



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



ONE SCHOOL ONE VISION

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance is monitored daily, please use the school social media applications to keep up to date with attendance for the phases and year groups.

It is important to be punctual for school each day and there is now the option to access a free breakfast. **Please note, students will be classed as late if they arrive after 8.30am (Secondary) and 8.45am (Primary).** Students in the 'Secondary Phase' will be given a catch up card log by their Progress Tutor on their return to school. Students will then be responsible to collect work from the lessons they have missed and ensure all work that has been missed is completed to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to the 604 students who have achieved 96% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!

Well done to the 790 students who have achieved 96% or above attendance in the last 2 weeks. Keep it up!

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

MISSING (SCHOOL) = MISSING OUT



Well done to the 207 students who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!



KEY STEPS GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

A huge 'Well Done' to all our children from Years 2,3 and 4 who took part in the Halton Schools Key Steps gymnastics competition at the Focus Gymnastics Club in Widnes

An amazing day was had by all with some superb individual scores in various events.



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Attendance

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MYEd is the free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We are able to send you messages directly to the **MYEd** app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school. You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge for the messages you send to us.

Year 5/6 Halton Schools Football League

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who finished a fantastic 3rd place in the Halton Schools Football League. A superb effort and performance in each game.



Name/Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	G.D.	Points
St Clements	9	9	0	0	33	3	30	27
Hillview	9	6	2	1	29	12	17	19
The Grange	9	6	3	0	22	13	9	18
Pewithall	9	5	4	0	31	14	17	15
Westfield	9	5	4	0	20	16	4	15
Moore A	9	4	4	1	15	13	2	13
Holy Spirit A	9	3	5	1	16	19	-3	10
Windmill Hill	9	2	7	0	9	49	-40	6
Moore B	9	1	6	2	10	24	-14	5
Holy Spirit B	9	1	7	1	4	26	-22	4

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Year 10 and 11 Progress Evening Feedback

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended the year 10 and 11 Progress Evenings during half term 3. By working together we are better able to support the progress of our students, celebrate successes and share areas for improvement.

We are most grateful for the feedback you provided through the parental survey questions as your honest reflections allow us to drive further improvement within the school. Please be assured that any areas for improvement have been followed up. We are continually working hard to improve areas where concern has been raised and always welcome your feedback.

Results from the survey are outlined below

Year 11 Parental Attendance 70% - 26 Surveys completed

Year 10 Parental Attendance 73% - 53 surveys completed

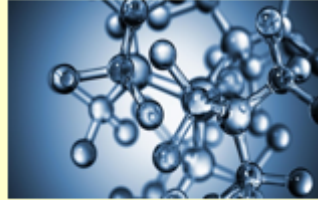
	Year 10 Strongly Agree/Agree	Year 11 Strongly Agree/Agree
1 My Child is happy at the school?	96%	88%
2 My child is well looked after at this school?	100%	96%
3 My child is taught well in this school?	98%	88%
4 My child receives appropriate homework for their age?	96%	81%
5 This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved	77%	69%
6 I feel confident my child is being given appropriate support for their GCSE's?	94%	92%
7 I feel confident in supporting my child with their GCSE revision?	98%	96%
8 This school responds well to any concerns I raise?	89%	73%
9 I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress?	92%	92%
	YES	YES
10 Would you recommend this school to another parent?	87%	85%

Some of the comments received are below;

- I am really happy with the support that this school has and continues to provide for my child. It is truly exceptional and much appreciated.
- My Child is a happy child due to the support and assistance she gets here. Her confidence bounded since being here and the encouragement she receives is fantastic. Love the support you give to me as well and the communication between myself and school is great.
- My child receives encouragement from all the staff at the school.
- School has improved greatly this year due to new head and teachers.

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World Science Week



The Grange Academy will be celebrating World Science Week between 11 – 15th March

What's going on throughout the week?

- Science lessons linked to exciting careers in science and engineering.
- Out of class projects and home experiments with rewards for excellent participation.
 - House competition for Key Stage 3 students.
 - Parent/student hands-on science sessions.

