



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

October 2026

Dear Year 7 Families

Re: Year 7 Update – End of Week 7

The penultimate week before the half term break! Our Year 7's first half term is flying by! They are in need of their week off – some tired little faces around the site during this week but they are still smiling and thriving each day.

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 95.9% which is the highest in the school. We had a bout of illness at the end of September, and it is pleasing to see that we are beginning to recover from that absence but we must hold onto a good attendance right until the end of the half term to get back up to where we were in week 2.

Next week, during our final assembly for the half term, the form group with the highest attendance will win a form prize and we will recognise all those students with 100% attendance since starting this year.

Behaviour

Year 7 have managed to accrue an incredible 16,427 achievement points at the time of writing this! The highest proportion of these are for effort in class, contribution in class and outstanding homework. Well done Year 7!

Our behaviour points are mostly aligned to organisation, and the highest proportion of behaviour points are due to poor punctuality to lesson. If students are persistently late to lessons, sanctions will follow. Lateness to lesson is logged if students arrive after the bell when coming from break and/or lunch. Alternatively, if coming from a previous lesson and students arrive a considerable time after the majority of the class, they will be marked as late. Hopefully, these numbers decline as we head into Autumn Term 2.

If students are set a detention, it is important they attend them. Failure to attend detention results in students being placed in isolation on Friday afternoon.

P.E. kit

Year 7 have been engaging well in their P.E. lessons so far this half term. It was noticeable more so at the start of the term that students were forgetting to bring P.E. kit on their P.E. days, which led to behaviour points, but their organisation has improved. If students are unable to partake in physical activity, they are still required to bring in kit to change into and their teacher will adapt the lesson to ensure they can still take part in the learning.

Celebration Assembly – Friday 23rd October 2026

Next Friday, Mr Walsh and Miss Pollard will lead our end of half term assembly. We will celebrate good attendance, good behaviour, including uniform, as well as find out who our form tutors have chosen to be their 'Star of the Half Term'. This will be Year 7's first celebration assembly and we are excited to celebrate in their successes with them before the Half Term break. Keep an eye on our social media pages for our winners...

Form Tutor Parent's Evening – Thursday 19th November 2026

On **Thursday 19th November from 4:15pm**, we will be holding our Form Tutor Parents Evening for all Year 7 families. Here you will be able to meet with your child's form tutor for a short 5-minute appointment. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how transition is going for your child and how they are settling into The Grange School. The form tutors will not be able to give any insight as to their academic progress at this time.

Prior to the evening, you will receive a report via your Parent Bromcom – My Child At School Portal/App. This will give details of how your child is doing in Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) only. It will also state your child's reading age as result of their reading tests completed last month. During the evening, you will receive a paper copy showing the results of your child's CATS tests, also completed last month.

In addition, we will also have members of our English and Maths team to speak with you about how literacy and numeracy is taught and developed at The Grange as well as a chance for you to ask questions about how to support your child at home.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

In the next half term, we have some new clubs starting. Students will be invited to register their interest in a Nature Club run by Mrs Dimond (Teacher of English and YTL for 10 OVER) as well as a textiles and sewing club run by our Design and Technology Department. More information on these to follow.

Transition Email Inbox

As of **Friday 23rd October 2026, at 3:00pm**, we will be closing our transition email inbox (transition@grange.bucks.sch.uk). Our general email address is office@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Your child's form tutors and Year Team Leaders contact email addresses are also listed below.

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 – odevitasheppard@grange.bucks.sch.uk

Half term is getting close! Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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