



# THE GRANGE ACADEMY

## Wade Deacon Trust



ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE

Friday 13th December 2019 – Issue 7

## Principal's Christmas Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and New Year. It is always an extremely busy time of the year and I am grateful to all the families that supported the Christmas Bingo, which raised over £400 towards playtime equipment for the primary phase, and the fantastic Christmas productions. Please don't forget that we have our 'Night at the Movies' performances on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The start of the school year has been incredibly busy and not without challenges. Attendance has been severely affected by the Norovirus that closed many schools in the region; we battled through and I am sure you will support us to bring attendance levels back to where they should be. We are very proud of the opportunities we provide for students and there have been many different trips and activities since September; to places such as Go Ape in Delamere Forest, Jorvik Centre in York, Brindley Art Exhibition, Liverpool City Centre, Chester Zoo, Norton Priory, Colomendy and numerous sporting fixtures to mention a few. There are many more exciting opportunities in the new year to look forward to.

As you know Christmas time can also be a very challenging time for some families; we are very grateful to our staff that contributed many food and drink items so we could make 25 well-stocked Christmas Hampers to support our families and community. We hope this will make Christmas time a little easier for some of our children and their family. Special thanks to Mrs Kelly Price, our Family Support Worker, for taking the lead on this.



The new calendar year allows us all to reflect on the past 12 months and set 'targets' and 'resolutions' for the new year ahead. As a school we will continue to 'Aspire for Excellence' and ensure that all our students are well supported to reach their potential. Whatever your target or resolution, I hope you find the willpower to achieve it and I wish you all the very best for Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes,

Mr Critchley

### Christmas Beanies

Christmas Beanies went on sale week commencing 25th November in the Primary Phase. They are £1.50 each and all monies raised are in aid of Halton Haven Hospice.

### Christmas Productions

Reception ~ 16th December 2pm + 5.30pm  
KS1 ~ 17th December 2pm + 5.30pm  
KS2 ~ 18th December 2pm + 5.30pm

### Primary Phase Christmas Party

Friday 20th December

### Last day of term

Friday 20th December  
Secondary Phase finishes at 12.05pm  
Primary Phase finishes at 12.15pm

A community that works together to create an exceptional learning journey for all.

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## Staff Profile

### Associate Assistant Principal – K Ireland



#### Education

St Chad's Catholic High School – GCSEs

St Chad's 6<sup>th</sup> Form – A Levels

Liverpool Hope University – BA QTS Hons with English Literature

#### Jobs

JJB sports shop

Curry's

Cineworld

#### Interests:

Spending time with my family

Watching my children compete in their sport – netball and football. I am currently the Child Welfare Officer for Runcorn Linnets Junior Football Club.

Running – I am a member of a running club and have competed in different races including half marathons and 10 mile races.

Reading – I love reading a range of books during half term when I have more time.

#### Proudest Moments

Getting married and having my three children.

Running as I never thought I would have the stamina to compete in long races.

Working at The Grange Academy for 12 years.



## Year 1 Superheroes

This term, Year 1 have been working hard to catch the baddies terrorising our school. After they caught them they celebrated catching the Evil Baddies, Vacuum and Filth. We held a Superhero conference to explain how we defeated them, we accepted certificates from Super Kenneway and we enjoyed a Superhero party to celebrate.



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## Attendance

### Attendance – Week 13

#### HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:

Primary Year 3 - Secondary Year 11

#### HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS:

3R - 98%

#### HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM:

11MCN – 99.1%

#### ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

The highest attending class in Primary and the highest attending form group in Secondary each week will receive lunch time front of queue passes for the following week.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%**

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### Attendance – Week 14

#### HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:

Primary Year 1 - 99.5% & Secondary Year 9 – 94.1%

#### HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS:

Primary Year 1H - 100%

#### HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM:

Secondary Year 7KNI – 99.2%

#### ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

The highest attending class in Primary and the highest attending form group in Secondary each week will receive lunch time front of queue passes for the following week.

