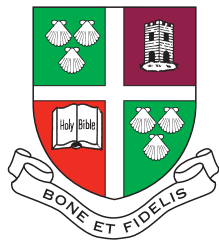


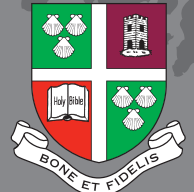
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GUIDE TO SIXTH FORM AT WOODHOUSE GROVE



ACCESS ALL AREAS

Sixth Form at The Grove



“ We want to work with you to create a bespoke and individualised journey that gets you to your dream post-18 destination. ”



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 as other schools or colleges might. When the time comes, we will give you helpful advice on UCAS, Universities, Apprenticeships and Careers. All should help you on your journey to ‘reaching your potential’.

And because we know you and because our staff have years of experience, this advice will actually mean something. To give direct focus on the future of our Sixth Formers, tutor groups are determined by their future career aspirations, each led by a Form Tutor that has specialist knowledge in that career field. Forms are a mix of Y12 and Y13 pupils, to increase diversity and experience within the tutor group.

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 Sixth 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 Sixth Form students and watch them grow in independence over the 2 years that they are with us. And remember, entry requirements into Sixth 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.

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Head Prefects Ayo and Lucy give you the low down on what Sixth Form is really like.

When did you join the Grove?

Ayo - I joined in year 7

Lucy- I joined the Grove in Year 7 after starting at Ashdown Lodge in pre-nursery and going through Brontë.

What are you both studying for A Level?

Ayo- I am studying French, Biology and Maths.

Lucy - Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry.



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

Ayo - My top tip would be to plan your time in advance and learn to stick to it. Not only will this develop good future habits such as working independently, but also give you the freedom to enjoy and make the most of the opportunities presented to you throughout the school year.

Lucy- Make sure to take full advantage of all the extra support provided by your teachers, and don't be afraid to ask if you need help. Make the most of the opportunities such as the guest speakers, insights to different careers, school trips and extracurricular activities. These will help guide you to what you want to do after leaving sixth form and leave you with amazing memories.

What would you like to do when you leave the Grove?

Ayo- I would like to study accounting and French

Lucy- I've applied to university to study mechanical engineering next year.



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

Ayo- I'm looking forward to leading and representing school throughout the year, whether that is through speaking publicly about the school, competing in sporting events, or just being a role model for students in school.

Lucy- I'm looking forward to being a good role model to younger students, and to hopefully encourage them to get involved in everything that the Grove has to offer.



What are the main differences between Sixth Form and Lower School?

Ayo- for me, the level, opportunities and competitiveness in sport is the main difference between sixth form and lower school. It is always big responsibility representing the first XV rugby team, but also very rewarding, especially since younger student continue to look up to us.

Lucy- I would say the main difference between sixth form and lower school is the amount of independence you have; teachers trust you a lot more to organise yourself and to take the initiative to ask for help if you need it. Woody's cafe is also a big difference, I don't think I could survive without it now!

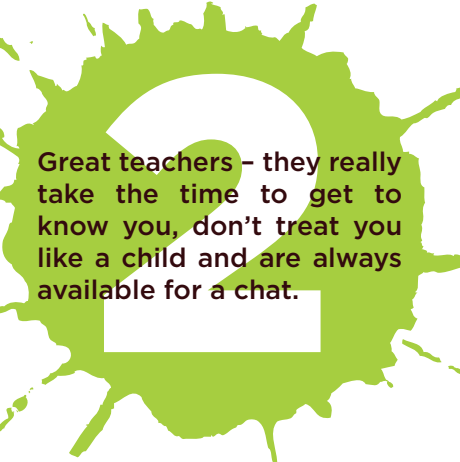
Describe Sixth Form in 3 words...

Ayo

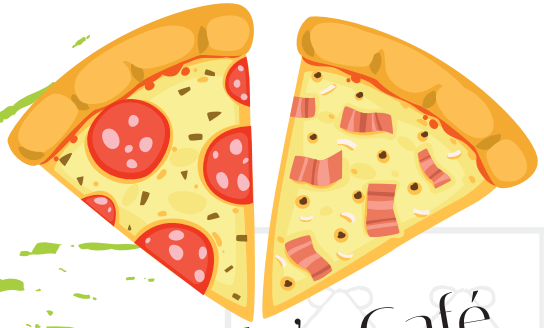
challenging, engaging, memorable

Lucy

welcoming, supportive, exciting



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 Sixth Form Centre feels like a really special, friendly place that is ours.

