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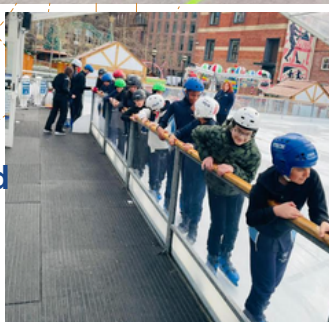
Christmas Extravaganza Talent, Culture & Community Unite!

Our Christmas Extravaganza was a wonderful celebration of talent, culture, and community spirit. Students, parents, and local residents came together to support Sheffield Children's Hospital, raising a fantastic **£280.33**. The event featured vibrant Roma dancing and singing, along with musical and dramatic performances from both staff and students. A variety of market stalls added to the festive atmosphere, and of course, a popular bake sale contributed to the fundraising efforts. It was a day full of joy, creativity, and generosity, with everyone coming together to make a difference.

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Skate to Success: Rewarding Commitment Beyond the Classroom

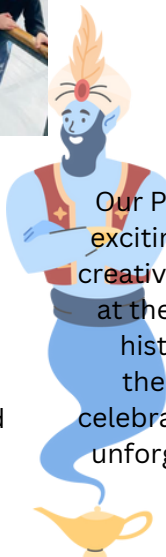


Students who actively participate in extracurricular activities were rewarded with an exciting ice-skating trip. By earning stamps for their engagement in a variety of clubs and activities, students were entered into a prize draw for the chance to attend. The reward trip celebrated their commitment, effort, and enthusiasm for exploring new interests beyond the classroom. It was a fun-filled day on the ice, recognising and encouraging the importance of extracurricular involvement in personal growth and school life.

Curtains Up on Culture: Performing Arts Students Take Liverpool by Storm!



Our Performing Arts students came together to raise funds for an exciting cultural trip to Liverpool. The experience was packed with creative inspiration as students took part in a Pop Culture workshop at the British Music Experience, explored Liverpool's rich musical history, and enjoyed the magical production of Aladdin at the theatre. The day concluded with a well-deserved group meal, celebrating their hard work, teamwork, and passion for the arts. This unforgettable journey allowed students to immerse themselves in the world of music, theatre, and cultural heritage.





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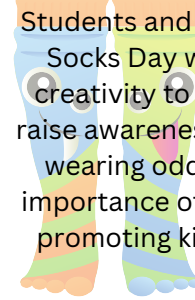
Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

At Grange, we prioritise mental health and well-being. To mark World Mental Health Day, students and staff wore yellow to raise awareness and show solidarity for mental health issues. The day served as a reminder of the importance of kindness, empathy, and support for one another.



Celebrating Uniqueness on Odd Socks Day!

Students and staff at Grange marked Odd Socks Day with a splash of colour and creativity to celebrate individuality and raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. By wearing odd socks, we highlighted the importance of embracing differences and promoting kindness and respect for all.



Standing Against Discrimination

At Grange, we are dedicated to eliminating discriminatory behaviour both in school and the wider community. As part of this commitment, students and staff participated in 'Show Racism the Red Card' day, raising awareness and promoting respect, inclusion, and equality for all.



Student Leaders - Leading the Way!

Our Christmas Extravaganza was a fantastic celebration of talent, culture, and community spirit. Students, parents, and local residents came together to raise a remarkable **£280.33** for Sheffield Children's Hospital. This event was especially meaningful for Year 11 student Zara, who, after experiencing a personal loss, became deeply passionate about making a difference. Together with our growing group of student leaders, Zara played a pivotal role in planning the event. Our Diversity Leaders, Arts Ambassadors, and Enrichment Leaders will continue their inspiring work to raise awareness and support for those in need throughout the year.



Children in Need Bake Off - Bake Sale!



Grange students hosted a fantastic Bake Off and Bake Sale to raise funds for Children in Need, showcasing their baking skills and generosity. The event was a great success, with students coming together to create delicious treats that were sold to staff and students, raising an impressive **£135.80**. This initiative not only supported a worthy cause but also highlighted the creativity and community spirit of our students. Well done to everyone involved!



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Oasis Students Craft Wreaths and Community Spirit for Macmillan!

Students from Oasis have been hard at work supporting a great cause by hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning and creating beautiful handmade Christmas wreaths to sell. Their efforts have raised over **£510** for Macmillan Cancer Support, showcasing their compassion, creativity, and community spirit.

The coffee morning provided a warm, welcoming space for people to come together, while the festive wreaths added a seasonal touch to their fundraising efforts. A huge well done to all the students involved for their hard work and generosity in supporting such an important cause.





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Adventure, Teamwork, and Triumph at Peat Rigg Residential!

