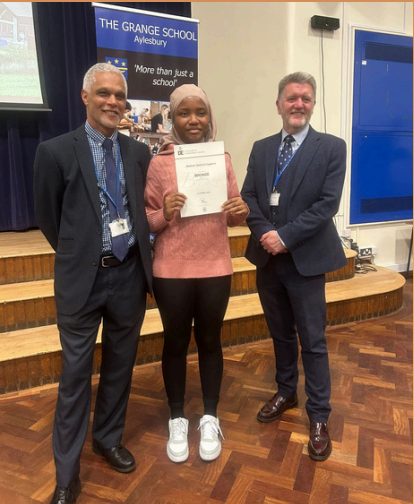
Throughout their DofE journey, our students have shown outstanding dedication, determination, and teamwork, embracing every challenge with enthusiasm:

- Voluntary Service – Giving back to the community and making a real difference.
- Physical Recreation – Building fitness, discipline, and wellbeing.
- Skill Development – Learning new talents, from cooking to map reading... though a few of us still took the scenic route!
- Teamwork and Adventure – Planning, training for, and completing an outdoor expedition together, exemplifying our #WeCan spirit.

The evening celebrated personal growth, resilience, and shared achievement. Guided by our dedicated staff volunteers, students have developed confidence, leadership, and the knowledge that they are capable of remarkable things.

We are immensely proud of every Bronze Award holder. Your commitment, hard work, and positivity reflect the very best of both the DofE and Grange School values. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment, the celebration was truly well deserved!

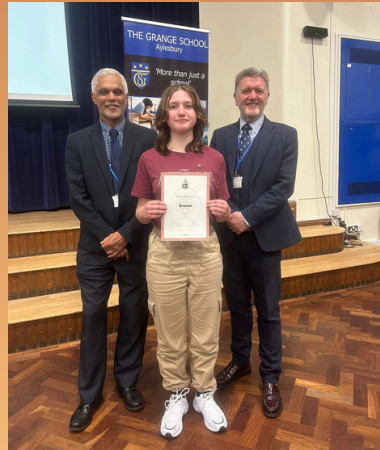




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A Day at the Heart of British Cinema

On Thursday 23 October twenty one of our Sixth Form students enjoyed an unforgettable visit to the Creative Media Institute at Pinewood Studios, the legendary home of British cinema.

Accompanied by Mrs Buchanan and Miss Lindsay, the students explored the institute's world-class facilities and discovered the [incredible fully funded Foundation Degree courses available after Year 13 with only 200 places available nationwide!](#)

From Producing and Directing to Special Effects, the visit showcased a galaxy of creative career pathways in film and media.

We're especially proud that four of our past students have already pursued studies at Pinewood, proving that passion, hard work, and a #WeCan attitude can turn dreams into reality.

While photography wasn't permitted on this trip, the experience itself was truly inspiring! An opportunity that will stay with our students for years to come.

Thank you to all those involved in making this magical educational visit happen.

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If you'd like your son or daughter to feature in our Student Shoutout, please email some details and a photo to Lisa Cooper-Smith
lcoopersmith@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Student Shoutouts!

It's been a privilege to continue to share the successes of our students in our much loved Student Shoutout project.

During the first half term we celebrated Mollie M in Year 8, Kaainath R in Year 11, Oliver S in Year 10, Tyler S in Year 9 and Holly S in Year 8. If you missed it, Here's why we gave them a very big shout out!

Dancing Success for Mollie M, Year 8

A huge well done to Mollie M in Year 8 for her outstanding dance achievements! Earlier this year, Mollie's team won the Salisbury Street Competition and went on to place 2nd nationally, an incredible accomplishment! She also took 1st in the pairs category at the March competition.



Mollie dances with Castielli School of Dance and is already preparing for another exciting season ahead. We're so proud of you Mollie, keep shining on the dance floor!

Kickboxing Triumph for Kaainath , Year 11

Huge congratulations to Kainaath R in Year 11 who smashed it at the WAKO Youth European Kickboxing Championships in Italy to take home the Under 18 European Champion title in the 56kg Younger Junior Full Contact category! Kainaath's hard work at Respect Martial Arts, Aylesbury has really paid off. We're beyond proud! What an amazing job champ!



