



# GROVE WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share some facts with you about our school.

There are:

- 809 students on roll
- 55 teaching staff
- 78 support staff
- 1182 parents
- 2026 lessons delivered every week.

All staff at your community school work relentlessly, show true dedication and are totally committed to working with your children to secure the best possible outcomes in terms of achievement and personal growth and development.

Our results in 2018 showed significant improvement in all the progress measures used by the government to measure schools' performance. Maths, English, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Art, Sport, Child development and Music all achieved strong results compared to national averages. All Grove College students secured their desired university places as a direct result of their great achievement in their A Levels.

Our internal data for key stage three students shows that they are making excellent progress. Parents that attended the Year 7 Showcase event last week gave positive feedback where comments were made about the level of challenge and quality of work seen in their books.

We are very proud of our school and our students. As a community we want all our students to feel proud to be part of a school which is improving outcomes for all the children that start with us, and then leave as young adults.

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Mrs Sonia Taylor**

**Headteacher**

## Top Five ATL Performers

A huge congratulations to the following students who are last week's top five performers:

	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Jade	9EBR	22
2	Matilda	9EBR	21
3	Olivia	8DPO	18
4	Sophie	7KKP	17
5	Ellie	8DPO	16
5	Georgie	8ADA	16
5	Sam	7KKP	16

## Young Enterprise

Recently as part of the Young Enterprise Challenge, Grove College students formed the company Picturesque. The team behind the company spent the day at Wolverhampton University on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, for a Presentation Day. Picturesque were competing against ten other teams, in a number of categories including: Best Product, Best Trade Stand, Best Presentation and Best Team.

The days judging was split into three events. The first, involved a challenging grilling by a panel of "Young Enterprise Dragons" on the students business. Secondly, the team were given an opportunity to practice their group presentation in a large auditorium and received feedback on their performance. The highlight of the day was watching each of the companies deliver a 4-minute presentation in front of eight judges, whom were from a wide range of businesses in the large auditorium.

The students represented themselves well and now Picturesque are nervously waiting to hear how they got on in the competition. The results of the programme will be announced during a presentation and awards



evening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please visit the group's page: <https://www.facebook.com/ye.picturesque/> and help make the world a more Picturesque place.

## Rebranded Uniform

After much discussion with the schools governors we have recently announced plans to introduce a refreshed school uniform. The adopted changes to the attire are proposed to signify and strengthen our schools new relationship as part of Marches Academy Trust, since becoming academy status in December. The rebranded uniform will help reflect and showcase the schools personality and values, whilst now highlighting its standing as part of the Marches Academy Trust family to students, parents and the wider community.

The updated image echoes elements of Marches Academy Trust Brand, in order to symbolise the connection between schools. The plans include the introduction of a new uniform and corresponding new P.E. kit which will be phased in from September 2019.

This is an exciting time for The Grove School as the new school tie will be the first part of the transition to the new uniform. Each student will receive the new style tie free of charge in May 2019 as part of joining the Marches Academy Trust family of schools.



## Discovery Day

Recently we celebrated Discovery Day, which involved an exciting and packed timetable for students of all years.

Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in presentations and discussions, which covered a range of personal and social issues. Year 10 had the opportunity to take part in interview technique sessions and enjoyed an escape room team building challenge. Year 11 spent the day in specific revision sessions, to help support them in preparation for forthcoming exams.

Students from the Sixth Form College discussed important topics, such as travelling abroad safely. The students also had practical sessions in first aid, cooking, furniture building and self-defence.

The Discovery Day offered the opportunity for exploration and discovery, both in and out of the classroom learning environment.



## Year 7 Showcase

Recently, we held our Year 7 showcase. Parents and carers were invited to join Head of Year, Mrs Roberts and other members of staff to view workbooks and the other fantastic work produced by the students during their time with us so far at The Grove. Refreshments were served and we were delighted to warmly welcome over 70 students and their parents to a very successful and positive event, which showcased the wonderful work of our students.



## Join Us For Spring Festival – 1<sup>st</sup> April

The Grove School and College  
Proudly Presents Our...



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6:30pm

**A showcase of talented music, drama  
and dance students!**

Refreshments served in the interval

Raffle tickets on sale, £1 a strip!

Tickets = £3.00 (£2.50 concessions/students), payable  
through WisePay, collect from the finance office.