

# THE GRANGE ACADEMY



**Wade Deacon Trust** 

#### **ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE**

#### Friday 6th March 2020 - Issue 11

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful half term break.

We have a very busy half term ahead with the final preparations underway for the GCSEs and SATs. Last week I led assemblies in the secondary phase to re-affirm our standards and expectations with the students and also asked them to be kind.

We talked about the journey that the school has been on and where we are currently. I truly believe we are making improvements and I have added the Challenge Partners Report to the website should you wish to read it.

Given recent events and the potential detrimental effect social media can have on people I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Halton Association of Headteachers Social Media Policy. This policy acts as a guide to parents and carers about the inappropriate use of social media which could damage the reputation of the school, it's staff and / or students. We work hard with our students to educate them on the inappropriate use of social media and use the newsletter, website and our own social media to give them guidance.

It has come to my attention that some recent posts by parents and carers, however well intentioned, have caused some unrest and may have not been accurate. We have a very clear complaints policy and should you wish to raise concerns we are more than happy to listen. I know the vast majority of you and the students are very supportive and appreciate the higher standards and expectations we have, and continue, to put in place. I would encourage all stakeholders to work with the school to support us by sharing concerns with us, rather than on social media and support the school policies and procedures. It is these policies and procedures that enable us to keep standards high and ensure the students can achieve highly at this school.

Kind regards

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For reference our social media account that are run by the school are as follows;



Twitter: @Grange\_School



Instagram: @thegrangeacademy



Facebook: @grangeacademy

## **Sport Relief**

Throughout the week of **9th-13th March**, Primary students will be taking part in activities for **Sport Relief** during lunchtimes. On Friday 13th March, Primary students will be allowed to wear something red and bring a £1 contribution. A letter was sent to all Primary students on Thursday 5th March containing more information.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Year 5 Fire Service Smoke Tent talk	Mon 9th Mar	1.30pm-2.50pm	
Sport Relief activities - Primary students	Mon 9th-Fri 13th Mar	All day	
Primary students - 'Wear something Red' day (£1 donations)	Fri 13th Mar	All day	
Year 4 Group Assembly - parents are invited to attend	Fri 20th Mar	9.00am-10.00am	
Easter Bingo	Tue 24th Mar	6.00pm	
Year 11 Photographs	Thu 26th Mar		

## **Attendance**



## Attendance – Week 21



### **HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:**

Year 3 Primary 97.4% & Year 11 Secondary 95.4% **HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS:** IN - 100%

> **HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM: IIELT - 99.3%**

#### ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

The highest attending class in Primary and the highest attending form group in Secondary each week will receive a celebration breakfast ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

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## Attendance – Week 22



### **HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:**

Year 5 Primary & Year 10 Secondary **HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS:** 2G - 97.2% **HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM:** 

11ELT - 97.1%

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### **Staff Profile**

## ASC resource base coordinator- L Stratford





#### <u>Education</u>

2000-2007 GCSEs and A-Levels at St Chad's (Psychology, Sociology and Health and Social Care)
2011-2014 First Class Honours degree in Education Studies with Special Educational Needs. Liverpool Hope University.

2014-2016 Post Graduate Diploma in Disability Studies. Liverpool Hope University

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Shop Assistant during sixth form 2005-2007
Hotel Receptionist 2007-2008
Teaching Assistant at St Chad's 2008-2011
Shop Assistant SPAR 2012-2013

ASC Resource Base Coordinator 2014 - present

#### **Proudest Moment**

My route to university wasn't traditional as I didn't start my degree until I was 22 - after working as a Teaching Assistant for 3 years. I had always had a passion for learning but it was during my first job in education that I developed a drive for supporting young people in overcoming obstacles to achieve their potential. I knew I wanted to pursue a career in Education so, after 3 years working at a secondary school, I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and applied to Liverpool Hope University.

My proudest career achievements are being presented with an 'outstanding contribution to my academic discipline' award during the third year of my degree, gaining a first class honours and receiving the 'Dean's List Scholarship' which was a full sponsorship that enabled me to go on and study for my Masters.



