

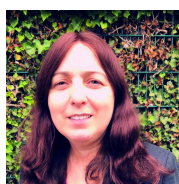


CURRICULUM NEWS

2024 Autumn Term 1 - Post 16

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Deputy Headteacher's Welcome



As we begin the new school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the successes of the past year. We take great pride in our pupils' remarkable accomplishments.

Every pupil who took accreditation exams met or exceeded their predicted grades, reflecting their dedication and hard work. I was also pleased to report to our LGB the sustained and improved progress our pupils made—last year, an impressive 92% of pupils achieved expected progress in both English and mathematics. The year featured a wonderful prom, a cherished tradition enjoyed by all. It was a pleasure to welcome back former pupils who shared their experiences with Supported Internships and the successes they have achieved since.

With the new academic year underway, our dedicated faculty and subject leads are fully committed to offering a curriculum that is both knowledge-rich and engaging. Recognising the individuality of every pupil, The Grove curriculum is thoughtfully designed to address the diverse needs of all learners. Both faculty and subject leads are working diligently to ensure the curriculum is carefully sequenced, building on each pupil's prior knowledge and delivering a well-structured, cohesive learning experience.

Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum

Unbelievably, I find myself writing this article for the first curriculum newsletter of the 2024/25 academic year! It's been a long but action packed first half term. The new staff who started in September have been taking part in induction training which is supporting them to learn all of The Groves processes and systems. New pupils have made a good start to their time at The Grove, developing relationships with staff and peers alike.

The start of the new academic year has seen the Curriculum Development Team meet with a range of subject leads and faculty leads to continue our fantastic work of creating, enhancing and developing our wonderful bespoke curriculum pathways across the school. Myself and Mrs Groome, the Food technology subject lead, have already completed the food tech quality assurance which gave us a chance to observe food tech lessons across the school which was fantastic. It was great to see so many functional lessons allowing pupils to develop their skills in preparing food but also developing and expanding their engagement in different tastes, textures and smells.

Have a lovely half term, best wishes. -

Lee Mills, Assistant Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
28th October - 1st November	Half Term
1st November	Diwali
4th November	INSET - No Pupils
5th November	Pupils back to school
5th November	Guy Fawkes
11th November	Remembrance Day
11th - 15th November	Anti-Bullying week
14th November	Grove Governors
15th November	Children in Need
17th - 23rd November	Road Safety Awareness Week
28th November	Thanksgiving
9th December	Human Rights Day
13th December	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
20th December	End of Term
6th January	INSET - No Pupils



Safeguarding Lead News - Miss Huseyin

It's been a super busy half term! I have managed to meet many of you this half term; it's been good to catch up!

After this October half term all pupils will be bringing home the attendance letter. The government recently changed guidance around attendance, with attendance codes also changing. Any pupil with attendance below 95% will be invited to meet me during the next half term. The meeting is designed to be supportive and helpful and improve attendance, please do not be concerned. However, I must note that the wording in the letter may feel challenging as it refers to possible next steps. Meetings last just 20 minutes initially; unless there are bigger concerns.

During half term if you have a safeguarding concern please use the numbers below to contact staff at Haringey's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for advice:*

Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 5pm;
Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm Tel: 020 8489 4470

Out of office hours, including weekends the Emergency Duty Team Tel: 020 8489 0000

If you need to speak to the CAMHS crisis team please contact:

CAMHS crisis number: 0800 151 0023.

You can call this number to get help or advice in a crisis from trained mental health advisors and clinicians, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin
Designated Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead
nadine.huseyin@thegroveschool.co.uk

Pastoral and Behaviour - Mr Louis Maunder

Hi everyone,

It has been a long, busy but successful half-term! Autumn 1 is always a shock to the system, and whilst the rain hasn't helped, it has been so wonderful to meet all of the new pupils across the entire school and start to build relationships with them. It has also been great to meet some of the new families too.

This half-term I have really enjoyed training our new staff members, and seeing the commitment, dedication and skill that is already in evidence across the school.

I will be contacting you all soon regarding Family Workshops and it would be great if new families and those who haven't attended before were able to make it to some of the sessions. We are looking to run our training via zoom this year to see if this makes it more accessible.

