



# CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Spring Term 2 - Post 16

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## Headteacher's Welcome



The Spring term seems to have whizzed away and we are soon heading into summer. Thank you to all the parents and carers who participated in the teacher consultation meetings last week.

During Pupil Progress Day I was privileged to witness the amazing progress pupils made this term across different areas of the curriculum and their personal development. Once again, the vast majority of our pupils across the school are making excellent progress. In the second half of Spring, our school hosted the Growing the Top event, welcoming five practitioners from outstanding schools. This opportunity allowed us to present our curriculum, which received high praise from our visitors. They also observed several classes and were very impressed with the quality of education, indicating an interest in sending their teachers to gain insights from our teaching approaches.

Overall, we were extremely proud of everyone and the Growing the Top visit was a celebration of all the successes around the school. A great way to finish the term! Wishing you a good half term from the team at The Grove

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

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As we come to the end of Spring term, it is such a pleasure to take some time to reflect on what a productive term we have had. World Book Day was a huge success! I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the amazing costumes and was blown away by everyone's efforts towards their 'World Book Day Class Door'. It is always so lovely to see pupils and staff engaging in conversation about books and taking time out of their usual timetable to dedicate towards their favourite stories.

We have had many visitors this half term who have had the opportunity to get into classes to see how the curriculum is being delivered. Their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and they have all been really impressed with seeing pupils so engaged in learning across the school!

There have been lots of really interesting parent workshops this half term. I would like to say thank you to anyone who has attended, I hope they have been beneficial and helped towards supporting pupils at home.

Have a lovely Spring break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Summer term.

Best Wishes, Molly Stopps, Senior Faculty Lead

## Dates for your diary

| Date            | Event                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 28th March      | End of Term                          |
| 10th April      | Eid ul-Fitr Begins                   |
| 15th April      | INSET - No Pupils                    |
| 16th April      | Pupils back to school                |
| 22nd April      | Stephen Lawrence Day                 |
| 23rd April      | St George's Day                      |
| 2nd May         | Grove Governor Meeting               |
| 6th May         | Bank Holiday - No Pupils             |
| 7th May         | Pupils back to school                |
| 8th May         | VE Day                               |
| 15th - 21st May | Mental Health Awareness              |
| 17th May        | International day against HBT Phobia |
| 27th - 31st May | Half Term                            |
| 3rd June        | INSET - No Pupils                    |
| 4th June        | Pupils back to school                |



## Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

As always I begin with a huge thank you to all the families that have been in touch , attended annual reviews, meetings and pupil progress day.

As we head into the Summer term I would love to see you all for a catch up **Wednesday 15th 9.30-11am** this will be our last one of the year. I hope you can join me!

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.

I have been fortunate enough to be in the position to teach a group of pupils about anti-bullying which has led them to complete a course and become Anti-Bullying ambassadors. We will be doing more of this next term and expanding our anti-bullying ambassador group.

Next half term sees our usual Mental Health awareness celebrations. I will also be running a drop in for families who want to know more about how to support their children with their mental health and wellbeing.

Finally, I would like to point you all in the direction of our Online Safety page <https://thegroveschool.co.uk/online-safety/> this is on our website and contains some useful information.

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

Hi everyone,

It has been another short half-term that has been packed full of wonderful achievements and moments.

We had a very productive staff Inset Day at the beginning of the term in which staff revisited behaviour expectations and considered why we use certain strategies for our pupils. We developed a whole school list of 'behaviour non-negotiables' that are being designed into a poster to display across the school. These will guide staff to ensure we are meeting the needs of all pupils and factoring in autistic differences when we support behaviour.

Family workshops have been continuing this half-term, with more of a curriculum focus. I would like to thank everyone who attended! We really love seeing you all in school for the workshops. Please sign up for the remaining sessions and if you ever have any ideas for workshops you would like then email me.

The playground charters have now been printed and installed in the playground. They look great and can now be used to support play and interaction in the playground. As we move towards summer we will be introducing new games and activities to make sure playtimes are fun and engaging.

