THE GROVE

A Place To Flourish

Ages 11-18

When you nurture a child's confidence, achievement follows.

Unlocking every pupil's potential

Because every child is unique, we know that the key to reaching their true potential lies in an education that is as full as it is diverse. Our approach of striving for academic achievement is complemented by a dedication to developing a wide variety of other interests, helping to build our pupils' aspirations and instilling confidence for the future.

Grove Life

Set in 70 acres of beautiful Yorkshire countryside, yet conveniently located between Leeds and Bradford, our day and boarding students benefit from the best of both worlds: rural surroundings in easy reach of city life.

Woodhouse Grove operates four private bus services and also benefits from being a short walk from Apperley Bridge train station (travel time to Leeds 9 mins/Shipley 3 mins).

Pupils can have breakfast, lunch and tea at school - ideal for those days when parents need more flexibility. There is also the opportunity for students to board at short notice, helping busy families cope with the demands of modern life.

Curriculum Overview

It is our aim to unlock the potential of each individual by offering every pupil life-changing opportunities and an environment in which academic excellence is promoted through learning and shared experiences.

With excellent facilities for teaching and learning, and committed and well-qualified teachers, our pupils are encouraged to fulfil and often exceed their potential. Woodhouse Grove is both academically ambitious and academically sensitive. Pupils are challenged to make the most of their abilities and take responsibility for their progress. Those in need of specific additional support are identified and provided for in a well-established learning support unit.

Pupils are encouraged to think ahead, to prepare not merely for GSCE and A-level, but also for the challenges and opportunities beyond school. Careers guidance is embedded in an exstensive programme of personal and social education.

Every individual at Woodhouse Grove counts. We ask nothing more from them than that they have the courage to be, not ordinary, but extraordinary, and to strive to do their very best; to be confident and proud of their academic achievements and to believe that there is no glass ceiling to their academic attainment.



Lower School

At Woodhouse Grove we endeavour to make the transition to secondary school as easy as possible. We warmly welcome new pupils into our school community and quickly develop their confidence to enable them to benefit from the countless opportunities on offer.

The Lower School - Years 7 and 8 - provides an environment in which each pupil is recognised as an individual and gently challenged to 'have a go' without the fear of making mistakes. We encourage pupils to explore their interests, try new activities, develop friendships and participate in school life as widely as possible.

Pupils are prepared for the GCSE years through varied teaching methods and regular assessment. Activities in Form groups are a key part of this process and include group activities, one-to-one discussions with tutors and inter-House competitions.

As they take the first steps in their seven-year career at Woodhouse Grove, pupils in the Lower School are given the opportunity to start discovering who they are. We work to inspire and fire imaginations, and provide all our pupils with the drive and aspiration they require to become the very best version of themselves that they can be.

Upper School

Upper School is a time of significant change for our pupils, not only in terms of academic and social challenges but also within themselves.

Upper School pupils experience continued academic challenge; a broad and stimulating range of co-curricular activity; opportunities to lead; and a tightening focus on the future, supported by mentoring and careers advice.

We aim to encourange, challenge and guide pupils thoughout the school - but never underestimate the importance of this support in the lives of our students in Years 9-11.

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The Sixth Form at The Grove

Our forward-thinking Sixth Form is designed to prepare students - both academically and emotionally - for life after The Grove. It is a very special environment that bridges the gap between school and the outside world. Many of our students cite the Sixth Form as being “the best part” of their time here.

Our Sixth Form Pathway Programme offers unparalleled flexibility and adaptability, enabling us to meet the needs of every individual and create a bespoke learning pathway for each student.

Sixth From students are placed into Tutor Groups that are tailored to complement their choices and career aspirations, alongside like-minded peers and supported by a Form Tutor with specialist knowledge in that career field.

The Grove’s Sixth Form Centre boasts its own café and different areas for relaxation, collaboration and quiet study, whilst our state-of-the-art Sixth Form Building provides pupils with a more corporate environment, featuring interactive technology and seminar rooms, readying students for life after school. There is also some dedicated outdoor space that is for Sixth Form use only.

