

The Grange Gazette

Official Newsletter of The Grange School

Thoughts from the Headteachers Desk

The summer half-term brought with it some very warm weather which I hope students were able to enjoy. As Headteacher I try to take a pragmatic view to hot spells within school and make the decision to relax expectations relating to uniform when I believe, based upon weather forecasts, that we are entering extended periods of hotter weather. Generally, when it reaches 25 degrees Celsius for longer than three days then adjustments normally take place. We have been able to operate in this way because students have been able to return to normal expectations, both quickly and without any fuss.



The exam season is very much upon us and Year 11 and Year 13 students are embracing the challenge. It is not an easy time for them but they are turning up on time and working to the best of their ability, and we are encouraged by their positive attitude and outlook. Other students have been respectful of the examination notice boards and complying with the need for quiet in and around the areas of examinations.

Our school seemed very quiet before half-term as Year 10 were out on their two-week Work Experience. Gaining a work placement is not quite as straightforward as it used to be and we are grateful for all the support that there has been in supporting our students secure meaningful work placements. The experience brings a sense of the future and what it takes to be successful in the work place. Year 10 are growing up fast, and momentum will build gradually for them throughout the next year of their education. We have every confidence in them and the standards meetings that I am currently having with Subject Leaders indicate that if they continue to develop at the rate they are then success will surely follow.

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As we enter June, Miss Brown and myself have given a sigh of relief. The 31 May is deadline day for resignations for the summer term and is generally the time when there is the most teacher movement. There have been no surprises for us which is both appreciated and encouraging. Our staffing position is all but secure with us looking to secure one substantive position, which we are confident of doing during the second half of this term.

Over the past two weeks I have enjoyed making visits to some of our local partner schools in supporting our Year 6 to 7 transition programme. It is always a pleasure to visit our local schools and meet our new Year 7 students in their primary school environment. They have been extremely curious and ask insightful, thoughtful questions. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort for their transition Days on the 7 and 8 July. I am sure that both staff and Buddies will look after them and ensure they have a positive experience.

Later this month (Friday 19 June), we look forward to taking all students to Stoke Mandeville Stadium for our annual Sports Day. It is a whole school event that takes a good deal of organising and relies upon students' participating in the athletic events for it to be a worthwhile experience. The event is well supported and there is value in being a spectator and cheering on your classmates. I am hopeful that it continues to be an event that is both supported and valued, and that the weather plays its part in not being too hot or too wet.

Similarly towards the end of term, I will be looking forward to our annual Awards Evenings for both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 and 6th Form. Both events recognise the significant achievements and effort of our students, and it is a celebration of success here at The Grange School. In addition to this we are always keen to support and recognise the significant majority of students who turn up and do the right thing on a daily basis, and many will be invited to our annual Rewards Afternoon.

The end of this year will mark my own twenty one years as Headteacher of The Grange School. For our students it seems a long time but for me it has gone in a flash. The number makes me sit up and reflect, and when I do it brings a smile to my face, for the very simple reason that the role brings me more joy and fulfilment than it ever has. I hope that this half-term is a successful one for all, and that we get to enjoy some more good weather to see us through to the end of term.

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- ✓ Learning
- ✓ Practice
- ✓ Experience
- ✓ Exposure

Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10 students did us proud on their two week work placements which ran from 11-22 May. Our staff called and visited the students hard at work and were delighted with the many glowing references. Some students have even been offered part time jobs! A MASSIVE shout out must go to Mrs Devanney who has worked tirelessly to make this years work experience such a brilliant success!

Year 10 Work Experience



11-22 May 2026





Join Our Friendly Team!

Welcome



Welcome

Friends of The Grange are on the look out for parents and carers of The Grange School to join our lovely and welcoming team!

Commit as much or as little time as you are able. You could offer creative input coming up with new ideas to raise funds, shop for events or help us serve refreshments. Any help you can offer is hugely appreciated!

Our work to date has raised vital funds for the school which have been used to purchase a range of resources including digital screens for the school library, handball goals, a pop-up stage and much much more!

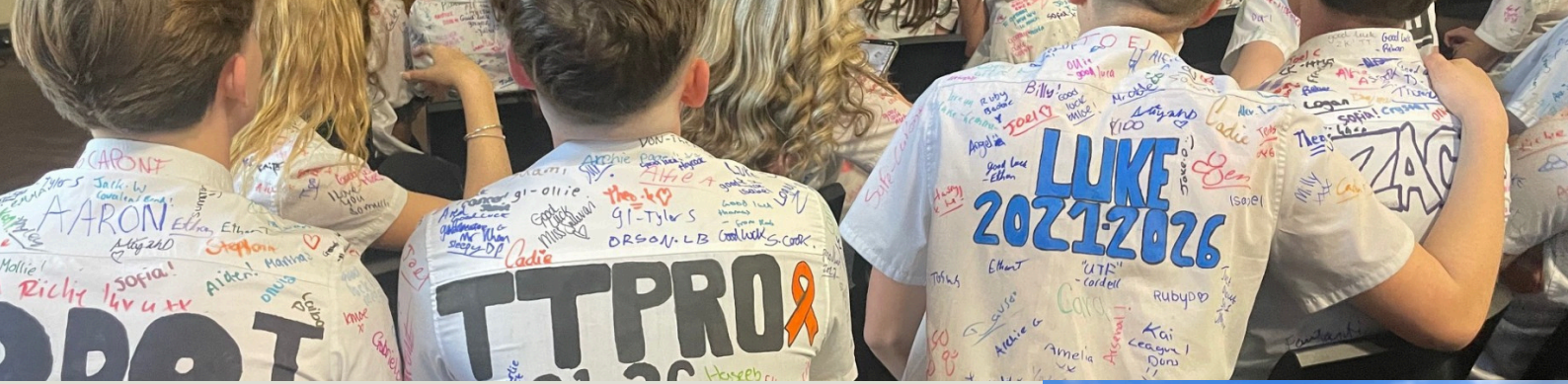
A small amount of your help can make a BIG difference! Get in touch pta@grange.bucks.sch.uk



