



# NEWSLETTER

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## ATTENDANCE

Missing out on school means missing out on learning.

When children miss school they fall behind in class.

Being absent two days a month puts your child at risk of being classed as persistent absent.  
Being absent less than 7 days in an academic year is good attendance.

### Punctuality

Arriving on time for school is important

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you find issue seven of our newsletter informative. You will see that we have a wide range of extra-curricular activities taking place this term and I would encourage all students to get involved in as much as they possibly can. These activities are a great way to make new friends, deepen their learning and develop new skills.

### Covid-19 Update

I am sure you can appreciate that the guidance is continually changing and has done so many times since the start of the new year. Currently, secondary students are required to wear face coverings in communal areas and the government announced they would no longer be required at all from Thursday 27th January.

### Attendance & Remote Learning Update

As the current data indicates that local and national rates of infection are declining we are expecting less student absence. As a school and community we must continue to focus on the attendance of all students and work together to secure excellent attendance. It is imperative that students attend school; having good attendance ensures that they have the best possible chance of making progress.

As you know, we have been fully committed to providing remote learning when students are self-isolating and all the information relating to remote learning can be found on the school website. Additionally, students are aware of how to access their learning in both phases and this should be completed prior to their return.

### Thank you

I would like to thank you for all your kind messages for the staff prior to Christmas and also thank the many of you that provided items for our hampers. I know the comments were greatly appreciated by staff and many of our families benefitted from the hampers. We also have a school 'community shop' where we stock food items and also items of uniform. If you feel you might benefit from access to our community shop then please contact the main office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Critchley

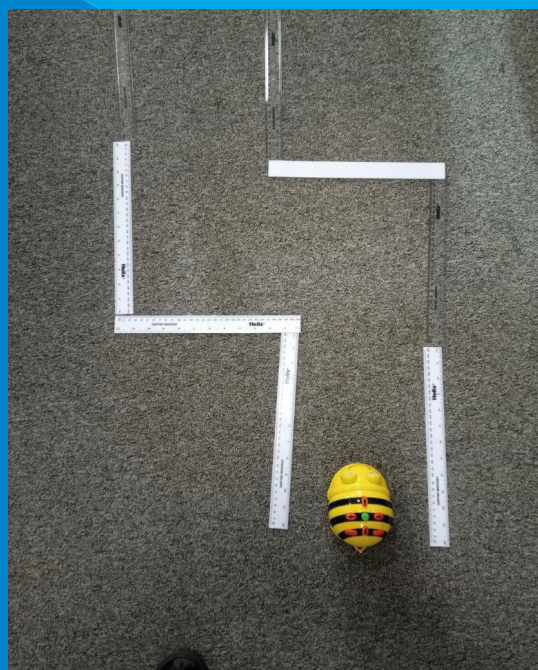
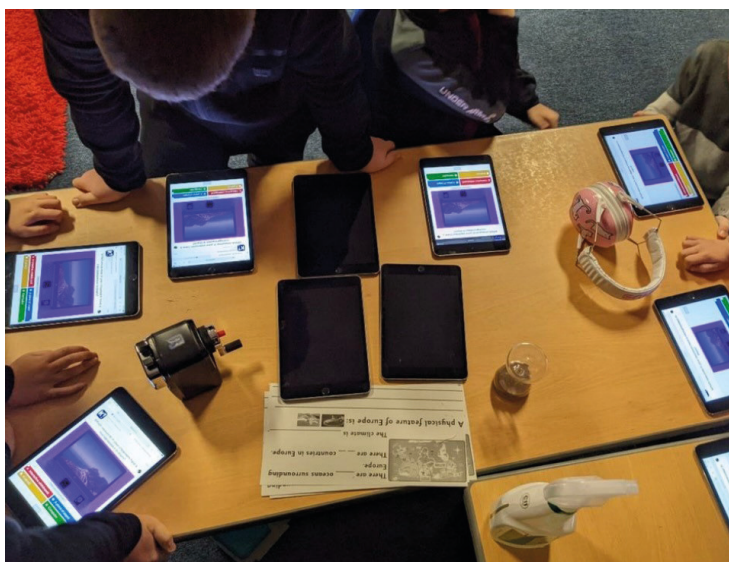


# SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: COMPUTING (PRIMARY)

In Computing, students in the primary phase have been learning lots of different skills.

They have been using their coding skills to program beebots and Sphero robots using algorithms to get through a maze.