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REASONS TO JOIN US IN



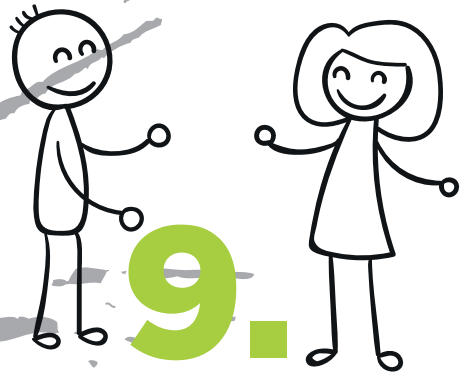
THE LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE BROWNIES. OMG.



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 Sixth 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 & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (BTEC)
- French
- Geography
- German
- Government & Politics
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Music Technology
- Physics
- Psychology
- Philosophy
- Spanish
- Sport (BTEC)
- Extended Project Qualification
- Sports Leaders

Post 18 Event

We have previously introduced the annual Post-18 Event where we will welcome approximately 30 institutions and companies to take stand in our new Sixth Form Building and Morton Hall to chat to our Year 12 students about their options after school. The evening featured discussions on various pathways available to our students, emphasising our support in reaching their desired goals.

Where will I study?



We are delighted to be fully utilising our new state-of-the-art Sixth Form Building. The building combines a professional feel, with mixed-use space for both collaborative and individual working, as well as high tech seminar rooms.

Years 12 and 13 are enjoying the range of spaces, including the outdoor pods and the building has already been used for a myriad of activities including student lessons, industry specific workshops with partner businesses, our life skills programme, post 18 guidance events, and medical practice interviews.

Mr Softley, Assistant Head (Sixth Form and Futures) said

“We are extremely lucky to have a forward-thinking space where students can be industrious and purposeful in their pursuit of not only reaching their potential, but where they will be prepared, to make the transition into the real world smoother and where our students can be ahead of their peers.”

Here are some pretty impressive figures:

90%

Around 90% of students secure a place at their first choice university

98%

98% average A-level pass rate

Average UCAS points score of 133 (AAB equivalent)

However, Sixth 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!

Decisions, Decisions! The biggest difference between Y11 and Sixth 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 Sixth 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 Sixth 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!

PATHWAYS PROGRAMME

Sixth Form at The Grove is forward thinking - and pretty unique. The Pathway system tailors things to suit you - right down to your Tutor Group, which is based on your subject choices and career goals, with a Form Tutor who has specialist knowledge in the field you're interested in.

Depending on what you want to do when you leave school, you can make use of the school's Partner Programme. This organises relevant work experience with a Grove Business Partner - one of a wide range of local businesses. They understand the skills you need to succeed - and help you develop them.

There is also a Life Skills programme run at school which covers all sorts of useful stuff, from first aid to financial planning. Let's just say - there are opportunities at The Sixth Form at The Grove that you may not find at other schools and colleges. Opportunities that will give you a head start for life in the outside world.



Meet Nicole

Year 13

I joined the Grove in year 7 after completing my time at Brontë House and Ashdown Lodge. So far, my sixth form experience has been amazing for many reasons such as getting to wear my own clothes, having more freedom and independence outside of the classroom and Woody's Café in the sixth form centre. As a Grovian, I find sixth form to be supportive and nurturing and I am always aware of the numerous opportunities that the Grove has presented to me. I feel my time spent in the Grovian community has helped me build both my social skills and most importantly my self confidence.

The 3 A levels I am studying are maths, biology and chemistry. While its fair to say these subjects are academically demanding, it is reassuring to know I have the support of my teachers and peers whenever I need it. Throughout my time at the Grove, I have taken part in activities to competitively represent the school like Netball, swimming and cross country as well as partaken in music concerts and performing arts. I was particularly excited to have represented the grove in the England Netball Cup Final. My future plans are to pursue a career in dentistry and at a later date, establish my own private practise.



My advice for anyone joining Woodhouse Grove Sixthform would be to take advantage of all the help and support available, plan your workload and ensure you have a work/life balance conducive to achieving your goals. Most importantly have fun!

