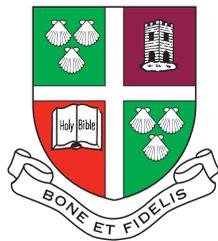


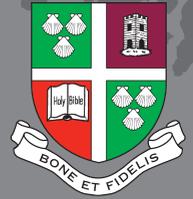
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GUIDE TO SIXTH FORM AT WOODHOUSE GROVE



ACCESS ALL AREAS

6th Form at The Grove



**“ Life will
change.
This isn’t
school as you
know it. ”**



We make a few promises to you when you start Sixth Form at the Grove.

We promise to take the time to get to know you as a person and will help you in every way that we can. Tell us what you want to study and we will try to build subject blocks around you - not expect you to fit in and conform as other schools or colleges might. When the time comes, we will give you helpful advice on UCAS, Universities, Apprenticeships and Careers.

And because we know you and because our staff have years of experience, this advice will actually mean something.

We promise to look after you, knowing that this does not mean treating you like a child but rather offering a guiding hand as you navigate life in the 6th Form. We will support you, not only in your academic studies but also in your other interests, helping you fit both into your life. We will talk to your parents, if you need us to and work together with all of you to help you achieve the things you want. And we will provide you with the space and facilities you need to study or hang out or play sport or act or do any of the things you want to do.

Finally, whether you are coming to us from Y11 at The Grove or elsewhere, we promise that this can be a fresh start if you want it to be. This is the perfect time for re-invention, if you wish it. We will see you, treat you and respect you as the person you are now - not the child you were then.

So, those are our promises. And we actually enjoy keeping them. It is a real pleasure to get to know each of our 6th Form students and watch them grow in independence over the 2 years that they are with us. And remember, entry requirements into 6th Form at The Grove are not set in stone. We are flexible and pleased to offer students opportunities that they may not find elsewhere because we know, from experience, that potential sometimes takes time to surface.

We love to unearth talent that has previously been hidden.

But enough from us.

Read on and find out more from the people who really matter...

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Heads UP!

Head Prefect, Charlotte (CJ) - and her trusty Deputies, Imogen (Imo) and Alex - give you the lowdown on what the 6th Form is really like.

What are the main differences between being in the 6th Form and life lower down the School?

CJ: *You are treated differently by the teachers, based on mutual respect.*

Imo: *There is more freedom workwise - and your relationship with your teachers changes because they treat you as an adult.*

Alex: *Yes, you have more freedom to study as you want. It is much more down to your own initiative.*

Tell us your plans for life after The Grove 6th Form?

Alex: *I would like to study Natural Sciences, ideally at Cambridge. I am really enjoying what I am studying and just want to keep doing what I enjoy for a while until I decide on a career.*

CJ: *I hope to study dentistry and possibly become a surgeon. Or possibly a law conversion...Whatever I do, I would love to tie it into travelling and volunteer my services to people who need them.*

Imo: *A degree in Performing Arts followed by performing in shows that tour the world. I would love to perform in the West End or Broadway. If not, perhaps a career as a choreographer.*



What are your Top Tips for making the most of WGS 6th Form life?

CJ: Use your free periods to study! Then you can make the most of all the co-curricular activities there are.

Imo: Don't stress. And get involved. Help out at things like Open Morning – get stuck in.

Alex: Get enough sleep!

How did you feel when you heard you were made Head / Deputy Prefect?

CJ: Grateful. I was really happy that the school thought I deserved this role. It is nice for all your hard work to be acknowledged.

Alex: Delighted that the school believed that I was worthy of it.

Imo: I felt that my hard work had been rewarded – although it was very unexpected! I love the three of us working together – I think we make a good team!

What are you looking forward to most in your role as Head / Deputy Prefect?

Alex: Improving my confidence at being in front of people and talking to an audience.

CJ: Being a role model to pupils in the younger years and being someone that they can go to.

Imo: Yes, if younger pupils don't feel comfortable speaking to a teacher about an issue, they can come to us.

What are you least looking forward to?

CJ: Walking into the Head's Assembly and sitting at the front.

Imo: Definitely sitting at the front in Assembly! Plus wondering if the microphone will be too high if I have to do a reading!

When you leave, how would you like to be remembered?

Alex: Diligent, kind, hard-working and someone who looks out for others.

Imo: As someone who is open to opportunities and meeting new people – and who gets involved in every way that she can.

CJ: Kind and supportive. A person who tries new things.

Describe 6th Form in 3 words...