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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%**

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## Career of the Week

### Career: Cabin Crew

#### Skills you'll need:

- customer service skills for working with passengers
- excellent verbal communication skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to enjoy working with other people
- knowledge of public safety and security
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- sensitivity and understanding for dealing with customers' needs
- a desire to help people and a friendly manner
- Being able to use a computer terminal or hand-held device may be beneficial for this job

#### Average salary:

Starter: £12,000

Experienced: £30,000

#### Useful Subjects:

Maths, English, Science, Leisure and tourism, Cabin crew apprenticeship



## 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 16th December)**

This week's word is

**effect** (verb and noun) - noun- a change which is a result or consequence of an action  
verb- to cause something to happen

**(week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January)**

This week's word is

**chemistry** (noun)- a science that deals with the structure and properties of substances

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



## St Andrew's Day Celebrations

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, we celebrated St Andrew's Day. Throughout the week, we collected money for St Andrew's House chosen charity of Halton Haven Hospice. Thank you to all students, parents and carers who kindly donated. Throughout the week, students from St Andrew's House created art work to enter into a competition and the top entries were:

1<sup>st</sup> place - a student from 6M

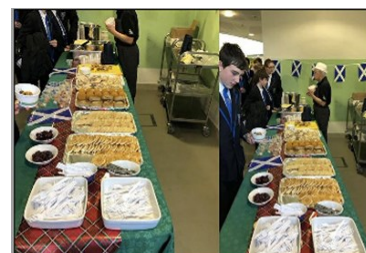
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Freya Boothman 5O1

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Joseph McHutchinson 6M

All secondary forms took part in a form competition and the winning form was 8CLN

On Friday, Primary students created The Grange Academy's own Loch Ness Monster. Primary and Secondary students both had a bake sale at break time which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who either donated treats or purchased treats. At lunchtime, students were able to try traditional Scottish food such as Haggis, Neaps and Tatties,

Scotch broth, Scotch eggs, Scotch pancakes, and Scottish shortbread. There was a wonderful buzz as students tried foods that they have never tried before. A great St Andrew's Day was enjoyed by all!



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## PE Success

Thank you to everyone who helped collect stickers to complete our Aldi Kit for Schools Poster. We are excited to see all the fantastic new equipment we will receive.



Year 5/6 Football Squad after their first football season in their new kit from the Premier League



Year 5/6 New Age Curling Team competing in the Halton Schools competition held here at the Grange



Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Team after finishing an amazing 3rd place in the Halton Schools Indoor Athletics Competition



Year 5/6 High 5 Netball Team off to a flying start in the Halton Schools Netball League with 2 wins out of 2





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## ChrisMATHS Competitions

*HO, HO, HO, Merry ChrisMATHS!*

*8 Days of  
ChrisMATHS*

*Extreme Christmas  
Hegarty*

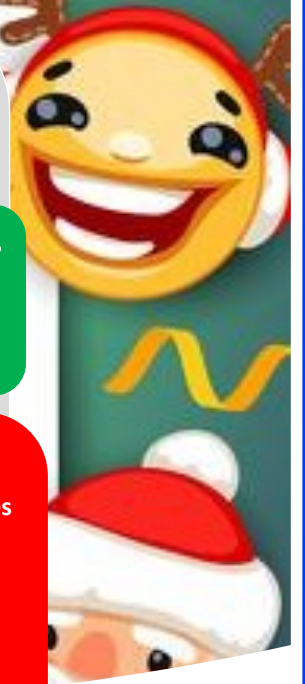
Each day there will be  
a Christmas Maths  
problem on the Maths  
staffroom door!

If you can solve it first  
you will win a prize!

Submit your  
Extreme Christmas Hegarty pictures  
by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December!!!

Remember to tag The Grange  
Academy Maths Instagram page.

The winner will be announced on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December!



## Hegarty Heroes

All homework in maths is now set weekly on [hegartymaths.com](http://hegartymaths.com). If you would like to know more please check the link on the school website.

