



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

September 2026

Dear Year 7 Families

Re: Year 7 Update – End of Week 5

Year 7 have completed their first month at The Grange School – how time flies! They are continuing to impress us each and every day with their resilience, politeness and attitude to learning.

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

Bromcom for Students

All students across Year 7 are now able to access Bromcom and have had their first homework tasks set from English, Maths, Science and their chosen language. Maths and Science are currently using Sparx to assign homework tasks. Sparx is a widely used educational technology platform in the UK that provides personalised online homework and learning tools for secondary school students.

Getting into good homework habits can take time, and we appreciate your support with your child to provide a space, the time and resources to enable them to complete their homework to the best of their ability. The guided time for homework completion in Key Stage 3 is 40 minutes per piece. 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.

From **Monday 5th October 2026**, other subjects may set homework as per their homework policy such as the Humanities subjects and Art. All homework is set on Bromcom and some support with accessing Bromcom for students and parents/carers can be found here on our website: [Bromcom - The Grange School](#) If you have any queries regarding Year 7 homework, it is best to contact the teacher who set the homework in the first instance.

Attendance

Thank you so much for your support with getting your children into school. Year 7 attendance is currently 96.3% which is the highest in the school but sadly has dropped very slightly again since writing to you last week. 7D are out in front with an impressive 98.4% attendance, closely followed by 7E with 98.3% and in third place is 7S with 98%. The winning prize is very much still up for grabs at our end of half term celebration assembly in which the winning form group will be rewarded with a prize. Mr Walsh and Miss Pollard are also very competitive in the DISC vs OVER attendance challenge – who will have gloating rights at October half term – DISC or OVER?

Behaviour

Mr Walsh delivered an assembly this week to Year 7 regarding the rewards on offer as well as consequences when student's behaviour does not match expectations. In all our classrooms, there is a set of traffic lights displayed. When given a verbal warning, student's name/initials are placed on green. When given a second warning, they are moved to amber. If a third warning is needed to be given, the student moves to red and is expected to meet their class teacher at 3:00pm in the inclusion room to have a restorative conversation (RC). In rare cases, if a student goes beyond red and is removed from the lesson, the student is expected to meet their class teacher at 3:00pm in the inclusion room for a restorative conversation (RC) and a phone call home will be made from the class teacher. If a student fails to attend the restorative conversation at 3:00pm, they will be set a 30-minute detention. All these details will be logged, and you will be notified on Bromcom.

Extra-Curricular

Our Extra-Curricular timetables are live and now on Bromcom. Students should book onto clubs via their own Bromcom profiles under the clubs (and trips) sections. A list of clubs available will appear under 'available clubs' and all clubs they are booked onto will appear under 'My Clubs'. By booking into a club, it creates a register for the member of staff running the club. When students then attend the club, they are awarded an Extra-Curricular achievement point.

Our timetable for Extra-Curricular clubs can also be found here on our school website: [Extra-Curricular - The Grange School](#)

Achievement Points

Year 7 have now accrued over 10,000 achievement points with an average of 140 achievement points per student! Achievement points can be awarded for a huge range of behaviours across the school. Achievement points can lead to rewards such as an invitation to a breakfast morning at the end of the Autumn and Spring Term, prizes in assemblies and entry to the huge end of year reward day in the summer.

Our reward system is largely created as a result of student voice and can be found here on our website: [Rewards - The Grange School](#)

Behaviour

Unfortunately, some of our Year 7 students are continuing to pick up behaviour points for lateness to school and lack of equipment. This week, it has been necessary to log behaviour for disruptive behaviour and even some removals from lesson, which individual families will be contacted by the class teacher should this be the case. Our expectations towards behaviour for learning are unapologetically high with the intention of giving every child the opportunity for students to learn and thrive in the classroom.

Behaviour points will prevent students from meeting criteria enabling them to be invited to reward events. I have continued to visit Year 7 in their lessons every week and I am impressed with the conduct I have observed. We appreciate your support in promoting good attitudes towards learning.

Open Evening

It was heartwarming to see so many Year 7 students supporting their school at this week's Open Evenings! We are so proud of all our students who choose to support us, but especially Year 7 students after only being here a matter of weeks. Thank you to those Year 7 families who arranged for them to do this.

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 – 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

As we write this, the students are heading home to enjoy their 3-day weekend!

Have a lovely, extended weekend and we look forward to welcoming Year 7 back on Monday 5th October 2026.

Yours faithfully



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