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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

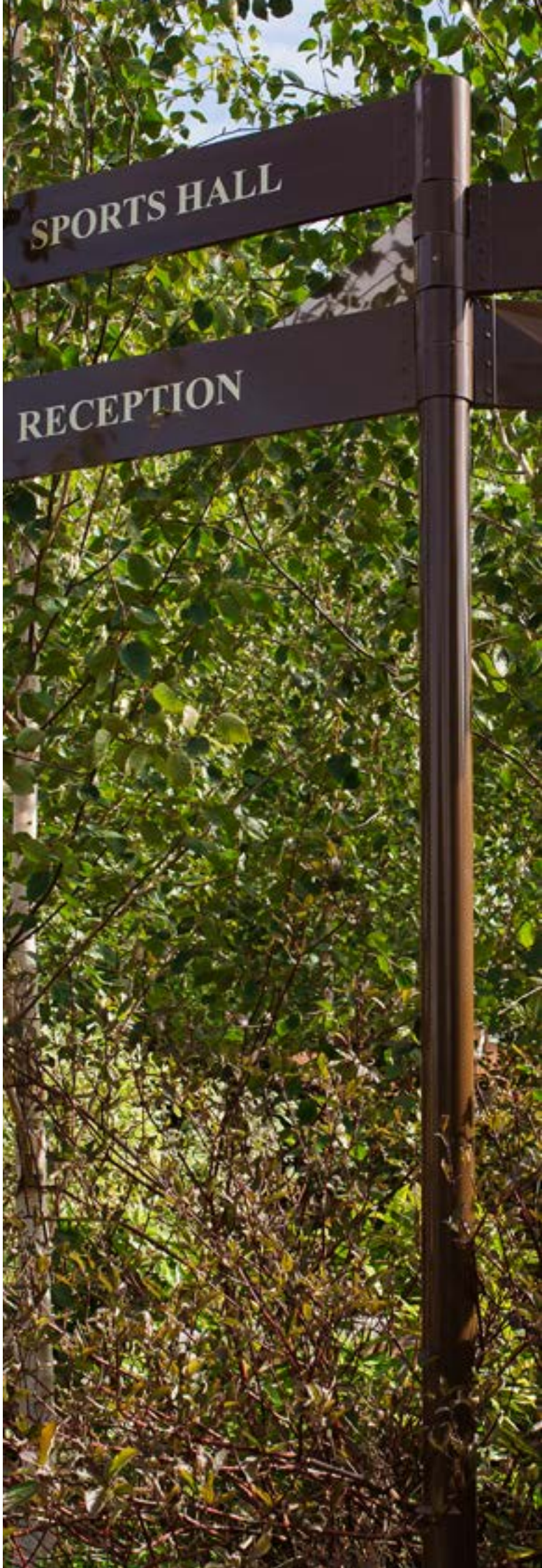


Senior School Information



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Introduction to Chase Grammar School

Welcome to Chase Grammar School – a small, academic and caring community for 3-19 year olds, with a family feel.

Much distinguishes us from other schools in the Midlands: our outstanding academic results (our **73% A*/A grades** at A Level was the best in Staffordshire), our unique Chase Passport, our Bronze/Silver/Gold target system, our International Scholarship Programme (for both day and international students), our outstanding Enrichment and Extension programme, and, above all else, our excellent standards of teaching, academic monitoring and individualised pastoral care.



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Advisory Committee

Dr Helen Wright – Chair

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Head of Faculty

English, EAL & Languages: Mrs Rachael McKeown

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Performance & Arts: Mrs Julie Venables

Humanities: Mr Thomas Wallace

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Structure of the Day

8.30am	Day students arrive on site
8.40am	Registration
8.50am	Curriculum time
10.30am	Break
10.50am	Curriculum time
12.30pm	Lunch break
1.20pm	Curriculum time
3.00pm	Afternoon break
3.10pm	Curriculum time
4.00pm	Enrichment
4.40pm	End of school day

Aims and Ethos

We are a 3-19 integrated day/boarding, nursery/prep/senior school, with a focus on our three key aims of academic achievement, personal development and global citizenship.