Arcery Achivements for Oliver S, Year 10

Congratulations to Oliver S in Year 10 for an incredible outdoor archery season! This year, Oliver became the Hertfordshire Archery Society U16 County Champion and the Bucks U16 County Champion for a Bristol 2 round. Between May and August, he also competed in the National Junior Archery Series, with events in Newcastle, York and Coventry, earning an impressive U18 national ranking of 9th! Oliver's dedication shines through his commitment to up to six training sessions a week, showing fantastic focus and determination. He's now preparing for the indoor season and we can't wait to see what he achieves next!



Football Success for Tyler S, Year 9

Huge congratulations to Tyler S in 9D, who won the Royal Pre-Season Cup with his U14 Tottenham Hotspur academy team. Tyler was also selected to be a ball representative in the Tottenham Hotspur v Bournemouth premier league game! Tyler was chosen for his positive attitude, attendance, punctuality, performance and for following the academy values. Amazing job Tyler!



Acting Accomplishments for Holly S, Year 8

Holly is hugely passionate about acting and screenwriting. As well as being an active member of our school drama club has attends the Film and TV Academy sessions on a Sunday in Aylesbury. Each year, the company hold a screening at the Odeon in Aylesbury of the films the students have worked on and starred in and give out awards. We are proud to say Holly won the 'Filmmaker Award' in recognition of her screenwriting this year. Two years ago, Holly also won the 'Acting Achievement Award'. We predict big things to come for this budding actress! Well done Holly.





Netball Updates

It was a busy first half-term for Netball! As well as our well-attended Wednesday after school Netball Club we have also hosted a Year 9 and 10 Netball Tournament and a Primary Netball Festival!

Year 9 and 10 Netball Tournament

Our fantastic Year 9 and 10 netball teams took part in an exciting tournament, competing against teams from The Mandeville School, Aylesbury Vale Academy, The Kingsbrook School, Sir Thomas Fremantle School and St Michael's Catholic School.

Our players showed brilliant teamwork, determination and 'We Can' spirit throughout every match. There were some wonderful moments of play, with great communication on court and plenty of encouragement from the sidelines. It was wonderful to see our students representing the school so positively and giving their best effort in every game!

A huge well done to Elisha G, Brooke G, Maria N, Lilly H, Priya P, Evie L, Francesca C, Mia Z, Islay C, Kai'Mai C, A'Diyah K, Sarah D, Neha M, Kaizah M-A and Neve C for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

We're really proud of everyone who took part, and we can't wait for more tournaments next half term, including the first games for our Year 7 team!

Primary Netball Festival

On Friday 17 October, we were delighted to host the Primary Netball Festival at The Grange. It was a fantastic morning of sport and teamwork, with seven teams taking part from local primary schools including Buckingham Park, AVA, Bedgrove Junior School (2 teams), Cuddington & Dinton, Thomas Hickman, and Ickford.

Each team played one another in a friendly and competitive round-robin tournament, showcasing great determination, skill and team spirit.

Our Grange student leaders were outstanding, each supporting a team throughout the morning by helping to manage, motivate and guide the players. Their energy and encouragement made the event run smoothly and created a brilliant atmosphere!

A huge thank you to our wonderful helpers Imogen A, Sofia H, and Mollie H in Year 11, Elisha G, Brooke G, Maria N, Lilly H in Year 10 and Mia Z, Kha'Mai C, Sarah D, Priya P, Evie L, Francesca C, A'Diyah K in Year 9.

Well done to everyone involved! it was a fantastic event full of smiles, sportsmanship and community spirit. We're already looking forward to the next one!





Student Skipper Team Progress!

As it is the start of a new academic year, we have seen some changes amongst our Student Skipper Team.

We have a brand-new team of 15 x Year 8 Skippers as well as a Year 8 Extended Skipper Team. Congratulations to you all.

Our Year 9 and Year 10 teams have some new additions too – well done to Ben T 9S, Oscar T 9S, A'Diyah K 9O, N'Mara H 10O, Luca K 10I and Owen H 10R.

Our new Skipper Team comprised of 46 students across Years 8, 9 and 10, have been introduced to their peers formally during assemblies and are identified by wearing their badges proudly in and around our school community.

This half term has already been a busy one for our Skippers, below is what they have been getting up to:

Working on The Grange School DNA with Mrs Kenny

All Skippers met with Mrs Kenny at the start of the year to discuss the expectations around the routines in lessons for students in order to get the most out of their learning. A select few of these Skippers then delivered their collective suggestions to their peers each morning during assemblies in September. The Skippers even filmed their own video to show how the start of lessons should look which was shared with their peers on the big screen!