WANTED



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



Year 11 Leavers Celebrations

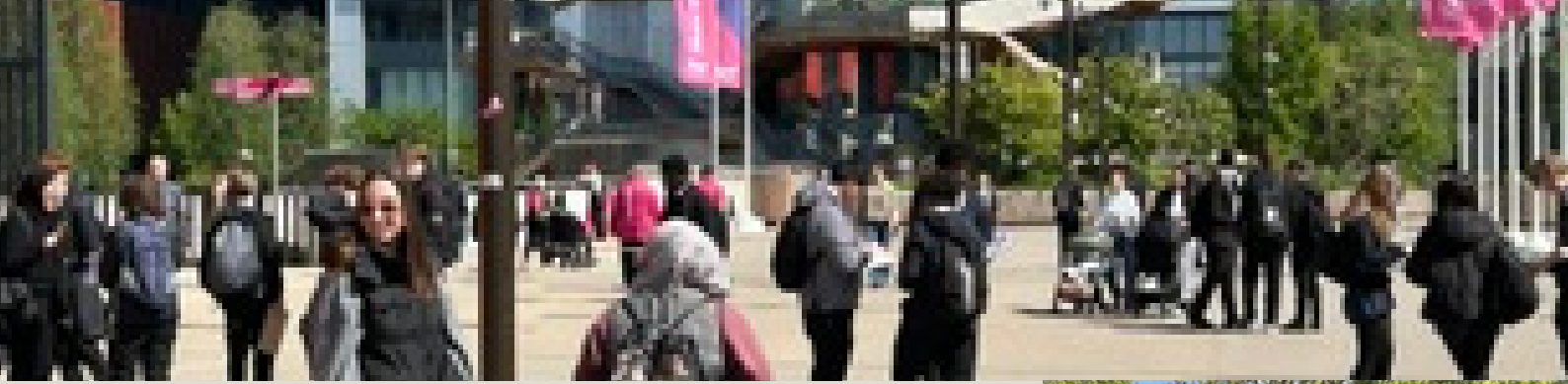
Wednesday 6 May marked an emotional final day with our Year 11 leavers as we bid them farewell for study leave ahead of their examinations.

The celebrations began with shirt signing in the sunshine on the field, complete with doughnuts, before an emotional final assembly. Form tutors shared memories, photos and reflections from the students' journey from Year 7 through to Year 11. Year Team Leaders Mr Black and Mrs Pollard and Key Stage Leader Mr Netley, echoed the sentiments of the form tutors....that this year group has been an absolute pleasure and have truly stepped up, especially during this academic year. The assembly ended with a hilarious parody video created by our fantastic Year 11 team. There was lots of laughter, plenty of cheers and, of course, a few tears too. The perfect send-off for a wonderful year group.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Be the very best you can be as you take your next steps towards the future.

We still have some further exams, Prom and, of course, Results Day to come, so we look forward to welcoming you all back very soon!





