

Dear parents and carers,

As we close the door on another fantastic week here at The Grove School, I would like to extend a well done to the sporting teams that have been representing us across the county. It's great to see us competing more in competitions, and we now have more extra-curricular clubs on offer. Though there is much more to do in this area, we have made some good strides forward.

Thank you to the responses so far to the parental questionnaire, and for those of you who have expressed an interest in attending the open events that I am holding in the coming weeks – it will be great to hear some of the ideas you have to continue our journey into creating a truly great school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher

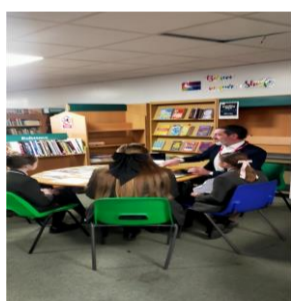


REMINDERS & NOTICES

Speed Networking Event

Our Year 8 Career Speed Networking event took place on Wednesday. We had a range of employers who talked to small groups of students for six minutes, before the students moved round to chat to the next employer. The aim was to introduce our students to the widest possible range of jobs and professions available to them in the local marketplace, hoping to broaden their horizons and encourage them to aim high. It also helped students to improve their communication skills and confidence.

A big thank you to all the local businesses and employers who gave their time to support our 'Future Me' programme, including Shropshire Council, Paethorpes, the Police and Fire Service, Fine & Country, WSP amongst many others.



Netball & Football

Last week we took a group of students to a netball and football tournament in Oswestry.

The netball team played The Marches School in the semi-finals - who they beat to meet Corbet School in the final. After a well contested game it finished on a draw. Therefore, the team came joint first in the North Shropshire tournament.

We are very proud of all the girls and cannot wait to see them compete in more fixtures.



The football team did well too. They worked hard as a group and came fourth out of all the schools. A special well done to Jake Rawsthorne who got three goals throughout the day. We cannot wait to see both teams back in action at the next event!



Coffee Morning and Afternoon

A reminder that we have our two parent information events on **Monday 27th January at 5.30 pm** and **Wednesday 29th January at 10.15 am**.

These will be an opportunity to hear our plans for the future, reflect on what is working well and help us focus on where we can further improve.

We would love to see as many of our families as possible, so if you can attend please click the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/T35AxhYbg5> by **Friday 24th January 2025**.



Parent Questionnaire

We would be grateful if you could take five minutes to fill out our parent/carer questionnaire.

All feedback would be greatly appreciated and will be used to shape our school in the future.

Please click this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XeVLXH uTVQ>



Parent Partnership Group

We have started to establish a parent partnership group but would like more volunteers to grow it further. This is a group of like-minded parents who come together to discuss ideas, fundraise and become a further vehicle for change here at Team Grove. This group will help us to re-establish ourselves at the centre of the community and be an important part of that mission. If you are interested, please follow the link below and we will gather as a group in the next few weeks:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xbXi18BGEc>



UPCOMING EVENTS

27 Jan	Coffee morning at 5.30pm
29 Jan	Coffee afternoon at 10.15am
6 Feb	Year 9 Parents and Options Evening
14 Feb	Collaboration Day (Work online for students)
17 Feb	Half term holiday
24 Feb	PD Day – no students in school

NEWS

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