Imo:

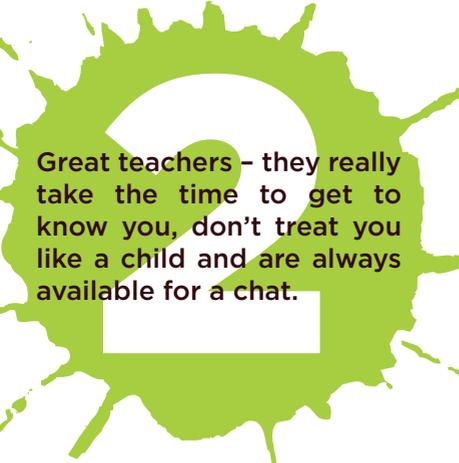
Exciting, new adventures.

CJ:

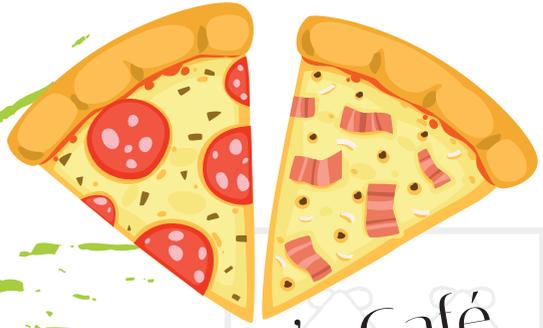
Intense, rewarding, amazing.

Alex:

Lots. Of. Fun!



Great teachers – they really take the time to get to know you, don't treat you like a child and are always available for a chat.



Woody's Café

The pizza at break time is the best thing ever.



The sense of community. Y12 and Y13 all hang out together and the 6th Form Centre feels like a really special, friendly place that is ours.

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REASONS TO JOIN US IN



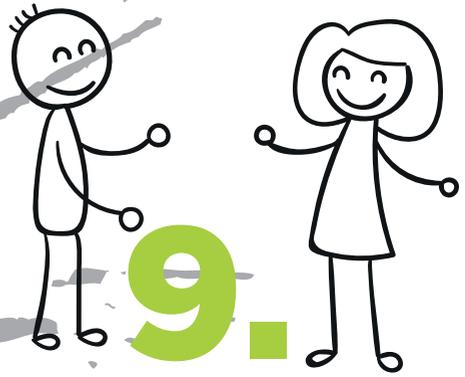
THE LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE BROWNIES. OMG.



All the help you get with UCAS and careers. They don't just want you to do well so it looks good in the school prospectus – they actually care.

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There is loads to do when you are not studying - like sport, drama and music - and some brilliant trips you can go on. So you're never just hanging around. Unless you fancy a rest in the 6th Form Centre of course!



THE PEOPLE! I'VE MADE SOME GREAT FRIENDS HERE WHO I WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH FOREVER.

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THE SIXTH FORM!



The lemon chicken & broccoli stir fry.

Small class sizes make it much easier to learn and contribute to discussions during lessons.



Even if you want to do an unusual combination of subjects, they will try their best to make it happen.

What can I study?

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature
- Enterprise (BTEC)
- Finance
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Government & Politics
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Psychology
- Philosophy (RS)
- Spanish
- Sport (BTEC)

Flexible Studies

Unlike other schools and colleges, we build our subject option blocks around your combination requirements – not the other way around. And unlike other places, we are able to run courses for small numbers of pupils. This means that over 95% of students are able to study their chosen 4 subjects, however unusual the combination.

Our A Level teachers are long-standing and highly experienced. You will be taught by a qualified expert in the subject you are studying. And because we understand the pressures of the additional workload in the 6th Form, the contact time you have with teachers is far more generous than you will find elsewhere.

Here are some pretty impressive figures:

90%
In 2018, over 90% of students secured a place at their first choice university.

99%
2018 A Level pass rate of over 99%

2018 average UCAS points score of 133 (AAB equivalent)

However, 6th Form at The Grove is about more than this. It is a place where you can find out what really makes you tick and make your own stamp. We simply take that very special brand that is uniquely you and help you sell it to the world.

What should I study?



Decisions, Decisions!

The biggest difference between Y11 and 6th Form is that you will spend a lot more time per subject - so it is important that you pick the right ones! Deputy Head, Mr. Wright tells you how...

Mr. Wright's guide to subject selection

Do you know what you want to do after 6th Form?

YES



Wow! We're impressed. Come and talk to us about what you need to do next. Years of experience have given us insider knowledge on universities - what subjects they like, their application processes and grade requirements. We can also help you find the best route into the career you want, whether this is further study or an Apprenticeship. We look forward to hearing from you!

MAYBE



Great - this is a good place to be. Come for a chat and we'll discuss the options best suited to your ideas - but also put some contingencies in place, in case you change your mind. Our 6th Form Centre is staffed from 7.30am until 6pm - so there is always someone on hand to chat to about your work and UCAS and Careers issues.

