



WEEKLY BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

A growing number of studies show that promoting reading can have a major impact on children and adults and their future. Clark and Rumbold (2006), identify several main areas of the benefits to reading for pleasure:

- Reading attainment and writing ability.
- Text comprehension and grammar.
- Breadth of vocabulary.
- Positive reading attitudes.
- Greater self-confidence as a reader.
- Pleasure in reading in later life.
- General knowledge.
- A better understanding of other cultures.
- Community participation.
- A greater insight into human nature and decision-making.

Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure leads to increased attainment and that 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. The breadth of knowledge that students can get from extended reading and reading for enjoyment can have a significant impact on text comprehension and grammar, both of which are areas of increasing challenge in the new GCSE's and A levels.

In recognition of the value of reading for students and adults at all levels, we are introducing **Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)** from September.

The DEAR session will be run in tutor groups straight after lunch. A key aim of these sessions is that students read for pleasure. They will receive guidance on the level of challenge they should be accessing but will be encouraged to choose books they enjoy.

A book will also become part of the expected school equipment. As with a pen and ruler, students will be expected to have a reading book with them every day.



The school timetable for 2019/2020 will be as follows

- 8:40 - 9:40 Period 1
- 9:40 - 10:40 Period 2
- 10:40 - 11:00 Tutor
- 11:00 - 11:20 Break
- 11:20 - 12:20 Period 3
- 12:20 - 13:15 Period 4
- 13:15 - 1:45 Lunch
- 1:45 - 2:05 DEAR
- 2:05 - 3:00 Period 5

We firmly believe in the value of reading for pleasure and the impact it can have on young people's breadth of vocabulary. There will be a number of initiatives running through the year, including parent recommendations for books and opportunities to celebrate the books that students enjoy within school.

If you have any questions regarding the strategy, please email darryn.robinson1@groveschool.net.

Darryn Robinson,
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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	26
2	Georgie	8ADA	25
3	Matilda	9EBR	24
4	Jade	9EBR	21
5	Abbie	9EPR	20
	Rebecca	9PER	20

Changes to Early May Bank Holiday 2020



Please note that the early May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Career Opportunities

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.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships Explained – Engineering.

Higher Horizons+ and Harper Adams University would like to invite you to their Apprenticeships Evening with a focus on Engineering. There is an opportunity to find out more information about what a Degree Apprenticeship can offer. There will be presentations and opportunities to speak to current degree apprentices, the Harper Adams apprenticeship team and regional employers. The event takes place on Monday 8th July at 5:30pm to 9:00pm (please note date change). To sign up or to find out further details of this event, please [click here](#).



STEM Challenge 2019

A group of Grove students have entered into the Shropshire Star STEM Competition. The aim of the competition is to boost student engagement with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, by providing students with an understanding of how lessons learnt in these subjects can contribute to potential future career opportunities. Each Shropshire school is partnered with a mentor from businesses or organisations involved in industry. With support, the students have designed an app based on the initial challenge asked of them, which was to use elements of STEM to design a product that has a positive benefit to an individual/group and the environment. The full details of The Grove students design are under wraps until they can reveal the design and the thinking behind it at the presentation event to be held on Thursday 4th July. We wish them the best of luck!



Year 11 GCSE Artwork

Here are some photographs of our Year 11 GCSE artwork. It is great to have it back out on display, so we can all enjoy the creative work of our talented students!



UKMT Challenge

Seventeen Year 7 and 8 students sat a one-hour paper for the UKMT Junior Challenge back in April. Students all worked extremely hard and produced some of the best scores The Grove has ever seen! We have since received two Gold Certificates, two Silver Certificates and three Bronze Certificates.



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

Two of our Year 7 students, Jacob and Matt have qualified for the Junior Kangaroo Round in the UKMT Maths Challenge. This is the first time any Grove students have qualified in any UKMT Maths Challenges!

They have sat another one-hour paper this week with even more challenging questions; we wish them the best of luck!

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.