



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust

Issue 15 - Friday 11th June 2021



A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year and I hope you managed to enjoy some of the good weather over the half term break.

Unfortunately, once again a Covid-19 update is required, due to the rise in cases in the North West region. Currently the rates in Halton are lower than other areas of the Liverpool City Region and there is no change in advice. However, as per my letter earlier in the week, can I ask for your support in ensuring Secondary students are using the home testing kits and record the results twice per week. The regular testing will ensure we continue to keep our school and community safe.

You will see below, that due to the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have added an additional days holiday in October and also an additional INSET day in February. This means that there have been some slight amendments to the initial term dates we set for 2021-22. Can I please ask you make a note of the changes and consider these when booking holidays.

We said a fond farewell to our Class of 2021 on the final day of last half term; we were all incredibly proud of the way Year 11 finished their time here and there are two lovely examples in this Newsletter. This is a relatively short half term, but an incredibly busy one, and I hope we can make the most of forthcoming transition opportunities in both phases. However, with regional Covid-19 cases rising we need to keep a watchful eye on these to ensure it is safe to undertake these events.

It has been great to see extra-curricular and after school activities up and running; we hope to continue these in the final half term. Please note the 'family learning' opportunities we have included in the Newsletter and these can provide a good opportunity for you to support your child at home.

I hope the good weather continues and you and your families stay safe.

Best wishes

Mr Critchley

Polite Parking Reminder

As our car park gets extremely busy during drop off and pick up times, please can we ask parents/carers to ensure that other cars are not blocked in or obstructed and that vehicles are not parked on the zig zag markings on Latham Avenue. Many of our students and staff use the zebra crossings on the roads leading to school as well as the crossing within the school car park, so we appreciate drivers being courteous of pedestrians especially during peak times.

Disabled bays are also allocated for students who have limited mobility and must be kept clear for these students. The same applies for taxi bays as we have a number of students who are dropped off and collected this way and the bays must be kept clear.

Thank you for your support in keeping all members of our school community safe.

Term Dates 2021-2022

The Grange Academy Wade Deacon Trust Term Dates 2021-2022												
SEPTEMBER 2021				OCTOBER 2021				NOVEMBER 2021				
Week	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Monday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
Wednesday	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Thursday	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Friday	10	17	24		8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
Saturday	11	18	25		9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Sunday	12	19	26		10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
DECEMBER 2021				JANUARY 2022				FEBRUARY 2022				
Week	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Monday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	9	16	23	30
Thursday	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	10	17	24	
Friday	10	17	24		7	14	21	28	11	18	25	
Saturday	11	18	25		8	15	22	29	12	19	26	
Sunday	12	19	26		9	16	23	30	13	20	27	
MARCH 2022				APRIL 2022				MAY 2022				
Week	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Monday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Tuesday	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
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JUNE 2022				JULY 2022				AUGUST 2022				
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INSET (2 days) before school												
* GCSE Results Day - Provisional												

Please see our updated Term Dates for 2021-2022, which can be found on the school website here:

<https://bit.ly/2SC1Sns>

There is an additional school holiday on Thursday 21st October, an additional INSET day on Monday 28th February and another school day on Wednesday 20th July - this will be a half day.

This Week:

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

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


PRIMARY

Sports


Each week in assembly, Miss Harrison has been sharing stories and photographs showing what sporting activities students get up to outside of school. It has been interesting to see the diversity of activities our students are capable of.

Staff also shared their stories and photographs, some revealing unknown sporting talents from past and present!

NEEVE – LIME CLASS



Well done to Neeve who has been selected to play for the Cheshire County Tennis team and will be representing the County in a competition soon ☺ Good Luck Neeve!



Bread Making

On Tuesday 25th May, Lime class went to the Secondary phase to learn how to make bread!



Our Primary students are excelling in their TimesTables Rockstars and Numbots. Keep up the good work everyone!

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SECONDARY

Sporting Success



On Tuesday 25th May, our Netball, Football and Basketball teams displayed some fantastic performances against St Chads and Wade Deacon.

Year 7 football Vs St Chads

Luke (5) Callum (4) Also Lizzie and Scarlot were both excellent, as was Liam on debut.



Year 7 Netball Vs St Chads

Player of the match: Amelia

Year 8 Netball Vs St Chads

Player of the match: Jasmine



Year 8 Basketball Vs Wade Deacon

Player of the match: Lewis

Upcoming Dates

***Thursday 17th June**
4pm - 7pm
Year 7 Progress Evening

***Thursday 24th June**
4pm - 7pm
Year 10 Progress Update Evening
(English, Maths, Science)

***Mon 12th - Fri 16th July**
Year 10 Work Experience

Praise for our Year 11 students

Student Teacher Alert!

Following the successful completion of his GCSE English Literature course, Year 11 student Harry wanted to try his hand at a little teaching. Harry prepared a four-part lesson to consolidate the learning of our English Literature course, including Lord of the Flies, Shakespeare and Poetry, including writing poetry. Harry was well prepared with his resources and taught his peers effectively, using humour and a range of classroom management strategies.

Well done, Harry!



Before leaving our Year 11 cohort, Tayah joined the Primary Team working as an apprentice Teaching Assistant. This stemmed from flashes of brilliance that was spotted when she was around younger pupils and some help she once provided Miss Kennaway with in Primary. Tayah was a brilliant role model for the younger children in the way she presented herself, her manners and her spoken word. She played with them and supported them.