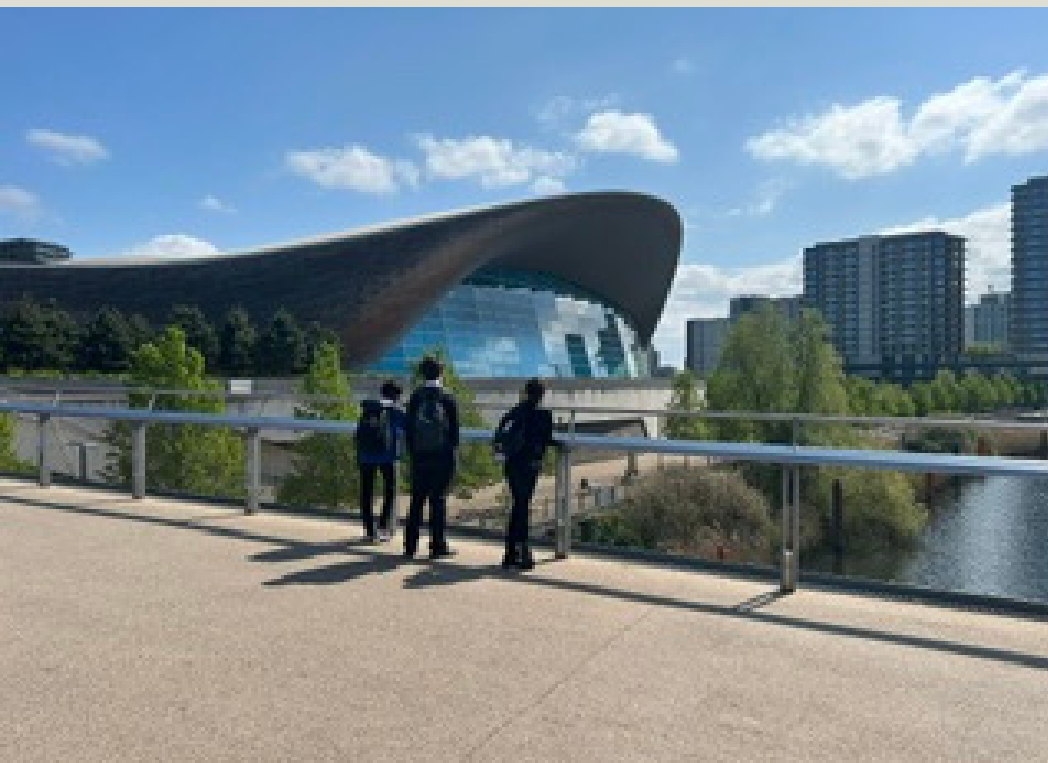
Year 10 and 12 Geography Educational Visits

The end of April saw a fantastic series of trips for our Year 10 and Year 12 Geography students to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London.

This educational visit gave students the opportunity to carry out real-world geography fieldwork, exploring the regeneration of the East End of London's Lea Valley. Throughout the day they collected primary data on the local environment, including pedestrian counts and land use mapping bringing classroom learning to life in a meaningful and engaging way.

It was a brilliant trip, with students representing the school superbly throughout. We were incredibly proud of them!

A huge thank you to Miss Rai, Mr Dharsey, Mr Pynn, Mr McFadden, Mrs Jaffali and our LSA team for supporting and accompanying the students.



Stars of the Half-Term

Huge congratulations to our Stars of The Half Term voted for by their lovely Form Tutors for their achievements and efforts for the first half of the Summer Term.



7D - Elliot N
7I - Frank L
7S - Saffiyah C
7C - Rahni G
7O - Micheal Z
7V - Deona J
7E - Daniel T
7R - Yahya M



8D - Senula R
8I - Evie T



8S - Amelia W
8C - Amber M-R
8O - Jaxon F
8V - Naomi T
8E - Nick Z
8R - Mohammad H



This positive recognition will be shared on the student's [Bromcom](#) profile as well as a sweet treat to enjoy at break/lunch time or after school with a certificate.

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Student Skippers Update

Another busy, productive and amazing 6 weeks for our Skippers. They most definitely crammed so much into the first half of the Summer Term. Here's what they got up to.....

Skipper Meeting Room Project

The Skipper Meeting Room project is now complete. The final result have been shared with the Skippers themselves, staff and the wider community via our social media pages. The meeting room is now a much more vibrant and welcoming place to meet families located in the main reception. Please pop when you next visit the school to have a look at the Skippers completed project for this academic year.

School Events Support – Year 7 Parents Evening

12 of our Skippers volunteered their time to support the parents/carers as well as teachers of Year 7 at this year's Year 7 parent's evening.

The Skippers were on hand to ensure parents/carers were welcomed, signed in and supported in knowing where teachers were located and very importantly, that their teachers were hydrated with a constant supply of biscuits to keep them going through the evening. The Skippers were an invaluable support and were a huge part in the running of this successful evening – thank you Skippers!

Staff Recruitment

Our Skippers have had the important role of interviewing prospective new members of staff this term, including a SENDCO, Key Stage Leader and an Assistant Headteacher! After grilling the potential new staff members, the Skippers were able to share their thoughts and feedback with our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Brown as well as our Chair of Governors, Zena Sutcliffe as to whether they would be the perfect match for our school community.



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Charity Bake Sale

As you may remember, the Skippers raised an impressive £271 by selling Valentine's Day items and chose to donate the funds to a local charity called 'Make a Special Kid Smile - M.A.S.K.S'. This is local charity based in Aylesbury raising money for children in special schools. In April, our Skippers, led by Neve C 90 and Aleena K 90, organised a bake sale taking place at break and lunchtime. Students and staff supported the event either through their own purchases of a sweet treat... or two! or by donating baked goods to sell. The bake sale together with the selling of valentine's items raised a grand total of £584.85. The Skippers have chosen for the charity to put these funds towards an assisted bike for the children's playground at The Booker Park School.

Student Voice Conference with Mr Golding

A selection of Year 8 and 9 Skippers were asked to meet with Mr Golding (Deputy Headteacher) so he could get their thoughts, opinions and suggestions on new proposed detention system in school. After some lengthy discussions, an agreed system is going to be trialled this half-term with Years 7-10. Communication to parents/carers and students is to follow.



Coming up this half term...

Looking ahead, we will begin to recruit a new team of Skippers from our Year 7 cohort. Our Year 8 and 9 Skippers will think about whether they would like to continue their role into the new academic year. We see our Year 10 Skippers hand over their badges to their younger peers at the end of the year - they have big shoes to fill!

