

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this half-term gone? It only seems like yesterday that we were returning from the Christmas break. It has been a very productive half-term, where staff and students have worked brilliantly together to ensure that the best learning opportunities are experienced.

Two weeks ago, I asked that all parents do their best to attend our Progress Day and I am really pleased to report that **90%** of our parents and carers attended that event. This is excellent because we know that when teachers, parents and students work closely together we see the best outcomes. Thank you for your continued support and please do maintain contact with our team of teachers and support staff throughout the year to enable your child to achieve their very best.

When we return to school on **Tuesday 25th February 2020**, Year 11 will be entering two weeks of internal exams. This will be their final chance to practice sitting full papers before their actual GCSE's begin on 11th May 2020. Students have received much support on how to revise and also have access to a range of online learning tools. From Tuesday 25th February there will only be nine school weeks left before the exam season begins. We encourage all of Year 11 students to make valuable use of their time over half-term to ensure that they prepare well for their internal exams.

I hope that you all have the opportunity to spend quality time with your children over half-term and I look forward to welcoming all our students back on their return.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

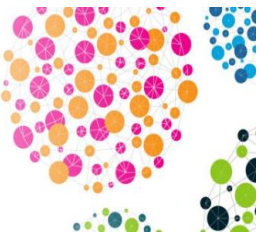
British Science Week

As part of British Science Week 2020, we have organised some fantastic community events running from Friday 6th March to Friday 15th March at The Grove School.

On Friday 6th March, 4:00pm-5:30pm we have Shropshire Falconry visiting school with various species of birds, there will be flying demonstrations and opportunities to handle and take selfies with these amazing birds! On Wednesday 11th March 4:00pm-5:30pm we have Simon Airey from Party animals coming in to introduce us to some amazing exotic animals, there will be up to 35 different species of live animals to learn about and meet!

Tickets are £5 per person, spaces are limited and are on a first come first served basis. For further information, please [click here](#).

6-15 March
British Science Week 2020



Exciting Times for the Trust

Oakmeadow CE Primary and Nursery School, located in Bayston Hill, is looking to join The Marches Academy Trust on 1st April 2020.

Attendance Surgery

Parents and carers are invited to meet with Mrs Lovell, Attendance Officer and Jo Wildman, Education Welfare Officer. They will be holding an open session running every Wednesday from half term onwards, from 10:00am to 11:00am for you to access and discuss any attendance concerns or ask any questions you might have. Feel free to call into main reception and ask for Mrs Lovell or Jo Wildman.

Beam – Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Beam - Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, provides an emotional wellbeing drop-in service for children and young people under the age of 25, their parents and carers. Beam welcomes individuals to talk about what is on their mind and their feelings, there is no need to get a referral or to make an appointment, just drop-in. Beam aims to address feelings and suggest strategies to help individuals improve their emotional wellbeing. [Please click](#) here for further information including a list of drop-in locations.



Awareness Course

Shrewsbury Up and Comers FC, in collaboration with Shropshire Youth Association, Shropshire Football Association and West Mercia Police are running a Child Exploitation Awareness Course, which takes place on Monday 17th February, 6:30pm – 9:30pm. There are a limited number of spaces available for parents who are interested to know more about this growing problem. The course covers aspects including, sexual exploitation, grooming, social media, county lines, and drug trafficking. The event is held at: Shropshire Youth Association, The New Lodge, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury SY2 5PR. [Click here](#) for further details,

Young People's Academies

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust Engagement Team are running Young People's Academies on the 17th February at the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford and the 19th February at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Day runs 8:30am to 5:00pm and covers topics about the structure of the NHS, information about the Trust and demonstrations - there will also be an opportunity to talk to the Apprenticeship Team. Ages of 14-25 are welcome to attend, lunch is provided and the whole event is free! Please [click here](#) to register.

SPORT CLUBS



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:

- **Half-Term**, 17th to 21st February.
- **PD Day**, 24th February.
- **Students return to school**, 25th 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	Form	Number of ATL 1's
1	Coral	9DJO	16
	Katherine	9DJO	16
2	Carina	10JME	14
	Daisie	8EOB	14
3	Elliot	9DJO	13
	Keanon	8LWO	13
	Lola	7CGI	13
	Otis	7GCL	13
	Richie	9DJO	13
	Sophie	8EOB	13

NEWS



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

A few highlights include:

- New school looking to join the Trust.
- Picture of the week.
- Student Art spotlight.
- Match Report: North Shropshire Handball Tournament.
- ATL Rewards.

