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15th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. This term has been exceptionally busy, with a wide range of activities and initiatives taking place across the school. Our students have been fully engaged in their learning, embracing new challenges and taking part in a range of exciting activities.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 have now completed their mock exams, and we are incredibly proud of their resilience, determination, and positive attitudes. It has been wonderful to see how hard they have worked and how fully they have embraced the challenges of the exam period. We have also been delighted by their enthusiasm for the Period 6 sessions, and we encourage all students to continue attending these valuable revision opportunities to maximise their progress. Well done, Year 11!

Students will be informed of their results during a mock reveal event on Thursday, 22nd January 2026, parents will also be invited to attend an achieve together evening on the same day, information will be shared via Edulink in due course.

Awards Evening

On Thursday, 27th November 2025, we had the pleasure of welcoming our former Year 11 students back to school for a wonderful evening of celebration. It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces return to receive their GCSE examination certificates and awards, marking an important milestone in their academic journey. A huge congratulations to all students on their outstanding achievements! We are incredibly proud of your hard work, dedication, and resilience. This occasion marks the beginning of the many opportunities that lie ahead, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.

Christmas Fair / Bingo

It was wonderful to see over 600 people coming together to enjoy the festive activities.

The atmosphere was lovely, filled with laughter and the spirit of Christmas. From the homemade treats to the array of exciting prizes in our Bingo sessions, each moment contributed to an enjoyable and memorable evening. Events like these are a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, and it was clear that everyone had a wonderful time.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the families who attended as well as to the staff who volunteered their time and effort to make the evening a success. Your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Angela (Primary) and Merry (Secondary) who won our recent Christmas Card competition. The students' designs have been used to send our best wishes to colleagues across the education sector. Well done to all the students that participated in the competition, the standard of entries was exceptional.



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Free Creative Winter HAF Workshops

Please find below details of free creative fun workshops from Halton HAF (Holiday Activities and Food).

1. **Light Up Christmas Card Making** – Monday 22nd December
2. **Green Screen Christmas Card Making** – Tuesday 23rd December
3. **Minecraft Winter Wonderland Build** – Monday 29th December
4. **Minecraft New Year's Celebration Build** – Tuesday 30th December

Session Times:

Ages 8–11: 9:30 am to 12 pm

Ages 11–16: 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Grangeway Community Centre, Halton

These sessions are for young people aged 8 to 16 from Halton who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. A limited number of places are also available for other groups of young people, including those with an EHCP, SEND, young carers, NEET and more.

More information and sign-up link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/holiday-activities-and-food-workshops-in-halton-3460779>

Dates for your Diary

Please find herewith link to school term dates: [The Grange Academy - Term Dates](#) A copy is also available on the website.

For your convenience, please find below dates of remaining parent/carers evenings. Further information to follow.

Year	Date and Time	PROGRESS LEADERS
10	Thursday, 15 th January 2026	Mr Challinor
11	Thursday, 22 nd January 2026	Miss Ayrton
9	Thursday, 5 th February 2026	Mr Mooney
9 Options Evening	Thursday, 19 th March 2026	Mr Hutton
8	Thursday, 23 rd April 2026	Miss Houseman
7	Thursday, 21 st May 2026	Mr l'Anson

End of Term

School closes at 12:10pm (Secondary) / 12.20pm (Primary) on Friday, 19th December 2025. Students who would like a hot or cold food option will be able to get this at break time.

Start of Term

Students return to school on Monday, 5th January 2026 as below:

- Primary children – normal arrival time
- 8.30am – Year 7 and Year 11
- 9.10am – Year 9
- 9.30am – Year 8
- 10.00am – Year 10



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I hope you enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break. The staff and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday, 5th January 2026, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Jardine
Executive Principal