

THE GROVE BOARDING NEWS

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Congratulations!

Well done to our new Boarding Leaders, Chloe, Henry, Lavi and Luca who started their official duties this term. Amongst their responsibilities are assisting with wake-up duties, monitoring common areas and being boarding ambassadors for the whole school.

DIARY DATES

* Chinese New Year Visitors 18 Jan – 13 Feb 2026

We're looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year with our immersion groups who usually join us over the first part of the Spring term. It's always fun to meet new people and share

* Academic Calendar

GCSE and A-level mocks start when we return in January.

Our GCSE options evening for Year 9 is on **Tue 29 Jan**

Our Sixth Form taster day for those in Y11 is being held on **Tue 10 Feb**



Boarders' Christmas Ball

Always a highlight of the Autumn Term is the Boarders' Christmas Ball and this year was no exception with the boarders getting the opportunity to choose their own festive menu.

Over 60 staff and students came together to celebrate and enjoy a fantastic feast of butternut squash soup, roast sirloin of beef with all the trimmings topped off with a chocolate brownie and vanilla ice cream.

Following the seated festivities, it was outside for some fun on the famous dodgems, a bite of candy floss and a Christmas disco!



Message from Mr Dobson & Mrs Bradburne

It's been a great first term of the academic year and we continue to be proud of all our boarders and the effort and resilience they show on a daily basis. We wish them all the very best for the holidays and hope they get to spend lots of quality time with their family, before coming back to share their adventures with us all in the New Year!

House News

We welcomed 12 new boarders to The Grove this term and it has been great fun getting to know them and help them settle in! Sadly we'll be saying goodbye to our Spanish termly boarders at Christmas but we are excited to welcome four new boarders in January.

Our Estates Team have been busy redecorating Miller House and the boarding team have been adding some lovely homely touches.

We have also taken part in Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week and welcomed Old Grovian, Gabi, back for a visit

Quote of the Term...

"Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot." Clarence Thomas

Weekend Fun!



Autumn activities included pumpkin picking and carving, Halloween fun and bonfire night!



Some of our boarders recently tried their hand at Go-Karting and had a race around a local track. Boarders also got stuck into the Ready Steady Cook Challenge with the Green team taking victory!



Our boarders enjoyed an evening of excitement and friendly competition as they played a series of games inspired by The Cube! Everyone rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and teamwork, from precision tasks to quick-thinking challenges.



We Will Rock You

Lavi (Y13) and Paige (Y10) represented the boarding family at the school production of We Will Rock You!

Set 300 years in the future, the plot centres around the search for forbidden instruments in an effort to bring back live music to an otherwise sterile and corporate world and features a soundtrack by Queen

Both girls played GaGa students with Lavi also playing a Bohemian, and Paige part of the Secret Police.

"Being in We Will Rock You was a new experience for me and it was one of the best ones since coming to the Grove, everyone was so friendly and the staff made the making of the production fun and enjoyable." Lavi.

Looking Ahead...



Year 13s, Nina and Adela, spent an inspiring day at Cambridge University as part of their UCAS research. We wish them and all our Year 13s the best with their applications!