The following week, some of our Skippers then shared their suggestions with staff in a morning briefing in the staffroom. Students have reinforced the importance of students arriving on time to lessons, engaging in the 'DO NOW' task, sitting in their allocated seats and being fully equipped for their timetabled lesson so every minute of a lesson is well spent.

Open Evening

Many of our Skippers were brilliant advocates of The Grange School by leading tours to members of the public who visited the school at this year's open evenings. We had some brilliant feedback from our visitors describing them as "fantastic pupils, really great hosts and a credit to the school". They also commented on how the students were "enjoying the responsibility and their Skipper duties". With this being the first time we have asked Skippers to lead independent tours, they did immensely proud.

A select few of our Skippers also volunteered to support the school at a Ket Stage 4 learning evening for parents/carers, the Duke Edinburgh Awards Evening ceremony, Year 11 Training Provider Day as well as Year 11 Parents Evening. We are so grateful for the time and support our Skippers have given up from their own free time to support the schools – it is very much noticed and appreciated. You amaze us at these events with your maturity, professionalism and helpfulness!

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Skipper Meeting Room Project

Towards the end of the last academic year, the Skippers began to research and shortlist some suggestions to re-design our meeting room in the main reception. This room is used a lot for meetings with parents and outside agencies and we feel it could do with a re-vamp to make it more welcoming. The Skippers met twice to brainstorm some initial ideas. Stage 1 has now been completed as the room has now been painted in the Skipper's choice of colour – sky blue. The Skippers have now voted on the final designs to be displayed on the walls that personalise the room to our school and its community. Together with a new table and chairs and some final touches, we can't wait to see the finished project.

Skipper Log Books

After trialling an electronic log book using Microsoft Teams to log their Skipper activities last year, the Skippers voted to have physical log books; more so, diaries to keep track of their activities and demonstrate their time put into this leadership role. The Skippers voted on which they preferred and these were delivered and given to the Skippers at the start of October. Soon the Skippers will meet to share what they have been individually up to in their leadership roles with Miss Glenister.

Staff Meeting Preparations

After half term, our Skippers will be attending an after-school professional development session with various groups of staff to be questioned about their experience of assessment for learning in the classroom has been over the past 12 months. They have met this half term with Mrs Kenny to get some prior insight into these meetings and the types of questions they could be asked. We look forward to them joining us in these staff professional development session to hear directly from the students themselves what is going well in terms of assessment for learning across the school.

This half term...

As you can see, this half term has been a extremely busy one to start the new academic year but next half term looks just as busy with opportunities for our Skippers to continue leading the way in their roles. Thank you as always Skippers and we look forward to what more you have to bring this half term.

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National Poetry Day

On Thursday 2 October, we joined the nationwide celebrations for National Poetry Day. This year's theme was "Play".

Our school marked the occasion with a whole host of activities:

A limerick competition: Congratulations to Goodness O (8V) for winning the special prize!

Poetry focused lessons in Key Stage 3
English, encouraging creativity and appreciation of verse.

A lively **Form Time Quiz** with 20 poetry-themed questions. A huge well done to 13E for taking the crown!

Would you have known the answers to some of our poetry themed quiz questions?

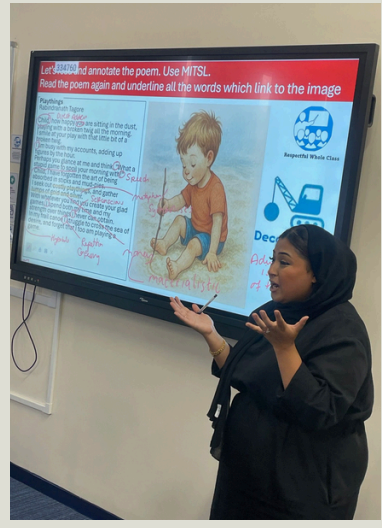
There once was a team full of cheer
They played side to side with no fear
They passed with precision and grace
Knowing the trophy was now a race
Their teamwork made victory appear

