



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: The Grange School Diploma

As part of our Personal Development programme at The Grange School, we are introducing The Grange School Diploma.

The diploma is being trialled with all our Year 8 and 9 students and will officially launch on Monday 28th September 2026. The diploma itself, the criteria and the incentives have been shared and explained to the students in this week's assemblies.

There are 6 criteria for students to work towards over the next academic year:

- 1) **Attendance** – specifically avoiding having unauthorised absences.
- 2) **Conduct Points** – positive achievement points minus negative behaviour points.
- 3) **Homework** – an average score between 1 and 5 detailed on their data reports.
- 4) **Attitude to Learning** – an average score between 1 and 5 detailed on their data reports.
- 5) **Punctuality to Lessons**
- 6) Engagement in **Extra-Curricular** Clubs or activities

There are three levels to our Diploma based on these six criteria: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Students will be able to keep track of where they are in regard to these six areas during their weekly 'check-in, check-out' sessions with their form tutor as part of the pastoral programme. We are currently investigating how families can too, have sight of student's progress.

We aim to reward our students who achieve either the bronze, silver, and gold diplomas at the end of the academic year ranging from certificates, pin badges, movie/pizza afternoon and a potential visit to Thorpe Park.

We have emphasised during assemblies that we are working as a team (staff and students) to trial this new initiative and student voice will form a large part of this review.

The aim is to give our Year 8 and Year 9 students something to work towards throughout the year that is achievable by all and not based on academic ability.

As we have reiterated this week – Together, WE CAN.

Yours faithfully

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