

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome to 2026 from Team Grove! Can I thank everyone for their patience and support during an incredibly fragmented first week back due to the weather. Despite it being interrupted, we still managed to hold a whole school assembly where I spoke to students about the importance of developing new habits (I always find that New Year resolutions are so unachievable!). This is rooted in making small steps and seeing big changes. Here on site the students have settled very well in the second week of term, and we are starting to see some of those new habits embed in their daily routines.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Art Club

Brand new Art Club for Year 9s and 10s, Mondays after school starting next week. Sessions are 1 hour and materials are provided – though you can bring your own if you wish. Sketchbooks encouraged.

Anyone wishing to take part does not need to be taking/planning to take GCSE Art!

See Mrs Burton for more details.



### Higher Horizons



Last week, Earlier Higher Horizons came to The Grove with their Unifacts Programme.

The set of workshops is designed to help learners make informed choices about their future and develop an understanding of the benefits of further and higher education.

Students were made to challenge common misconceptions and increase their knowledge of graduate outcomes and the value of higher education.



### RAF Cadets



Looking for something different to do or learning new skills on Tuesday and Thursday evenings?

Thought about joining the RAF Air Cadets?

Come down to our recruitment evening, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at 7:15pm.

We are recruiting Years 8-10 who may be interested in developing new life skills and building new experiences.

Contact 01630639856 or go on <https://www.raf.mod.uk/air-cadets/find-a-squadron/> for more information.

### Whole School Assembly

It was amazing to have all our school together in the hall last week, experiencing the first assembly of 2026.



## Parent Partnership Group

Our next Parent Partnership Group meeting is being held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 6pm, here at Grove. This group of like-minded parents come together to discuss ideas, fundraise and become a further vehicle for change here at team Grove. Last year, this group organised several events including the Summer Fair and the Firework Evening. If you are interested in becoming part of our PPG, please come along!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

5 Feb	Y9 Options Evening 4pm – 6pm
13 Feb	Last day of half term
23 Feb	PD Day – no students in school
24 Feb	Collaboration Day- Online learning
26 Feb	Y10 Parents' Evening

### NEWS

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