Goodness O, 8V

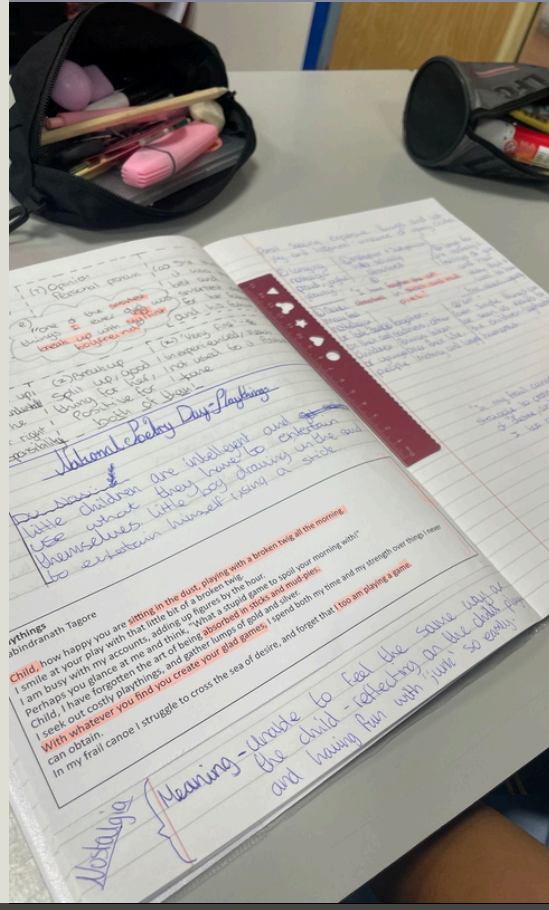
Limerick

- Which poem starts with "Tyger Tyger, burning bright"?
- Which poet wrote Daffodils?
- What kind of poem has 3 lines and a 5-7-5 syllable pattern?

A big thank you to Mrs Zehra and the library team for organising the event, and to everyone who took part. Your enthusiasm helped us celebrate the joy of poetry in the best possible way.



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Year 11 Students Get Hands On at HS2 Construction Event

On Tuesday 16 October, a group of our Year 11 students had the fantastic opportunity to attend EKFB's HS2 Education Event, where they explored the world of construction and infrastructure first-hand.

Throughout the day, our students took part in a range of interactive, hands-on activities designed to showcase the many exciting career paths within the construction industry. From operating machinery simulators to understanding the planning and engineering that goes into large-scale projects, it was an inspiring and eye-opening experience for everyone involved.

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, many commented on how worthwhile and enjoyable the trip was, with several expressing new interest in careers within construction and engineering.

We were also thrilled to receive glowing feedback from the event organisers, who praised our students for being polite, well-mannered, and exceptionally well-behaved throughout the day. They were a real credit to the school!

A huge thank you to Miss Challis and Mr Haycock for accompanying the group and supporting the visit. It definitely like you had just as much fun as the students did!

Well done, everyone, for representing our school so brilliantly.





Macmillan Cake Sale Success

On Friday 3 October, Ali and Tina from our amazing school cleaning team, alongside a dedicated group of wonderful Sixth Form girls, organised and promoted a fantastic Macmillan Cake Sale to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in pre-made cakes or got creative in the kitchen for this brilliant cause. We can confirm the treats were absolutely delicious and the perfect way to round off what was a very busy week at school!

We're thrilled to announce that we smashed last year's total of £227.33, raising an incredible £313.90!

Donations from Coffee Mornings like ours help Macmillan support the 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer, from diagnosis through treatment and beyond.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved!





Girls' Football - An Amazing Half-Term!

Girls' football has started strong this academic year for both teams!

The **U15 girls'** football team have had a fantastic and encouraging half term, showing great determination, skill, and team spirit throughout their fixtures. Their season kicked off with a thrilling 3-3 draw in their opening match. The team showed resilience and attacking flair, battling hard until the final whistle to earn a well-deserved point. It was a great performance that set the tone for the next few games.

In the second fixture, although the opposing team conceded the game, our girls were awarded the points, keeping their unbeaten run going and boosting morale ahead of the next match. The highlight of the half term came in their third game, where the team delivered a dominant 5-0 victory. From the first whistle, they controlled the game with sharp passing, strong communication, and solid defending. The clean sheet was a testament to the defence's discipline and the goalkeeper's focus, while the attacking players put on a fantastic display in front of goal.

