



FAQs

Question	Guidance
How can I find out more about the SEND provision at Grace College?	Our SENDCO at Grace College is Mrs Liddle. Her contact details are on our website www.gracecollege.org.uk or please email enquiriesforyear6@gracecollege.org.uk if you have any questions or if you would like Mrs Liddle to contact you.
What is Lower School?	Lower School consists of Key Stage 3 students (Years 7, 8 and 9). Each Year Group has a dedicated team of Tutors and Progress Leaders to support your child throughout their education with us.
Who will my child be placed in a Tutor Group with?	Each Tutor Group will consist of students from all Primary Schools. We aim to place students with at least one other person they know. Information about friendships is obtained from Primary Schools and from Parents/Carers.
What pastoral support is available for my child?	Each Year Group has 8 dedicated tutors and 2 Progress Leaders. Our role is to support every child's personal development, achievement, progress, character development, conduct and welfare. At Grace College we also have a Welfare Team to support students who may have additional needs.
How does Grace College perform in examinations?	Whilst Grace College is a school that places the child's character development first, we also aim to ensure students are determined to achieve their personal best in every aspect. Examination results at Grace College have displayed a 3 year trend in improvement and we are confident that our results will continue to follow this trajectory. More detailed information about our results analysis can be found on our website www.gracecollege.org.uk
How do I apply for a place at Grace College?	Secondary school applications open on 12 th September. For more information please visit https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2797/Secondary-school-admissions Applications need to be made by 31 st October 2020.
How many children are there in Year 7 at Grace College?	There are 240 places available for Year 7 children for September 2021.
What happens for Transition at Grace College?	
Where can I find out more about Transition at Grace College?	We have a dedicated area for Transition at Grace College. Please visit: https://www.gracecollege.org.uk/joining-grace-college/
Can I visit Grace College?	Due to Covid-19, we are unable to show visitors around Grace College. If you would like to have an online meeting with us instead, please email enquiriesforyear6@gracecollege.org.uk
What is the deadline for Secondary School applications?	The deadline for Secondary Applications is 31 st October 2020.

Where can I find a copy of the Grace College admissions policy?	Our admissions policy can be found on our website:
Does my child need to take an entrance examination for Grace College?	No, students will not take an entrance examination for Grace College.
What is the role of the tutor at Grace College?	Your child's tutor at Grace College is an integral part of their education and personal development. They will guide them through our personal development programme during registration, support their attendance, conduct, achievement and progress. For most students, the tutor is also the Parent/Carer's first point of contact.
Which subjects will my child study in Lower School?	Students in Lower School study a diverse curriculum that includes: English, Maths, Science, Art, Computer Science, French, Geography, History, Music, Religious Education, Technology and Physical Education.
What is co-curricular at Grace College?	Co-curricular is the provision we offer outside of normal lessons. These are activities that support students to develop their character and allow them to learn new skills. These can include anything from sports, chess and debating to theatre opportunities, art and cultural activities.
What is meant by the House System at Grace College?	At Grace College we have a successful House System that helps to bring our student and staff body together. There are four separate houses and when students join the school they are allocated a house. Everyone in their tutor group will be in the same house along with one other tutor group in their year. Two tutor groups from each year group make up a house and this includes the sixth form and the staff. Students and staff take part in numerous competitions throughout the year to gain points for their houses, winning trophies and celebrating participation as well as creating a shared sense of community. The staff at Grace College love the House system just as much as the students!