

# Headteacher's Letter

It has been the most incredible year with much to celebrate. I am delighted with the progress the pupils have made, and I feel very lucky to see their personal development and progression. External factors including a review of special schools in Kent continues to be a demand on my time. As you know I will always fight for what is best for our pupils and school community, but we continue to offer support to schools, professionals and the Local Authority, we are passionate and committed to making a difference. In your end of term pack, you will have received our Outreach brochure which may be of interest to you, friends or other professionals.

I am incredibly grateful for all your support this year and working with you for outstanding outcomes for the children is purposeful and powerful. It has been lovely to have so many parents in school for end of year events and those of you who attended sports day and the talent show/barbecue will understand how brilliant the children were and the confidence, bravery and resilience they demonstrated. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the £1500 raised in the school raffle, you are AMAZING.

We sadly say goodbye to Mr Cooper who leaves us for Hampshire, Mrs Hughes who sadly leaves the profession and Mr Rosendale who will be working with young offenders. I am sure you join me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the pupils and school. We welcome Miss Malkin who is excited to join us in September as our PE Specialist.

Reading the school reports has allowed me to reflect on the phenomenal achievements of the children. It is a privilege to be part of their education. I look forward to September and welcoming the children back to school for another incredible year.

I would like to thank you all, the governors, work experience partners, the staff for their dedication and the pupils for being who they are. Please do visit the website to see the staff video "Reach for the Stars" and I hope this brings an end of term smile.

I wish you a restful summer.

Best wishes



Miss Renukah Atwell  
Executive Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

- 14th September 2023 - Careers Fair for Years 10, 11 & KS5
- 18th September 2023 - School photographer
- 19th September 2023 - Outreach for Families: What does autism mean for my child? Book via Eventbrite
- 28th September 2023 - Year 5/6 Kent Life Trip (Ancient Greece Day)
- 28th September 2023 - Year 10 Interim Review Evening
- 5th October 2023 - Year 9 Interim Review Evening
- 11th October 2023 - Careers 1-2-1 Meetings
- 12th October 2023 - Year 8 & 11 Interim Review Evening
- 17th October 2023 - KS5 Preparing for Adulthood trip
- 18th October 2023 - Careers 1-2-1 Meetings
- 19th October 2023 - Year 6 & 7 Interim Review Evening



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Chair of Governors

Exams are over for another year and many of our pupils are "moving on" - KS5 and Year 11s left us on 30 June although a number will be returning to us in September either to college or to Wrotham. Current Year 7s will be moving on to our Wrotham site and a new group of Year 7s arrive at Stansted and so, school life goes on.



I had the great pleasure of attending Leavers Assembly at the end of June and I would like to thank our Head Pupils - Jared and Paul - for their speeches delivered so confidently to parents/carers, pupils and staff – it certainly did bring a tear or two to the eye so well were their speeches received.

The governing body continues to be stable, working well with a number of governors having specific roles such as SEND Governor, Safeguarding, Training & Development, Health & Safety etc. We work as a team and are diligent and have the very best interests of the school at our core. Matthew Balfour and I as Co-Chairmen are settling into our new roles too and I certainly feel the benefit of the experience he brings to the table.

It was a relief that the roof repairs were finally signed off in the Spring and our hope is that the roof is finally "sound" and fit for purpose. It has been a long, hard struggle to get it sorted out with the original builders going into liquidation and a number of other firms involved in the construction of the school going to the wall. The leaks began within 12 months of the school being built and it is something of a relief that we no longer need to meet to discuss the roof and its failings.

We do need more space to cope with the expanding number of pupils we educate and to this end a planning application has been lodged with Tonbridge & Malling BC (T&MBC). Recently we were requested to supply a travel plan to aid the application deliberations and this has been forwarded to T&MBC. We now wait to see if we are successful in our application.

Compared with a number of other schools we are fully staffed and our finances are in a reasonable state with no deficit budget having to be set so far. Our buildings are in a good state of repair and are well maintained and our pupils respectful of their surroundings.