They have been using their computer skills to create a digital environment, design their own racing games and testing their skills using online quizzes.





# SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT: COMPUTING (SECONDARY)

In the Autumn Term, Key Stage 3 students started the term by studying E-Safety, ensuring all students are aware of the importance of staying safe online using different devices.

Year 7 students have also looked at spreadsheet modelling, providing them with the opportunity to learn about formula and function using SUM, AVERAGE, MIN, MAX, COUNT as well as producing charts and graphs to display their data.

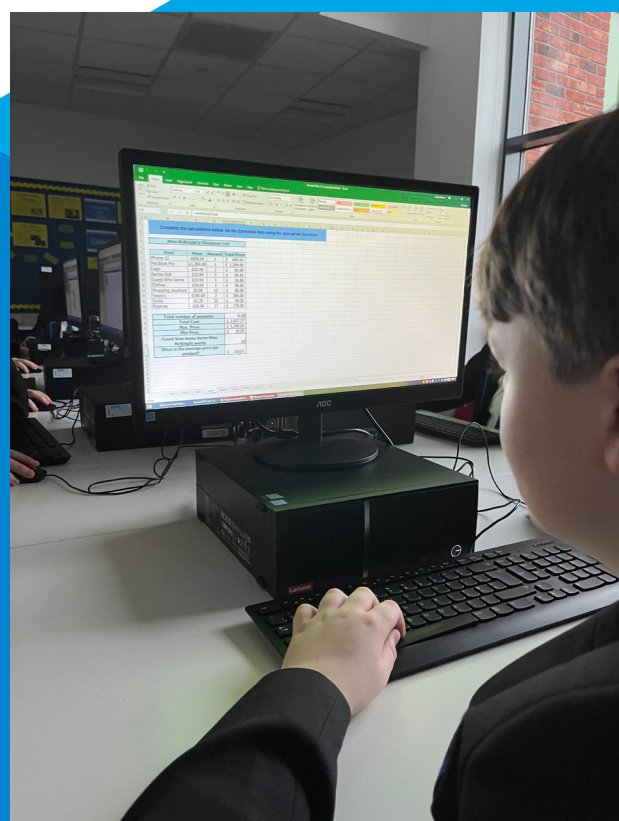
Year 8 students have looked at Cryptography and Data Representation. They have learnt about the history of encryption from hieroglyphics to Caesar Cipher and had the opportunity to encrypt and decrypt messages. Students have then learnt about binary data and how computers use binary and how to convert binary into denary numbers.

Year 9 students have looked at how to create Interactive Multi Media Products that provide a GUI 'Graphical User Interface'.

Year 10 and 11 iMedia students have been focusing on RO81 pre-production documents in preparation for their GCSE exam in January 2022. Students have been learning about Mood boards, Mind Maps, Storyboards, Visualisations Diagrams and Scripts.

Year 10 Business Studies students have started their GCSE course focusing on controlled assessments and looking at a business scenario.

Year 11 Business Studies have completed both controlled assessments and are now focusing on exam theory.





# ENRICHMENT PRIMARY TIMETABLE TERM 2



### Monday

- Dance**  
Y5 & Y6  
SWI
- Girls Football**  
Y5 & Y6  
MDR
- Quidditch Club**  
Y3  
REH

### Tuesday

- DT Club**  
KS1 & 2  
MGN/FLN
- Maths Games**  
Y3 & Y4  
OCO
- Games Club**  
Y5 & Y6  
BGS
- Drawing Club**  
Y2  
GTT & HSL
- Football**  
Y5 & Y6  
HRR & TOD
- Wellbeing Club**  
Y4  
MAL
- Sports Club**  
Y4  
IEL

### Wednesday

- Choir**  
Year 1-4  
HGN & STC
- Art Club**  
Y5 & Y6  
PRK
- Drama Show Rehearsals**  
**(Invite only - different students needed each week)**  
Y5 - Y11  
MCG, FOS & BVN

### Friday

- Show Rehearsals**  
Y5 - Y11  
MCG & BVN



Parents/carers will receive a letter regarding the activities and the reply slip must be returned to your child's class teacher. Confirmation of your child's place at the club will be given prior to the start date.