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Year 13 Leavers' Celebrations

Friday 8 May felt like one of those days we'll all look back on with absolute fondness. Our Year 13 students spent their final day in school surrounded by the people, memories and moments that have shaped their Sixth Form journey.

Head of Sixth Form Mrs Devanney created the most beautiful send-off. Thoughtful decorations, themed cupcakes and snacks to share around the tables that have held so many conversations over the last two years.

There were heartfelt words from both Mr Sabin and Mrs Devanney, reflecting on how far this year group has come and the incredible young adults they've grown to be. Form tutors spoke about their groups with such pride and affection. Some had to choke back the tears. A powerful reminder of the relationships that have developed and the friendships, resilience and bonds that have carried these students through every high and low.

And of course, the student-led Awards Ceremony brought laughter and nostalgia. From Most Likely to Become a Millionaire to Biggest Gossip, every award was chosen with love, humour and memories only this year group will truly understand.

We ended the day the way all good celebrations should end. Together. Laughing, smiling, sharing pizza and soaking in the last moments of an amazing final chapter.

To our wonderful Year 13s: thank you for your energy, your spirit and the positivity and kindness you've brought to our school. Now go and shine in those exams. Your future is waiting, and it's incredibly bright!





JOIN US

**Friends of
THE GRANGE**



FRIDAY 10 JULY

2.30PM - 3.30PM

SCHOOLHALL

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Sale



An opportunity to buy items of good, used condition school uniform including blazers, shirts, skirts, trousers, PE kit, coats and shoes.

CONGRATULATIONS

Student Shout-Outs!

It's a pleasure to feature more of our #StudentShoutouts in this edition of the Grange Gazette!

Amazing Homework!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Theshala in 7E for his amazing homework project!

As part of our Year 7 topics on the Solar System, animal and plant cells, and specialised cells, Theshala went above and beyond to produce a truly outstanding collection of work. His models are bursting with creativity, effort, and attention to detail, and his clear explanations show a fantastic understanding of the science behind them.

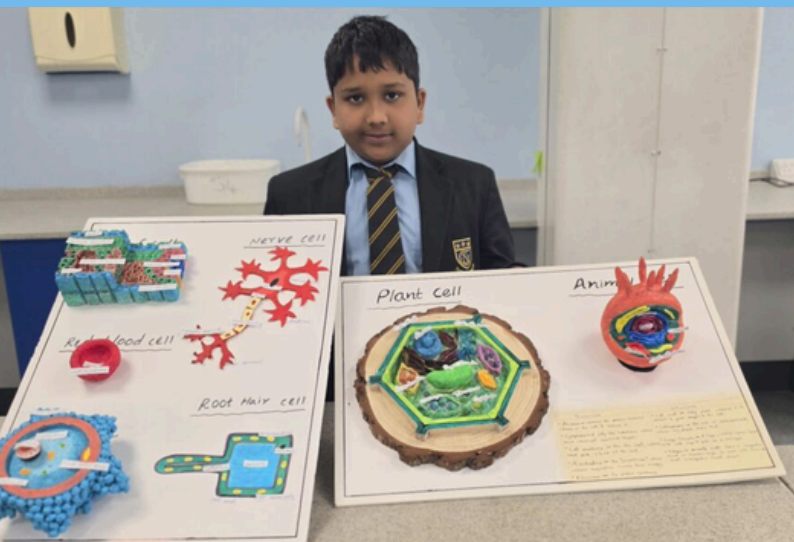
This is a brilliant example of what can be achieved with dedication and imagination. A truly exceptional effort that really stood out!

We also wanted to acknowledge the support from home and the importance of strong partnership working. A call home to Mum to share our praise of this work made us all incredibly proud, celebrating not only Theshala's hard work but the encouragement behind the scenes that helps make it possible. Theshala was delighted for his work to be celebrated in assembly and for his photo to be shared here and on social media.

A huge congratulations Theshala, you should be extremely proud of yourself! Keep shining!

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Student Shout-Outs!

National Handball Champions!

Mia Z and Islay C in Year 9 recently travelled to Nottingham to compete in the U14 Girls National Handball Championship and they came home with the gold!

Facing fierce competition from across the nation, Mia and Islay showed outstanding athleticism, grit, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Their hard work and dedication paid off in the ultimate way, securing 1st place and earning the title of National Champions! This is an incredible achievement, and the whole school community is bursting with pride. Congratulations, Mia and Islay! You've written your names into the school's sporting history books!



"It's an absolute pleasure to celebrate the success of our students both inside and outside of the classroom!"

Student Signs Two Year Football Contract

A huge congratulations to Tyler S in Year 9 on being offered another TWO-YEAR contract with Tottenham Hotspur!

From September, Tyler will attend the club's training ground every Wednesday on day release for training and education.

An incredible opportunity and a massive achievement. His hard work, dedication and talent continue to shine through and we couldn't be prouder!

Keep smashing it, Tyler, the future is incredibly bright.



CONGRATULATIONS

Superb Homework Project

Let's give a massive shoutout to Amber and Holly in Year 8 for their INCREDIBLE effort on their Geography project! Over the Easter break, the girls worked tirelessly on their homework for Mr Dharsey for the "Cities of the Future" project, focusing on sustainable living. And WOW, just look at the results!

