

Dear Parents and Carers,

We work very closely with our community partners, one of which is the Market Drayton Crime team. The current craze of substance misuse with young people is using canisters filled with nitrous oxide and many of these canisters have been found in the town. While we deliver high quality drugs education, I would encourage you to remind your children of the dangers of using 'laughing gas' canisters.

Nitrous oxide slows down your brain and body's responses, and the effect of the drug varies depending on how much is inhaled. Taking nitrous oxide can cause:

- Feelings of euphoria, relaxation and calmness.
- Fits if giggles and laughter – hence the nick name 'laughing gas'.
- Sound distortions and hallucinations – when you see or hear things that are not there.

This half term ends on Friday 14 February giving children free time while many of you will be working, therefore, such conversations are good to have so that you can advise your children on making the right choices and how to deal with situations that may arise if they are asked to try this substance. We will also be reminding students during tutor sessions.

Students return to school on **Tuesday 25 February at 8:40.**

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Year 7 Valentines Disco

Thursday 13th February, 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the Hall. Cost is £2.50 and tickets can be purchased on the night. Refreshments also available to purchase on the night.

MD Grove Badminton Club Reminder

MD Grove Badminton Club have some spare places in their weekly coaching sessions, which are held at The Grove School. Open to both juniors and adults the sessions offer structured coaching in a fun and safe environment. For further information please [click here](#) or click on the poster to enlarge.



New York

We have 2 spaces available for the trip to New York City. This will take place in October half term 2020, at a cost of £1180. If interested, students should please see Mrs Richards for a letter.



ATL Celebration

This week we had a Celebration Assembly for Year 7, where rewards and certificates were presented for various reasons including ATL scores, kindness, going the extra mile, attendance and being a good friend. Congratulations to all of our winners!



New Lunchtime Clubs

We have a number of new lunchtime clubs which we encourage students to take part in, a full list can be viewed on our website by [clicking here](#). The below photo is of students in our Debating Club.



The Greatest Dancer

Congratulations to Lily-Rose McCann who as part of Vale Dance troupe has been performing on the BBC1 programme 'The Greatest Dancer'. For their audition the group performed a breathtaking audition completely blindfolded, the judges were blown away by this sending the group into the next round.

Last Saturday the troupe performed as part of Strictly Come Dancing star Oti Mabuse's squad in the first live show and were challenged to perform a dance around the theme of 'queuing'. The groups beautiful performance meant that the public have voted the team into the next round! This is an incredible achievement for Lily-Rose and as a school we wish her luck and eagerly await to see how she gets on as the competition progresses.



SPORT FIXTURES & CLUBS



Fixtures: Week of 10th to 14th February 2020

No fixtures this week.

PE Club Timetable:

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. Some key dates at a glance:

- **Year 8 Options Choice Deadline**, 14th February.
- **Half Term**, 17th to 21st February.
- **PD Day**, 24th February.
- **Year 8 HPV Injections**, 28th February.
- **Year 7 Coffee Morning**, 9th March, 9:15am – 10.30am.

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

TOP ATL PERFORMERS

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

Position	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Ellie	9DPO	21
2	Tabby	9DPO	20
3	Beth	10CMC	19
	Jobeth	9DPO	19

NEWS



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

A few highlights include:

- Bird Box Project.
- Grove Sixth Form Interviews.
- Students enter UK Chemistry Olympiad.

