Enfield County School for Girls

Onward Ever, Together

YEAR 6

TRANSITION BOOKLET

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WELCOME

Dear Year 6-7 students and families,

We welcome you to Enfield County School for Girls, a vibrant and exciting learning community with a strong sense of direction and purpose.

Our unique school consistently transforms the life chances of young women and we welcome students and their families from across the local authority of Enfield and beyond.

As the only girls' non-denominational community school in the local authority of Enfield, we are a culturally diverse school community with an intake that is truly reflective of the families in our local authority and it is this distinctive quality that makes our school so special.

Our school motto of "Onward Ever, Together" with values of Respect, Responsibility, Equality of Opportunity, Cooperation and Generosity of Spirit is central to our school life, the personal development of each of our students and the shared good of our school community.

We are extremely proud of our students' achievements and of their consistently high examination outcomes which are enabled through our commitment to high quality teaching in a happy, creative and purposeful school environment.

Here in school we are working hard to ensure that things are in place to support your daughter's transition to Year 7 and we look forward to meeting you and your daughter on their transition days, the details of which will be sent in a separate letter.

Jennifer Gumbrell
Headteacher

Helen O'Brien
Deputy Headteacher

Introduction

This booklet has been devised for the families of our new year 7 students to provide information and advice for a smooth transition from primary school to secondary school. Whilst we have tried to cover everything, you may still have questions, so please do not hesitate to contact us if there any additional information you need to know.

Our Year 6-7 admissions page can be found on our website
www.enfieldcs.enfield.sch.uk

Parents & Carers / Admissions / Admissions Year 6-7 Transition

This webpage will be updated with further information to help you during the transition period.

You can also follow our school Instagram account

Instagram **@enfield_county_school**

Transition Activities

In the summer term your daughter will receive a transition activity pack via their primary school. The completed booklets should be brought into school on the first day of term. The booklet has a range of activities aimed at helping to prepare your daughter for secondary school and is also useful for us to help teachers get to know all our students more quickly.

An example of an activity is shown below

A Note to Myself...

As you are thinking about leaving primary school and moving on to secondary school you will be considering many things. What you are looking forward to; what you are nervous about; what you want to achieve in your first year? You might also want to leave yourself a message for when you finish Year 7.

Below are some thoughts from other Year 6 students

I am looking forward to making new friends and learning new subjects. I am also looking forward to being able to walk to school on my own.

I am nervous about leaving some of my old friends and how I will make new ones. I am also nervous about getting lost in a big new school.

In my first year in secondary school I want to learn to play a musical instrument. I also want to join the football team. I would like to continue to improve my maths level too.

I would like to tell my future self that I know lots will be different over the coming year and that I will change as a person but that I should be brave, try new things and enjoy this new challenge.

Transition Activities

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I am nervous about...

In my first year in secondary school I would like to...

I would like to tell my future self...

Preparing for September

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Timings of the School Day

Students are asked to be in the playground by 8.35 am for line up and to be in silence on the second bell at 8.40 am.

TIME	ACTIVITY
8.40 - 9 AM	REGISTRATION/FORM TIME/ASSEMBLY
9 - 10 AM	LESSON 1
10 - 10.30 AM	BREAK (30 mins)
10.30 - 11.30 AM	LESSON 2
11.30 - 12.30 PM	LESSON 3
12.30 - 1.20 PM	LUNCH (50 mins)
1.20 - 2.20 PM	LESSON 4
*2.20 - 3.10 PM	LESSON 5

Year 7 leave at 3.10 PM
Year 8 leave at 3.15 PM
Year 9 leave at 3.20 PM

***Please note that Thursday afternoons are designated for staff training and all students will leave at 2.20pm**

OUR CURRICULUM

At the heart of our curriculum content is a broad and balanced range of academic subjects that allows all of our students access to the full EBacc award.

All students have access to all of the curriculum; we do not put students on pathways according to their ability. This traditional approach has provided the opportunity for academic success for every single girl that has attended ECSfG.

We pride ourselves in providing a curriculum that enables all our students to achieve across the full spectrum of academic subjects and for our girls to go on to access any future career of their choice.

The questions we aim to answer with our curriculum design is, “What do our students need to know and do in order to become educated, and what sort of knowledge do our students need in order to thrive and shape the world?”.

Every student studies either French or Spanish and either Geography or History from Year 7 to Year 11. All lessons are taught in mixed ability classes (except Maths Year 7 to Year 11 and Science Year 10 to Year 11). Our KS3 curriculum is three years in length and our KS4 curriculum is two years in length.

ATTENDANCE

Please ensure your daughter attends school every day. Low attendance results in lost opportunities to learn and progress.

