

### Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter by extending a big thank you to all the parents that were able to attend one of our events this week. There were just over 60 families who attended over the three events. It was wonderful to meet you and explain some of the ambitious plans that lie ahead for The Grove. Several parents have asked if it would be possible to do an evening event – watch this space!

Students have continued their purposeful start to the year, we have already reached the halfway point of this term! The positive momentum continues. Within this week, some of our Year 10's had a fantastic careers event which has allowed them to reflect on the skills they need for their future success. Two more events are planned over the next half term, for the rest of year 10.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Attendance

The government have launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. Please see below some top facts:

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, **just 40% of achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared **persistently absent (PA) children in KS2** with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

•And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders\*.

And it is never too late to benefit from good attendance:

**More than half (54%)** of pupils who were **PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years \*\*.

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing\*\*\***.

\*The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19- (Explore-education-statistics.gov.uk)

\*\*Missing children, Missing Grades Children's commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

\*\*\* Mental Health and Attendance at school (Chapter 1) – Mental Health and Attendance at School (cambridge.org)

### Year 9 Cricket

A group of year 9 girls took part in a young leaders cricket course. This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to develop their coaching and leadership as well as their cricket knowledge.

The girls were an asset to the school and were fantastic throughout the course. We look forward to seeing them lead some more sessions in the future.



### Meet & Greet Sessions With Mr Allsopp

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Coffee Morning sessions. It was great to hear parent views on how our school is run and we will keep you posted on the exciting changes to come, here at The Grove.



### Mentoring

Please see attached some information on our mentoring programme. Any questions please contact:

katie.arbon@gro.mmat.co.uk

### RISE Programme

The RISE programme for Year 10 offers core skills development sessions focusing on showing students the skills and attributes they already have and can develop within school to release their potential.

The first of three sessions started this week, with tasks, challenges and a virtual Q&A with professionals and school leavers at the end. Ashley, one of the coordinators is an actor and will be in the new series of Trigger Point on Sunday if students want to look out for him!!



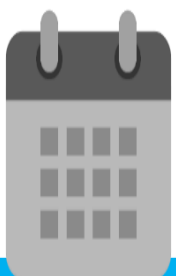
### Hands on Learning

In Science, Year 8 have been practicing their disciplinary knowledge. They have been attempting to get all the colours of the pH scale into a test tube. They all took on the challenge brilliantly.



### Attendance

Pupil attendance is really important not only to your child's education, but there are also more important reasons. Please see the facts above from the DFE and if you need any advice or would like to talk to us about your child's attendance please get in touch.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8<sup>th</sup> February Break up for half term
- 20<sup>th</sup> February Return to school

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