



GROVE SCHOOL
A mind set to succeed

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GROVE WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another productive week at The Grove.

Tuesday was Discovery Day, which is our opportunity to focus on social, moral, cultural and emotional issues as well as learning about careers education and planning for life after school and college. This is also an opportunity for us to invite guest speakers and external organisations to school to share their expertise and life experiences that often impact on, and inspire our students. On Tuesday, Year 7 had the opportunity to focus on safety where they learned specifically about E-Safety, Road Safety and First Aid. Year 8 focussed on global issues, namely Protecting the Environment and Children's Rights and Global Goals, such important areas to study since our children are the future generation who will find solutions to the global problems that we currently face. Year 9 immersed themselves with learning about their identity and about discrimination and prejudice which certainly brought about good debate. Year 10 enjoyed planning for their future careers by having sessions with our external visitors Elevate followed by support with writing CVs and letters in preparation for their day at Keele University when they will be interviewed by real employers. Year 11 also had a session with Elevate entitled 'Ace Your Exams' to help them with their GCSE revision, in addition to an afternoon working with the English team to complete their Speaking and Listening exams.

Yesterday, we held a curriculum morning with Market Drayton Junior School where we supported the Year 6 students with their preparations for the SAT's by teaching them Literacy and Numeracy. It was great to see so many smiling faces where the children told me that they had a brilliant time. We look forward to welcoming them to The Grove in September.

As you are aware, we are now an Academy working in partnership with The Marches Academy Trust, which is also bringing about new opportunities. We are holding a community event on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 18:30 to give information about the aims of The Marches Academy Trust and how we plan on working together to grow the minds of our children, support the community and ensure that The Grove School is the school of choice in Market Drayton and the surrounding areas. Sarah Longville, the CEO will be giving a presentation and there will be a showcase of students work and performances from some of our talented performers. Please see the flyer attached for additional information.

Mrs Taylor, Headteacher

Apps to Watch Out for in 2019

Young people are constantly changing the apps that they access and it is important to know which apps may not be suitable for them or need a closer eye being kept on.

Discord

Discord is an app and site that allows gamers to connect via text, voice, and video. It is similar to a discussion board like Reddit, but the conversations are hosted on various servers -- which anyone can create -- and each server can have multiple channels. The main purpose of the platform is to be able to chat with your team while playing an online game, but people also use it as straight-up social media, even if they're not playing.

What parents need to know

Easily viewable adult content and the ability to chat privately with strangers make Discord risky for young teens. Mature areas are supposed to be labelled "NSFW" (not safe for work) and age-gated for under-18-year-olds. But you just need to click through to access. And while there's a privacy setting to control who can send your teen private messages, they can easily go in and change those settings.

Zepeto

Zepeto is a combination avatar-maker and social media platform. The main draw is the ability to create your own likeness and have your avatar interact with your friends' avatars so you can create cute posts for social media. In a section of the app called "Zepeto town street," you can text with people you don't know.

What parents need to know

Zepeto's texting format is less risky than the video-chatting of HOLLA, but any interaction with strangers is iffy (especially for younger teens who might be interacting with grown-ups). User privacy is probably a bigger problem, though. Zepeto doesn't use location-tracking, but it does collect plenty of information on its users. And like some others on this list, there's a focus on image and appearance as well as lots of opportunities to spend money.

Shropshire Football

We are very proud at all of our students who represent Grove across numerous sports and this is also the case for our students who have the privilege of representing Shropshire across a range of sports.

On Monday, Conrad and Kylan represented Shropshire in football with a tight 1-0 away victory at Worcestershire. Well done to both students from everyone at Grove School!



ATL Top 5

Congratulations to the following students who are in the top 5 for ATL 1's (Outstanding lessons) in the last school week. ATL 1's are given to students in lessons for the following areas:

- Positive and highly motivated
- Exceptional level of effort and commitment
- Work independently
- Punctual to lessons and fully equipped
- Completing work to the best possible standard, including homework

Position	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1st	Kayla	8DJO	18
2nd	Emi	9PER	17
	Jade Matilda	9EBR 9EBR	
3rd	Emily	9PER	16
	Millie	9PER	
4th	Abbie	9EPR	15
	Amie	9PER	
	Lilly	9EBR	
	Poppy Rebecca	9PER 9PER	
5th	Cameron	9NTI	14
	Charlotte	9EBR	
	Emily	9PER	
	Georgie	8ADA	
	Valeria	8ADA	

Year 9 ATL Champions League

Congratulations to Callum in 9EPR who came top of the ATL Champions League last half-term. He has selected his prize of a £10 X Box voucher.

Well done to James in 9EPR who is currently leading the ATL Champions League for this half-term.

All the students involved in this competition are trying their hardest to achieve ATL 1s. Last week, all students met their attendance target so were rewarded with some 5-a-side football, table tennis or time in the fitness suite during tutor time.

Young Enterprise Team

On Saturday, our Young Enterprise Team represented Grove College at the Darwin Shopping Centre in Shrewsbury for the first market of the year.

It was a fantastic experience with the first sales of bamboo toothbrushes and recycled bottle holders, but more importantly gained valuable feedback from the judges, the Mayor of Shrewsbury and the general public on how their stall and product could be improved.

If you would to support the team they will be Shrewsbury again on Saturday 9th February.



Discovery Day

On Tuesday, students across the school participated in a range of activities for Discovery Day.

Year 7 learnt some basic first aid and also had a great workshop on road safety delivered by Shropshire's Road Safety Officer, Malcolm Farrar. They also learnt about the importance of e-safety and developing a growth mindset.

Year 8 developed their knowledge on the environment, what to do in emergencies, the rights of children and global goals as well as looking into employment opportunities and getting them thinking about what they may want to do in the future.

Year 9 spent the day focusing on important issues surrounding their identity, stereotyping, prejudice, discrimination and diversity.



Year 10 had fantastic workshops delivered by Elevate surrounding beliefs of a peak performing student and goal setting to ensure they are successful in their preparation for GCSE's. They then developed their knowledge of job opportunities and then created their own CV and cover letter to apply for a job. This is in the run up to students taking part in a mock interview at the next Discovery Day, which will be based on their application.

Year 11 also received an excellent workshop delivered by Elevate mentors who discussed what is needed in preparation for acing your exams! Following this, students had time with subject teachers putting this information into practice through exam preparation sessions.

Sixth Form

Year 12 visited Manchester MET University. The visit was designed to give them a first exposure to university life and the opportunities that could await them after they finish at Grove College. As well as meeting current students and touring the university they had lectures on university life and the process of applying for university.

Year 13 experienced an 'Insight into Management Day'. Given the challenge of creating a business model for a music festival, students worked in teams to develop skills such as teamwork, communication, delegation and working under pressure. Our visiting guest, Sarah Owen, shared her wealth of experience in marketing to guide the students in making their business and its pitch as impressive as possible. In the final phase of the process the teams pitched their business models to an esteemed panel of 'investors' including school governors, Mrs Taylor and Sarah.

Vacancy

The Marches Academy Trust are currently recruiting for a Marketing and PR Assistant.

For further information about this vacancy and for details of how to apply, please follow this [link](#).