Your daughter should only be off school if she is too ill to attend. Never allow your daughter time off for friendship related issues; always contact your daughter's Progress and Achievement Leader and they will help resolve things. If you feel your daughter is not settling and does not want to come to school please speak to us as soon as possible so we can support you and ensure your daughter's good attendance.

On the rare occasion that your daughter is absent please alert school as soon as possible via a telephone message or an email.

Parents and carers will receive a text mid-morning if their daughter is not in school.

Never take holidays during term time as these can have a profound effect on learning and attendance.

Detentions are given for lateness to school.

Further information is available in our attendance policy on the school website.

To report an absence please call

0208 363 9934

UNIFORM

Outdoor Wear

- Wearing a green blazer is compulsory.
- Outdoor coats must be in a plain colour and worn over the blazer.
- Expensive coats are not suitable for school, e.g. leather etc. Coats should have no logos or coloured trim.

Shoes

- Flat, plain black in a style suitable for school wear.
- No heels, platform soles, ballet style pump shoes or open toed sandals as these are not appropriate for the school environment.
- No trainers or plimsoll style shoes, e.g. Vans or Converse.
- Boots and ankle boots are not permitted (this includes 'Kicker' ankle boots.

School Kilt

- Black Watch tartan kilt available from uniform suppliers.
- Kilt must be knee length or longer.
- The kilt must not be worn with the waist turned over to shorten the length.

School Trousers

- Available from uniform suppliers; navy and must carry the school logo.

School Blouse

- White 'revere' collar style blouse with long or short sleeves.
- A plain white vest may be worn under the blouse for warmth but must not be visible.
- School blouse with logo (optional).
- Blouses should be no longer than the jumper or blazer.

School Jumper

- Bottle-green v-neck jumper with badge. This must be worn under the blazer.
- 'Hoodies' are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn under the school blazer.

UNIFORM

Socks

- Plain black – knee length.
- Black ankle socks may be worn during the Summer Term. These should not have any form of logo. 'Footsies' or trainer liners are not acceptable.

Tights

- Plain black opaque (not transparent).

Make-up

- Make-up, coloured contact lenses, long finger nails, nail varnish, nail extensions, false nails and acrylics are not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.

Hair

- Hair fastenings, bands and slides should be in black, navy blue or bottle green.
- The Hijab should be without embroidery or other decoration and in plain black, dark navy blue or bottle green in colour.
- Headscarves and wraps should be plain black in colour.
- Where hygiene and safety are involved (eg in PE, Science or DT practical lessons long hair must be tied back).
- No extreme hairstyling or hair colour are permitted.
- The school has adopted the Halo Code: please visit our website for more information.

Jewellery

- One small plain pair of studs may be worn by pupils in the earlobe

(ie one stud in each earlobe).

- One small plain stud in gold or silver may be worn in the nose.
- Any other piercings including upper ear, brow and lip piercings are strictly not permitted, even if covered with a plaster.
- Sikh students may wear a slim, steel Kara bracelet.
- No other jewellery is permitted.
- Please note that any additionally worn jewellery items or ear and nose studs styles that are not included in our school uniform guide may be confiscated by a member of staff and returned to the student or parent/carer at a later date.

N.B. Piercings should only be done at the start of the summer holidays to give them time to heal and be taken out for school.

UNIFORM

Physical Education

- Navy PE bag (optional).
- Navy/Green polo shirt with school logo.
- Navy/Green shorts with school logo.
- Navy/Green tracksuit top with school logo (optional).
- Navy/Green 'skorts' (optional).
- Navy/White tracksuit bottoms (optional).
- Navy Legging's (optional).
- Navy long socks.
- Football boots and shin pads (after February half term).

Umbrellas

- Umbrellas should be compact and small enough to fit into a bag.
- Large umbrellas are not allowed to be carried around the inside the school building.

School Uniform & Sports Equipment Suppliers

Smiths Schoolwear
223 Baker Street, Enfield, EN1 3LA
Tel: 0203 818 3622
www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk

Uniform4Kids
Lyons School Shop
242 Hertford Road, Enfield, EN3 5BL
Tel: 020 8804 3627
www.uniform4kids.com

PLEASE NOTE: All personal property must be named. The school does not accept responsibility for personal property in school. Parents are advised to take out insurance in order to cover all items brought to school – especially musical instruments and mobile phones. Please see our mobile phone policy.

PE KIT

Expectations of the P.E. Department

Students must always wear their P.E. kit on the day they have P.E. If students are excused from taking part physically they will still take part and be engaged in the learning of the lesson.

Sanctions are in place if students forget items of kit.