The **U13 girls** have had a strong and promising start to their football season, showing real passion and fight in their opening game this half term. In their first fixture, the team put in a brilliant performance to earn a hard-fought 1-1 draw. It was a close and competitive match from start to finish, with our girls battling for every ball and working hard as a unit. They came very close to securing the win, having taken the lead and defended superbly throughout most of the game. Unfortunately, a last-minute goal from the opposition snatched the win away, but the team can hold their heads high. Their work rate, determination, and teamwork were clear to see. It was a performance full of potential and one that shows this group has a lot to offer in the games ahead.

The U13 girls' football team faced their second game which was against The Buckingham School. The team was led by Mr. Olde, with our Sixth Form assistant, Bo, stepping in to help in Mrs. Bradley's absence. The game started brightly, with both teams creating chances, but the first half ended goalless despite some strong attacking play. Changes at half time made an immediate impact – Liv opened the scoring early in the second half, and Alexa soon doubled the lead with a well-taken finish. Jamine produced a composed performance in goal to secure a clean sheet, ensuring a confident 2-0 victory for the team. A great all-round display, well done, girls!

There's plenty to be proud of with both teams, and with continued effort in training and the same level of commitment on the pitch, there's no doubt we will have lots to celebrate. Well done to all the players for their efforts this half term. We're excited to see what they can achieve next!

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SKILLS LOADING...



Elevate Education 'Study Skills'

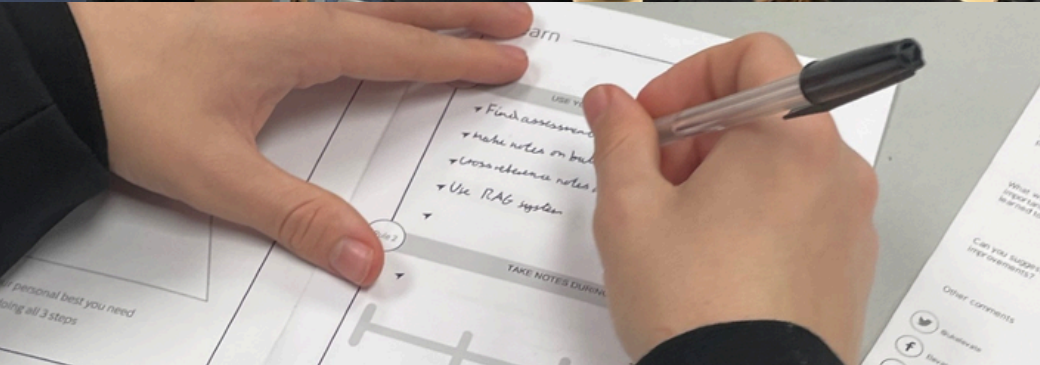
On Thursday 2 October, we were pleased to welcome Elevate Education to The Grange School to deliver a Study Skills session to our Year 11 students.

During this session, students were able to learn revision techniques and top tips from University students including the use of colour coding, note taking, practice papers and the reflection cycle.

This session complemented the very well attended Year 11 Learning Evening for Parents, Carers and Students held on Thursday 16 October where we shared lots of useful information about supporting your child with exams. [You can read more about this on our website.](#)

We look forward to seeing Year 11 put these revision skills into action ahead of their upcoming mock exams next half term.

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Dance Show Auditions ✨



THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025
3.15PM IN THE GYMNASIUM

Please come wearing your own dance clothes &
have your pre-prepared routine ready to show!

See Mrs Shepherd for more information.

Honeycomb Auditions ✨



THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2025
3.15PM IN THE GYMNASIUM

Please come wearing your own dance clothes

See Mrs Shepherd for more information!



The BIG Reveal – It’s Oliver!

After all the excitement and guessing leading up to Wednesday 8 November's 'Big Reveal' event, we're thrilled to announce that our Whole School Production on Thursday 12 February and Friday 13 February 2026 will be Oliver!

Our students truly shone at two audition dates on the 15 and 20 October and our Drama and Music Team had a very tough job to select a cast.

We are delighted to reveal who will be starring in our show!