NO



Congratulations - you are completely normal! Most students have no idea until Y12 / early Y13. Our best advice is to make a list of the subjects you enjoy most. Now grab this list and come and talk to us. We'll decide together which subjects will leave the most doors open - and perhaps just talking about it will give you some ideas about what your future might hold...

University selection is very different to what it was when your parents were at school, with less rigid subject requirements, pre-interview testing and the need to choose 5 universities. You will find that it is not only you that the whole process is new to, but also your parents. If you think they would like to discuss it with us then just ask them to give us a call. We love chatting to parents!

Meet Luke Year 12

How long have you been at Woodhouse Grove?

Right from the beginning – Ashdown Lodge – aged 3!

What has your 6th Form experience been like so far?

I'm enjoying it. I prefer it to being lower down the school as we have more independence. I like the 6th Form Centre as it gives us a bit of privacy. The café also does some good paninis!

What are you studying?

Economics, Geography, Biology and Finance. Initially, it was tough to pick my options but I had plenty of support from the teachers. I've always enjoyed Biology and did well at Geography at GCSE level. I was interested in Economics and my teachers advised me to also do Finance.

What are your plans for after the 6th Form?

I would like to either do an Accounting degree or an Accounting apprenticeship – I haven't quite decided. I have booked to visit open days at Newcastle and Manchester universities. Newcastle does the exact course that I would like to do; Accountancy and Finance with a work placement. Generally, a city university appeals more than a campus.

What are the best bits of 6th Form life?

I really enjoyed the Senior Rugby Tour to South Africa and can't wait for next year's Cricket Tour to the Caribbean!

How have the staff at The Grove helped you during your time in the 6th Form?

The teachers have been really supportive, helping me decide what to do. They are always available for a chat and regularly check you are organised and on track – to ensure you achieve your best.

How do you find the work / life balance at The Grove?

Because I play a lot of sport, it can sometimes be hard as there is a lot going on. However, we are not overloaded with too much work and I use my free periods to study – leaving my spare time for sport and socialising.

What would you say to someone thinking about joining the 6th Form at The Grove?

Pick subjects that you enjoy. Get involved with activities – even if you have not tried them before. 6th Form at The Grove is a great opportunity – take it, you won't regret it!



Living the Dream

A day in the life of a Grove 6th Former. The official term is **“Freedom within a Framework”** which basically means: enjoy your lessons, then feel free to make the day your own. After all, you’re here because you want to be!

- 8.15am** Drive into school and either nip to the dining room for breakfast or get a coffee at Woody’s.
- 8.30am** First lesson - Economics.
- 10.35am** House Assembly. Note down the dates for upcoming House events - have a good feeling that this could be our year!
- 10.55am** Break. Head to the 6th Form Centre for a snack and some chat. Catch Mr. Wright for his feedback on my Uni choices so far.
- 12 Noon** Spend some time at The Hub, chatting to Year 7s about school and homework. Seems like ages since I was their age...
- 1.00pm** Lunch. Meet up with everyone for my favourite - beef madras. Sneak in a jam doughnut - it would be rude not to!
- 2.00pm** Psychology. Totally reinforces my decision to read this at Uni.
- 3.00pm** Visit the library for a bit of research.
- 4.15pm** Netball practice. Got to work off that doughnut...
- 5.45pm** Decide to stay at The Grove for tea as the parents are both working late. Good move - it’s Taco night!

Beat the Clock

Boarding at The Grove is totally flexible and gives 6th Formers a taste of what it is like to live in Uni Halls. Think about it - it could be the ideal option for you.

GAME ON

A person wearing a white helmet and a grey t-shirt is climbing a rock wall. The person is upside down, with their head near the bottom of the frame and their arms reaching up to hold onto the rock. The rock wall is yellow and red, with various colored holds. The person is wearing a white helmet with a logo on it. The background is a bright, colorful rock wall.

We're not going to lie, sport is pretty massive at The Grove and whether you're a player or a supporter, there's plenty of good natured sports banter to be had in Woody's most days.

The full fixture list for team sports means there are regular practices in the week and matches most weekends. If team sport is not your thing, then you can use the gym, pool or climbing wall to get your fitness fix.

The daily lunchtime football kickabout is hugely popular with our 6th Formers and many leavers class it as a highlight in their yearbooks.