Most video hours Year 7 - Cerys Findlow

Most video hours Year 8 - Callum Farrell

Most video hours Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most video hours Year 10 - Jamie-Lea Wall

Most video hours Year 11 - Holly Ryder

Most questions answered Year 7 - Kerian Grant

Most questions answered Year 8 - Isabel Thomas

Most questions answered Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most questions answered Year 10 - Louis Goodall

Most questions answered Year 11 - Holly Ryder

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Cerys Findlow

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Lily O'Neill

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Lucy-Ann Keatley

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Cerys Begley

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Holly Ryder

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## Safeguarding, Emotional, Wellbeing and Mental Health

### Police Cadets are now recruiting!

Our next police cadet programme will start in March 2020 and finish in February 2021. We will have groups in Runcorn, Northwich, Widnes, Crewe, Chester and Macclesfield.

Are you between 15 and 17 and would like to know more about how Cheshire Police operates and gain an insight into the different roles in policing? Our cadet programme has been designed to develop your confidence, communication and team working skills which will benefit you in any role you choose in life.

You will attend sessions every 2 weeks on a Tuesday evening from 7.00 – 8.30pm and you will be required to complete 40 hours of voluntary work in your community during the year.

There are further details about our programme on our website: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/jobs/police-support-volunteers/volunteer-police-cadets/>

We are holding a Police Cadet Information Event on 16th December at 6pm at Winsford headquarters. Please follow the link to find out more and sign up: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cheshire-police-cadet-information-event-tickets-82626250339?utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cheshire-police-cadet-information-event-tickets-82626250339?utm_term=eventurl_text)

If you have any specific questions please email: [cadets@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cadets@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)



## Staying Healthy

We have recently had a lot of children who have been absent due to flu symptoms or vomiting bugs. Here are a few reminders to help you stay healthy during the winter months:

- Wash your hands frequently, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, being with ill people and especially before you eat.
- Avoid sharing objects.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Get enough sleep and avoid getting "run down"
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes and dispose of them immediately and appropriately.
- Eat right and get regular exercise.
- Avoid crowds and keep your distance from people whom you know are ill.



If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure that you contact the school on the first day of absence either by:

Texting the school via MYEd app

Ringling the absence line: 01928 562660 and pressing 1 for absence line and leave a voice message

Email using [absence@thegrange.com](mailto:absence@thegrange.com)



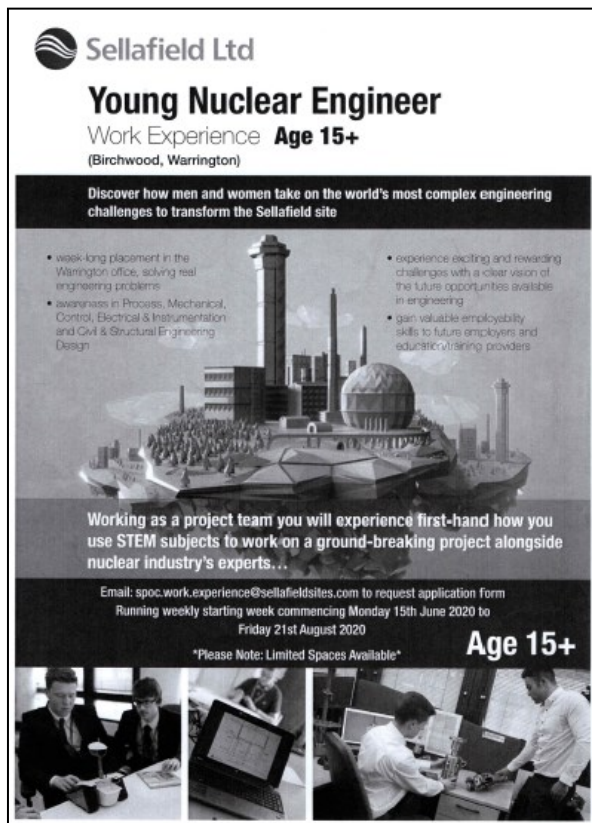
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## Science Work Experience Opportunities

Below are two opportunities to gain some valuable work experience. Whether you are thinking of applying for a science course in college or not these opportunities look great on a CV or college application.



