



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



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Friday 5th October 2018 – Issue 2

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

After 2 days of absence with no contact from parents/carers, a home visit will be made on the 3rd day of absence by a member of staff. This applies to both Primary and Secondary.

Congratulations many of our students!

We currently have higher attendance in all phases of the school when compared to last years' figures. Keep up the great work.

Whole School

95.5% - last year 94.9%

Secondary (target is 96%)

94.7% - last year 94.6%

Primary (target is 96%)

96.9% - last year 95.7%

Nursery

90.6% - last year 84.9%

Attendance focus week is 8th to 12th October.

Attend school on time every day to have a chance to be rewarded.

Children who frequently miss school often fall behind. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.

Poor school attendance damages educational achievement and the future progress of young people. Promoting and supporting good attendance at school is essential to learning and attainment.

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

Year Group	No of Students
Reception	39
Year 1	55
Year 2	52
Year 3	52
Year 4	56
Year 5	47
Year 6	50
Year 7	95
Year 8	115
Year 9	109
Year 10	79
Year 11	84



Make healthy food choices

Sleep well

Be physically active

Stay hydrated

Make good lifestyle choices to improve school attendance



Well done to the 621 students who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!



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

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LIP SYNC BATTLE

The House Team held an after school event for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 on Monday 24th September. The event 'Lip Sync Battle' was a great success with many of our students contributing and having fun. The overall winner was the amazing Ruby McVey with her rendition of 'Chandelier' by Sia.

Well done Ruby!



Charity Bake Sale

On Friday 28th September, six students from Year 6 (Millie, Larna, Livvi Leigh, Lexie, Emma and Ellie) organised a fabulous bake sale for the whole of the Juniors. The reason this event was organised was to raise money for 7th Runcorn Brownies and Guides so that they can go on 'Pack' holiday with their unit. "We sold loads of amazing cakes, awesome cookies and some lovely swiss roll, which were made by Emma and Millie", said the whole of the team. "We all worked together as one spectacular team and we did great." The total amount raised was £36.86 and we even had some spare cakes so the teachers could have a little lunch time snack!



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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY | 11TH OCTOBER 2018

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Principal - Ian Critchley

Principal's Address at 5.30 and 6.30pm

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MP praises Year 9 pupils getting a taste of university

Local MP, Derek Twigg, visited Year 9 pupils on Friday 28th September to hear about their progress as part of The Scholars Programme – a prestigious national scheme which gives school pupils an opportunity to experience university-style learning.

The programme recruits, trains and places PhD researchers in non-selective state schools to deliver university-style tutorials based on their own research to small groups of pupils. The pupils Derek Twigg met with today are studying a course entitled *Geography - The Anthropocene v Deep Time* with their tutor Dominic Coe from University of Liverpool. As part of the programme, the pupils visited two highly-selective universities, where they received information, advice and guidance about university life and making a successful university application. The Scholars Programme is run by The Brilliant Club, an award-winning charity whose aim is increase the number of pupils from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly-selective universities.

Derek Twigg said:

“It was great to visit The Grange Academy today, and meet pupils taking part in The Scholars Programme. I was very impressed at how they engaged with such a complex and challenging academic topic. It just goes to show what young people from Halton can achieve if we give them the opportunity. I wish the pupils the very best for the future, and I encourage more schools to give their pupils the chance to benefit from this programme”.

Ian Critchley, Principal said:

“I was delighted to meet with Derek Twigg and show them the work pupils are doing in The Scholars Programme. I’m proud of the achievements of our pupils who are participating and am excited to see how their participation inspires their study and university choices.” It was a pleasure to welcome Halton MP, Derek Twigg, to The Grange Academy. His visit was to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our students on The Scholars Programme. The academic achievements of these students will prepare them well for their future studies and I fully support initiatives such as The Brilliant Club, as it prepares them well for the rigours of the curriculum. The students listened to Mr Twigg’s role in Westminster and also took the opportunity to tell us what positive changes have already begun at The Grange Academy and what they would like to see in our local community. What a brilliant opportunity to voice their thoughts and ideas, all of which were articulated superbly.”

