

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year! We are already two weeks into the new term, and students have settled very quickly into their new routines. I would like to extend my apologies on behalf of the school for any frustrations you may have faced as a family with the uniform over the summer. This is being resolved and unfortunately has been completely out of our hands. Being a parent myself, I know how important the first day pictures are, so hopefully they can be recreated when the full uniform arrives. We celebrated some brilliant individual results over the summer for both our Year 13 and Year 11 students - a huge congratulations to them all.

I spoke to the whole school together in our first school assembly about the importance of connectedness and spoke of the Pando organism in Utah - each tree survives, and thrives, by the interconnected root system which is the largest in the world. I likened this to our school and wider community - we are only as strong as we help others to be. We then launched our newly formed House system, which is based on our wonderful home-from-home in the Lake District, The Birks. I am really excited to share that Year 7 begin their first visits to The Birks in the next couple of weeks.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Break Time Fun

This is what a lunchtime at The Shore looked like this week with our amazing LLS Sixth Form students supporting football games with our new Year 7. It was great to see Team Grove supporting our new students.



Open6 Tickwood Hall Challenge - Friday 18th September

Our enrichment programme offers students across the Trust to take part in The Tickwood Hall circular route challenge. This is an 8-10 mile walk designed to provide students with an opportunity to challenge themselves, develop new skills, meet new friends, and enjoy the benefits of spending time outdoors in a supportive and enjoyable environment



The Grove School Launches New House System!

We are delighted to launch our new House System at The Grove School.

Inspired by The Birks in the Lake District, a place with strong links to our school community, our four houses are named after local features surrounding the site:

Duddon House
Harter House
Hardknott House
Seathwaite House

Students and staff have now discovered their houses, and the competition is already underway, with points awarded for attendance and positive behaviour.



We'd Love to See Your Birks Memories!

Many members of the Market Drayton community have fond memories of The Birks. If you have any photographs of yourself, family members or former Grove students at The Birks, please send them to school via your child's Head of House, together with the name of the Grove student you are connected to.

Open Evening



We are holding our Open Evening on Tuesday 22nd September from 4.30-7.30pm. This is a chance for families with children in Years 5 & 6 to come along, meet our teachers, explore our facilities, and speak to some of our students about life here as part of Team Grove.

If families are unable to attend, but would like a daytime tour, please email: admin@gro.mmat.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 September	Year 11 Mocks start
17 September	Man City vs Norwich football trip
22 September	Open Evening – 4.30-7.30pm
25 September	Collaboration Day – work set online for students
3 October	School Photos
8 October	Y7 End of Transition meeting
16 October	Y7 & 8 School Disco
16 October	Students break up for Half Term holiday
2 November	Students back at school

NEWS

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