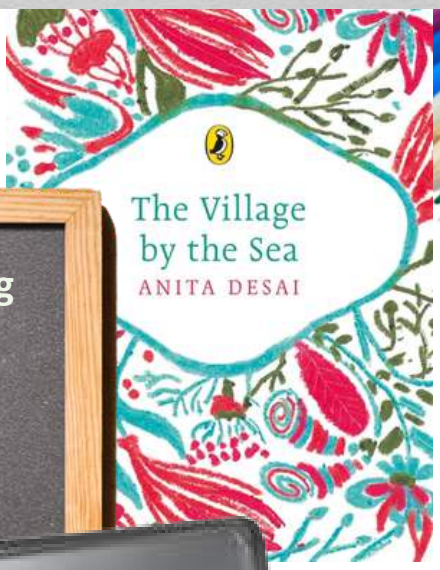
If students forget an item of their P.E. kit they are expected to wear spare kit provided by school.

Students with long hair are expected to bring hair bobbles to every lesson to tie their hair back.

Equipment

Students should have the following equipment with them everyday

- A pencil case
- Two black and blue ball point pens
- A green biro
- Two HB pencils
- An eraser
- A pencil sharpener
- A compass
- A protractor
- A 30cm ruler
- A scientific calculator
- Two highlighters (yellow and pink)
- Glue stick
- Coloured pencils
- Scissors
- A4 lined notepad
- A reading book



Reading List

We love reading at Enfield County School for Girls and recognise that, as well as bringing pleasure and relaxation, reading has an important role in ensuring academic progress!

There are opportunities for silent reading in a weekly form time and literacy lessons. Students are encouraged to use the school library as well as the public library. All students are expected to bring a reading book to school everyday. There is a reading list of recommended reading for Year 7 students.

We would like to encourage your daughter to continue reading over the summer by exploring novels and writers such as:

Malorie Blackman	**Tell Me No Lies**
Benjamin Zephaniah	**Refugee Boy**
Michael Morpurgo	**War Horse/Private Peaceful**
Anthony Horowitz	**Alex Rider Series**
Aisha Bushby	**A Pocketful of Stars**
Jacqueline Woodson	**Brown Girl Dreaming**
Jason Reynolds	**Look Both Ways**
Alexandra Sheppard	**Oh My Gods**
Kereen Getten	**When Life Gives You Mangoes**
Anita Desai	**The Village by the Sea**
Remy Lai	**Pie in the Sky**
Jasbinder Bilan	**Asha and The Spirit Bird**
Vashti Hardy	**Brightstorm**
Katherine Rundell	**Rooftoppers**

You could also encourage your daughter to engage with non-fiction texts, for example from the BooksForTopics website or articles from a 'good' newspaper: 'First News' is a newspaper particularly aimed at younger readers. Audiobooks and some Ted Talks are also appropriate for this age group.

Travelling To and From School

As a healthy school we are keen to promote walking to school for students who live nearby or public transport for those who live a distance from school.

Fewer cars on the road improves road safety for all young people and is also more environmentally friendly. Please encourage your daughter's independence by allowing her to make her own way to and from school.

Please talk to your daughter about road safety and remind her that she should cross at safe points on the pavement, look and listen both ways and only cross when it is clear.

Please remind your daughter to never wear earphones or headphones when crossing the road to ensure she is fully aware of her surroundings.

If you do choose to drive your daughter to and from school, please could you agree a drop off and pick up point for your daughter on a road a distance away from the school. Rosemary Avenue can become quite congested, causing a danger for school children as well as creating inconvenience to our local residents.

Please also be aware that mobile traffic enforcers and local police officers patrol regularly outside our school and stopping on the zig zag lines will incur a fine and penalty points on a driving licence.

Public Transport

If your daughter does travel on public transport, please help her by practising the journey with her in advance so she is fully prepared for her new journey to secondary school.

Please encourage her to leave enough time for travel in the rush hour.

Please apply for an under 18 Oyster Card and make sure your daughter has a wallet or holder to keep it safe as there is a cost for replacement cards. Please see tfl website for more information.

www.tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard

Please note that Enfield County School for Girls staff are on duty at nearby bus stops at the end of the school day to support students and help them get on the buses - this is also to ensure student behaviour is exemplary.

Please reinforce the message that we give at school that conduct on public transport and in the community should be excellent and that your daughter should be a good ambassador for her school.

Students are always expected to travel straight home from school and not to congregate in the community or to move about in large groups which could be unsafe or cause a nuisance.

Please note: Transport for London reserves the right to confiscate a young person's Oyster Card for anti-social behaviour.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We are a 'mobile phone free school'. Students in years 7-11 are not permitted to use a phone or headphones on school premises or in the vicinity of the school whilst they are in school uniform.

Members of staff are regularly on duty at the school gates, around Holly Walk and Rosemary Avenue, and in the local community at either end of the school day. Any student found to be using a mobile device near school - with or without ear phones – will be sanctioned in line with our mobile policy. This could result in fixed term suspension.