We have yet to be inspected by Ofsted but sooner or later our time will come!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sue Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Mrs Sue Murray  
Chair of Governors

## Year 6 Residential to Bowles

The air was crackling with the excited chatter of children; you could taste the sense of anticipation in the room and we hadn't even taken the register yet. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, all of our Year 6 cohort embarked on the Year 6 Residential.

Upon our arrival at Bowles Rock Residential Centre, we were met by our leader Luke and were escorted past the towering rocks towards our lodgings. Given the size and number of suitcases trundling past these ancient rocks, it was hard to believe we were only going to be there for two nights. Things started well – our accommodation was more alpine lodge



than school residential and after lunch, we tackled our first activity: Rock Climbing.

Baylee scurried up the rock face like some sort of mountain squirrel but all of Year 6 started as they meant to carry on. Every single one of them gave it a go and challenged themselves to the maximum – they were full of encouragement for each other, whether billeting or offering tips and by the end of the afternoon, the Rocks of Bowles were well and truly conquered.



The evening activity was a new experience for everyone – pool kayaking. After mastering the basics – including removing oneself from a capsized kayak – all sorts of relays and team challenges were met with unlimited enthusiasm and energy. Tom put it perfectly, while launching himself into the pool, by exclaiming, "I can't believe this – my big brother is already in bed while I'm ..." SPLASH. It really must have been a good start, as there was barely a peep after lights out and we had to wake everyone up at 8am the next morning or else they would have slept through breakfast!



Thursday was another action-packed day. We started the day with archery, where despite Bow's bullseye, the teacher's team emerged undefeated. During the next activity, the children worked brilliantly as a team to move a ball from one side of the playground to the other without touching it and only using short lengths of guttering. Oakley's leadership skills came to the fore as they cracked these tasks in no time at all and headed off for the pitch black tunnels of Al's caves. A special mention for Harley for the way he helped Elliot overcome his fear of the dark tunnels by guiding him every step of the way. From that moment on, Elliot laughed in the face of the dark tunnels. And all this by lunchtime.

The afternoon saw us tackle the leap of faith – which was as challenging as it sounds – before navigating the low ropes course in the glorious evening sunshine. We had the pleasure of a surprise visit from Mrs Chetty-Marston who joined us for the evening.



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A short trek through the countryside was interrupted by the scream challenge – who knew Noah could run and scream so far with just one breath! We then foraged for kindling and wood for our campfires and enjoyed some well-deserved toasted marshmallows and s'mores before sharing some blood curdling ghost stories.

Friday was a glorious, baking summer's day, so naturally we spent the morning skiing. The children were more fantastic than ever – for most of them it was their first time on skis. They listened carefully to the instructors and showed courage and determination to get further and further up the dry ski slope, supporting each other every step of the way. However, the sounds affects produced by Isla each time she came down the slope really were something else! Fortunately, the afternoon was spent in the relative cool of the pool building rafts before twenty minutes of free-time rounded off a sensational trip.

A huge thanks to everyone involved: the parents and carers of Year 6 for letting them go on such a trip and preparing their children so well, to all the staff at Grange Park for making it happen, to the wonderful staff at Bowles Rock and most of to the Year 6 children – they were absolutely fantastic!

### Year 7 Globe Theatre Trip

As part of our English studies, we have been learning about William Shakespeare.

We have been reading Hamlet and watching videos of it being performed in our lessons. It was amazing to visit the Globe Theatre for the day where we got to see the set, sit in the stalls and even got to see some of the actors rehearsing for their performances later that day. We also got to take part in a workshop led by a professional actor and acted out a small scene from Hamlet.



### Father's Day - A Roll & a Ramble

On 16<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated Father's Day by holding a 'Roll and Ramble' event at Stansted. This was an opportunity to celebrate the special people in our lives (not limited to Dads), to have a bacon or sausage roll at school and then join in with our morning walk across our beautiful field at Stansted.

