



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

LIBERTAS PER CULTUM



Prospectus



WELCOME



It is our pleasure to welcome you to The Grange Academy, a flourishing mixed, non-selective secondary school and sixth form, admitting students from the ages of 11 to 18.

We are part of Future Academies Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), and share their high standards of excellence. With the support of our sponsors, we are able to engage with the best teachers, the best universities and a wide range of the most prominent employers in the country to ensure that all our children are equipped with the knowledge, aspiration and respect to obtain **Libertas per cultum, 'freedom through education'**.

We place our values (**Knowledge, Aspiration and Respect**) at the heart of all that we do. We believe that knowledge should be empowering and that as such our curriculum seeks to foster insatiable curiosity in our students, granting them the freedom to achieve their academic potential.

Our aspirations for our students are unapologetically high, regardless of their starting points or backgrounds, striving for a climate of resilience and perseverance in which academic success is always celebrated. By offering a broad range of activities and clubs, we want all of our students to find areas where they will thrive and succeed so that they truly look forward to coming to school every day.

We believe that all stakeholders should take responsibility for their learning, aiming to continually develop and improve so that they can be the very best student, teacher, leader and support staff member possible. Students are encouraged to be challenged in lessons and to understand that learning is not always about getting the right answer!

We are a school both in, and for, the community. We believe that engagement with our local community is essential and we will continue to look to develop our links beyond the school gates. Both our incredible facilities and our expert approach to teaching and learning reflect a unique fusion of the traditional and the modern. We believe that all children should have access to the best things that have been known and thought, and as such grant the young people this school serves with the freedom that we know education brings.

The Grange Academy is honoured to serve this community and are privileged to educate its young people. We look forward to meeting you.

Danny Bryant
Principal



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LEARNING



Our curriculum has knowledge at its heart.

We want our students to experience the joy of learning, and we know that this helps them become confident, articulate and resilient young people.

All our curriculum programmes are academically ambitious, and clear, carefully-planned teaching allows all children to succeed. We use widely-available programmes, such as Maths Mastery, where we believe they are highly effective; but more often, subject experts at our Trust's Curriculum Centre have developed our own schemes of work, typically supported by our own textbooks, in subjects from Latin and History to English and Science.

We take the time to choose carefully what knowledge to teach, prioritising that which will be of the greatest value to our students in their later lives, and we work out how to teach it in a way that helps children to remember it and to understand how different parts of the curriculum are related to each other.





SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD



We pride ourselves on the support and encouragement we give our students.

All pupils have a Form Tutor who oversees their academic progress and their personal development. Healthy competition and team spirit are encouraged, both inside and outside the classroom, with numerous House competitions and activities so that students compete and collaborate to be successful.

Whilst we work on developing general key character traits with all students in kindness, resilience and empathy, we also ask students to identify and develop personal skills and attributes to make them better citizens. To support this, we ensure that all students are safe, enjoy attending regularly, and have key adults supporting them on their school journey.

We have access to external professionals to guide and improve students' physical and mental health, including Counsellors, Life Coaches, and Community Mentors. EAL and SEND pupils are well catered for. Alongside dealing quickly and effectively with any pastoral concerns, we promote an environment that fosters cultural capital, allows for social mobility and celebrates different customs, traditions and orientations.



EXPERIENCING



Education Enrichment is one of the key pillars of The Grange Academy.

Our goal is to provide our young people with both the knowledge and the skills to achieve excellence, regardless of their background or individual circumstances

We focus on four key areas:

1. Academic enrichment beyond the classroom
2. Exposure to the arts, culture and sport
3. Building character, integrity, resilience and judgement
4. Guidance in careers or higher education

Across all age phases, we plan trips, events and opportunities which link to the curriculum, celebrate and promote students' learning and provide them with a wealth of wider experiences.

We celebrate the value of sports, the arts, and culture, and our school offers a high-quality programme of clubs, trips and events. From high-quality work-experience and shadowing, career-planning software, interview practice, and tailored individual guidance on admissions and careers to talks delivered by notable professionals or our partners at Oxford University, The Grange Academy opens doors and provides the steps to success for all our young people.

Students also have the opportunity to travel further abroad through our provision of a variety of residential trips, which may include excursions to the USA, China, adventure trips to Tanzania, or history visits to Europe and further afield.





SIXTH FORM

Our sixth form is a thriving learning community with a curriculum to match the needs of all our students.

We pride ourselves on the excellent outcomes that our sixth form students achieve, both in terms of their exam results and their destinations, which include leading Russell Group universities such as Bristol, Warwick, Oxford etc. and, more recently, competitive higher and degree apprenticeship schemes where students can earn and learn.

Value added at A-level is among the best in the area and the most recent Ofsted report rated our sixth form as 'Good'.

We take pains to construct a highly personalised academic package to meet the needs of every individual student, with each sixth former receiving tailored guidance and pastoral support.

We are dedicated to shaping young lives and to ensuring that all of our students aim high to reach their full potential.

We offer a range of courses, including:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Computer Science
- Law
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Psychology
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Sociology

We fully expect and encourage our sixth formers to take an active part in the opportunities which relate to student leadership and extra-curricular activities and enrichment.

FACILITIES



We are blessed with outstanding facilities.

Our music, art and design technology facilities are superb, to say nothing of our three hundred-seater theatre, complete with state-of-the-art lighting and sound.

For sport fans we have a gym, complete with climbing wall, a fitness suite, a dance studio and an outdoor, floodlit, multi-use games area for tennis, netball and five-a-side football.

And that's not even mentioning the ten acres of playing fields, for football, rugby, athletics, rounders and cricket!

With Bushey train station just a few minutes away we have London on our doorstep.

CONTACT



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