The children adored her! One little one said, "I love Tayah". When asked why, she replied "she puts smiles in my tummy." Well done, Tayah!



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 14th June)

This week's word is

ascend

(verb)

-go up or climb

(week beginning 21st June)

This week's word is

justice

(noun)

- people behave in a way that is fair, equal and balanced for everyone

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 - Jasmine Hughes

Most video hours Year 8 - Maisie Richards

Most video hours Year 9 - Quinn Allan

Most video hours Year 10 - Libby Inledon

Most video hours Year 11 - Cerys Begley

Most correct questions answered Year 7 - Phoebe Novacek

Most correct questions answered Year 8 - Grace Stockdale

Most correct questions answered Year 9 - Rachael Dempsey

Most correct questions answered Year 10 - David Mercer

Most correct questions answered Year 11 - Cerys Begley

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Eve Kewley

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Penelope Wilson

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Quinn Allan

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Rachel Jones

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Charleigh McIntosh

Career of the week



Firefighter



Entry requirements:

You need to be aged 18 or over to become a firefighter. After successful completion of an application form, you'll go through the standard national selection process called the National Firefighter Selection (NFS), as well as a Personal Qualities and Attributes (PQA) test to ensure you're suitable for the role.

Skills required:

- You'll need:
- effective communication skills
 - integrity, composure and a reassuring manner
 - the ability to follow instructions
 - the ability to work as part of a team
 - problem-solving skills
 - patience, understanding and sensitivity
 - confidence and resilience
 - adaptability and flexibility
 - sound judgement, courage, decisiveness, quick reactions and the ability to stay calm in difficult circumstances
 - the willingness and ability to learn on a continual basis
 - an interest in promoting community safety, education and risk prevention.
 - You may also need a full UK driving licence.

Salary:

The starting salary for a trainee firefighter is £23,366. When fully trained, this rises to £31,144. Higher rates apply for overtime.
Crew manager salaries range from £33,101 (development) to £34,528 (competent). Watch manager salaries range from £35,275 to £38,611.
A station manager's earning potential is between £40,161 and £44,297 plus overtime rates, subject to the officer's level of competence.
Further advancement to the role of group manager and then area manager attracts salaries of between £46,254 and £59,565, depending on the level of competence.

What you'll do:

The work often takes place in dangerous and unpleasant conditions, for example in heat and cold, at heights, in enclosed spaces, smoke-filled buildings and all kinds of weather conditions.
You may be exposed to danger from collapsing buildings or vehicles, explosions and fumes.
You need to be physically fit, as firefighters carry heavy equipment and breathing apparatus.
Women are currently underrepresented in the profession. Jobs are available throughout the UK.
Smart appearance is important.
Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus are required to be clean shaven to ensure the equipment can work effectively.

SMSC

7th - 13th June 2021

British Values - Individual Liberty

There are lots of different jobs that we can choose to do when we leave school. The types of jobs people do might change over time. Sometimes employees, like older farmers, are offered money to persuade them to find a different job. Older farmers can choose to stay in the job or take the money and leave farming.

UN Rights of a Child

Governments can provide money to support people in lots of different ways, like older farmers who leave farming. They often also provide money or other support to help families who need it.

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Joyful June 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings	
7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good	8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it	12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side
14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation	19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity
21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others	26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy
28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)				

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Family Learning

Is your child in Reception or Year 1?

Do you want to support them with their phonics learning at home?

Join one of our Family Learning online courses

This is a 3 week online course in which you will:

- be introduced to the basics of the subject
- look at practical activities which you can use at home to make learning fun
- have the opportunity to develop/refresh your own skills

To join an online class you will need access to a computer or tablet and the internet.

Course dates:
Introduction to Phonics – Thursday 24th June, 1st & 8th July 2021 12.30 – 2pm

To book onto this online course or for further details contact:
Halton Adult Learning on: 0151 511 7788
Email: joanne.pritchard@halton.gov.uk
Register by Thursday 17th June 2021 for a place on the course.

Is your child in KS2, Years 3 - 6?

Do you want to support them with their Mental Health & Wellbeing at home?

Join our Introduction to Child Wellbeing online learning course

This is a 3 week online course in which you will:

- Discover what's going on in your child's head
- Recognise how the 5 Ways to Wellbeing can improve mental health
- Investigate what Mindfulness is

To join an online class you will need access to a computer or tablet and the internet.

Course dates:
Introduction to Wellbeing Thursday 24th June, 1st & 8th July 2021 9.30 – 11am

To book onto this online course or for further details contact:
Halton Adult Learning on: 0151 511 7788
Email: sarah.wild@halton.gov.uk
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Is your child in Nursery or Reception?

Do you want to support them with their reading development at home?

Join our Family Learning online course

This is a 3 week course in which you will:

- Be introduced to the reading curriculum in Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- Look at the role of phonics in reading development
- Learn about the best books for children of different ages

To join an online class you will need access to a computer or tablet and the internet.

Course dates:
Introduction to Reading – Wednesday 23rd, 30th June and 7th July 2021 9.30 – 11am

To book onto this online course or for further details contact:
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Do you know how to ensure your child is safe when online?

Join our Family Learning online course

This is a 3 week course in which you will:

- Identify the names and uses of popular online Apps and programmes
- Discover the risks children are exposed to when online
- Understand some of the popular online terminology

To join an online class you will need access to a computer or tablet and the internet.

Course dates:
Introduction to Child Online Safety – Wednesday 23rd, 30th June and 7th July 2021 12.30 – 2pm

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