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Quick Guide for Year 6-7 Transition



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Principal's Welcome Letter

I am delighted to welcome you to The Grange Academy.

Choosing the right school for your child is a very important decision. As a parent of a child that has just started primary school, I fully recognise the deliberation your family will be going through. Having only joined The Grange Academy myself in June 2023, I hope that you find the school as welcoming as I have found it over my first 8 months in post.

Why choose The Grange Academy?

Clear vision – our vision '*Libertas Per Cultum*', '*Freedom through Education*', guides us every day. Our role in providing freedom for your children not only pertains to the qualifications and pathways that they will have open to them when they leave the academy, but to the barriers that we must look to help them overcome to achieve their aspirations.

Values that define our actions – Whilst we share our values of *Knowledge*, *Aspiration*, and *Respect* across the Future Academies Trust, we have clarity regarding what these values mean at The Grange Academy and are committed to ensuring our actions demonstrate these values every day.

Knowledge-rich curriculum – promotes knowledge and deepens learning at all levels, using the superb resources created by specialists at our Trust.

Rapidly improving outcomes

- Despite the well-publicised changes to the grade boundaries at GCSE post-COVID, the progress that students make at The Grange Academy continues to improve.
- 70% of Sixth Formers go on to study at university, including leading Russell Group institutions.

Excellent pastoral care –all students receive a bespoke Physical, Social, and Health Education curriculum, with personal development and immersive pastoral care at the heart of the schools day to day priorities.

First-class facilities – enabling innovative learning, superb sport, and creative activities.

Diverse enrichment and careers program –developing creativity, leadership skills, and opportunities beyond those offered in many secondary settings.

For regular updates, please follow us on Twitter and Instagram and see our Website for further details

Once again, thank you for your interest in The Grange Academy.

Danny Bryant, Principal

Year 6 Transition Timeline

- Open mornings took place on the 3rd and 5th October 2023
- The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2023
- National Offer Day – 1st March 2024
- The Grange Academy Welcome Event – 14th March 6pm 2024
- Student Interviews – May/June 2024
- Induction Day for Hertfordshire – 11th July 2024
- September 2024 – Start at The Grange Academy



*Freedom through
education*



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Our Values

Respect

To have a positive attitude toward oneself and one's community.

Aspiration

To have concrete and deliberate goals.

Knowledge

To actively pursue new understanding and skills.



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First-class facilities





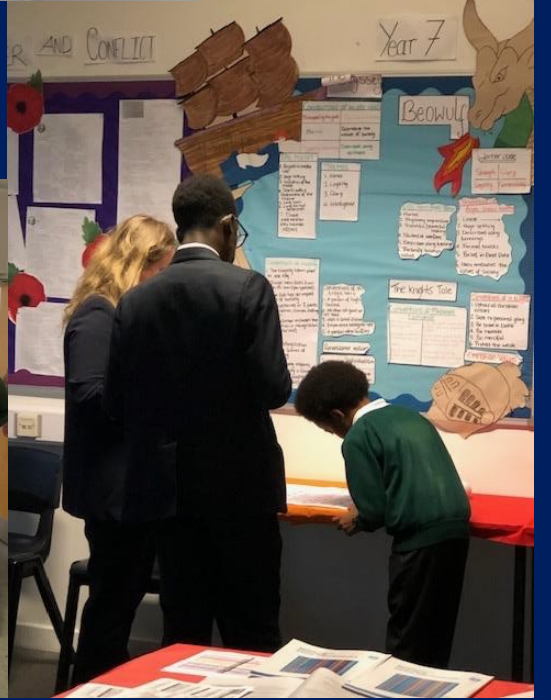
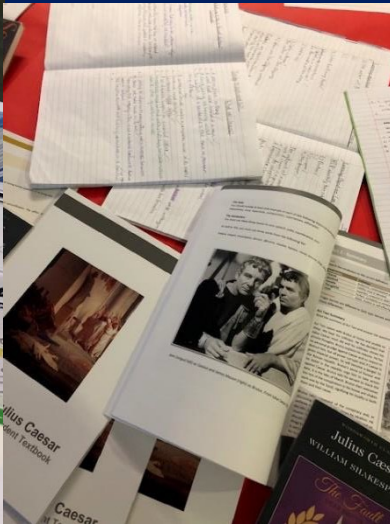
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Experiments in the Megalab





Lots of participation in classroom activities





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Checking out the sports hall, fitness suite and dance studio

