



**GRANGE SCHOOL**

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# NEWSLETTER

End of Term 3

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

**“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.” (Mark 13:28)**

As we end the school year, we think of summer and the much appreciated break our students, and families have from school. This is certainly a time for enjoyment, holidays, getting up later, spending more time together as a family, reading, relaxing, travelling, and recharging our batteries ready for next year. The 2022-23 session has been an immensely busy year for all of us which seems to have passed by in an instant.

This year we can look back fondly at our many successes at the Inter-house Sports Day, Dolphin Swimming League, World School Swim Championships, COBIS Debate Mate competition and the Festival of Rugby.

We can also recall four successful international trips following a long period of not travelling due to the effects of the COVID pandemic. A very successful trip to Johannesburg and Capetown, South Africa to develop leadership for our Year 10s, was followed by our Primary and Secondary representation at the World School Swim Championships in London, England. This was quickly followed by our culturally enriching Year 8 and 9 trip to Madrid, Spain and finally our PGL activities trip to England for Year 5 students from the Primary phase.

While we wait eagerly for our Year 11 IGCSE results, we are proud to tell you that this summer we will be refurbishing the secondary restrooms and bringing them up to the fine standard already in place in the primary school. We will also be working hard on our new boarding house facility across the road and in many other areas around our campus. We can also look forward to our COBIS inspection report that will give us valuable feedback about areas we can continue to improve.



Mr. Simon Himbury

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We would also like to give you plenty of notice ahead of our South Africa Leadership Tour taking place from the 16th - 25th February 2024. Year 9 students who will be joining Year 10 in September will receive documents to complete over the next month or so according to a clear schedule. Completing these documents promptly will help secure a place and a well-priced airfare. Similarly, students currently in Year 7 joining Year 8 in September will have the opportunity to go on our culturally rewarding trip to France from 24th May - 1st June and documents will be sent to all interested families very early in the school year so as to ensure early visa applications and the best airfares. We thank you in advance for your

cooperation in completing all necessary documents and procedures as quickly as you can.

I would like to thank each one of our students, for doing your best in your studies and co-curricular activities at school and at home, and to our many families who so actively support our children's learning in so many different ways.

I would also like to wish all of you a healthy, relaxing and refreshing summer holiday and pray that you all come back safe in September ready for the 2023-24 session.

Simon Himbury  
Head of Secondary

## BOOK CHARACTER COSTUME DAY

It was a delightful day. Right after the examinations, Grangers gathered at the assembly hall for a day of fun. Book Club members thrilled the audience with a play they adapted. Students and teachers brought book characters to life on the stage. Grangers are truly talented. The winning class from each year group was rewarded with a pizza party!





# BOOK CHARACTER COSTUME DAY





# FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE

We have come to the end of summer term and an academic year. We sincerely thank all our parents for supporting and trusting us to care for their children. The boarding house had a number of interesting events this term, and the children were very well engaged both academically and socially, especially over the weekends.

Below are the activities we have undertaken this term:

## **Friday movie nights**

It is always a fun time in the hostel every Friday, when children enjoy some blockbuster movies with popcorn and drinks.

## **Saturday Early morning sports and aerobics in hostel or in school**

Children are sometimes taken to school for early morning sports on Saturdays, where they have the luxury of playing soccer, basketball and swimming to their satisfaction. The children swim only when there is a lifeguard for safety reasons and also there is always a Nurse around in case of any injury. Sometimes, the children stayed back in the hostel for aerobics.

## **Sunday Services**

The religious services were held every Sunday, while the Christian students attended their church services on site, Muslim student's faith were respected, they equally had their prayers according to how their parents consented.

## **22 April – Swimming and basketball in school**

The children had some fun swimming and playing basketball in school this term. They had water games in the swimming pool and the weekend was fun for the children.

## **29 April - Chess and Monopoly tournament (inter-group)-Boarding Indoor and Outdoor Games**

The children were divided into 4 groups. (Group A,B,C and D) These games were played between two groups or more and the other group members cheered their team on. The winners of each unit were celebrated at the end of the term.

