

Dear parents and carers,

As we quickly approach the half term, I wanted to reflect on the really strong start we have made as a team since our return in September. Our overall attendance is significantly higher than at this point last year and, as a reward to our students, over 500 are attending the trip to Alton Towers next week. We know that this initiative is the first of its kind for The Grove School, and although we are pleased with the start, we know that the model will adapt and grow as our journey to becoming a truly great school continues.

I would like to thank all the parents and students that joined us for the Year 7 settling-in evening and our Sixth Form evening. As well as standards rising across the school, the trips and enrichment activities are arriving quickly – last night 45 of our students went to Wembley to watch the England vs Greece game, and next week we are taking students down to the West End to see ‘The Lion King’ and ‘Hamilton’.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Alton Towers Trip

We've had around 500 students qualify for the Alton Towers trip through showing excellent attendance and behaviour during our qualification window. We'd like to congratulate all of you for your efforts so far.

The trip will leave promptly at 9:00 on Tuesday 15th October and return between 15:30 and 16:00. We hope that they all have a great time, and we look forward to announcing our next rewards qualification window and future trips in the weeks following the half term holiday.



PD Day reminder

A reminder that next week is our last week of school before the half term holidays. Pupils are **not** in school on **Friday 18th October**, as it is a PD Day. We return to school on Monday 4th November 2024. For a full list of holiday dates please visit our new website:

[Home - Grove School \(groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk\)](http://Home - Grove School (groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk))

Year 9 Drama

Year 9 Drama students have been working on acting pieces from Willy Russell's award-winning musical, 'Blood Brothers'. Their focus has been on capturing the sharp contrast between the two leading characters, Mickey and Edward, and their different school experiences. The Year 9s have all worked really hard in class, resulting in their brilliant performances during the showcase. Well done to all involved!



Cadets

Market Drayton's Detachment of Shropshire Army Cadet force is looking to recruit some more cadets. They parade at Hedley Way, Tern Hill on Monday nights 7pm -9pm and after October half term it will be on Wednesday nights too. It's open to students aged 12+. To sign up visit: [Cadet Expression of Interest Form | Army Cadets UK](#)



Treading the Boards

One of our Year 7 pupils, Lilybella Massey, will be performing at the end of the month with Whitchurch Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, in their upcoming production of 'Annie'. The show will be performed at Sir John Talbot's School from 30th October to 2nd November 2024, and it promises to be a fantastic event for families, students, and the local community. They have a special offer for Wednesday's performance—all seats are just £12.00! For other performances, seats are priced between £13.00 and £18.00, and they have a family deal of four tickets for only £48.00. As a bonus, groups of 10 or more who book before Friday 11th October, will receive one free ticket. To book go to:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitchurchamateuroperaticanddramaticsociety>



Parent Governor Elections

An opportunity has arisen for the appointment of two new Parent Governors to serve on the Local Governing Body of our school. We are looking to appoint individuals who would like to get more involved with the life at our school and would support us greatly in continuing our journey towards establishing the best education for young people in Market Drayton and surrounding areas. We have three nominees for our Parent Governor vacancies. Information on these nominees and how to vote was sent out earlier in the week. Voting closes on **Friday 8th November 2024**. If you haven't received the email about how to vote, please contact our Clerk to Governors at:

Joanne.Malone@gro.mmat.co.uk



UPCOMING EVENTS

15 Oct	Alton Towers Rewards Trip- Y7-11
16 Oct	'The Lion King' Rewards Trip - Y8 & Y9
17 Oct	'Hamilton' Rewards Trip – Y10-13
18 Oct	PD Day - No students in school
21 Oct	Half Term
4 Nov	School re-opens
20 Dec	Last Day of Term

NEWS

Click: [Home - Grove School and Sixth Form \(groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk\)](#) to view our latest news articles.

Why not also follow us on Facebook @GroveSchoolShropshire for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations, to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts.

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow @MarchesAcademyTrust.