The children loved having their special people at school and there was definitely a buzz in the air as everyone tucked in to their breakfast rolls before putting on their welly boots and showing the adults how we do morning walk at Stansted. What a beautiful morning for it, too!



## Year 7 Olympics Festival

Five members of Year 7 were selected to participate in a KSENT Olympics Festival where they got to experience a range of activities including volleyball, curling, javelin, basketball, tug of war and boccia.

It was a non-competitive event, however the pupils were being judged on team work, respect, fair play and personal conduct throughout the day. I am pleased to say that we came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 17 schools!

The boys represented themselves and Grange Park extremely well and had lots of fun. Well done!



## Year 7 Tag Rugby



The children in 7a were lucky enough to have a specialist rugby coach come in and teach them all about Tag Rugby. The children absolutely loved the activities planned and specialist equipment, that Darren, the coach, brought in for their sessions.

Some children in 7a were given the opportunity to work with Darren in a small group and started to look at game tactics and even got to practise a rugby scrum!



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## Primary Quick Cricket Tournament

A selection of Year 5s and 6s were given the opportunity to showcase their cricket skills as part of a Kent Quick Cricket Tournament for SEN primary schools. The team took it very seriously, making sure they did their warm ups - and their stretches! – so that they could perform their best.



Once the pupils were all warmed up, they took their places to get ready to field against the other team. They communicated with each other as the opposing team got ready to bat – helping to direct each other to be able to collect the balls in a swift manner and to be able to work together efficiently as a team.



After their turn of fielding, they then had the chance to bat. They each took their turns, and as they did, the rest of the team would be cheering them on, keeping them going, even when they began to get tired.

All of that hard work started to pay off and the team could see it – so they continued to work on their strategy throughout the day! They won game after game...



They made every game count – putting their all into each one. It then came down to the play-offs between the top 2 teams... the students continued their cheering, supporting each other to keep going, to make every run count. And every run did count! There was only 1 run difference in the end... and the team came out on top! Well done to our Primary Grange Park Team! A trophy to add to the cabinet!

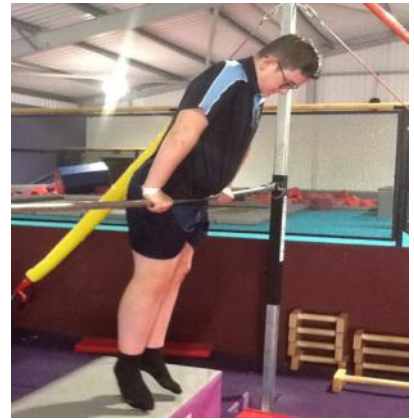


## Duke of Edinburgh Award

A group of Year 9 DofE pupils participated in gymnastics sessions as part of their physical section for their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

These pupils went to Gymfinity in Maidstone every week across 2 terms where they learnt core gymnastics skills such as handstands, cartwheels, beam and bar work as well as how to jump over the vault. They also got to use their skills on the ninja course!

All pupils participated with enthusiasm and enjoyed using the specialist gymnastics equipment.



Year 10 have reached the most exciting stage of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award, the expedition section!

The team decided that our expedition goal was to look at nature and the things that humans had added, and decide whether it enhanced the natural beauty or lessened it.

Making sure they had worn in their walking boots at home we began this section with a short and sunny practice walk in

Jeskyn's Community Woodland. Once across the park, the team successfully found our way back to the minibuses.



The next step was a longer 8km walk at Shorne Country Park on the Explorer Trail, where they practised their navigation skills further following the correct signs around the park. The team found lots of items that humans had added and even did some litter picking along the way. We ate our lunch outside to practise for our camping trip and enjoyed a well-deserved sit down at the 'Fairy Ring'.



Last but not least was the Training day. Luckily Wrotham School allowed us to use their field so we could come back to school at lunchtime for some respite from the rain! We set up 2 gazebos for shelter and practised putting up the tents that will be used for the expedition. In the afternoon they learnt how to use a Triangia, cooking a selection of things to try before deciding on the final menu choices for the trip





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After all of the training and hard work (in all weathers!), Year 10 completed their two day residential expedition. 32 kilometres walked over hilly terrain and 62,000 total steps over both days with camping, cooking, compasses and plenty of insect repellent in-between. The group were phenomenal, they boosted each other's moral and certainly learnt how to work as a team.

