



**Tudor Grange Academy**  
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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Welcome to Tudor Grange Academy**

I am delighted that your child has been offered a place and will be starting with us in September 2024. At Tudor Grange Academy Solihull, we use the term 'TEAM TG' to describe our school community and I am so pleased that you and your child/ren are going to be joining this team. We look forward to working together with you to support your child/ren as they embark on this next chapter of their education. We will strive to nurture them to develop both personally and academically during their time with us so that they are able to leave Tudor Grange well equipped to flourish in life.

The transition to secondary school is a significant event in any child's life and first experiences often become memories that last for years to come. Many of our Year 13 leavers describe to me how they felt as they entered the school for the first time on their transition days and how they met friends on that day who have remained with them for seven years of their life at Tudor Grange. We want to ensure that your child/ren's memories are positive ones, and for the transition to be as positive as possible for everyone concerned. Students experience many different feelings at this time, and I want to reassure you that it is perfectly normal for your child (and you!) to be feeling anxious, excited or nervous about this change. May I direct you to our handbook and other additional information found on the '[New Intake](#)' page of our website. Please do read this together with your child and we hope that it helps to answer any questions you may have.

#### **Study of MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)**

We are committed to the provision of three languages at Tudor Grange: French, German, and Spanish. Languages are allocated to students with many things considered, however the language studied at primary school is not one of these factors. The language skills your child has acquired at primary school are transferable skills for secondary languages, regardless of the actual language studied.

If you feel there are exceptional circumstances which you would like to be taken into consideration when allocating the language, please include this in the data collection form you have been asked to complete. Although we cannot guarantee we will fulfil all requests, we will consider exceptional reasons.

#### **Providing contact details**

Please make sure that you have provided at least two contact details on the data collection form. It is important that these are completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. If you have not received this email or are having difficulty completing the online form, please email [admissions@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:admissions@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk).

#### **NGRT Reading Tests during Intake Days**

Here at TGAS we believe reading is a master skill and our aim is for all of students to become competent and avid readers. Our curriculum has been expertly planned to support struggling readers develop key reading skills, but from time to time more intensive intervention is required. In order for the academy to implement rapid intervention, for those that need it, all students will complete the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) during their induction days. Please be reassured that this is an adaptive, online reading assessment that should take no longer than 30-40 minutes to complete and academy staff will be on hand to reassure and support students, should they require it. This vital assessment data is hugely important to ensuring that all students are well supported during their time at the academy. **Please ensure your child brings a pair of plug-in earphones ready for these assessments.**





### **New Intake Evening for Parents / Carers**

We would like to invite you (**parents / carers only**) to our New Intake Evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The programme will run twice during the evening. We request that if your child's surname begins with A to K you attend at 6.15pm and if your child's surname begins with L to Z, you attend at 7.15pm. Parking will be available on the academy site.

During this evening, you will have the opportunity to meet all members of TGAS Leadership Team. We will be running through a short presentation sharing all crucial elements of Team TG life. In addition to this, we will have our two main uniform providers present, this will allow you to see our uniform in the flesh, assess sizes and place orders. Please can we ask that in advance of this evening, you let the Admissions Team know if you require any support with access, we will ensure your presentations take place in rooms on the ground floor.

### **Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

As your child approaches the move to Tudor Grange Academy Solihull, please be reassured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that the transition is smooth. Our SEND team, led by Mrs Young (College Leader for SEND), will be communicating directly with primary colleagues to ensure that all files and relevant information is passed on, to plan effectively for the start of the new academic year.

If you feel that you would still like to discuss your child with a member of the SEND team, you will be asked to respond to an email, sent to you nearer to the New Intake Evening, so that they can book an appointment for you to meet with the SENDco during the evening. Please only request an appointment to meet with the SEND team if your child is already receiving or is currently being assessed for SEND support in primary school.

### **Induction Days**

Finally, all students are invited to attend induction on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Students will need to arrive at Oak Building at 8.45am and they will finish at 3.00pm on both days. Your son/daughter will need to wear their junior school uniform and bring a packed lunch on both days together with their pens and pencils. On one of these days, they will need to bring their trainers. Further details about these days will be shared with you at the New Intake Evening. For safety reasons, parents will not be able to drop off or collect students via the staff car park on these days.

### **PTA Uniform Sale**

The TGAS PTA will be hosting a second-hand uniform on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This will take place as part of our summer fayre. Should you choose to join us for this event, please note that items are not able to be held, and we encourage you to bring your child with you to ensure a good fit. Exchanges and refunds are not offered.

If you have any general queries about your child's transition to Tudor Grange Academy, please do not hesitate to contact the academy at [admissions@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:admissions@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk)

I look forward to meeting you and your child/ren in the near future.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Smith  
Principal

