

# Headteacher's Corner High Grange

It has been another busy and productive week at High Grange, with pupils and students continuing to settle well into routines and approach their learning with focus and maturity. Across school, we are seeing great effort, improving independence and a real willingness to engage with challenge.

Our older pupils and students are continuing with their assessment points, a time which can naturally provoke some anxiety. We are incredibly proud of how positively they are approaching this, with many pupils/students showing real determination and pride in their achievements. Our recent exam drop-down sessions have helped pupils/students feel more prepared and confident, giving them the space to practise skills in a calm, supportive environment. We remain mindful that success is about balancing high expectations alongside strong regulation and wellbeing.

I would also like to share the success of our Christmas Card Competition (albeit a little late), which we ran in collaboration with other SEND schools. We received an impressive 77 entries from three different schools, showcasing creativity and talent across our community. The winning design is pictured below and has already been displayed in local libraries. It will also be exhibited at Derby College as part of their end-of-year show. We are keen to continue building partnerships with other schools and creating opportunities for our pupils to work beyond High Grange.

Looking ahead, there is lots to be excited about. Pupils will be taking part in sporting events, art projects and further DT experiences, including a skateboard design project. We also have MasterChef and Countdown activities planned, giving pupils/students opportunities to shine in a wide range of ways. We have a new filtering system for our computers, we are expecting a few teething problems, there will be some disruption to what is accessible for pupils/students, in terms of games played. As we move into the final week in January there is a lot planned in so please make sure you let your children know.

## Key Dates

- After School Clubs on Wednesday (PE & Food Technology)
- Parkour Event on Friday (the Sports Hall will be out of action for PE lessons between 10.00-12.00)
- Online Sensory Workshop (Wednesday 28th January @16.00)  
\*Link will be shared early next week\*
- Parent Coffee Afternoon (Monday 9th February @14.00)



## Important Information

A reminder to please let Zoe or Nikita know before 8.30am if your child will not be in school.