Year 4 students have recently spent three days on a residential trip to Kingswood, Colomendy in North Wales. The residential experience was fantastic and focused on our curriculum skills of Participation, Application, Communication and Exploration. The children took part in lots of outdoor activities including hiking, bouldering, aeroball, a nightline (blindfolded obstacle course), rocket building, jungle vines, caving, sang songs around a camp fire, laser game in the woods, obstacles and much more. We managed to avoid the rain and, although it was cold, our many layers and busy timetable kept us active and warm. The children enjoyed sharing a room with their friends

and much to the joy of staff they were all asleep by 10.30pm The benefits

of a day in the fresh air!

Staff at Colomendy were delighted with the group as every child tried every activity and were so well behaved and respectful. The food was great and the children loved the freedom to make their own toast, fill up on cereal, salad and fruit as well as eat from a fine and tasty choice of meals. Although they were tired by the last day and wanted to see family members, most children wanted to stay longer as they had such a great experience.

Thank you to parents and carers for trusting us to take your children away. It is a huge decision we know, but we hope that your children have made memories forever. We will get all of the photographs together to share with parents soon. Students will get another chance to visit Colomendy (but to do completely different activities) in Year 6 – we can't wait!





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## Alder Hey Fundraising

Tilly Lawrenson from Year 1 has started an Easter egg appeal and is currently collecting Easter eggs for Alder Hey children's hospital.

Her target started at 50 and she has now collected over 300 chocolate eggs as well as £160 to buy dairy free treats. We are so proud of Tilly and her thoughtfulness.

Fingers crossed she gets to her 500 target!

Well done Tilly!



## Year 1 visit from Warburtons

On Thursday 13th February, Year 1 were lucky enough to have a visit from Warburtons. They learnt all about the factories and had chance to create their own healthy sandwiches. The children had lots of fun!





## Year 1 at Liverpool World Museum

On Tuesday 25th February, Year 1 had a fantastic day visiting the Liverpool World Museum. They enjoyed finding out lots about different animals, dinosaurs and even the Egyptians!





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## Coronavirus Update

This week, I am sure you are aware of the news surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak across the world. I receive daily updates from the Department of Education and the general advice currently is to not panic. There are no concerns in the local area at the moment. Advice is to follow basic hygiene principles around hand washing etc. We will be keeping our website up to date with current information concerning the virus and this can be accessed under the Parent tab, under Coronavirus Guidance.

#### **Department for Education Coronavirus helpline**

Today, we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: <u>DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</u> Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

#### The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.



Wet hands with water



apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



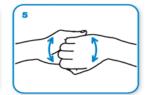
Rub hands palm to palm



right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



palm to palm with fingers interlaced



backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa



rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.



Rinse hands with water



dry thoroughly with a single use towel



use towel to turn off faucet



...and your hands are safe.

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## House Team Update



#### **Wall of Champions**

In this edition of the newsletter, the House Team are delighted to announce nominations for Art and Photography and Humanities. When nominated for a subject award parents and carers will receive a *SAVE THE DATE* letter celebrating your child's nomination. Tickets for the awards ceremony will then follow closer to the time of the event. We are looking forward to sharing and celebrating your child's achievement with you.

#### The first nominations for Art are:

Charlotte 1N – For fantastic use of sketching and shading when creating a dinosaur.

Luca 2H – For excellent use of shading and tone.

Katie 5P – For always showing a great amount of enthusiasm towards art.

Owen 3W - For having an exceptional eye for detail in technical drawings

Chloe 11MCN – For fantastic effort with her recent art project, she has great commitment to succeed.

Beata 11BNT – For her creativity and efficient way of completing project work.

Harry 11WLM – For fantastic effort with his mock exam project.

#### The first nominations for Humanities are:

Millie RB – She has shown excellent speaking and listening skills when discussing the story of creation.

Tyler 4G – For an excellent fact file on volcanoes.

Thomas 5OI – For being the font of all knowledge on WW2

Isabella 6M - She has created and excelled creating a guide around an ancient Mayan settlement.

Abbie 7WNG – Tremendous resilience, behaviour, manners, wonderful work ethic. Outstanding. A pleasure to teach.

