

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. Over the next few weeks there will be a series of consultations that I would really value your opinion on. Earlier this term we asked for considerations around the Student Parliaments request to move from blazers to jumpers. Your feedback was well received, and we will be making the changes on a phased roll out from September.

The next consideration I would really value your opinion on is timings of the school day. You may have read some of the governmental changes about this that have been released over the past six months. Here at Team Grove, we fall slightly short of the intended 32.5 hours, and after liaising with the Trust, there is now a Trust-wide consultation on the model of the school day. There are three models that we are asking for your opinions on, please follow the link below to share your thoughts.

In future weeks there will be a consultation on the building of a SEND Resource hub, in place of the derelict bungalow on site, and we will also be asking your opinion on moving to a phone-free school.

Though there will seem like a number of consultations, each aspect is really important to the next stage of our development, so I do appreciate your time in sharing your thoughts.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Yr 9 Parents Eve and Options Event



On Thursday 5th February we are holding our Year 9 parents consultations and options evening. This is not only a chance for parents to meet with core subject teachers, but also to find out information about the options process. All families attending will be able to visit our 'market place' of stalls, which will exhibit each option subject, and have the chance to speak to specialist teachers, to get a more in depth insight into subject content. For more information on how to book appointments, please see the email sent out this week or contact

admin@gro.mmat.co.uk



High Sherrif Award



Last week, Mr Allsopp attended the High Sherriff of Shropshire awards in Telford. During which he, and us all at Grove, were recognised for the great and valuable services to the community. During the evening there were over thirty awards given out recognising various people across Shropshire, for their outstanding contribution to our great county. Well done to all our students, staff and families, who are making a huge difference in our community and beyond!



Parent/ Carer Consultation

An email has been sent out this week regarding changes to the timings of the school day from September 2026. The Trust would like some feedback on what would work best for you and your family. If you haven't received the letter, please contact:

joanne.malone@gro.mmat.co.uk

You can share your thoughts on the various options by filling out this survey:

<https://edurio.com/poll/fhUYxi>



Defence Employer Recognition Scheme – Bronze Award

We are pleased to share that The Marches Academy Trust have been awarded the Bronze Award under the Ministry of Defence's Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS). The ERS recognises employers who demonstrate a commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community, including serving personnel, reservists, veterans and their families.

This follows the signing of the covenant, that took place here at Grove, last year. We are very proud of our work alongside the armed forces and our very important forces families that we have within Team Grove!



Valentines Disco

Our Parent Partnership Group are organising a disco for Years **7 & 8**. Tickets are on sale from Monday, from reception (cash only). The price is £5 which includes a free drink.

Year 7 & 8

Grove School 

Valentine Disco

12th February 2026

5pm - 7pm

£5 Entry including a drink

Tickets available from school reception 

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 Feb	Y9 Options Evening at 4pm	
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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