

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the door on another half term closes here at The Grove, we can reflect on a huge amount of progress and change. This half term we have seen our fantastic students embrace the challenge of external examinations, we have hosted trips and residentials across the country and have continued to see our students achieve personal goals on a daily basis. We have hosted concerts, information evenings and worked across the community as we continue to reshape and reposition The Grove into our new era.

This week I have also asked for your opinion on how the school engages with you as parents. This has grown out of several conversations that I have had with parents and staff that feel our current system should be reviewed. Your voice really matters - we have had over 150 responses already, which is excellent, the deadline for all feedback is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. I will then write to you later in the term to update you of the results.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term break, thank you for all your support so far – our exciting journey continues at pace!

*Mr Mitchell Allsopp*  
Headteacher



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Year 7 Rewards Trip

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, 105 Year 7 students were treated to a reward afternoon at Drayton Festival Centre to watch "Godzilla v Kong". The trip was for pupils who continually 'get it right' on a daily basis and all students who attended met a strict criteria over the past five weeks. Students enjoyed the trip and we were complimented for their impeccable manners by both members of the Drayton Festival Centre staff and members of the public as we walked through town. Well done all!



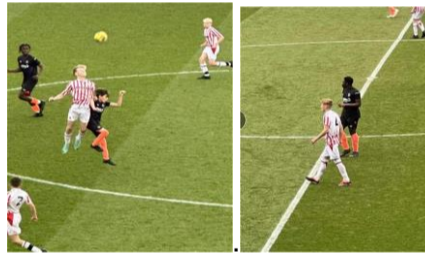
### Overdue Library Books

The school library currently has a lot of overdue or missing books! Please could you check to see if you have any Grove Library books at home and ask your child to return them to the library or their tutor. There are no fines for late returns, but it would be great if we could get back some of our favourite titles for other students to borrow.



### Grove Students playing football at the Stoke Stadium

Ollie Worrall (Year 8) and Charlie Gallet (Year 9) played football for Stoke City on Wednesday evening at the bet365 stadium. This is a fantastic opportunity for both students, playing in the under 13 and under 14 teams. Both pupils played well in defence against Luton FC and it was great game to watch. Well done both on your football achievements. Team Grove are very proud of you!



### Volunteer of The Year Award

Netball West Midlands have an annual awards event and one of our fantastic Sixth Form students, Erin Pullar, has been nominated for the 'Volunteer of the Year'. This is a fantastic achievement and shows how much dedication and commitment Erin gives to help others develop in their netball.

Congratulations to Erin. You are a true superstar!



### Market Drayton Library

Why not make the most of our links with the wonderful Market Drayton library this half-term? They offer free access to computers, a quiet place to think and explore, FREE access to hundreds of online magazines and newspapers (e.g. Newsweek, Hello, Top Gear, Men's Health, Rolling Stone, etc.) and FREE access to a huge digital library of e-books and audible books. Just pop in and staff will do the rest.



### An Evening of Popular Music

On Monday evening, our Sixth Form students gave final performances as part of their controlled assessments. They produced some amazing solo performances, and entertained the audience of parents, carers, and members of the wider Market Drayton community. Thank you to all those who attended and we wish all the Sixth Formers every success in all they go on to do in the future.



### Grove School Makes a Splash at Shropshire Swimming Gala with SIX Gold Medals!



The 50th Shropshire County Secondary Swimming Gala took place at Thomas Telford School on Thursday 16th May 2024, featuring 22 secondary schools from across Shropshire. The Grove had a successful outing, securing six Gold and two Bronze medals. Ava Highfield, ranked 4th in the UK for the 100m Junior Breaststroke, won Gold in both the Junior Girls 100m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley. Paige Simpson earned Gold in the 100m Fly and Bronze in the 100m Backstroke in the same age group. Scarlett Highfield achieved Gold in the Intermediate Girls 200m Individual Medley and Bronze in the 100m Fly. Connor Simpson won double Gold in the Boys Intermediate 100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle. The students represented themselves and The Grove with exceptional skill and sportsmanship. As the strongest performing school in the Trust, we are immensely proud of their achievements and the dedication they have shown in their sport.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

24th May – School closes for half term  
3rd June – School re-opens  
21st June – Trust Collaboration Day: online learning for all pupils

## NEWS



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