

Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a selection of questions which year 6 students have often asked in the past and which have also been asked this year .It is not intended to be a comprehensive list and if there is a question that is not below, it is worth looking at the transition booklet as there is a great deal of extra information in there.

How many pupils are in the school?

There will be approximately 1290 pupils on roll in September.

How many lessons are in a day?

There are five lessons in a day, each of which is one hour long. There is also morning registration which is fifteen minutes.

How long do you have to move from one lesson to another?

It usually takes on the order of 3-4 minutes to move from one lesson to another depending on where in the building the lessons are. There is not a set time and your form tutors/class teachers will talk to you about this.

Will we have an older pupil to show us to and from our lessons?

Yes, your tutor group will have 2 prefects who will stay with your tutor group for the first two weeks of term. The prefects-year 9's-will take you to and from your lessons and will meet you at the end of morning break and lunchtime to take you to your next lesson. They will also answer questions that you may have and will help you settle in generally.

What happens if I get lost?

Nothing happens-you do not get into any trouble at all. If you get lost you ask a member of staff or another student to take you to your next lesson and explain to your teacher what happened. Your prefects will meet you at the beginning and end of break time and lunchtime and there will also be extra prefects available to take students to lessons.

How big are the class sizes?

Tutor groups for year 7 will typically vary between 26 and 28 students .Individual teaching groups for different subjects will also vary in size and may be considerably fewer than 26 in many cases.

What clubs and activities will be available?

There are a whole range of clubs and activities which we very much encourage and expect students to get involved in. These clubs and activities take place at lunchtimes and after school and include sports and non-sports activities. The list of clubs/activities will be issued to students early in September and is also available on the school website.

Will we have breaktime and lunchtime at the same time as other year groups?

All year groups have breaktime at the same time. There are two lunch sittings as explained below.

Will we have lunch with other year groups?

Yes-there are two lunch sittings. One sitting is years 7,8 and 9 and the other is years 10 and 11. It alternates on a weekly basis as to who goes on the first lunch sitting-years 7,8 and 9 or years 10 and 11.

Will year 7 be on the playground with other year groups?

Yes but there will be a social area which is for year 7 only.

Can we bring mobile phones to school and what are the rules?

You are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but they are not allowed to be used/seen at any point during the school day including breaktime and lunchtime. Phones must be turned off and put in bags on entering the school grounds in the morning and must not be used until the school day has finished.

Will our form group all have the same teachers or will students be put into sets for different lessons?

Some lessons will be as a tutor group (that is everyone in the tutor group having the same teacher) and some lessons will be set.

When will we be given our timetable?

Your timetable will be given to you by your form tutor on your first day.

Will I have a locker?

Yes you will have a locker-this will be sorted out in the first two-three weeks.

How much homework will we be given and how long do we have to do it?

There will be approximately 30-40 minutes homework per subject per week. As you go through the year, some subjects may set larger project-based homeworks which will run over a period of time. You will always have more than one day to complete a homework-in other words homework is not set on one day to be completed for the next day.

Is there any help to manage my homework?

Yes, the school uses an on-line system called Show My Homework. All homework is recorded on line and Show My Homework allows you to see what homeworks you have, when they were set and when they are due. It also allows you to keep track of which homework has already been completed.