They've not only created a brilliant model, but they've also shown true dedication and creativity, bringing the idea of sustainable cities to life in a way that's both innovative and thoughtful. Their hard work is clear in every little detail proving that these girls have what it takes to make a real difference in the future of our planet!



Amber and Holly, your creativity, teamwork, and commitment to sustainability are truly inspiring. You've set the bar high for what it means to work hard and think outside the box!

Perfect Poetry

Huge congratulations to Michael K Z in 70, the winner of our Bad Writing Competition organised by our awesome Library and Learning Resource Centre Team!

We challenged our students to write the WORST opening line ever! They certainly gave it their best shot, producing some wonderfully awful, cringe-worthy and hilariously dramatic entries.

Michael's winning entry was quite frankly unique, creative and BRILLIANTLY awful:

"The moon was a giant un-wiped eye in the sky of my soul, glaring down like a moist burrito abandoned in a hot car during a funeral for Grey the goldfish."

A huge thank you to everyone who entered. The humour and wonderfully weird imaginations on display were absolutely fantastic. Well done to all involved.

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Martial Arts Success!

It's been an incredible couple of months of martial arts success for Summer G in 9D!

Competing in her very first ITF competition in March, Summer fought brilliantly to take home gold in sparring. Just two weeks later, she built on that success with another gold in sparring and silver in patterns! Her hard work and dedication also earned her a promotion to Red Belt in ITF, followed by National Squad training.

To top it all off, at the end of April, Summer competed at the MFMA competition in Southampton. After supporting the younger members of her team throughout the day, she stepped onto the mat herself and secured another gold in sparring after an incredibly close final against her teammate.

We are so proud of your determination, resilience, and sportsmanship, Summer. What a fantastic achievement!

A Great Big Student Shoutout to Three Fabulous Footballers!

Huge congratulations to Liv W (7C), Lucia A (7C) and Raya D (7D), who represented their teams at the Butlin's ESF Football Festival, the biggest youth football festival in the UK.

Liv and Lucia play for Stoke Mandeville U12s Oranges, while Raya plays for Aylesbury United U13s. Although the girls may not have won the tournament itself, their team achieved something incredibly special by being awarded the prestigious Fair Play Award for the U12 age group. This award recognises the most respectful team on site and is a fantastic achievement to be proud of.

The girls made amazing memories, showed outstanding sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed an unforgettable sporting experience with ESF.

They did themselves, our school and their clubs proud.

Well done girls!

Fantastic



Amazing



Well Done

SPORT

PE Department Update

It's been another busy and successful half-term for our Sports Teams as well as the events coordinated by our fabulous PE Department! Here's what we've been up to!

District Champions - The Invincible's!!

Our incredible Year 10 Basketball Team finished 1st place in the district league..... and they did it UNDEFEATED. An unbelievable achievement and, we believe, the first basketball league title in school history.

Their season was nothing short of dominant: Four games. Four wins. The Invincibles.



A huge well done to the boys in the squad: James G, Zachary A, Harrison K, Theo S, Jamie C, Christian L, Ayan P, Dru M-P, George B, and Thisanan P.

Their coach, Mr Pynn, was absolutely thrilled to see the boys finish top of the table and incredibly proud of the huge number of points they racked up across the season.

What a team. What a season. What a moment for The Grange!

Season Results

25 November 2025

67 – 13

Vs

John Colet School

10 December 2025

54 – 21

VS

Princes Risborough
School

3 February 2026

91 – 26

VS

The
Buckingham School

10 March 2026

68 – 61

VS

Aylesbury Grammar
School

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Girls' Handball Success

A huge congratulations to our U13 and U15 girls handball teams for their fantastic performances at the beginning of May.

The U13 girls showed incredible determination throughout the competition. After a challenging opening match that was decided on goal difference, they bounced back brilliantly to secure a well-earned victory in their second game. Although they narrowly missed out on progressing to the national rounds, the team worked tirelessly, showed excellent teamwork, and represented the school with respect and positivity throughout.

The U15 girls put in an outstanding performance during the group stages to earn their place in the semifinals. In a fast-paced and competitive match, both teams battled hard from start to finish. Despite narrowly missing out on a place in the final, the girls showed real resilience and team spirit in the 3rd/4th playoff game, securing a fantastic one-goal victory to bring home bronze medals!

We are incredibly proud of the effort, teamwork, and determination shown by both teams.

A special thank you to Mrs Bradley for her continued support and encouragement of the teams throughout the competition.

Well done girls, such a fantastic achievement and a brilliant example of our school values.



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We most definitely Can!

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Triathlon Triumph at Stoke Mandeville Stadium!

On Thursday 21 May, an incredible group of Year 7-9 students represented The Grange School at a triathlon competition and they absolutely smashed it!

From a powerful swimming relay, to a tough cycling challenge where distance was earned through calories burned, and finally a fast-paced 200m running relay, our students showed determination, teamwork and true Grange spirit from start to finish.

Our Year 9s pushed especially hard as had a smaller team, but every single student gave it their all. We are so proud of them! Every single student represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic, memorable experience.

