



# CURRICULUM NEWS

2023 Autumn Term 1 - Post 16

*Inspire Excellence  
Challenge Potential  
Empower Learning*

## Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



As we commence the new school year, we anticipate the journey that lies ahead and reflect on the achievements of the past year. We take pride in our

Pupils' outstanding accomplishments. Each pupil who undertook accreditation exams met or exceeded their predicted grades, a testament to their dedication and hard work. The year was marked by a splendid prom, a cherished tradition enjoyed by all. It was a delight to welcome back former pupils who shared their experiences of Supported Internships and their subsequent successes.

Our leavers embarked on new ventures, including placements at West Lea Pre-Internship and enrolment at The Pavilion 6th Form, part of The Garden School Hackney. We have every confidence in their bright futures. We extend our congratulations to all our pupils, past and present, and wish them the very best in their endeavours. I was pleased to report to our LGB the sustained and improved progress our pupils made. Last year, an impressive 96% of Pupils achieved expected progress in both English and mathematics. Best wishes, Helen Georgiades

## Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



Welcome to the first edition of our curriculum newsletter for 2023 - 2024. Within each half termly edition you will receive updates and

information about what has been happening in your child's class and in their departments. Class teachers and Department Leads have added ideas and useful links to help you support your child at home. A simple yet incredibly effective way of supporting your child's development at home is through reading. It strengthens literacy, enriches vocabulary, enhances comprehension, and ignites a lifelong love for learning.

Our dedicated team of faculty and subject leads are unwavering in their commitment to crafting a curriculum that is both knowledge-rich and engaging. We understand that every child is unique, and The Grove curriculum is designed to cater to the diverse needs of all our pupils. Furthermore, our curriculum is thoughtfully sequenced, building upon each pupil's previous knowledge, ensuring a cohesive and structured learning journey.

Best wishes, Molly Stopps, Senior Faculty Lead

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## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
23rd - 27th October	Half Term
30th October	INSET - No Pupils
31st October	Pupils back to school
11th November	INSET - No Pupils
2nd November	Remembrance Day
8th - 10th October	Autism Re-Accreditation
12th November	Diwali
16th November	Grove Governors
17th November	Children in Need
2nd December	International Day for Abolition of Slavery
10th December	Human Rights Day
15th December	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
21st December	End of Term
8th January	INSET - No Pupils
9th January	Pupils back to school



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## Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

What a great start to the new year! Thank you to parents / families who have attended the coffee afternoon this half term. We will get another date booked in before we have a winter break.

Many of you might not know that we have a Facebook group! This is a group for parents / carers with pupils at The Grove. It has been created to enable our families to share local information about events, share ideas, arrange meet ups or to even give away old uniforms. I am the admin for the group, please feel free to join us -

Next half term we see Anti-Bullying week being celebrated 13th-17th November, with some activities and sessions planned for pupils.

Our work in PSHE continues across departments with relationship values, mental health and wellbeing. Some classes will be starting sex education, letters will be sent home to individuals.

Looking forward to the next half term!

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin  
Designated Safeguarding & Senior Mental Health Lead  
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## Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

Hi everyone,

It has been a lovely start to the Autumn Term, and it was so nice to see all of the pupils after the summer break.

We are going to run another programme of Family Workshops this year, tailored to the needs of parents and carers. Letters have gone home to get your feedback and we will devise a programme based on the replies. There is still time to reply and have your say if you have not had a chance to yet.

We have continued to evaluate our playground activities through the start of the term and new ones are now going to be available to pupils based on feedback. The playgrounds are becoming a much more engaging and fun environment and we will continue working hard to make playtime even better.

Best wishes,

Louis Maunder

Senior Leader for Pastoral and Behaviour

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## Career News

It has already been a busy start to Careers this term across the school. We have started our 6th form placements at Kentish Town City Farm and New City College, Primary pupils have been to Pizza Express to experience becoming a pizza chef! We have started African Drumming sessions again, piano lessons, horse riding and Young Enterprise. There have been trips to Little Angel Theatre and trips to cafes and shops. It has been really exciting this term to start some Higher Education visits with some of our year 11s from Secondary East. We have started with New City College but hopefully this is

just one of many. Please look for links in the parent Newsletter and on the website under 'Internships and Next Steps' with links to open days, evenings and events and different colleges in the local area.

