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ACADEMY

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# NEWSLETTER

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A whole year has 365 days

A school year has only 190 days

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 non school days a year

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

## Attendance Matters



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to issue 12 of our newsletter for this academic year. The 'Subject in the Spotlight' is Design Technology and Art; as you can see we have some exceptionally talented students and they have had exposure to a wide range of opportunities this year.

You will also see more of the trips, visits and speakers both phases have had the opportunity to be involved in. These range from museum visits, graduation for our Year 8's at Manchester University and more sporting success – well done to all involved.

I am also exceptionally proud of how Year 6 prepared for and completed their SATs and how both Year 10 and 11 have started their GCSE examinations – both real and mocks. An enormous amount of effort goes into preparing students for external exams from all stakeholders and I am grateful for your support in guiding your children through these periods.

You will also see some primary staffing updates; we will keep you updated with any changes and we wish all the staff that are moving on all the very best for the future. This half term we say goodbye to Miss Parkinson; we wish her well.

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to request that if you have items of uniform and kit that you no longer need and are in good condition; please can you donate these to school as we will use these in our school community shop and for spare uniform / kit. There is an updated uniform price list within this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to wish you a restful half term break and enjoy the jubilee if you are celebrating.

Best wishes,

Mr Ian Critchley  
Principal



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# 'SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT' DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (PRIMARY)

Primary classes have been looking at how to eat a healthy balanced diet. Year 1 have looked at how we can determine if something is a fruit. They made their own fruit salad, choosing the fruit they enjoy, and using the bridge and claw method to slice up their fruit. Year 2 have been using the Eatwell Guide to help them design a healthy wrap, ensuring they choose food from different food groups. They have practised the bridge and claw skills they learnt in Year 1, and they have built on this by learning how to peel and grate vegetables in preparation for making a wrap. Year 5 have been looking at how we can make a meal healthier. They chose a basic Bolognese sauce as their base, and we have looked at how we can add 'hidden vegetables' into the sauce to make it healthier. The children have also been studying nutritional information to further help them make decisions on what to add to their Bolognese sauce.





# 'SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT'

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (SECONDARY)

### ART

Lots of beautiful work has been created this half term up in the Art department.  
Year 7 students have created fantastic fauvist landscapes. Using the Runcorn bridge as the subject.



Year 8 have been looking at critters and have been able to produce some fantastic drawings in response to the work of contemporary artist Lucy Arnould. They also attended a trip to the Tate Gallery in Liverpool last week.



Year 9 have worked together as a year group to co-curate a mural about the events happening in Ukraine as part of their "Art as Activism" project.

Years 10 and 11 are working extremely hard on their GCSE coursework.





# 'SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT'

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (SECONDARY)

### KS3 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

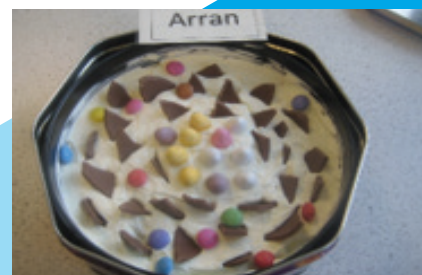
This week, the Year 8D4 Food Technology students have made enriched dough with Mrs Knight. This will be made into Chelsea Buns in a later lesson. This term's practical has involved bread making skills such as bread rolls and pizzas. We will be making naans after half term. The students have been learning about the function of yeast, gluten and how to knead and shape different doughs.

This week we have been launching a cut down on single use plastic and paper to help the environment and promote sustainability. We have introduced reusable non-stick tray liners which we hope will eventually replace the paper alternative. Every little helps!!



### KS4 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering groups are working hard towards their written exam on the 21st June. Practical lessons are suspended until the exam is over but some superb dishes have been made this year so far, with a wide range of high skills being demonstrated. With only an hour to complete the dishes, students have to keep focused and apply their skills to finish in time. Well done to all our students on producing some excellent dishes this year and demonstrating some amazing skills.





# 'SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT'

## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY (SECONDARY)

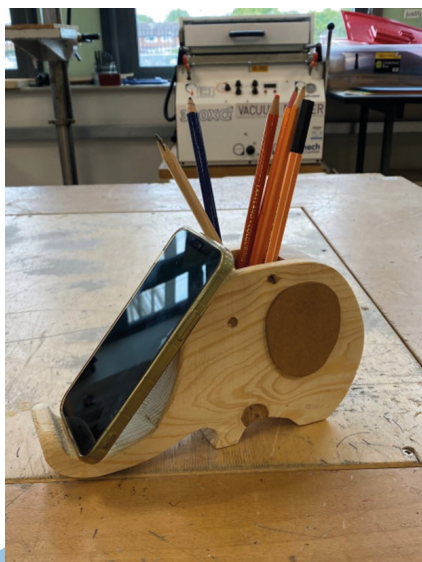
### KS4 CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Year 10 Child Development group are working hard towards their written exam on the 6th June; even attending a class on the 1st June in their half term to complete further revision. On Thursday 26th May we had a visit from Mrs O'Callaghan, who is a nurse in the special care baby unit in Liverpool. She gave a fascinating talk on the work she and her colleagues do there and brought with her some of the clothing and equipment used with premature babies in her care. This will help greatly towards students' knowledge of SCBU and premature babies which may be on the exam paper.

