



# THE GRANGE ACADEMY

## Wade Deacon Trust



ONE SCHOOL ONE VISION

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – Issue 1

### A foreword from Mr Critchley

I am delighted to introduce the first issue of The Grange Academy's newsletter. It has been a very busy start to the term but also a really positive one. Even from the very short time I have been here you can see the desire from the staff and students to make this an excellent school. We have a new name 'The Grange Academy.' The name remains very close to the original to reflect the proud community we serve. As an academy, and as part of the Wade Deacon Trust, this brings opportunities to collaborate, learn and develop to ensure the best for our young people.



This academic year we have been able to fill every teaching vacancy and I would formally like to welcome all our new staff to the school; Ms Moira Kenneway has taken the role of Associate Principal for the Primary phase with Miss Kate Stockton who has taken up the role of Assistant Associate Principal for Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. We also welcome Miss Victoria Maltz, Miss Rachel Parkinson, Miss Bethany Jones, Miss Megan Hogan, Miss Milissa Weston, Miss Donna Harrison and Mr James Barker, who have also taken roles in the Primary phase. Mrs Louise Bibby has taken on the role of Assistant Associate Principal and Head of Maths. Louise is joined by Mr Adam Mobsby, Miss Hannah Brunt and Miss Kim Rochell-Gill in the Secondary phase. I wish all our new staff every success.

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many talented staff. Being fully staffed for the first time in several years gives us a solid foundation from which we can grow and provide an excellent education to our students. It fills me with an enormous sense of pride watching students arrive every morning in their uniform and I thank all parents and carers for their supporting us to uphold the high standards we have set. I would also like to thank the Wade Deacon Trust in supplying many uniform items in order to support the transition to the new uniform and the support staff that worked so hard over the summer to distribute these to you.

I would like to remind you that our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 11th October and that if your child is in Year 6 they will automatically have a place allocated at the school. There is no need to complete the preference form. I look forward to seeing you then.

Please take the time to read the newsletter and if you have any suggestions for future editions please let us know at [info@thegrange.com](mailto:info@thegrange.com).

Kind regards,

Ian Critchley  
Principal

### A message from Ms Kenneway

I can't believe that it has already been 3 weeks since we started in September. It has been lovely to meet so many of you. Thank you so much for the warm welcome, great support and enthusiasm to make our school a fantastic place to be. The children have settled well and are working hard. I have seen some things that we need to change and have listened to some of your ideas (thank you for sharing them, it is great to hear how passionate you are about your child's school - keep the ideas coming)!

Please remember, **for Primary learners school starts at 8.45am**. Doors on the yard will close at this time. If you arrive after this you will need to enter the building through the main entrance. Please be on time. Some teaching interventions and sessions are starting straight away...every minute counts!

To become a leading all age school through excellence in teaching and learning

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## Secondary Attendance Reward Trip



**Get your SKATES On**

All who achieve 96% + attendance during the monitoring period will be invited to the trip!  
Your behavior will also be taken into consideration.

**£10 ticket for those invited**  
Includes - skates, transport & ticket

**Monitoring period :**  
**10th September - 30th November**

**Trip date - 17th Dec (provisional)**

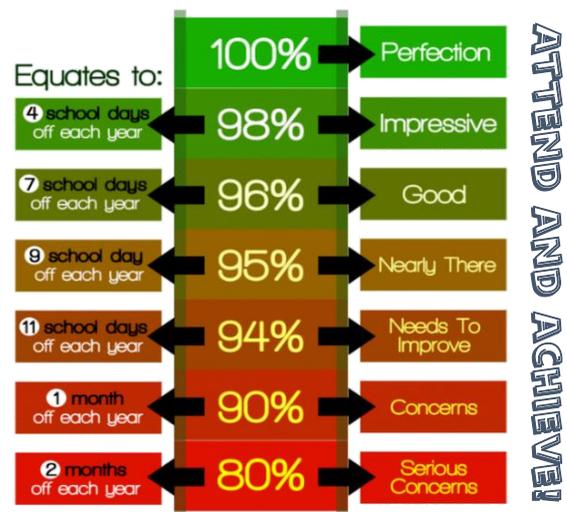


As of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Primary absence procedures will be falling in line with the Secondary absence procedures. All Primary and Secondary learners with 5 consecutive days' absence are required to bring in medical evidence on their return to school.

Well done to those learners who have reached **100% attendance** this week

**ATTENDANCE**

Year Group	No of Learners
Reception	35
Year 1	57
Year 2	54
Year 3	52
Year 4	61
Year 5	56
Year 6	52
Year 7	96
Year 8	113
Year 9	115
Year 10	91
Year 11	82

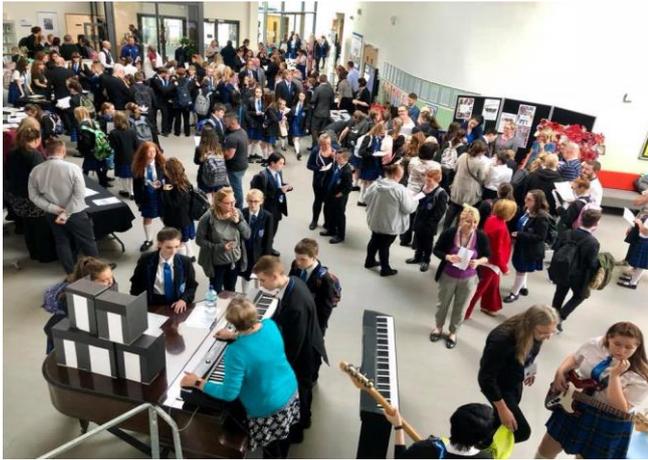


Well done to the 551 learners who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!