Harlee 9EVN – An independent student who is resilient and motivated. Is always impeccably behaved.

Owen 11CLR – Awesome attitude to learning. Independent geographer.

### **ALWAYS Club**

The Always Club is a new method of rewarding students who are **ALWAYS** doing the right thing. Primary and Y7-9 students will be rewarded during Friday lunch time. They will have a reserved table in the canteen with treats on for them, in addition to their school lunch or packed lunch. Y10/Y11 will be rewarded in Miss Wings classroom. Students are selected by their progress tutors and class teachers based on **ALWAYS** making the right choice. Please find a picture below of some of the students enjoying their **ALWAYS** treat on Friday.

## Always Club - Friday Lunchtime

Who ASPIREs for excellence?
Who gives 100% effort?
Who follows the Golden Rules?
Who shows respect?
Who shows excellence?
Who perseveres?
Who keeps everyone and themselves safe?

Are you that person?

Be that person!

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## **House Competitions**

#### Pancake flipping

Well done to St Davids House for a fantastic effort in our pancake flipping competition, they were the overall winners. From Reception up to year 11 were invited to attend and what a turn out we had! The staff were surprised with how many times some children could flip a pancake, with a record of over 90 flips by one person in secondary and one in primary. We had lots of laughter, lots of pancake flipping experts and it was certainly lots of fun had by all who attended. Here are some action shots.





#### St David's Day

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we all celebrated St David's Day. Lots of activities took place around school including: designing a dragon egg, love spoon or dragon and a bake sale. Traditional St David's day food was served in the canteen at lunch time along with Welsh music sung by some of our very own students on the stage as other students ate their lunch. All proceeds raised from the bake sale and other activities will be donated to the Kira Gwillym Foundation.







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### Science

#### Student of the Month - February

All teachers in science nominate two students from each of their classes every month to be named student of the month for their year group. Students are nominated based on their attitude to learning and effort in their lessons over the course of the month. Below are the students who have been named student of the month for each year group for October and all students nominated.

Students of the month will receive a postcard home highlighting their achievement and receive 10 ASPIRE points.

Congratulations to all students listed below, keep up the good work.

Students nominated by their teachers			
7S1	Lucas Mottram	Daisy May	
7S2	Daniel Hazelhurst	Kloe Lomax	
7S3	Curtis Thomas	Holly Smith	
7S4	Harvey Story	Scarlet Steadman	
7S5	Logan Rennaldson	Roberta Schuster	
8S1	Ethan Clarke	Holly Millett	
8S2	Cameron Ogburn	Evie Lavelle	
8S3	Oliver O'Prey	Lexie Shaw	
8S4	George Morgan	Hari Crammond	
9SS1(Biology)	Harry Burke	Kaytlin Main	
9SS1(Chemistry)	Daniel Jones	Charley Waller	
9SS1(Physics)	Harry Burke	Charley Waller	
9SS2(Biology)	Kyle Kayll	Katie Cadman	
9SS2(Chemistry)	Robert Parr	Mia Theobold	
9SS2(Physics)	Robert Parr	Rachel Jones	
9S1	Tyler Cairns	Ellie Steele	
9S2	Kodi Doyle-Jones	Rachel Jones	
9S3	Callum McAdam	Myuzhde Asenova	
10SS1(Biology/ Chemistry)	Bobby Lowrie	Lucy Ratcliffe	
10SS1(Physics)	Louis Goodall	Sam Main	
10S1	Taylor Arnold	Lauren Dyer	
10S2	Robert Nazarie	Jessica Dee	
10S3	Alfie Maguire	Ebony Cuttress	
10S4	James Barrett	Lucy Dorgan	
11SS1(Biology)	Jack Jones	Zoe Van Heerden	
11SS1(Chemistry/ physics)	leo Chamberlain	Evie Black	
11\$1	Kieran Goble	Beata Reppel	
11S2	Robbie Lee	Antonia Gaskin	
11S3		Scarlett Taylor	
11\$4			

