



NEWSLETTER



Hello everyone, I am glad you are taking the time to read our Newsletter. This month's issue is once again filled with some wonderful extra-curricular events to celebrate. It's been our countdown to Christmas and Primary have been preparing for the Christmas parties and performance. The choirs have been in full voice!

Our secondary phase has also been busy with students making visits to Unilever and guest speakers from Absolute Chemistry joined us from John Moore's University.

In the spirit of our school values ASPIRE, we are focusing on keeping safe in the Spring term. As a popular school of choice for families we are rapidly growing in numbers, especially in the secondary phase.

Punctuality is important. Good punctuality along with being courteous and respectful helps to support strong starts to lessons and good learning from students. Transition between lessons is a key focus for us in the new term. We are stepping up supervision during lesson changeover and providing clear guidance to our secondary students on how to move between lessons. Basic expectations will be walking on the left and using indoor voices, keeping hands and feet to themselves and to keep moving to their next lesson.

As the Christmas holidays approach, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this term. It has been a successful Autumn Term and concludes a full year for me in post. It's been a genuine pleasure to work alongside a committed team of staff and our wider community. I'm looking forward to the break and wish everyone connected with our school a well-earned rest over the festive period and I hope we will still be able to see friends and families during this period.

Please check the website for details of the start times for the new term

Thank you, parents and carers, for your ongoing support. We are better when we work together.

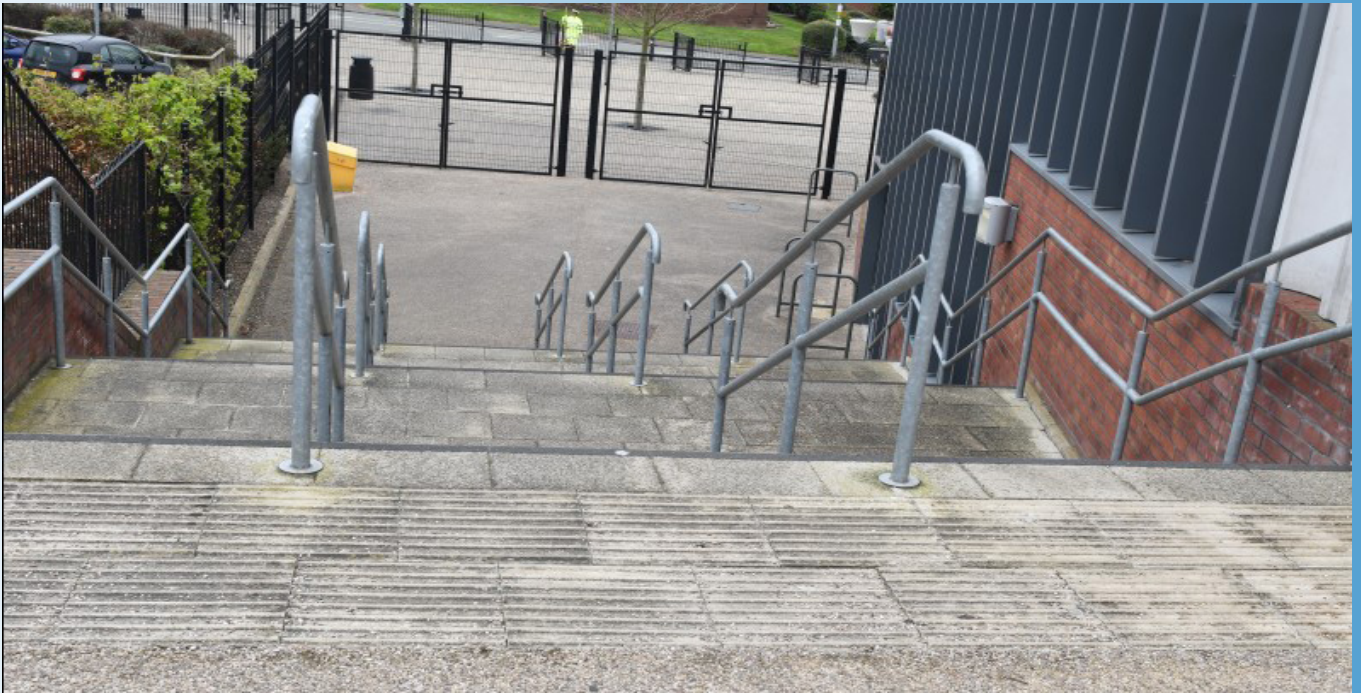
Warm regards

R. Hicks
Principal

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



SECONDARY ENTRY AND EXIT



- Entry and exit into the school will be through the side entrance.
- Uniform will be checked at the door with Blue slips issued if required. (2 days to rectify any issue)
- All students arriving after 8:30am will be marked in as late.
- Late detention will take place during breaktime.

