

GROVE COLLEGE PROSPECTUS

A mind set to succeed



Determination

Positivity

Trust

Resilience

INTRODUCTION

I am delighted that you are considering studying at Grove College. Grove College is the most popular centre of education for 16-19 year old students from Market Drayton and the surrounding areas of Northeast Shropshire and nearby parts of Staffordshire. The College is based in the magnificent Grade II listed Grove House which provides an ideal atmosphere in which to learn and study.

We want all our students to complete their courses successfully, whilst at the same time developing into intelligent, independent and confident young people with wide-ranging interests and skills. Our excellent teaching enables our students to achieve academic success and the individual pastoral support we provide encourages them to develop personally.

I hope you enjoy reading our prospectus, which details the courses and extra-curricular opportunities that we offer. For further information or to make an appointment to tour the College please contact me at andy.rayner@grovecollege.net

Mr A Rayner | Director of Post 16 Studies



WHY CHOOSE GROVE COLLEGE?

SUPPORT - EVERY STUDENT IS KNOWN

- Individualised support for all students through our strong tutoring and mentoring system.

RESULTS - HIGH QUALITY TEACHING

- Ofsted "Teaching is consistently good".
- Dept of Education: "Above average progress in all courses compared to national average."

SMALL CLASS SIZES - FEWER THAN 10 IS THE NORM

- Teachers can invest time with students both in and outside the classroom.

DESTINATIONS - STUDENTS GET TO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO

- 100% of applicants were successful in securing a university place in 2018.

LOCATION - IN THE HEART OF MARKET DRAYTON

- Time is spent studying, not travelling.

And if you have previously studied at Grove School up to Year 11 consider:

- You have experienced success here and are well known to your teachers.
- As travel time is minimised you can take full advantage of all the opportunities on offer.

"Learners enjoy all aspects of the 16 to 19 provision. They talk of having a 'sense of friendly community' and are overwhelmingly positive about what the school does to support their learning and well-being."

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FACILITIES

- Grove House: a beautiful building which has been adapted to be a centre ideal for students.
- Well equipped classrooms and computer facilities; a careers' hub and recently refurbished café.
- A quiet study area with a suite of computers linked to the whole-school network.
- Specialist Science, Technology, Art and Sports facilities across the campus at the School.
- Independent study facilities where you can work at your own pace.
- Newly refurbished café where snacks and drinks are available.
- Library and resource centre available in main School.



Grove College offers students the best opportunity to flourish emotionally, personally, socially and academically, either through a traditional or vocational suite of qualifications.

At the College we encourage and support our young people to have the highest expectations, aspirations and ambitions. Here they will develop 'can do' attitudes and I am confident they will leave ready to meet the challenges of the global market-place now and in future years.

Sonia Taylor | Headteacher

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Expect a high standard of tuition and support in a well-resourced and friendly environment.
- Strong student support systems throughout College have extensive links to outside agencies.
- Students at Grove College have regular support and advice from their tutors.
- Tutors provide academic and careers' advice as well as personal support and guidance.
- Time management; independent study skills; research skills; academic rigour have a key focus.
- Impartial careers, information, advice and guidance prepares you for the world beyond the College.
- Work experience is tailored to individual courses.
- Staff with specific sixth form expertise work in the College.
- Qualifications achieved at Grove College open up a wide spectrum of opportunities.
- The majority of students in recent years have continued onto University – including Oxbridge.
- Others take the next step into Higher Education, Modern Apprenticeships or directly into employment.
- Visits to places like Krakow and Barcelona and the popular Camps International widen your horizons.
- A bursary is available for some students to support them financially through college.
- This is means-tested and is administered by the Finance Director.
- Please email sue.tattersall@groveschool.net for further details.

COURSES

Through forward-looking curriculum development, we are constantly opening up fresh opportunities for students. Our flexible and innovative timetable structure allows programmes of study to be tailored very closely to students' needs. All courses are taught by Grove staff.

Provision at Grove College includes a wide range of A Level subjects and a number of Cambridge Technical Level 2/3 options together with GCSE Maths and English. Outline descriptions of courses currently available can be found on the following pages. Extra information is available on the website.