- Oliver – James T
- Fagin – Jack M
- The Artful Dodger – Harrison E-F
- Nancy – Olivia S
- Bill Sykes – Elijah C
- Mr Bumble – Mr Haycock
- Widow Corney – Bleta K
- Mr Sowerberry – Jasper M
- Mrs Sowerberry – Bethan E
- Noah – Ben T
- Charlotte – Holly S and Georgia D
- Mr Brownlow – Hunor C
- Bet – Breanna C and A'Diya K
- Mrs Bedwin – Summer C
- Old Sally – Sofia T
- The Workhouse Wardens – Luca K and Kristin B
- The Workhouse Governors – Delna J, Owen H, Sarah D and Fred L-W
- Old Joe – Antonio T
- Tavern Customers – Smit P, Simon R, Gold K and Astrid R
- Tavern Customers – Sienna C-S, Tosia D, Kristin B and N'Mara H
- Dockworkers – Tiffany O and Madison B
- Fishwives – Michelle M and Georgia D
- Barmaids – Mona H, Annalisa C and Holly S
- Constable – Luca K, Ayan P, Sarah D and Fred L-W
- London Gentleman and Ladies – Abigaile B, Katy B and Logan G
- Flower Seller – Tori C
- Knife Grinder – Smit P
- Specialist Dancers – Louisa S, Mia W and Evie G



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday
12 February

Friday
13 February

Multi-Role Ensemble Characters



Charlotte W, Emilia O, Logan G, Rahni G, Ava S, Ella M, Ellie W, Ellie T, James T, Lana Z, Lina S, Livia T, Mary R, Niamh T, Ava R, Olivia Mc, Izi M, Amber MR, Aajwa S, Akima E-H, Gold K, Charlotte B, Goodness O, Hafsa Z, Rhein B, Khloe C, Bianca A, Arrin J, Hannah S, Lillia G.



Masterchefs in the Making!

In early October, our Food Technology classrooms were buzzing with energy as we launched a brand-new initiative in partnership with Innovate, our fantastic school canteen providers.

Head Chef Chris joined our Year 13 students and Mrs Nolan for a hands-on culinary workshop that was as educational as it was exciting. Chef Chris demonstrated how to scale, gut, and fillet whole fish with professional precision before guiding students in preparing their very own Fish en Papillote, served with a colourful selection of fresh vegetables.

After watching the expert in action, our students rolled up their sleeves and put their new skills to the test.....and the results were nothing short of amazing! The finished dishes looked (and smelled!) absolutely delicious.

This inspiring session marks the first of many workshops planned as part of our new Food Technology partnership. With such a successful start, we can't wait to see what's next!

A huge thank you to Chef Chris for sharing his time, expertise, and passion for great food and an equally big well done to our talented Sixth Formers. You're definitely Masterchefs in the making!





Sixth Form Take in a Show at National Theatre

Our Sixth Form A level Drama students were enthralled and inspired by our trip to see 'Bacchae', an outstanding new production based on the classical Greek play by Euripides.

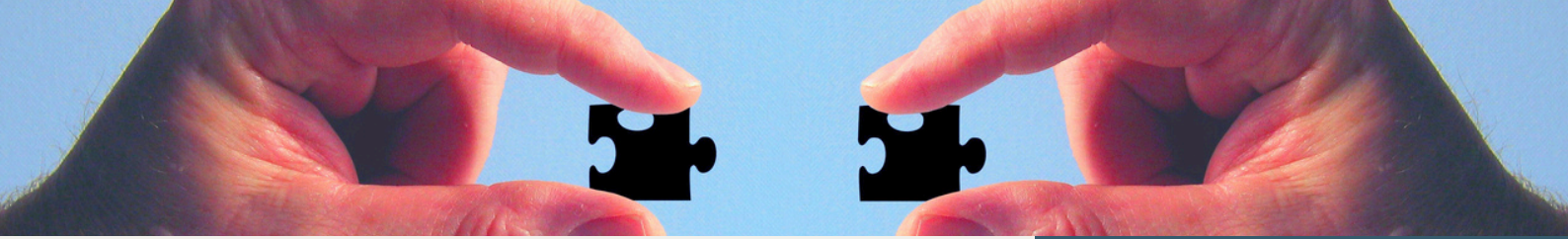
This was the very first show produced by a new artistic director of the National Theatre, and the critics were there in force, alongside our own critical and expertly prepared students from The Grange.

Mrs Shelton and Mrs Gordon had expertly prepared highly engaging prep lessons, so everyone could focus on the fine details of the sparkling performance, which was simply astounding in quality and impact!

To our great surprise and delight, whilst on our pre-show tour of The National Theatre, we met one of the professional actresses, Elena Gyasi, from the actual show we were watching, Bacchae, while walking past some make-up studios. Elena smiled a hello to our group, then stopped dead in her tracks, and, turning to Mr Dawson, exclaimed: "Oh my gosh! Mr Dawson! You were my music teacher! How nice to see you!" and we all shared in a moment of real joy, as Mr Dawson had indeed taught Elena, now a pro who has been on stages across the west end and now The National Theatre, in a non-selective school in Beaconsfield, that has a very similar ethos and community, to what we enjoy here, at The Grange School.

