

BOARDING NEWS

Half Termly Boarding Newsletter of Woodhouse Grove School

Full Colours Awards

Congratulations to those boarders who received their colours blazers this term. These are awarded for high achievement and for fully participating in Grove life and being an exceptional role model.



Rugby Tour

Three of our boarders spent two weeks on a rugby tour to South Africa over the Summer. They played two fixtures in Durban, one in Cape Town, and a tough Stellenbosch game. They also enjoyed a night on safari, visited Robben Island and Table Mountain and went whale watching in Hermanus.



Halloween Party

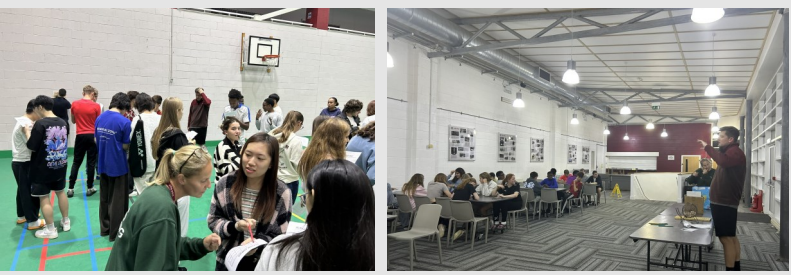
Thanks to two of our Miller boarders for organising a brilliant Halloween themed party last weekend. Gaele and Valentina decorated the room, baked spooky cookies, made a scary playlist and encouraged all boarders to join in.

Our boarders also enjoyed their annual trip to the local Pumpkin Pick Your Own. They chose their own pumpkins to carve and decorate for the boarding halloween party.



Beginning of Term Activity

At the beginning of term we ensure our new boarders settle well with activities designed to help them get to know other boarders and their way around the Grove.



These included icebreakers, human bingo, and an 'It's a Knockout' tournament - which was great fun despite the rain on the day!



Our boarding team also took our new boarders bowling and into Leeds city centre, showing them where the train station is located, how to buy a ticket and generally making them more familiar with the process for future trips.



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International Boarding Day

For this year's International Boarding Day, held on Saturday 5 October and with the theme of global unity, we asked our boarders to share their cultures with each other and the wider Grovian Community. With more than 20 different nationalities across our boarding houses this was a truly international experience!



As part of this cultural exchange, some of our Brodwell boarders took the opportunity to introduce our Head of Boys' Boarding, Mr Dobson, to the captivating game of Mahjong.



Congratulations to Jenson, Year 10, who scored his first try for Woodhouse Grove in the rugby match last weekend. He was clearly very pleased as he celebrated as though he had won the world cup!

Baking with Mamma Shirls

Miller girls have enjoyed baking sessions with Mamma Shirls this term. Recipes have included apple chocolate torte, mango frozen yoghurt and mug cakes.



Boarding Visit to Germany

Earlier this month, Mr King, our Head of Boarding, spent a weekend visiting agents and families in Frankfurt. Whilst there he caught up with international Old Grovians, Tim and Anneke, and their family in their home town.



Our boarding team have recently been to China and Germany, and have boarding trips planned to Vietnam, Poland and Spain in the coming months.

BSA Sleep Champions!

Special thanks to boarding tutor, Miss Winks who took the lead in successfully achieving the Boarding Schools' Association 'Sleep Champions' accreditation for our boarding community at Woodhouse Grove School.

The benefits of maintaining healthy and consistent sleep routines have long been understood, and we know this is particularly vital for children and young adults.

The BSA Sleep Champions scheme aims to celebrate and give recognition to schools who are committed to improving sleep hygiene within their boarding facilities.



European Day of Languages

Some of our boarders went to a local school to help younger pupils celebrate European Day of Languages.

They spent the morning in school assembly, and pupils had to guess where they were from when they said Hello.



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