



# NEWSLETTER

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## ATTENDANCE

**Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the bell rings.**

**In one school year 5 minutes late every day = 3 days off in total.**

**Be smart be in school**

## School attendance target 97%

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. Inside the newsletter we have English as the 'spotlight' subject and this is a theme we will now continue. This will give you an opportunity to see what students are learning in English across the phases.

As I have mentioned previously we have, and continue to do so, worked very hard on our curriculum offer 'all through' the school. The website provides you and your child(ren) with all the information about the content and knowledge they learn as well as knowledge organisers to help support their learning. Please take a look at the website under the curriculum tab or click this link, <https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/curriculum/>, to access all the different subjects.

### Attendance and Punctuality:

Attendance at school continues to be a priority for all schools across the country as many areas are still affected by Covid-19. Since the half term break we have seen a decline in cases amongst students which is pleasing. We hope this trend continues as regular attendance to school is a key factor in children achieving their potential. I would be grateful if you can continue to work with us by ensuring your child attends school regularly and on-time. As you are aware, currently staff and the secondary phase students are wearing face masks in communal areas; if this changes I will let you know.

### Social Media:

There is a worrying national trend on 'TikTok' that is encouraging children to undertake activities in school that could seriously affect the well-being and safety of others, including staff.

I must stress that if students partake in any such activity, or use social media in a way that negatively affects the welfare of the school community, then these incidents will be treated seriously in-line with our Behaviour for Learning policy. On the back page of previous newsletters we always 'signpost' how parents and carers can check and control the content of what children can access on social media. I would be grateful for your help and support in this matter.

### Parking:

Please can I ask for your co-operation again in ensuring you don't park on Latham Avenue near the crossing patrol or in the local side roads. This affects local residents and also compromises the safety of our students – your children. A polite reminder that the taxi bays closest to the school should be reserved for school taxis that drop off our resource base children and only blue badge holders should use the disabled parking. I appreciate your support and co-operation in this matter.

### Finally:

It was great to see students leaving school this week to go on trips and also guest speakers in school to educate our Year 9 students on Hate Crime. Inside the newsletter you will see what has been going on and also lots of opportunities for students in forthcoming events. Please keep a look out on our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and our website for updates of trips and visits.

Have a good weekend and best wishes.

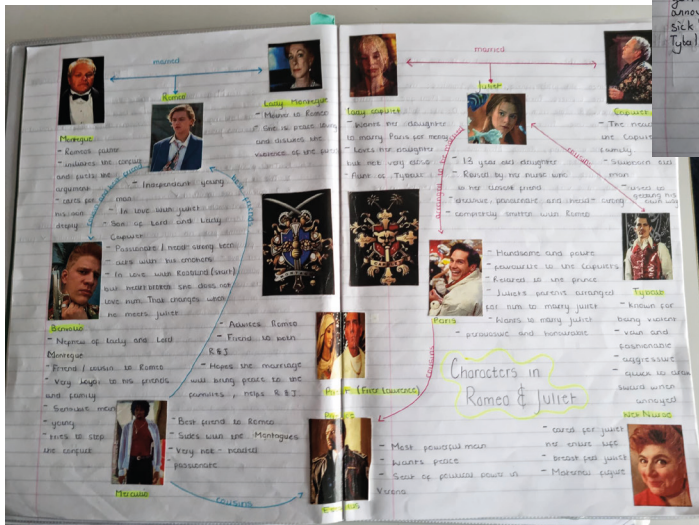
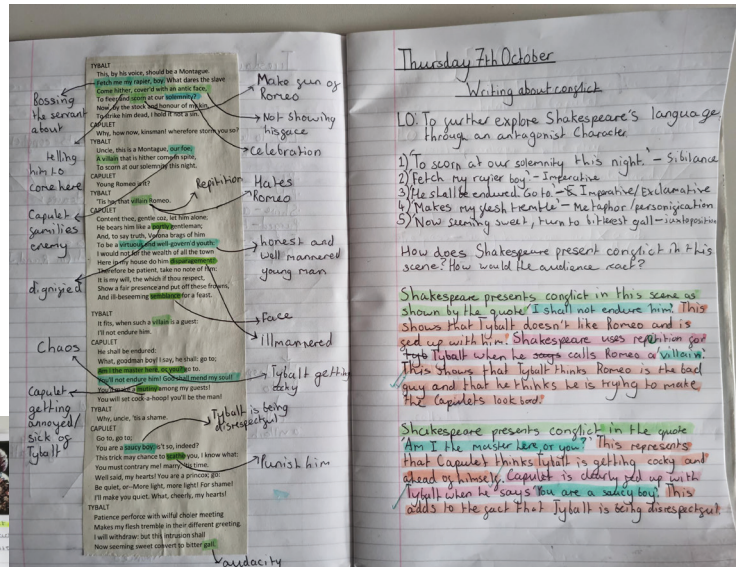
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Principal



