



**WELCOME TO THE
GRANGE SCHOOL**

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THE GRANGE SCHOOL



WHAT WILL I NEED FOR MY FIRST DAY?

The Grange School Uniform

We are very proud of our school. Our uniform creates our school identity amongst all the students. We expect you to come to school every day in full, neat, clean uniform, sending the message that you take pride in belonging to our school.



Boys:

- Black blazer with Grange School badge.
- Pale blue shirt - short or long-sleeved, no polo shirts.
- Black V-neck jumper (optional).
- Grange School tie.
- Black trousers. No jeans style or skinny style.
- Plain black socks.
- Black shoes. No canvas shoes or trainers/leisure style shoes.



Girls:

- Black blazer with Grange School badge.
- Pale blue shirt - short or long-sleeved, no polo shirts.
- Black V-neck jumper (optional).
- Grange School tie.
- Blue check skirt (from Price & Buckland uniform supplier) or black trousers. No jeans style or skinny style.
- Plain black tights.
- Black shoes. No canvas shoes or trainers/leisure style shoes.

Jewellery, make-up and hair

You are permitted to wear one pair of small plain stud earrings and a watch. Nose studs or tongue and facial piercings are not permitted. Make-up, if worn, should be discreet. Nail varnish must be a neutral colour with nails an appropriate length for sport, food technology and other physical activities.

Hair should be in a neat and tidy style. Hair dyes, if used, must be neutral colours with no two-tone hair. Patterns or shaved areas cut into the hair are not permitted. Hair accessories should be plain black or navy blue.

Equipment

We would also like you to ensure you have basic equipment with you for all lessons. This should include a pen (black or blue), green pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, coloured pencils, a pencil sharpener, a scientific calculator, maths set and glue. It is ideal for you to bring a small notebook.



Alternative Muslim Girls uniform:

- Black blazer with Grange School badge.
- Navy shalwar kameez with gold trim (from Price & Buckland uniform supplier).
- Navy headscarf with Grange School logo (from Price & Buckland uniform supplier).
- Long-sleeved pale blue shirt.
- Grange School tie.
- Black trousers. No jeans style or skinny style.
- Plain black socks or plain black tights.
- Black shoes. No canvas shoes or trainers/leisure style shoes.

WHAT HAPPENS IN A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY?

Every school day has 5 lessons as well as tutor time, break, lunch and DEAR time (drop everything and read).

8.25am	Registration and tutor time
8.55am	Lesson 1
9.55am	Break
10.20am	Lesson 2
11.15am	DEAR time
11.30am	Lesson 3
12.25pm	Lunch
1.05pm	Lesson 4
2.05pm	Lesson 5
3.00pm	End of the school day

You will be in different classrooms for lessons and will soon get used to finding your way around. Everyone will be happy to help, so just ask an older student or a teacher if you get lost.

Subjects

Your lessons, amongst others, will include **Enterprise Art Design & Technology Drama English French Geography History ICT and Computer Science Maths Music Physical Education PSHCE Religious Studies Science Spanish Urdu**. Some of these will be new subjects you haven't studied before and in other subjects you will build on what you have learnt at primary school.

At lunchtime you can choose to have a school dinner or bring in a packed lunch from home. If you choose to have a school dinner, you will pay for this using the school's cashless system and authorise payment using your fingerprint.



What clubs and trips can I take part in?

We believe that extra-curricular activities are really important in establishing a thriving school community. We try to make sure there is a wide variety of interesting opportunities, so there is something that everyone can get involved in.

Students who are interested in music might choose to join the choir or the orchestra, of which there are various sections – brass, wind, string and percussion. There are many sporting activities to get involved in such as football, netball, badminton, basketball, rugby, tennis, cricket and athletics. Some run regular fixtures too including county, regional and even national sporting tournaments! Each week we run an 'active club' open to everyone where you can learn an alternative sport each week including yoga and Karate. There is also a large drama department which runs many additional activities outside the normal timetable.

We also run a broad range of educational and recreational trips throughout the school year to help support and enrich your learning.

Our aim will be to take all Year 7 on a team building day. It will be an action-packed day and a great way to get to know everyone a bit better.



HOW WILL THE GRANGE SCHOOL COMMUNICATE WITH ME?

The Satchel One app is the main way that the school will communicate with you and your parents or carers. Every student has their own account, and the app can be downloaded onto a smart phone or via the internet.

