



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you will find the information and stories inside the Newsletter helpful. I start with a brilliant piece on news that Mrs Hall, Business Manager, has been shortlisted for the prestigious TES awards. Mrs Hall is an integral part of everything we do, and will continue to do, at The Grange Academy. Mrs Hall and her team work tirelessly to ensure the administration, finance and premises arm of the school runs smoothly which ensures such a positive learning environment for our students.

As this is the last issue before the half term break, I would like Primary parents and carers to note the changes to 'home time' and Secondary parents and carers to be aware of the arrangements for wearing face masks and home testing.

Just as we begin to feel a sense of normality, we are hearing more about the 'Indian Variant' strain of Covid-19 and its prominence in some North West regions. This is a timely reminder we must not relax fully as yet, but I am pleased to say we are still doing very well locally and in our school community in terms of low case numbers. This is so important to maintain students access to school without the disruption of 'bubble closures' - long may this continue.

It has been fantastic to see our sports teams playing fixtures against other local schools, competing well but also playing in the right spirit. I would urge more students to take part in our after school extra-curricular sports clubs.

We are also fast approaching the end for our Year 11 cohort, who have continued to work very hard on ensuring they have evidence to support their teacher assessed grades. Next half term, we have a very busy six weeks until the summer break with transition activities taking place for Reception and Year 6, Year 10 Mock Exams and Work Experience, our Year 11 Festival (Covid restrictions permitting), more sports fixtures and another visit from Challenge Partners. You may recall we had a Challenge Partners visit in January 2020 that was led by a current OfSTED inspector; this three day visit looked at many different areas of the school and the feedback was very positive; we hope to do even better this time. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to share their views with the visiting team; I will share more details closer to the time.

Finally, we are still looking for a parent governor. This is a hugely rewarding role that gives the opportunity to provide strategic direction and support to the school. There are around seven meetings per year, with one of these being a training session. Should you wish to discuss the role of a governor further please contact Mrs Hall, School Business Manager on 01928 562660.

Mr Critchley
Principal

tes schools awards 2021 **WELL DONE!** **tes** schools awards 2021

MRS HALL - Business Manager
SHORTLISTED FOR THE TES SCHOOLS AWARDS 2021
Friday 14 May 2021

The most outstanding individuals and institutions that the education sector has to offer have been recognised in the shortlist for the TES Schools Awards 2021.

It's been revealed that Mrs Hall has been shortlisted for the school business leader of the year award.

Mrs Hall has been recognised for her outstanding contributions to the school. Having played a key role in ensuring our families have been provided for and kept safe during the pandemic, we know Mrs Hall is a worthy recipient of this nomination

This Week:

- **Primary Events and Information**
- **Secondary Events and Information**
- **WoW, Hegarty Heroes, Career of the Week, SMSC**
- **Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health**

A community that works together to create an exceptional learning journey for all.

PRIMARY

Home Time

After half term, Primary finishing times will alter slightly:

- 2.45pm for pupils who go home with a Secondary sibling from TGA or who are the only child at TGA
- 2.55pm for Primary aged pupils with a sibling in the Primary phase.

The start of the day will remain the same. Pupils should arrive between 8.40am and 8.50pm.



The Happy at School

We have begun a fantastic wellbeing project in school. Working with Christina Mitchell, we are exploring mental health and wellbeing in a fun, positive and incredibly effective way. The children may have begun to share with you terms such as 'smiles in my tummy', 'sunshine in my brain', 'the pig of happiness', 'super selfer', 'the bell of awesomeness' and many more terms! The children and staff are on board and seeing a difference in how we all feel, how we cope and react and how we deal with problems.

Myon Masters

Mrs Ireland and Miss Weston are the staff Reading Champions. They want you to read every day if you can

Year Group	Name	Average mins
Years N and R	Lee	52
Year 1	Lula	64
Year 2	Evan	289
Year 3	Riley	122
Year 4	Jacob	133
Year 5	Scarlett	219
Year 6	Jayden	224



ATL 1 LEAGUE TABLE
W.E 14th May 2021

PRIMARY TOP 3

1st – YEAR 3

2nd – YEAR 4

3rd – YEAR 5



The Super League!!!!!!

(You are just too good for the standard league... you have been promoted!)

