

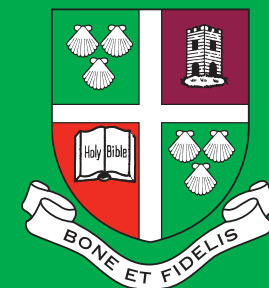


The opportunities



The academics

ADMISSIONS



## The opportunities

As part of our holistic approach to education, we offer an outstanding range of co-curricular activities and encourage pupils to recognise the value of these as an integral part of their school life.

### The Creative Arts

We offer a multi-disciplinary approach to the Creative Arts

- Senior and Junior Art Clubs
- Drama – encompassing a wide range of productions
- Musical Theatre
- Music ensembles in a wide range of styles
- Photography
- Set Design
- Technical Theatre
- Music Technology

### Music

The variety of musical co-curricular opportunities at Woodhouse Grove means that there is something for everyone.

- Large ensembles – Orchestras and Concert Band
- Chamber ensembles – Brass, Saxophone and Clarinet groups, Flute Choir and String Group
- Rock and Pop Bands
- Jazz – Big-Band/Swing
- Vocal Groups – Grove Singers Choir, Pop Choir, Barbershop and Girls' Choir
- Music Tech Club

### Sport

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

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Cross-country
- Fencing
- Fitness Suite
- Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Triathlon

### Other Opportunities

We offer pupils numerous opportunities to stretch themselves beyond the walls of the classroom:

- Adventure Days
- Book Club
- Community Service
- Duke of Edinburgh
- DT Workshops
- Leeds Enterprise Advisory Programme
- Student Investor Challenge
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Club
- Literary reading and writing groups

### Trips & Tours

Pupils enjoy a number of annual and biannual trips, including:

- Battlefields History Trip
- Iceland Expedition
- Ski Trips
- Music Tours
- Junior and Senior Netball, Rugby, Cricket and Football Tours

### House Activities

Inter-House competition adds a unique dimension to school life and encourages friendship and opportunity across year groups. Our House competitions cover a wide range of disciplines – from table tennis to baking – enabling all pupils to represent their House, whatever their strengths.



## The academics

At Woodhouse Grove, we are data conscious in a student-focused way; we utilise the baseline data available to us when pupils arrive in Year 7 and the MidYIS system to tailor their learning experience. To ensure the needs of all students are met, we stream in Maths from Year 7, in English from Year 8 and in the sciences from Year 9.

Our Stretch & Challenge programme ensures that not only are pupils given the opportunity to fulfil their academic

potential by following a rigorous and varied curriculum in a stimulating classroom environment, they also have access to a wide-range of both curricular and co-curricular subject specific enrichment opportunities, such as The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. As an equally academically ambitious and sensitive school, Woodhouse Grove has a well established Learning Support Unit, catering for a wide range of educational needs.

### Exam Results

Our 3 year rolling results have been as follows:

#### GCSE

% achieving at least 6 top grades (A\* or A; 7 or above): 33%  
% of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs, including English and Maths: 97%

#### A-levels

% of pupils achieving ABB or above: 48%  
A\*-E pass rate: 98%  
A\*-A pass rate: 43%

For more details and our latest results, please visit our website.

If you require any further information, please contact our Admissions Manager,  
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# Joining the Grove

*Admissions information*



## The process

At Woodhouse Grove, we aim to make the Admissions Process as simple and pain-free as possible. We start as we mean to go on and get to know as much about each individual applicant as possible.

### Step 1 – September to November

Come and visit the school and meet our staff and pupils. We normally hold Open Mornings, for all school years, in September and November. A Sixth Form Open Evening takes place in November. Please visit our website for further information and to register for an Open Morning.

### Step 2 - October to December

Fill in the Application Form on our website and follow the link to pay our Application Fee (£75). For those applicants in other years, a member of our Admissions Team will be in touch on receipt of the completed Application Form and Application Fee.

### Step 3 - January

Our Year 7 Entrance Exam takes place in early January. Pupils will be asked to sit Maths and English papers, an element of which will be online. They will also be invited in for an interview in mid-January with one of our Deputy Heads. We take the time to interview everyone who applies and our selection process is an equal mix of exam results, interview and a report from the applicant's current school.

### Step 4 - February

Offer letters are usually sent out at the beginning of February. The letter will invite successful applicants into school for a Taster Day. This is a fun day to meet other people who have been offered a place, staff and pupils - and get a taste of what it's like at The Grove.

### Step 5 - March

We know that choosing the right school is an important decision and want to make it as straightforward as possible. Following our Taster Day is the perfect time to ask any further questions or pop in for one final visit. We request acceptance of places by early March (the exact date will be detailed in the offer letter).

**For further information on the Admissions Process, contact our Admissions Manager, Jo Amos: [amos.jl@woodhousegrove.co.uk](mailto:amos.jl@woodhousegrove.co.uk)**



## The practicalities

### Fees, Bursaries, Scholarships, Awards and Allowances

#### Bursaries

Woodhouse Grove offers means-tested bursaries as financial support to applicants who have met our bursary criteria in achieving an outstanding level of merit through the Admissions Process, namely in the Entrance Exam, Interview and report from the applicant's current school.

The number of bursary requests usually exceeds the financial support available, so strict financial and academic criteria are applied when making decisions regarding the Awards given. In a normal year, approximately 10 bursaries are offered for Year 7 places. The school does not offer any bursaries to cover 100% of the fee.

