

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Exam season has begun in earnest this week – the students have been carefully prepared and are heading into each exam with the confidence that they can achieve their personal best.

This weekend, many of you will be joining the town in its annual 10K, which begins at The Grove – we're proud to be part of this huge community occasion – good luck to all those that are participating in any of the associated events!

Yesterday we joined the community in celebrating 80 years since VE Day, myself and Mr Shone were joined by a small group of our students to lay a wreath in memory of those we lost all those years ago. Back on site, students impeccably fell silent for 2 minutes at 12pm. A fitting tribute for all of those that helped build the foundations for a better future.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES **Football Players Wanted**



## **Parent Partnership Group**

We have our next Parent Partnership Group meeting on Monday at 6pm. We are planning our first big event which is a summer fair, so please come along to share ideas and support.



## **Shrewsbury Town Success**

One of our Y7 pupils, Abigail Williams, plays for the U12s at Shrewsbury Town Foundation's Emerging Talent Centre. On Tuesday, they attended the Elite Development Programme National Finals at Gunnersby Park, London. The U12s earned their spot at the prestigious event after progressing through regional qualifiers in Northampton. Well done, Abigail and all the team!



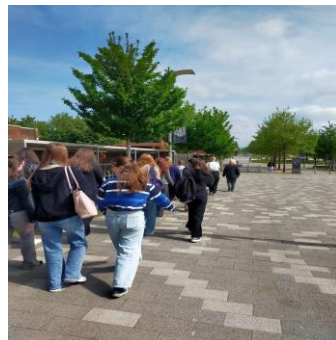
## **Market Drayton 10K**

A reminder that on Sunday, the Market Drayton 10K takes place here on our school grounds. It will be a fabulous event, so please come and support. We wish good luck to all those that are participating!



## **University Visit**

On Wednesday, some of our Year 10 pupils attended Staffordshire University. The visit included a talk about higher education, a campus tour, student life information and taster sessions in forensics, engineering and blackout poetry. The forensics taster included looking for evidence in the university's purpose built 'house of crime' and a tour of a mock-up prison cell. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it gave them a chance to experience a taste of student life.



## **Mentoring at The Grove**

Would you feel able to help support an individual Grove student?

Students are referred to our mentoring scheme for different reasons and we offer a listening ear and support. The commitment is one hour a week. We are always looking for additional voluntary mentors:

- members of the Market Drayton community,
- friends of the Grove,
- grandparents (who may have more time than parents)
- and, especially, male mentors who feel they could support boys



If you think you might be interested, please email Mrs Sophie Berry at [Sophie.Berry@gro.mmat.co.uk](mailto:Sophie.Berry@gro.mmat.co.uk)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

12 May	Parent Partnership Group Meeting at 6pm
14 May	HPV eConsult deadline (Y8) 9am
15 May	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-6pm
15 May	GSCE Art Exhibition 3-5pm
23 May	Last Day of Half Term
2 June	Back to School

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