A proportion of the award is adapted to make it as assessable as possible for our pupils and we offer support at school to enable them to complete and record their sections, but this expedition was on par if not better than the majority of independent bronze level expeditions.

Amazing work Year 10!



## Shakespeare for Schools

When the pupils found out the Festival was cancelled, literally as we were waiting to go on stage, they all showed resilience and acceptance. They were very disappointed that they could not show off their hard work to their families. The pupils were super excited when a new date was set. They all continued to show commitment, by attending weekly rehearsals up to the next performance.

This time, there was no dress rehearsal at the theatre. The pupils turned up in the evening and had to perform.

They were amazing! All of us were so proud of them, and they were even given a review.



## **"SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES"**

Macbeth  
by Grange Park School  
at The Woodville Theatre, 31st March 2023  
appraised by Lisa Ors

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you, Grange Park School for your marvellous interpretation of Macbeth as part of the Spring 22/23 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a great night at the theatre, and I'd like to take this time here to mention a few things that I really loved!

You created a fantastic opening image which set the scene as Macbeth and Banquo approach the haunting heath. The use of energised choral speaking created a spooky atmosphere as we meet the three dramatic Witches. The repetition of 'Fair is foul and foul is fair' was performed with focus and clarity, creating a powerful and unsettling effect.

You were all so invested in the drama of the play which helped create a level of tension that is perfect for this dark tale. The strength in your physicality, reactions and vocal expression made for some really powerful scenes. Particularly impactful was the death of Lady Macbeth, followed by the very intimidating movement of Birnam Wood signalling the ultimate demise of Macbeth.

You performed the Shakespearean language brilliantly, making it your own. This was coupled with Narrator's modern day language which worked harmoniously. Every line was delivered with gusto and confidence.

I enjoyed the wide range of gestures you used throughout, such as when Malcolm was informed that 'Macbeth was right to shake him' and the ensemble echoed the line with a shaking gesture. It was wonderful how you worked beautifully together as team.

This was a haunting and dramatic Macbeth by an engaged and committed cast.

We're thrilled to back in a theatre with you again this year and have been so impressed by your commitment, bravery and resilience. We hope that you and your teachers are very proud of what you have achieved.

Looking forward to seeing Grange Park School in the next Festival!

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**GRANGE PARK SCHOOL**

## Exam Trips & Visits

### Kent Life

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April we went to Kent Life in Maidstone for the day while our Key Stage 4 & 5 pupils were taking part in their mock exams in school. It was a fun-filled day, with tractor rides, animal feeding and learning about the history of farming.

Year 7-9 were very well behaved and were very interested in all they learnt as they walked around for the day, and we were also lucky that the weather held out for us. Another successful trip at Grange Park School



### Shorne Country Park

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Year 7, 8 and 9 took a trip to Shorne Country Park for the morning. The pupils got the opportunity to walk around the park, reading all the interesting facts about nature, exploring the sensory garden and socialising with their peers. It was a really successful morning and all the pupils enjoyed themselves.

### Port Lympne Safari Park

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June our Key Stage 3 pupils went to Port Lympne Safari Park for the day, during the exam period. They had an excellent day, and saw a range of animals that many of them have never seen before.

In the morning, the whole group went on a truck through the safari area where zebras, wildebeest, ostriches, and many more animals roam free across the Kentish savannah, with stunning views to the Kent coastline.

We had a lovely day exploring the zoo and it was great to see so many students seeing animals for the first time, a great success.