## **6 May - Boarding Activities TED TALK: Health talk with the Nurses and Indoor/Outdoor games**

The Nurse patiently took time to discuss the

importance of eating healthily to the children. Indoor games were equally played too.

## **May 13<sup>th</sup> CCA: Family game night Indoor/Outdoor games**

The Children watched a movie in their unit and at the same time had at the same time had outdoor games in the hostel

## **June 3<sup>rd</sup>- Home keeping (How to fold clothes and pack a box)**

The houseparents taught the children how to arrange and organise their wardrobes as well as arrangement of their cases or boxes and how to pack their cases or boxes when they are going on a trip or for the weekend.

## **June 5<sup>th</sup> –April and May birthday celebration**

In the boarding house this term, all April and May birthday celebrant were celebrated in the evening after school and other students celebrated with them

## **June 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 11 send forth party**

The year 11 students in the hostel celebrated after their exams on 8<sup>th</sup> June. All the children enjoyed themselves.

## **June 10<sup>th</sup>- Final Chess and Monopoly tournament (Inter -group)**

There was a final tournament among the 4 groups and the winner

## **June 17<sup>th</sup> –Preparation for Exam**

In the boarding house, a well supervised collaborative study is encouraged among the students in the units and outside the unit for boys and girls of the same year groups. Reading and learning is always fun in the boarding house.

## **June 24<sup>th</sup> - Board game tournament (Chess and Monopoly)**

Happy Summer Holiday!!!

Enjoy your summer holiday and we look forward to having you in the next academic year.

Below are some of the images from the events.



# FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE





# CO-CURRICULAR MATTERS

As we come to the end of summer term 2022/2023 session, it is worthy to note that our students participated in the following events throughout the term.

## WORLD SCHOOL SWIM CHAMPIONSHIP (LONDON SWIM).

Twenty swimmers from the Secondary phase represented Grange school at the London swimming championship which was held in London from 11th to 16th March 2023. At the end of the competition, Grange under 13 boys team finished first overall. Details of medals won and the awardees are as follows:

Faiiq Tijani	1 bronze medal
Jayden Orji	1 gold, 2 bronze medals
Ameerah Adegunwa	1 bronze medal
Olamitutu Lawal Owonifari	1 bronze medal
Obaloluwa Omotosho	1 gold medal
Ohireme Unuigbe	1 gold medal
Aidan Dumuje-Abili	2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medals

## GRANGE FOOTBALL ACADEMY.

Grange football academy training was held this term. Academy training will continue in the summer term. The academy is a catch them young programme by Grange school and team Nigeria UK powered by Southampton football club. The academy is for boys and girls from years 1 to year 11. More information will be sent to Parents concerning registration for Christmas term 2023/2024 and kits.

## DOLPHIN LEAGUE SWIMMING COMPETITION, SEASON 4.

The season 4 of the Dolphin swimming league was held from September 2022 to May 2023. At the end of the 4 editions, Grange secondary school retained the trophy it won at the third edition by placing first overall with 1320 points. Our swimmers also won special awards as follows:

Aiden Dumuje- Abili	Best swimmer 11 – 12 years boys with 15 gold medals
Chioma Kanu	Best swimmer 13 – 14 years girls with 10 gold medals
Faiiq Tijani	Best swimmer 13 – 14 years boys with 7 gold, 2 silver
Erinayo Atobatele	Best swimmer 15 – 16 years girls with 4 gold, 1 bronze.
Chukwudi Kanu	Best swimmer 15 – 16 years boys with 8 gold medals

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER TERM:

Co-curricular activities form for term 1 2023/2024 session will be sent to parents soon. Kindly pick your preferred activity for your child and email your choice of activity to the head of house in-charge of your child's year group. Please note that placement of students into clubs is based on a first come, first served basis.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TEAMS TRIALS.

Trials to select players into school teams will be held on the first week of resumption. More information regarding this will be sent to parents later.