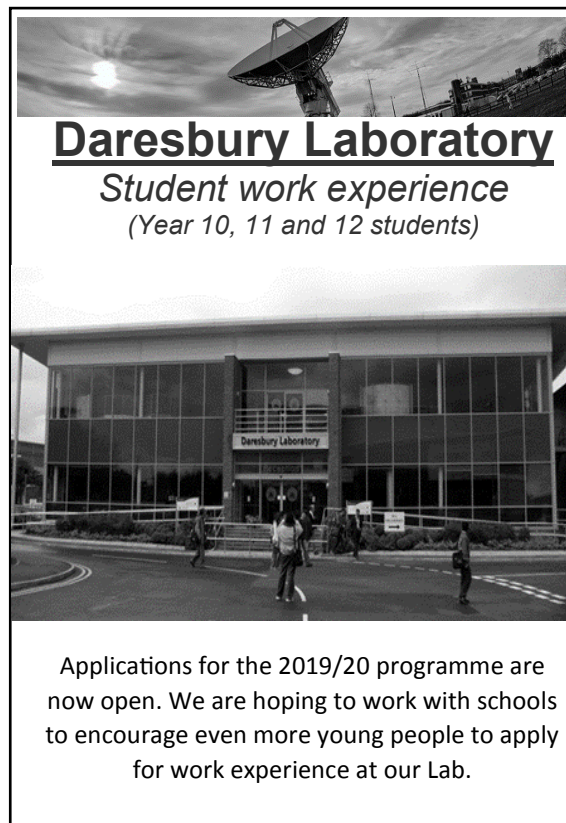
**Sellafield Ltd**  
**Young Nuclear Engineer**  
Work Experience **Age 15+**  
(Birchwood, Warrington)

Discover how men and women take on the world's most complex engineering challenges to transform the Sellafield site

- week-long placement in the Warrington office, solving real engineering problems
- awareness in Process, Mechanical, Control, Electrical & Instrumentation and Civil & Structural Engineering Design
- experience exciting and rewarding challenges with a clear vision of the future opportunities available in engineering
- gain valuable employability skills to future employers and education/training providers

Working as a project team you will experience first-hand how you use STEM subjects to work on a ground-breaking project alongside nuclear industry's experts...

Email: [spoc.work.experience@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:spoc.work.experience@sellafieldsites.com) to request application form  
Running weekly starting week commencing Monday 15th June 2020 to Friday 21st August 2020  
**Age 15+**  
\*Please Note: Limited Spaces Available\*



**Daresbury Laboratory**  
*Student work experience*  
(Year 10, 11 and 12 students)

Applications for the 2019/20 programme are now open. We are hoping to work with schools to encourage even more young people to apply for work experience at our Lab.

### **Sellafield Young Nuclear Engineer (Age 15+)**

Spend a weeklong placement in the Warrington office, solving real engineering problems. You will work as a project team and experience first-hand how you can use STEM subjects to work on ground-breaking projects alongside nuclear industry experts.

To request an application form email here: [spoc.work.experience@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:spoc.work.experience@sellafieldsites.com)  
Weekly placements are on offer between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

### **Daresbury Laboratory (Age 14-18)**

STFC Daresbury Laboratory is a government funded Lab, working mainly in the fields of Engineering, Physics and Scientific Computing. You will be able to work with either a scientist or engineer in your chosen area/department for a week.

Applications to be made at the following web address: <https://stfc.ukri.org/about-us/work-with-us/work-experience/workexperienced/> then click smart survey.