## Year 10 French

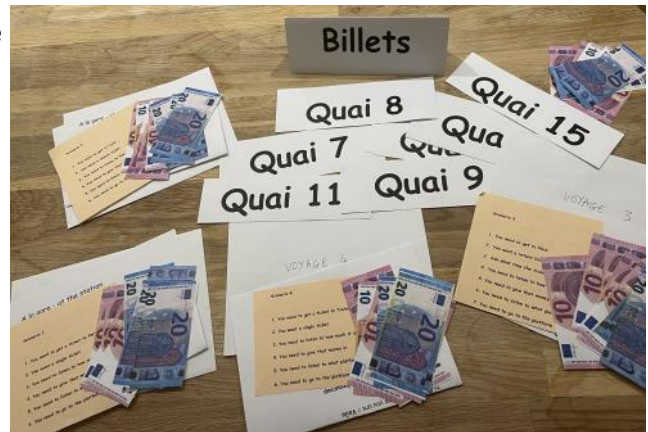
### Bon Voyage!

This term, students in our Year 10 French class have been re-enacting train journeys - in French. We converted the classroom into a mock train station, setting up a ticket desk and placing platform signs around the room.

Each pupil was given a 'Voyage Envelope' each containing their different journey details, a sheet of helpful key phrases and a stack of spending money in the form of Euros – or rather, Euro play money that we had created especially for the task.

They then had to ask at the ticket office for their 'billet', find out the time and platform number of their train and then listen carefully to the amount they had to pay, before making sure they went to the correct platform. They particularly enjoyed handling all the money! Once they had carried out their given tasks they then had a go at being the station employee themselves and then ventured on to creating their own journeys. One student even abandoned the idea of going to an exciting continental destination like Toulouse or Lyon, and simply asked for a ticket to Swanley - which made us all laugh! Our student 'employé de la gare' tried to explain that he didn't think it was possible to buy a ticket to Swanley from France.

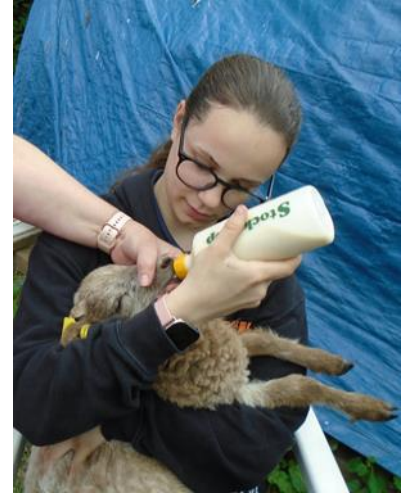
The activity was part of the Social Activities unit of the Language Pathways qualification, which has this term focused on transport. It brought together a lot of our learning, incorporating the knowledge of numbers, time and money, as well as building up listening and speaking skills. As part of this unit, students are also doing a project on Paris by producing a short guide book, as well as learning about the French Revolution to coincide with Bastille Day on 14 July.



## Animal Care

Our Year 10 pupils have had an exceptionally busy year in Animal Care. We have had the opportunity to visit a wide variety of places and the pupils have been able to experience lots of new things and meet an array of animals.

From the beautiful display that the pupils created remembering animals at war, to visiting Hemsley Conservation Centre, with their endangered species and learning what work they do there.



## Art & Design

Back in term 1, KS3 completed a project inspired by the painting, *'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas'*, 1773, by Claude-Joseph Vernet. This was part of the National Gallery's Take One Picture project.

I am delighted to say that once again a selection of the pupils work will form part of the 2023 exhibition. The work is currently on display in the Sunley Room in the centre of the gallery until 8th October. The work can also be seen on the National Gallery website

Look out for two familiar faces - Saffy and Alex took part in a film about the painting!

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/take-one-picture-2023/explore-the-exhibition>



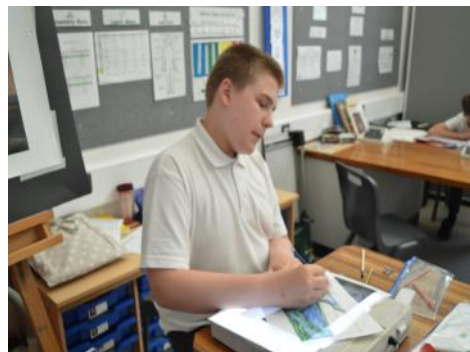
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## Wrotham In Bloom — a community art project

Key stage 3 participated in a project with the local community - Wrotham In Bloom, where a selection of their work formed part of a display in St Georges Church, Wrotham.