A LEVEL COURSES

Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Economics
English Language
English Literature
English Language and Literature
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
German
History
Mathematics
Philosophy
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology

***“Teaching is effective
because teachers have good
subject knowledge and know
the students well.”***

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CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL COURSES

Art & Design - Level 3
Business Studies - Level 2 & 3
Child Development - Level 3
Digital Media - Level 3
Engineering -Level 3
Health & Social Care - Level 2 & 3
Performing Arts – Level 3
Science - Level 3
Sport - Level 3: Single, Double & Triple Award

OTHER COURSES

GCSE Maths & English re-sit
Extended Project Qualification - Level 3



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Level Courses

- You will be required to have at least a grade 5 in English and Mathematics and GCSE grades 5-9 in four additional subjects.
- The majority of subjects require the minimum of a GCSE grade 6 to study at A level in that subject.
- For subjects you have not studied to GCSE, we will look at your overall grades.
- Each subject will normally be allocated nine one hour lessons a fortnight and at least another three hours of personal study outside lesson time each week for each subject.

Vocational Cambridge Technical Courses

- For Cambridge Technical Level 2 courses, you should have at least 4 subjects at grade 3 or above at GCSE.
- For Level 3 courses at least 5 subjects at grade 4 or above at GCSE including English and Mathematics are required.
- Some students who start level 2 courses in College progress from Year 12 into Year 13 and 14 where they continue their studies at Level 3.

“I’m glad I chose Grove College—I’ve got just the course I want with teachers I already know and who know my strengths and can help me to improve.”

CHOOSING COURSES

- All A Level students will choose 3 subjects which they will study for two years.
- Students can study 2 Cambridge Technical courses.
- Students can also study a Cambridge Technical Level 3 qualification along with 2 A Levels.
- Any student who has not achieved a Grade 4 in their GCSE English and Maths will also need to re-sit the qualification.

“The 16 to 19 programmes of study are good because they are well led, teaching is effective and learners have positive attitudes to learning. The 16 to 19 programmes leader provides strong direction and monitors closely the effectiveness of the provision.”

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A LEVEL SUBJECTS

Biology A Level

Biology is the study of living organisms. You will learn about the newest developments in biotechnology, gene technology, cloning, conservation, drug testing and forensics. Qualified biologists play an important role in social, environmental, economic and technological contexts.

Business Studies A Level

This course will open up many aspects of the world of commerce. The course encourages you to develop a critical understanding of organisations; the context in which they operate; the markets they serve and the process of adding value through a problem-solving approach to study.

Chemistry A Level

A Level Chemistry involves the study of everything from basic chemical principles to organic Chemistry, physical Chemistry, inorganic Chemistry and instrumental techniques for analysis. You will use the principles, theories and practical skills you acquire to explore Chemistry and chemicals.

Economics A Level

Economic issues affect the lives of everyone. This course is an intense and rigorous study of economic models to understand the basic principle of market forces, market failure and the fundamentals of solutions to these problems. Learn about inflation, unemployment, the balance of payments, stock markets and government intervention in the economy through taxation and interest rates.

English Language A Level

You will study both written and spoken language and learn how language works in all its varieties and explore the way it develops and has changed through time. You will be expected to do independent investigation work related to language in use and will also have the opportunity to develop and hone your own writing skills.

English Literature A Level

You will read widely including independently chosen texts and engage creatively with texts, exploring contexts and reading from different theoretical starting points. Powers of analysis and evaluation are developed and a deeper understanding of the various traditions of literature in English is gained.

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French A Level

This course aims to develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for language learning and to develop your ability to communicate confidently, clearly and effectively in French for a range of purposes. You will develop awareness and understanding of French contemporary society, cultural background and the heritage of countries and communities where French is spoken.



Geography A Level

This course develops enquiry skills and knowledge and understanding of our modern world. You will study both Physical and Human Geography and topics include River and Coastal Environments, Cold and Hot Environments, Urban and Rural Change, the Growth of Tourism and Environmental Issues such as Earth Hazards, Ecosystems Under Threat and Climatic Hazards. Economic Issues such as Population and Resources, Globalisation and Development and Inequalities are also explored.

German A Level

This course is designed to enable you to build on your skills at GCSE and learn how to communicate confidently, clearly and practically in German for a range of purposes. You will study topics such as leisure and lifestyle, environmental, social and political issues in order to develop an awareness and understanding of the culture and way of life of the German people.