“Our ambition is to achieve national and international recognition as the school of choice for parents, seeking an outstanding all-round, and full education for their children. Our 6th Form sports offering aims to unlock every pupil’s potential so that they become the very best of themselves. We promote sporting excellence and develop fitness, well-being and healthy competition across the whole school. We seek to offer a broad range of opportunities for all abilities and aspirations. This includes social and recreational activities, as well as high performance sports to support and guide those with high level ambitions. We have a proud record of high achievement and national profile in a number of key sports and are determined to build on this legacy. This has resulted in us introducing a stretch and challenge development group across all age groups, with the main goal of helping develop our pupils’ social, mental and physical attributes to enhance levels of performance within their chosen sport or activity. Supportive and enthusiastic staff have proven expertise; the facilities are enviable and combine with an inclusive culture to produce a unique experience with tour memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.”

Mr.King, Director of Sport

WORK OF ART

From brass band to rock band, from cabaret to Shakespeare, we have everything covered for our 6th Formers interested in music and drama.

There is a full programme of break time concerts and recitals, so if performing is your thing, you won't be twiddling your thumbs at The Grove.

Whether you are studying Music or Drama at A Level or are simply passionate about your art, our dedicated Performing Arts team will help you find the perfect channel for your creativity. The stage is yours.

“Taking part in music as a 6th Form student puts you in a position of responsibility and leadership; whether that’s overtly encouraging the younger pupils in their music-making or more subtly by modelling performance and rehearsal etiquette. We expect you to want to be a role model and to be actively involved in music events of all kinds. A full and varied music programme looks good on your CV but it also builds a whole range of social skills which will stand you in good stead later in life. So why not get involved in some of our excellent music activities?”

Mr. Tedd, Director of Performing Arts



OUT OF THE Classroom



The Grove 6th Form is about a lot more than just studying. We hope that you will be able to grab a few of the many other opportunities on offer. After all, getting out of the classroom is vital not just for a healthy UCAS form - but also a healthy, happy you! Universities read the same old UCAS statements over and over again. At The Grove, there are opportunities to suit all interests that will make you stand out from the crowd.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a proud stamp for any CV, whilst future business tycoons have the opportunity to test their entrepreneurial flair in the Leeds Enterprise Advisory Programme, setting up a business from scratch and marketing their product. Grove 6th Formers also participate in the National Citizen Service, meeting new people and learning new skills before delivering their own social action project and making a real difference to the world around them.

Why not apply to be a Prefect or become a mentor to younger pupils at The Hub? The Grove is the perfect place to test out your leadership skills. Who knows where they could take you?



We are constantly thinking of ways to make our students' A Level experience as exciting and interesting as possible - from theatre trips to meetings with industry experts. We try to bring your studies to life - but are also aware that there is life after studies.

Our Pre-U programme covers all those tricky social issues you might come across now and in the future.

Our students always include the opportunity to travel on trips and tours as a very special aspect of 6th Form life at The Grove. Fancy trekking through Uganda, flying down the pistes in Pila or taking wickets on the beaches of St. Lucia?

Make your first stop The Grove and you might find yourself there quicker than you think.



Meet Becca Year 12

I have been at The Grove since Year 7. Being in the 6th Form is very different from being lower down the school, mainly because your relationship with your teachers changes with more of a feeling of mutual respect. I am studying English Literature, Maths and Psychology. I chose English Literature because it has always been one of my favourite subjects and I love it; Maths because I knew I could do it and Psychology because I had heard a lot about it and was very interested to find out more. I enjoy learning about how and why people act in certain ways. In fact, I'm thinking about reading Psychology at university.

I have booked to visit open days at the following universities: Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, Birmingham and Liverpool. At the moment, I think Edinburgh might be my favourite but before I apply, I will chat to my teachers and ask their advice about which universities it would be best to put down.

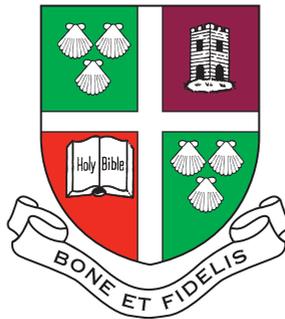
I play netball for the school and recently got back from the Senior Netball Tour to the Caribbean - which was just amazing. In fact words just cannot describe how amazing it was! Because I play netball for the school, I make sure I use my free periods well to get some work done. This means I have plenty of time for everything.

The best thing about the 6th Form at The Grove is the 6th Form Centre because it is a place where everyone can be together. Although the café is great too - very tasty! My advice to anyone joining the 6th Form at The Grove would be to not stress too much about their options. They are not set in stone and can be changed. Also to respect your teachers - because they will then show you the same respect back. Finally, if you are new to the school, try not to be shy and talk to people because everyone is really friendly.



INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR WOODHOUSE GROVE 6TH FORM?

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