During terms 4&5, pupils had been working on various botanical themed projects including creating painted fabric flowers, ceramic vases, drawings and watercolour paintings of flowers inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keefe.

Pupils worked hard to create accurate and detailed drawings of flowers using the grid method and templates.



## GCSE Art & Design

Year 11 completed their art portfolio and exam and a selection of their work was displayed for moderating. They are to be commended for their hard work and creativity over the past two years and we wish them every success for the future.



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## KS3 Cookery

Years 7, 8 and 9 have been super busy in cookery.

They have learnt lots of new skills and developed their confidence using a range of skills to prepare and cook a variety of recipes.

### Year 7

Year 7 have been busy making rock cakes, cheese scones, soup, muffins, crumble and flapjacks to name a few!



### Year 8

Year 8 cooked a variety of dishes including risottos, pasta salad, macaroni cheese, spinach curry, choux buns, and Dutch apple cake.

They have worked really hard on their knife skills and presentation and there have been some wonderful dishes made.



## Sports Day

The highly anticipated sporting event of the year happened on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Grange Park School!

After being cancelled last year due to the 40 degree heat wave, I was worried rain would be the cause of cancellation this year but luckily the rain held off and we had lovely sports day weather.

My aim for the day was to create a relaxed, supportive atmosphere where pupils could participate in a variety of activities, show off their sporting skills, develop team work within their form groups and most importantly enjoy themselves. We had a record number of parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members support the event this year which was wonderful to see and hopefully you all enjoyed yourselves too. Thank you for making my last sports day a special one.

Mrs Hughes





## Warner Brothers Studio Tour

At the beginning of July, we visited the Harry Potter Studios in Hertfordshire.

We had an incredible afternoon, seeing so many of the iconic sets from the films, from Gringott's Bank to Privet Drive, along with some costumes and lots of props including the Hogwart's Express and the flying Ford Anglia.

Pupils were able to try and catch the Golden Snitch on their brooms and some even enjoyed a glass or two of butter beer.



## School Residential Trip

From the 17th - 19th July, 48 pupils and 10 staff went on an adventure to the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire. Pupils conquered fears such as heights by climbing up towers, and water by taking a trip out in a kayak!

Pupils completed many other activities, such as walking the plank, where pupils had to trust a friend to talk them across a maze blindfolded, without letting them fall in the mud. Pupils also went cycling through some trails in the forest and crossed bridges across muddy waters.

We were also fortunate enough to have a campfire complete with s'mores, and even managed to fit in some football, dodgeball and ultimate Frisbee.

Over the few days, staff have been so proud of all the pupils who have faced their own challenges, and showed exceptional resilience and independence.

Well done to everyone - we look forward to next year!



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## Talent Show & BBQ

To celebrate the end of another wonderfully successful year, we held our annual talent show and BBQ on the 14th July. The weather was against us, and we had to make a last-minute change to our plans and moved the talent show to the Wrotham drama hall.

As always, there was a wide variety of talent on display, from singing and dancing to animation, comedy and some musical performances. Pupils and students from Year 5 through to College all took part and really showed off all of their skills.

The show was followed by our annual BBQ and raffle. Parents and staff were incredibly generous with their donations and buying the tickets, which raised an incredible £1493. The funds raised will go towards travel costs for Chessington in September and also towards the December cinema trip.

A huge thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



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## Key Stage 5

We are saying goodbye to lots of our KS5 students this term as they are moving onto the College pathway next year. Here are some reflections from some of the students.

'The Key Stage 5 leavers' assembly is something I am not going to ever forget. We did the assembly outside for some reason, we enjoyed it as the teachers were talking about how good we have been here. We were given our Grange Park + folders and a little key chain with our names on it saying "Best Class of 2023" after that we had a chit chat with some parents and having a nice time together before we all leave for college.'

