

GROVE

Grove School

The Grove Campus is a large and beautiful site bounded by the River Tern and the Shropshire Union Canal. Grove School and Grove College stand together on the same site. Developments are underway that will extend provision at Grove to make it a centre of community and life-long learning for all.

Grove is Market Drayton's only secondary school. The School and College together form a comprehensive school which admits both boys and girls and provides courses for 11 - 19 year-old students of all abilities. It serves not only the town of Market Drayton but also a wide area of Northeast Shropshire. A considerable number of students from Staffordshire also attend.

Grove is a focal point of the community, both for its buildings and facilities which are widely used outside normal school hours, and because it is the natural choice of school for all students in the area.

The staff and Governors take the responsibility of Grove being the only school within this area very seriously. It is their aim for the community to be proud of its school and for parents to be happy to know that they have in Grove a school offering a standard of education that is second to none.

Grove is a Community School, which means that it is maintained by Shropshire County Council. In September 2011 there were 1005 students on roll, including 130 at Grove College. We have over 70 teaching staff and a wide range of support staff. The Board of Governors comprises 20 representatives of the LEA, parents, staff and the community.

Grove College, the school's Post 16 provision, is housed in Grove House, a fine Grade II Listed Georgian building on the same campus as the school. The main rooms are now used for lectures, lessons and tutorials but the character of each has been retained, along with much of the original style of decoration. The old servants' accommodation has been converted for social and study use, including ICT facilities.

Grove has excellent facilities. These include: ten science laboratories; six technology workshops/design bases; a home economics suite with four rooms and a computer suite shared with design technology; an open plan art and pottery area; a music suite with teaching, instrumental tuition and practice rooms; five main information technology rooms; an excellent library and resource centre. There are extensive ICT resources, with over 300 networked computers available to students. In addition there is a hall with stage, sports hall, gym, drama studio and outside there is an extensive range of sports pitches and hard courts.

Students are taught in sets for core subjects and grouped by ability for foundation subjects.

Tutor groups are composed of about 25 mixed age students, approximately five from each year group, within a house system. There is a strong mentoring ethos in the school.

The school has its own field centre in the Lake District (The Birks) purchased by the P.T.A.