Our Mission Statement is as follows: We reach out to provide excellence in individualised education, to nurture, extend and enrich young people to develop into the global citizens and leaders of the future.

Our Chase Passport maps out our ethos of nine key character qualities: collaboration, creativity, decision making, empathy, global citizenship, integrity, leadership, problem solving and resilience.

High-quality learning is fundamental to our ethos with five guidelines expressing our aims for student behaviours for learning, with the motto 'Expect to Achieve'. These are:

1. Be prepared, positive, proactive and ready to participate
2. Extend and enrich yourself
3. Communicate clearly
4. Be considerate and kind
5. Make the right choices



Example Timetables

These are example timetables only and change from year to year.

Year 7 Timetable

Timings	8.40	8.50	9.40	10.30	10.50	11.40	12.20	1.20	2.10	3.00	3.10	4.00
Period	Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6	Break	P7	Enrich
Mon	Reg	Biology	Physics	Break	Mandarin	English	Lunch	French	Maths	Break	Tutor/ Assembly	Enrich
Tues	Reg	Chemistry	Maths	Break	Physics	Drama	Lunch	English	Games	Break	Games	Enrich
Wed	Reg	English	History	Break	PE	PE	Lunch	Computer Science	Maths	Break	Geography	Enrich
Thurs	Reg	French	Maths	Break	Wellbeing	English	Lunch	Art	Classics	Break	Biology	Enrich
Fri	Reg	Maths	English	Break	Chemistry	Mandarin	Lunch	Music	RS	Break	House/ Assembly	Enrich

Year 8 Timetable

Timings	8.40	8.50	9.40	10.30	10.50	11.40	12.20	1.20	2.10	3.00	3.10	4.00
Period	Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6	Break	P7	Enrich
Mon	Reg	English	Maths	Break	Biology	French	Lunch	Physics	Chemistry	Break	Tutor/ Assembly	Enrich
Tues	Reg	Computer Science	English	Break	German	Biology	Lunch	RS	Games	Break	Games	Enrich
Wed	Reg	Maths	Maths	Break	PE	PE	Lunch	Drama	English	Break	Geography	Enrich
Thurs	Reg	Geography	German	Break	French	History	Lunch	Maths	English	Break	Biology	Enrich
Fri	Reg	English	Music	Break	Wellbeing	Maths	Lunch	Classics	Chemistry	Break	House/ Assembly	Enrich

Year 9 Timetable

Timings	8.40	8.50	9.40	10.30	10.50	11.40	12.20	1.20	2.10	3.00	3.10	4.00
Period	Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6	Break	P7	Enrich
Mon	Reg	Computer Science	Art	Break	French	History	Lunch	Physics	Chemistry	Break	Tutor/ Assembly	Enrich
Tues	Reg	Art	Biology	Break	Chemistry	Study	Lunch	RS	English	Break	Study	Enrich
Wed	Reg	French	English	Break	Computer Science	Prep	Lunch	Drama	Games	Break	Games	Enrich
Thurs	Reg	English	Biology	Break	Physics	Geography	Lunch	Maths	English	Break	Physics	Enrich
Fri	Reg	Physics	Physics	Break	Wellbeing	English	Lunch	Study	Chemistry	Break	House/ Assembly	Enrich



Year 10 Timetable

Timings	8.40	8.50	9.40	10.30	10.50	11.40	12.20	1.20	2.10	3.00	3.10	4.00
Period	Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6	Break	P7	Enrich
Mon	Reg	RS	Maths	Break	PE	Biology	Lunch	Wellbeing	English	Break	Tutor/ Assembly	Enrich
Tues	Reg	German	Games	Break	English	Biology	Lunch	PE	RS	Break	Games	Enrich
Wed	Reg	PE	Maths	Break	RS	German	Lunch	French	Games	Break	Art	Enrich
Thurs	Reg	Biology	Study	Break	Chemistry	Physics	Lunch	Maths	French	Break	Physics	Enrich
Fri	Reg	French	Chemistry	Break	English	Study	Lunch	Physics	Maths	Break	House/ Assembly	Enrich

