

Friday 12th April 2024

Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week here at Grove. Our students have been out and about supporting local community projects and some of our lucky students managed to see a UEFA Champions League game. Despite the result (and late return!) students had a fantastic time.

Here in the school, it's been great to drop into classes and see some really engaging lessons. I saw one lesson in Humanities where the responses from our students were so thoughtful and considered. It's a privilege to lead such a brilliant set of students.

Over the next few weeks, we will be installing the new benches that have been requested through student voice. Watch this space!

Finally, Y11 and Y13 are working with real grit and determination towards their exams. We, as you will be, are really proud of their efforts – keep it up!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Football

The Grove School managed to source 21 tickets, through our partnership with LLS, to the Champions League Quarter Final second leg between Manchester City and Real Madrid on Wednesday. It was unfortunate that the home side lost on penalties but all who attended had a fantastic time.

We are also taking 36 students, across all years, to Goodison Park to experience the Merseyside derby between Everton vs Liverpool on Wednesday 24th April. This is a huge match in the run in at both ends of the table and the atmosphere will be electric.

We are planning similar exciting opportunities in the near future, for all pupils to access, as part of our commitment to enrich educational experiences.



Sporting Success

One of our Year 7 pupils, Keera Partridge, plays in Shrewsbury Town U12's football team, who played Brentford on Monday. After winning all three of their games, they won the National Championships. Well done to Keera and all her team!



Churchill Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our public speaking team who recently took part in the Churchill Public Speaking Competition, having already represented us at the Speeches Freed competition with Shrewsbury School. Mr Allsopp met the students to hear about their experience. Comments from pupils who took part included:

"It was something I loved and would definitely take part in again."

"This was an experience I would happily recommend to anyone who wants to push themselves to be more confident."

"It has been a terrific experience and I stepped out of my comfort zone. I'm looking forward to mentoring students in the teams for next year when I am at Sixth Form."

Well done to the team, you have made us very proud.

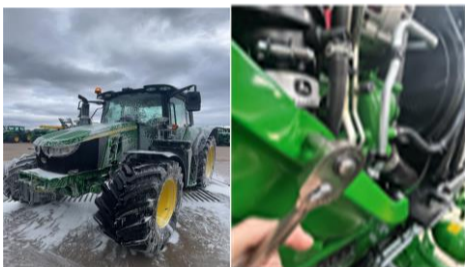


Cyber Prevent & Protect

West Mercia Police have asked us to share some important information with regards to protecting yourselves from Cyber Crime. Please see attached the document attached to this bulletin for more information.

Year 11 Work Experience over Easter Break

Isla Johnston from Year 11 is hoping to gain an apprenticeship with the Tallis Amos Group (TAG) after her GCSEs, so with the support of The Grove School, she organised a 4-day work experience at the Allscott depot in Telford during the Easter holidays. During her time there, she worked within the 'Workshop' and 'Parts' departments. The experience was fully hands-on, including working on loaders, carrying out a PDI on a John Deere 6R 195 and taking part in a test drive of a John Deere 6100M. Thanks to Guy Bunting and all the team at TAG for supporting Isla!



Year 9 Science

In Science, Year 9 have been studying the heart. The year group have applied their knowledge by experiencing the structure of the organ in a heart dissection. The group showed their excellent aptitude to learning with impeccable behaviour, awesome practical skills and great curiosity.



Grove Pupil to attend World Championships



Another of our very talented pupils is Max Glover in Year 11, who has been selected by the Kennel Club to represent Great Britain at the Junior Open Agility World Championships for the third year running. Max has trained and competed in dog agility since he was 4 years old, qualifying for finals held at Crufts every year since 2017. It is Max's parents who originally introduced Max to the event, and Max is keen to pursue a career in this field.

Since 2022, Max has won four gold medals, a silver and two bronze medals at World Championships. He has travelled to several countries including Finland, and this year he will go to Belgium to take part. Max's partner in all of this is his Bordie Collie cross breed 'Woody' and within his household has two other equally talented four legged friends 'Pink' & 'Sushi'.

