

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short half term, but one which has seen a lot of progress. Students have achieved 24% ATL 1's and 71% ATL 2's since September, which is a fantastic achievement and reflects the effort and commitment they have shown throughout the year.

Year 11 students are now halfway through their exams and have their leavers' assembly this week. This is always a great event and an opportunity to reflect on the last five years spent at The Grove School. Year 10, have had their first experience of formal exams and with the departure of our Year 11 students, will soon be moving into the role of leaders within the main school. Year 13 final exams start next week and we look forward to seeing how they perform, and to each and every one, we wish the very best of luck in every exam, they all deserve to achieve and to have the opportunity to do their best.

For Years 7 to 10, new ties have been issued this week; these are to be worn from the first day back after half term. Year 11 can continue to wear the old tie until they complete their exams.

We have also now received a very exciting new piece of hardware in the form of a dual dipole antenna radio telescope, designed to be able to make observations of: sunspots, solar flares, the storms on Jupiter and cosmic background radiation. It has been funded by a grant from the Institute of Physics and the telescope itself has come from NASA and is allowing us to work with them on their Radio JOVE project. Our observations will be uploaded to their central database, allowing our students to contribute towards 'real' science. The telescope will be used primarily in science lessons to teach astronomy sections, waves and the electromagnetic spectrum along with other related topics. It will however be available to all students across the school when not in use for lessons so that we can make further observations and contribute even more. If any parents would like to come in and have a go with the equipment, see how it works, make use of it, please contact the Science faculty who will be more than happy to help. We are wanting to increase our space education facilities and options, so this is the first step towards that. Please visit: <https://radiojove.gsfc.nasa.gov/> for further details on the project.



I hope everyone has a good and restful break over half term and return safely on the 3rd June, ready for the final run to the summer.

Darryn Robinson, Deputy Headteacher

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	Kayla	8DJO	19
2	Matilda	9EBR	18
	Molly	9PER	18
	Richie	8DJO	18
3	Arron	9EBR	17
	Joseph	8DJO	17

Year 10

Year 10 took a break from an intense two-hour English revision session, by taking a short walk around the school grounds. This allowed them to take in some fresh air and have a break from their hard work revising. Fresh air and exercise are a very important part of revision and well-being!



Year 11 Study Leave

A few words from Mr Yeomans, Maths Teacher and Head of Year 11: "I arrived at The Grove School in January 2015 as the Head of Year 8. I have been a Head of Year for 11 years in total and the past four years with our current Year 11's has been the longest that I have ever spent with the same year group as we follow them through the school. I will really miss them individually and collectively, putting together their leavers' assembly has been a great walk down memory lane for myself, and I hope that they enjoyed seeing it unfold. I would like to thank all the support from parents during the past few years and I would like to wish all Year 11 students every success for their future. It has been a privilege to have been part of their formative years - they know where I am if they need me!"

THANK YOU

Career Opportunities

Keep an eye on the careers page on our website: <http://groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk/careers-and-he/careers/>. It is frequently updated with career advice, the latest apprenticeship opportunities in the area and helpful resources.

Henry Royce Engineering Summer School

An excellent opportunity has arisen for Year 10 and Year 11 students to find out more about the exciting world of materials science this summer at The University of Manchester. Hurry the deadline has been extended to 24th May, with places filling up fast. For students interested in this opportunity, please apply through the following link: <https://www.materials.manchester.ac.uk/connect/events/summer-school/>



The Henry Royce



Information Evening at Harper Adams University

A higher and degree apprenticeship explained evening, with a focus on Engineering is taking place on Thursday 6th June, 5.30pm to 9:00pm. For further information about the event please visit:

http://groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2019/05/2019-05-19_HDA-Engineering-at-HAU.pdf

For further career related information, please contact Mrs Murphy, Careers Guidance and Inspiration Officer: murphy.m@mmat.co.uk

Year 7 Music

On Wednesday, our Year 7 students enjoyed some African drumming in their Music lesson. The students were working on developing their own traditional call and response rhythms.



Martial Arts Taster Session

Recently students in Year 7 and Year 8 experienced a taster session with some of the staff from Valor Precision Combat who are running a martial arts course at The Grove School. Students were taught some basic self-defense moves and were thoroughly engaged and active participants in the class.



Uniform Purchasing

Just a reminder that Trutex will be visiting school on the following dates for students requiring new uniform:

TRUTEX UNIFORM EVENT

Sunday 14th July, 10:00am - 15:00pm.
New Year 7 students are invited to attend.

Sunday 28th July, 10:00am - 14:00pm.
Invite to new Year 7 students unable to attend the above event, along with current Grove students wanting to purchase new uniform.

Sunday 11th August, 10:00am to 14:00pm.
Invitation to current Grove students wanting to purchase new uniform.

Thursday 15th August, 17:00pm to 19:30pm.
Invitation to current Grove students wanting to purchase new uniform.