The Sixth Form staff team have offices in the Sixth Form Centre and so are always on hand to provide support and advice. In fact, it is the collaboration between staff and students that is at the heart of our Sixth Form community, with each student’s potential being recognised, valued and nurtured.

Each student selects four subjects to study in the Lower Sixth (Year 12) and a timetable is then built around their choices. Depending on their aspirations, students have the option of organised work experience with a Grove Business Partner - one of a number of selcet local businesses from a diverse range of business sectors. We also run a Life Skills programme for all Sixth Form students and encourage them to seize the many activities on offer - academic, sporting and in the arts - and take the opportunity to “give back” to the wider community through one of our volunteering programmes.

The Sixth Form at The Grove is a place where young people are empowered to be purposeful, make informed decisions and practise good judgement when balancing their studies, co-curricular commitments and social lives. Students are offered a number of varied leadership opportunities and our well-rounded approach builds confidence and develops the soft skills that differentiate Grovians for their peers.

Our students leave Woodhouse Grove as confident, happy adults, well-prepared to thrive in the world of university or work. They are true ambassadors for the school.

Talent, application, high quality teaching and facilities all play their part in ensuring all-round achievement for our Sixth Form students.

Home from Home Boarding

When a student joins Woodhouse Grove as a boarder they become a member of a caring family community that enjoys many of the benefits of living at a school with a home from home ethos.

Grove Boarding offers flexible options to suit all families. Whilst we are home to many full-time boarders, a growing number of our students regularly board for two to three nights per week and we also offer boarding on an ad-hoc basis – all seamlessly integrating into boarding life.

Each of our Boarding Houses has its own unique character whilst providing a warm, homely and secure environment under the care of resident House staff. Each House offers modern amenities, Wi-Fi, kitchens for snacks and drinks, well-appointed bedrooms and relaxing common rooms.

Boarders have their own personal House Tutor to whom they are able to turn for guidance and support.

As well as being able to take advantage of the array of co-curricular activities offered at Woodhouse Grove, boarders can choose from a full Evening Activities Programme. There is also plenty to choose from at the weekend, with a variety of excursions ranging from paintballing, go-karting and camping to cinema and shopping trips.



The life of a Grove Boarder is interesting, busy and above all - inspirational. I see Boarding as a place that I can call my second home.

Year 12 boarder

The House System

Woodhouse Grove's House system is at the very centre of every pupil's time at school. Belonging to one of the Grove's six Houses, nurtures a strong spirit of solidarity and loyalty and encourages pupils to engage with those outside their year group. It enables pupils to make a contribution, no matter how small, to a greater whole, giving them a sense of belonging, regardless of age or ability.

All pupils are actively encouraged to participate in a wide range of organised, keenly contested inter-house activities, ranging from debating to netball and house science to climbing. The full programme of events includes something for everyone and the award of an overall House Trophy ensures that every pupil's contribution is important and valued.

Pupils in different age groups are able to develop their leadership, organisation and motivation skills through roles such as Junior Heads of House, Inter Heads of House, House Prefects and Heads of House.



Performing Arts

Woodhouse Grove has built an excellent reputation for the quality of its performing arts. The heart of this is the magnificent, 240 seat McCarthy Theatre, with its own high spec technical box, providing professional standard sound and lighting effects for a variety of productions and performances.

The Davy Building Performing Arts Centre houses a Music Recital Room, a Drama Studio, a Keyboard Suite, a Recording Studio and 12 Practice Rooms.



Sport

We are known for our proud sporting tradition, and Woodhouse Grove's Sports Centre houses a comprehensive selection of facilities, offering our pupils a wide range of sports and activities.

The Sports Hall is used for badminton, basketball, cricket nets, five-a-side football, hockey, netball, tennis and volleyball whilst the Centre also houses our Fitness Suite, Weights Room and the 25m Jubilee Pool.

