



THE
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13th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another school year, a big thank you for all your support.

We are all proud and appreciative of the fantastic progress that has been made both with our students and in the development of the school.

Celebration Assemblies

Throughout the final week of school, secondary students will all have an extended celebration assembly allowing us time to celebrate and acknowledge all of their achievements throughout the year. Students will be rewarded for meeting The Excellence Programme criteria, their attitude to learning, attendance, displaying our ASPIRE values and other wider contributions made to the school and community throughout the year.

Primary Updates

Primary assessments are all complete. Staff and children have worked incredibly hard this year. We are pleased with our results so far. There has been a delay in receiving the Year 6 SATs results. They were due to be released on the 7th of July but there has been an issue with the assessment portal. They are now due to be released on the 16th of July.

Our Primary residential visits have been a huge success. Year 6 children enjoyed their visit to London where they visited many landmarks and went to the theatre to watch Hercules. Year 2 went to Tattenhall, taking part in many activities such as low ropes and orienteering. The children had a fantastic time.

Transition work has begun, preparing the children for the next stage. This includes our new Reception children who have had stay and play sessions with their families and a transition morning on their own.

GCSE Results Day

Congratulations and well done to our Year 11 students who worked hard and were focused to the end for their GCSE Examinations. Students will be able to collect their GCSE results on Thursday, 20th August 2026 from 10am to 12noon. Information has been shared with families via Edulink.



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Ex Pupil Update

We are delighted that our former pupil, Ross Horsler, continues to achieve at the highest level in the field of science.

As part of a team from the University of Liverpool Maths School, Ross recently participated in a physics competition, named the Beamline for Schools (BL4S), which was initiated by CERN (The European Organisation for Nuclear Research).

A record of 712 teams from 89 countries were selected to participate in the 13th edition of BL4S, following submissions from more than 4,500 students worldwide in 2026.

Among these successful teams is Mobile MIPs from the University of Liverpool Maths School. We are especially proud that our former pupil, Ross Horsler, is a key member of this group of nine individuals.

Beyond that, we are delighted to share that out of the participating 712 teams, Ross' team was just one of five that has been successfully selected to take part in a prestigious international research opportunity.

The team has been invited to carry out their experiment at the DESY beamline in Hamburg, Germany. This is a world-leading research facility that produces high-energy particles, enabling cutting-edge experiments in areas such as fundamental physics, material science and medicine.

Ross and his teammates commented:

“Our team plans to test if the CMOS sensors in mobile phones can be used as a low-cost beam telescope using the electron beam at DESY.”

This pioneering project could have exciting implications for making advanced scientific research more accessible and cost-effective in the future.

We are incredibly proud of Ross's achievement.

His success reflects not only his own dedication and talent, but it also serves as an inspiration to our current students, demonstrating that curiosity and hard work can lead to opportunities on a global stage.

We wish Ross and the Mobile MIPs team every success as they prepare to undertake this cutting-edge experiment.

Safeguarding/Wellbeing

As the summer holidays approach, we want to remind you that the safety and wellbeing of all our students remains our highest priority. We understand that, for some young people, the break from school can bring uncertainty, anxiety, or challenges – particularly when routines change, or additional pressures arise at home or in the community.

To support families during this period, we've provided a list of local and national organisations offering help with mental health, financial hardship, bereavement, and general wellbeing. We've also included links to Halton CAMHS support.



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If your concerns are immediate, contact:

- Halton Children's Social Care: 0151 907 8305 (Mon–Thurs 9am–5pm, Fri 9am–4.30pm)
- Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 0345 050 0148
- In an emergency: call 999. For non-emergencies, call 101.

Local/National Helplines & Online Support

- Wellbeing Enterprises: www.wellbeingenterprises.org.uk (Activities and support across Halton for positive wellbeing)
- Childline: 0800 1111 online or phone anytime www.childline.org.uk
- Samaritans: 116 123 www.samaritans.org
- Papyrus: 0800 068 4141 or Text 07786 209697 www.papyrus-uk.org (for anyone who has suicidal thoughts or is worried about someone else in relation to suicidal thoughts)
- Mental Health [Urgent Support](#) Call NHS 111 and select the mental health option.
- Kooth.com: Online support
- [Child Bereavement UK](#): Pre/post bereavement counselling
- YoungMinds: www.youngminds.org.uk to support young people's mental health
- Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544 from [YoungMinds>I am a parent](#) Mon-Fri 9:30 to 4pm
- Widnes Foodbank: 01928 577697 [Runcorn & District Foodbank](#)
- Halton Family Hub: <https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/>

End of term arrangements

The last day of this academic year will be Friday, 17th July 2026, secondary students will finish at 12.10pm and primary children finish at 12.20pm. Secondary students entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a brunch at breaktime and Primary children will be provided with food during the morning.