### Coming up next half term:

- Sixth Form pupils start work experience at Five Guys in Wood Green
- Face Front Theatre are returning with their performance of 'It's my move' about careers and next steps (9th Nov)
- Small group West End Theatre trip to watch 'Dear England' (16th November)
- Peoplescape Theatre will be performing 'The Gingerbread Man' (20th Nov)

As always, please contact me if you have any questions around careers or options for post 16 and beyond:

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Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

## POST 16 NEWS

### HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

I can't believe that we are already writing the first Newsletter for this academic year. It has been a very busy and successful first term in the 6th form. It has been fantastic to see how much ownership the pupils have over the running of the cafe. I have been spoiled everyday with fabulous meals and wonderful desserts. I am looking forward to the cafe becoming a community space for the school and pleased to say that we have started this already with hosting parents coffee afternoons and teacher meetings.

It is always a pleasure to walk around the buildings and see the engagement of pupils in their lessons, ICT, Maths and English but also their engagement with art, life skills and work related learning throughout the week. This term there has also been a variety of activities off site with some pupils starting a college placement at New City college, some going to Kentish Town city Farm and some taking part in work related learning on site. All of them are enjoying these opportunities and there will be more to come across the year.

A reminder of the courses that pupils study in the 6th form:

- Functional Skills English
- Functional Skills Maths
- Functional Skills ICT
- Catering and Hospitality BTEC Level 1

Next term will see pupils starting internal work experience placements, continuing or starting with Sports Leadership qualifications and working at Five Guys.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Bronja Elton  
Director of 6th Form

## Post 16 CLASS NEWS

### MATHS (Miss Kyriacos)

This half term pupils have done some great work on place value, counting, addition and subtraction. They have identified numbers up to 1000 and practised solving problems using objects, pictures and words. Pupils also began to look at representing data as a bar chart, they did very well to collate data where they had the opportunity to practise their communication skills.

### ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

ICT lessons this half term have focused on "Online Safety" and inserting tables, images and text into PowerPoint. Pupils have listened well and retained important information, such as, what information is safe to put online. Some pupils were able to tell us their personal information and we discussed why it is important not to put all of this online.

### ENGLISH (Miss Colhoun)

This term our Theme in English lessons is “My Community”. We started the term exploring what it is like to be part of a school community by sharing our strengths and weaknesses and thinking about who can help us if we need it. We practised writing letters to our friends in order to tell them all about 6th Form at The Grove and to persuade them to visit our school.

We are now exploring our local community, in particular, different types of businesses in the area and also different services we can access. Pupils are developing a growing understanding of the different types of goods and services that local businesses can provide to the community.

### CATERING (Miss Dawn)

The pupils have been learning some new recipes this term and as a result, have been getting accustomed to new flavours and for some pupils, new ways to prepare the ingredients used. We have continued to make bread and this term. We have been making flatbread as well as soda bread. Below are links to the websites with versions of our recipes on them. Please give them a try. All of the Pupils have been really enjoying making the meals. If you and your child make them at home - I'd love to see some pictures of how they turn out

- [Vegetable Pasta Bake](#) (we added meat free mince to this recipe)
- [Chicken and rice traybake](#)
- [Homemade meatballs and spaghetti](#)
- [Gluten free chocolate brownies](#)

Pupils have also been gathering evidence for their Hospitality and Catering Btec, showing that they can follow recipes and

use a variety of skills and equipment when making their meals.

## HOME LEARNING

**Maths:** Practise counting objects at home, carry out addition and subtraction work whilst out and about shopping. Whilst out count how many different colour cars you see in a tally chart, then come home and transfer it into a bar chart.

**ICT:** Practise your typing and coordination skills TypeDojo.com. If you have access to the internet pupils could try logging into their school email from home and sending emails to family members. Take some time to have your child learn their home address and emergency contact number.

**English:** Continue to encourage pupils' to read regularly, whether that be a book or literacy within the daily environment e.g. signs, lists, recipes. Where possible take visits to local businesses such as cafes, restaurants, shops and places of entertainment. Encourage your young adult to share information with you about what they can see, buy or do there.

**Catering:** Why not try some of the recipes that we have tried this half term (follow the links above) or encourage your child to help with the planning and preparation of some of the meals at home.



## Gallery



*Putting apple crumble in the oven*



*Homemade meatballs*



*Weighing ingredients for soda bread*