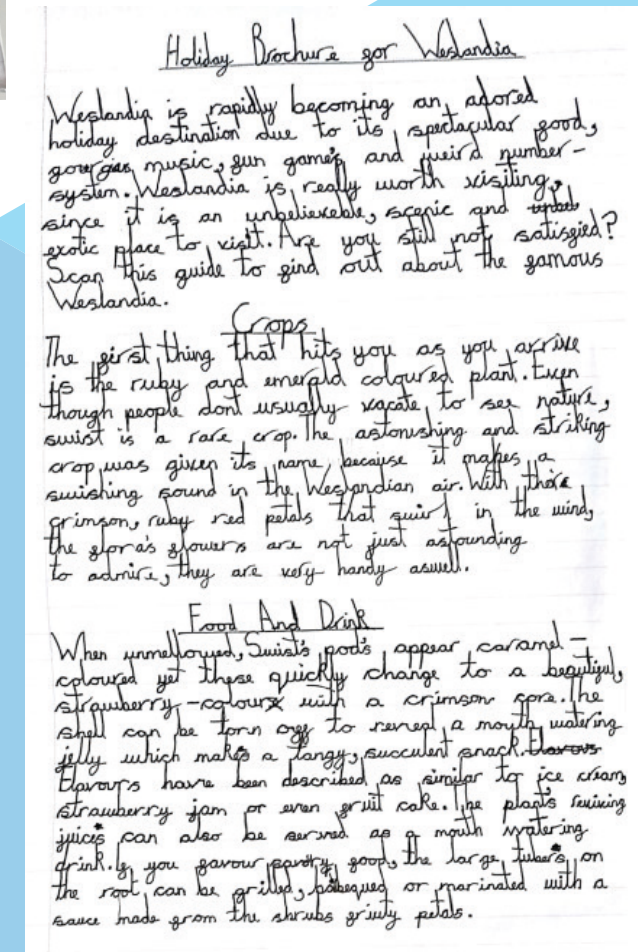
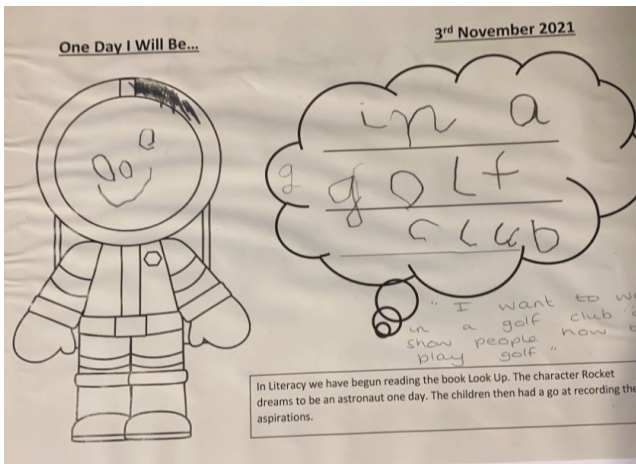
# SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ENGLISH

Each issue there will be a focus on excellent examples of work in both primary and secondary phase.

Year 10 students have been working really hard in English on their GCSE texts, whether that be Macbeth or Romeo and Juliet. They have been creating wonderful mind maps, exploding quotes, completing PEEL responses and generally showing an excellent attitude to learning and enjoyment of the Bard himself. Well done Year 10!



In the primary phase, students have been creating brochures for Weslandia; writing about freedom linked to their Black History Month work; creating an explanation text about how to care for a strange pet and writing about the astronaut Mae Jemison.



Care

During the time of getting to know your creature, it is imperative to research their genetic needs and their history. All of our magical creatures have elements of your natural home-place. Creatures, if you have a natural creature at your home then you should be okay with your creature. For example the Jellyfish has Jellyfish like body and butterfly like wings. It has the legs and head of a Jellyfish. It also has a mouth like a fish. Once you understand your creature's features, you will be one of the best pet keepers.

## 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

### IMPRESSION (noun)

an idea, feeling, or opinion about something or someone

### VIVIDLY (adverb)

in a way that produces powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind.

in an intensely deep or bright manner.

## SECONDARY

### SUPPORT

bear all or part of the weight of; hold up or give assistance to

Synonyms: carry/assist/brace/help/comfort

## EMOJI BOOKS

Can you guess the name of this well know children's book from these emojis?