'In term 5 we went on a reward trip to Dymchurch in Kent. We all traveled by minibus and it took about an hour to get there. One of our students Henry used his Sat Nav on his phone to get us there, when we went there it was a nice sunny day and we went on the beach and we played football.

Jamie wrote his name in the sand and Mrs. Cave-Brown took a picture of it, then some of the students paddled in the sea. Then we all got fish and chips for lunch and sat on the benches in a bench area. We all went for a walk around town. Then we went in to the charity shops and some of students bought DVDs and books, at the end we went into the Arcades. We ended the day by getting an ice cream and we left to come back to school.

I really enjoyed the day out because it was really exciting.'

'College Carousel was a fun experience as I have also done College Carousel at my old school too. On Grange Park's College Carousel was Animal Management, Digital Skills, Hospitality, Art & Design and Hairdressing at Midkent College Medway Campus. Then we did Motor Mechanics at Midkent College Maidstone Campus. I find College Carousel pretty fun because you get to learn what college is really about'



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## College Partnership

Our college partnership students have had an incredibly busy year across both sites. Here is a flavour of what college life is all about, written by some of our Grange Park students at College.

### My First Year at College

My first year at college has been so much fun. I have really enjoyed it so far. I was shy on my first day but as time went on, I got more confident in myself, less shy and I have made so many friends in my time here. It has been an honour to be able to have such good staff and friends supporting me on my journey.

I have had so much fun in my classes with so many fun projects and good teachers and also, I love having a laugh with my friends and also my course has been so fun and I have loved the projects we have done so far. I feel like the time of this year has flown by so fast and I'm so excited to see what the future brings for me.

This college has really made me feel safe and this journey has made me who I am, and who I want to be in the future, and I hope everyone who starts with this college next year will have an amazing time and not let anything bring them down. I hope they stay positive, happy and smile.

The thing I love most about this college is the way people are always smiling and they are always so happy, having a laugh, telling funny stories and jokes with friends and the way they are always happy. It makes me really happy to see people having fun, laughing, and smiling so I hope the people who start next year have a really fun time here and have lots of laughs with friends.

Daisy

This was my first year at Grange Park@MidKent and it was great. It was one of my favourite years when it comes to education of all time.

Firstly, everyday felt like an Office episode- fun, wacky and unpredictable and everyone is nice and helpful. The staff around the college are also kind and helpful. Both cafeterias are great and have a delightful selection of food and drinks for you to choose from. The classmates are great too, all of them are fun and friendly.

I've enjoyed the course that I was in, which was motor vehicle. It was a good challenge and a great one to learn about too, I learned how to service a car, change oil and to make a tool.

Thank you, Grange Park, for the great year, hopefully next year will be great - I am going to Medway College to do music.

Shanley



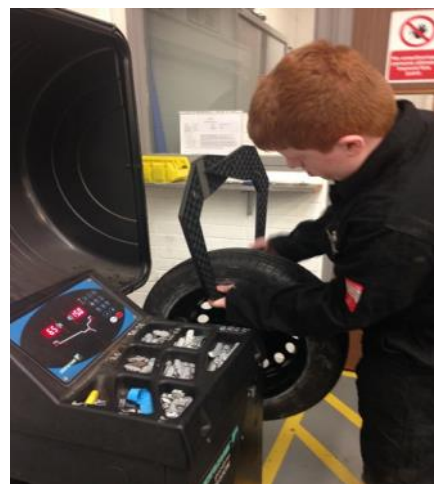
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This was my first year at Maidstone College, I have been studying Motor Vehicle Level 1.

I enjoyed the course and have learnt a lot. I get on well with the other students in the class and the tutors have been helpful.

Next year I am progressing onto Level 2 Motor Vehicle which I am looking forward to.

William



### My Final Year at College



This is my final year in college. I have been here for three years.