Year 11 Timetable

Timings	8.40	8.50	9.40	10.30	10.50	11.40	12.20	1.20	2.10	3.00	3.10	4.00
Period	Reg	P1	P2	Break	P3	P4	Lunch	P5	P6	Break	P7	Enrich
Mon	Reg	English	Study	Break	Maths	Chemistry	Lunch	Geogrpahy	Drama	Break	Tutor/ Assembly	Enrich
Tues	Reg	Chemistry	Study Skills	Break	Geography	Physics	Lunch	Biology	Maths	Break	Drama	Enrich
Wed	Reg	Maths	Study	Break	English	Biology	Lunch	Physics	Games	Break	Games	Enrich
Thurs	Reg	Wellbeing	English	Break	English	Biology	Lunch	PE	Maths	Break	Business Studies	Enrich
Fri	Reg	Chemistry	PE	Break	Physics	Maths	Lunch	Business Studies	English	Break	House/ Assembly	Enrich

Curriculum

Year 7 & 8

We teach a stimulating, wide-ranging curriculum designed to promote the academic achievement and personal development of all students in small focused classes. Our Year 7 & 8 curriculum includes: Computer Science, Art & Photography, Music, Drama, French, German, Mandarin, as well the core areas of Mathematics, Sciences, English. Humanities and Performing Arts. Careers, PE and Wellbeing are also taught throughout the school.

Students are introduced to a range of learning strategies through the Learning Toolbox programme run by their Academic Mentors, and enjoy a wide range of enrichment activities from 4-4.40pm every day. A wide range of school trips and special events is also part of every student’s experience at Chase.

Year 9 - 11

In Year 9 the curriculum expands to include: Business and Economics and a choice of modern languages including French, German and Mandarin.

Swimming

Year 7 and 8 students participate in swimming lessons at Chase Leisure Centre once a week on a half termly unit rotation and are transported there in our Chase Grammar School fleet of minibuses. Students will need to bring their swimming kit into school when needed for that area of the PE curriculum. You will receive an email from school notifying you when they will participate in swimming.



Option Blocks

GCSE Options

We encourage our students to enjoy a wide-ranging curriculum. Parents and students are consulted every year about preferred subjects. Please note that option blocks change every year and that these blocks are for an illustrative purpose only.

Year 9

Block 9.1	Block 9.2	Block 9.3	Block 9.4
Art	Photography	French	IT
Business	Music	Mandarin	Drama
Classics	PE	History	Geography
	Mandarin		German

Year 10

Block 10.1	Block 10.2	Block 10.3	Block 10.4
French	PE	Photography	Art
Business	IT	Goegraphy	Drama
Classics	History	German	RS
	Mandarin	Music	

Year 11

Block 11.1	Block 11.2	Block 11.3	Block 11.4
Geography	Business	PE	Drama
French	Business2	Art	RS
Classics	Photography	Computer Science	Photography
German	French		History

Year 12

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Computer Science	Business	Maths	Art
English	Biology	Psychology	Chemistry
History	French	Photography	Further Maths
Physics	RS		Economics
Geography			Classics
			Sports BTEC

Year 13

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Chemistry	Maths	Physics	Business	Further Maths
ICT	English	Psychology	Economics	Art
History	Business		Biology	BTEC - Sport
French			Photography	RS
Geography			German	
			Music	

Food and Drink

We provide a cooked lunch that is included in school fees for all students and there is always a wide variety of hot and cold foods to choose from including a vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free option. Menus are regularly changed to provide a nutritionally balanced and interesting diet for the children. Allergen information is available on request. Please inform the School of any specific dietary requirements for your children. Students may also bring in a healthy snack and a labelled bottle for water.

