

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has passed by here at The Grove School. It's been great to visit so many lessons and discuss with our students their learning and what they are doing to help themselves remember more, and make links with their prior learning – not always an easy task! I am also delighted to say that we have more champions in the team – our Under 13s football team! Well done girls!

You will notice that there will be a Trust parental survey sent out soon, this is separate to our recent one – some of the content is crossed over but gives you a chance to share your thoughts more widely on the Marches Academy Trust.

I am looking forward to meeting those of you who can make the open events next week, as we discuss and develop ideas for the next step in our journey.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Cross Country

This week some of our students attended a cross-country event at Moreton Hall School, outside of Oswestry. A special mention goes to Willow who won the Year 8 girls' race - it was a fantastic run, and she set a great pace. Oliver came second in the Year 8 boys' race - again after executing fantastic placing and a great finish. Evie came second in the Year 7 girls' race and Sophie came sixth, both putting in maximum effort. All runners did an excellent job and did Team Grove proud!



Football

Our Under 15s football team played in the North Shropshire Tournament this week. Fantastic football skills were shown by all. The Grove School team just narrowly missed out by losing 2-1 in the final.

Our Under 13s also played and reached the final with a closely fought out match. This meant it had to go to penalties. Eventually, The Grove School won 2-1 to become Shropshire Champions. Well done all!



Rugby

Some of our students attended the North Shropshire Under 14s Rugby Tournament held at St Martins School. The Grove School remained unbeaten throughout the day, winning every game, and eventually the overall tournament. We scored 13 and only conceded 1 try along the way. Well done to all of those that took part. You were all amazing and showed great team spirit!



RAF Virtual World Event

The RAF is holding its next Virtual World event on the 29th January 2025. Students aged 16+ are invited to join them online to find out more about the RAF, their mission, their people, and the roles they offer. There is no cost to attending and parents are encouraged to join too.

The link for the event is here: [RAF World: Ready for Take Off Tickets, Wed 29 Jan 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raf-world-ready-for-take-off-tickets-wed-29-jan-2025-at-19-30)

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 events 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 5pm on Friday 24th January 2025.



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

We have had a great response so far with our parent/carers questionnaire. If you haven't already done so, please take five minutes to give us your views on our school.

All feedback would be greatly appreciated and will be used to shape The Grove in the future.

Please click this link:

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



INFORM Mini Programme

Some of our Year 9 students participated in the first session of the **INFORM Mini Programme** (with Higher Horizons) aimed *'to empower learners to make informed choices about GCSE pathways'*. As part of the three sessions, our students will understand the benefits of further and higher education, challenge common misconceptions and make sure every student has the information to make an informed choice about their future.



UPCOMING EVENTS

27 Jan	Coffee afternoon at 5.30pm
29 Jan	Coffee morning at 10.15am
6 Feb	Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening 4pm-6pm
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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