Mr. Obi: Head of Activities





# KEY STAGE 3 SERVICE LEARNING



For Service Learning this term and to round off the session in a memorable way, Key stage 3 (years 7 to 9) journeyed to HOPE VISION CHILDREN SCHOOL on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. 30 Grange students and 4 teachers were conveyed in two school buses to the Bariga axis of Lagos State. Deep in the underdeveloped area of Ilaje Bariga, the students were welcomed enthusiastically by the school owner, Head of school, teachers and the little children who sang a song for Grange students. Grange students gave bags of items ranging from books, games, non-perishable foods, water bottles, clothings, school bags and cash gifts.

It was a successful outing and the students came back to school in a happy yet reflective mood.





# COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

The summer term was indeed eventful with a number of activities for students. We had interesting assemblies where we talked about finishing strong, examination tips, general school rules and expectations in and out of the classroom and outside of school.

Mental Health Awareness Week was observed and the theme for this year was “Anxiety”. There was an assembly to mark the day and the discussion continued during PSHE.

A drug awareness programme was organised for the outgoing Year 11 students in preparation for the outside world. Also, World Drug Awareness day was celebrated for the whole school with an assembly. There was an external facilitator Mr. Peter Adenibuyan, a Social Worker at FEDERAL NEURO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL YABA, LAGOS. And also an International Certified Addiction Professional in PREVENTION, TREATMENT and RECOVERY. He led an interactive session which was informative, educative and enlightening to the students.

It was the end of the session, so there were discussions about how to finish strong and examinations tips in preparation for the final examination for the academic session. The students were taken through the school behaviour policy which is intended to help them understand what the policy says and expected behaviour in, around and outside of school.

Opeyemi Adefeso  
School Counsellor (Secondary)





# YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP TOUR- SOUTH AFRICA 2023

The Year 10 Leadership Tour for the 2022/2023 Academic Session took place in South Africa, between March 23 and 31, 2023. **Forty four** students and **five** accompanying staff went on the trip, organized by Project Summit, South Africa.

The team, led by Mrs. Olayiwole left Lagos on Wednesday March 22 and arrived Johannesburg, South Africa on Thursday 23 March 2023

The participants camped at Deales Rock Lodge for the first part of the leadership training where various indoor and outdoor activities involving some obstacle courses were done. Students learnt important life skills such as: leadership styles, team building, conflict management, problem solving, taking responsibility and following instructions.

On Sunday, 26th of March, the team left DealesRock Lodge for Heron Bridge Retreat Center which is a closer location to African Leadership Academy,(ALA) where the second phase of the training took place. Students had the ALA BUILD-in-a-Box programme. This is designed to build and strengthen Africa's youth-level entrepreneurial ecosystem by igniting an entrepreneurial mind-set among youths and facilitating concrete opportunities for first-hand experience designing and leading social or business ventures. Students worked in groups to identify leadership challenges

and problems we face as a people. They equally came up with entrepreneurial ideas to solve these problems. Each group made presentations after which there was a debrief led by the facilitators. It was quite instructive and engaging.

The trip was not all about obstacle courses and learning to be good leaders. Students also had lots of fun after a long session of training. There was a visit to the famous Theme Park; Gold Reef City. Student had a tour of the gold mine and went on the various rides available. The team left Johannesburg for Cape town on Tuesday March 28 2023 for the third phase of the programme which was the visit of tourist centers in South Africa. The Inns Cape Hotel was the place of abode for the time spent in Capetown. Places visited in Capetown were: Robben Island, Two Oceans Aquarium, Clifton Beach, Table Mountain and finally, Canal Walk Mall for shopping.

The programme ended with presentation of certificates to all participants and awards to outstanding students. It was truly a life changing experience for all as it was a time of learning, bonding and fun.

Olanrewaju Olayiwole (Mrs.)  
Tour Leader





# YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP TOUR





# CAREERS SUCCESS STARTS HERE

The session started with a flurry of Reference requests, Transcript requests and Sixth form assessment tests. The Year 11's all trying to get into a sixth form college before the deadline makes the Christmas term the busiest time of the year for the Careers Office.