Miss Wing would like to congratulate the following students: Ellie Shaw, Millie Clegg, Emily Moran, Jessica Robinson, Izabel Roberts, Kyle Thomas, Louis Goodall, Sam Morgan, Jack Wheatley, Bobby Lowrie, and Scott Greenwood on representing The Grange Academy so well during their meeting with Mr Twigg.

Please take a look at the following link for the newspaper article celebrating the work of our students:

<https://www.runcornandwidnesworld.co.uk/news/>



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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Due to new GDPR guidelines, any requests for changes to phone numbers, addresses, legal names etc must now be made in writing from a parent, carer or legal guardian. This will need to be signed and dated by the person completing it and handed in at the front office before any amendments can be made. The written information required is as follows:

- Student full name and DOB
- Parent/carer/legal guardian full name
- Current phone number/address/name which will be changed
- New phone number/address/name to change to
- Signed and dated

We can no longer accept any amendments to details verbally over the phone.

Any legal change of surname must be supported by the relevant legal documents before information can be updated on our system.

Reminder for Parents/Carers

Please could all parents and carers ensure that students are leaving for school each morning with the relevant equipment. The office staff are continually passing equipment to students which they should have brought in with them in the morning, for example, packed lunches, PE kits, cookery ingredients, water bottles, inhalers etc.

Each time an item is taken to a classroom this can interrupt the learning of not only your child but the whole class, which is something we are keen to reduce.

Primary Phase Students

For all primary phase students (Reception to Year 6) school finishes at 3:00pm. It is not acceptable for students to be picked up early unless in **exceptional** circumstances. If a medical appointment has been unavoidably arranged during school hours then parents/carers are required to provide medical evidence for this.

If there are any messages that need passing to school staff, for example a change in who is picking a child up, please can this information be passed to school staff in a morning.

Secondary Phase Students

For all secondary phase students (Year 7 to Year 11) school finishes at 2.40pm. It is not acceptable for students to be picked up early unless in **exceptional** circumstances. If a medical appointment has been unavoidably arranged during school hours then parents/carers are required to provide medical evidence for this prior to the appointment. This ensures that the relevant information can be attached to the learner's register to give the teachers prior notice.

Messages can be passed to Secondary phase students during school hours in the event of **emergencies** only.

Thank you for your continued support and help in these matters.

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Paris trip – Friday 19th – Monday 22nd October 2018

We are 5 weeks away from our trip to Paris and we are all getting excited. Thank you to all the parents, carers and students who attended the Paris information evening where the full itinerary was outlined. This will briefly recap any information that was given at the meeting. The staff that will be going on the trip are Miss Wing, Mr Passmore, Miss Atkinson, Miss Cooper and Mr Vine. We are all very excited to be going.

Please can passports, European health cards and medical forms be handed in as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already given theirs in. Any students who take medication will need to bring the relevant medication with them as well as a spare one labelled with their full name, required dosage and how often to take the medicine.

Money for the trip needs to be handed in before **Thursday 18th October 2018** and needs to be in a labelled envelope with the students full name and amount inside. I recommended £10 travelling down from England and £10 travelling back up to England. Then €100 for Paris and Disneyland.

Here is just a sample of some of the exciting things we will be doing during the trip:

- A day trip to Paris
- Tour de Montparnasse
- Visits to Les Champs Elysees, Place de la Concorde, Tuileries Garden, Notre Dame Cathedral, Latin Quarter
- River Cruise on the Seine
- A visit to the Eiffel Tower
- Disneyland Paris

Any further information or concerns please contact Miss Wing in the Languages Department.



Primary Family Assemblies

Below are the dates for our upcoming year group family assemblies, which all start promptly at 9.00am in the Primary Hall. Parents and carers are all welcome to come and watch.

