



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Mr V Murray – Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update on Year 12

As we approach the end of the first half term, we would like to take the opportunity to provide an update on how our Year 12 students have settled into Sixth Form life and to share some important information as we move into the next half term.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate our Year 12 students on the positive start they have made. Transitioning from Year 11 into Sixth Form brings new challenges, expectations and opportunities and it has been pleasing to see students embracing this next stage of their education. Students have settled well into their courses, engaged positively in lessons and begun to develop the greater independence and responsibility that are key elements of Sixth Form study.

Sixth Form Uniform

Thank you for your support in addressing the few issues we have encountered regarding Sixth Form uniform. The Grange School Sixth Form adopts a Smart Business Attire dress code as part of its uniform policy.

Our Sixth Form dress code is designed to reflect the professional and respectful environment that we strive to create. As students prepare for university, apprenticeships and employment, we believe it is important that they develop an understanding of appropriate professional dress. Smart dress promotes pride, professionalism and responsibility whilst ensuring that Sixth Form students act as positive role models within the wider school community.

Please be reminded that trainers and miniskirts are not permitted as part of The Grange School Sixth Form dress code. Please find a link to the full Sixth Form Dress Code below:

[**Dress-Code-2025-2026.pdf**](#)

Period 5 Study Periods

As you are aware, Sixth Form students have Study Periods built into their timetable each week. These periods provide valuable time for students to complete independent study, revise, complete assignments and prepare for upcoming lessons. Developing strong independent study habits is one of the most important aspects of Sixth Form and helps students to succeed in their subjects whilst preparing them for university, apprenticeships and future employment.

During the first half term, we have required Year 12 students to remain on site from 8.30am until 3.00pm each day. This has allowed students to establish positive routines, become familiar with the expectations of Sixth Form study and make effective use of their study periods in a structured environment.

We have been pleased with how students have settled into Sixth Form life and the maturity they have shown during this transition. As a result, after half term, we will be introducing a new arrangement that recognises the increasing independence and responsibility expected of Sixth Form students whilst continuing to ensure that academic progress remains a priority.

If a student has a 'Study Period' during Period 5, they will be permitted to sign out of school at 1.25pm and complete their independent study away from the school site. Students should recognise the importance of continuing to use this time productively and should not view it as a "free period". Students who wish to remain on site may continue to work in the Sixth Form Study Centre or Library.

Students who have a timetabled Period 5 (2.05pm - 3.00pm) lesson are required to remain on site for the full school day and attend their lesson as normal.

Students who choose to leave site must sign out at the Attendance Office in Main Reception and then leave site straight away out of the main reception. For safeguarding reasons, it is essential that all students follow the sign-out procedure correctly and do not leave the school site without signing out.

In order to retain this privilege, students must meet the following criteria:

- Not be identified by their subject teacher as being behind in their studies or demonstrating a poor attitude towards learning.
- Maintain attendance above **93%**, with no unauthorised absences (subject to individual circumstances being reviewed where appropriate).
- Have no unauthorised late marks to Sixth Form tutor time. If your child is going to be late, parents/carers should inform the school of the reason for the lateness.

Student attendance, punctuality and academic progress will be reviewed regularly. Parents/carers will be contacted if a student is no longer meeting the criteria and as a result, has this privilege withdrawn.

We are extremely proud of the way our Year 12 students have approached their first half term in Sixth Form and would like to thank both students and parents/carers for their continued support. We hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful half-term break.

We look forward to welcoming students back after half term and continuing to support them as they progress through the rest of this term.

Yours faithfully



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