



# NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and carers

I am genuinely delighted and excited to be the Executive Principal of The Grange Academy.



I have worked in Runcorn for the almost 25 years and during this time I have seen many changes in the world of education, but the one aspect of it that has always remained is how proud I am to be part of this community. While there have been some characters, the young people I have met, taught and watched grow have always ensured that no two days are the same and they have driven me to always want the absolute best for them. However, I must admit I do feel a tad old when new arrivals to school greet me with, "You taught my mum and dad!"

Leading The Grange Academy is such an exciting prospect. It is not often you get to help shape a child's education, from nursery age through to their teenage years, by working with a highly skilled and dedicated team to ensure they leave with qualifications and experiences to succeed in their chosen pathways. I felt that this role was one that I could not ignore. Having worked with the school relatively closely in the past, I can see some real opportunities to build on the great practice that already takes place in the school every single day.

I really look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months. There will be plenty of opportunity for us to meet, so please do come and say hello, as this is our school and my door will always be open.

Mr J Jardine

Executive Principal Designate





## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

Dear Parents and carers

It gives me great pleasure to write to you all as the head of primary at The Grange Academy. I have been a part of this wonderful school for nearly 17 years and I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to lead this fantastic school onto the next stage of its journey.



I have three children, one daughter and two sons. My daughter is in university in London, my two sons are here in the secondary phase of our school. I know how important it is that our children are happy and that they achieve their full potential.

At The Grange Academy we have a hugely committed and talented staff team, and of course our wonderful children and families, who lie at the heart of everything we do, which makes this school such a special place to be.

Building a partnership within our school community is essential to the success of your child's journey here, and I look forward to getting to know you all better and working closely alongside you in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. K Ireland



# School Information

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## THE MATHS YEAR 11 BREAKFAST CLUB



EVERY THURSDAY MORNING FROM 7.50AM

BREAKFAST TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE

[THEGRANGEACADEMY.CO.UK](http://THEGRANGEACADEMY.CO.UK)

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## HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE



DUE TO THE RISE IN FOOD COSTS HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HAVE MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO INCREASE THE AVERAGE COST OF A SCHOOL MEAL TO £2.90.

THIS WILL COMMENCE FROM THE 15TH APRIL 2024

[THEGRANGEACADEMY.CO.UK](http://THEGRANGEACADEMY.CO.UK)



Our Grange Pantry is open all year, this is a free and confidential service.

As our car park gets extremely busy during drop off and pick up times, we ask parents/carers/visitors to ensure that they do not block in or obstruct other vehicles and do not park on the zig-zag markings on Latham Avenue.

Disabled bays are allocated for parents/students who have limited mobility and must display a blue badge. Please be observant of pedestrians and also remind children of the importance of road safety - using zebra crossings correctly, checking before they cross the road etc. We appreciate your support in keeping our community safe.

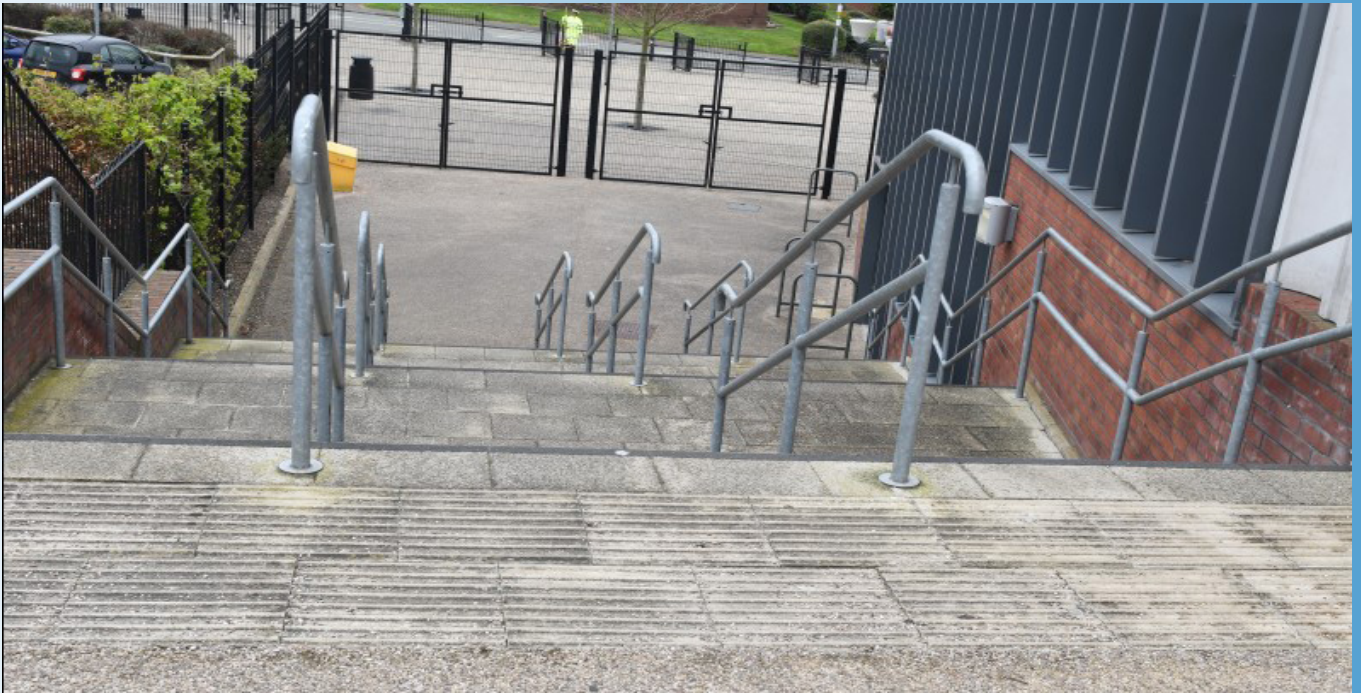
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THE GRANGE PANTRY





