

Dear parents and carers,

Merry Christmas to all of our families! This week there has been a bumper selection of festive events, ranging from trips off-site, Christmas dinners, reward assemblies – and the annual showing of the staff Christmas video! Reflecting on the distance travelled as a school in the last 12 months has been a central theme of mine this week and, though lots of positive change has happened, there is much more to do. As we continue to drive The Grove School forward into a truly great school, I am acutely aware that we can only achieve this as a partnership between us as a school, you as parents, and our wider community. As we move into 2025, there is a real sense of excitement and optimism building on what we can all achieve together.

Please click this link to view this term's MATTV video from our Trust: <https://youtu.be/xwb45CGmptg>

Wishing you all a fantastic festive break,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Rewards Trips

Over the past week, all year groups have had the chance to attend a rewards trip for those pupils who have had excellent attendance and behaviour. We are proud to announce that over 500 of our students qualified. Trips included Year 7 to Airhop in Shrewsbury, Year 8 and Year 9 went ice skating and bowling, Year 10 & 11 went to the Trafford Centre. As you can see from the photos below, they all had a fabulous time!



Food Bank Appeal

A massive well done to everyone who took part in the food bank appeal. Two groups of students were challenged to buy items, for £30, from the profits of our cake sale.

Both groups managed to stay in budget and bought lots of items. Well done! These items will now go to families in need over the Christmas period. Thank you, everyone!



Care Home Visit

With the profits from the cake sale several students in Year 9 and Sixth Form, bought presents for residents of the local care home and on Wednesday visited to deliver the gifts. Here is the lovely comment we have received:

"Firstly, I want to thank and congratulate you and your pupils. They were extremely polite and respectful. Our residents loved having them visit and we can't thank you enough."



Marches Academy Trust

The Marches Academy Trust's Winter Newsletter is now available to read! Please click this link to view: <https://bit.ly/MATWinter24>

Christmas Card Competition

This year we ran a Christmas card competition for all students throughout our school. We had over 120 entries and the choosing a winner was very difficult. In the end, the judges chose a design centred around Grove House at Christmas, which was created by Lily Davies in Year 13. This design went into a Trust-wide competition, and we are proud to announce we came third overall. In addition to the winning design, we also chose 6 runners up who were: Madison Healy, Poppy Jones, Leo Johnson, Kiera Drayton and Olivia Cadden. They were all treated to hot chocolate and a special prize in their awards assembly. Well done all!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 06 Jan First day back at school (Spring Term)
- 13 Jan Sixth Form mock exams
- 6 Feb Year 9 Parents and Options Evening
- 17 Feb Half Term Holiday
- 24 Feb PD Day (students out)
- 25 Feb Back to School

NEWS

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