



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

October 2026

Dear Year 7 Families

Re: Year 7 Update – End of Week 6

Another successful week completed for Year 7! Feedback from staff around the school continues to be positive about how Year 7 are settling in, gaining confidence in their new surroundings as well holding on to their fantastic first impressions.

Below is some information for parents/carers on various aspects of school life.

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 (closing at half term)
- 3) Reception – 01296 390900
- 4) Directly with the Form Tutor or Year Team Leader (contact details at the bottom of this letter)

Attendance

Thank you so much for your support with getting your children into school. Year 7 attendance is currently 96%, which is the highest in the school, but unfortunately, the gap between Year 7 and Year 8 (2nd place) is closing. Mr Walsh and Miss Pollard like to win against their fellow Year Team Leaders!

We have had a big switch around from last week in terms of the Year 7 attendance leaderboard with 7E now in first place with 98.6%, followed by 7S with 97.9% and a very close 3rd place with 7D at 97.7%. The winning form at October half term is very much still up for grabs!

Each week, typically on a Monday morning, Year 7 have a 'check-in, check-out' session with their Form Tutors. During tutor time (8:25am – 8:55am), tutors will have a look at their form's attendance as well as conduct points. Form tutors may hold individual conversations during this time as well as class discussions with the aim of starting the week off on the right track.

Homework

From this week, all subjects may set homework as per our homework policy. Students can now expect weekly homework from Maths, English, Science, and their chosen language. Humanities subjects (Geography, History and R.S.) may set two pieces of homework per half term. Other subjects such as Art, Drama and Music may set one piece of homework per term. Our homework policy can be found here on our website: [\(School\) - Charging Policy](#)

All homework is set on Bromcom and the suggested time for each piece of homework in Key Stage 3 is 40 minutes.

As a reminder, we do offer homework club, which takes place in IT1 every day after school until 4:00pm.

Here there are staff to support students as well as resources such as computers and printers which students can use.

If you have any queries regarding Year 7 homework, it is best to contact the teacher who set the homework in the first instance.

Behaviour

Unfortunately, we have seen a spike over the last week in behaviour points for Year 7 – the top three reasons being punctuality to lessons, disruptive behaviour, and punctuality to school. In terms of punctuality to school and lessons, we expect to see this number rapidly decline by October half term.

Poor punctuality can lead to sanctions. Please check your child's Bromcom account daily and support them in ensuring they are as prepared as possible for their day ahead, particularly as to what lessons they have and where they should be. We are seeing a high number of students approach staff at the end of their break or lunch and relaying they do not know what or where their next lesson is – something they could do during their social time and not at the end. We are always happy to help but we are encouraging our Year 7 cohort to think ahead so they are prepared for what is coming up next in their day.

Secondly, we closely monitor incidences of disruptive behaviour and disrupting the learning of others will not be tolerated. Students who persistently slow down or prevent the learning of others are being monitored closely and the pastoral team will work closely with families to help students improve their conduct and attitudes within classrooms to maintain a well-ordered and disciplined environment for all.

National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was held on Thursday 1st October and to mark this occasion, our Subject Leader of English, Mrs Zehra set all form groups a challenge – to write a two-line poem that captures a sense of wonder inspired by a photo of a forest. I am proud to say that 7I won the whole-school competition!

Here is 7I's creation:

Wonder

Wearing her beautifully designed dress, draped in laces of soft leaves and buttons of bugs she smiles encouraging passersby to breathe in her glory.

The gleam from the horizon dances through the long hair on her head mesmerising many specially the creatures that call her home.

What a WONDER!

An additional mention goes to 7V as all students in the form entered the competition and a special mention was given to Ruby's entry in assembly this week – well done Ruby, all of 7V as well as our whole-school winners...7I!

Uniform

As temperatures begin to drop, we often see hoodies and trainers creep into school. Hoodies and trainers are not permitted in school, and we appreciate your support with this as we enter the colder months.

Tutor Time

This week, we had a 'drop-down' tutor time session on Tuesday during period 1. Here Year 7 got to reflect on their progress so far since starting The Grange School and considered what success looks like for them together with their form tutors. The students thought about what success could look like in school, their personal lives, and a possible future workplace. It was great to see the variety of careers our Year 7's are planning – although P.E. teachers was a popular choice. We have a sporty year cohort here!

We aim to have half-termly drop-down tutor sessions to encourage our students to reflect on their progress, set targets and hopefully stay on track to achieving them!

Enterprise Lessons – Unifrog

This week, we have had some lovely feedback from Mrs Devanney who has organised for Year 7 to be introduced to a platform called Unifrog during Enterprise lessons. Unifrog is an online careers and destinations platform used by schools to help students aged 4 to 18 explore education and career options. Students will be encouraged to access Unifrog, especially in Key Stage 4 when they will engage in work experience and look at opportunities for their post-16 education.

Dates for your Diary:

Year 7 Form Tutor Parent's Evening & Literacy and Numeracy Evening – Thursday 19th November 2026 (more information to follow).

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 – lselton@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

Half term is not far away! Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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