Then came Lent term and the request for Predicted grades, the interviews and the more serious 'Talks' on which subjects to choose for A- levels.

It is in Lent term that the Year 9's take the Morrisby test; an aptitude assessment that gives guidance on career choice and the right subject selection for these careers.

Finally, Summer term when the office is calm. A lull before the storm that will start off next term. At this time, the Year 11's only pop into the office to say which school has accepted them and then concentrate on their IGCSE's. Year 10's are more focused on the subjects they chose and are no longer swapping and changing subjects.

This session, the Year 10's were unable to have their 'Work Experience' over half

term because it was too short, so they will be expected to take up a few working hours during the Summer holidays. This we believe will give them some experience on whether their chosen career path is what they actually would like to do forever.

It is also this term that the Year 9's starts the IGCSE curriculum using individual time tables to attend lessons with the option of swapping subjects before the next session.

Next term we will hit the ground running as we start off with Grange Education Fair, to guide the current Year 10's who will be in Year 11 by then, in their decision on which school to leave for after Grange. They will have a wide array from all over the world to choose from, as they start their final steps out of Grange

Till then have a fun-filled Summer Holiday!

Eniola Spiff (Mrs.)





# PASTORAL MATTERS

## Pizza With The Head of School

In order to motivate our students to aspire towards the achievement of the Pastoral Platinum award which comes with a Tan blazer, students who achieved the Gold award in the 2022/2023 academic session were treated to a pizza party with the Head

of school, Ms Stoakley and the Chair of the Education Committee, Mrs Taiwo. The event took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. They included students in both year 10 and 11.

The following students were in attendance:

## Year 10

S/N	NAME	CLASS
1	Okoro-sokoh David	10A
2	Esomeju Chiamanda	10C
3	Khadijah Mohammed	10D
4	Toluwalase Disu	10A
5	Akhari-Ekam Aliogo	10B
6	Olanma Akaniro	10A
7	Fikayo Fagboun	10A
8	Asma'u Musa-Bala	10A
9	Chidera Saint-Nwafor	10A
10	Yasmin YAKUBU- SULEIMAN	10D

## Year 11

S/N	NAME	CLASS
1.	Zoe Osaretin	11C
2.	Arike Akingbolagbe	11B
3.	Olakunle Fagebo	11C
4	Ore Adeniyi	11B
5	Morolake Oridota	11C
6	Chizaram Onwusika	11C
7	Oluwatoba Asade	11A

Congratulations to the students! We look forwarding to seeing the year 10s among them in tan blazers in the near future.

## Special lunch For Prestigious Blazers' Awardees

The Class of 2023 had eleven students who achieved the Platinum pastoral award that comes with a Tan blazer while two students in the set achieved a light blue blazer for outstanding academic performance. These students had a day-out for a special lunch with the management team on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. This special lunch took place at the Marriot hotel in G.R.A, Ikeja. It was a very memorable outing for the students.

They include:

Ashley Mene

Oluwatosin Osinibi

Mosopefoluwa Senbore  
Oluwadara Ogunwale  
Ayana Okuneye  
Hashia Olawoore  
Onyedikachi Obi  
Oluwasemilore Fagbemi  
Daniella Barretto  
Oluwadamilola Adekeye  
Oluwamurewa Sowemimo

Of special mention are Oluwadara Ogunwale and Ayana Okuneye who both achieved the tan and light blue blazers for academic and pastoral achievements.

Congratulations to the prestigious blazer awardees. We wish them well in their future endeavours!



# PASTORAL MATTERS Contd.

## **Birthdays**

The monthly birthday celebration of the students and staff organised by the school continued this term. The beautiful and tantalizing cakes were procured at the end of each month and photographs taken. The celebrants had a good piece of the cake. Our appreciation goes to the PTA for the beautiful badge and card given to the students on their birthday too. We hope to celebrate those born in the months of July and August on resumption in September.

