



WHEC Transition Q&A Factsheet



1. What should I wear to school?

We are very proud of our school community and students outwardly express this pride by wearing the school dress code.

- *White shirt or blouse*
- *School tie – there is a senior tie for S6 students*
- *Black trousers/skirt*
- *Black cardigan or V-neck sweater*
- *Black shoes or trainers*

If you are unsure on where to buy the uniform, there are some really good 'back to school' sections in the local supermarkets like Asda and Sainsburys.

All pupils receive a tie at the start of S1, so you do not need to buy one before starting in August.

2. What time does school start?

The normal school day starts at 8.40, however this is slightly different just now with COVID protocols in place. Please follow the school on Facebook and Twitter and check the website for regular updates concerning start times in August.

3. Will someone show me around the school, as I don't know where anything is?

On your first day there will be Staff outside the front of the school telling you where to go. During the day some of our Senior Pupils will be on hand to show you where your next class is until you get familiar with the building.

4. Will my friends from primary be in my class?

Your primary schools have given us a lot of fantastic information about your friendship groups, and where possible we try to keep friends together.

5. Will I be in the same classroom all day?

At secondary school you move to different classes throughout the day. There are different faculties all set up to teach you a variety of subjects. You will however be with some of the same people in each class you go to.

6. Where do I go at break/lunch?

There is a Dining Area in the school where pupils can get a snack at break time and something more substantial at lunch time. We have an outside area within the school where pupils can get some fresh air. We also have some lunch time clubs, where pupils can mix with their friends and learn some new skills.

7. Do I have to bring money for food?

We are a cashless catering school so rather than paying for food with money you use your fingerprint. You will need to put money on to your account – this can either be done through ParentPay or at a machine in the Dining Area. If you are entitled to free school meals you do not need to bring money for lunch, however if you want something at break you will need to pay for that.

8. Am I allowed to bring in a packed lunch?

Yes, you are allowed to bring a packed lunch in to school to eat in the Dining Area as well as a snack for your break.

9. Who do I go to if I need help?

If you are lost any member of staff in the school will be able to help you. If you have something that is really troubling you, then you should speak to your Pupil Support Leader (Mr Ellis, Miss Ramsay or Miss Meikle) in the first instance.

10. What time does school finish?

Usual school finish time is 3.35pm, however this is slightly different just now with COVID protocols in place. Please follow the school on Facebook and Twitter and check the website for regular updates concerning start time in August.