Enjoy your break,

Louis Maunder

Senior Leader for Behaviour and Wellbeing

Career and Enrichment News

It has already been a busy start to Careers and Enrichment this term across the school. We have welcomed Jackson Lane Circus skills which pupils in secondary are really enjoying. Pupils in year 10 and 11, as part of their STEM curriculum, are again going to Blackhorse Road which continues to develop their carpentry and building skills. We have hosted the 'Communication Pod' for Primary and secondary pupils, had African Storytelling sessions for the whole school as part of

Black History month and pupils in primary have attended 'Frameless' - an immersive art exhibition in central London. Sixth form have started their work placements at Kentish Town City Farm, Boots and Five Guys. We have continued with African Drumming sessions and are hopefully working towards a performance at the Royal Albert Hall! There are also Piano and guitar lessons for more pupils this year, horse riding and Young Enterprise.

In Addition to the Grove Sixth Form, we have also opened The Grove Pre-Supported Internship, in partnership with Haringey and Mencap, this year for pupils aged 16-19 with EHCPs. This is an employment pathway for young people who are ready to move into the world of work. It is developing their skills and allowing them to move onto a full Internship. This is open to young people in Haringey and based in Rising Green (A youth hub in Wood Green). You can find out more information on our website under 'Sixth Form and Careers - Pre-internship. It is a very exciting opportunity to get young people with SEND needs into the workplace.

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

bronja.elton@thegroveschool.co.uk or on 020 3876 6555

Bronja Elton - Director of Sixth Form/Careers Lead

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

As always I can't believe how quickly the first half term goes. It doesn't feel like we have done eight weeks already. This year we have the biggest cohort we have had in the sixth form since we have been open and it has been lovely seeing how quickly all of the pupils have adjusted and supported each other throughout this term. It has been really nice seeing the whole building used, a new form in the cafe and all of the pupils adjusting to a college placement on Friday's.

It is always a pleasure to walk around the buildings and see the engagement of pupils in their lessons, ICT, Maths, English, Catering and Horticulture but also their engagement with art, life skills and work related learning throughout the week. We have started work placements again at Five Guys and Boots as well as Kentish Town City Farm. We are aiming to bring in more opportunities for work experience in IT and hopefully hospitality.

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

- Functional Skills English
- Functional Skills Maths
- Vocational BTEC Level 1

Next term we will be continuing with work placements, getting out and about in London, continuing with music lessons, choir, the school play, art lessons and enterprise initiatives.

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 basic formatting skills in Word and using email. They all have school email accounts which they actively use at school.

English P1 and P3 (Miss Elton)

This term I have had the pleasure of teaching English to both P3 and P1. We have been working around the theme of 'Countries and Cultures' and it has been great seeing how much the pupils have been learning about London and the world around them. We have been looking at famous landmarks, creating Fact Files, making posters, writing persuasive letters and describing London as if we were working for the tourist board! I can already see the progress that

the pupils are making with their language choices and their sentence structures, it was fun watching them correct all the mistakes in a complaint letter and start writing their own letters to Ms Santi about a trip we will go on to the British Museum!

Next term we continue with the theme but will be looking at the whole of the UK! We will also be welcoming Mr Johnny and Ms Hogan into the team as they will be teaching the English lessons to sixth form next term.

English P2 (Miss Dawn)

Students have been using their English lessons to find out about London. We have looked at the modes of transport and different visitor attractions in London. They have made and are continuing to contribute to a guide book for visitors. We have also started to do work about famous singers from London and will be moving on to explore artists from London.

CATERING (Miss Dawn)

The pupils are continuing to prepare lunch for each other, four times 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

- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Vegetarian chilli con carne](#)
- [Gluten free chocolate brownies](#)

pupils have also been continuing to gather evidence for either their Hospitality and Catering or Home Cooking skills

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: Encourage your child to read stories, comics, recipes, articles from newspapers and magazines or online versions of these. If possible, share this reading together or encourage them to talk about the text or point to images related to it.

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.

Performing Arts News with



Post 16-1 & 2

In Performing Arts, pupils have been learning to play music together as an ensemble on untuned percussion. They have learnt how to follow simple musical cues and been able to perform a simple piece as a whole class. They have also had opportunities to create their own rhythms as part of the performance piece.

Christmas Shows

As our school has grown the performances have grown as well and this year there will be three separate events taking place in December. With so many pupils now at the school this will mean they have more opportunity to showcase their work and it also allows more audience space so everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The performances are as follows:-

Primary - 'Adventures in Wonderland'
Thursday 5th December 10:30am Main Hall

Secondary West - 'Adventures in Wonderland'
Thursday 5th December 2pm Main Hall

Secondary East - 'Christmas Showcase'
Thursday 12th December 2:00pm Activity Studio

We look forward to seeing you at the performances to celebrate the fantastic work of our pupils together.

Gallery



Making vegetable pasta bake and a mixed salad