Our extensive outdoor sporting provision includes grass pitches, outdoor cricket nets and a state-of-the-art 3G pitch. There are numerous netball and tennis courts - including our three all-weather covered Bolt Courts.



Co-curricular at The Grove

As part of our holistic approach to education, we offer a comprehensive range of co-curricular activities to run alongside our academic curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to recognise the social and emotional value of these activities as an integral part of their school life.

Our extensive sporting co-curricular programme offers pupils of all abilities activities such as cross-country, basketball, fencing and climbing alongside mainstream team sports. Recently launched sports specialisms such as the Grove Golf Academy and our partnership with Chelsea Football Club provide pupils with additional opportunities to grow and excel.

For those with musical interests, a multitude of opportunities, from chamber orchestra to rock band, are available.

The school puts on a number of theatrical performances throughout the year and our pupils' dramatic talents are supported by the lighting and sound talents of our Tech Club pupils.

Other co-curricular activities range from Pop Choir to Debating. Not only do we cater for every interest, we aim to encourage new ones to develop and hope that every Woodhouse Grove pupil will try to immerse themselves in the many opportunities available outside the classroom.



Co-curricular Further Afield

Alongside the many opportunities we offer within school, we also give our pupils the chance to explore, experience and learn from the world around them.

Academic excursions include a Geography trip to Iceland and the very moving History Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium.

Senior Expeditions to destinations such as Morocco and Costa Rica enable pupils to experience different cultures, as well as contribute to community projects.

The school runs regular ski holidays and our sports teams enjoy a multtude of tours. Overseas rugby, netball and cricket tours, to destinations such as the Caribbean and South Africa, are a real highlight for our older students, whilst our younger sports tourists enjoy European trips.

Closer to home, we encourage students to get involved with our local community. It is a source of great pleasure to see them grow as individuals as they help others. A Woodhouse Grove education is not confined by the walls of a classroom.



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Hettie, Year 10 The Grove

Things I like: being creative and making things that solve problems. Things I dislike: when someone has the same football boots as me!

I am passionate about football. As well as playing for school, I play for York City and ISFA. My ambition is to be a professional footballer and play for the England Lionesses. I would follow this up by being an agent to all my football friends. To achieve this, I hope to get a scholarship to a Division 1 soccer college in the United States and maybe study Business Management.

I love to take part in as many sports as I can. At school, as well as football, I participate in athletics and cricket – and I also enjoyed Climbing Club in Years 7 and 8. I love the Summer Term because I can play volleyball with my friends at lunchtime, which is really good fun.

I am fortunate to have a very supportive family. From a very young age, they taught me that a problem shared is a problem halved. The best piece of advice my parents have given me is that everything happens for a reason. I think that this is really important because, with hard work, you can turn any setback into an opportunity.

It is important to me to be the best possible version of myself. I am very grateful for the opportunities I get at The Grove. I feel like school drives me forward, both physically and academically, to reach my full potential and work towards achieving my goals. In particular, Miss Thompson inspires me to be a top athlete, as she believes in me more than I do. The Pastoral Team at The Grove has always been there for me and always will be there, but I believe that things always get better; you just have to persevere and, sometimes, sleep on it.

Things that make me happy include taking my dog for a walk and spending time with my family. One of my happiest moments at The Grove was when we travelled to Hampshire for the semi-final of the ISFA cup. Although we lost, I had the best time singing on the bus with my favourite people and making the best memories.



Moving On

Woodhouse Grove students have gone on to every walk of life - from international business to serving their country to appearing in the West End. What they all have in common is the inner confidence and self-belief that comes from learning in an environment that truly respects and nurtures every individual whilst celebrating a caring and open-minded view of the world.

Shared values and a love of school make the Grovian network second to none. Many Grovians send their own children to Woodhouse Grove, some come back to teach the next generation and nearly all return to enjoy one of the many Grovian events that are held throughout the year.

Joining Woodhouse Grove is about more than just joining a school. It is about joining a family whose care and support will last a lifetime.

I am Grovian.



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