### YEAR 7 PHONE HOLDER/DESK TIDY PROJECT

Mobile phone accessories are big business. When listening to music and or charging a device it is often helpful if the device can be supported in some way. You must design and make a phone holder/desk-tidy that makes listening to music and charging the device easier. The design could also include an earbud wrap so that earbuds do not get tangled when they are not in use. These are some excellent outcomes to the design brief. The students have shown great creativity and craftsmanship.



### YEAR 8 JEWELLERY PROJECT

In Year 8, Design & Technology students develop their learning of practical outcomes and work with a range of materials. In this jewellery project, students were given the opportunity to design and manufacture a bespoke item of wooden pendant jewellery. The students demonstrated their ability to combine materials to produce a quality viable product using a range of workshop machinery and equipment.





# WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

## YEAR 5/6 NETBALL

On Thursday 19th May, our Year 5 and 6 Netball team played in the Halton Schools Netball competition.

A huge congratulations to them as they won every single game in the tournament. Their results were 3 – 0, 7 – 0, 9 – 0, 4 – 1, 3 – 0 and 3 – 1 in the final. What an amazing achievement. They will now compete in the Merseyside School Games. Well done Louis, Bella, Evan, Katie, Alice, Emmie, Jessica and Oliver.



## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

DC Andrew Kevan delivered a really important assembly to Year 7 - Year 10 students on Thursday 12th May about their conduct online, cyberbullying and their digital footprint. Keeping students safe online, especially in this technology based generation, is vital.



## YEAR 8 BRILLIANT CLUB

A huge congratulations to the Year 8 Brilliant Club students who attended their graduation ceremony at the University of Manchester on Wednesday 18th May. Well done to you all.





# WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

## YEAR 4

On Friday 20th May, Year 4 students visited the WW2 Museum Western Approaches in Liverpool. This is an underground bunker where the Battle of the Atlantic was plotted. Therefore, this site played a very important role in the victory of Europe in WW2.

During the visit, we took part in a workshop where we used artefacts to interpret different characters from WW2. We then visited a WW2 street scene where we were able to purchase items with our ration books. Next, we visited the rooms where the secret codes were deciphered and navy manoeuvres were plotted.



## YEAR 6 SATS

Year 6 students had a lovely day celebrating on Friday 13th May after all their hard work in their SATs tests. Well done Year 6!





# UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **YEAR 9 TD & IPV VACCINATIONS**

8TH & 9TH JUNE

- **YEAR 7 MFL TASTER DAY**

9TH JUNE

- **YEAR 11 STUDY LEAVE BEGINS**

13TH JUNE

- **YEAR 9 & 10 SCIENCE TRIP TO JMU**

21ST JUNE

- **YEAR 2 TRIP TO CHESTER ZOO**

29TH JUNE

- **NEW YEAR 7 STARTERS INTAKE EVENING**

30TH JUNE





## WORD OF THE WEEK

Each week, we look at a high-frequency, useful word (which may be difficult to interpret) and explore the definition, sounds, spelling, word-families, grammar and history surrounding it.

### How you can help:

Encourage the use of the word in speaking and writing; model the use of the word when you talk.

## PRIMARY

### DAWN (noun)

the first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise

### DUSK (noun)

evening twilight/ the period from sunset until night-time

## SECONDARY

### QUESTIONING

The action of asking someone questions, especially in an official context.

Synonyms:

Interrogate/ Cross-examine/ Quiz/ Probe

## EMOJI BOOKS

Can you guess the name of this well known children's book from this emoji?



## PRIMARY STAFFING NEWS

All students should have brought home a letter outlining the staffing changes taking place in the primary phase.

### Miss Parkinson

She will be leaving us to start a new role after the half term break. Miss Parkinson is one of our Year 5 teachers and has been with us since 2018. From June, her class will be taught by Miss Madders, who is already familiar with the class, having taught them weekly this year. We are sorry to lose Miss Parkinson but wish her well for her future career.

### Miss Gregory

From Monday 23rd May, Miss Gregory will replace Miss Rossiter in Year 1 and Reception classes. Again, Miss Gregory is familiar to the children as she has worked in school since September.

### Miss Harrison

At the end of the school year, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Harrison, our Primary PE teacher. Like Miss Parkinson she is leaving teaching and heading off to a new adventure. Having taught for 22 years she is certainly ready for a new challenge. At this stage we have not organised a replacement for Miss Harrison, but we will so that we can continue to offer our students quality PE and Sport at school. We are again sorry to be saying goodbye and hope that Miss Harrison enjoys her new adventures.

### Mrs Williams

After half term (June), Mrs Williams will return to school following the completion of her maternity leave and resume her position as Reception Class teacher in Yellow class.

### Miss Rose

Miss Rose will move to become the Rainbow Base teacher until the end of the school year and for the future.

We will be joined by some new staff in September as we have been asked by the Local Authority to extend our Resource Base Provision. We will have three Resource Base Classes from September and will introduce the new staff as soon as they are appointed.

