



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021 ISSUE 01

THE GRANGE ACADEMY
OPEN EVENING
TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2021
4:30PM - 7:30PM

ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE

To book your Open Evening slot, please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/3AaiSIK>
More information is included in our letter here: <https://bit.ly/398Wr1>

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year and I hope you are all safe and well.

Firstly, thank you for your support in ensuring our students have returned to school looking incredibly smart, well equipped and ready to learn. Your support is greatly appreciated and these high standards will give our students the best possible chance of success in the future. I would like to remind parents and carers that the uniform policy has not changed and we have always insisted on the highest standards of dress and appearance. Can I also ask for your co-operation in ensuring that piercings are not visible during the school day; this applies to children in all phases. The summer seems a distant memory now; we have started the autumn term very well and at a high pace. The behaviour and attitude to learning of students has been excellent and it is fantastic being able to see them all together at break and lunch. I am aware that some students, particularly in the secondary phase, are finding break and lunch busy. However, the lunch queues are quickly disappearing leaving plenty of time to eat and spend time outside with friends.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Programme

Our enrichment programme has started across the phases with lots of opportunities to take part in a range of activities after school. The timetable is on page 3 of this newsletter. If there are any parents or carers that feel they could offer support to one of our activities, please could you contact Mr Beavon via info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk.

Parking

You will have noticed that we are working with parents and carers to ensure the parking, especially in the taxi/disabled bays closest to the school, are safe for our most vulnerable children and I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please note these bays should only be used for the local authority taxi's that bring our resource base and SEND students to school and also those with a blue badge. We politely request that blue badge holders use the spaces available.

Additionally, we will be working with the local police and authority to have a drive on ensuring Latham Avenue and the surrounding roads are kept as clear as possible. The car park is open before and after school and there are usually spaces to park so your child(ren) can meet you in the car park or you can walk down to collect.

Please can I request that you do not park on the double yellow lines or obstruct the flow of traffic. Again, these requests are made to keep our children safe. The drop off /pick up bays on the left, as you drive into the car park, are to be used for this reason. Can I politely request this area is not used for parking or short stay, it is for drop off / pick up only.

Admissions for September 2022

I am pleased to inform you that the admissions round is open for September 2022 for both Reception and Year 7 children. Please remember, if your child(ren) attend our nursery they will automatically receive a place in our reception and if your child(ren) are in our primary phase they will transfer to the secondary phase; there is no need apply. Our Open Evening in on Tuesday 28th September and the booking information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3AaiSIK>

We are also holding open mornings on Saturday 2nd and 9th October; booking for these sessions can be found here: <https://bit.ly/398Wr1>

Thank you for such a positive start to the new school year.

Mr Critchley



ATTENDANCE



As we are now well into the Autumn Term, we want to remind all students and parents/carers about the need for regular attendance to school. Despite it being the second full week back at school we have had a small minority of students staying off school unnecessarily and with reasons that we are not able to authorise. We must remind all parents/carers that the The Department for Education (DfE) have confirmed that the following responsibilities have now resumed:

- Parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil.
- Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence.
- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

Our aim is to continue to support all students to come to school regularly by providing practical help and sensitivity where there are difficulties with students attending whatever the reason. Please can we remind parents/carers of the need for open communication, and if your child is unable to come to school it is vital that you telephone school and discuss the reason with us.

Each morning our Pastoral team will look at student absence and depending on the reason for the absence, then it is very likely you will receive a home visit from one of our Pastoral team.

THE SCHOOL DAY

PRIMARY

School starts	8.40am
Registration	8.40am – 8.50am
Period 1	8.50am - 9.50am
Break	9.50am - 10.05am
Period 2	10.05am - 11.05am
Period 3	11.05am - 12.50pm
Lunch	11.35am - 12.50pm
Period 4	12.50pm - 1.50pm
Period 5	1.50pm - 2.50pm
School ends	2.50pm

SECONDARY

School starts	8.30am
Registration	8.30am - 8.50am
Period 1	8.50am - 9.50am
Period 2	9.50am - 10.50am
Break	10.50am - 11.05am
Period 3	11.05am - 12.05pm
Period 4	12.05pm - 1.05pm
Lunch	1.05pm - 1.35pm
Period 5	1.35pm - 2.35pm
School ends	2.35pm



CONGRATULATIONS HEAD PREFECTS

MATTHEW JACKSON
HEAD PREFECT



GABRIELA REPPEL
HEAD PREFECT

DANIEL JONES
DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT



KATIE CADMAN
DEPUTY HEAD PREFECT

The Grange Academy

Aspire for Excellence

YEAR 11 PREFECTS

Congratulations to the students who have become proud members of our Year 11 Prefect Team. Within the team we have students who do great work in guiding and inspiring young people of all ages, who will be seen as a representation of all that is best in our students: individuals who have a reputation for being committed, resilient, hardworking, polite, punctual, well presented and always willing to help others.