It goes to show, for a hopeful and successful future, that when you say to yourself WE CAN and work to improve and progress, anything is possible!





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.

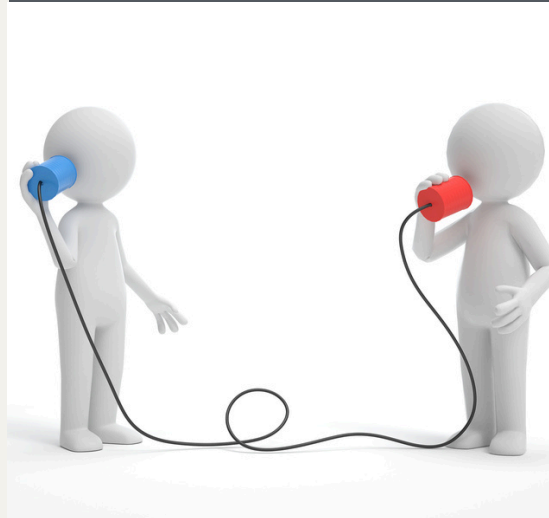
Please can notes and medical evidence also be brought into school 48 hours prior to appointments rather than on the day of the appointment.

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
to make
progress

20+ days absence
over the whole
year

Under 90%

Detrimental to
success and
progress

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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Training Provider Event

Our Year 11 students had a fantastic morning on Wednesday 22 October, exploring all of their post-16 options and chatting to a brilliant range of training providers including Next Phase Academy, BASE, Buckinghamshire Adult Learning, The University of Hertfordshire Buckinghamshire College Group...and of course, our very own Sixth Form!

The event gave students the chance to have meaningful conversations about apprenticeships, training, and further education opportunities to help them take confident steps toward their next chapter.

A huge thank you to all of our visitors and students for making the morning such a success. A special thanks also goes to Mrs Kittles our School Careers Advisor for organising the event.

What our visitors said:

"The students were very engaged and interested."

"It's always great to be part of this event. We love providing students with support to make future career choices."

"The Grange School students are motivated, engaging, and polite. It's always a pleasure to come and work with them!"

What our students thought:

"It really helped me explore my options."

"All of the stands were run by such lovely people. It made me excited for what's next!"

"This was an incredibly helpful event."





Library Update

It was another busy half-term in our School Library and Learning Resource Centre.

We have introduced library 'taster menus' on all out tables to encourage students to try different books, but not necessarily out of their comfort zone. Large poster versions are on the walls in the English corridors for those who don't necessarily come into the library regularly but enjoy reading.



Top Readers

Year 7 - Sofiyah A
 Year 8 - Theo O
 Year 9 - Kadajah H
 Year 10 - Riley W
 Year 11 - Tadiwa M



The Form Group with the most borrowed books in the first half term is 7S. Well done to you all! We were proud to award a sweet treat for their amazing reading.

Competitions

For this year's National Poetry competition, we ran a Limerick writing competition. Our winner was Goodness O from 8V on this year's theme of "play".

Library Lessons

Our library lessons continue for Year 7 & 8 and this term students have worked through a number of Library Induction activities, including "How to Choose a book", where to find resources in the library and searching for information in the wider world.

New Resources

We have bought lots of new resources. Many suggested by our students. 112 new books in the library and we have issued 925 books to students in this term. Don't forget our eBook library which has the facility to translate into many languages and read to you. Download the app from our website.

Bucks Book Award

If you haven't voted or read all the books **there is still time.** Voting for the short list ends on 7 November 2025 when we can vote from the short list for a winner.

There once was a team full of cheer
 They played side to side with no fear
 They passed with precision and grace
 Knowing the trophy was now a race
 Their teamwork made victory appear

Goodness O, 8V

Limerick





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.



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.

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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THE GRANGE SCHOOL

2026 ENTRY

SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2025

6.00PM-7.30PM

*We look forward to
welcoming you!*

- A presentation of what you can expect if you join our wonderful school!
- Speak with our Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form.
- View our fabulous Sixth Form Study Centre!
- Talk to our friendly staff and students about the subjects on offer.

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