Contact during the summer

During the summer holidays, the office will be open from 9am to 3pm Tuesday to Thursday. If you would like to contact the school by email during the holidays, please email via info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk This email address can also be used if you require clarification in terms of students returning to school in September.

Uniform donations

We would really welcome any unwanted uniform so that we can support other families in the future. Please hand in any uniform donations to the school office.

Term dates

Please find herewith link to our 2026-27 term dates. [term dates 2026-27.pdf](#)



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September – School Reopening

To support our return to school and allow time for year groups to receive relevant important information, secondary students will return as follows:

Wednesday 2nd September

Y7 and Yr11 return at 8.30am

Thursday 3rd September

All students return at 8.30am

Primary Pupils: Return to school at 8.40am on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026

Thank you once again for your support. I hope the whole school community enjoys a well-earned rest and I look forward to welcoming all students and staff back in September.

Yours sincerely,

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Holiday Activities over the summer:

There are a lot of activities taking place over the summer, please find below details:

Runcorn Summer Holiday Club

Please find below details of a new HAF-Funded holiday club that is running this summer at the Scout Hut, Heath Park. The club will run for three weeks during the summer holidays starting from 27th July, offering a range of fun, engaging activities, healthy meals, and a safe, supportive environment for children to enjoy during the break. 20 places are available each week, allocated on a first come, first served basis

A Place for Us

Create. Move. Perform. Repeat.

Our Super Summer Performing Arts Sessions are BACK

Four exciting days packed with creativity, confidence and fun...BOOK NOW!

♥ FREE for Halton children aged 10–16 eligible for Free School Meals, with a limited number of subsidised paid places available.

Workshops include...

- ✦ Drama
- ✦ Dance
- ✦ Musical Theatre
- ✦ Creative activities
- ✦ Games, challenges and new friendships

A chance to explore, get creative, build confidence and have an unforgettable summer.

Delivered by our incredible team of professional creatives and magic weavers ✨👏

🍏 Healthy lunch and snacks included every day.

📅 27–30 July | ⌚ 10am–3pm | 📍 The Grange Academy, Runcorn

🚫 Places are limited – book today and don't miss out! Scan the QR code or use the booking link on the poster or via link in bio or here 📲

[//eequ.org/book/performing-arts-super-sessions-in-halton-with-a-place-for-us-cic-25030](https://eequ.org/book/performing-arts-super-sessions-in-halton-with-a-place-for-us-cic-25030)





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**free creative
summer clubs in halton**

Weekly creative clubs for young people aged 8–16 in Halton.
Primarily for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals, with limited places also available for other eligible groups, including young people with SEND, an EHCP, young carers and those who are NEET.

Location: Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn

Week 1: 27 - 30 July	Digital Art & Craft Week (3D Pens, Tote Bag Design, Bead Art and Digital Art)
Week 2: 3 - 6 August	Animation Week (LEGO, Digital and Paper Animation)
Week 3: 10 - 13 August	Game Design Week (Video Game Design and Board Game Design)
Week 4: 17 - 20 August	Minecraft Week (Build Challenges, 3D Character Design and Free Play)

sign up now:
info@digitalartsbox.org
0151 433 2223



Summer Holiday Club: Kingsway Primary - Widnes

Football, dance games, sports, activities, and more...

Primary aged children + | Ofsted registered & tax-free
childcare accepted | 8am - 6pm

raringstars.com



READ 5 FOR A PRIZE!

THIS SUMMER, GO ALL
IN AT HALTON LIBRARIES!

- ★ Read 5 or more books
- ★ Tell us when you've finished
- ★ Claim your prizes!

Plus, enjoy lots of **FREE** events, great reads, activities and more throughout the summer.

Your next adventure starts at Halton libraries!

www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

SCAN ME

ULTIMATE KIDS CAMP

JULY 21ST - AUGUST 27TH

08:45 - 15:00
Time varies based on age & location

SCAN ME

FUNDED SPACES AVAILABLE

FROM £18

FROM £23

FLEXIBLE BOOKING

3 DAYS 4 DAYS 5 DAYS

SIBLING & FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS

AGES 4-11

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