The role of a Prefect is highly prized and is vital to the successful running of our school. Our Prefects are often the first point of contact for visitors, a friendly ear to younger students and a positive influence on your peers. Members of the team will also have the opportunity to plan and lead events for students, and work with companies from our local community.

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

Zone (noun)

an area, especially one that is different from the areas around it

Design (verb)

a drawing made by an artist as a model of something

SECONDARY

Aspire

direct ones hope or ambitions towards achieving something - rise high

Synonyms:

Desire, Aim, Hope, Dream, Yearn



<https://help.hegartymaths.com/help/how-does-a-student-login>

Please see above parent support for logging into Hegarty for the first time.

MICROSOFT TEAMS STUDENT GUIDE



Microsoft Teams will continue to be used to set homework and provide work for students self-isolating within the secondary phase. Here is an updated student guide for how to log in, access work and upload completed work. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cBMt6mD_IZWYw-JodKeq06bcY1jc8PY4/view?usp=sharing



ENRICHMENT SECONDARY TIMETABLE HALF-TERM 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball Y7 & Y8 COP Football Y7 ALN Dance Y7 & Y8 SWI Maths Club Y7 - Y10 Gardening Y7 - Y9 MCN/OCA Science Y7 - Y9 (invite only) MGW Separate Science Y10 (invite only) HRS Keyboard Club Y7 - Y9 MCG & FOS	Football Y9 ALN Basketball Year 9 PAI Dance Y7 & Y8 SWI Band Y7 - Y9 MCG & FOS French Club Year 7 OGN Spanish Club Year 9 MRE Cooking Year 7 KNI Art Y7 & Y8 DUN Reading Y7 & Y8 MAS	Drama Y5 - Y11 BVN Netball Y9 & Y10 COP Football Y8 INS Badminton Y7 - Y9 ALN Film Club Y7 - Y9 WLM Entrepreneur Y10 WNS Coding Club Y7 - Y9 DAE	Band Y10 & Y11 (invite only) FOD	Choir Y5 - Y11 MCG & FOS



SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

If you need to discuss any matter regarding your child, please feel free to contact us at school. We find that students achieve the best when there is open communication between home and school. Your child's Form Tutor should be the first port of call, please feel free to speak to the relevant Progress Leader if you have any worries or concerns, or have any information that you would like to share as a reminder.

If you have a concern about your own safety or well-being, or the safety and well-being of somebody else in the school, it is really important that you talk to one of these members of staff.



Miss Kenneway



Miss McPartland



Mrs Ireland



Mr Beavon



Mrs Alexander-Bloomfield



Mrs Price



Miss Chapelhow

For Families

Have you noticed changes in your child's behaviour?

Everyone can often feel low, angry or anxious at times, especially over the past 18 months. But if these changes are lasting for a long time or are significantly affecting your child, it might be time to seek some guidance. There are things you can look out for that might suggest your child is worried about something:

Changes in behaviour Problems with sleep

Losing interest in things you enjoy Being withdrawn

Self-harm or neglecting themselves

There are lots of places you can get advice and help to support you and your child.

Young Minds provide a FREE Parents helpline and web chat providing confidential expert advice
Young Minds Parents Helpline.
You can call for free on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday - Friday
www.youngminds.org.uk

Sometimes it's easier to talk to someone other than mum or dad. Make sure your child knows who else they can talk to when something is worrying them. SHOUT provide free confidential support via text: <https://pseusschool.org/> Text REACH to 85258

Childline provide support via telephone, email and online web chat with a counsellor. Call: 0800 1111 <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

CAMHS support children and young people up to age 18 with their emotional and mental health and wellbeing. For further information contact visit [Hullin Child and Adolescent Mental Health CAMHS](https://www.camhs.nhs.uk/)

Bitesize Sessions

To book a place on online sessions email HEI@hullin.pra.uk

Fussy Eating and Snacking	Wed 29 th September	6pm
	Thursday 23 rd October	10am
	Wednesday 17 th November	1pm
	Tuesday 14 th December	6pm
Sleep and Screens	Wednesday 22 nd September	10am
	Monday 18 th October	6pm
	Friday 12 th November	10am
	Wednesday 8 th December	6pm
Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	Tuesday 14 th September	10am
	Tuesday 19 th October	1pm
	Monday 18 th November	6pm
	Wednesday 1 st December	10am