Please see the Academy's social media feeds for more information

Mayors Award and Duke of Edinburgh

On Wednesday 23rd January, students taking part in the Mayors Award programme and Duke of Edinburgh Award were presented their certificate by the Mayor of Halton at The Brindley Theatre.

The evening was a great success and a moment to be proud, as The Grange Academy was the pilot school to run the Mayors Award in Halton. Students have worked hard to gain their awards, not only in school but on expeditions and volunteering their time into the local community.

The evening was shared with other schools from Halton and the Grange Choir opened the event with the fabulous voice of our very own Year 7 student, Jessie Evans.



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Hegarty Heroes!

All homework in maths is now set weekly on hegartymaths.com. If you want to know more please check the link on the school website. Well done to the following students on their achievements!

Most learning hours

Year 7

Jessica Scattergood

Year 8

Daniel Roberts

Year 9

Samantha Main

Year 10

Mollie-May Cross

Year 11

Owen O'Neill

Most questions answered

Year 7

Alicia Naylor

Year 8

Kaytlin Main

Year 9

Samantha Main

Year 10

Scarlett Taylor

Year 11

Owen O'Neill

Most video hours

Year 7

Jessica Scattergood

Year 8

Myuzhde Asenova

Year 9

Samantha Main

Year 10

Zoe Van Heerden

Year 11

Annabelle Kinson

Momo Challenge

It has come to our attention this week that there is a new online craze known as the The Momo Challenge. It is described as a WhatsApp 'suicide challenge'. It features an avatar of a creepy-looking woman with bulging eyes, stringy black hair and a devilish grin, telling young people to harm themselves.

The game requires young people to add a contact on WhatsApp before the doll-like character hounds them with violent images and escalating dares, the last of which demands they kill themselves.

National reports suggest the 'game' could be linked to the deaths of youngsters in Colombia, Argentina and India in recent years.

The game hides itself in the form of other normal-looking games so that parents do not suspect it. It has been reported that Roblox players have been invited join the momo challenge

To stay safe, parents are warned to always be aware of what their children are watching and reading online, and if possible, limit the apps they can access.

If a parent suspects a Momo is targeting their child, police advice is to delete and block the number immediately.

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House Team Update

The competition between the houses has started with a quiz in secondary and table pong in primary. We now have a full calendar of events over the next few weeks which is creating a buzz around the school and a healthy competitive spirit across the houses. This editions update includes:

House Captains

House Captains have now been chosen and they all met for the first time this week. The house leaders are excited to be working with the house captains creating support for the up and coming competitions.

House captains are:

<u>St Patrick House</u> <u>Captains:</u> Evie Taylor (3H) Jensen Tildsley (3H) Lily O'Neill (7OCA) Ciah O'Neill (8COP) Chloe Leong (10PSR) Isabelle Highton (10PSR)	<u>St George House</u> <u>Captains:</u> Oliver Clifton Stringer (3G) Emma Beesley (6S) Leon Birkenhead (7SLV) Bradley Hughes (9MEY) Leo Chamberlain (10BNT) Robert Moss-Rathbone (10BNT)	<u>St David House</u> <u>Captains:</u> Maia Pinnigton (4G) Myudzheyin Ahmedov Hasanov (6M) Phoebe Hales-Jones (7FOS) Jessica Scattergood (7FOS) Niamh Main (10MCN) Chloe Ennis (10MCN)	<u>St Andrew House</u> <u>Captains:</u> Freya Robson 4H Owen Macdonald 5P Lottie Hales-Jones (7WNG) Isabel Thomas (7WNG) Morgan Atkin (10BAC) Katie Hassett (10BAC)
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Wall of Champions

Congratulations to our nominees and overall winners for our Wall of Champions. You should be extremely proud of yourselves. The overall winners are highlighted.