# SECONDARY ENTRY AND EXIT



- Entry and exit into the school will be through the side entrance.
- Uniform will be checked at the door with Blue slips issued if required. (2 days to rectify any issue)
- All students arriving after 8:30am will be marked in as late.
- Late detention will take place during breaktime.

## Primary

**Start of the Day is 8:40am**

Registration 8:40am - 8:50am

Period 1 - 8:50am - 9:50am

Break 9:50am - 10:05am

Period 2 - 10:05am - 11:05am

Period 3 - 11:05am - 12:50pm

Lunch - 11:35am - 12:50pm

Period 4 - 12:50pm - 1:35pm

Period 5 - 1:35pm - 2:50pm

**Finish of the day is 2:50pm**

## Secondary

**Start of the Day is 8:30am**

Registration 8:30am - 8:50am

Period 1 - 8:50am - 9:50am

Period 2 - 9:50am - 10:50am

Break 10:50am - 11:05am

Period 3 - 11:05am - 12:05pm

Period 4 - 12:05pm - 1:05pm

Lunch - 1:05pm - 1:35pm

Period 5 - 1:35pm - 2:35pm

**Finish of the day is 2:35pm**





## Dobby and Ron

Our reading dogs Dobby and Ron have been coming into school each week to read with a selection of our Primary students. They are always so well-behaved and enjoy falling asleep listening to the children read.

They arrived in their very own Grange Academy uniforms. They even got their very own certificates for being so good!





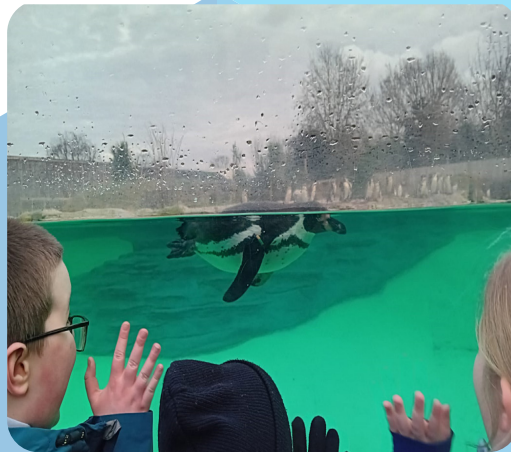
# Chester Zoo



Year 2 had a fantastic time at Chester Zoo. We enjoyed our 3 workshops and finished them off with a wonderful day at the zoo. We saw lions, elephants, giraffes and even managed to spot the rare Jaguars!



Year 3 have enjoyed workshops in school delivered by Chester Zoo over the past few weeks. Following on from those workshops we had a fabulous day at the zoo exploring the animals. We have been looking at animals that are native to the UK and how we can help them survive as some are now endangered.





# Chester Zoo

Recently the Geography team have taken 85 year nine students to Chester Zoo across two separate field trips, to link with their current topic of study all about ecosystems. Students were able to experience climate characteristics replicated and see up close the adaptations of animals in action.

This formed part of the geography departments GCSE taster ahead of year nine option selection, to tie in with the AQA Unit 'The Living World'.