### **Other science announcements**

- Year 9 and 10 Science trip to Iceland (April 2020) dates for forthcoming payments – 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 7 Chester Zoo trip for selected students – 16<sup>th</sup> December

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## Science Student of the Month

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	Keane Boyd	Alexis Moores-Smith
7S2	Lucas Mottram	Grace May
7S3	Dylan Jellicoe	Violet Ryder
7S4	Fabio Murgulet	Sinead Jones
7S5	Myji Ahmedov	Emily Wilson-Harris
8S1	Cian Tummon	Annie Wallace
8S2	Tyler Mawson	Ashleigh McCaw
8S3	Callum Shaw	Elizabeth Young
8S4	Quinn Allen	Grace Thomas
9SS1(Biology)	Matthew Jackson	Macey Lawton
9SS1(Chemistry)	Harry Burke	Jessica Robinson
9SS1(Physics)	James Thwaite	Sophie Martin
9SS2(Biology)	Robert Parr	Emily Furnival
9SS2(Chemistry)	Daniel Jackson	Jessica Hillan
9SS2(Physics)	Robert Parr	Alice McNally
9S1	Ciah O'Neill	Kaylee Viles
9S2	Jack Donegan - Jones	Myuzhde Asenova
9S3	Brendon Davies	Kayla Dowling
10SS1(Biology)	Sam Morgan	Chelsea Jones
10SS1(Chemistry)	Trystin Roberts	Georgie Walker
10SS1(Physics)	Bobby Lowrie	Hollie Walker
10S1	Grace Smith	Christopher Young
10S2	Robert Nazarie	Jennifer Tully
10S3	Alfie Maguire	Katie Jones
10S4	James Barrett	Lucy Dorgan
11SS1(Biology)	Spencer Washington	Annie Leyland
11SS1(Chemistry)	Andrew Bennison	Emily Story
11SS1(Physics)	Leo Chamberlain	Annie Leyland
11S1	Jason Pinkney	Tayla Quinton-Hammond
11S2	Brandon Rizotti	Antonia Gaskin
11S3	Ben Nuttall	Charleigh Watmough
11S4	Aaron Harper	Maisie McCartney

### YR7 Student(s) of the Month

Keane Boyd  
Emily Wilson-Harris

### YR8 Student(s) of the Month

Quinn Allen  
Annie Wallace

### YR9 Student(s) of the Month

Harry Burke  
Kaylee Viles

### YR10 Student(s) of the Month

James Barrett  
Chelsea Jones

### YR11 Student(s) of the Month

Andrew Bennison  
Annie Leyland

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## Science Homework

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 independent 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.

Top performing year group for science homework is

**YR10**

Well done and keep up the good work

## Year 7 and Year 8 Science Clubs

Science Club is on every Tuesday after school in D303 with Miss Lightfoot



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



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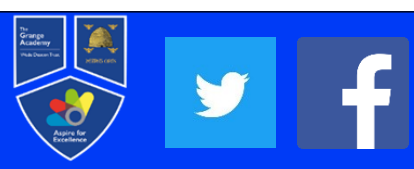
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We are able to send you messages directly to the **MYEd** app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school. You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there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

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## Primary News and Information

Please note, as last academic year, Primary letters will be sent out on a **Thursday**. Please ask your child each Thursday if they have any letters.

It is extremely important that you read and if applicable, return any reply slips etc to school as soon as possible.

## Christmas Bingo

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bingo on Thursday 5th December.

It was a huge success and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. We raised **£430** to help fund new primary outdoor play equipment.

Eyes down for our next bingo at Easter!



## Thought of the Week

“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn ...and change.”  
**Carl Rogers**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Secondary Christmas Concert at the Shopping City	17th December	11.30-12.30pm
Primary Christmas Parties	20th December	

## School closes for Christmas - Friday 20th December

### Primary Christmas Performances

Reception	16th December	2pm + 5.30pm
Key Stage 1	17th December	2pm + 5.30pm
Key Stage 2	18th December	2pm + 5.30pm

## School re-opens - Monday 6th January 2020

Year 6 Family Assembly—parents are invited to attend	17th January 2020	9.00am
Year 11 Progress Evening	16th January 2020	4pm - 7pm
Year 8 Progress Evening	13th February 2020	4pm - 7pm



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