DT/Food Technology/Photography

Nominations for Secondary: Ellie Gould (10BNT)
Demi Hannon (9RDD)

Nominations for Primary:

Daniel Chen (7WNG)
Callan Bellfield (Y1)
Merry Kiu (Y2)
Louis Girvan (Y3)
Elliott McGrath (Y3)

English

Nominations for Secondary: Robbie Rathbone (8MBY)
Louis Goodall (9MEY)
Mia Wilkinson (7FOS)

Nominations for Primary:

Olivia Littler (RW)
Ellie Osbourne (6S)
Ben Marsh (2B)
Brooke Burns (4H)

Humanities

Nominations for Secondary: Abbie Ratcliffe (7WNG)
Owen O'Neill (11CLR)
Harlee Lloyd (8EVN)

Nominations for Primary:

Millie Keogh (2B)
Thomas Osbourne (5OI)
Isabella MacDonald (6M)
Tyler Kinley (3G)

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Attendance and ASPIRE points

The results to date for attendance: Well done to **St George House**

St David – 4th place

St Andrew – 3rd place

St Patrick – 2nd place

St George – 1st place (96%)

The results to date for ASPIRE points: Well done to **St Andrew House**

St David – 4th place

St Patrick – 3rd place

St George – 2nd place

St Andrew – 1st place

House Competitions

How are your throwing skills?

Our KS2 students are preparing for a Table Pong competition which takes place on Tuesday 5th March at 3.15pm in Miss Williams' classroom. Good luck everyone I am sure you will have a great time.

St David's Day

St David's Day is on Friday 1st March and will be celebrated across the school. Everyone will be learning about St David's Day but if your class or form are St David's House then there will be a best decorated classroom competition in Primary and in Secondary there will be an inter form competition about Wales.

Comic Relief week for secondary student's week beginning 11th March

Look out on social media and around school for more information about how you can help raise money.

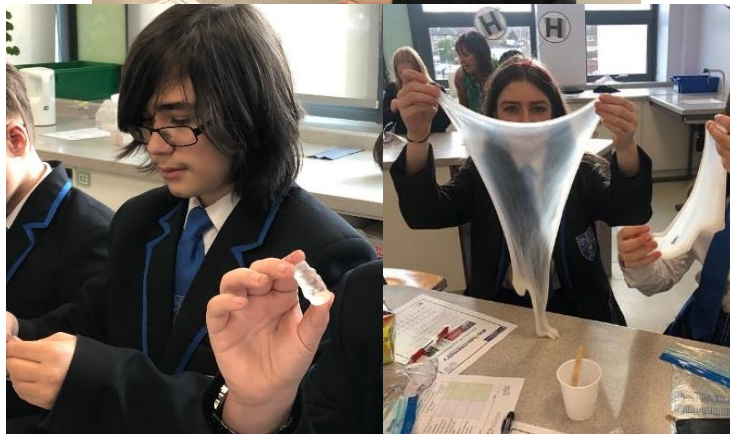
Thank you for taking the time to read our update, we look forward to communicating with you in the next newsletter. The House Team Miss Gittins, Miss Winq, Mr Passmore, Miss Williams

Year 9 Science Project

absolutechemistry
SHAPING FUTURES WITH CHEMISTRY

A group of Year 9 students were invited to attend the second cycle of John Moore University's outreach project: 'The Chemistry of Large Molecules'. They learnt about the structure and qualities of polymers and monomers. They made slime and had a great time experimenting how stretchy and bouncy it was.

Their next experiment was with polymorph, a substance which, when warm, is pliable and goes hard on cooling. They made their initials and a variety of little objects. All of our students agreed it was a fabulous session.



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Numeracy Challenge

$$\begin{array}{r} \square \quad 1 \quad 9 \quad \times 2 = \quad 4 \quad 3 \quad \square \\ \square \quad \square \quad \square \quad \times 3 = \quad \square \quad \square \quad \square \end{array}$$

2 5 6 7 8

Arrange the given digits to make three 3 digit numbers such that the second is double the first and the third is three times the first. 4 digits have been positioned already.

Literacy Challenge

Can you guess the book title and the author?



Year 8 Reminder Pathways Reply Slips

Please ensure Pathway reply slips for Year 8 are returned by Friday 8th March

Thought of the Week

Reading Is Power

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Year 3 Family Assembly	Friday 01 March 2019	9:00am – 10:00am
Year 2 Family Assembly	Friday 08 March 2019	9:00am – 10:00am
Year 7 Residential Trip - Colomendy	Monday 11 March 2019 – Wednesday 13 March	