## **Substance Awareness**

A regular feature of the last week for the graduating class is the 'Substance awareness' programme. It was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June for the Class of 2023. The Facilitator (a professional in the field) spoke extensively on the dangers of substance abuse. This programme was organised again for all students in the secondary phase of the school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, at the usual Monday assembly. It was a very interactive session providing the students an opportunity to have their questions on substance abuse answered.

## LEARNING AND TEACHING

Praise be to God for a year filled with memorable and fruitful achievements.

In the October/November IGCSE exams, we attained outstanding results: 98.9% C - A\*, 97.60% B - A\*, and 96.40% A - A\*.

During this term, our secondary section underwent a successful COBIS inspection, which involved two inspectors.

Furthermore, we took part in the COBIS virtual debate and advanced to the semi-finals, surpassing the British School Milan in the preliminary round. We also triumphed over the Community School Jordan in Asia and the British School Caracas in Venezuela.

Additionally, we enthusiastically participated in the COBIS Poetry competition.

This year, our Year 10 students took the ESL (English as a Second Language) exam for the first time. By the grace of God, we anticipate remarkable results.

We celebrated two of our Year 11 students for receiving the Light Blue Blazer award, recognizing their consistent placement within the top ten percent of achievers for twelve consecutive terms.

As the year progresses, we eagerly anticipate excellent IGCSE results.

We extend our well wishes to all our students, who deserve a restful holiday.

Imoniakemu Solomon

Head of Learning and Teaching.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH

This academic session, the International Award for Young People kicked off gallantly with sixty-eight participants, of which Fifty-two registered for the Bronze Award category and Bronze participants and eighteen Silver participants. The top of the icing were the Adventurous section of the Award with the Adventure experience which took place from May 19th to May 21st, 2023. Participants acquired skills in creative craft and cookery, camping and navigation skills, and Basic First Aid training. Other fun activities which took place were team bonding activities, dance aerobics and leadership seminar.

For the final adventurous journey held at an urban forest in the outskirts of Lagos to explore nature and its interactions with humans. Afterwards, the participants had a fun experience Kayaking in a man-made lake.

The Award is a platform for youths to thrive and is aimed at self-development as well as an opportunity to improve relationships with their peers despite their differences. Students who are aged 13 and already in year 9 are encouraged to join in the next academic session.





# YEAR 8 AND 9 SPAIN TRIP

First of its kind since the COVID years elapsed, the Spain Trip came back alive this academic session. May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 were memorable days in the lives of the students 65 students and 8 teachers who embarked on the journey from Lagos to Amsterdam en-route Madrid for a language tour of the ancient city.

On arrival, the group was taken on a tour of the town of **Toledo** with a visit to the war museum, the ancient worship places and famous Cathedrals as well as a general tour of the town. In the coming days the students had three days of extensive Spanish classes and were each issued a certificate of attendance. The group would later go on a visit to **Warner Park and Santiago Bernabéu Stadium** which is the home of the Real Madrid football club. They were also exposed to the cultural heritage of Spain as we also visited the **palace of the King of Spain** and were later taken to a dance studio where the extravagant **flamenco dance** was performed. This is an ancient Spanish dance. Afterward, we went to the **bowling alley**. A **football match** was organised between our Grange Footballers and a local teen's football club. Our players performed so well against a Spanish side that plays professional soccer. Not forgetting the tour of the local markets where as tourists, we were able to shop antics and souvenirs.

Altogether, a tour of Spain is better experienced than described and I am sure this will forever remain evergreen in the hearts of all who went on it!

Mrs. Aderinto  
Head of Year 8 and tour Leader.





# GENDER PROGRAM FOR YEAR 7

Grange's year 7 students had an eye-opening program on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. The facilitators for the Gender program arrived early at about 8am. By 8:30am, the program started. The venues were separated to accommodate boys and girls in separate halls. The students were allowed to express themselves and ask questions they have been curious about. Some students met the facilitator privately after the program.





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