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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another school year, a big thank you for all your support.

We are all proud and appreciative of the fantastic progress that has been made both with our students and in the development of the school.

### **GCSE Results Day**

Congratulations and well done to our Year 11 students who worked hard and were focused to the end for their GCSE Examinations. Students will be able to collect their GCSE results on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 from 10am to 12noon.

## **SATs Results**

Congratulations to our Year 6 children and staff on their fantastic SATs results, in particular English results were very strong. Congratulations and well done to all the Year 6 children.

## **Primary Roundup**

Lots of exciting activities have been taking place in primary. Nursery children have been creating some beautiful work in their big draw, drawing where they would like to go if they had a magic balloon.

Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their overnight residential to London. It was an excellent way to celebrate the end of a busy and productive year. The children visited the famous London landmarks of Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square and had a cruise down the River Thames. The children also enjoyed going to the theatre to watch Wicked.

Year 2 children have been on an overnight residential to Tattenhall, for some children, this was their first night away from home. The children had a fantastic time participating in outdoor activities.

Across primary, the children have participated in Health Week. During the week, the children took part in lots of different workshops and sports sessions, including Yoga, Fencing, Judo, Karate and orienteering. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed trying out lots of new sporting activities.





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# Year 9 Paris trip - May 2025

Year 9 students enjoyed a long weekend in Paris where they immersed themselves in French culture, by using their language skills, trying French cuisine (including snails!) and visiting famous Parisian landmarks. They also enjoyed a day at Disneyland Paris, and watched the evening fireworks - a perfect way to end a successful trip.

Thank you to all students who attended the trip for displaying great enthusiasm and representing our school. A further thank you goes to the staff who supported with planning and attending the trip.



## **Year 10 Geography Fieldwork**



Well done to our Year 10 Geography students who recently completed their fieldwork. The students were a credit to the school and applied themselves excellently!

## Year 10 Challenge

We are delighted to announce that four of our students have won this year's University of Liverpool Maths School - Year 10 Challenge. We had two teams representing the school and they competed against teams from nine other schools from across Liverpool and the surrounding areas.

The competition is part of a wider initiative from the school to raise ambitions in maths and to encourage more students to study maths beyond GCSE level. Students had to work as a team to complete a variety of applied maths problems. They worked so well together that in one particular task, they were given 45 minutes to complete it but they had it finished in just over 20 minutes. The event organisers were impressed at how they combined their individual skills to form one effective, cohesive unit.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the winning team and to all participants from The Grange Academy for representing the school impeccably.

## **Anthony Walker Foundation**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025, The Grange Academy were awarded the Silver Award at the Anthony Walker Foundation Awards Evening. This is an award which recognises the second year of the school's work in tackling racism through anti-racism strategies. Both Willow and Lily May, who are our year 8 ambassadors - were in attendance with their families alongside Miss Hart to receive the trophy. We continue to be exceptionally proud of all of the anti-racism ambassadors (Reuben, Theo, Josh, Matthew, Georgia, Willow, Grace, Archie, Ismail, Lily May and Nathan) who currently support us within school on a daily basis to ensure a more inclusive environment.





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### **Sports Roundup**

We have had a very busy half term in the PE department. The year 10 sports studies cohort attended Go Ape at Delamere forest as part of their practical outdoor assessment, all students did exceptionally well with many conquering fears in the process!

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the Year 10 football and netball teams attended tournaments at Priestley College, both teams displaying excellent performances and determination with the boys football team narrowly losing in the final minute of the final after winning all their other matches.



On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 8 students attended the Wimbledon Championships. It was an amazing experience with students getting to watch the Men's Quarter Final on Court one between Fritz and Khachanov.

Sports days took place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July for Years 7 and 8, and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July for Years 9 & 10. Both days were excellent with many new school records set and high engagement throughout the days. Well done to everyone who participated.

## Reading

A huge thank you for all your support and encouragement in engaging our students to read or listen to audiobooks throughout the year. Since launching our ePlatform last September we have had over 2755 loans in Secondary and 959 in Primary. Our ePlatform continues to be available for all students across both Primary and Secondary over the Summer. Please encourage your child to access our online library where they can borrow a range of books and audiobooks for free. Students can sign in using the link below and their school Microsoft email and password. https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries/

# A great year for STEM at The Grange Academy!

We are immensely proud that our Year 10 students won the prestigious Mond Trophy, an accolade that recognises outstanding achievement and innovation in STEM subjects. This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and creativity, which they have demonstrated throughout the year.

Furthermore, our Year 9 students participated in the STEM in Action Day, where they showcased their skills and knowledge to a wider audience. Their efforts were commendable, and they received positive feedback for their innovative projects and problem-solving approaches. As we look forward to the upcoming summer, we wish them every success as they prepare for their entry in the Design, Engineer, Construct competition. This opportunity will allow them to further develop their practical skills and engage with real-world engineering challenges.





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# **Grange Fest & Enrichment Day**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, our Secondary students will be taking part in Grange Fest & Enrichment Day. This is a day off timetable, rewarding students for their work throughout the year. Students will take part in enrichment activities that will help shape our extra-curricular programme next year. The Grange Fest aspect of the day recognises and acknowledges students who have achieved the Excellence – Bronze criteria within 'The Excellence Programme'. The higher the criteria, the more tokens students will have to use at the event.

## **End of term arrangements**

The last day of this academic year will be Friday, 18 July 2025, secondary students will finish at 12.10pm and primary children finish at 12.30pm. Secondary students entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a brunch at breaktime and Primary children will be provided with food during the morning.

On the last day, all students must wear full school uniform. Secondary students will follow an amended timetable until dismissal.

## Contact during the summer

During the summer holidays, the office will be open from 9am to 3pm Tuesday to Thursday. If you would like to contact the school by email during the holidays, please email via <a href="mailto:info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk">info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk</a> This email address can also be used if you require clarification in terms of students returning to school in September.

### **Uniform donations**

We would really welcome any unwanted uniform so that we can support other families in the future. Please hand in any uniform donations to the school office.

# Year 10 into 11 Summer School 18th August - 20th August

We are pleased to announce that our Year 10 into 11 Summer School, will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> August. This initiative aims to provide additional support in key subjects, namely Mathematics, English, and Science, ensuring a smooth transition into the examination period.

The Summer School will offer focused sessions designed to enhance understanding and boost confidence in these vital subjects. Our dedicated teaching team will be available to assist students with personalised guidance, tailored activities, and strategies to maximise their learning potential. In order for your child to secure a place at the Yr10 to 11 Summer School, please sign up using the link that has been shared with you via Edulink.

#### Term dates

Please find herewith link to our 2025-26 term dates.

https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/downloads/academy\_information/tga\_term\_dates\_2025-26.pdf





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## <u>September – School Reopening</u>

To support our return to school and allow time for year groups to receive relevant important information, secondary students will return as follows:

# Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Y7 and Yr11 return at 8.30am

# Thursday 4th September

- Year 7, 10 and 11 return at 8.30am
- Year 8 return at 9.20am
- Year 9 return at 8.50am

**Primary Pupils:** Return to school at 8.40am on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

All students are to wear full school uniform. Secondary students are reminded to bring a bag and equipment to school at all times.

Thank you once again for your support. I hope the whole school community enjoys a well-earned rest and I look forward to welcoming all students and staff back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Jardine

**Executive Principal**