



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

September 2026

Dear Year 7 Families

Re: Year 7 Update – End of Week 2

Year 7 have completed their first full week and are about to begin their well-deserved weekend!

Year 7 have had a full week of 25 lessons, meeting their new teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) as well as two assemblies with their Year Team Leaders and 3 form time sessions aiming to support them through transition.

Below is some information for parents/carers on various aspects of school life – it is a lengthy one as it is a busy time for our youngest cohort. I will continue to write to you weekly until October half term.

In the meantime, you can get in touch via the following channels:

- 1) Our specific Facebook page for Year 7: The Grange School Year 7 Starters September 2026
- 2) Transition Email – transition@grange.bucks.sch.uk
- 3) Reception – 01296 390900
- 4) Directly with the Form Tutor or Year Team Leader (contact details at the bottom of this letter)

Communication:

Starting from today (11th September), every Friday afternoon, you will receive an email with a link to our weekly parent bulletin. Please take some time to look at this, especially any letters in the Year 7 and the whole school section, as these will directly affect you and/or your child. It also consists of dates for your diaries, news updates, and pictures of events in school from that week. **This weekly letter will be in this bulletin from next week and not sent as a separate email.** Therefore, if you do not receive the link to weekly parent bulletin this afternoon, please contact the office to investigate this for you. You can pop in or call on 01296 390900. Alternatively, you can also find the link on our main social media pages and our website.

Form Time:

Next week, our Year 7 students will follow a pastoral programme more aligned to the rest of the school during tutor time each morning, which runs from 8:25am until 8:55am. This will be as follows:

Monday – Check In/Check Out. Form tutors will look at how the previous week has gone in terms of attendance, achievement points, behaviour points, and punctuality to make sure the tutor group start the week well and stay on track.

Tuesday – transition assembly with Mr Walsh and Miss Pollard (Heads of Year 7).

Wednesday – Oracy activity where a topic is discussed as a form group e.g. discussing whether Autumn is the best season.

Thursday – Character Education where a school value is discussed as a form group e.g. empathy.

Friday – whole school assembly. Next week on the topic of community.

This half term, Year 7 will have an assembly on both Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Bromcom for Students:

The Grange School uses Bromcom for managing and communicating a wide range of information including student's timetables, attendance, achievement, and behaviour points. Students will each be given a Bromcom account and shown how to use this over the first two ICT lessons. It is estimated that all Year 7 students will have accessed their Bromcom profile by **Wednesday 16th September**. This will be confirmed in next week's letter. Until then, students are not expected to check it daily but may do so if they are accessing Bromcom to start to get familiar with it.

We will communicate with you and the students when they are ready to use Bromcom and engage with it daily. No homework will be set for students until this is the case. Usually, students sign up to Extra-Curricular clubs via their Bromcom account. Until they are all accessing Bromcom, Year 7 can attend any club they wish to without booking a place. We will share with the students how to do this in the next fortnight. Students receive achievement points for attending Extra-Curricular clubs too.

Bromcom for Parents/Carers:

Families can sign up for a parental Bromcom account called 'My Child at School (MCAS)'. You should have received a separate email from our admin team in relation to setting up your parental account on Bromcom and be able to view your child's timetable, attendance etc.

For more information about getting started with the My Child at School app, please refer to the MCAS parent guide. A link to this guide can be found here on our website: [Bromcom - The Grange School](#)

Fingerprints:

By now, the majority of Year 7 students have had their fingerprints scanned in the canteen. We are only able to do this if permission has been given by families in their admission forms you completed prior to them starting with us. This allows students to purchase food and drink using our cashless system. Students can eat both food purchased in the canteen as well as packed lunches from home in any area of the canteen. If any students have not had their fingerprints scanned, we are running a catch-up session on **Monday 14th September**.

Families should setup an account via the My Child at School app for students to pay for school meals. More information about how to do this and our menus are here: [Catering - The Grange School](#)
If your child is eligible for free school meals, their online accounts will automatically be credited each morning.

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Our Extra-Curricular clubs are up and running. Timetables have been shared on social media, are on the website and are linked in this week's Parent Bulletin in the whole school section.

A popular one for Year 7 is Active Club with Mrs Shepherd, which provides a weekly opportunity to try out an alternative sport. The timetable for Active Clubs Sports for this half term is below:

Tues 15th Sept - Kick Rounders
Tues 22nd Sept - Badminton
Tues 29th Sept - Just Dance
Tues 6th Oct - Benchball
Tues 13th Oct - Fitness Bingo
Tues 20th Oct - Dodgeball

Chewing Gum:

Unfortunately, we have seen a high number of Year 7 students chewing gum during the school day. Please can I ask for support in reiterating that chewing gum is not to be brought into or consumed in school.

Mobile Phones:

Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school, but they are not to be seen or heard on the school grounds and this includes before 8:25am and after 3.00pm. There has been an unusually high number of Year 7 students accessing their phone on the playground after 3.00pm. We have reminded them to only use their phones outside the school gates for safeguarding reasons.

Uniform:

We appreciate your support very much in how smart our Year 7's look. Although, you may not be too happy with how the uniforms are returning home if they have been playing football at lunchtime! What can I say... they are having so much fun!

If for any reason your child is unable to be in correct uniform, please send your child to school with a note from a parent/carer so we can provide a 'uniform slip' for the day.

School Photographs:

All Year 7 students will have their first school photo on **Tuesday 15th September** during the school day. These will be available to purchase should you wish to. School photographs are not updated every year. Students have their school photographs taken in Years 7, 9, 11 (and 12) only.

Dates for your Diary:

Year 7 School Photographs – Tuesday 15th September 2026

Year 7 CATS and Reading Assessments – Monday 21st September and Tuesday 22nd September 2026 (please see a separate letter with information regarding these from Miss Brown in the Year 7 section of the weekly parent bulletin)

Year 7 Teambuilding Day (onsite) = Friday 25th September 2026 (more information coming next week)

Contact details for the Year 7 team are below:

7D Form Tutor – Miss Palmer – spalmer@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7I Form Tutor – Mrs James-Morgan – sjamesmorgan@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7S Form Tutor – Mrs Charles – gcharles@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7C Form Tutor – Mrs Shelton – ishelton@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7O Form Tutor – Mr Baker – rbaker@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7V Form Tutor – Mr Dharsey – cdharsey@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7E Form Tutor – Mrs Kirk – akirk@grange.bucks.sch.uk

7R Form Tutor – Mr Walpola – Iwalpola@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Head of Year 7 DISC – Mr Walsh – swalsh@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Head of Year 7 OVER – Miss Pollard – kpollardohara@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Year 7 Pastoral Support Assistant – Miss De-Vita Sheppard – odevitasheppard@grange.bucks.sch.uk

We are so proud of how Year 7 have conducted themselves over their first week and it has been an absolute delight popping into their lessons this week – we can already see their personalities starting to come through. Keep it up Year 7 – your first impressions are continuing to be extremely positive.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours faithfully



Miss N Glenister

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