Year 6	18.01.19
Year 5	08.02.19
Year 4	22.02.19
Year 3	01.03.19
Year 2	08.03.19
Year 1	15.03.19
Reception	29.03.19

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Are Celebrating World Mental Health Day (10th October)

With an Active Kidz session
everyday
At Kingsway Leisure Centre

Monday 8th: Tennis
Tuesday 9th: Basketball
Wednesday 10th: Football
Thursday 11th: Table Tennis
Friday 12th: Archery

(These activities are for guidance only; we reserve the right to change activities)

Every day: 4.30 – 5.30pm
For Children 7 years plus
£2 a session: pay at reception

active halton DEVELOPMENT
www.activehalton.co.uk

Facebook: Halton Sports Development
Twitter: @HaltonSportsDev
To find up to date Holiday Activities



Information for Primary PE

Can all Primary students please bring a water bottle, with their full name and class on, to keep in school. This will be used for PE lessons which are 2 hours in duration. It is essential that students are prepared and stay hydrated.

PE days are as follows:

Monday	Year 3
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 5
Thursday	Reception, Year 1 & Year 6
Friday	Year 2

Correct full kit, including trainers, is required, which is to be left in school.



Appeal for spare gardening equipment

We are looking to transform our Primary garden area and are looking for any spare gardening equipment from parents, carers, grandparents, friends or family members. If you have anything you can donate e.g. spades, forks, hoes etc please get in touch and let us know. Also, if you are a keen or experienced gardener, are DBS checked and could spare some time to help transform our lovely outdoor area please contact reception or email info@thegrange.com if you would like to help!



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



BLACK BELTS

Name	Form
Hannah Yoxall	8COP
Isobel Massey	8CRZ
Chloe Goble	9EVN
Harlee Lloyd	9EVN
Jack Wheatley	9EVN
James Ogburn	9EVN
Aaliyah Chan	9MEY
Milly Clegg	9MNY
Camron Hitchen	9MNY
Joel Marsden	9MNY
Tia McDonald	9RDD
Sarah Coleman	9RLG
Hollie Hayes	9RLG
Ellie Shaw	9RLG

BIG IMPROVERS

Name	Form
Daniel Smith	9RDD

Daniel has improved by 20 marks since we started Numeracy Ninjas, moving from an **orange belt** to a **brown belt**. Well done!



Maths STAR of the Fortnight!

Well done to the following students 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 – Lottie Hales-Jones
Year 8 – James Thwaite
Year 9 – Chelsea Lawrence
Year 10 – Morgan Atkin
Year 11 – Kaitlyn Low



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PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – 2018/19

More clubs to follow for other terms. Letters will come out over the next week or so to sign up for after school sessions so keep an eye out for them.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Term 1 Sept	Lunchtime Y5 Football	Y6 Netball Y5 Reading/Computer	Y5/6 Indoor Athletics	Y5 Netball	Y6 Football
	After School KS2 Drama		Staff Training	KS2 Choir	
Term 2 Oct	Lunchtime Y5 Football	Y6 Netball	Y5/6 Indoor Athletics	Y5 Netball	Y6 Football
	After School Group 1 Craft KS2 Futsal (£1.50/session) KS2 French KS2 Drama Y6 Homework	KS1 Choir Y5/6 Girls Multi Sports	Staff Training	KS2 Choir	
Term 3 Jan	Lunchtime Y5 Football	Y6 Netball	Y5/6 Indoor Athletics	Y5 Netball	Y6 Football
	After School Group 2 Craft KS2 Futsal (£1.50) KS2 French KS2 Drama Y6 Homework Reception Story Time	KS1 Science KS1 Choir Y3/4 Girls Multi Sports	Staff Training	KS1 Cookery	

