

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY BOOKLET

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PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

ACHIEVE AT THE GRANGE ACADEMY

A warm welcome to The Grange Academy. I hope you will find this booklet useful and that it gives you all the information you need to ensure your make the right decision about your secondary education. At The Grange Academy we will provide you with the opportunity to develop a full range of skills and knowledge that you will need to help you succeed in later life.

If you choose to join The Grange Academy, you will have many opportunities to develop your talents in a wide range of activities such as physical education, music, photography and animal care. You might also take the opportunity to undertake activities like football, netball, music tuition, choir and science club and also have the chance to visit countries such as Paris, Iceland and have a go at skiing in France.

I will expect you to work hard in order to achieve your potential and treat others how you wish to be treated. If you work hard and commit to your learning you will achieve the best possible examination results. These results will help you move on to the next stage of your learning.

All of your teachers will go above and beyond to support you in fulfilling your potential. We have high expectations and aspirations for you and will support and guide you every step of the way.

I hope to welcome you in September 2025 as one of our new Year 7 students

Mr J. Jardine

MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION





Making the right decision about where you spend the secondary phase of your education is so important. You need to choose a school where you feel that you will be supported, encouraged and prepared to reach your potential. At The Grange Academy our motto is 'Aspire for Excellence'. We aim to help you achieve excellence in all aspects of school life.



'My children are very happy and I feel the teachers are very committed to making the school a safe, fun and interesting place to be. I feel they genuinely care about the students and are communicative and supportive to the parents. I have no complaints at all.'



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

1ST MARCH 2025

You will be notified that you have been given a place at The Grange Academy to start in September 2025 as one of our Year 7 students.

This is when your journey at The Grange Academy starts. From this point, we will be working hard to get to know all about you so that we can give you the best possible transition to your secondary phase of education.

We will send you through information about our induction days, summer school and much more so that you can see all the support you will receive as you start with us.

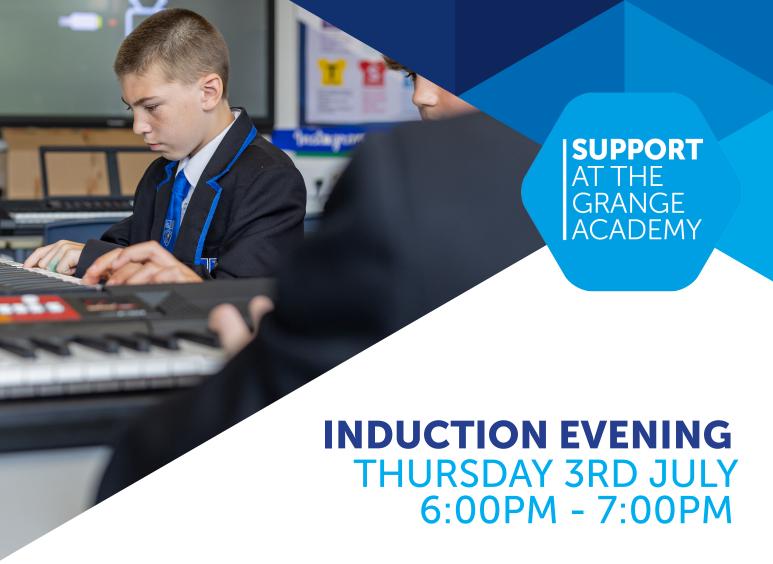
APRIL - JUNE

Throughout April, May & June we will be visiting all of our new students in their primary schools so that we can meet you, your teachers and get to know more about you.

We will talk to your teachers about where you are up to academically and what your strengths are so that you can be placed in the right classes to make the most progress from day one in September, building on your own personal starting point.

Your teachers will also talk to us about your friendship groups, hobbies and interests. We will always try and make sure that you are in a form group with other students that you know, whilst combining you with like-minded students from other schools, helping you to make new friendships.

Our transition team will look at any support you might need in lessons or during your transition to make sure you feel really confident about starting your secondary adventure.



We want to make sure that you and your parents feel prepared for our Induction Days and for starting Year 7 in September.

During our induction evening you will be given lots of information from staff to help you get ready for the journey ahead:

Progress Tutor - You will find out who your progress tutor is and you will meet the other students in your form.

Induction Days - We will tell you all about your upcoming induction days, what you will need with you, what time you need to be in school and where you need to be.

Standards & Expectations - We have the highest expectations of all our students so that everyone can achieve their potential. You will find out all about our expectations during the induction evening.

Uniform & Equipment - You will receive information about where you can buy your uniform, what equipment you will need and our daily 'ready for learning' checks.



Our Induction Days are designed to maximise the opportunities for you to make new friends, get to know your progress tutor and explore the school building.

During the first induction day, you will take part in lots of activities to help you familiarise yourself with the school and your peers. These activities include a getting to know you task, treasure hunt and a range of inter-form competitions.

On the second induction day, you will see what a typical day at The Grange Academy is really like. You will take part in 5 different lessons each day, in a range of subject areas.

'I really don't have a bad word to say about the school. The school have handled this awful, unusual time amazingly, keeping children and staff safe and also communicating with parents every step of the way which makes me feel at ease. You can never communicate too much, from phone calls home to see how the pupils are doing to newsletters. Well done to all staff for helping it to be a safe place for students.'

SUMMER SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

Our summer school takes place just before you start with us in Year 7 and is designed to give you an extra boost of confidence before you begin with us full time.

The activities will support you in making new friends, meeting more of the teachers and having the opportunity to answer any questions you might have about the year ahead.

When students start in September, they will take part in a 3 day transition programme in order to help them settle in to Year 7. During these days, students will receive a lesson relating to each of our ASPIRE values, they will experience what Enrichment looks like and have a special visit from a published author, amongst many other opportunities. The sessions are all designed to make sure that students can make the best possible start to their subject lessons.

3 DAY TRANSITION PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER







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