## YEAR 9 'HATE CRIME' WORKSHOP

On Monday 8th November, a group of Year 9 students took part in a really informative and creative workshop on Hate Crime with Collaborative Digital. Students created podcasts and videos that can be used to educate other students about the topic.



### YEAR 6 MUSEUM OF LIVERPOOL 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

£12



## UPCOMING TRIPS

In the coming weeks our primary and secondary phases students will have the opportunity to attend some exciting educational visits. All copies of trip letters are available on our website.

### YEAR 7 BOWLING

TUESDAY 14TH  
DECEMBER

£11

ENRICH  
AT THE  
GRANGE  
ACADEMY



ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE

### YEAR 8 & 9 CINEMA

WEDNESDAY  
15TH DECEMBER

£10

ENRICH  
AT THE  
GRANGE  
ACADEMY

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### YEAR 10 & 11 TRAFFORD CENTRE

TUESDAY 21ST  
DECEMBER

£10

ENRICH  
AT THE  
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# SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

## ONLINE SAFETY **childline**

**ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME**  
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Technology can be very useful but can also be unsafe if in the wrong hands. It can be scary finding out a nude image or video of you has been shared online. To keep everybody safe, Childline have provided some important tips and steps to follow to get your image or video removed from the internet.

For more information visit their website and select your child's age to follow the appropriate route:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

## SQUID GAME

A new trend to be aware of...

Squid Game is a new Netflix series which is based around classic children's games but IT IS FAR FROM SUITABLE FOR KIDS!

It appears to have filtered down to the playground despite it having a recommended 15 age rating. The show is violent and gruesome and is not suitable viewing for youngsters. It depicts sex scenes, nudity, extreme violence, self-harm, suicide and bad language.

The South Korean fictional series has topped Netflix's ratings in 90 countries. It sees hundreds of debt-ridden contestants take on tasks which are masked as popular children's games for huge cash prizes for example 'Red light/Green light' is played and if players don't freeze when 'Red light' is shouted they are shot dead in the fictional screen series.

By setting up a Netflix kids experience profile means that children only have access to age appropriate shows and movies.

[Nationalonlinesafety.com](http://Nationalonlinesafety.com) (NOS) has some great tips for adding parental settings to Netflix accounts.

Please see back page for larger copy of the Netflix information poster.



**What parents need to know about NETFLIX**

**Inappropriate content**  
Netflix has a wide range of content for all ages. It has a wide range of TV shows and films, including some that are not suitable for children. Parents should be aware of the age ratings and the content of the shows and films they watch.

**Risk of hacking**  
Netflix is a popular streaming service, but it is also a target for hackers. Parents should be aware of the risks of hacking and should take steps to protect their accounts.

**Binge-watching**  
Netflix has a wide range of content, but it is also a target for binge-watching. Parents should be aware of the risks of binge-watching and should take steps to limit their viewing time.

**Screen addiction**  
Netflix is a popular streaming service, but it is also a target for screen addiction. Parents should be aware of the risks of screen addiction and should take steps to limit their screen time.

**Netflix party**  
Netflix party is a popular trend, but it is also a target for parents. Parents should be aware of the risks of Netflix party and should take steps to limit their viewing time.

**Safety tips for parents & carers**

- Create a Netflix Kids experience profile**  
One of the biggest advantages of Netflix is the ability to create a Kids profile. This allows parents to restrict the content that their children can watch.
- Set maturity ratings & block content**  
Parents can set maturity ratings for their accounts and block content that is not suitable for their children.
- Have an open & honest conversation**  
Parents should have an open and honest conversation with their children about online safety and the risks of using Netflix.
- Switch off autoplay**  
Autoplay is a feature that allows Netflix to recommend content to watch next. Parents should switch off autoplay to avoid watching content they don't want to.
- Lock your profile**  
Parents can lock their profiles to prevent their children from making changes to their accounts.
- Set screen time limits**  
Parents can set screen time limits for their children's profiles to limit their viewing time.
- Meet our expert**  
Parents can meet our expert for more advice on online safety and the risks of using Netflix.
- Create a strong password & always log out**  
Parents should create a strong password and always log out of their accounts to protect their information.

# TERM DATES 2022-2023

Please take some time to look through our updated term dates for 2022-2023 on the website: <https://bit.ly/3ofy0tk>

The dates reflect two additional days in the October half term; a later finish for the summer holiday and an additional INSET day following the February half term.