Despite some very wet weather (even snow!) spirits remained high and a great day was had by all.





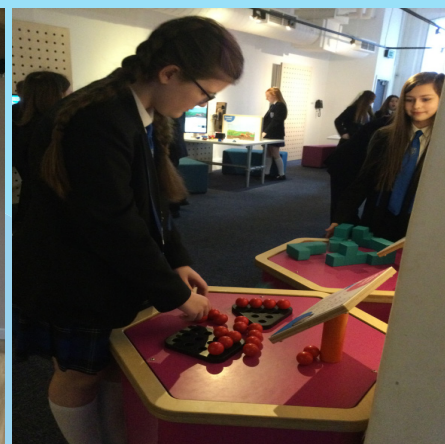
## Rock Climbing Trip

53 of our Year 7 students took a trip out to Climbing Hut in Ellesmere Port, where they experienced bouldering (Free Climbing). The activity was a huge success and students relished the challenge, with some overcoming their fear of heights. I was extremely impressed by the perseverance shown in the face of adversity and the number of students who gave it their all. The group were a credit to our Academy, and it was obvious to see the enjoyment students experienced from the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom. A special thank you should go to Miss Elwell and Mrs Kirkby from our student support team, as without them the trip could not have gone ahead. Thank you and well done to those that attended!



## Catalyst Museum

50 Students from year 8 Science took part in a Chemistry at Work event at the Catalyst Museum and Discovery Centre. They took part in workshops with staff from various Chemical based industries including Croda, Surfachem, 2M and INEOS. They carried out electrolysis to release hydrogen gas; made UV detecting bracelets; created a chemical for the future; as well as enjoying some of the hands on exhibits in the museum. Mrs Hall who organised the event said the students had learnt about the wide variety of roles within the chemical industry and how to access them. Students also learnt that INEOS based in Runcorn provides the chlorine for all drinking water in the UK.







On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, we celebrated World Book Day from Nursery through to Year 11.

Year 2 visited the school library where they browsed the shelves and each chose a book to read before coming together in small groups and listening to their teachers read a story. The children were very excited to talk about their costumes and the books they had chosen to read.



In secondary, some students read a short story and listened to various authors reading extracts from their own books during form time. They also read a poem at the start of each lesson throughout the day from various poets including: Benjamin Zephaniah, Roger McGough and Pam Ayres.

We also had some competitions for our students in secondary. In 'Design a Book Cover' the students were challenged to let their imaginations run wild when redesigning the cover of their favourite book. The standard of entries was very high, we clearly have some budding artists amongst our students. Choosing the winners was very difficult. The 'Staff Shelfie' competition in form time required students to guess which member of staff each bookshelf belonged to. Huge congratulations to all of our winners.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Merry L Kaitlyn W Georgia H	Ben H Riley O'C Sebastian H	Imogen D Olly F Maya O'B	Brandon L	Maisie R

Staff throughout school also dressed up and encouraged the students to talk about each character and the book they were from. A real buzz about reading for pleasure and the love of books was felt from Nursery through to Year 11. Classroom doors around school were decorated with book themes. The atmosphere around school was buzzing with enthusiasm for books and reading.



Many thanks and congratulations to the staff and students who participated in the event this year and made it such a success. Your enthusiasm and costumes were fabulous.



# World Book Day continued





# Absolute Chemistry

32 Year 11 Scientists went to the John Moore's University labs to investigate 'Everything About Ions'. They had a morning of revisiting key scientific practicals in the huge Uni labs, followed by an afternoon of theory revision and exam practice. It was a great opportunity to use University equipment and see inside the Science building. The course is seen as being very prestigious and therefore, the fact they have taken part means JMU will lower their offer for A-level grades if they apply to do a science course in the future. They behaved impeccably and got a lot out of this fantastic opportunity.

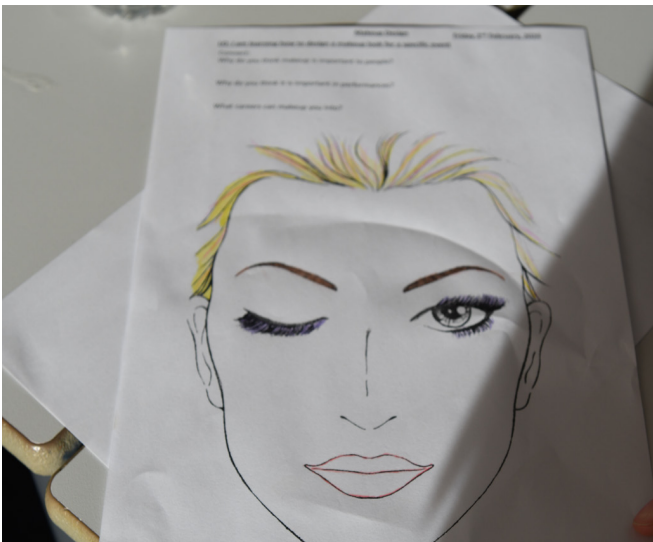
Mrs Harris (Head of Science)