Primary

Start of the Day is 8:40am

Registration 8:40am - 8:50am

Period 1 - 8:50am - 9:50am

Break 9:50am - 10:05am

Period 2 - 10:05am - 11:05am

Period 3 - 11:05am - 12:50pm

Lunch - 11:35am - 12:50pm

Period 4 - 12:50pm - 13:50pm

Period 5 - 13:50pm - 14:50pm

Finish of the day is 14:50pm

Secondary

Start of the Day is 8:30am

Registration 8:30am - 8:50am

Period 1 - 8:50am - 9:50am

Period 2 - 9:50am - 10:50am

Break 10:50am - 11:05am

Period 3 - 11:05am - 12:05pm

Period 4 - 12:05pm - 13:05pm

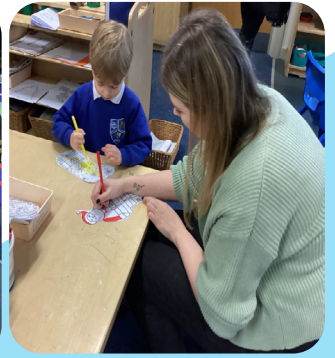
Lunch - 13:05pm - 13:35pm

Period 5 - 13:35pm - 14:35pm

Finish of the day is 14:35pm

Nursery Craft Morning

On Tuesday Nursery had a lovely time with their families doing lots of different Christmas crafts, we decorated ginger bread men, made wreaths, glittered pine cones and sang beautiful Christmas songs to our families. The children enjoyed spending time showing their families around the nursery, they had so much fun!



Primary Choir

The Reception-Year 4 choir had a lovely time on Wednesday at Simonsfield Care Home. They sang Christmas songs for the residents and enjoyed a dance. The children had the opportunity to chat to the residents which was lovely to see. Father Christmas made a surprise appearance and gave each child a chocolate reindeer for their wonderful performance. We are so lucky!



KS1 Christmas Party

On Tuesday the children had an amazing time at our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 disco. We had snacks, played party games and did lots of dancing.



Christmas Bingo

Our Christmas bingo took place on Thursday 8th December, it was lovely to see our community come together and have fun in the lead up to Christmas. We raised lots of money to allow us to provide some really lovely opportunities for our children in school. We would like to thank everyone who came for supporting our event and look forward to planning another one some time next year!



Unilever Inspire Event

10 students from Year 9 attended the launch of this competition at Hulme Hall in Port Sunlight this term. They learnt about digital marketing, packaging, processing, formulation and meeting the needs of the consumer in both hair and beauty products. The students tried all the tasks and shared a great deal of understanding with the many Unilever staff at the event and are now working in two groups after school, to create a product with social and environmental purpose. The students were excellent ambassadors for the Grange School and behaved impeccably throughout. Mrs Hall said she cannot wait to see the students showcase their products in the March competition.



Science - Absolute Chemistry Guest Speaker

50 science students from Year 7 and Year 11 were lucky enough for a guest speaker from Absolute Chemistry to join us from John Moore's University. Year 11 focused on key Chemistry revision skills and Year 7 spent the session investigating the properties of water and using science equipment. They were very productive sessions, and Year 7 particularly, had a lot of fun investigating theories. Well done to all that took part.