Can anyone beat the children in our **super league**?

Name	Coins Earned
Tyler (Cedar)	120,229
Arthur (Oak)	54,490
Rania (Lime)	20,400



Name	Coins Earned
Esme (Blue)	10,846
Lula (Blue)	6,907
Mia (Indigo)	4,789
Ioanna (Indigo)	3,748
Jonathan (Violet)	3,192



SECONDARY

Year 7 Sporting Success

On Tuesday 11th May, our Year 7 Netball team and Football teams both played great games against OBA. The football team played well and showed great maturity and responsibility by organising their own formation on the way on the coach.

In Netball, Amelia and Summer were jointly named 'Player of the Match' by OBA and Lizzie was awarded 'Player of the Match' for football - what a keeper!

Thank you to Wade Deacon who also hosted our away games on Tuesday 18th May. Again, two great games played and 'Player of the Match' was awarded to Summer for netball and Thomas for football.



Year 11 Leaving Date

Year 11 students will finish on **Friday 28th May** and have their traditional leavers assembly on this date.

Year 11 students will still engage in remote learning until Friday 25th June. More information to follow soon.

Students classed as 'vulnerable' will also still have the opportunity to attend school until Friday 25th June, should this be requested. Should you require a vulnerable place, please can you **email Miss Bate at info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk with 'Year 11 Place' in the subject heading.** Miss Bate will also write to Year 11 parents and carers before the half term break with more details about the above.

Face Covering update

Following advice from Public Health, and after close liaison with other high schools and the Local Authority, we will take a balanced approach. Students will **NOT** be required to wear their face covering in classes, however, we are still **recommending** they should wear them in communal areas. These include corridors and the dining room, unless eating.



Home Testing Kits

Secondary students have been issued with their next set of home testing kits. Please ensure results are uploaded to school via the following link after each test:

<https://bit.ly/TGAtestresult>

WoW - Word of the Week

Word of the Week (WoW) is our weekly investigation into vocabulary. 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.

(week beginning 24th May)

This week's word is

sum (noun)

-the total amount resulting from the addition of two or more numbers

(verb) - to calculate the sum of : total

(week beginning 7th June)

This week's word is

continent (noun)

- one of Earth's seven main divisions of land

How you can help:

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

Hegarty Heroes

Most video hours Year 7 - Abbey Behn

Most video hours Year 8 - Elisha Boden

Most video hours Year 9 - Cameron Ogburn

Most video hours Year 10 - Sophie Martin

Most video hours Year 11 - Emily Armstrong

Most correct questions answered Year 7 - Luke Schofield

Most correct questions answered Year 8 - Darcie Owen-Cleworth

Most correct questions answered Year 9 - Quinn Allan

Most correct questions answered Year 10 - Jack Schofield

Most correct questions answered Year 11 - Chloe Goble

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Luke Schofield

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Maisie Richards

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Quinn Allan

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Jack Schofield

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Charleigh McIntosh

Career of the week



Baker

Entry requirements:

You'll usually need:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

Skills required:

You'll need:

- knowledge of food production methods
- the ability to work well with your hands
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to work well with others
- maths knowledge
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to use your initiative
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary:

£16,000 Starter to £24,000 Experienced

What you'll do:

As a baker, you could:

- weigh out quantities of ingredients
- mix ingredients by hand or with catering machinery
- prepare dough
- bake products in batches in industrial ovens
- make quality checks
- decorate and finish baked items ready for dispatch or shop display
- take customer orders if working in a shop
- keep production areas clean
- stocktake and order supplies
- develop new recipes and products



SMSC

17th - 23rd May 2021

British Values - Democracy

People sometimes sing songs to make their voices heard or to encourage others to think about an important issue such as climate change.

UN Rights of a Child

As children, we have the right to express our opinions. This can be through singing songs about issues that matter to us such as climate change. Adults should listen and consider our views seriously.

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Please see the link below, which is a Halton Borough Council information point detailing available mental health support for both adults and young people:

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/live/mentalhealth/mental-health-signpost.aspx>

Parents, carers and students can all access this link and explore ways to support themselves in various ways relating to things such as mental health, money worries, stress and bereavement. This is a valuable source to everyone in the community.