We wish Max and Woody the best of luck at the World Championships in July.



UPCOMING EVENTS

25th April – Year 9 Options Evening - 6-7.30pm

3rd May – Trust Collaboration Day

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed

13th May- GCSE Art Exhibition in Hall

24th May – School Closes for half term



NEWS

Click [_](#) to view our latest news articles. Why not also follow us on Facebook @GroveSchoolShropshire for a wealth of content, from student, staff and school celebrations, to competitions. We encourage you to get interactive with our posts!

To hear about news from across the Trust, why not also follow @MarchesAcademyTrust.



School Trip on a Battlefields Tour

On Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March the Humanities department took 39 students on a battlefields tour in Northern France and Belgium. They were accompanied by a fantastic tour guide, Alan, who led them through various trench and memorial sites telling them in detail about the soldiers who fought there and the events which took place through WW1. This was all to complement the environmental study as part of their GCSE course. The students learnt facts about the Western Front, injuries, the treatment and the trenches. They stayed in their own private accommodation where students enjoyed time studying WW1 artefacts with our expert tour guide. They also enjoyed spending time with each other and playing football! It was commented by several members of the coach team, and our tour guide, how wonderful our students behaved and how insightful the questions, asked by our students were.



Budding Photographers

University Centre Shrewsbury is delighted to announce:

The Young Nature Photographer and The Young Nature Artist of the Year, 2024.

Prizes will be awarded by Stephen Moss: Award winning Naturalist, Author and TV Producer at the University Centre Shrewsbury on 27th June 2024.

Submit up to 4 of your best nature photographs and/or up to 4 digital copies (photographs or digitally created) works of art (yes, you are allowed to enter both competitions) to: naturephoto@chester.ac.uk by midnight 30th April 2024.

Age categories for both competitions: 8 under, 9-11, 12-15, 16-18 and 19-22.

Winners will be notified by the end of May and will be invited to attend the prize ceremony at the University Centre Shrewsbury.

PLEASE READ:
Please state your (child's) full name, age (as of the 1st May 2024), and "Photo" or "Art" in the subject line and in the first line of the message.
If you (your child) are entering the Photography and Art competition, please send two separate emails, but otherwise multiple entries can be submitted in one email.
Unfortunately, we will not be able to send prizes, so please make sure you are available to come to Shrewsbury on the 27th June.
Any queries, please email naturephoto@chester.ac.uk. We can't wait to receive your entries!

Energy drinks

Close to a third of children in the UK consume energy drinks at least once every week ☹️🥤. While these high-caffeine beverages might be touted as a shortcut to a boost in focus and productivity, even a moderate intake can lead to significant impacts on the heart, sleeping patterns and mental wellbeing.

With celebrity spokespeople, colourful branding, and the potential added element of peer pressure, it's unsurprising that young people are sometimes drawn to these products, often unaware of the potential negative impact they might be having on mind and body. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide dives into the health pitfalls of energy drinks and offers expert tips on addressing concerns.

To view these details click this link:

[What You Need to Know about Energy Drinks | Free E-Guide \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-energy-drinks/)



Year 9 Options Evening

A reminder to all Year 9 parent and carers. We have our Options evening on Thursday 25th April from 6-7.30pm in the main hall. This meeting will provide information on the options process and the choices that are available to students. It will also give parent and carers a chance to ask questions they have. On the day, refreshments will be provided.



Important Information about our Education Welfare Officer

An Education Welfare Officer is a dedicated professional who plays a crucial role in promoting regular school attendance. EWOs visit schools to meticulously monitor attendance patterns. Their focus extends beyond mere numbers; they keenly observe signs that may indicate underlying challenges. By collaborating closely with school staff, parents, and students, EWOs provide invaluable support to enhance attendance. It's important to recognise that improved school attendance not only impacts academic outcomes but also contributes significantly to social and emotional well-being. Should you have any inquiries regarding attendance or seek guidance, I encourage you to engage with your school, as they are well-equipped to assist you. Our EWO is Lorraine and you can find her in school most Tuesdays. Please contact the main reception to make contact.



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