

Dear parent and carers,

A warm welcome back to the Summer term here at Team Grove. It's been brilliant to welcome the students back to the school. We have started this week with some great news - the new toilet block has opened outside the reception area. Students are really pleased with these - and brings to end the work on toilet facilities - we have had four new areas of the school developed for the pupils, which has been an important response to student voice over the past couple of years.

We have also had the initial site work begin on the brand-new SEND resource hub, which is being built for opening during 2027. This is replacing the old caretaker's bungalow on the site, another exciting development as we continue to improve the facilities for the young people of Market Drayton. Finally, I wanted to pass on a huge congratulations to everyone who performed in our Spring Concert this week - the talent on stage was incredible - real stars of the future!

Wishing you a fantastic weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

We would like to remind parents that Secondary Schools **do not follow the 48-hour sickness rule** used in Primary Schools. Students are welcome to return once they are well and able to attend lessons.

Medication

If your child is required to take medication during the school day, a medication consent form must be completed. All medication should then be handed in and securely stored at reception, where your child can collect it when required. Medication should not be kept in pupils' bags.

This does not include inhalers or EpiPens; however, we still need to be informed if your child requires these, and the relevant forms must also be completed.

Running for Robin

In memory of Robin Allen, some of our students are running the Market Drayton 10K to raise money for the charity 'Supershoes'. If you would like to support this special cause, please visit:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/robin-allen-supershoes?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM



Student's hands on experience

Our Year 12 Biology students have had the opportunity to step away from textbooks and get hands on with their learning. They explored how different animals have a range of gas exchange systems, gaining a practical understanding of how these adaptations work in real life.



Grow our own

The first Allotment club took place on Monday with students planning what to grow on our patch behind D-block! We encourage more Year 7 students and parents/carers who would like to help out, to join us each Monday, between 3-4.15pm. The more the merrier!



Rewards trips

At the end of last term, we took over 600 students to Alton Towers, as a reward for their hard work and good behaviour. It was a great day, and a well-deserved treat. Details of the next reward trip will be sent out soon.



Spring Festival

On Tuesday, we were delighted to come together as a school community to celebrate the outstanding talent of our students. The evening showcased performances from across the school, including fantastic numbers from our Year 10 and Year 11 bands and our ever popular Voicebox. The audience was also treated to a variety of impressive solo performances, as well as a wonderful appearance from the cast of our recent production of *Oliver!* Thank you to all those that came along to support the performers and also to Kacey Cripps (Y11) for taking the wonderful photographs below. As you can see it was a truly enjoyable event. We are so proud of everyone who took part to showcase their creative abilities and amazing talents.



UPCOMING EVENTS

20 April	PPG meeting. All welcome – 6pm to 7pm
30 April	Y8 Parents Evening 4-6pm
4 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
7 May	GCSE examinations begin
11 May	A-Level examinations begin
22 May	Last Day of the Half Term
1 June	Students Return to School
4 June	Year 7 Parents Evening

NEWS

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