# ENRICHMENT SECONDARY TIMETABLE HALF-TERM 3



### Monday

- Netball**  
Y7 & Y8  
COP
- Football**  
Y7  
ALN/SCH
- Science**  
Y7 - Y9  
(invite only)  
MGW
- Keyboard Club**  
Y7 - Y9  
MCG & FOS
- Spanish Club**  
Year 9  
MRE

### Tuesday

- Rugby**  
Y7  
INS
- Basketball**  
Y7 - Y9  
PAI
- Dance**  
Y7 - Y9  
SWI
- Band**  
Y7 - Y9  
MCG & FOS
- D of E**  
Y9 & Y10  
CRI
- French Club**  
Y7  
OGN
- Cooking**  
Y7  
KNI
- Art**  
Y7 & Y8  
DUN
- Reading**  
Y7 & Y8  
MAS
- Youth Speaks**  
Y7  
GRC

### Wednesday

- Drama Show Rehearsal (Invite Only)**  
Y5 - Y11  
BVN/MCG/FOS
- Girls Football**  
Y7 - Y9  
MDR
- Football**  
Y8 & Y9  
INS
- Badminton**  
Y7 - Y9  
ALN

### Thursday

- Band**  
Y10 & Y11  
(invite only)  
FOD
- Commerical Dance**  
Y9 & Y10  
Miss Elwell

### Friday

- Drama Show Rehearsal**  
Y5 - Y11  
MCG & BVN





# LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES

This half-term we have started a range of lunch time activities for Secondary students to give them more options in regards to how they want to spend their time.

Whether students want to watch a film, focus on reading or revision or even try our new darts club, there are different opportunities throughout the week for them to enjoy.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Everyday Activities:</b>				
Film Room – Drama Studio – This week’s film: <i>The Eternals</i>				
Music Club – C305 – KS4 Music students, plus 10 KS3 students				
Y10/11 Revision – D201 (Maximum of 25 students)				
Library – Open to all students				
Darts Club Primary Stairs Year 7 (Max 10 students)	Darts Club Primary Stairs Year 8 (Max 10 students)	Darts Club Primary Stairs Year 9 (Max 10 students)	Darts Club Primary Stairs Year 10 (Max 10 students)	Darts Club Primary Stairs Year 11 (Max 10 students)
	Computing/Gaming Club C201 All Years (Max 25 students)	Reading/Book Club B210 All Years (Max 20 students)	Computing/Gaming Club C201 All Years (Max 25 students)	Reading/Book Club B210 All Years (Max 20 students)



## 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

### ASPIRE (verb)

direct your hopes or ambitions towards achieving something/ rise higher

### FRACTION (noun)

a part of a whole; a common fraction is made up of a numerator and a denominator

## SECONDARY

### ASSESSMENT

The action of assessing someone or something  
Synonyms:

Evaluation, Judging, Gauging, Rating, Appraisal

## EMOJI BOOKS

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



## UNIFORM

Can we please remind all parents and carers of the standards we expect in terms of uniform, jewellery, nails and equipment. Sanctions will be put in place where students have not corrected their appearance.

- Polishable black shoes
- Correct PE equipment
- No jewellery other than a wrist watch is permitted
- Students must not have piercings done during the academic year
- No false nails or nail polish

Correct school equipment (Secondary):

- Black pen
- Blue pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator

## YEAR 11 STUDENTS

As we embark upon the second term of Year 11, I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with some updates regarding the current government stance on the 2022 exams, the provision for Year 11 support and revision, whilst sharing with you the December mock examination results process.

Please read my recent letter here: [bit.ly/34CVVwC](https://bit.ly/34CVVwC)

Year 11's compulsory Lesson Six continues this term in order to maximise the students' learning and in preparation ahead of their March Mock series and summer GCSE series.

Please encourage your child to attend these sessions alongside completing their independent revision at home. This independent revision can be supplemented using Hegarty Maths, Seneca Learning and GCSE Pod. We will endeavour to work tirelessly with Year 11 and prepare them thoroughly for their summer exams. We expect the same work ethic from students.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Science	English	Maths	Independent Study 2.35-4pm in the Library	History Geography

## PARENTS EVENING

Can we also remind parents and carers that Parents Evening is taking place on Thursday 27th January 2022 and you can now book your slots using the School Cloud link below:

<https://grangeacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

For this event you have two options:

1. Face-to-face appointments between 3.30pm and 4.45pm.
- 2- Online video appointments via SchoolCloud between 5pm and 6.30pm



# CAREER OF THE WEEK

## Career of the Week : IMMUNOLOGIST

**Top Related Jobs:**  
Pathologist, Biomedical scientist, doctor

**Overview**

Immunologists specialise with the body's immune system in health and disease. They aim to understand how the immune system works in combating disease and what happens when it fails to function correctly.