## Term Dates 2022-23

SEPTEMBER 2022						OCTOBER 2022					NOVEMBER 2022				
Week	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	A	B	A	
Monday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Sunday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27

DECEMBER 2022					JANUARY 2023						FEBRUARY 2023				
Week	A	B	A	B	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	
Monday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26

MARCH 2023					APRIL 2023				MAY 2023					
Week	A	B	A	B	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A		
Monday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Friday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
Sunday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28

JUNE 2023					JULY 2023					AUGUST 2023					
Week	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A			
Monday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Tuesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
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INSET – 2 days taken as twilight

\* GCSE Results Day – Provisional

Holiday

Public Holiday

# What parents need to know about NETFLIX



Launched in 1997, Netflix is now one of the world's leading online streaming services, providing users with unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. It's available on any internet-connected device that supports the Netflix app, from smart TVs and games consoles to tablets and smartphones, and is becoming increasingly popular with a younger audience. This is unsurprising given consumer attitudes are changing more towards video-on-demand (VoD) services. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Netflix is about.

### Inappropriate content

Netflix hosts and produces content for all ages. It has a wide variety of films and TV programmes for young children, teens and adults and its extensive catalogue can provide hours of entertainment. Children can search for almost anything but if they share the same account as an adult, it can also open them up to viewing material that is adult themed or inappropriate. Netflix doesn't check who's watching so children could access films or TV shows that contain violence, nudity or foul language.



### Risk of hacking

With millions of users in over 190 countries, Netflix is often targeted by hackers and phishing scams which try to illicit usernames and passwords to gain access to accounts. If successful, hackers can steal payment details or try to sell your data on the dark web, providing others with the opportunity to profit. Given Netflix doesn't provide 2-factor authentication, it's important to ensure your login details remain secure.



### Binge-watching

With the ability to access Netflix on almost any device, it can be easy to fall into 'binge-watching' TV series, with users finding it difficult to turn it off without knowing what happens next. The autoplay function also means that the next episode usually plays within seconds of the last ending and the Netflix algorithm means that recommended programmes are very often similar to those you've just watched. This can easily lead to spending hours in front of the TV through the day or staying up through the night, potentially affecting sleep, mood and the ability to concentrate the next day.



### Screen addiction

In addition to binge-watching, the fact that Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection means that parents may find it difficult to prise children away from a screen. With a huge collection of children's TV programmes and the latest film titles, children could start watching on the TV, continue on the tablet and finish on their games console. Increased screen time means that they may spend less time learning, playing outside, find it difficult to sleep or communicate less with family and friends.



### Netflix party

Netflix Party is a free extension on Google Chrome that gives users the ability to watch a film or TV show online simultaneously with friends or family in different locations. It also provides the ability to chat to each other during the stream. Users can create a party and send a link to people they want to invite however the link can be copied and distributed further, meaning children could potentially be open to a group chat with people they don't know. It should be noted that Netflix Party isn't an official Netflix product and needs to be downloaded separately to the app.





**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

## Safety tips for parents & carers

### Create a Netflix Kids experience profile

One of the biggest advantages of Netflix is the ability to control what content your children can watch. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for kids. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings.



### Set maturity ratings & block content

If your child is a little older, parents can create a separate profile to their own and set a maturity rating that means children will see only TV shows and movies that fit that rating. The three categories of rating for the UK are kids (all, U, PG), teens (12, Guidance, Teen) and adult (15, 18, mature, adult). You can also block specific TV shows and movies from individual profiles which means they don't show up in the browse or search results.



### Have an open & honest conversation

Parents can review the TV shows and films that have been watched on each profile under their account. If your child seems upset or shocked by something they have seen or if you are concerned about anything they've viewed, try to talk to them about it and have an open and honest conversation to help understand any concerns.



### Switch off autoplay

Netflix has two autoplay features that can be switched on and off across different accounts and takes effect across all devices. Parents can disable the ability for consecutive episodes to play automatically and for previews to play when browsing. Both can help to limit the amount of time children spend on the app.



### Lock your profile

It's important to keep your own account secure so that children can't freely switch between profiles and potentially access more adult-themed content or change access levels. Parents can set up a Profile Lock PIN which means only they can access their own Netflix account.



### Set screen time limits

Although switching off autoplay will help to stem programmes playing continuously, children can just as easily choose to play the next episode themselves. Whilst Netflix has no options to help limit viewing time, many devices now allow parents to set screen time restrictions, so you can switch off the app automatically when you think they've had enough.



### Meet our expert

Paul Bach is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Paul has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



### Create a strong password & always log out.

Given that Netflix doesn't use 2-factor authentication, the need for a unique username and strong password is even more important. Try to use a different password to ones you've used before and use a mixture of numbers, letters (uppercase and lowercase) and symbols, with a minimum of 8 characters. Always log out when not using your account so that if your device is lost or stolen, your account remains inaccessible.

