

### Dear Parents and Carers,

After a speedy five weeks we have reached the half term break already! I have been really impressed with how our students have begun our new era with the positivity and forward thinking that all new challenges deserve. When starting at Grove I was struck with the lack of rewards that students received, and though a work in progress, I am delighted that we have been able to reward many of our pupils this week!

I would also like to thank staff for their commitment this half term, they have been a brilliant team to work with – and an extra thank you to those who are giving up part of their half term break to take our wonderful students over to Italy for an incredible trip around the Bay of Naples! We have many more trips planned over the coming months, so please keep an eye out across our different messaging platforms.

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 19th February so we are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back on Tuesday 20th February in their full school uniform. Wishing you all a fantastic half term break.



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

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**Headteacher**



### Careers

On Wednesday, we saw the Big Yellow Bus arrive here at Grove ready to talk all things apprenticeships! 45 students were chosen based on their post-year 11 plans, and were immersed in a carousel of activities for the last hour of the school day. This was an invaluable opportunity for those interested in apprenticeships or those struggling with what their next steps are. Students had an interactive talk, team building activities looking at practicing key skills needed in the workplace, and lastly a virtual reality challenge based around what students had learned over the session. A big thank you needs to go to our CEIAG co-ordinator, Mrs Berry, for organising this and continuing to support our year 11s so thoroughly. (For more pictures see page 2).



### Revision packs

Our year 11 students have all received a revision resource pack to help them in their studies over the coming weeks. These were designed to include a note book, cue cards, post-it notes, plenty of colourful pens, highlighter and a handy revision tips crib sheet. There was also some added fuel in the form of sweets which hopefully gives them an important boost of energy... These packs are for every student to use between home and school to ensure that equipment does not become a barrier. Students enjoyed looking through their packs and thinking about how best to put each resource to good use.

### Year 10 Pupils Harvest Insight into Degree Apprenticeships at Harper Adams University

On Monday, 5th February, a group of Year 10 pupils embarked on an educational journey to Harper Adams University in Newport. The trip was organised by Mrs Berry and Mr Pledger, as part of the school's celebration of National Apprenticeship Week, aiming to provide students with valuable insights into degree apprenticeship courses, particularly in the fields of food and agriculture.

The pupils represented the school admirably, displaying enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day's activities.



The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the opportunity for students to attend lectures and workshops focusing on degree apprenticeships. These sessions provided invaluable information about the structure, content, and benefits of pursuing a degree apprenticeship in various fields related to food and agriculture. Students had the chance to interact with lecturers and industry professionals, gaining firsthand knowledge about potential career paths and academic opportunities.

Special thanks are due to the staff at Harper Adams University for their warm hospitality and informative sessions, which made the trip both educational and enjoyable for all involved.

*Please see below for more photographs of the day.*

### Sporting News

Our Under 14 Netball team travelled to Ellesmere College to compete in the North Shropshire tournament. Luckily the weather stayed good- a bit cold but better than rain.

The team played some fantastic netball- playing Moreton Hall, Marches, Adcote and Lakelands in the group stages and were undefeated. They played Oswestry school in the semi final- continuing their undefeated strike they got into the final against Ellesmere college. It was a hard fought out, very close game with Grove losing 3-1.

It was a fantastic showcase of netball and I was very proud of how the team represented the school, showed great sportsmanship and some awesome netball. Well done girls- 2nd in North Shropshire is a fantastic achievement.



### IT Drop in Sessions

The Trust IT team is currently exploring the possibility of hosting IT Drop-in Sessions in the near future, with the initial sessions planned to be held at Grove. While the exact dates are yet to be finalised, if you're interested, we invite you to complete the form provided below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NJK94zrkAk>

### "Cultivating Knowledge": Year 10 visiting Harper Adams University



# REWARDS

## Year 7

The final week of half term has been a busy one for year 7s with lots of rewards and opportunities for the great work many students have done since returning after Christmas and starting 2024 in the best way.

On Thursday 8th February, 120 students were invited to take part in a rewards event in the main Hall, where students had the opportunity to watch a film with popcorn provided. These students (That is 87% of the year group!) were rewarded for consistently setting a shining example of what we strive for all our students here at Grove to achieve. Their effort, drive, and focus on doing the basics right, every time, is refreshing to see and they should be proud of setting the highest example to everyone else at the school. It was refreshing to focus on the positive examples that we are surrounded by every day.



I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic homework history projects of Izzy Cadman-Reed, Georgia Wheatcroft-Hayes and Amber Lloyd. Their dedication to the homework project is a testament to each of the girls and they have definitely gone above and beyond what was expected of them. Above is a picture of them with their homework – Well done girls!

## Year 8

This week a selected number of our year 8 pupils were invited to the hall to watch “Chicken Run” and enjoy a box of popcorn. The pupils were chosen on their attendance record and excellent behaviour and they all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all parents for supporting your child’s learning at Grove and ensuring their attendance is good. We’re looking forward to the next half term and enjoying more rewards before Easter.



## Year 9

We are delighted to announce the top House Point winners for Year 9. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievement:

Masie H George L Ryan H

Their dedication and commitment to earning House Points are commendable, and we applaud their efforts.

In addition, we would like to inform you about an upcoming event to celebrate the achievements of our Year 9 students. Yesterday, we hosted a rewards afternoon for 102 Year 9 students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and maintained 100% attendance throughout the term. This event aims to recognise their hard work and commitment to their studies.

During the rewards afternoon, students enjoyed a special film screening accompanied by popcorn, as a token of appreciation for their dedication and effort. Mr. Duerden, along with the entire school staff, extends his heartfelt gratitude to all the students for their perseverance and commitment.

We encourage parents to continue supporting and encouraging their children in their academic journey. Thank you for your continued cooperation and involvement in your child's education.



## Year 10

On Thursday, 8th February, the PE corridor echoed with the sound of celebration as Year 10 students gathered to revel in their hard-earned rewards at the Y10 Reward Pizza Party. This much-anticipated event brought together a select group of pupils who demonstrated unwavering dedication to their studies, impeccable behaviour, and a commitment to punctuality.

The guest list for this exclusive soiree was not determined by academic prowess alone. The criteria for attendance included an unblemished behaviour record, exemplary attendance, and a remarkable absence of late arrivals since the Christmas break. This stringent selection process ensured that only the most deserving students had the golden ticket to indulge in this delectable celebration.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as the qualifying pupils stepped into the transformed school gymnasium. The reward party was a testament to their resilience, hard work, and positive contributions to the school community. Well done all!

## Year 11

The final week of half term has been a busy one for year 11s with lots of rewards and opportunities to think about life beyond their final year of secondary school!

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 60 students were invited to take part in a rewards event full of pizza and music to recognise their excellent conduct within lessons and around the school. These students consistently set a shining example of what we strive for all our students here at Grove to achieve. Their effort, drive, and focus on making the most of their final year has been a delight to see. Year 11 is a tough year, and I’m very conscious that students start to feel that the only feedback they receive is how they should maintain their revision momentum, so it’s been a pleasure to allow them to take a moment out of the routine and reflect on what a credit they are!



## Big Yellow Bus pictures



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9<sup>th</sup> February- Trust Collaboration Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> February PD Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> February Return to school



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