

Dear parents and carers,

It's been another great week here at Team Grove - lots going on, as always, including the building of the SEND Resource Hub beginning in earnest. Students in both Y11 and Y13 have kicked off the summer exam season, with the oral exams in our language subject areas. From this point, we know that these members of our team are going to be feeling more pressure and raised anxiety - we will all be here ready to support them. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best from across all corners of Team Grove.

I am also delighted to share that we have now installed our very own radio station! It's not quite ready to broadcast yet... but watch this space!

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

School Photos

On Monday 27 April, our photographers will be in to take year group photographs, as well as those of the clubs and teams. Please ensure students are in full school uniform, and that those involved in clubs or teams bring their appropriate kit with them on the day. Further information about ordering photographs will be shared once proofs are available

Grove Radio Coming Soon

See the picture below for a taster of what's to come. As you can see, our Sixth Form students, Freddy and Katie, are getting to grips with our new radio club equipment (working in partnership with Shropshire Council and Shropshire Music Service). Students will be live on air before we know it!



We are very fortunate to have our own field centre, The Birks, and every summer Year 8 are given the opportunity to attend a residential trip at this wonderful facility. During the visit they participate in low level walks, team-building challenges, including rock climbing, abseiling and ghyll scrambling (river/gorge walking plus swimming). Another important aspect of this type of visit is that students will be expected to take a role in domestic chores, including cooking, cleaning and food prep. More information will be sent out soon to our current Year 8's on this Summer's planned adventure!

"A Day in the Life of a Uni Student"

Step into the world of higher education! Year 8 students are going to Staffordshire University on Friday 8th May where they will explore campus life, tour inspiring facilities, and take part in hands-on workshops designed to spark curiosity and ambition.



Explore the Wonders of the USA Geography Field Trip This October!

This October half term, join us for an unforgettable Geography field trip exploring some of the world's most spectacular landscapes. We'll be visiting iconic locations including Lake Mead, the Hoover Dam and the breathtaking Grand Canyon – a fantastic opportunity to see Geography come to life outside the classroom. We still have places available - don't miss out on this exciting and inspiring experience. For more information, please contact Mr. Greenfield at shaun.greenfield@gro.mmat.co.uk.



**BIRMINGHAM
REPERTORY
THEATRE**

Through our ongoing partnership with the Birmingham Rep, a group of our Year 9 students have been given the opportunity to perform a 20-minute curtain-raiser on the main stage, at this prestigious theatre, followed by attending a matinee performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Thursday 30th April. 'Break a leg' to all the performers, you will all be amazing!

AN UNFORGETTABLE GCSE HISTORY LEARNING EXPERIENCE



For more information, please see Miss O'Brien or Miss Hanmer.

Your parents can sign up for this trip on the Arbor platform.

This trip is currently for Year 9s/10s taking GCSE History however if you are interested and not taking History please see Miss O'Brien/ Miss Hanmer to be added to the reserve list.

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GCSE History Trip to Kraków, Poland

30 November – 2 December 2026 | Edexcel GCSE Weimar & Nazi Germany

Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Visit

Students visit Auschwitz-Birkenau to deeply understand Nazi policies and Holocaust consequences.

Oskar Schindler Factory Museum

The factory museum offers insights into Nazi-occupied Kraków and stories of individual resistance.

Wieliczka Salt Mines Tour

The UNESCO salt mines provide cultural and industrial history enriching the students' experience.

Kraków Christmas Markets

Students enjoy Kraków's festive markets, experiencing Polish culture and traditional celebrations.



The total cost of the trip is **£609** which includes **half-board accommodation**, **return flights**, and **all airport transfers**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30 April	Y8 Parents Evening 4-6pm
4 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
5 May	Sixth Form 'Evening of Popular Music'
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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