

Headteacher's Corner

High Grange

Week two is complete, and we have been genuinely taken aback by just how settled the school feels. Pupils and students have returned incredibly well, routines are established and there is a real sense of calm and purpose across the school.

Of course, this doesn't happen by accident. A huge amount of careful planning goes into the start of an academic year, alongside the expertise of our staff team and the extensive transition work that took place last year. It is fantastic to see all of that work really paying off.

Our new Key Worker time is also working particularly well. Feedback from staff has been really positive, with pupils and students engaging well in the sessions. As we continue to make this time a whole-school priority, staff are also having the opportunity to reflect on their sessions each week throughout this term, helping us continually strengthen what we offer.

Lessons have continued to be really positive too. In PE, pupils have been enjoying football and gymnastics, while Health & Social Care students have been exploring different illnesses. In Year 10 PSHE, pupils have been learning about how our brains respond to situations, including our fight or flight response. Reading for pleasure has also been a real strength across the school this week, with some lovely examples of pupils choosing to read and engage with books.

Our WOW Wall continues to give us a great snapshot of the variety of learning taking place across High Grange. This week's examples include some fantastic GCSE Art work, Pixel Art and work on Layers of Soil in Science. Three very different examples, but a great reflection of the breadth of experiences our pupils and students have here.

Looking ahead to next week, our Annual Reviews begin again. These are an important opportunity for us to come together with families and other professionals to review progress, celebrate achievements and consider the next steps for each pupil or student. If you have any questions or are unsure about any aspect of the Annual Review process, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Another really positive week, thank you, as always, for your continued support.