A huge thank you to Mr Olde and Miss Buckingham for supporting, motivating and encouraging the team every step of the way.

Students who took part:

Noah S, Daniel C, Freddie D, Jaxon F, Inigo H, Layla D, Alexa T, Pippa N, Katy B, Lana Z, Jasmine P, Priya P, Maria C, Mia Z, Sarah D, Bernado M, Charley A, Ahmed A and Tommy P.

A massive big well done, team, you've made us all so very proud.



Our Awesome Triathlon Team!



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Year 4 Multi-Skills Event

What an amazing day we had on Friday 1st May! We hosted an actioned packed Year 4 Multi-Skills Event on our school field, with 100+ primary pupils taking part in a morning full of energy, teamwork and fun.

There were lots of different sports on offer including tennis, football and cricket, plus a whole range of skills-based activities. There was genuinely something for everyone to enjoy, and judging by the smiles, they absolutely did!

A huge shoutout to our amazing Grange Sports Leaders, who made the event such a success. They were supportive, encouraging and brilliant with the younger pupils. True role models who represented our school beautifully.

A big thank you to Mrs Shepherd for her continued organisation of these wonderful community events that bring local schools together and give young people such positive and rewarding experiences.





Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walk

49 of our Year 9 students took on their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice walk at the stunning Dunstable Downs. An 8-mile route that was as challenging as it was beautiful.

Working in four walking groups, students demonstrated brilliant teamwork, resilience and determination throughout the day. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, navigating confidently and developing the key skills that sit at the heart of the DofE programme.

A huge thank you to the staff team who supported the walk and ensured everything ran smoothly: Mr Dharsey, Mr Haycock, Mr Johnson, Miss Brown, Miss McCafferty, Mrs Mathieu, Mrs Kirk, Ms Evans, Mr Walpola, Ms Samudzimu and Mr Stoimenov. Your time, encouragement and expertise make these experiences possible.

Our students will complete their assessed expedition on the weekend of Saturday 13 June and Sunday 14 June 2026. We can't wait to see them put all their training into action!

As a reminder, we also run a weekly after-school support session every Tuesday in IT3 for any student needing help completing their DofE sections. Please encourage your child to attend if they have questions. We're always happy to help.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their effort, attitude and teamwork. They represented the school brilliantly and showed exactly what the DofE spirit is all about.



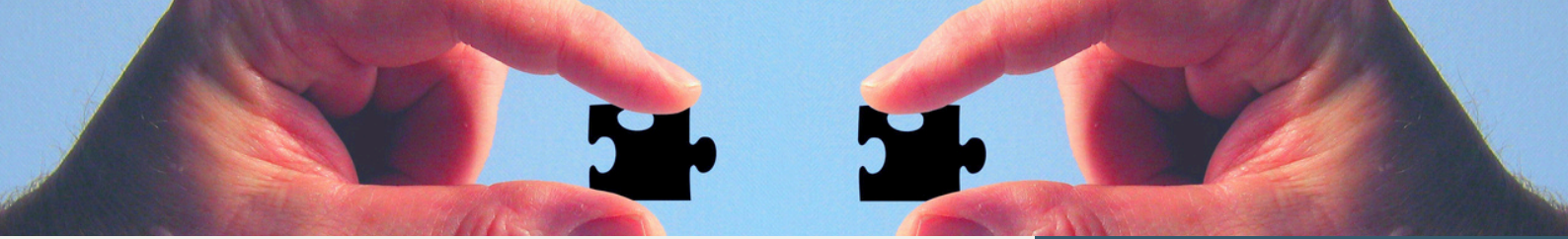
COULD YOUR BUSINESS SUPPORT A YOUNG PERSON TO SHINE?

One day a week work experience placements required for a small number of individual Year 10 and 11 students.



If you think you could support a young person to develop their skills and contribute to your workplace, we would be delighted to hear from you!

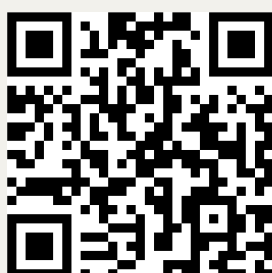
Email: office@grange.bucks.sch.uk and mark FAO Mrs Jackson and Mr Netley



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

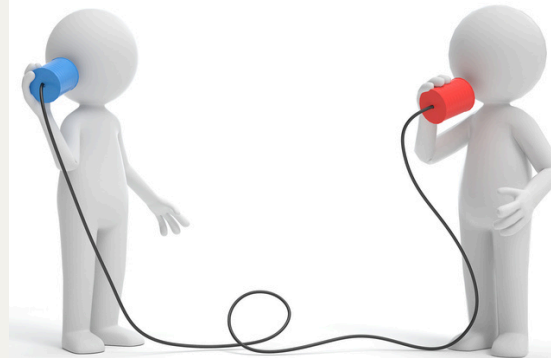
A gentle reminder that all absences should be reported on the My Child at School app, by telephone on 01296 390959 or via the attendance email attendance@grange.bucks.sch.uk before 8.30am.