From Wednesday, December 11th to Friday, December 13th, 32 students embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Peat Rigg with the PE department. Students challenged themselves with exciting activities like Jacob's Ladder, abseiling, and bushcraft. Throughout the trip, they showcased resilience, teamwork, and positive behaviour, making them a true credit to the Academy. It was a fantastic experience that left students with lasting memories and new skills.



Unlock Your Potential

Explore Grange's 40+ Extracurricular Clubs!

At Grange, we offer over 40 extracurricular clubs, running during break, lunch, and after school. With more than 500 students participating each week, there's something for everyone—from arts and crafts to rock climbing and judo! Our sports clubs, including basketball, football, and netball tournaments, are incredibly popular, giving students the chance to stay active and engaged. We encourage all students to discover new talents and passions, whether it's in the arts, sports, or something completely different.



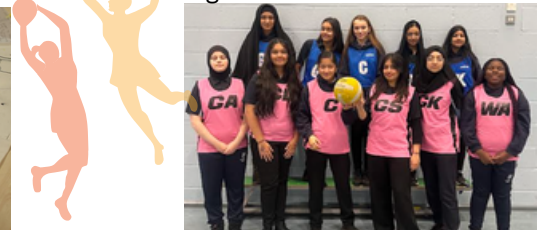
Game On: The Battle of the Schools!



We are incredibly proud of our students who have competed in a series of Interschool Competitions this term. A huge congratulations to our Year 8 girls, who brought home the Gold! All our student teams display remarkable resilience and teamwork throughout the competitions, embodying our Co-op value of #succeedtogether.

Netball Team Shines with Early Success!

Since forming at the start of this academic year, our netball team has gone from strength to strength. Despite having limited time for training, the team has displayed incredible determination, skill, and teamwork. Their hard work is paying off, with the team winning the majority of their matches so far. This impressive start highlights their commitment and potential for even greater success in the future.



Grange Students Shine in Bradford 2025 City of Culture Art Competition!

To kick off a year of celebrations for Bradford 2025 City of Culture, Grange students took part in an exciting Art Competition focused on celebrating diversity within the school and the local community. Working in partnership with AHEAD, students designed artwork that showcases and celebrates diversity. After a tough judging process, we are proud to announce that Grange students will be representing our school in the city final this February! This achievement highlights their creativity, teamwork, and commitment to promoting inclusivity and cultural pride.

Proud
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Celebrating Success: Over 750

Students Take Part in Reward Events!

This year, over 750 students have taken part in an exciting range of reward events, from Laser Tag adventures in October to a cinematic experience this week. These events celebrate students who come to school, work hard, and make positive choices.

Weekly Character Reward Breakfasts with the Headteacher and Reward Assemblies highlight and celebrate student achievements. With even more rewards and celebrations planned after Christmas, there are plenty of opportunities for students to share in success and be recognised for their efforts.



Reality Check: Year 8 Students Learn Hard-Hitting Lessons with 'Prison Me No Way'!

Year 8 students spent a powerful day with Prison Me No Way, engaging with a range of external agencies to learn about the harsh realities of crime and its consequences. Through interactive workshops, students explored critical issues such as county lines, knife crime, and railway safety with Northern Rail. The most impactful sessions came from prison officers and ex-prisoners, who shared real-life experiences about life behind bars. The day aimed to educate students on the dangers of crime, promote safer choices, and equip them with the knowledge to protect themselves and their communities.





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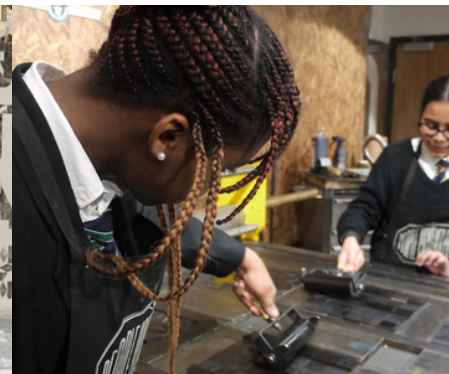
Literature Festival

A group of First Story students visited Chapel FM in Leeds to take part in their annual On Air Literacy Festival. After a tour of the converted Chapel Building, which now houses the radio station, a community centre and café, our students took to the airwaves and read a variety of poems and stories.

First Story (Bradford City of Culture)

The People Powered Press

After two workshops with the poet Antony Dunn the First Story students were invited to the People Powered Press in Saltaire as part of the Bradford City of Culture 2025 preparations. The students each designed a letter and using small printing blocks built up their design, they then printed their letter on the largest letter press printer in Europe. The students learned letterpress printing techniques throughout the visit.



Praise's Storytelling Triumph at Cambridge University!

At the First Story Young Writers Festival at Cambridge University all attendees were set a competition by the illustrator Quentin Blake. Blake, who famously illustrates the Roald Dahl books, drew a picture and students were invited to write a story based on it.