Enrichment



The Grange Academy

Wade Deacon Trust

Enrichment Timetable

Half-Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<u>Indoor Athletics</u> Y3-Y6 Mr Catherall (20) <u>Art Club</u> Year 1 & 2 Miss Hamstley (20) <u>Welsh Club</u> Y3-6 Ms Carroll (20)	Choir Reception – Year 6 Miss Hogan/Miss Weston/Miss Maltz (75) <u>Boccia</u> Year 1 & 2 Mr Catherall (20) <u>Homework Club</u> Year 6 Miss Graham		



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Netball Year 7-10 COP Crystal Appreciation Year 7-10 FOS <u>Football</u> Year 7 & 8 AYB/WHF/MCU	<u>Gymnastics</u> Year 7-9 SWI Spanish Intervention Year 10 OGN <u>Kazoo Club (Lunchtime)</u> Year 7-11 FOS <u>Textiles Club</u> Year 7-10 RNI <u>Art Club</u> Year 7-9 DUN/BEE	Rugby League Year 7 & 8 INS Basketball Year 7 & 8 PAI <u>Gardening Club</u> Year 7-10 GCA <u>Choir (Aberschool)</u> Year 7-10 FOS <u>Debate Club</u> Year 7-9 EVA



Thursdays – no clubs due to staff meetings

Fridays – clubs will be run on as invite only

'Aspire for Excellence'

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.

EMOJI BOOKS

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



PRIMARY

Harmonious (adjective)

Having a pleasant tune or harmony OR friendly and peaceful

Ascend (verb)

Go up/ climb

SECONDARY

Attitude

A settled way of thinking or feeling about something.

Synonyms:

Perspective/ vantage/ viewpoint/ school of thought

Look out for the **blue token voting system at Widnes Tesco** from next Monday until January to **help us win** a grant to support the club

SUPPORT
AT THE
GRANGE
ACADEMY

Our Primary Gardening Club have been selected to receive a Tesco Community Grant. How much they receive depends on how many 'blue token votes' we get over the next 3 months. If you, or a family member is visiting Widnes Tesco and receive a blue token, please use it to vote for us on the way out of the store.

Help for Households in Halton



Halton Borough Council now have a number of schemes that are available to help you, this is due to funding from the household support fund which has come to us via central government.

These schemes will run from **April 2023 until March 2024**. Please check below to see if you qualify.



Free Prescription Pre-payment Certificate

Do you pay for your prescriptions?
If so, and you:

- Live in Halton
- Earn less than £26,000 per year or receive benefits

Under our scheme you will be entitled to a free pre-payment certificate, please contact us using the details at the bottom of this leaflet.

Free Bus Pass

If you attend regular hospital or GP appointments, you may be entitled to a free bus pass.

To qualify you must:

- Live in Halton
- Earn less than £26,000 per year or receive benefits

The bus pass can also be used for other day to day travel purposes.



Do you regularly use essential electrical medical equipment at home?

We may be able to offer you some financial support. Requirements will vary depending on your circumstances, please contact us below.

Help to Stop Smoking

Do you want to stop smoking? Why not attend one of our stop smoking classes.

Visit: www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/live/quitsmoking.aspx or call us on 0300 029 0029.

- We can now offer free Nicotine Replacement Therapy products (NRT) to all, even if you would normally pay for your prescriptions



How to apply – contact the Public Health Team, Halton Borough Council

- Call us on **0151 511 5200**. You may be asked to leave your name and phone number and we will contact you back as soon as possible.
- E-mail us at public.health@halton.gov.uk – please include your name, address and a contact phone number and which part of the scheme you are applying for.



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HALTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

If you need to discuss any matter regarding your child, please feel free to contact us at school.

We find that students achieve the best when there is open communication between home and school.

Your child's Form Tutor should be the first port of call, please feel free to speak to the relevant Progress Leader if you have any worries or concerns, or have any information that you would like to share as a reminder.



Child Protection Concerns

Are you concerned about a child?

If you are concerned about a child:

Make a factual record of your concern (include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature).

You must share your concerns without delay.



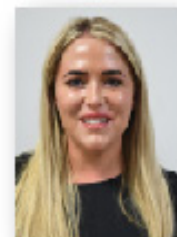
Miss Kennaway—DSL



Miss McParland—DSL



Miss Holcroft



Miss Speed



Mr Beavon



Mrs Boyd-Rugen



Mr Hutton



Mrs Ireland



Miss Stockton

If you are unable to contact a member of the Safeguarding or Pastoral Team, please contact iCAAT between the hours of 09.00 - 17.00 on 0151 511 7722. Outside of these hours please contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0151 511 8200.

SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Have you noticed changes in your child's behaviour?

Everyone can often feel low, angry or worried at times. But if these changes are lasting a long time or are greatly affecting your child, it might be time to seek some guidance.

There are things you can look out for that might suggest your child is worried about something:

- Significant changes in how they behave and act
- Problems sleeping such as getting to sleep, waking often and being tired all the time
- Being withdrawn or avoiding certain situations or people
- Not wanting to do things they usually enjoy
- Hurting themselves on purpose to help cope with difficult feelings or neglecting themselves

Before you seek help you might want to think about whether your child is getting everything they need to be healthy such as;

- A healthy balanced diet including plenty of water
- Enough sleep
- Plenty of physical activity
- A home where they feel safe and loved
- Friends, hobbies and interests

There are lots of places you can get advice and help to support you and your child.

If your child is in a mental health crisis you can contact the local mental health crisis line for free on 0800 051 1508. Available 24/7 and can also support adults who need urgent mental health support



Young Minds provide a FREE Parents helpline and web chat providing confidential expert advice write up
You can call for free on 0808 802 5544 from 9:30am - 4pm, Monday – Friday



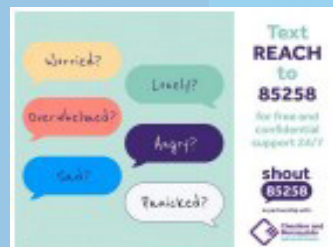
Speak to a School Nurse or Health Visitor via Chat Health text service. The number will operate between 9am and 5pm Mon-Fri and messages will receive a response within 24 hours



ADDvanced solutions support children, young people and families living with neurodevelopmental conditions. You don't need a diagnosis to access support.
Email: info@addvancedsolutions.co.uk
Tel: 0151 486 1788



Feeling anxious, worried or overwhelmed? SHOUT provide free confidential support via text 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
<https://giveusashout.org/>
Text REACH to 85258



Kooth is a free anonymous, confidential, safe, online wellbeing service, offering professional support, information and forums for young people aged 11-25. Access to counsellors 365 days a year available from 12 noon to 10pm Mon-Fri



18 and under? Childline provide support 24 hours a day 7 days a week via telephone, email and online web chat with a counsellor. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines and won't show on your bill
Call: 0800 1111
<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support>



The local Mental Health Info Point has details of support available for a variety of worries and concerns as well as info on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing. Scan the QR code on your smartphone or visit www.halton.gov.uk/mhinfopoint





BOYDELL'S

Your local Uniform shop

17-19 Victoria Road, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 0PU Tel: 0151 424 3257
 email: shop@boydellsport.com Website: www.boydellswidnes.co.uk

The Grange Academy Uniform Price List May 2023 Senior

Size	Uniform	Price
Chest up to 36	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£37.00
Chest from 38	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£43.00
Longer Length	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£43.00
up to 32" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£27.00
From 34" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£28.00
All sizes 22" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£32.00
extra charge for special order size skirts		
All sizes	Black Trousers	£25.00
One Size	Tie	£8.00
All sizes	White shirts twin pack	£18.00
All sizes	Black Plain V Neck Cotton Jumper	£18.00
Size	PE Kit - Boys & Girls	
All sizes	Poloshirt	£16.00
All sizes	Shorts	£12.00
All Sizes	Socks	£6.00
All sizes	Outdoor Top	£25.00
All sizes	Outdoor Trackpants	£15.00
Size	PE Kit -Boys	
	Rugby Top	£25.00
Size	PE Kit -Girls	
All sizes	Skort	£15.00
All sizes	Leggings	£15.00



Shop Opening Times:

Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday - 9am to 12noon

AUGUST LONGER OPENING HOURS

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Sunday 10am to 4pm

9am To 4pm August Bank Holiday



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Uniform	Cost
Crew Neck Sweatshirt KS1	£12.00
Cardigan	£13.00
Tie	£5.00
V Neck Sweatshirt KS2	£12.00
PE Tshirt	£6.00
PE Shorts	£6.00
PE Bag	£5.00
20 x Iron on Name Labels	£4.00
Bookbag	£10.00



School uniform is available all year round.

Please contact the shop with any queries

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