

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an amazing week at The Grove.

Our first cohort of students to embark on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award returned from their first expedition and successfully completed their assessment on a very hot weekend. Huge congratulations to them!

On Wednesday we celebrated a successful first year in secondary school with our Year 7 students where they received certificates for their hard work and efforts and had a graduation ceremony which finished with the university tradition of throwing their mortar boards in the air.



That same evening, we held our summer concert with Market Drayton Infants, Market Drayton Juniors, Longlands Community Primary School and The Grove School students. Even though temperatures were high all participants sang and performed each song beautifully. The finale was outstanding as the children, aged 3 to 18, from of our town schools sang 'Power in Me'. It was a very uplifting, joyous occasion and left many in the audience with goose bumps.

On Thursday we held our new staff induction day and induction evening for our new Year 7 students who are joining us in September. It was an absolute pleasure meeting everyone and we look forward to building great relationships in September to ensure that every child has the best opportunities to realise their potential. Next week Year 10 are on their work experience and it is No Limits week for the rest of the school. The weather may be warm, and many activities will be outdoors, so this is a gentle reminder to parents and carers to ask students to wear sunscreen and bring a refillable bottle so that they remain hydrated. We want everyone to have a great week and these small actions will make a big difference.

Mrs Sonia Taylor, Headteacher

Top ATL Performers

Huge congratulations to the following students who are our top ATL performers from last week:

Position	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Valeria	8ADA	27
2	Georgie	8ADA	26
3	Kayla	8DJO	25
4	Matilda	9EBR	23
5	Matthew	8DJO	20
	Olivia	8DPO	20



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Pokémon Card Club

Chaos Cards have graciously chosen to support the Pokémon Card Club at The Grove School. The company have kindly provided eleven pre-made and ready to go decks, to allow students to play the game, whether or not they have their own decks to play with (this totals up to more than 600 cards! They have also provided the group with official Chaos Cards play mats, that tournament matches are conducted on, along with counters and dice for totalling damage, and a variety of boxes and sleeves that will be used by the students. Chaos Cards have donated all of this completely free of charge, and are looking for ways to further support the school. The students have loved the extra support, and have really enjoyed the extra resources! Do not forget Pokémon club runs every lunchtime in S16 – students are encouraged to come along and take part!



Christmas Market Trip to Lille

It is never too early to be thinking about Christmas, with that in mind, we have launched our Christmas Market Trip to Lille! This trip will take place on the weekend of 14/15 December and is open to our GCSE French students. We are travelling to Lille via Eurotunnel and staying overnight at the Fuaj Lille Youth Hostel. During the weekend, students will visit an artisan waffle maker, complete a speaking diary and treasure hunt around the traditional Lille Christmas markets, visit the amazing Euralille shopping centre and P&J's chocolate factory. There may even be time for a quick game of bowling on the Saturday night. For further information, please contact Miss Martin at kathryn.martin@groveschool.net.



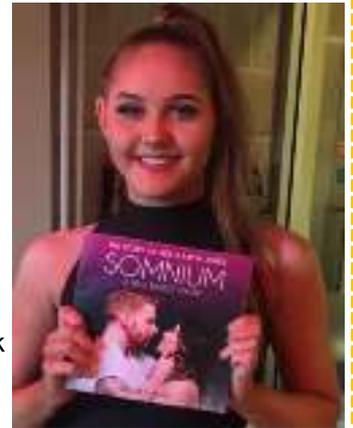
Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 students attended their Prom at Goldstone Hall Hotel last week. The students travelled to the event in a variety of impressive vehicles and were very smartly dressed in their fantastic outfits! The evening started with canapés in the garden, which was followed by a two-course meal in the marquee. Awards were presented and Head of Year 11, Mr Yeomans, gave thanks to all students for excellent behaviour and thanked parents and carers for supporting their children through their time at The Grove. The night concluded with a fantastic Disco. A big thank you to A Decent Exposure Photography who very kindly took photographs of the evening, students can purchase their images [here](#). Thank you also to Party Bright for the fantastic lights, and also to Danny Disco. A wonderful night was had by students and staff.



Dance World Cup Finals

Year 10 student Lilly-Rose McCann has been representing England in the Dance World Cup Finals which have been taking place in Portugal from 28th June to 6th July. Lilly-Rose is a truly talented dancer who manages to excel in school and has juggled mock exams as well as a 4-day appearance in a production of Somnium at Sadler Wells in London during the same week! We are incredibly proud of Lily-Rose and wish her every success in the competition. The competition can be viewed online [here](#). Lily-Rose's first group dance with her England colleagues from Vale School of dance has already won Gold this week against 33 other competing countries! We look forward to hearing her full results upon her return.



Instrumental Lessons

The Grove School is proud of the broad and balanced curriculum that it offers to students across the full ability range. This curriculum is enhanced and enriched by a wide range of extra-curricular activities to suit all interests. These include: sports teams; instrumental lessons and school productions; trips and visits, both within the UK and abroad; theatre visits; choir club; amnesty club; Latin club and a series of drop in craft sessions. At The Grove School, we are able to offer instrumental lessons in most orchestral instruments, guitar (acoustic/electric), drum kit and singing. Lessons are provided by specialist tutors and consist of either individual or group tuition. Please see further details including how to register [here](#).

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Students took on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award last weekend at Cannock Chase. We would like to congratulate the students for completing their DofE assessment expedition. It was challenging, particularly with the very high temperatures that were experienced each afternoon, but the group showed amazing resolve and tenacity to see the expedition through. Most of the students got completely lost at some point, but the way they all pulled together in their teams to work it out and get back on track was brilliant. There literally was blood, sweat and tears, but an amazing achievement by all! Huge thanks also to staff who have given up their time to support the expeditions.



Forensic Investigation

Last week we hosted keen future scientists from Market Drayton Junior School who participated in a forensic investigation to solve a murder case! The students were given information and evidence following the death of gardener, Mr Plant. The students then took part in a number of forensic practices to investigate key pieces of evidence from the suspects. The students really got into the part of a forensic scientist and all of them managed to solve the murder - it was Mrs White in the kitchen with a frying pan!