These three years have been a roller coaster of emotions, however I have enjoyed my time at college. I have had many laughs and have made friends and have lost some, but most of all I have changed as a person.

When I started college, I was shy and I didn't socialise with many people, and I kept to myself. Since coming to college, I have gained confidence to speak up when I am unsure about something. I can still be shy around new people; however, I now feel more confident talking to people I am familiar with.

I would like to say a big thank you to Grange Park and college staff, for supporting me all these years. I can't wait for what the future brings me. I would also like to wish everyone good luck for the future.

Jasmine



**MidKent  
College**

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## PSHE Day

On Wednesday 12th July we had our final PSHE Day based on Responsibility and Community. What an incredible day we had with the pupils, they were off timetable and took part in a range of activities throughout the day. They looked at how we can work towards becoming an Eco School, being responsible for their zones next year, being Global Citizens and looking into their responsibilities as they progress into adulthood.



The year 8s worked excellently in the kitchen to make hundreds of cookies for our local community, and our year 9s and 10s dropped them to local houses and shops to wish them a happy summer.

Our KS5/Year 11 pupils dropped cookies to their work experience placements to say thank you, and Year 5/6 and 7 to our local primary schools and church. This showed our community just what Grange Park is about and how important it is to be part of the wider community.

An excellent day had by all, and we had lots of calls and emails thanking us.



## GCSE Results Day

GCSE results day is Thursday 24th August.

Results will be available to collect from the school reception between 10.00 - 11.00am at the Wrotham site.

Pupils will need to collect these in person or provide written consent for a parent to collect them on their behalf. Any results not collected on the day will be sent to pupils in the post.

All the pupils have worked so hard and we look forward to celebrating your achievements with you.



## School Gateway & school dinner bookings

To book school dinners, we use the School Gateway app. This is a quick and easy way for us to provide numbers to the kitchen so that they can prepare the correct amount of dinners for the pupils.


Schoolgateway



The menus for the new term are uploaded before the end of term, and you can book dinners for a single day, a week, or the term if you prefer. If your child will be having a school dinner, please can you ensure that you are making their booking by 9.00am on the day, so that the kitchen can be fully prepared. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please ensure that you book in the same way, and the app will not charge you for the meal.

Please download the School Gateway app, and make your bookings via the 'Dinner' section. All payments can be made through the payment option.

We politely request that meal balances are paid weekly to avoid building up any large debts. If you need any help with the app or making payment, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help.



- 1) Open the School Gateway App
- 2) Click **Sign Up**
- 3) Enter the email address your school has on record
- 4) Enter your mobile number
- 5) Click **Send PIN**
- 6) Wait for the text message with your new PIN to arrive
- 7) You may now enter your PIN and log in



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## Grange Park School Term Dates 2023-2024

### **TERM 1 - 2023**

<b>START OF TERM FOR PUPILS:</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023
<b>END OF TERM 1:</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023

### **TERM 2 - 2023**

<b>START OF TERM FOR PUPILS:</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<b>END OF TERM 2:</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

### **TERM 3 - 2024**

<b>START OF TERM FOR PUPILS:</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024
<b>END OF TERM 3:</b>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

### **TERM 4 - 2024**

<b>START OF TERM FOR PUPILS:</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>END OF TERM 4:</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **TERM 5 - 2024**

<b>START OF TERM FOR PUPILS:</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>END OF TERM 5:</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024

### **TERM 6 - 2024**

<b>START OF TERM FOR PUPILS:</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
<b>END OF TERM 6:</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

\*Please note that we will have an early closure at the end of term on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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## Thank you to

We would like to thank all of the local business and parents who have supported us in the summer term, with events and donations to our raffle. Local businesses that made donations are:

Canoe Wild

Hever Castle

Iron Pier Brewery

Kohinoor Indian Restaurant

Lazy Lobster

Little Blue Finch

Mark Stemp

Morrisons

Ninja Warrior

The Panic Room

Pizza Express Maidstone

Planet Ice

Scratch Aesthetics

Shepherd Neame

SNS

Yeastie Boys