YR7 Student(s) of the Month
Lucas Mottram
Roberta Schuster

YR8 Student(s) of the Month	
Oliver O'Prey	
Holly Millett	

YR9 Student(s) of the Month		
Robert Parr		
Ellie Steele		

YR10 Student(s) of the Month		
James Barrett		
Jessica Dee		

YR11 Student(s) of the Month		
Jack Jones		
Scarlett Taylor		

#### Homework

Top performing year group for science homework is

**YR10** 

Well done and keep up the good work

Science homework is set on show my homework every week on a Monday, and should be submitted by students in class the following Monday. Homework is an important part of learning, and provides the opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned in class during short periods of independently study. We would like to take this opportunity to ask all parents to support their children by making sure homework tasks are completed. All show my homework PIN's for both students and parents can be provided by progress tutors.

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## Science - Year 7 & 8 Clubs

Science club in on every Tuesday after school in D303 with Miss Lightfoot



The Crest Award in on every Tuesday after school in D303 with Miss Lightfoot

**Topic** 

Energy



WB:

9<sup>th</sup> March

#### Key Stage 3 Intervention – Mondays (2:45 – 3:30pm) – D303 with Miss Lightfoot

KS3 intervention is on a Monday after school and will begin for a new group the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March. These intervention sessions will last five weeks, and will focus on key areas of development from their previous assessment, with the aim to support their overall progress. Both students and parents will be notified b

aim to support their overall progress. Both students and parents will be notified	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Atomic structure
before these sessions begin.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Specialised cells
A timetable of areas to be covered in these intervention sessions is below:	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Forces

### Year 11 Intervention – Mondays (2:45 – 3:30pm)

WB:	11S1 (MNY) D304	11.2 & 11.4 (HRS) D301	11.3 & 11.4 (FRL) D305	11SS1 (CLR) D308
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	- Genetic engineering - DNA - Inheritance (Genetic diagrams)	- Genetic engineering - DNA - Inheritance (Genetic diagrams)	- Genetic engineering - DNA - Inheritance (Genetic diagrams)	Magnetism and electromagnetism
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	- Rate of reaction - Test for gases - Chromatography	Potable water     Testing for purity     RQP – determine mass of a solute.	- Rate of reaction - Test for gases - Chromatography	Chemistry of the atmosphere
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Velocity-time graphs     Distance-time graphs     Calculating speed & acceleration	Velocity-time graphs     Distance-time graphs     Calculating speed & acceleration	Velocity-time graphs     Distance-time graphs     Calculating speed & acceleration	Ecology
23 Mar	Collecting ecological data — quadrats/transects     Adaptations	Collecting ecological data     quadrats/transects     Adaptations	Collecting ecological data     quadrats/transects     Adaptations	Forces
30 Mar	Potable water     Testing for purity     RQP – determine mass of a solute.	Magnets and Electromagnets     Forces – GPE and KE     Waves – reflection V refraction	Potable water     Testing for purity     RQP – determine mass of a solute.	Using Resources

## Trilogy topics to be covered in your next mock exams (WB: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March)

#### **Biology**

- Homeostasis
- **Ecology**
- Inheritance, variation & evolution

#### Chemistry

- Chemical Analysis
- Chemistry of the Atmosphere
- Organic Chemistry
- The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change
- Using Resources

#### **Physics**

- Waves
- Forces
- Magnetism & Electromagnetism
- Space (Separate science only)

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### Career of the Week

Career: RAF

#### Skills you'll need:

- Physical fitness and endurance
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to work well with others in a team
- Concentration skills and quick reactions
- The ability to work well under pressure
- Thinking and reasoning skills
- Be flexible and open to change
- Be able to use a computer terminal or hand held device may be beneficial for this role

#### Salary:

Starter: £15,000 Experienced: £38,000

#### Useful subjects:

Maths, English, Science, Sports Studies, ICT



### WoW -Word of the Week

Word of the Week (WoW) is our weekly investigation into vocabulary. Each week we look at a high-frequency yet misinterpreted word and explore the definition, sounds, spellings, word-families, grammar and history surrounding it.

