

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all.

Our school term has begun with assemblies looking at how technology has grown over the last twenty years and the impact it has had on human behaviour. Experts believe that our world is going to change more in the next 20 years than it has in the last 300, but it is anticipated that we will see a rebirth of human culture rather than technological dominance. Employers will be seeking people with non-computable attributes that make us more human namely; empathy, intuition, compassion, creativity and emotional intelligence. I have challenged all students not to allow technology to dominate their existence but to think about what attributes they need to develop further to become more human and more employable. This could be a great conversation for your families.

The Grove School is about insisting on the highest standards so that all our students are well prepared for the world of work and society. Punctuality is a fundamental life skill and I would like to remind you that school starts at **08:40** and students should be in their tutor room at that time. Senior staff are on duty on the gates recording any students who are late. The back gate will be locked at **08:40** so any students arriving after this time will need to use the front entrance and go straight to their tutor who will issue a break time detention for lateness. Punctuality is crucial and your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day on time is fully appreciated.

Your child's tutor is your first point of contact if you have any information that you would like to share.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to sharing more information about school communication with you next week.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Uniform and Equipment

With the commencement of the new term, please can all students be reminded of our uniform standards.

Full uniform information can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

In particular, we would like to remind that:

- Hair to be no shorter than a grade 2.
- No false nails or nail polish.
- No false eye lashes or unnatural eyebrows.
- Only one plain stud per ear - no other piercings allowed.
- Correct shoes as per our online information.
- Correct skirt/trousers as per our online information.

Please can all students also be reminded that they need the full equipment items, more information is detailed in the student planners.

Thank you for your support.

Thank You

A massive thank you to all of the students, staff, stallholders and members of our amazing community for making our Christmas Market happen at the end of last term.

As a team we raised over £300 for Market Drayton Foodbank and collected 9 crates worth of food donations! Thank you!

Enormous thanks to The Gourmet Brownie Company that donated all of their left over stock to the Foodbank! This was so very kind and generous of them.

Big thank you also to our Student Ambassadors pictured below, who helped out at the Christmas Market and to Mrs Hardy for organising the fantastic event.

Well done all!



LGBT Youth Event

Date: 29th February 2020, 14:00 - 17:00. Venue: The Hive, Five Belmont, Shrewsbury, SY1 1TE
To book [click here](#).

This free event provides an opportunity for LGBT young people, their friends, allies and supporters to express their views, feelings, understanding and experience. It provides an opportunity for schools, professionals, teachers and members of the LGBT community, allies and supporters to come together to learn from young people, explore and celebrate Shropshire good practice and consider ways forward. Hosted by young people from Shropshire Youth Association XYZ group with Alice Cruttwell, Public Health Curriculum Advisor. This will be the fourth consecutive year for this successful and joyous event. Following tradition there will be cake, music, art and discussion - all attending will go away with information, ideas and inspiration.



Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Winter Newsletter has been published. If you have not had a chance to read it yet, the Newsletter highlights the Cross-Trust activities that students participate in and is available to view by [clicking here](#).

SPORT FIXTURES



Week of 13th to 17th January 2020

- No upcoming fixtures.

PE Club Timetable Reminder:

All clubs take place after school between 3:00 – 4:00pm all students are welcome to attend.
Tuesday - Badminton (All Years, Sports Hall), Football (KS3 Boys, Field), Fitness (KS4, Fitness Suite).
Wednesday - Basketball (KS3, Sports Hall), Netball (All Years, Courts), Fitness (KS4, Fitness Suite), Squash (See PE Department).
Thursday - Basketball (KS4, Sports Hall), Football (All Years Girls, Field), Fitness (KS3, Fitness Suite), Boxing Club (See PE Department).

CAREERS



Please keep an eye on the careers page of our website by [clicking here](#). It is frequently updated with career advice, the latest apprenticeship opportunities in the area and helpful resources.

If your child would like to make a careers appointment they should please contact Mrs Gail Beath, Careers Advisor and Library Manager on gail.beath@groveschool.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- Year 8 Options Evening, Tuesday 14th January, 6:30pm.
- Year 11 'Next Steps' Information Evening, Thursday 16th January, 6:00pm.

[Click here](#) to view our term dates.

TOP ATL PERFORMERS

A huge congratulations to the following students who are our top ATL performers from the last week of term:

Position	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Coral	9DJO	18
2	Elliot	9DJO	16
	Samantha	10ERO	16
3	Henry	9DJO	15
	Logan	9DJO	15
	Mackenzie	10ERO	15
	Octavian	9ADA	15

NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

A few highlights include:

- Sixth Form Taster Day.
- Winter Wonderland.
- The Marches Academy Trust Varsity Games.