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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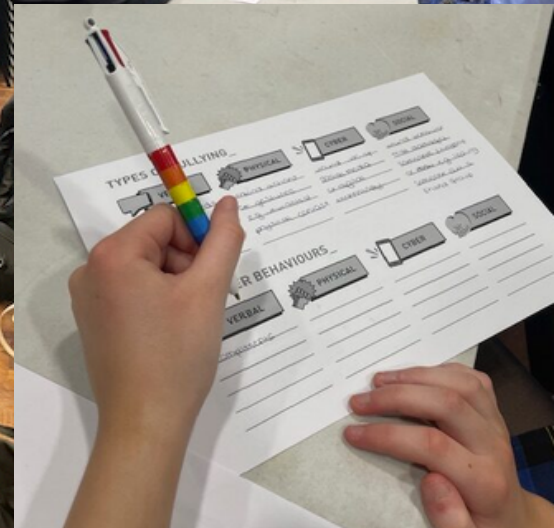
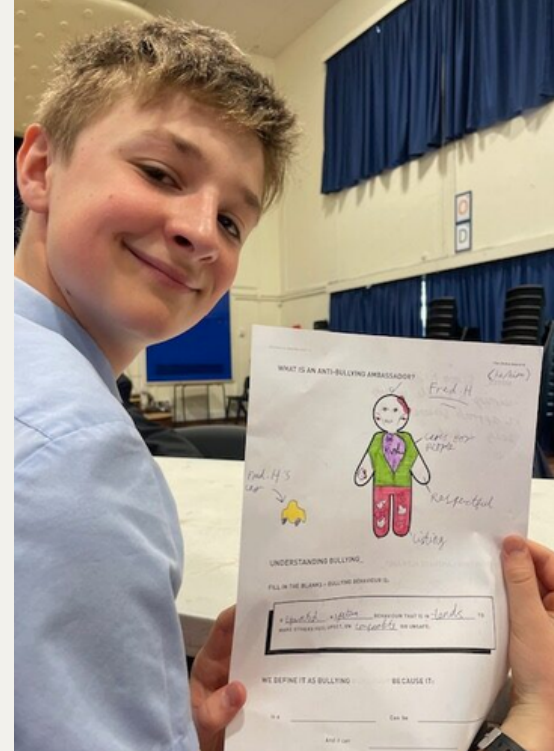
Diana Awards Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training

A group of our students recently took part in Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training with The Diana Award, equipping them with the tools to help build an even kinder, safer school community.

Organised by Mrs Jackson, this full-day, expert-led training empowered students to recognise different types of bullying behaviour and understand how to identify when it may be happening. They explored the importance of being an upstander, learning how to intervene safely and support peers who may be experiencing bullying.

Students also worked on social action planning, developing ideas and next steps to launch a whole-school anti-bullying campaign. The trainer was excellent, engaging and the session interactive, which kept our students fully involved throughout the day. The team were also introduced to sign language, which they used to demonstrate their understanding of key concepts learned during the session.

A fantastic opportunity for our young people, a whopping 44 students from across Years 7-10 took part and are now ready to make a positive difference in our school community. Some of these students will now go on to join our FAB team (Friends Against Bullying) to help shape how we approach bullying as a school.





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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English Educational Visit to Waterside Theatre

Year 11 English students enjoyed an unforgettable trip on Tuesday 21 April to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to see *Macbeth*, brought to life by Dickens Theatre Company.

This bold adaptation of Shakespeare's bloodiest and most thrilling tragedy featured a unique twist, with the infamous Porter guiding the audience as narrator through a gripping tale of ambition, betrayal and dark magic. With a talented ensemble of just six actors, the production was both powerful and captivating.

The trip was a fantastic success and a truly positive experience for everyone involved. Our students were outstanding throughout the day, representing the school brilliantly with their behaviour, attitude and maturity. They were polite, respectful and fully engaged from start to finish, clearly appreciating the opportunity.

During the performance, their focus and enthusiasm were especially impressive. It was wonderful to see such deep engagement, with some students even mouthing lines along with the actors, demonstrating real confidence and familiarity with the text. Their thoughtful responses and genuine appreciation made the experience even more rewarding.

It was a pleasure to take such a fantastic group out, and they should be very proud of how they conducted themselves. It was clear that the performance really brought our learning in the classroom to life and we are confident this experience has further cemented their knowledge. A big thank you to Mrs Zehra and Ms Islam for accompanying and supporting the students.





Culture Day 2026 - A Celebration to Remember!

On Friday 17 April, we proudly hosted our much-anticipated Culture Day. It was a truly vibrant celebration of the diversity that makes our school so special. Students and staff came together in a stunning display of traditional attire and colours representing their heritage, filling the day with pride, identity, and joy.

Our incredible Year 13 students organised a fantastic Culture Show, featuring performances from Years 7–13. From powerful singing and energetic dancing to a vibrant fashion show, every moment reflected the talent and spirit of our community. Performances took place across both lunchtimes, followed by a special evening showcase where families were warmly welcomed to join the celebrations.

With over 50 languages spoken and 33 nationalities represented, our school community is something truly unique. Events like this remind us just how strong we are when we come together to celebrate and learn from one another.

