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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a busy half term 2. I write to update you on key points from the last half term. There have been so many wonderful things going on. Thank you for your support.

Student Leadership Programme

An important part of the personal development of our students is the opportunity that we provide for students to engage in leadership roles across the school and throughout their school life. Our Student Leadership programme provides opportunities for leadership both within the classroom environment and in more formal leadership roles. Congratulations to all the students that have been appointed roles within the Student Leadership Programme.

Careers Fair

Thank you to the wide range of local educators, employers and training organisations that supported our recent Careers Fair. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our students to find out more about what future opportunities are available to them.

Reading

Thank you for the fantastic engagement by our students with the e-platform last half term. If you would like to support your child logging on to access the platform, please follow this link: <https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries/> and they can sign in using their school email and password.

Attendance

We would like to congratulate all those students who have maintained or improved their attendance to 97% or above. Attendance has a direct impact on attainment. Typically, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of KS4. Students with 97%+ attendance last academic year achieved on average 2 grades higher than those with attendance of 85% or below. We want all students to achieve and fulfil their potential and therefore continue to have a relentless drive on ensuring students attend school as much as they possibly can.

Mobile Phones

Please can I remind students that mobile phones must remain out of sight on school premises. Students are to ensure phones are away before they enter the building and must not take them out until they have left the school premises.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our activities for Term 1 are up and running! Please encourage your child to attend extra-curricular activities. They really do support the holistic development of our students and are a great way for them to make new friends. Details of what is running during Term 1 has been shared via Edulink. If you require any further information, please speak to Mr l'Anson.

Assessments

Students in Year 11 will be embarking on their first set of assessments this half term.

From Monday, 24th November 2025 until Monday, 8th December 2025, Year 11 will begin a series of GCSE Mock exams. This experience allows students and staff to ascertain current knowledge levels. In addition, students become familiar with the systems and routines which will take place for their 'real' examinations in the summer term of 2026.

Please encourage your child to revise for each exam and to speak to staff if they have any queries or concerns.



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Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday, 11th December 2025, students will be allowed to wear their Christmas Jumpers as part of Christmas Jumper Day. Students will have the opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their usual school jumper. Students are asked to make a voluntary donation of £1 or whatever is affordable to families dependent on personal circumstances. Students are to bring their donation with them on Thursday, 11th December; this money will be collected during form time.

If your child does wish to take part in this day, it is important to note:

- They must wear their full school uniform i.e. their usual school trousers/skirt, tights/socks and school shoes as this is **not** a non-uniform day.
- Usual expectations regarding uniform and equipment expectations remain.
- No other hoodies/jumpers, sports t-shirts or own clothes are permitted. Students will be sent home to change clothing should they arrive breaching these rules.
- Students will follow their timetable and learning will continue as normal.

We would be delighted if our students could be part of this special day taking place across the country and support our local and global communities this Christmas.

Dates for your Diary

Please find herewith link to school term dates: [The Grange Academy - Term Dates](#) A copy is also available on the website.

- Primary Open Evening – for prospective Nursery and Reception parents/carers – 19th November 2025 (3.30 - 5pm).
- Christmas Fair and Bingo – 4th December 2025

Class Assembly:

- Year 5 - 14th November 2025

Parent/Carer Evenings:

For your convenience, please find below dates of remaining parent/carers evenings. Further information to follow.

Year	Date and Time	PROGRESS LEADERS
11	Thursday, 20 th November 2025	Miss Ayrton
10	Thursday, 15 th January 2026	Mr Challinor
9	Thursday, 5 th February 2026	Mr Mooney
9 Options Evening	Thursday, 19 th March 2026	Mr Hutton
8	Thursday, 23 rd April 2026	Miss Houseman
7	Thursday, 21 st May 2026	Mr l'Anson
Primary Parents evenings	Wednesday, 26 th November 2025	

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Jardine
Executive Principal