

11th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This week I have had the honour of visiting The Birks – our home-away-from-home up in the Lake District. Throughout the next two weeks our students in Year 8 go ‘off-grid’ on a residential. I know that so many of you hold The Birks in high regard following your own experiences as children, but to see it first hand has been a magical experience. It’s a truly unique and phenomenal resource that our community has carefully maintained for our students. We are really privileged.

On site preparations have begun for our inaugural community day next Wednesday and our Summer Fair on Wednesday evening (3.30pm – 7.00pm). We are really excited to open the doors once more to our community for you to come and relax, celebrating all the great things about Team Grove and Market Drayton. It will be great to see as many of you there that can make it....

Wishing you a great weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 9 Geography Project

Our Year 9 geographers have been busy carrying out fieldwork around the school site. They've been creating detailed field sketches, measuring tree heights and testing water infiltration rates to assess which areas are most - and least - at risk of flooding. It's been a hands-on opportunity to apply their knowledge of physical geography in a real-world context!



Market Drayton Cricket Club

This is open to all of our students who have an interest in taking part.



Bronze DofE Qualifying

See below for pictures of the Bronze DofE expedition that took place a few days ago. All the students thoroughly enjoyed it, especially having a campfire, toasting marshmallows on the evening and successfully navigating themselves around Cannock Chase. Well done to all those who took part!



'Tasty Careers' with Müller

This week, Year 7 students at The Grove School got to explore the links between careers and the curriculum when they took part in a workshop with Müller.

Students were briefed to design and launch a new yogurt variety, focusing on the trends of their generation. The students were split into teams to come up with their idea, plan the design and then launch and present back to the group. Supported by employees from Müller, the students were encouraged to think creatively and use critical thinking.

Thanks to Müller Market Drayton for a great opportunity!



Community Day

On Wednesday 16th July, it is our Community Day here at The Grove School and we are desperately looking for contribution of plants of any kind: geraniums, hostas, petunias, lavenders, asters, peonies, echinacea – anything would be most welcome.



Summer Fair

A reminder that we have our Summer Fair on Wednesday at 3.30pm. We are excited to announce that RAF Shawbury are landing in a Juno HT1 helicopter, and visitors will be able to get up close. We also have over 30 stalls, games, live entertainment and refreshments. This is event has been organised by our Parent Partnership Group and is open to the local community, so please bring your whole family along.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 16 July | Community Day |
| 16 July | Summer Fair 3.30pm – 7pm |
| 17 July | Award Ceremony |
| 22 July | Sports Day |
| 23 July | Reserve Sports Day |
| 24 July | Last Day of Term |

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