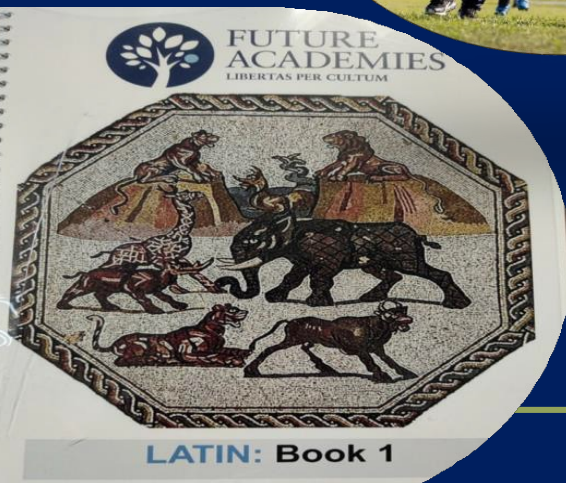
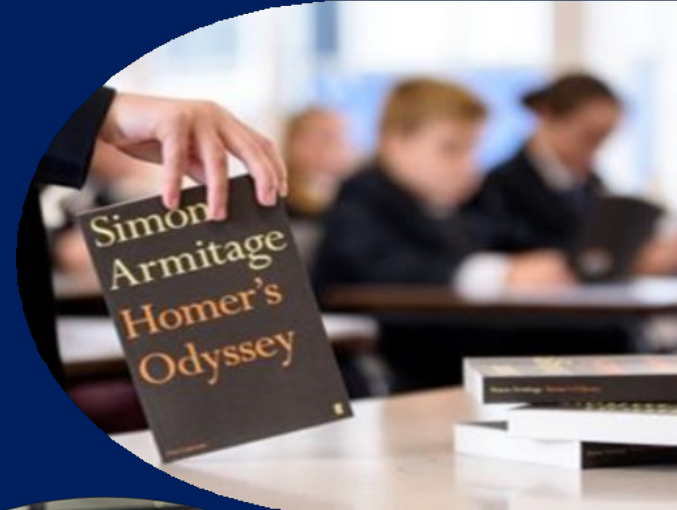




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Knowledge-rich curriculum

(Current) KS3 SUBJECTS	
Subject	No. of lessons per week
English	5
Maths	5
Science	4
History	3
Geography	2
Religious Studies	1
Spanish	2
Latin	2
PE	2
Art/DT/IT	1
Music	1
Drama	1





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- Student progress continues to improve at GCSE (despite well publicised post-COVID changes to grade boundaries)
- 70% of Yr13 students have gone on to university study, including a number of Russell Group institutions



Watford Observer @ObserverOWF 8h

"These results reflect their exceptional determination, resilience and adaptability."
[@thegrangebushey](https://www.watfordobserver.co.uk)



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Principal praises determination of students on GCSE results day

Clubs and Enrichment

- Chess
 - Drama
 - Ancient Philosophy
 - Basketball
 - Cinema club
 - School Newspaper
 - Cheerleading
- Plus over 30 others
running right now!**





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Transport

The academy is located a short walk from Bushey Rail Station.

The academy is well served by regular buses from Watford Junction:

142, 258

Travel on these buses is free of charge on producing a valid Zip Oyster Card.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard>



For information on other local public bus routes, check out Red Eagle and Intalink:

https://redeagle.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TT_W22_0119.pdf

<https://www.intalink.org.uk>



Students with a Herts SaverCard get half price travel:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/Travel-to-school/SaverCard/saverCard.aspx>

Herts County Council may provide transport for those students who are entitled to free transport to school

Uniform

School Uniform List – The Grange Academy

Future Academies promotes excellence and aspiration in everything its students do. The uniform is designed to reinforce this spirit of excellence, encouraging students to take pride in belonging to The Grange Academy community and act as ambassadors of the Trust.

Branded academy uniform must be purchased from the uniform suppliers. Other items that are not branded can be purchased elsewhere.
Secondhand uniforms can be purchased from Student Services at The Grange Academy.

*All branded items must be purchased through [Uniform4kids](#).

Consideration will be given to students who cannot wear certain items for SEND or medical reasons if a professional medical letter is provided.

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)

Useful information

Students must wear:

Uniform		Academy Branded*
1	Academy Blazer	Yes
2	Academy Jumper (optional)	Yes
3	White collared Shirt (short or long sleeved)	No
4	Plain black or blue tights or socks (white is not permitted)	No
5	Navy Blue Trousers	No
6		No
7	Academy Tie	Yes
8	Shoes - Black, flat, leather fronted, logo-free shoes.	No
9	Academy Bag	Yes
10		No
Sports Kit		Academy Branded*
11	Academy branded white polo shirt	Yes
12	Navy PE shorts	No
13	Navy blue PE socks	No
14	Appropriate sports trainers. Canvas trainers or shoes will not be allowed.	No
15	A plain navy rucksack can be used for PE kit, but this must accompany the Academy bag.	No
16	Academy grey PE jumper	Yes
17	Navy blue tracksuit bottoms	No
18	Navy leggings - these must be worn with navy PE shorts (optional).	No
19		No
20	Football boots, shin pads, gum shield	No



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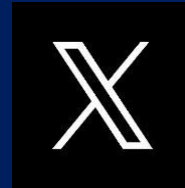
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