



# THE GRANGE ACADEMY

## Wade Deacon Trust



ONE SCHOOL ONE VISION

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term and I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter. This term is always a busy period with SATs and GCSEs beginning next week. I wish all the students that are sitting these assessments all the very best and I am very proud of the hard work the students, and staff, have put in to prepare for them. Please take time to read the information in this newsletter as it is full of the great work your children produce in this school. Please can you continue to support our drive to improve attendance and also maintain the highest standards of uniform.

Mr Critchley

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 5 who are the currently the best attending Year group whole school, Year 7 are the best attending year group in the Secondary phase.

### Attendance League Table September to Date

Year Group	Position
Year 05	1
Year 01	2
Year 03	3
Year 04	4
Year 7	5
Year 02	6
Reception	7
Year 06	8
Year 9	9
Year 10	10
Year 8	11
Year 11	12

### Did you know?

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week.

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole school weeks of lessons missed.

3 days missed in a half term means less than 90% attendance.

80% attendance during one school year = 38 days of school missed.

### Top Tips for Top school attendance:

Make sure your uniform is ready and your school bag packed the night before.

Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready.

Remember we have a free breakfast available to all students every day in the dining hall.

Ensure medical/dental appointments are made out of school hours - if you do have an appointment during the school day aim to come into school either before or after the appointment.

If you are under the weather, but well enough for school, come in. If you are too unwell for school, we will contact your parents/guardian and arrange for you to go home.

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95%

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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.

## British Values

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May

Democracy

Like Ukraine, many countries will hold votes to allow people the choice to decide who will become their leader. Sometimes, the winner may not be what we expect, but in a democracy the votes are what count!



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## Prize Winning Poem

Sian Hughes from 5OI has made us very proud. She entered her Mother's Day poem into a competition and received a 'Talent for Writing' certificate. Well done Sian!

### My Mum Means The World To Me

My mum is my very best chum  
She makes me food that is very yum

She helps me when I'm down  
So I no longer frown  
And that is why she deserves a crown

For all your patience day to day  
For every tear you wipe away  
For all the bills you have to pay  
My days with you are never grey  
All my trouble just melt away

There is no one in the world as special as you  
That's why I want to thank you for all you do  
I would be nothing without you

Happy Mother's Day  
Love you to the moon and stars  
And all the chocolate bars.



## Creative writers go through to next round of national story competition

Massive congratulations to our talented group of creative writers who recently entered the BBC Radio 2 500 words competition. In March, each of our writers submitted their own creative story to the national competition. All the students who entered have now received a fabulous certificate and commendation for their entries. We are also proud to say that two of our writers have impressed the judges and are now through to the next round of the competition. Our students really enjoyed creating and entering the 500 words competition and are so pleased with their certificates. We wish our remaining competitors all the very best in the next round of judging.



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## Primary Department Summer Uniform

As previously advertised the Summer uniform for the Primary Pupils is;

- Royal Blue and White Summer DRESS
- or White Polo shirt and school skirt/trousers/shorts
- White socks (girls)
- Black leather shoes (NOT TRAINERS)
- or Pupils can continue to wear the school shirt and tie

We did NOT expect to see skorts/playsuits that a number of the Primary students are wearing. These are not school uniform items and therefore we would ask that these are no longer worn. I have spoken to all of the other Primary Schools within the Trust and they have not had the same issues with these items.

The SKORTS/PLAYSUITS are not a part of our school uniform this year. If you have purchased one and your child is wearing it then please could this be rectified as this is not our uniform policy.

I have had conversations parents about uniform and some have stated some clear and valid reasons however we were not aware such an item existed and have not made it a part of the policy. If you feel strongly about any part of the uniform then you are able to write to the Principal in the first instance with your ideas and they will be considered. Miss Kenneway



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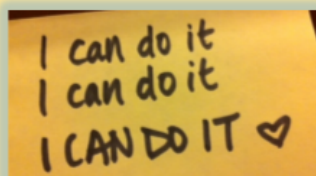
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## GCSE Science Revision

**Past exam papers are available on the science wing.**

They are located on tables near the window on the break out space. Help yourselves but be quick as it's first come first served.



Selection of GCSE style questions are also available in trays under the tables. There are limited number of these.



**Remember to use your revision guide  
& create flash cards.**

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## Year 4 Packaging Project in Design and Technology

Year 4 students were given the challenge of responding to a design brief. The brief was to produce packaging for Cadburys Mini Eggs. To do this the students demonstrated great skill in using CAD/CAM to design and manufacture their finished product. The Vacuum forming process was used to mould the plastic part of the packaging in the shape of an egg. The students found this process very exciting. Students learning Design and Technology at this early age is very important and will assist transition later on in their school life at the Grange. Well done year 4!



## Year 3/4 Futsal team

Our Year 3/4 Futsal team finished a fantastic 3rd place in the Halton Primary schools Futsal competition. Our Year 9 Sports Leaders did a fantastic job of officiating and helping with its organisation. Well Done.



## KS2 Judo Club

Great 1<sup>st</sup> Judo session with Judo Education.



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## Assessment Window - Year 10 GCSE & Mock Exams

The assessment window for Year 10 starts week commencing Monday 13/05/2019. During this time some Year 10 will sit a number of external GCSE exams.

As well as the external exams all Year 10 will be sitting their GCSE mock exams in their GCSE subjects. Please support your child during this time in preparing for the exams properly

- Attending school - to support students to achieve, it is important they attend school regularly
- Revising for their exams – please remind students to attend revision sessions and prepare for exams at home as well
- Correct equipment – clear pencil case , black pen, blue pen, pencil, ruler, protractor and calculator

These mocks exams are very important for Year 10 in preparing them for their proper GCSE exams in 12 months' time, these exams will also influence setting in Year 11 to support students learning.

## All Stars Cricket – Key Stage One

A fantastic morning was had by all the Halton Primary Schools that came to take part in the All Stars Cricket Festival held here at the Grange. Organised by Cheshire Cricket Board and assisted by our Year 9 Sports Leaders. Special guest Twinkle the Mascot was a very pleasant surprise. A massive well done to our Sports Leaders who were highly praised by all teachers from the participating schools.



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## Duke of Edinburgh

A group of our Year 10 learners spent the weekend of 27th -28th April preparing for their first Duke of Edinburgh expedition by climbing to the top of Moel Famau, the group persevered through some difficult weather conditions, set up camp and managed to cook their own meals on a trangea and gained valuable map reading skills.

Miss Atkinson was very proud of them all, especially how well they worked as a team.

## Thought of the Week

“Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life.”

## Dogs on School Premises

Unfortunately we can no longer allow dogs onto the school premises. This is for a number of reasons including allergies, fear of some pupils and the risk of incidents. We acknowledge that most dogs are delightful and adorable, however for some pupils they create anxiety which then affects their ability to learn.

## Literacy Challenge

Can you guess the book title and the author?



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
School closes for May half term	24 <sup>th</sup> May19	Normal
School reopens after May half term	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 19	Normal

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