# Enrichment

All students in years 7-9 participated in an enrichment afternoon. Students chose which activities they participated in. It was a lovely afternoon with plenty of activities taking place including rock climbing, animal teach, arts & crafts, and darts.





## Enrichment

On Friday 22nd March a group of 10 students in years 7 and 8 were invited to attend the Merseyside school games celebration event.

They participated in a range of skill based activities led by England Netball coaches, followed by a tournament where they were able to apply their new skills and knowledge. This enabled them to win the majority of their games.





# The Grange Academy

Wade Deacon Trust

## Enrichment Timetable

PRIMARY

Half-Term 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><u>Gardening Club</u> Year 1-6 Mr Hayes &amp; Mr Horsler</p> <p><u>Chess Club</u> Year 4 &amp; 5 Miss Williams</p> <p><u>DT/Eco Club</u> Year 5 &amp; 6 Mrs O'Connor &amp; Miss Rose</p>	<p><u>Arts &amp; Crafts</u> Years 3-6 Ms Davies</p> <p><u>Girls Football</u> Year 3-6 Mr Catherall</p>	<p><u>Choir</u> Reception – Year 6 Miss Hogan/Miss Weston/Miss Maltz</p> <p><u>Football</u> Year 1 &amp; 2 Mr Catherall</p> <p><u>SATs Club</u> Year 6 – All welcome Miss Graham &amp; Mr Relph (until 15/05)</p>	



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## Enrichment Timetable

SECONDARY

Half-Term 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><u>Indoor Cricket</u> Year 7-10 COP/SWI</p> <p><u>Crystal &amp; Crochet</u> Year 7-10 FOS</p> <p><u>Filipino Kali Martial Arts (Gym)</u> Years 7-10 KAL</p> <p><u>Science Club</u> Year 7 &amp; 8 FAI</p>	<p><u>Kazoo Club (Lunchtime)</u> Year 7-11 FOS</p> <p><u>Music Prefects</u> FOS</p> <p><u>Dance (Gym)</u> Year 7-9 ELW</p>	<p><u>Choir (Afterschool)</u> Year 7-10 FOS</p> <p><u>Gardening Club</u> Years 7-10 OCA</p>

Thursdays – no clubs due to staff meetings

Fridays – clubs will be run on as invite only

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## Are you concerned about a Child?

### If you are concerned about a child:

Make a factual record of your concern (include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature). **You must share your concerns without delay.**

### Primary



**Mrs Ireland**



**Miss Stockton**



**Mrs Bazley**



**Miss Law**

**DSL**

### Secondary



**Miss McPartland**

**DSL**



**Mr Beavon**



**Mr Hutton**



**Miss Holcroft**



**Miss Speed**

If you are unable to contact a member of the Safeguarding or Pastoral Team, please contact iCART between the hours of 09.00 - 17.00 on 0151 511 7722. Outside of these hours please contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0151 511 8200.



# SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Have you noticed changes in your child's behaviour?

Everyone can often feel low, angry or worried at times. But if these changes are lasting a long time or are greatly affecting your child, it might be time to seek some guidance.

There are things you can look out for that might suggest your child is worried about something:

- Significant changes in how they behave and act
- Problems sleeping such as getting to sleep, waking often and being tired all the time
- Being withdrawn or avoiding certain situations or people
- Not wanting to do things they usually enjoy
- Hurting themselves on purpose to help cope with difficult feelings or neglecting themselves

Before you seek help you might want to think about whether your child is getting everything they need to be healthy such as;

- A healthy balanced diet including plenty of water
- Enough sleep
- Plenty of physical activity
- A home where they feel safe and loved
- Friends, hobbies and interests

There are lots of places you can get advice and help to support you and your child.