Sample menu

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Lemon and black pepper chicken	Barbeque pork steak	Cottage Pie	Roast turkey with cranberry stuffing	Baked fish fingers or sausage roll
Main Vegan/ Vegetarian	Lentil, sweet potato and spinach curry	Jackfruit and chickpea gratin	Mixed bean and vegetable cottage pie	Butternut squash, spinach and mushroom risotto	Vegan sausage roll or vegetable fingers
Potatoes or grains	Crispy cubed potatoes, sweetcorn and peas	Boiled rice, braised Chinese leaf and cabbage	Peas and carrots and crusty roll	Roast potatoes, honey glazed carrots	Chip, baked beans or sweetcorn
Cold lunch	Ham or cheese sandwich and crisps	Ham and cheese sandwich and crisps	Ham and cheese sandwich and crisps	Ham and cheese sandwich and crisps	Ham and cheese sandwich and crisps
Grab pots	Couscous mixed salad, vegetable sticks	Greek salad, mixed salad, vegetable sticks	Moroccan lentil, mixed salad, vegetable sticks	Asian slaw, mixed salad, vegetable sticks	Sweet chilli noodles, mixed salad, vegetable sticks
Toastie or panini	Ham and cheese or cheese	Turkey and cheese or cheese	Bacon and cheese or cheese	Barbeque pork or cheese	Bacon and cheese or cheese
Baked potatoes	Tuna, sweetcorn and mayo	Grated cheese	Tuna, sweetcorn and mayo	Baked beans	Grated cheese
Hot and cold dessert	Lemon drizzle cake	Apple crumble and custard	Fruit cheesecake	Ginger sponge	Cookies

Assessment and Reporting

Regular reporting of progress takes place, both in written form (reports and assessments) and by way of parents' meetings. Grades are explained to parents within the report format. Academic Mentors and students discuss all areas of the report and identify ways to improve by discussing next steps and targets.

When students join the school, we assess their possible targets using CAT4 tests, a statistically-calculated way of estimating likely GCSE and A Level achievement. This baseline grade we call the Bronze Target. We encourage all students to aim well beyond Bronze, though, and many achieve their Silver Target (one whole grade above predicted) and Gold (two grades above). Students are assessed regularly each half-term in each subject, and we monitor their performance against target grades. We act quickly if any student needs additional interventions to ensure that they achieve their full potential, and work closely parents.

Parent/Teacher Meetings also take place twice a year. These give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development with each teacher. However, there is no need to wait for these meetings if you have a concern. We are always happy to discuss your child's progress at any time of the year.



Enrichment and Extension

We are very proud of our enrichment programme at Chase. Students have a choice of activities each day, and we also offer special extension events each half-term.

Musical Instrument and Singing Lessons

If you wish for your child to take up individualised music or singing lessons, please contact the School Office and they will be able to provide you with all the details and make the necessary arrangements on your behalf.

Dance Classes

We offer a range of extra-curricular dance lessons by Miss Sarah who is the Director of the Epic Dance Academy.



Pastoral Care and Personal Development

Not only do our small class sizes enable rapid academic progress to be made, but they also allow our teaching staff to support each child’s personal development, encouraging them to flourish in terms of their interpersonal and social skills.

Our Chase Passport allows children to set themselves targets which will help them develop the characteristics of empathy, resilience, problem-solving, creativity, leadership, honesty and integrity, collaboration, global citizenship and decision making.

A team of staff make up our pastoral listeners. Students can talk in an appropriate environment with a trusted adult about any issues that are worrying them.



House System

All pupils are assigned to one of the three school Houses (Tylecote, Parton or Lee) where they gain valuable experience by participating in House Competitions and taking on Student Leader roles.



LEE

THINK THEREFORE I AM



PARTON

TOGETHER WE THRIVE



TYLECOTE

WITH COURAGE WE DISCOVER

Lee House

Jennie Lee was the MP for Cannock for 30 years, a secretary of state and instrumental in establishing the Open University. Lee House occupies a series of connected buildings around modern courtyards and gardens by the entrance to the school campus.

Parton House

Vernon Parton was a mathematician, inventor and chess master. He studied the works of Lewis Carroll and invented Alice Chess. He was also, after his father, Headmaster of Cannock Grammar School. Parton House occupies a series of connected houses which run along Convent Close, the main roadway through the school campus.

Tylecote House

Frank Tylecote was born in Cannock and became professor of medicine at the University of Manchester. His research was the first to recognise the link between smoking tobacco and lung cancer. Tylecote is located in the old original school building in the centre of the campus.

