

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's edition about all of the things that are happening here at Team Grove.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have continued to embrace the exam season, rising to the challenges of multiple exams on the same day. The routine of having staff to talk to and work with prior to the exams is helping alleviate some of the pressure, alongside the techniques that you are applying at home.

Our Art team hosted our GCSE Art Exhibition this week. Over 50 visitors came to see our students' coursework, including some VIPs who have helped sponsor our brand new kiln – they were really enthusiastic about the quality of work that our young people, your children, had created.

It would be great if you were able to join us for an 'Evening of Popular Music' on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm, to support our talented sixth form musicians.

Have a restful weekend,

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
**Headteacher**



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### No Stress Book Club

Starting after half term, the 'No Stress Book Club' is open to all year groups, 3-4pm on a Monday afternoon in the library.



During the club, students can tell the group about what they are currently reading. The group will take it in turns to talk for a few minutes. Spoilers are not allowed! They tell the group how it's going - is it interesting? Are they enjoying it and why?

That's it - everyone reads whatever book they want to, at their own pace. If they decide the book isn't for them, they can abandon it and try another. This isn't a book club where everyone reads the same book. We encourage students to read whatever they want and the library has amazing and diverse choices.



### SPARX Maths

Every time a student completes a task or wins a mini-game, they earn Sparx Experience Points (XP).

Well done to the following tutor groups for achieving the highest average XP for this week: 7DPO, 8CTA and 9EGR!

A special shoutout to the following students who have gained 10 house points for achieving the highest XP for their year group:

Natasza	7ERO
Lexie	8CTA
Isabelle	9EGR
Illia	10NCA
Katie	11EPO

### An Evening of Popular Music

A reminder that we have our Year 12 and 13 musical concert on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. All are welcome and tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased through WisePay or from main reception directly. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details.



### 'The Wind in the Willows'

'The Wind in the Willows' musical is being performed at Sir John Talbot's School from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. See the attached leaflet for more information. Family fun for everyone over the half term break!



### An Orchard for Team Grove!

A few weeks ago we planted several fruit trees as we began work on an orchard on our school grounds – last week's warm blast, followed by this week's rain, has really helped our trees thrive – here is one of our apple trees. Our vision is to create an orchard and a wildflower meadow for students to have as their own sensory space. Though this vision is a few years away... we have made a strong start!



### GCSE Art Exhibition

On Wednesday we had our GCSE Art Exhibition and the grand opening of our kiln. We had a fantastic turnout and are extremely proud of the Year 11 students' work on display. We would like to thank our special guests from the PMI Trust and the Market Drayton Festival, who officially performed the opening. We also had a reporter attend, so look out for us on Shropshire Live and in the Shropshire Star, in the coming days.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

20<sup>th</sup> May – An Evening of Popular Music

20<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 Parent Information Evening 'The Shore'

24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term

3<sup>rd</sup> June – School re-opens

21<sup>st</sup> June – Trust Collaboration Day: online learning for pupils

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