

Dear Parents and Carers,

Amidst all the national concern about Coronavirus and the impact that it is having on our national and global economy I would like to bring you some joy. As a school it is most important for us not only to provide our students with the opportunity to reach their potential in their formal examinations, but also to enrich their life experiences by introducing them to events they may never have seen and taking them to places they have never been.

Yesterday we took over 140 Year 7 students to Bridgewater Hall in Manchester to watch the Halle for Youth Orchestra perform. The theme for the concert was Music, Mind and Mood. Huge praise was given for the impeccable conduct of our students during the visit and the staff have reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Comments from the students included 'I love this music Miss' and 'This music makes me feel things, but there are no words'. This is a school visit that the students will never forget, and it will inspire many to open their minds to different genres of music and develop a deeper understanding of the impact that music can have on their well-being.

Thank you to our parents and staff for making this event happen and huge thanks to our Year 7 students for their excellent conduct throughout the day.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

DEAR

Every day is reading day at The Grove as part of our DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) initiative. Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure leads to increased attainment and those students who read more are better readers. Children that read for 20 minutes a day access approximately 1.8 million words a year compared with 8000 words for those that only read for a minute. This highlights why DEAR is so important.



Attendance Surgery Reminder

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 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.

Autism West Midlands Conference

Autism West Midlands are hosting a conference on the 26th March. There will be an opportunity to hear the life journey of this year's keynote speaker, Corey Wood, and attend two different workshops. For more information and to book please [click here](#).



Bake Off Applications

We have been informed by the Casting Researcher at Love Productions that the applications are now open for the sixth series of Junior Bake Off - the Channel 4 programme which celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for budding bakers aged between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2020, but applications close on Sunday 5th April 2020. Interested bakers can apply by [clicking here](#).



British Science Week

Hurry we have a few remaining tickets for the Party Animals experience on Wednesday 11th March, 4:00pm-5:30pm. There will be up to 35 different species of live animals to learn about and meet, [click here](#) for further information. If you would like to attend please book your place ASAP.

Sir John Talbot's School

Whitchurch 10K is just four weeks away and with hundreds of entries already confirmed, it is set to be the biggest and the best yet. The race is for all abilities, from those who are running their first 10K to those wanting to post a PB as well as for elite runners. To register for the race (5th April), please [click here](#). If you can spare a few hours and would like to join the team of volunteers and road marshals, please email: slt10k@gmail.com or call Hayley on 07968 410067. Thank you!

SPORT CLUBS



Week of 9th to 13th March

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 7 Coffee Morning**, 9th March, 9:15am – 10.30am.
- **DofE Silver Expedition**, 12th March.
- **Big Bang Science Trip**, 12th March.
- **Bronze DofE Expedition**, 20th March.
- **Discovery Day**, 20th March.
- **Knife Crime Awareness Assemblies**, 26th March.
- **Year 11 Next Steps Information Evening**, 26th March.
- **Easter Rewards Day**, 1st April.

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



LEADERBOARDS

Whole School FixUp 5 and KS4 MemRi Leaderboards

Huge congratulations to Jess for topping the KS4 MemRi leaderboard and to Sophie for claiming back the top spot on the whole school FixUp 5 leaderboard! Some great work is being done by our Year 11 students as revision for their mocks. KS3 are also working well on their Fix Up 5s. Half term challenge - Can a year group claim every spot in the top 20 leaderboard one week this half term? A prize will be awarded to every student in the top 20 if this happens!



NEWS



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

A few highlights include:

- Match Report: Year 10 Handball Shropshire School Games County Finals
- Beautiful watercolour painting.
- Craft Club.
- Art in Action Conference.

