

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a jam-packed week of events here at Grove, with students taking part in the Varsity Games and some of our students heading up to The Birks for their expedition linked to their Duke of Edinburgh award. It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils taking part in these extra-curricular activities.

Last term I received several requests to host an evening event to meet me and hear some of the plans for Team Grove – I can confirm that this will occur on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, ahead of our Spring music concert (5-6pm). More information will be shared about this event next week – please save the date if you would like to attend. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

To celebrate World Book Day, we are running a potato-decorating competition, this is open to all year groups and staff. Entrants need to decorate a potato as their favourite book character and will be judged on how imaginative and close to the character they are.

Entries need to be brought to the Library on World Book Day during tutor time.



### IT

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

<https://forms.office.com/e/NJK94zrk>

### Under 15 Netball

Please find below a picture of the Under 15 netball team. They played in the Under 15 Shropshire County Netball Tournament on the 27<sup>th</sup> February at Church Stretton School. They played some fantastic netball and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. The team were undefeated in the plate competition, winning in the final against Ellesmere College with a closely contested game. Well played girls, we are very proud of you and your netball.



### Cricket Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity available for all girls at the Grove. On Tuesday, we have a cricket coach from Shropshire Cricket, coming in to do taster sessions. Any girl can come along- no sign up required- just need a PE kit. The club will run after school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. This will also be available on Monday lunchtimes on these dates: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Any questions please head down to PE to ask.

### Varsity Games

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, we took 56 students from across year 7 and 8 to compete in the annual Marches Academy Trust Secondary School Varsity Games, at Shrewsbury School. Students competed in Football, Netball, Rugby, Rowing and had an introduction to the historical game of Fives.

These games are not just about competition but also about fostering team spirit, discipline and teamwork, and we would like to thank all of the participants for their effort, application and performance throughout the day.

We would like to highlight some stand out achievements on the day:

- Year 7 Girls Football team won their competition
- Year 8 Girls Football team won their competition
- Year 7 Girls came second in the Netball competition
- Year 8 Boys came second in the Rugby competition
- Both the U13 Girls and Boys came third in their rowing competitions.

Well done to all!



### Extra Curricular PE After School (3-4 pm)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Benchball, Fitness (KS3)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dodgeball, Basketball KS4)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Indoor 5-a-side (KS3), Fitness (All years)</b>



See the PE department if you have any questions.

*(Clubs will change each half term)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- 1 – 3 March – Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Year 10 – The Birks
- 5 March – Year 11 Trip to Macbeth
- 4 – 8 – Final week of mock exams
- 12 March – Sixth Form Careers Fair, at Edgbaston Cricket Ground.



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