

# BOARDING NEWS

## Half Termly Boarding Newsletter of Woodhouse Grove School

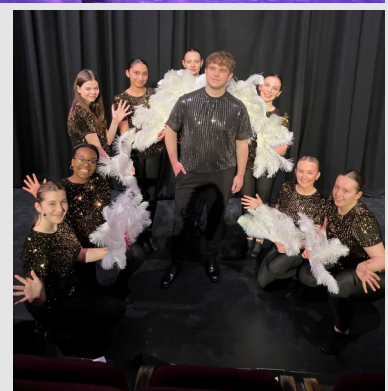
### Performing Arts—Chicago

Wow! Our performers delivered a show-stopping spectacle in this month's Senior production of *Chicago: Teen Edition*!

Over two nights, the audience was transported to the jazz-filled, scandalous world of 1920s downtown Chicago, brought to life on the McCarthy Theatre stage with dazzling energy and undeniable charisma.

Our leads delivered captivating performances - their chemistry and commanding stage presence were a highlight of the production. Many of our boarders were heavily involved both on stage and back stage.

The production was a true team effort, with more than 45 students contributing both on stage and behind the scenes. From the set design and costumes to the lighting and sound effects, and our fantastic pit band, every element reflected the remarkable energy, dedication, and enthusiasm of the students involved.





## Basketball

It was great to see some of our boarding community representing the school's U18 basketball team against Abbey Grange this term.



## Iceland Adventure

47 students (including our boarders) and five staff headed to Iceland on their 'Awe and Wonder' trip, run by our Geography and Adventure departments. They explored the incredible geographical features, including a visit to the Thingvellir National Park, waterfalls, geysers, volcanic beaches and stargazing.



## Remembrance Service



As well as observing a two minute silence in a whole school assembly, boarders attended our Remembrance Sunday Service in Chapel, where Rev Drost reminded us how important those who chose not to fight were, especially as medics.

Our orchestra and Rev Drost also led a nearby community Remembrance Service.





## Christmas at the Grove

Boarders started to get into the Christmas spirit decorating both boarding Houses and enjoying Christmas songs in Chapel as they helped Rev to decorate Chapel.



Keeping our festive theme going, Brodwell had a Red v Green game of Reindeer Ring Toss. This followed Miller House's Red v Green festive chocolate hunt.



Last weekend was our most festive yet, a Christmas Chaos evening with musical chairs, Party Pong and bingo followed by ice-skating and Christmas shopping at a Leeds shopping centre.



Our Christmas ball weekend saw the boarders dress in their finery and enjoy a beautiful Christmas meal together followed by fun on the Dodgems. Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas break. [Click here](#) for more photos from boarding this term.





## Out and About

This term, our boarders have been enjoying a wide range of exciting activities. They tapped into their creative sides with pottery painting, producing some truly impressive pieces. For the thrill-seekers, there was plenty of excitement as they competed in high-speed laps during a go-karting session. They also put their problem-solving abilities and teamwork to the test with a fun and challenging visit to an escape room in Harrogate. Each activity provided the chance for our boarders to bond and unwind.



## Snow Fun

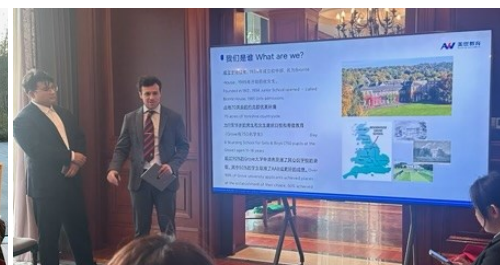
Boarders made the most of some snow fall in November, finding every possible slope for sledging and building a giant snowman!



## Boarding Visit to China

In November, Chris Softley, Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Futures, embarked on an 8000km journey across China to introduce families to Woodhouse Grove School. Visiting eight cities, he shared the school's excellent opportunities, aiming to inspire prospective students to become Grovians. Reflecting on the experience, Mr. Softley described it as a privilege to connect with parents and students while immersing himself in China's rich culture. These trips, he noted, help expand the school's global reach, foster diversity, and ensure international students feel supported during their transition to UK life.

The busy schedule involved presentations, Q&A sessions and one-to-one meetings. A highlight was reconnecting with Old Grovian Simon Xi, whose hospitality enhanced the experience.



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