**What would I do?**

- Treatment - provide clinical advice on wards and run dedicated outpatient clinics.
- Research and lecturing - immunologists can work in research and can develop projects aimed at increasing the understanding of the immune systems. They may also be involved in teaching through lectures and practical classes.
- Product development - develop new products



The usual minimum qualification entry requirement for this role is a Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject (check each university for their specific entry requirements).

Alternatively, you could train to become a doctor and choose to specialise in immunology in your specialist training.

UK Average Salary  
**£35,000**

Starting Salary  
**£29,500**

**Key Skills Required:**

Decision Making  
Problem solving  
Accuracy

**Top Tips!**

You need to have a genuine interest in Science, healing people and research and investigation

**Qualifications...** Ideally you should study Biology, Chemistry and Mathematic at A Level and then look at either a Medical Degree (Medicine) or Bachelors Degree (Human Biology/Biosciences)

# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

During their first meeting, members of the Student Leadership Team discussed how important it was to them to help and support our school community.

They put their words into action by arranging a range of activities during the lead up to Christmas that allowed them to collect items to create food hampers.

In total, students made over 30 hampers which were given to support families over the Christmas period. We are already excited to see what they organise next and how their ideas will continue to help develop and improve our school.



# SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

## FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION CENTRE'S

**MONDAY**

### St Martins, Murdishaw

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon 11:00 - 13:00	St Martin's Lane
Tue Closed	Murdishaw
Wed Closed	Runcorn
Thu Closed	Cheshire
Fri Closed	WAT 6HZ
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

**WEDNESDAY**

### Brook Chapel

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	Boston Avenue
Tue Closed	Runcorn
Wed 14:00 - 16:00	WAT 2DE
Thu Closed	
Fri Closed	
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

**FRIDAY**

### Old Town

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	Old Police Station
Tue Closed	Mersey Road
Wed Closed	Runcorn
Thu Closed	Cheshire
Fri 11:00 - 13:00	WAT 1DF
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

### Frodsham Guide HQ

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	Guide HQ,
Tue Closed	Ship Street,
Wed Closed	Frodsham
Thu Closed	WA6 7NW
Fri 13:00 - 15:00	
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

**TUESDAY**

### St Berteline's Church, Windmill Hill

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	St. Berteline's Church
Tue 13:00 - 15:00	Norton Hill
Wed Closed	Windmill Hill
Thu Closed	Runcorn
Fri Closed	WAT 6QE
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

**THURSDAY**

### Christ Church, Castlefields

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	Chester Close
Tue Closed	Castlefields
Wed Closed	WAT 2HY
Thu 13:00 - 15:00	
Fri Closed	
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

**SATURDAY**

### Bethesda Church

OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	Bethesda Church
Tue Closed	Lapwing Grove
Wed Closed	Palacefields
Thu Closed	Runcorn
Fri Closed	WAT 2TP
Sat 10:00 - 12:00	
Sun Closed	



# VACANCIES

## TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS

We are seeking to employ a well-qualified, energetic and enthusiastic Mathematics Teacher who is forward thinking, innovative and with ambition and moral purpose to support the development of our students.

Closing date for application: Thursday 27th January 2022.

Send applications to: [hr@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:hr@thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

Interview date: Week beginning 7th February 2022

Start date: 18th April 2022

## TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS (0.6)

We are seeking to employ a well-qualified, energetic and enthusiastic Mathematics Teacher who is forward thinking, innovative and with ambition and moral purpose to support the development of our students.

Part time, 0.6 FTE

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Interview date: Week beginning 7th February 2022

Start date: 18th April 2022

## HEAD OF PERFORMING ARTS

We are seeking to employ a well-qualified, energetic and enthusiastic Head of Performing Arts, with a specialism in Music, who is forward thinking, innovative and with ambition and moral purpose to support the development of our students.

Closing date for application: Monday 7th February 2022 at 10am.

Send applications to: [hr@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:hr@thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

Interview date: Week beginning 14th February 2022

Start date: 1st September 2022

## CASUAL EXAM INVIGILATORS

For more information and to receive an application pack, please contact school on 01928 562660 or visit our website [www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk](http://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

Applicants will be required to fill in an application form as well as a supplementary information form.