“Learners are well looked after in the sixth form. There is a wide range of courses for learners to choose from. The school dedicates a lot of resources to ensure that support and guidance meet the needs of the learners. They enjoy small class sizes. As a result, the retention rate in the 16 to 19 programmes is high.”

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History A Level

This A Level consists of a Breadth study of Tsarist and Communist Russia 1885-1964, a study of The Wars of the Roses 1450-1499, and an Historical Investigation where you will research and write a study on any aspect of history you choose.

Mathematics A Level

Mathematics at A level builds on topics studied at GCSE by extending the range of Mathematical techniques and includes topics such as Coordinate and Vector Geometry, Calculus, Sequences and Series. Students also study areas of Mathematics such as Statistics and Mechanics which aim to give you a better understanding of how Mathematics is applied in real-life situations.

Further Mathematics

This challenging qualification is designed for students who enjoy mathematics and want a chance to explore new areas of pure and applied maths including Mechanics, Statistics and Decision Maths. Some prestigious university courses require you to have a Further Maths qualification and others may adjust their grade requirements more favourably to students with a Further Maths qualification.





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Philosophy A Level

This subject gives you knowledge and understanding of philosophical concepts, key thinkers and ways of thinking. It also draws light on the ethical issues which face modern society today such as cloning, abortion and animal testing. From Plato to Aristotle, Kant to Freud, the content covered is fascinating. This subject will also leave you with many transferrable skills which will be useful not only for your future studies but in everyday life and in how you approach situations and problems.

Physics A Level

Physics is vital to our understanding of the universe. This course will challenge you to study concepts such as the Theory of Relativity, the String Theory and the Big Bang Theory. Physics is crucial to our understanding of the world around us and you will learn about everything from Stellar Astrophysics down to particles and radiation.

Politics A Level

Lively, relevant, controversial... there are many ways to describe A level Politics. There's no denying that it's one of the most interesting and engaging qualifications you can choose. Covering news and current affairs from the UK and US, it helps you understand how the country is run and develops research, written communication and debate skills. It also helps grow your confidence. It's ideal if you're considering studying politics, sociology, ethics, advertising or journalism at university and is highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government and the civil service.

Psychology A Level

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour; what people (and animals) do and why they do it. You will be required to use your curiosity and scepticism to view the world around you from a different perspective as you investigate how memory works, and study disorders such as schizophrenia and Alzheimer's.

Sociology A Level

Studying sociology offers insights into social and cultural issues. It helps you develop a multi-perspective approach to understanding issues of culture, identity, religion, crime, childhood and social power. More than once during the course you are bound to ask yourself the question, "Why have we developed like this? Poverty, ignorance, crime, injustice ... shouldn't we have left them in the Stone Age?"



Sport Studies

CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS

Art & Design Cambridge Technical

Level 3

In this Cambridge Technical Level 3 Art & Design qualification you will gain an understanding of art, design and craft through engagement with the work of artists and designers. You will have the opportunity to gain practical and creative skills by working with the 2D and 3D materials, processes and techniques of your choice.

Business Studies Cambridge Technical Levels 2 & 3

Business is an important subject that is at the heart of the modern economy, encouraging innovative technologies, creating jobs and generating wealth. This course offers an opportunity to learn about the core business functions including: Management of People, Production, Marketing and Finance. You will gain practical skills and knowledge that will help you thrive in the business world. All the units are based on real life business situations.

Child Development Cambridge Technical Level 3

Building on from the level 2 qualification, this hugely popular Level 3 qualification has been designed for students who want to work in early years' childcare and education. This exciting course is hands-on and will be taught using a variety of strategies. It includes experience of a work placement opportunity with links to local childcare providers.

"The sustained excellent attainment in the applied general GCE was acknowledged by an award letter from the Department for Education."

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This hugely successful course is for students who want to study sport, leisure or fitness. Everybody will study: body systems and the effects of physical activity; sports coaching and activity leadership; sports organisation and development. **You can study the Single, Double or Triple Award meaning you can gain either 1, 2 or 3 A level equivalent grades in this subject.** It is excellent for those students who want to learn about the framework for sport in the UK.

Health and Social Care Cambridge Technical Levels 2 & 3

With the demographic in the UK changing rapidly and the population living longer, Health and Social Care sectors will experience huge growth over the next few years. This course offers you a broad foundation for either the modern workplace or further studies. You will look at the rights and needs individuals have within Health and Social Care and complete a work experience placement within the sector. Most students will study for an extended certificate in Health and Social Care at Level 2 and you can study for a Level 3 Certificate in Health and Social Care dependent on GCSE results or successful completion of the Level 2 course.