If your child is in a mental health crisis you can contact the local mental health crisis line for free on 0800 051 1508. Available 24/7 and can also support adults who need urgent mental health support



Young Minds provide a FREE Parents helpline and web chat providing confidential expert advice write up  
You can call for free on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday – Friday



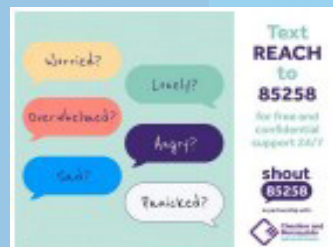
Speak to a School Nurse or Health Visitor via Chat Health text service. The number will operate between 9am and 5pm Mon-Fri and messages will receive a response within 24 hours



ADDvanced solutions support children, young people and families living with neurodevelopmental conditions. You don't need a diagnosis to access support.  
Email: [info@addvancedsolutions.co.uk](mailto:info@addvancedsolutions.co.uk)  
Tel: 0151 486 1788



Feeling anxious, worried or overwhelmed? SHOUT provide free confidential support via text 24 hours a day 7 days a week.  
<https://giveusashout.org/>  
Text REACH to 85258



Kooth is a free anonymous, confidential, safe, online wellbeing service, offering professional support, information and forums for young people aged 11-25. Access to counsellors 365 days a year available from 12 noon to 10pm Mon-Fri



18 and under? Childline provide support 24 hours a day 7 days a week via telephone, email and online web chat with a counsellor. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines and won't show on your bill  
Call: 0800 1111  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support>



The local Mental Health Info Point has details of support available for a variety of worries and concerns as well as info on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing. Scan the QR code on your smartphone or visit [www.halton.gov.uk/mhinfopoint](http://www.halton.gov.uk/mhinfopoint)





# Age Restrictions for Social

Please ensure you are monitoring your children online. We are seeing more incidents of cyber-bullying and negative online relationships out of school which is causing anxiety in children and friendship issues both in and out of school. Please remember any of the following apps are not to be used by primary aged children:

**13+**

- Twitter
- Facebook and Messenger
- Viber
- WeChat
- Monkey
- Yubo
- Dubsmash
- Instagram
- TikTok
- Skype
- Google Hangouts
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

**16+**

- WhatsApp
- Telegram Messenger
- Tumblr

**17+**

- Line
- Sarahah
- Tellonym

# FIFTEEN APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**MEETME**



MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY, AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS. USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.

**GRINDR**



GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.

**SKOUT**



SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.

**WHATSAPP**



WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.

**TIKTOK**



TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS. USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.

**BADOO**



BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.

**BUMBLE**



BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.

**SNAPCHAT**



SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24

**KIK**



KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

**LIVE.ME**



LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.

**HOLLA**



HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.

**WHISPER**



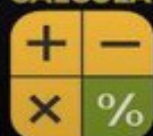
WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.

**ASK.FM**



ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.

**CALCULATOR%**



CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.

**HOT OR NOT**



HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.





# BOYDELL'S

*Your local Uniform shop*

17-19 Victoria Road, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0PU Tel: 0151 424 3257  
email: [shop@boydellsport.com](mailto:shop@boydellsport.com) Website: [www.boydellswidnes.co.uk](http://www.boydellswidnes.co.uk)

## The Grange Academy Uniform Price List May 2023 Senior

Size	Uniform	Price
Chest up to 36	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£37.00
Chest from 38	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£43.00
Longer Length	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£43.00
up to 32" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£27.00
From 34" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£28.00
All sizes 22" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£32.00
<b>extra charge for special order size skirts</b>		
All sizes	Black Trousers	£25.00
One Size	Tie	£8.00
All sizes	White shirts twin pack	£18.00
All sizes	Black Plain V Neck Cotton Jumper	£18.00
<b>Size</b>	<b>PE Kit - Boys &amp; Girls</b>	
All sizes	Poloshirt	£16.00
All sizes	Shorts	£12.00
All Sizes	Socks	£6.00
All sizes	Outdoor Top	£25.00
All sizes	Outdoor Trackpants	£15.00
<b>Size</b>	<b>PE Kit -Boys</b>	
	Rugby Top	£25.00
<b>Size</b>	<b>PE Kit -Girls</b>	
All sizes	Skort	£15.00
All sizes	Leggings	£15.00



### Shop Opening Times:

Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday - 9am to 12noon

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Uniform	Cost
Crew Neck Sweatshirt KS1	£12.00
Cardigan	£13.00
Tie	£5.00
V Neck Sweatshirt KS2	£12.00
PE Tshirt	£6.00
PE Shorts	£6.00
PE Bag	£5.00
20 x Iron on Name Labels	£4.00
Bookbag	£10.00



School uniform is available all year round.

**Please contact the shop with any queries**

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