All of the children will have an opportunity to meet their new class teacher (where possible) on Monday 6th July and spend some time working with them for the morning. We will be mixing classes in Year 5, 3 and 2 and this will be an opportunity to have a look at the possible new mixes and also make any necessary additional changes before the start of the new school year. Year 2 and 3 have been mixed age classes this year and will return to being taught in single age groups from September.

# SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Our Community Shop is up and running in school with stock of food hamper items, uniform, coats and outdoor wear and even sanitary products.

If you would like to request any items or you have anything to donate, please contact school to discuss.

We currently have a large stock of polo shirts, jumpers and cardigans but are running low on blazers and school tartan skirts so any donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

We are happy to help and to keep our Grange community well looked after.

## COMMUNITY SHOP

### HAMPERS



### UNIFORM



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### FOOD STOCK





# UPDATED UNIFORM PRICE LIST (PRIMARY)

Please see an updated price list below:



## 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 Price List May 2022

#### Primary

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	£5.00
PE Bag	£5.00
20 x Iron on Name Labels	£4.00
Bookbag	£10.00

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School uniform is available all year round.

**Please contact the shop with any queries**

**Shop Opening  
Times**

**Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday - 9am to 12noon**

#### **AUGUST LONGER OPENING HOURS**

**Saturday 9am to 5pm**

**Sunday 10am to 4pm**

**10am to 4pm August Bank Holiday**



# UPDATED UNIFORM PRICE LIST (SECONDARY)

Please see an updated price list below:



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### The Grange Academy Uniform Price List May 2022 Senior

Size	Uniform	Price
Chest up to 36	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£36.00
Chest from 38	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£42.00
Longer Length	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£42.00
up to 32" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£26.00
From 34" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£28.00
All sizes 22" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£31.00
extra charge for special order size skirts		
All sizes	Black Trousers	£24.00
One Size	Tie	£8.00
All sizes	White shirts twin pack	£17.00
All sizes	Black Plain V Neck Cotton Jumper	£15.00
Size	PE Kit - Boys & Girls	
All sizes	Poloshirt	£15.00
All sizes	Shorts	£10.00
All Sizes	Socks	£6.00
All sizes	Outdoor Top	£25.00
All sizes	Outdoor Trackpants	£15.00
Size	PE Kit -Boys	
	Rugby Top	£25.00
Size	PE Kit -Girls	
All sizes	Skort	£15.00
All sizes	Leggings	£15.00

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# THE GRANGE ACADEMY VACANCIES

## LEARNING MENTOR

We are seeking to appoint a committed and dynamic Learning Mentor who has relevant qualifications and proven experience of working with young people and emotional and behaviour issues.

**Salary**

NJC Grade 5, 12-17 £22,571 - £24,920 pro rata (actual salary £18,830 - £20,789)

**Employment type**

Full time, term time only

**Contract Type**

Permanent

**Closing date for applications**

Monday 6th June at 9am

**Send applications to**

hr@thegrangeacademy.co.uk

**Interview Date**

to be confirmed

**Start Date**

as soon as possible

## RESOURCE BASE TEACHING ASSISTANTS - PRIMARY & SECONDARY

We wish to appoint committed and dynamic Teaching Assistants to work with ASC specific children within the Secondary phase of the school. within the Secondary phase of the school.

We are also seeking to employ outstanding and inspirational Teaching Assistants to work in our ASC Resource Base with children in receipt of an EHCP who have been placed with us via Halton's Placement and Provision Panel.

**Salary**

NJC SCP 3 - 5 £19,100 - £19,650 + SEN allowance £1,347

**Employment type**

Full time

**Contract Type**

Permanent

**Closing date for applications**

Friday 10th June at 9am

**Send applications to**

hr@thegrangeacademy.co.uk

**Interview Date**

to be confirmed

**Start Date**

1st September 2022

## TEACHING ASSISTANT - PRIMARY

Due to our continued improvement, excellent reputation in the community and a further increase in pupil numbers we are extending our Teaching Assistant team.

We wish to appoint committed and dynamic Teaching Assistant to work with specific children within the Primary phase of the school.

**Salary**

NJC SCP 3 - 5 £18,887 - £19,650 plus SEN allowance £1,347

**Employment type**

Full time

**Contract Type**

Temporary until 31st August 2023

**Closing date for applications**

Friday 10th June at 9am

**Send applications to**

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**Interview Date**

to be confirmed

**Start Date**

1st September 2022

## TEACHING ASSISTANT - SECONDARY

Due to our continued improvement, excellent reputation in the community and a further increase in pupil numbers we are extending our SEN Department.

We wish to appoint committed and dynamic Teaching Assistants to work with specific children within the Secondary phase of the school.

**Salary**

NJC SCP 3 - 5 (£19,100 - £19,650) + SEN Allowance (£1,347)

**Employment type**

Full time

**Contract Type**

Permanent and Fixed Term to 31st August 2023

**Closing date for applications**

Friday 10th June at 9am

**Send applications to**

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**Interview Date**

to be confirmed

**Start Date**

1st September 2022