



Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parent and Carers,

As the sun beats down over Grove, I wanted to extend a big thank you for all of the positive comments that we have received about the changes that are happening within our school. We have made some small steps towards reshaping our culture and the position of our school in the local community – and there is much more to come.

There was a fantastic turnout to the Year 9 Options Evening yesterday, over 350 people joined us to hear about the curriculum and changes that will begin to prepare our young people, your children, for their futures.

Finally, my weekly hot chocolate with Headteacher was really impressive today, I always ask the students who attend for their perspective about what we could be doing more of to improve our school and their answers were so articulate and perceptive.

Our exciting journey continues!

Mr Mitchell Allsopp
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES



GCSE Art Exhibition 2024

To celebrate the work of our talented Year 11 and the grand opening of our Kiln, we are holding an art exhibition, at The Grove School, on Wednesday 15th May 2024. As you can see from the pictures below, we have extremely talented artists amongst our pupils, and we welcome all the community to come along and see their work. This will take place between 3-5pm in our Art Department and light refreshments will be provided.



Earth Day

On Monday 22nd April, students from The Grove School gave up their lunchtime to do their bit to help the environment! They took part in a Geography Department litter pick to raise awareness about sustainability and to promote the importance of being a global citizen. Well done to all those who took part - our school ecosystem thanks you!



Options Evening

We held our Year 9 Options Evening last night, and it was a huge success. We had over 350 people attend who had a chance to walk around each subject stall and speak individually to the teachers on their specialised area. Mr Allsopp and Mr Jackson explained about our changes to the Options process and how these will shape our new curriculum here at The Grove School. Thank you to all who attended. Our Year 9 pupils now have a few weeks to make their decision and have the opportunity to speak to staff with any questions they have before they decide. Please pass on to your Year 9s that they are welcome to ask questions on whatever they would like to know before they make their choice.



An Evening of Popular Music

Our Year 12 and 13 Music students are hosting a concert as part of their course.

'An Evening of Popular Performance' will be held on Monday 20th May. All are welcome and tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased through WisePay or from main reception directly.

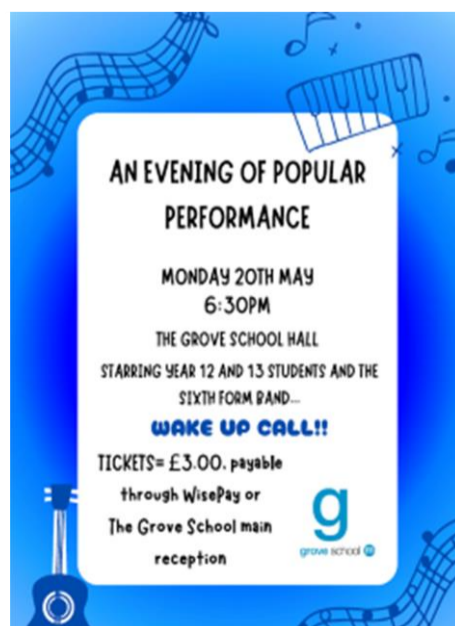


Football Opportunity

MARKET DRAYTON TIGERS U13S
Are looking for new players to join our established team for the upcoming 2024/25 season
Must currently be in school yr8
if interested please contact either
Lee or Adam
07805 933146
07361 232752



AN EVENING OF POPULAR PERFORMANCE
MONDAY 20TH MAY
6:30PM
THE GROVE SCHOOL HALL
STARRING YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS AND THE SIXTH FORM BAND...
WAKE UP CALL!!
TICKETS= £3.00, payable through WisePay or The Grove School main reception



NHS Youth Group

If you are aged between 11-17, then there is an opportunity to join a youth group to help develop the children's ward at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust. The meeting is on the 18th May at 11.30am. For more information call 01743 492256 or email: sath.engagement@nhs.net



Get Prom Ready



Our local Cancer Research shops are offering to help with beautiful and stylish dresses for prom.

They have lots of dresses available at your local shop and almost all of these dresses are brand new without tags and can retail for up to £250.

The prices range from £30 to £100. They'd like to help our Year 11s look fabulous and enjoy the day without the added financial cost. Please contact the shops for sizes and prices and you are welcome to come and try some on instore.



What Parents and Educators need to know about Shopping Platforms

Quality merchandise 📁 Fair prices 👍 What's not to love? 😞 The possibility of bagging a bargain and the ability to sell your own unwanted items have made online marketplaces like Vinted and Depop into an attractive option for anyone looking to save money or make a little extra cash for themselves in these challenging economic times. Unfortunately, these services (and numerous others like them) can still be misused by scammers, so it pays to remain vigilant for the risks associated with shopping. Fortunately, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide is on hand with some helpful pointers to protect young people (and yourself) from potential exploitation while doing business with others online. For more information visit: [What You Need to Know about Shopping Platforms | Free Guide \(nationalcollege.com\)](#)



Sparx Maths

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

Well done to the following tutor groups for achieving the highest average XP for this week:

7DPO	506
8CTA	432
9MSW	256

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

Martha	7SCL/LPA	2,458
Finley	9DMO/NGR	1,635
Elliot	8BEV	1,000
Connor	10KPA	954
Katie	11EPO	840

Budding Photographers



Representing Team GB

As well as talented students, we also have very talented staff. One of these staff members is Felicity Gregory, who has just returned from representing Team GB at the World Para Ice Hockey Championships. Here is Miss Gregory's account of her trip:



"The World Para Ice Hockey World Championships Pool B, were held last week in Skien, Norway. Six teams that battled it out were: Germany, Norway, Great Britain, Sweden, Kazhakstan and France. As a female in international competition, getting selected and representing GB in Para Ice Hockey, feels a tremendous privilege. The experience of the World Championships in Skein 2024 saw only 6 females in the whole tournament; GB took 5.

GB went into competition missing key players, with some players making their international debut. Although the outcome of the World Championships didn't go in our favour, I still got to skate on ice with some of my idols. To keep pace with them and stop them making vital plays, felt like such an achievement for a player who has been playing less than 3 years, compared to some players who are veterans in the sport. We grew as a team, learnt tonnes, implemented new systems, and supported each other.

For the mixed GB team, we now look forward to our next World Championships which should be held in Thailand".



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
- 15th May- GCSE Art Exhibition in Hall
- 20th May- Evening of Popular Performance
- 24th May – School closes for half term
- 3rd June – School Re-opens

NEWS

Click: [Home - Grove School and Sixth Form \(groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk\)](#) 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!

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