Another very busy half term, the highlight of which was Careers week and the Careers fair. Across that week pupils had access to a number of different activities including the ones below:

- Art trips of secondary west classes to 'Frameless'
- Employability visits for key stage 4 to the Rugby Works Offices
- On site drama workshops with 'Monkey Moves'
- 'Becoming a chef' trip to Pizza Express
- The Gaming Bus!

I think a stand out activity was definitely the 'gaming bus' for our pupils aged 8 and above. It was great to see them racing each other on virtual racing tracks and entering virtual worlds with VR headsets. We will definitely be bringing it back next year!

Thank you to those of you that supported us with the Careers fair and came round to look at the stands and talk with our exhibitors. Your feedback was lovely and I hope that it gave everyone something to think about for the future and how many wonderful opportunities there can be for your children.

As always you can contact me below with any questions on next steps, careers or enrichment opportunities.

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Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

## POST 16 NEWS

### HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

It has been another fantastic term in the sixth form and it has been nice to see some sunshine returning!

In the sixth form cafe I have enjoyed seeing the pupils involved in sowing and seeding their own vegetables for the cafe and planting out the garden allotment space. I can't wait to see the results of their hard work.

I have also enjoyed seeing pupils in English and Maths lessons engaged with learning about the world around them and thinking about how to share information about themselves in preparation for CVs and future jobs. I am always proud when I see how engaged the pupils are in lessons and how independent they are all becoming.

Next term will see the introduction of a new allotment space in the local area that a group of pupils in the sixth form will be running in collaboration with some pupils in Northern class from secondary West. I am excited to tell you more about it next term and maybe share their produce with families.

Have a wonderful Easter, hopefully with some nice weather!

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 covered measurement. Pupils have had fun measuring one another's height, shoe and hand size. They then moved on to learn about weight: heavy and light; several pupils were able to compare weights by writing fantastic sentences.

### ICT (Miss Kyriacos)

ICT lessons this half term have been crossed with Science where we have been walking around the local area identifying different types of materials e.g. hard, soft, brown, green. Pupils have become very confident in using the digital cameras to capture pictures of these materials and some are able to download the photo onto laptops when we return back to school. Well done!

### ENGLISH (Miss Jac)

This half term we have continued with our learning theme in English of "me, myself and I". Pupils have produced presentations on their likes and dislikes and shared them with each other and the class. They have begun to discuss and identify the skills and qualities needed for the workplace and what skills and qualities they already have. It has been great seeing the confidence grow as they are able to identify all of the fantastic things they take part in that contributes to these successes. They have also continued to develop their ability to recognise key pieces of personal information so that they can fill in application forms and statements.

Pupils have also started to work towards a 'being Organised' unit and AQA awards.

Both of these units continue to develop their functional skills in English and encourage independence into adulthood.

### **CATERING (Miss Dawn)**

The pupils have continued to make some amazing meals this term, working together to make lunch for themselves 3 days a week. They are also making paninis for a breaktime snack twice a week

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

- [Chicken Curry](#)
- [Homemade bread](#)
- [Homemade pizza](#)

Pupils have also been gathering evidence for either their Hospitality and Catering or Home Cooking skills Btec, showing that they can follow recipes and use a variety of skills and equipment when making their meals. Some pupils will be regularly coming home with a letter with pictures showing what they have made that week too.

## HOME LEARNING

**Maths:** Practise measurement whilst carrying out a small cooking task e.g. following a simple recipe and using scales to measure out grams, measuring jugs for millilitres etc.

**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. Create a Book Creator account and make a book on electrical and non-electrical in your home. <https://bookcreator.com/> Continue to take lots of pictures using digital cameras.

**English:** Continue to encourage your young adult to read for pleasure, if possible visit the local library. As a family, take part in leisure activities and encourage your young adult to discuss what they liked about the activity and what else they would like to do e.g. going for a walk in London or joining a local youth group.

**Catering:** All of the 6th form pupils take part in the preparation of the meals that they eat. All of the pupils can independently peel, chop and slice fruit and vegetables. Most of them can independently weigh amounts using digital scales. Most of them can also follow a straightforward recipe. They can all wash up and dry up too. Please encourage them to do these things at home.



## Gallery



*Homemade bread, making paninis,  
Kneading dough*