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P7 to S1 Transition

Information for learners and families



Moving from primary to secondary school is an important step. At Grove Academy, transition is planned carefully so that every learner feels welcomed, supported and ready to begin S1. This leaflet gives an overview of life at Grove and the support available throughout the transition process.



A welcoming school community

Every learner belongs to a House and is supported to settle in successfully.



A broad range of opportunities

Learners experience a wide curriculum and many opportunities beyond the classroom.



Support throughout transition

Families and primary schools work closely with Grove staff across the year.

Our School Vision

“

To be a strong school community, built on positive relationships, where everyone feels included, valued and supported to be their best.

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Welcome to Grove Academy

A strong school community, built on positive relationships

At Grove Academy, transition is a process across the whole of P7. We want every learner to feel known, included and ready to begin S1. Our transition programme helps learners and families get to know the school, the people who will support them and the opportunities available at Grove.



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Our School Values



Commitment

We follow through on decisions we make and challenges we take on, even when things become difficult.



Ambition

We strive to do the best we possibly can in everything we do.



Respect

We value everyone in our school community and treat them as we would like to be treated.



Equity

We all have access to everything we need to be successful.

Belonging and support at Grove

- ✓ Every learner belongs to a House: Dawson, Gillies, Orchar or Reres.
- ✓ Each House has a Guidance team to support learners.
- ✓ Learners are also supported by Tutor staff, the Pupil Support Team, School Support Workers, S2 Peer Supporters and S5/S6 Buddies.
- ✓ Guidance Teachers oversee progress, wellbeing and pastoral support, and are a key point of contact for families.



Why the House system matters

The House system helps every learner feel that they belong, builds relationships and creates opportunities to take part in house activities and competitions.



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Your transition journey

How learners and families get to know Grove across the year



Autumn

- Open evening for parents and carers
- Getting to know Grove cluster activities begin
- Grove staff work with primary colleagues to begin transition planning
- Learners who may benefit from enhanced transition are identified



Winter

- Peer Supporters and partner agencies visit P7 classes
- Enhanced transition visits take place for identified learners
- Additional support planning continues where appropriate



Spring

- Further cluster events at Grove
- Ongoing liaison with primary schools, families and partner services
- Information is gathered to help plan support for S1



Late Spring

- S1 tutor classes and practical groups are created with primary colleagues
- Final information is shared with learners and families
- Preparations continue for the full transition days



Early Summer

- Parents' information evening
- Two full transition days at Grove Academy
- Learners meet Guidance staff, receive a timetable and experience lessons
- Learners spend interval and lunch in school and begin to feel at home at Grove



August

- Learners begin S1
- Support continues as learners settle into life at Grove



Additional and enhanced transition

Some learners benefit from extra visits, small-group sessions or individual planning. Grove works closely with primary schools and families to make sure the right support is in place.



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Transition information



Life in S1

What learners can expect at Grove Academy



1. A broad curriculum

Learners in S1 experience a wide range of subjects across the curriculum.

English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	Modern Studies
Languages	RME	PSE	PE	Art	Music
Drama	Health & Food Technology	Design & Technology	Business	Computing	



2. Learning at Grove

Our Learning Pathway helps all learners to make progress.



3. Everyday school life

- ✓ Every learner belongs to a House.
- ✓ Learners meet Tutor staff regularly and get to know their Guidance team.
- ✓ There are many opportunities to take part in clubs, sport, music, drama and wider achievement.
- ✓ The two full transition days help learners practise moving around the school and getting used to routines.



4. Uniform

Typical uniform choices are shown here.

- ✓ White shirt and school tie
- ✓ Black trousers or skirt
- ✓ Black footwear
- ✓ Plain black jumper, cardigan or hoodie with no branding
- ✓ PE kit guidance is provided separately





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Information for parents and carers

Working in partnership to support a positive start to S1



Working with families

Transition works best when school and home work together. Key information is shared through the school website and direct communication, and families are encouraged to get in touch if they have questions or concerns.



Who can help?

- Guidance Teachers are a key point of contact for wellbeing, progress and pastoral support.
- Tutor staff, the Pupil Support Team and School Support Workers also help learners settle successfully.
- Primary schools and Grove staff work closely together throughout transition.



Additional and enhanced transition

Some learners benefit from extra visits, small-group sessions or individual planning before the move to secondary school. Grove works with primary colleagues, families and partner services to plan the right support where needed.



What happens on the full transition days?

- Learners meet their S1 class and Guidance staff.
- They receive a timetable and experience lessons around the school.
- They spend interval and lunch in school.
- Senior pupils help them feel confident and prepared for starting S1.



Finding out more

The school website is the main source of transition information throughout the year. Families can also contact Grove Academy directly if they need advice or support.



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We look forward to welcoming our new S1 learners to Grove Academy.