#### (week beginning 9th March)

This week's word is

**communication** (noun) -the act or process of using words, sounds, signs, or behaviours to express or exchange information or to express your ideas, thoughts, feelings

#### (week beginning 16th March)

This week's word is

parallel (adjective) - lines that are side by side and having the same distance continuously between them OR -occurring or existing at the same time or in a similar way

**How you can help**: encourage the use of the word in speaking and writing; model the use of the word when you talk.



## **Hegarty Heroes**



All homework in maths is now set weekly on hegartymaths.com. If you would like to know more please check the link on the school website.

Most video hours Year 7 - Joshua Talbot

Most video hours Year 8 - Chloe Langouroux

Most video hours Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most video hours Year 10 - Katie Patten

Most video hours Year 11 - Holly Ryder

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Daniel Hazlehurst

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Rosie Thwaite

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Katie Cadman

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Charleigh McIntosh

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Onkar Khaneja

Most questions answered Year 7 - Izzie Murray

Most questions answered Year 8 - Alfie Flannery

Most questions answered Year 9 - Sophie Martin

Most questions answered Year 10 - James Ogburn

Most questions answered Year 11 - Onkar Khaneja

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## Safeguarding, Emotional, Wellbeing and Mental Health



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### Picture News coverage for last term



Spring Part 1 2020



Week	News story	Focus question	British value
6 <sup>th</sup> January	An eight-year-old boy who reviews toys and shares the videos online has topped a list of the highest-earning YouTube stars after making £19.8 million! Ryan Kaji, from Ryan ToysReview, made the money between June 2018 and June 2019.	Should children be allowed to make money from creating and sharing videos?	Rule of Law - There are rules to follow to keep us safe online and to make sure we are responsible with the information we share with others. It's important to take time to understand and make sure we follow these rules.
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Over the past 9 years, millions of people have fled their homes in Syria because of the ongoing war and conflict happening there. Many people left their homes and belongings behind, including their pets. Mohammad Aljaleel from the city of Aleppo is one of the few who have remained and looks after thousands of abandoned cats.	Can animals provide the same support to us as our friends?	Respect - Some people choose to dedicate their lives to helping others. In Syria, a few people have remained in difficult conditions to help look after cats that have been left behind.
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Facebook has announced a new policy banning all artificial intelligence (AI) created videos that are likely to mislead viewers into thinking someone said words that they didn't actually say.	Can you ever trust what you view online?	Individual Liberty - When online, we may watch or read different information. It's important for us to be aware that not everything we see is true. We must be sure to think carefully and check where the information has come from.
27 <sup>th</sup> January	The date that the UK are scheduled to leave the EU is the 31st January 2020. A group of MPs hoped to signify the historic occasion with the ringing of Big Ben at 11pm. As the Elizabeth Tower and Big Ben is currently under refurbishment, the estimated cost of ensuring the bells work, is £500,000.	Should we celebrate the things that divide us?	Democracy - When important decisions need to be reached, sometimes a big vote or referendum takes place, this gives everyone an opportunity to have a voice and share their opinion.
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	A virus named the coronavirus has started to spread from China.  Previously, it had never been seen in humans before and it is spreading more widely to different parts of the world.	Who should decide what's best for our health?	Rule of Law - There will be times when governments or other organisations will put restrictions or things in place to protect us from the spreading of diseases.
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Nike Vaporfly trainers, which have revolutionised running allowing runners to break world marathon records, have been given the green light by World Athletics.	Should sportswear be banned if it gives an unfair advantage?	Rule of Law - In sporting competitions, it's important that things are fair for all competitors. The people in charge will check things like the clothes and shoes people wear, to make sure the event is equal for all.
17 <sup>th</sup> February	The government have brought forward a ban on the sale of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars to try to help the UK meet its target of emitting almost zero carbon by 2050.	Should petrol and diesel cars be banned?	Rule of Law - The government introduce laws not just to protect us but also to help the world. Cars powered by petrol and diesel contribute towards air pollution. Banning these will help make the air cleaner.



### **Vacancy at The Grange Academy**

School are currently looking to recruit a team of **Exam Invigilators**.

If you are interested please contact Dena Spittle, Exam Manager on 01928 562660.

### **Thought of the Week**

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

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