

23rd May 2025

Dear parents and carers,

There has been much excitement around the school this week as I shared some of the uniform changes which come into force after the half term break. I hope you have received the letter that explains the changes – I am really happy that we have managed to drive change through student voice. We will continue to use their voice to shape change here at The Grove School, something I have been keen to be a hallmark of our culture since I arrived as Headteacher. I have also attached the feedback summary of the two parental questionnaires that we have sent out this year – it is clear that there are many positives, but our main areas of development continue to be around improving our communication between the school and home – something that we will continue to develop and improve.

I couldn't sign off for the half term break without mentioning students in Year 11 and Year 13 - they have continued to be incredible as they tackle the demands of continued revision and then their individual performance in exams. They are a credit to both their families and our school.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Library

A massive thank you to a parent who was having a sort out of books. This massive donation will be going into our Shore library to support our 'Reading for Pleasure' initiatives. Donations of used books (in good condition) are always welcomed, especially those aimed at Years 7-9.



Year 11 Art Exhibition

Thank you to all who attended the exhibition. As you can see from the pictures below, the standard of their artwork was outstanding!



Football

Ollie Worrall, Year 9, has been given another 2 year contract with Stoke City and they won the U14 Sofascore Cup at the weekend in Brugge. Ollie scored the winning penalty after a fantastic save by their keeper. Well done, Ollie!



Thomas Telford School Swimming Gala



We took a group of pupils to participate in a swimming gala at Thomas Telford School. All swimmers performed brilliantly and behaved in an impeccable manner, which was excellent to see. It was a pleasure to take these students along and witness their high levels of performance in the pool.

Congratulations to them all!

Buckingham Palace Gardens

Tabby Fish, a member of staff, was at Buckingham Palace for the Gold DofE celebration, where hundreds attended. Tabby said it was a privilege to be able to view the gardens, speak to so many others who had competed the award and listen to the Duke of Edinburgh's speech. What an amazing experience!



Under 15 Netball

Ava and Lois Pullar helped Staffordshire County U15 netball team beat eleven other County teams to become champions. Another netball success. Well done to you both!



Grove Summer Fair



On 16th July, we will be holding a Summer Fair, organised by our newly formed Parent Partnership Group (PPG). The event will run from 3.30pm until 7pm. There will be arts and crafts, tombola, games, food, cakes, ice cream van, live entertainment, bouncy castle, shoot-the-goalie, drench the teacher and much more. We are inviting the local community to run stalls. If you are interested in running a stall, or willing to volunteer to help on the day, please scan the QR code or email joanne.malone@gro.mmat.co.uk.



UPCOMING EVENTS

23 May	Last Day of Half Term
2 June	Back to School
5 June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
20 June	Collaboration Day (students remote learning)
27 June	Reward Trip to The Arcade Club
16 July	Summer Fair 3.30pm – 7pm
24 July	Last Day of Term

NEWS

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