Diploma in Science for Technicians

You will gain an understanding of the different types of scientific industries and settings. You will develop professional and practical skills through carrying out experiments and research and a theoretical understanding of the analysis of results and data. You will learn the roles and duties of a lab technician and the systems used to ensure the effective operation of a laboratory including health and safety.



Language & Power

The poster 'Language & Power' is a large sheet of paper with a decorative, scalloped border. It features a central grid of approximately 12 columns and 10 rows. Each cell in the grid contains a small, illegible text box. The poster is decorated with several large, stylized arched window graphics. At the top, the title 'Language & Power' is written in a decorative font. The overall theme appears to be related to linguistics or social sciences.

Two open books are visible on the table. The book on the left is open to a page with the word 'LITERATURE' printed in large, bold letters. The book on the right is open to a page with a table or form, containing several columns of text and headings.

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CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS

Performing Arts Cambridge Technical Level 3

A career in the Performing Arts is one of the most exciting and versatile industries to work in. This qualification will help you develop your practical performance skills as well as prepare you for a career in a highly competitive environment. You will cover all aspects of performing arts: drama, music, dance and production.

Digital Media Level 3

If you have an interest in TV, films, the internet, music, radio or magazines, this is the course for you. You get to explore all of these and consider how and why texts are made. Media shares skills with courses such as Art, ICT, Photography and English. This course gives you the opportunity to create detailed media products and get involved in skill-based media production processes.

Engineering Level 3

Good money, lots of variety, the chance to be part of a renowned group of professionals and always in demand - what's not to like about a career in Engineering? Engineering and technology are challenging subjects and those that work in that field stand out from the crowd. Engineering enables you to develop your Maths and Science skills in a practical way that will equip you with skills for life. If you have an interest in how things work, this is the course for you.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Extended Project Qualification Level 3

If you are thinking of going to university then you will need to complete an EPQ. Most universities are now requesting that students have this qualification in addition to three A Levels (or equivalent Level 3 courses). The EPQ develops your skills of problem solving, communication, organisation and meeting deadlines.

Your Extended Project will develop and extend from you so it will be an area of personal interest or activity.

With appropriate supervision, you will complete the following tasks:

- choose your area of interest;
- draft a title and aims of the project;
- plan, research and carry out the project;
- deliver a presentation to a specified audience;
- provide evidence of all stages of project development and production.

“There is a range of opportunities available for the development of learners’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The development of social skills and employability is effective. Learners receive impartial careers advice. They have high aspirations, which is reflected in their attitudes to learning.”

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ENRICHMENT

There are great activities available outside the normal curriculum such as:

- The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Young Enterprise
- Community Sports Leadership
- Mentoring
- National Citizenship Scheme
- Assistant Librarianship
- Camps International
- Business Abroad visits
- Sporting Activities
- College Committee
- Help in faculties in The Grove School and the Student Support Zone.
- College Ambassador

These opportunities are coordinated through the 'Community Responsibility' Programme delivered in tutor time.

Many college students are elected to lead Ambassador groups and represent the student body. They lead on student voice in the school which helps to plan for further development. The College Student Committee also organises social events. Each year, these typically include shopping and theatre visits, the MacMillan Coffee Morning, Grove's Got Talent, charity fundraising and the Summer Ball.



WHAT NEXT?

Talk to your teacher!

- Find out what new subjects are about and attend taster sessions.
- Consider your predicted GCSE grades in relation to your choice of courses.
- Think what courses might be relevant to further / higher education or a career.
- Talk to tutors, subject teachers, College staff, careers advisers, present Grove College students.
- Be determined to work as hard as possible in order to gain the highest grades possible at the end of Year 11.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available from the College Office. Grove Students will be given application forms in the autumn term. Forms are also available on the School website - www.groveschool.net.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please submit the form by **21 December 2018**, as this helps to ensure we can provide the courses requested and also allows us to make an early offer of a provisional place.

We hope that you have found this prospectus useful and informative. Further details about Grove College and up-to-date information on the courses we offer can be found on our website. If you have any questions, or would like to visit the College, please contact the College at the address on the back of this prospectus.



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