

Yolade feels comfortable and at home and is enjoying his education in the safe surroundings of Grove Academy

Kazeem and Tessy live in Slough with their daughter, Yomade, aged 18, who is at college, and their son, Yolade, aged 15.

Ambition for Education

Kazeem and Tessy are delighted that their son, Yolade, has settled in and is happy to be at Grove Academy. Kazeem says: "Yolade particularly enjoys the history lessons, and the cookery classes. He will be taking his GCSEs next year and he has told us that he would like to go on to study at a sixth form college and then go to university."

Kind teachers

Although he is by nature very quiet, Yolade already has a couple of very close friends at Grove Academy, his father says. "The staff were all very welcoming and helped make the transition to a new school as smooth as possible for him. We can tell the staff are very caring towards the children and during his time at the school he has had no issues with anything. Now Yolande is in Year 10, he feels at home at Grove Academy and he enjoys playing football at school and likes doing PE," Kazeem says.

Safe surroundings

"We like the way the school teaches the children good values, such as being respectful to others and the importance of being inclusive, and that they encourage positive behaviour from their students. When I visit the school, I always notice that it is very tidy and well looked after and the staff in the reception area make you feel very welcome. You can also tell that Grove Academy take security very seriously and it gives you the confidence to know that your child will be kept safe while he is at school," he says.

Good communication

"The staff are always very welcoming to parents and they keep us very well informed. They email you consistently to keep you up to date with what is happening at the school and they let you know straight away if there are any changes to arrangements, or to the school opening and closing times, and they also regularly ask you for your input about the school," Kazeem says.

Caring environment

"We are pleased that the staff are very caring towards the children and have helped to make Yolade feel at home at his new school and it is very reassuring for us as parents to know that the school take the safety of the students seriously. We wouldn't hesitate to recommend Grove Academy to other families."

Children say

Yolade says: "My school is a great place of learning. The teachers are all really supportive and they are always ready to help when students are confused or in need of extra explanations. The resources needed are all readily and easily available and the community is strong."