Through Satchel One, you will be able to view what homework you have and when it is due, your timetable, your attendance and punctuality record, and your behaviour record, including details of any points or badges you have been awarded and details of any detentions. You can also set up reminders and alerts so you receive an email or push notification for new homework, deadlines that are coming up and notices of events. It is a great system for helping you develop your independence, time management and organisation.

Your parents or carers will also be able to set up a parental account so they can view all of these details as well and help support you when needed.

satchel:
one



Who can I contact with any questions or worries?

The Grange School is a very supportive environment, so there will always be someone to talk to or go to for help if you are worried about something.

When you join us, your form group will have Year 10 students assigned to it as 'Buddies'. Your Buddies will help you settle into life at the school and be friendly faces who will help to show you around and answer any questions you might have.

In addition to your Buddies, you can also go to your Form Tutor, Year Team Leaders, Key Stage Leaders and the Student Support Officers at Stapleton House for any help or support you might need. Everyone is very approachable and will do everything they can to help.

Our teachers and pastoral staff will work with you to ensure you have the support you need to fulfil your potential.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We pride ourselves on The Grange School being a very happy and friendly place where everyone will be very approachable and happy to help if you have any questions or need any help. We find the same questions often come up a lot when students first join us, so if you are worried about anything, you may find the answer below:

Is the work difficult? What if I can't do it? Do you have lots of tests/exams?

At times, the work may be challenging as we want you to achieve your highest potential. However, you can always ask for help. You can ask your teacher for help, ask your peers (at an appropriate time) or visit Homework club every day after school, which is in an IT room with members of staff who are there to help you. There are some tests and assessments, but they are not all the time! Remember, they are just to check how you are getting on.

How does The Grange School tackle bullying?

The majority of our students say that bullying is handled well at The Grange School. There are lots of people you can talk to if you or a friend experience bullying. These include your Form Tutor, Year Team Leaders, any teacher, peer mentors (trained Sixth Formers) and Student Support Officers at Stapleton House. We also have a FAB (Friends Against Bullying) Team, which is a group of students who meet weekly to discuss how we can minimise bullying. The students and staff have made a promise to try to eradicate bullying, which you can see displayed in every classroom.

How much homework will I get?

You will get approximately 20 minutes of Maths, English, Science and Languages homework per week. Other subjects set homework either once a fortnight or once a half term. All our homework is set online via Satchel One.



How long does it take to know your way around? What happens if I get lost when I first arrive?

It doesn't take long at all, approximately 2-3 weeks. Don't worry about getting lost. You can ask any member of staff, Buddy or older student if you do get lost to give you directions or take you to where you need to be. You can also visit reception or the staffroom for some help finding your way.

Are there lots of clubs I can do?

Yes, the list of clubs changes each year and each term. You can find a list of clubs on posters around school and the school website.

Who do I go to if I have a problem?

Your Form Tutor is the best person to go to if you have a problem. If they are not available you can speak to your Year Team Leaders or a member of the Student Support Officers at Stapleton House.

How long is lunch? Do I need lunch money every day? Can I bring a packed lunch?

Lunchtime is 40 minutes. We operate a cashless system, so you do not need to bring cash to school. Your parent/carer will put money onto your online account, and you can then use your fingerprint to pay for your food in the canteen. Alternatively, you can bring a packed lunch.

Can I bring a mobile phone to school?

Yes – but it must not be seen or heard between 08.25am and 3.00pm. You may bring a mobile phone at your own risk.

How long are detentions?

Detentions are either 30, 60 or 90 minutes.

How many people will be in my class and is it always the same? Will I be in the same class as my friends from primary school?

There are usually approximately 30 students in a class. However, it is not always the same number. You may have friends from your primary school in your class, especially if you came from a large local primary school.

What happens if I'm late to school or lessons?

If you are late to school but arrive before 8.55am, you should go straight to your Form Tutor, who will sign you in 'late'. If you arrive after 8.55am, you must go to the attendance officer (located in reception) to sign in. You should have a good reason for being late to school, otherwise detentions may be set. If you are late to lessons, you need a note from a teacher with a reason why you are late, otherwise you may receive a detention.