SEND

Head of Faculty: Mrs. Lesley Moncada

The SEND department provides support across the areas of need laid out in the *SEND Code of Practice (January 2015)*: Communication and Interaction, Cognition and Learning, Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties, Sensory and/or Physical needs

- All children and young people are entitled to an education which enables them to:
- achieve the best educational and other outcomes;
 - become confident children, young people, leading fulfilling lives with the ability to express their own views;
 - make a successful transition into adult life.

Chase Grammar School aims to provide the structure for a pupil-centred process that engages pupil, family, school and other professionals in planning for and implementing high quality, needs led provision that is consistent across the school.



Useful Information

Absence

If your child is absent or late for any reason, please notify the School Office at info@chasegrammar.com by 9am.

Academic Mentors

Your child will have an Academic Mentor who they will see every morning. The Academic Mentor should be your first point of contact, after the School Office, for any academic or parental concerns.

Car Parking

For health and safety reasons, all parents are asked to park their vehicles either in the car park or the drop off strip on the left hand side of the hill which leads to our exit gate. In the case of disability, or other exceptional circumstances, a parking permit may be requested, in writing, from the Principal. Please note we operate a one-way system for drop off and pick-ups – please enter the gate on St. John’s Road and exit at the top of the hill.

Complaints

At Chase Grammar School, we are committed to meeting the needs of our students. However, we recognise that not everything goes well for everybody all of the time. There are times when misunderstandings, confusion or genuine concerns give rise to complaints. It is hoped that most complaints and concerns can be resolved quickly and informally. A parent with cause for concern or complaint should feel free to talk directly to a member of staff, to telephone, or write with the details of the issue that concerns them. In the first instance, it is usually best to address a concern to the Academic Mentor, as they are often best placed to resolve the matter quickly.

If the matter is not resolved, please refer to our Complaints Policy on how to proceed to Stages 2 and 3.

Educational School Trips

Trips are regularly organised which are of educational value and are also great developmental experiences for all our students. Parents are encouraged to attend other school events in which their children are involved. Details are again advised to parents in our weekly newsletter.

Fees

The fees are due by the first day of the term to which they apply. The school reserves the right to charge interest on any late payments. Fees are reviewed annually by the Director and Advisory Committee and parents are informed in advance of any planned increases. Parents wishing to remove their child from Chase Grammar School must give one term’s notice.

Medical

Please do inform us if your child has any medical condition that we should be aware of. In the case of asthma, you must make sure that your child has an inhaler in school. All medicines coming into school should be handed in and should be clearly labelled. We ask all parents to complete and return a consent form to the School Office for the school to administer basic medical treatment. Parents must complete an Administration of Medicines form every time medicine is to be given to a pupil. In the case of illness during the school day, parents will be contacted to collect/make arrangements for their child to be collected.

School and Home Partnership

Close links between home and school are vital for your child to develop a positive

attitude and love of learning. Our teaching staff are always happy to discuss your child’s development. In addition, Parents’ Evenings are scheduled twice a year. Grade Cards and Reports are issued throughout the academic year for all classes which include progress made in all areas of the curriculum.

School Policies

Up-to-date policies and procedures are available for parents to access on the school’s website. Paper copies of any policy can be obtained by contacting the School Office.

School Uniform

You will receive a full uniform list in your Welcome Pack. Please phone our School Office if you need anything clarifying. Please ensure that all your child’s uniform, equipment is clearly marked with their name.

Sickness

Children who have an infectious illness should not be sent to school. Children who have been sick should not attend school for 48 hours following their last bout of sickness.



Sports Day and Prize Giving

Sports Day is a wonderful event at our school and Prize Giving is held near the end of the academic year. Parents are very welcome to attend these events.

Transition into Chase Grammar School

Every effort is made to ensure that there is as smooth a transition as possible for our students (and their parents).

We start each academic year with an Enrichment Day where students spend time with their peers enjoying many Enrichment sessions and are given a series of team building and problem-solving challenges to complete. This builds their confidence and sets them up so their first day at our school in September is a very happy occasion.





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