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## Enrichment Fair

Thank you to all of the parents and learners who joined us for our Enrichment Fair on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We had a great turn out and Secondary learners were keen to sign up for enrichment activities they would like to be involved in throughout the year. These include Science and Music clubs as well as PE activities such as Football, Netball and Athletics. Parents were entertained on the evening by our talented learners who put on an enthusiastic musical display to show off their talents. We've had a brilliant first week spending time with our learners in their newly chosen activities.



## Year 4 Fitness

Year 4 had an exciting PE lesson on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September where they took part in a live school fitness session with Joe Wicks!



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## 'Send my Friend to School' Campaign

Towards the end of the Summer term, learners in Years 7 and 8 learnt about global education problems in their RS lessons. They learnt that 246 million children around the world don't have a safe education. This means that they do not have a school to go to, or they are unable to go to school regularly because of poverty, war or natural disasters. Our learners felt that this was extremely sad and unfair. They all wrote a letter to our MP, Derek Twigg, asking him to highlight this issue in parliament as part of the 'Send my Friend to School' campaign. Derek Twigg has written a reply to our learners, thanking them for their letters and commitment to this important issue.



## Polite reminder: Disabled Parking

Please can we remind visitors, parents and staff to display blue badges at the front of their vehicles when parking in the disabled bays in the school car park.



## School Nurse

The school Nurse, Diane Dawson, will be based in school every Monday from 9.30am – 11.30am. This is a drop off for any learners who wish to speak to her confidentially.

## Nursery Starters

Our new Nursery learners have settled into their first week at The Grange Academy brilliantly. They have enjoyed exploring our environment, making new friends and picking apples from our apple tree for their snack. Our existing learners have also settled back into Nursery superbly and have been kind and helpful to their new friends. Well done everyone!



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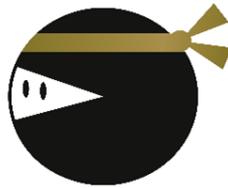
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Well done to the following learners who have achieved a **black belt** in their Numeracy Ninja activities during form time



## BLACK BELTS

Sophie Hayes	9MEY	Sonny Davidson	9RDD
Milly Morrall	9MEY	Scott Greenwood	9RLG
Renee Riley	9MEY	Hollie Hayes	9RLG
Izabel Roberts	9MEY	Dylan Jolly	9RLG
Joshua Roberts	9MEY	Faye Done	8COP
Joshua McDonald	9EVN	Harry Burke	8COP
Chelsea Lawrence	9MNY	Gracie Carr	8CRZ
Joel Marsden	9MNY	Robert Parr	8REY



## Maths STAR of the Fortnight!

Well done to the following learners who have been chosen as the Maths star for their year group. They have all shown respect, perseverance and tried their best in all lessons.

Year 7 Jessica Jones  
Year 8 Amy Atkin  
Year 9 Bradley Hughes  
Year 10 Holly Ryder  
Year 11 Nathan Spencer



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## Weird and Wonderful Science Club

Every Monday in D306 at 3pm with Mrs Evans  
Starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018



If you like to get hands on and do lots of Science experiments then come along, but be prepared to get messy!



### Science Intervention

Science Intervention will start on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September in rooms D301, D303, D304, D305 and D308. It will run from 2.45pm - 3.30pm with Mrs Harris, Mr Challinor, Mr Mooney and Mrs Shaw.

Learners will be told as soon as possible which teacher they will be having intervention with.



### PE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

September – October (2.45pm – 3.30pm)

<b>Mon</b>	Netball (COP)	Y9 Football (BAC)	
<b>Tue</b>	Sports Hall Athletics (BAC)	Girls Football (COP)	
<b>Wed</b>	Staff Meetings	Y11 Football (TDD)	
<b>Thu</b>	Y7 Football (PSR)	Y8 Football (VNE)	Sports Leadership (BAC)

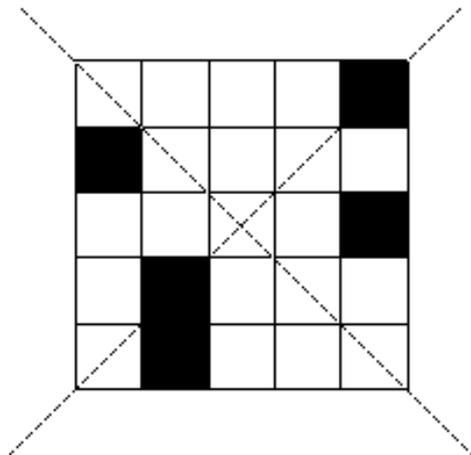
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## Numeracy Challenge

If you continue shading the squares so that the two dotted lines become lines of symmetry (mirror lines) of the completed diagram, how many squares will be left unshaded?



## Literacy Challenge

### Word Wheel Challenge

Make as many words as you can using the letters in the wheel. Letter can be used more than once but all words must contain the letter in the middle circle. You have 3 minutes.



## Primary Reminder

A reminder for Primary learners to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. Please ensure it is clearly labelled with their full name and class on.

## Thought of the Week

**Don't be afraid to take on big challenges. They give the best rewards.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Data Collection Sheet deadline	Fri 21 Sep 18	
Primary on-line photographs	Tue 25 -Thu 27 Sep 18	9.00am – 3.00pm
European Languages Day	Wed 26 Sep 18	9.00am – 3.00pm
Derek Twigg, MP, to meet with Brilliant Club	Fri 28 Sep 18	11.00am – 12.00pm
Careers Fair	Thu 04 Oct 18	12.40pm – 4.00pm
Parent Forum Meeting Dates	Tue 30 Oct 18	5.00pm

If you are interested in coming along to the Parent Forum please email Janet Keatley (keatleyjones21@gmail.com)

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