Applicants requesting bursary support should indicate this request on their initial application form by ticking the relevant box. Bursaries can only be applied for once the full Admissions Process has been undertaken and a place has been offered. If your child has been offered a place and you have indicated on your application form that you wish to apply for financial assistance, we will assess if your child has met our criteria to be awarded a bursary. If they have, you will be sent a link to an online form to complete, if they have not

then you will receive a letter stating that the offer is for a full fee place only.

Those who meet our bursary criteria will be invited to submit a Bursary Application. Please note, the offer of a place doesn't confirm that a bursary application can be submitted.

Bursaries will be awarded based on a sliding scale according to each family's financial circumstances at the time of application. Bursaries are reviewed on a regular basis, so that any material changes in circumstance may be taken into account.

For more information, please refer to the Scholarships and Bursaries page on our website.

#### Scholarships and Awards

A limited number of Scholarships and Awards are awarded annually to exceptional candidates entering the school.

With the exception of Music Scholarships, these cannot be applied for and are given to selected Year 7 candidates who have excelled throughout the Admissions Process. Recipients will be informed of their Scholarship or Award in their offer letter.

Music Scholarships can be applied for when entering Year 7. Children must have passed

Grade 3 in their chosen instrument to be invited to a Scholarship Audition.

Sixth Form Scholarships are also available and are awarded following an interview. These are subject to actual GCSE grades.

In addition to the honour endowed, a Scholarship or Award may also have a monetary value per annum, which will be deducted from the school's fees. This is fixed at the same level throughout a pupil's career at Woodhouse Grove and is subject to the recipient maintaining a satisfactory level of work, behaviour and academic progress.

Scholarships and Awards can be supplemented by a means-tested Bursary.

#### Allowances

More information on the following Allowances is available on our website:

- Siblings Allowance
- Forces Allowance
- Methodist Financial Support – for families in membership of a Methodist Church.

### The School Day

#### Year 7 Timetable

08:30	Registration
08:40	Period 1
09:35	Period 2
10:30	Assembly
10:55	Break
11:15	Period 3
12:10	Lunch
13:05	Period 4
14:00	Break
14:10	Period 5
15:05	Period 6

Pupils may be dropped off at school from 7:30am for breakfast – no sign up required. There will be a member of staff on duty in the Dining Hall.

The school day finishes at 4pm and co-curricular activities begin at 4.15pm.

School buses depart at 5.20pm. Pupils who take the bus but are not participating in co-curricular activities may work on their prep in a supervised work area until it is time to leave.

For those pupils wishing to stay for tea, this is served at 5.30pm.

Pupils remaining at school after tea may work on their prep in the secure environment of one of our boarding houses.

All external school doors are locked throughout the school day and access is through a keypad, which is activated by a code.

Our catering team provides a wide range of options, catering for all dietary requirements.

#### School Fees

For information on our school fees, please scan the following QR Code:



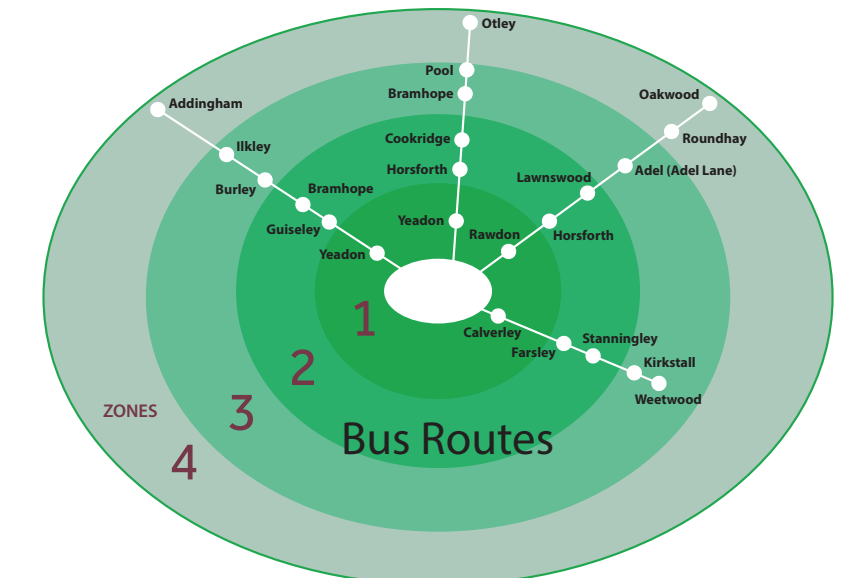
### Travel

#### Train

Apperley Bridge Train Station is a 5 minute walk from the school. The station is serviced by the Airedale and Leeds-Bradford Line and is also easily accessible from the Wharfedale Line with a change at Shipley Station. Pupils can purchase an Educational Season Rail Pass from Northern Rail.

#### Bus

Woodhouse Grove operates a Monday – Friday private bus service transporting pupils to and from the school. School buses depart at 5.20pm to allow pupils to participate in our extensive co-curricular programme. Those pupils not taking part in activities may use the library and ICT Suites to complete prep or carry out extra academic work. Bus passes can be purchased termly or annually.



For further information on Travel, please visit our website or contact our Transport Coordinators: [travel@woodhousegrove.co.uk](mailto:travel@woodhousegrove.co.uk)