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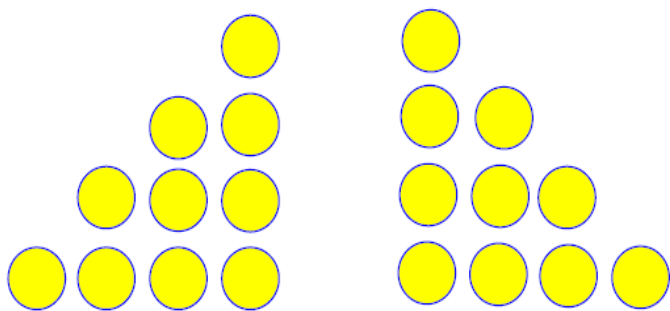
SECONDARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - 2018/19 Term 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creative Arts	Y4-Y11 Drama Club 3.00pm-3.45pm KS4 Art Club 2.45pm-4.00pm MAT Choir 4.00pm-5.00pm	Keyboard Practice 2.40pm-3.30pm BTEC Intervention 2.40pm-3.30pm Y11 Art Studio Time 2.40pm-3.40pm	Brass Ensemble 2.40pm-3.40pm Band 2.40pm-4.00pm	Y5-Y11 Dance Club 3.00pm-4.00pm Music Appreciation 2.40pm-3.30pm KS3 Art Club 2.45pm-3.30pm	Y11 Art Studio Time 2.45pm-4.00pm Whole School Choir 2.40pm-4.00pm
Design & Technology	KS4 Extra Provision NCFE Graphics & UDUCCAS Hospitality and Catering 3.00pm-3.45pm	KS3 Design and Technology All Areas 2.45pm-4.00pm Cookery Club 2.40pm-4.00pm			
English				Y7-Y11 Sports Journalism 2.45pm-3.45pm	
Humanities	Y9-Y10 History 3.00pm-4.30pm	Y7-Y9 Philosophy and Biscuits 2.45pm-3.15pm		Y11 History Revision Exam Preparation 3.00pm-4.00pm	
Maths	KS3 Maths Club/Homework Help 2.45pm-3.30pm	KS4 GCSE Intervention 2.45pm-3.30pm			
MFL	Y7 Spanish Film Club 2.45pm-3.30pm	KS4 Intervention 2.45pm-3.30pm		KS4 Intervention 2.45pm-3.30pm	
PE	Y7-Y11 Netball 2.45pm-3.30pm Y9 Football 2.45pm-3.30pm	Y7-Y11 Girls Football 2.45pm-3.30pm Y7-Y11 Sports Hall Athletics 2.45pm-3.30pm	Y11 Football 2.40pm-3.45pm	Y7 Football 2.40pm-3.45pm Y8 Football 2.45pm-3.30pm Y7-Y11 Sports Leadership 2.45pm-3.30pm	
Science	Y7-Y8 Weird and Wonderful Science 2.45pm-3.15pm Y11 Intervention 2.45pm-3.30pm				Educake Homework Club 2.45pm-3.30pm
Computing		Computing Club 2.40pm-3.40pm		Computing Club 2.40pm-3.40pm	
Library		KS3 & KS4 Creative Writing Workshop 3.00pm-4.00pm	KS3 & KS4 Lego Club 3.00pm-4.00pm		
Extra-Curricular	Duke of Edinburgh 1 st Monday of the month 2.40pm-3.30pm in Humanities	Mayors Awards 1 st Tuesday of the month 2.40pm-3.30pm in Humanities			

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Numeracy Challenge

By moving only 3 counters, can you change the left diagram into the right diagram?



Literacy Challenge

"Guess the Author"

Can you name the Author who created these characters?

Ebenezer Scrooge
Jacob Marley
Bob Cratchit
Tiny Tim



Thought of the Week



When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Open Evening	Thu 11 Oct 18	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Year 1 Chester Zoo trip	Thu 18 Oct 18	9.00am – 3.00pm
School closes for Autumn Half Term	Fri 19 Oct 18	Normal school time
Paris Trip	Fri 19 Oct – Mon 22 Oct	Residential
Parent Forum Meeting	Tue 30 Oct 18	5.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 10 Prestigious Universities morning	Mon 05 Nov 18	Times TBC

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