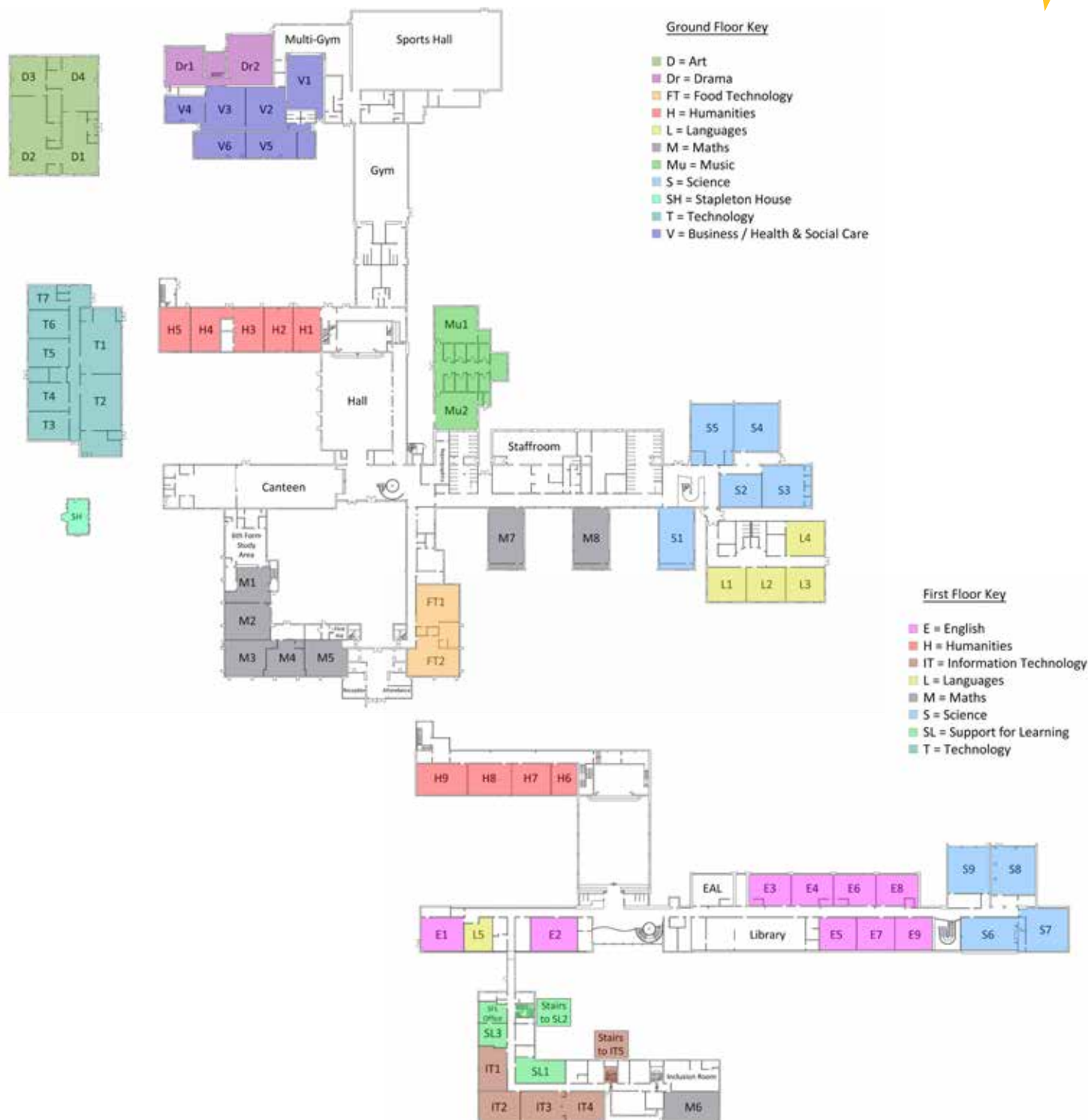
WHAT OUR CURRENT YEAR 7S HAVE TO SAY

"Starting a new school and moving into secondary school is a big change. We have asked the experts for advice on making friends and settling in at The Grange School. Here is what our current Year 7s had to say:"

Mr. V Murray, Headteacher



THE GRANGE SCHOOL



The Grange School
Wendover Way, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7NH
Phone: 01296 390900
Email: office@grange.bucks.sch.uk
Website: www.grange.bucks.sch.uk

Devised and produced by Stoneworks Education Ltd www.stoneworkseducation.co.uk

© Stoneworks Education Limited 2014-2023. All rights reserved.