A huge thank you to Mrs Devanney, Mr Sabin, and our amazing Sixth Formers Dakiaiya and Kyesha for organising such an uplifting event and to every student who took part whether that be in the show or by wearing your cultural attire. Your energy, creativity, and pride made the day unforgettable.

It was a bright, colourful and uplifting celebration filled with a true sense of community and school spirit. We couldn't be prouder!

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Year 7 Shine Bright with Awesome Science Homework!

We had some truly outstanding Solar System homework projects submitted from our amazing Year 7 students during the first half of our Summer Term.

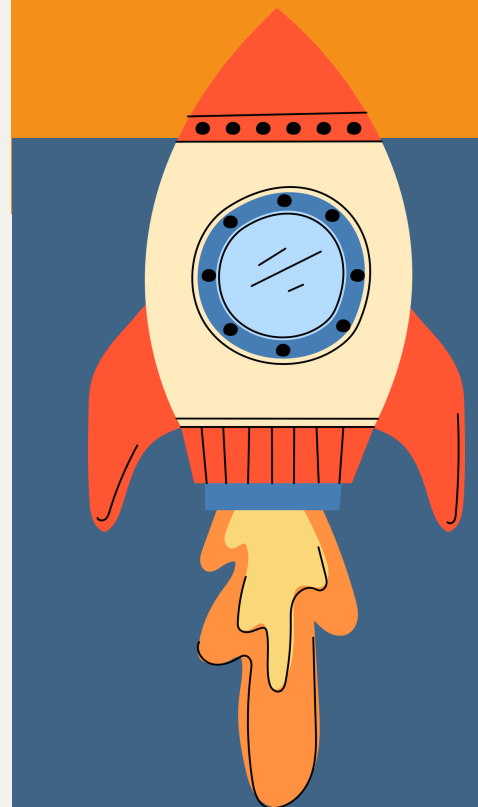
The creativity, effort and attention to detail on display was incredible. So many students went the extra mile, and their hard work deserves to be celebrated school-wide.

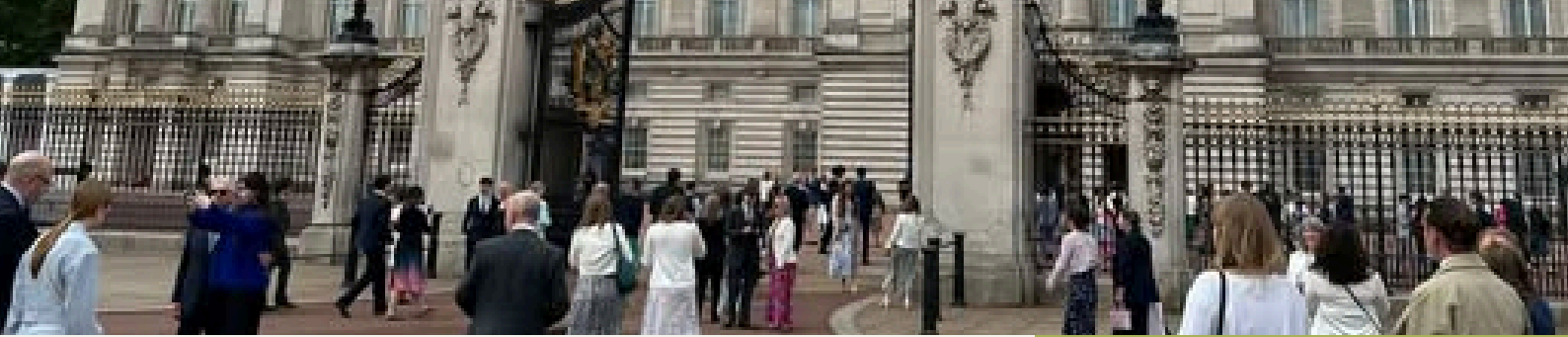
Check out the collage of their fantastic work submitted by our students in 7S and 7E.

We're so proud of the imagination and talent behind these space-themed creations.

Well done, Year 7, you've absolutely smashed it!

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Duke of Edinburgh 70th Anniversary Celebrations

Mr Dharsey had the honour of representing The Grange School Duke of Edinburgh team on Wednesday 20 May at Buckingham Palace to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

Over 2,000 Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award holders were guests of honour at this very special event celebrating their achievements. In a moment of true serendipity, Mr Dharsey bumped into former Grange School Head Boy Thomas Saunders, our only student to have gone on to achieve his Gold Award.

With the ever-growing numbers in our DofE programme, and the determination and hard work shown by our students, we are confident there will be many more Gold Award achievers in the future!

A fantastic day filled with inspiration, positivity, and celebration!

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Year 8 Visit Cotswolds Wildlife Park and Gardens

This half-term as part of our Personal Development Programme, Year 8 visited Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens.

Whilst at the zoo, the students took part in an 'Ecosystems and Habitats' workshop with the zoo keepers which supported their learning in Science. The students also got to take a train ride around the park too to take in all the sights of the park and the animals

Check out below some of the photographs the students took whilst there!

The students were as always, brilliant advocates for the school and for some, this was their first ever visit to a zoo. Enabling students to experience a zoo, visit The Cotswolds and make memories is something we are proud of as part of our personal development programme here at The Grange.

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