



A Full Education

Clubs, Teams & Activities

Co-curricular Activities

Woodhouse Grove's holistic approach to education means that we are determined to offer a comprehensive range of co-curricular activities to run alongside our academic curriculum. We encourage pupils to recognise the value of these activities as an integral part of their school life.

We believe that any and every pupil should try and immerse themselves in the many opportunities available at Woodhouse Grove outside the classroom. Such activities not only have social, emotional, cultural and intellectual benefits but some also encourage and develop a sense of competitiveness and fair play, whilst others stimulate creativity and imagination.



At Woodhouse Grove, we offer our students a multi-disciplinary approach to the Creative Arts.

Art Club – Lower School

The Lower School Art Club runs over one lunchtime every other week, offering fun craft and design activities for all Year 7 and 8 pupils. Those who join the clubs often work on making props for school plays and get involved in other artistic school initiatives.

Art Club – Senior

The Art department opens every evening, Monday to Thursday, for the Senior Art Club. Students can use the facilities and equipment, with a member of staff always available to help or advise, and can extend their skills by trying new media or work on larger, more ambitious pieces in these extra sessions.

Dance

Junior Dance Club for Years 7-9 and Senior Dance Club for Years 10-13 both run weekly after school and welcome students from a range of dance abilities. Students have the opportunity to learn dynamic routines and also choreograph their own creative material, and both clubs are very involved with school theatrical productions.

Drama

At Woodhouse Grove, we run a very wide-ranging programme of productions to ensure that all students at each age group can get involved. All our productions are very inclusive and students can choose to take roles both on stage and backstage.

Musical Theatre

“Musical Mondays” are a fantastic opportunity for pupils in Years 7-9 who have an interest in musical theatre. Pupils can enjoy singing and acting pieces from a variety of musicals weekly after school.

Photography Club – GCSE

Students from Year 9 can join the GCSE photography club. Over the course of two years, during two after-school sessions per week, students can undertake a full GCSE course in lens-based media. The course encourages a creative and personal response to contemporary issues and culture through a series of mini-projects and a personally themed unit of work.

Set Design

The Art Department is regularly commissioned to create sets and props for school productions. Volunteers from all year groups are encouraged to help paint the backdrop and flats, or assist with the creation of large-scale 3D work.

Tech Club

This is a club that gives pupils the opportunity to learn technical theatre and run the school productions under the teaching and supervision of the Theatre Technician. These pupils also run the school radio station.



The variety of musical co-curricular opportunities at Woodhouse Grove means that there is something for everyone – whatever they play and however they like to play it!

Large Ensembles

Chamber Orchestra

Open to Years 9-13 by audition/invitation, Chamber Orchestra has weekly after-school rehearsals and is made up of students and staff. The Chamber Orchestra performs in the End of Term Concert from a repertoire ranging from key classical works to musical theatre.

Concert Band

Concert Band rehearses at lunchtime on a weekly basis and is the biggest ensemble at The Grove, open to all senior instrumentalists of Grade 4 standard and above. The Concert Band plays a whole host of light music from the latest film scores to the cheesiest of pop arrangements.

Junior Orchestra

Junior Orchestra is open to any junior instrumentalist and plays a mixture of film music, classical items, ancient pop music and other eclectic items. Junior Orchestra rehearses at lunchtime, once a week.

Swing Band

Open to Years 9-13 by audition/invitation, Swing Band rehearses after school once a week. The Swing Band plays at many functions throughout the year both in school and at external events. It takes the form of a standard 'big band', containing brass, sax and rhythm sections and has built up an extensive repertoire over the years.

Trad Jazz Band

This is an opportunity for our senior pupils to play traditional jazz from the 1920's, entry by audition and rehearsals are held weekly.

Chamber Ensembles

Senior Brass Group

This is a small group of our more advanced brass players of approximately Grade 5 level and above who wish to improve their playing and listening skills. Senior Brass Group explores traditional brass music from the 17th century to present day, television and film music.

Senior String Trio

This group currently runs as a String Trio and is intended for the most experienced students in the music department. Rehearsals run weekly, at lunchtime.

Clarinet Group

The Clarinet Group is a fun ensemble for clarinet players of all standards in Years 7-13. The termly repertoire contains jazz, folk and classical pieces.

Flute Choir

The Junior (Years 7-9) and Senior (Years 10-13) Flute Choirs are open to all flautists of any ability and enjoy a wide and varied repertoire. Both choirs perform regularly in chamber concerts.