Living the Dream

A day in the life of a Grove Sixth 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.

- 7.00am - 7.30am** Attend a morning session in the fitness suite or swimming pool.
- 8.00am** When I decide to skip my morning swim session, I drive into school and either nip to the dining room for breakfast or get a coffee at Woody’s.
- 8.30am** Attend morning registration for a catch up with my tutor and form group, setting me up for the day...
- 8.40am** First lesson - Economics.
- 9.35am** Private study period, that I spend in the Sixth Form Centre’s work space.
- 10.30am** House Assembly. Note down the dates for upcoming House events - have a good feeling that this could be our year.
- 10.55am** Break...catch up with Mr Softley.
- 11.15am** Second lesson - Government and Politics.
- 12.10pm** Spend some time at The Hub, chatting to Year 7s about school and homework. It seems like ages since I was their age...
- 1.05pm** Lunch. Meet up with everyone for my favourite - beef madras. Sneak in a jam doughnut - it would be rude not to!
- 2.10pm** Psychology lesson. Totally reinforces my decision to read this at Uni.
- 3.05pm** Visit the Library for a bit of research.
- 4.10pm** Netball practice, we have an away match this Saturday.
- 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 Sixth Formers a taste of what it’s like to live in University Halls. Think about it - it could be the ideal option for you.

GAME ON

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 Sixth 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 Sixth 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.”

Director of Sport



WORK OF ART

From brass band to rock band, from cabaret to Shakespeare, we have everything covered for Sixth Form students interested in music and drama.

There is a full programme of break time concerts and recitals, so if performing is your thing, there are plenty of opportunities 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 Sixth Form student puts you in a position of responsibility and leadership; whether that's overtly guiding and encouraging younger pupils in their performing arts journey 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 events of all kinds. A full and varied programme looks good on your CV but it also builds a whole range of practical, social and soft skills which will stand you in good stead later in life. So why not get involved in some of our excellent music and performing arts activities?



OUT OF THE Classroom



The Grove Sixth 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, apprenticeship or work applications - but also a healthy, happy you! Universities and organisations read the same old UCAS statements and applications 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 Sixth 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.

Leadership roles within the Sixth Form cover a range of areas from Equality and Diversity to marketing and anti-bullying. 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 students always include the opportunity to travel on trips and tours as a very special aspect of Sixth 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 Miss Blake

What is your role?

I am Head of Year 12 and 13 for Inclusion and Wellbeing.

How long have you been at The Grove?

This is my third year.

How do you support students?

As a non-teaching member of the Sixth Form team, I am permanently based in the Sixth Form Centre and Sixth Form Building, where I get the opportunity to work with students and support them in their Post 16 journey. In my role I get to know our students really well and can offer them help on both an academic and emotional level should they need it. That might be in the form of helping students organise their files, creating a study plan, guiding them through UCAS and apprenticeship applications, regular mentoring meetings or simply talking through a worry or concern as and when one crops up.

What's the best thing about Sixth Form at The Grove?

With the exception of our awesome students and the various pathways that we offer, it has to be Woody's Cafe, as there are sweet treats always available!

What makes our school different?

It has to be the relationships. I love how well staff get to know each and every student. For me personally, it is such a privilege to be part of a young person's academic journey and to see them flourish into confident young adults ready to leave us for university or the world of work.



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The Grove joins Globalbridge

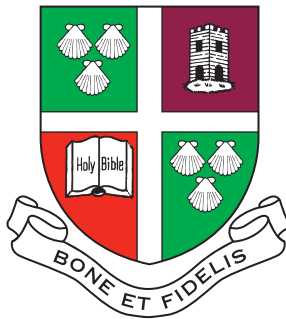
Woodhouse Grove is one of the first schools in England to offer each of our pupils a unique, digital Globalbridge profile.

Students can not only upload their academic achievements to the Globalbridge platform, but also a biography, aspirations, photos, sound bites, electronic documents and even video footage showing sporting highlights, drama productions and musical performances. They can then share their Globalbridge profile with any university or employer, showcasing all their talents, skills and qualifications - helping them stand out in a competitive field.

Better still...Groviains have access to the Globalbridge platform for life - and so can use it as an ongoing record of experiences and achievements, evidencing the development of skills for future life and work.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR WOODHOUSE GROVE SIXTH FORM?

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