



# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello everyone,

It has been a whirlwind start to my role as the new Principal of the Grange Academy. My thanks go out to the children, young adults, staff and parents for their warm welcome they have given me.

I have taken time to observe all the great practice here and been able to see first-hand how committed our staff are, on a daily basis, delivering high quality lessons and creating a high-quality learning environment. In my short time here, I have already had some key reminders on the importance of the partnership between all staff and parents in bringing the best outcomes for our children.

I want to reach out to parents/carers and say thank you for your ongoing support in contributing to the standards here. Upholding our uniform, alongside providing equipment is ensuring our pupils are appropriately prepared for their learning.

Whilst we saw many individual improvements in pupil attendance during the Autumn Term there were still too many pupils absent on a daily basis and in some cases without reasonable justification. Good attendance has a strong link to success and is a collective responsibility. It is important that our young people get into good routines that will benefit their futures. We must work together to encourage them to have the resilience needed to come to school regularly.

I would like to ask that parents/carers support their child's education by ensuring regular school attendance and if there are any barriers to this please contact a member of the team so that we can work together to overcome any difficulties.

Thank you for all that you do in support of school and your child's education.

Mr R Hicks  
Principal



# ROAD SAFETY

## PARKING

You will have noticed that we are working with parents and carers to ensure the parking, especially in the taxi/disabled bays closest to the school, are safe for our most vulnerable children and I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please note these bays should only be used for the local authority taxi's that bring our resource base and SEND pupils to school and also those with a blue badge. We politely request that blue badge holders use the spaces available.

Additionally, we will be working with Halton Borough Council and the Police to tackle the ongoing issue with illegal parking, ensuring Latham Avenue and the surrounding roads are kept as clear as possible. The car park is open before and after school and there are usually spaces to park so your child(ren) can meet you in the car park or you can walk down to collect. Police will be on site in the upcoming weeks to enforce.

Please can I request that you do not park on the double yellow lines or obstruct the flow of traffic. Again, these requests are made to keep our children safe.

The bays on the left, as you drive into the car park - can I politely request this area is not used for parking or short stay, it is for **drop off / pick up only**.



**ENRICHMENT**

Prior to Christmas there were football matches for; Y7 away versus Helsby HS, Y8 in the Cheshire Cup versus Whitby HS, Y9 versus Tarpoley HS in the Cheshire Cup and Y10 versus Sandymoor. Our Y9 football team drew 2-2 away against Sandymoor coming from behind with L.Phillips getting both goals in a closely fought match. The Y9 boys were excellent and showed fabulous team spirit, a special mention to J.Flaherty for playing out of position as Goalkeeper for the entire match. The Y8 boys were entered into the Junior NBA tournament, where as a school we get to represent the NBA Franchise 'Memphis Grizzlies' in a national competition. The Y8 group played the first round of Basketball matches versus Birchwood and Rainford high schools and gained a lot of experience from both games. The team then played their second round of matches away at Great Sankey HS. The side lost their first match versus Great Sankey HS, but took Birchwood HS into overtime because the scores were tied at 18-18 at the end of the match. Unfortunately, the team lost out narrowly to Birchwood HS but showed huge improvement from their previous games. There are special mentions for I.Ireland and J.Bryan who were excellent in both games.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<p><b>Yoga/Skipping</b> Year 3 Miss Williams</p> <p><b>Dance</b> Year 5 &amp; 6 Miss Swift</p> <p><b>Scooter Club</b> Year 1 &amp; 2 Mr Catherall</p>	<p><b>Wellbeing</b> Year 4 Miss Maltz</p> <p><b>Irish Dancing</b> Year 1 &amp; 2 Mr Rogers</p> <p><b>Netball</b> Year 5 &amp; 6 Mrs Ireland</p> <p><b>Fun Club</b> Reception Mrs Alcock</p> <p><b>Maths</b> Year 6 (invite only) OCO</p>	<p><b>Choir</b> Year Recep-6 Miss Hogan/Miss Weston</p> <p><b>Dodgeball</b> Year 3 &amp; 4 Mr Catherall</p>	<p><b>Choir</b> Year 5 – 11</p>	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Badminton</b> Year 7-10 ALN</p> <p><b>Sports Science</b> Invite only COP</p> <p><b>Brilliant Club</b> Invite only COP</p> <p><b>Crystal Appreciation</b> Year 7-10 FOS</p> <p><b>Eco Club</b> Year 7-9 CMC</p> <p><b>Youth Speaks</b> KS3 MLI/ELT</p> <p><b>Computing</b> Year 7-10 DAE</p>	<p><b>Rugby League</b> Year 7 &amp; 8 INS</p> <p><b>Netball</b> Year 7-10 COP</p> <p><b>Drama Club</b> Year 7 – 10 BVN</p> <p><b>Media Marketing</b> Year 9 CRZ/GRC</p> <p><b>Crochet Club</b> Year 7-11 FOS (lunchtime)</p>	<p><b>Dance</b> Year 7-9 SWI</p> <p><b>Basketball</b> Invite only ALN</p> <p><b>Gardening Club</b> Year 7-10 OCA</p> <p><b>Debate Mate</b> Year 7-10 EVA (invite only)</p>	<p><b>Duke of Edinburgh</b> LUNCH – Year 11</p> <p><b>Choir</b> Year 5-11</p>	<p><b>Board Games</b> LUNCH Year 7-10 WLM</p> <p><b>Computing</b> Year 7-10 HTO</p>



# WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

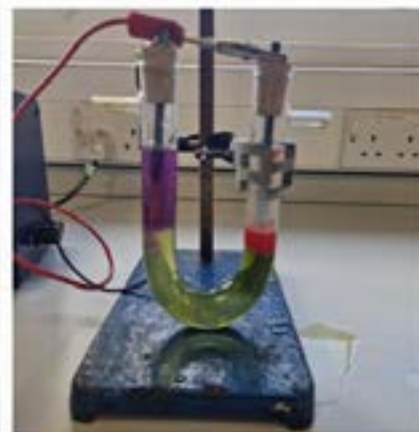
A group of our Year 8 students attended The Brilliant Club launch trip at the University of Manchester. Students enjoyed a lecture on study skills and a campus tour as part of the launch event. Throughout the course they will develop their critical thinking and analytical skills to create a dissertation style essay. At the end of the course students will attend a graduation event giving them further experience of university life!





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The Year 11 Separate Science class had the opportunity to visit John Moores University Science Department. They spent the day revising key Chemistry practical concepts in the labs and then applied their knowledge to Chemistry 6 mark GCSE questions. They also had a careers talk from the JMU exam progression and pathways officer. The students behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.



Our community shop is open all year, this is a free and confidential service. Please contact us on 01928 560660 or alternatively email [Info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk).

# COMMUNITY SHOP

## HAMPERS



**SUPPORT**  
AT THE  
GRANGE  
ACADEMY

## FOOD STOCK



## UNIFORM





# SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

## ONLINE SAFETY

### KIDS UNITE

Dealing with bullies and trolls. It's time for kids to unite, to recognise mean behaviour both online and offline and do something about it. It's time to pick one another up and let each other know how important you are. 'Own It' is a BBC website which has advice and tips on how to spot bullying behaviour, support your friends and get help when you need it.

There are lots of resources, videos and even quizzes you can complete online here: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit>



### TOP TIPS FOR 11-19 YEAR OLDS

The internet is a brilliant place to connect with others, to be creative and to discover new things.

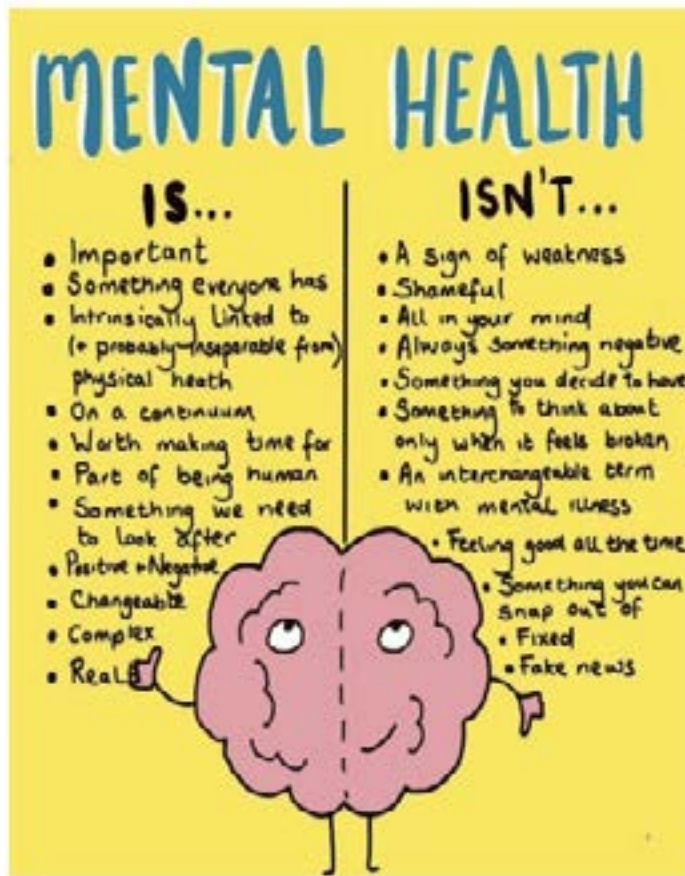
Protect your online reputation  
Use the services provided to manage your digital footprints and 'think before you post.' Content posted online can last forever and could be shared publicly by anyone.

Know where to find help  
Understand how to report to service providers and use blocking and deleting tools. If something happens that upsets you online, it's never too late to tell someone.

Don't give in to pressure  
Keep calm and keep in control; once you've pressed send you can't take it back.

Respect the law  
Use reliable services and know how to legally access the music, film and TV you want.

Acknowledge your sources  
Use trustworthy content and remember to give credit when using others' work/ideas.



## 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

### Believe (Verb)

accept that (something) is new.

### Increase (Verb)

become or make greater in size, amount, or degree.

## SECONDARY

### Collaborate

Work jointly on an activity or project.

Synonyms:

Co-operate/ Join/ Amalgamate/ Combine/ Unite

## DATES AND EVENTS

- **KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL Y5**  
15TH/16TH/17TH FEBRUARY
- **CHESTER ZOO ANIMAL CARE VISIT**  
20TH FEBRUARY
- **KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL Y6**  
1ST/2ND/3RD MARCH
- **YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS**  
16TH MARCH
- **KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL Y7**  
17TH/18TH/19TH MARCH
- **YEAR 11 TRIP TO BRINDLEY THEATRE**  
LORD OF THE FLIES  
22ND MARCH
- **HPV VACCINE FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS**  
30TH MARCH