Intermediate Saxophone Group

Open to all sax players in Years 7-9, the Intermediate Sax Group has one morning rehearsal a week and provides a chance for younger players to develop their ensemble skills in a fun and supportive environment. The group is involved in chamber concerts and break-time coffee concerts.

Senior Saxophone Group

The Senior Sax Group is open to all sax players in Years 10-13 and tackles an advanced standard of repertoire, often helping A-level students to fulfil the requirements for their ensemble-playing exams. The group is involved in chamber concerts and break-time concerts.

Junior String Quartet

This chamber music group is set up as a classical string quartet. The group plays without a conductor and largely covers a classical repertoire. They perform in smaller concerts throughout the year and occasional larger school concerts. Junior Quartet has one lunchtime rehearsal a week.

Rock and Pop Bands

Junior Rock Band

There are 3 different bands for our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. These are fun bands made up of instrumentalists playing drums, guitars, electric bass, piano, vocals and saxophones. The band rehearses weekly at lunchtime.

Fake Band

Open to senior pupils by audition, this group play contemporary and mainstream jazz. They regularly perform at the annual Summer Ball and a variety of other internal and external functions.

Senior Rock Band

The Senior Rock Band rehearses weekly after school and is open to senior rockers, by audition.

Soul Band

Soul Band is open to senior students, by audition, and has lunchtime rehearsals once a week.

String Group

Open to all string players in the school, of any standard, String Group rehearses in the morning on a weekly basis covering a range of classical and popular music and aims to perform in at least one concert each term.

Vocal Groups

Grove Singers

The school's senior choir and busiest ensemble, the choir sings sacred and secular repertoire in chapel, in concerts and around the area. The Grove Singers are as likely to be singing show tune medleys as pop songs.

Junior Pop Choir

The Grove's junior choir focuses mainly on two and three-part arrangements of recent pop songs but also sings some more traditional repertoire.

Barbershop and Girls' Choir

These senior single sex choirs sing a range of repertoire from the Renaissance to the recently composed, with sensitivity and often humour.

Junior Music Tech Club – "Wired"

A club based in our state-of-the-art Recording Studio, where budding sound engineers can use the latest technology for recording, mixing and synthesis.



Woodhouse Grove is known for its proud sporting tradition, and our extensive and inclusive co-curricular sports programme is the reason why.



Athletics

After-school training in the Spring Term focuses on developing running technique, speed and endurance. More specialised summer training incorporates jumps, sprints, middle distance and hurdles. Fixtures start early in the Summer Term.

Basketball

After-school training is open to Year 9-13 pupils and the Woodhouse Warriors teams compete at a local and regional level.

Climbing

A friendly and popular club welcoming boys and girls of any age to embrace the spirit of climbing: personal challenge alongside supporting others. The club meets twice a week at the school climbing wall, but also organises bouldering trips and residential to

Scotland and the Peak District. The club also participates in climbing competitions.

Cricket

Cricket is available across all year groups and practices run twice weekly alongside games lessons. There is a full Saturday fixture list and our teams compete on both local and national levels.

Cross-country

A club for those who like running, whether it is road, trail, fell or cross-country - at a jog or flat-out race-pace. Training takes place twice a week, after school, whatever the weather, and alternates speed work with sociable runs around the locale, catering for runners of all abilities. Members of the club enjoy a varied fixture program in local events and cup competitions.

Fitness Suite

Available to students from all years, the Fitness Suite is open before school from 7-7.45am and after school from 4-5.15pm. Cardiovascular facilities comprise of treadmills, spinning bikes, rowing machines, steppers and cross trainers, and resistance-based equipment includes both free and fixed weights and a high-spec lifting platform.

Football

Football takes place in the Spring Term and there is a school team for each age group up to U15. Training takes place throughout the week and fixtures are played on Saturdays and during the week on games afternoons. Our all-weather pitch and superb grounds are used by Bradford City AFC to train, creating the perfect environment for students to excel within this sport.



Netball

The netball season runs from September through until the Easter holidays. We run two teams in every age group, and have fixtures virtually every Saturday through the Autumn and Spring Terms along with entering regional and national competitions. Training sessions are weekly after school for Years 7-10, plus a double games lesson per week. The senior girls (Years 11-13) have a double games lesson and up to 2 fitness sessions per week.