One of our students (Praise) was the winner of this competition and has been working with Bonnie Lander-Johnson, the Director of Studies of English at Downing College to edit the story ready for publication in *The Leaves*, the literary magazine produced by Downing College.

During an online meeting Bonnie invited the Praise to attend the launch of the magazine in the gallery at Downing College later this year. The story will be read out at the 2025 Young Writers Event at Cambridge University.

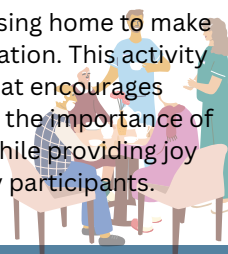
The school will also receive copies of *The Leaves* for the library.

Congratulations Praise - We are very proud of you!!



Inter-generational Linking Network

Some year 7 Art students went to a nursing home to make Christmas cards with the elderly generation. This activity is a valuable learning experience that encourages empathy, community involvement, and the importance of cross-generational relationships, all while providing joy and companionship for the elderly participants.





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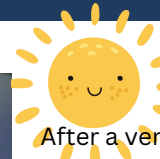
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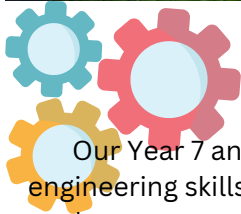
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Grange Gardening Club Blossoms Back to Life!

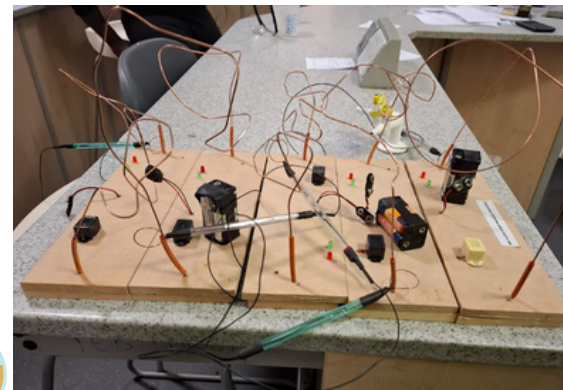
After a very successful last year, we are back. Last year, we achieved Level 1 RHS School Gardening Award. We have worked really hard and learnt a lot of new gardening skills. We planted a variety of flowers, beans, onions and peas. The harvest was small but delicious. While learning about plants, our gardeners enjoyed the benefits of team work and understood the positive impact gardening had on their mental well being.

This year our Club has some experienced and some new gardeners. We have started planting some spring flowering bulbs. So watch this space in spring season! Although we have cold and dark days ahead, we have planned many exciting gardening projects which can be accomplished indoors.



STEM Club Sparks Creativity with Buzzer Game Projects!

Our Year 7 and 8 STEM Club students have been busy putting their engineering skills to the test this half term by designing and building their own buzzer games. Following circuit diagrams, they successfully completed all the wiring and even mastered soldering – a fantastic achievement! Their hard work, patience, and problem-solving skills were on full display, and we couldn't be more proud of their efforts. The creativity and determination shown by our budding engineers highlight the incredible potential of our students in STEM fields. Well done to all involved!



From Gloves to Greatness

Students Box Their Way to Success

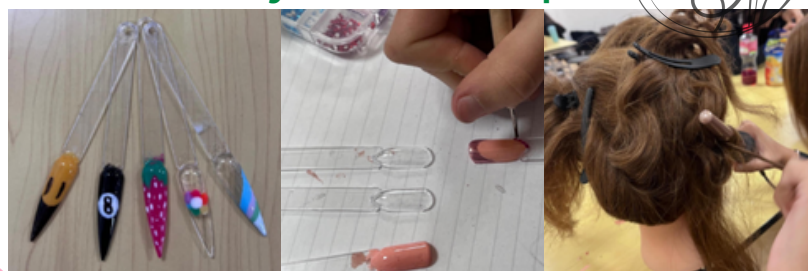


We are thrilled to share the fantastic progress our students are making in the boxing intervention programme. This initiative has been a great opportunity for the students to develop physical fitness, discipline, and resilience. The dedication and effort they are putting in are truly commendable. Well done to all involved—keep up the amazing work.



Brushing Up on Brilliance

Hair and Beauty Students Shape Their Future



We are excited to highlight the incredible achievements of our students in our Hair and Beauty programme! This dynamic initiative is empowering the students to master new skills, express their creativity, and gain valuable experience in a vibrant industry. Their passion, commitment, and progress are inspiring, and we couldn't be prouder. A huge well done to everyone involved—your hard work is truly shining through!



From Mats to Milestones

Jiu-Jitsu Students Fight for a Better Future

We're delighted to celebrate the outstanding progress our students are making in our Jujitsu programme! This initiative has been an excellent way for them to build physical strength, boost confidence, and develop discipline through martial arts. Their focus and determination are truly impressive, and we are so proud of their achievements. Well done to everyone involved—keep up the fantastic effort!