Rugby

Boys from Years 7-13 have the opportunity to represent the school within a full and traditional Saturday fixture list and also within regional and national competitions. Each age group trains twice a week after school.

Squash

Squash is played throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms and is available for both male and female students. Training nights are split into Juniors (Years 7-10) and Seniors (Years 11-13) and fixtures are played during the week against local schools and clubs.

Tennis

Tennis is played by both girls and boys in the Summer Term, and fixtures are played locally against schools along with involvement in local leagues and regional and national competitions. These include the North of England Schools Championships and the Youll Cup, part of the Independent Schools National Tennis Championships, held at Eton College. Training takes place at least twice a week after school.

Triathlon

The Triathlon club is open to all pupils and because of its components has a variety of different training sessions. Members are encouraged to run with the Cross Country club, partake in brick sessions weekly and attend a monthly cycling practise at the Brownlee Centre. The school competes in local triathlon, duathlon and aquathlon competitions as well as hosting its own.



At Woodhouse Grove there are numerous opportunities for pupils to stretch themselves beyond the walls of the classroom and try something new.

Adventure Days

The annual Adventure Days for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are a popular highlight of the year. Programmes are carefully planned to suit all abilities but also to challenge and extend students. Activities include climbing, mountain biking, sailing and team-building exercises.

The Brodwell Book Club

This is a reading for pleasure book club that is open to pupils in Years 10-13. The club meets every 4-6 weeks on a Friday lunchtime and enjoys some lively discussions.

Chocolate Biscuit Club

Specifically for Year 7, this weekly lunchtime club is a chance for pupils to get to know the staff in the Learning Support Department. It is a social gathering rather than a prep support club; a chance for pupils to talk to each other and to staff.

Community Service

Open to all Year 12 and 13 students, Community Service allows students to volunteer in the local community every Wednesday afternoon. The school has built up connections with a number of local primary schools, charity shops and day care homes who allow students to work alongside their staff to gain valuable work experience.

Current Affairs Club

For Years 7-9, this club aims to establish interest and knowledge in all things current affairs. Students discuss and debate key issues in the news. The club runs fortnightly after school during the Autumn and Spring Terms.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognised brand that stands for resilience, integrity and adventure. Woodhouse Grove runs the Bronze Award through Years 10 and 11, and the Gold Award through the Sixth Form.

DT Workshops

The DT Workshops run from 4-5.30pm on at least two days a week during the Autumn and Spring Terms. They provide additional workshop support for exam groups in Years 11-13.

LEAP

Leeds Enterprise Advisory Programme is open to all Year 12 pupils, giving them the opportunity to explore their entrepreneurial flair. Students are tasked with setting up their own business from scratch – this is a rewarding, challenging and fun activity through which students learn a range of transferable skills.

Learning Support Drop-in

Open to all years, Learning Support Drop-in has one lunchtime session and one after-school session a week, and is intended to support the school's open-door policy in Learning Support. Sessions are flexible and geared around the needs of the specific pupils present.

Student Investor Challenge

The opportunity for our Year 12 and 13 students to invest virtual money on the London Stock Exchange. Learning to keep their portfolios healthy by following the ups and downs of the market and judging when to buy and sell in order to make a profit.

STEM

STEM club gives students in Years 7 - 9 the chance to explore aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, as well as business and art.

We Are Book Owls

We Are Book Owls is Woodhouse Grove's literary journal. All students with a love of reading or something to say about a particular book are welcome to contribute, but participants are largely Year 9 and upwards. There is a weekly lunchtime meeting where ideas can be suggested and everybody's current reading matter can be discussed. An issue of We Are Book Owls is published every half term and articles also appear on the We Are Book Owls blog.



House Activities

Inter-House competition adds a unique dimension to school life and encourages friendship and opportunity across year groups.

From a sporting perspective, House competitions range from climbing and swimming to table tennis and chess. The academic year culminates with Sports Day in which representatives from each House compete in a variety of athletics events.

House Enterprise gives the younger members of the school in Years 7-9 the opportunity to show off their entrepreneurial flair whilst

the inter-House Science Communication Competition is divided into Juniors and Seniors, with pupils working together in small teams to create a film that communicates a scientific idea or concept.

Inter-House Music has a Junior and Senior Orchestra section plus a variety of individual performance categories.

Having inter-House Competitions that cover such a wide range of disciplines enables all Woodhouse Grove pupils to represent their House - whatever their strengths.