As a mobile phone free school, students must store their phone 'out of sight and sound' in a Yondr pouch which can be purchased from school (the cost is heavily subsidised by school). Students must lock their phone in their pouch as they enter the school grounds and then unlock it on the wall devices as they leave school at the end of the day.

Students should never bring a phone to school if they do not have a Yondr pouch to store it in. If a student is found with a phone without a pouch her phone will be confiscated for one week – even if the phone was not being used. If a student's phone is confiscated on more than one occasion she may receive a fixed term suspension in line with our Behaviour policy.

If a student needs to contact home during the school day they can do this via the school office. Similarly, a parent or carer can contact the school office where we will be happy to pass on a message to a student.

Please note that it is inappropriate for a parent or carer to come into school and ask that a phone is returned before one week; please refer to our visitor policy in relation to appropriate behaviour on our school premises.

We will not investigate phone or social media issues outside of school. If there is a reason to suspect inappropriate online content or communication which is not in keeping with our school values, for example filming of incidents or malicious communication or content, we will advise the affected party to report the matter to the police. Filming or sharing of inappropriate behaviour whilst in school uniform will be regarded as bringing the school into disrepute and may result in a sanction.

We believe that the measures outlined in this policy will support our students in developing their social and communication skills. We also believe that it will support our students' personal safety as well as their wellbeing and mental health by reducing the over-reliance on phones and social media.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

FAQs

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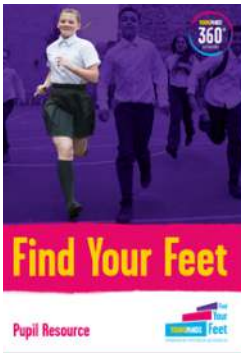
The transition from primary to secondary school is an exciting process but it is also understandable to feel uncertain about the changes ahead.

We would expect our new Year 6 students to feel a little nervous but if you are feeling anxious about moving to secondary school we would encourage you to talk to someone about it.

There are also a range of resources aimed at children and their families to support with primary to secondary transition:



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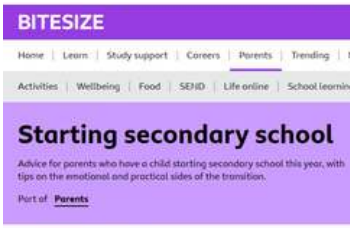


Please speak to your primary school if you are particularly worried; if you have any questions please get in touch!

Overleaf is a list of questions we are frequently asked at induction. You may find it useful to read through them.

What is the ethos of the school?

The school's values are set out below.

They are very important to us and it is expected that all who work and study at Enfield County School for Girls 'buy' into them.

You will hear them referred to a lot in your assemblies.

Respect

We know our self-worth, developing self-respect while respecting others, having respect for our own and everyone else's learning, as well as respect for the environment.

Responsibility

We take personal responsibility for our work, our learning, our duties, indeed for all our actions and for following school procedures.

Equality of Opportunity

We ensure justice, fairness and equality of access to all school experiences.

Co-operation

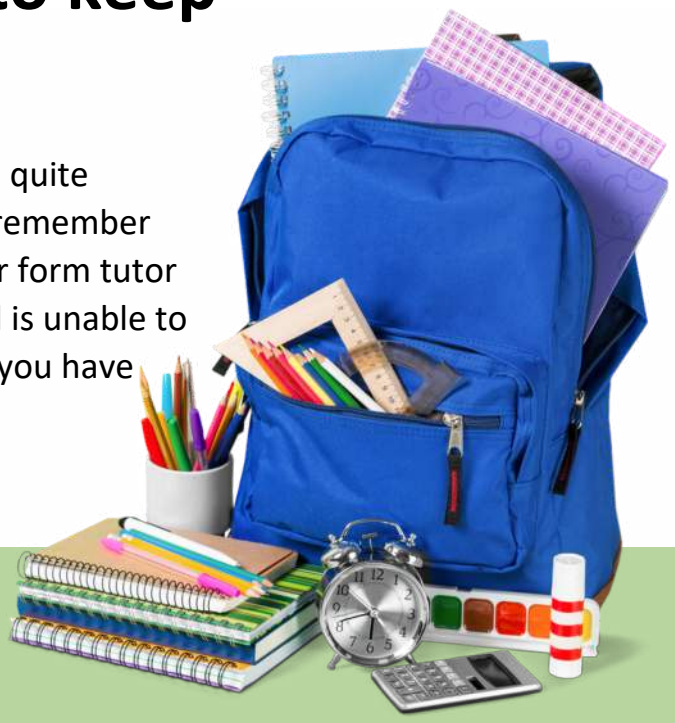
We work together for the common purpose of the wider community.

Generosity of Spirit

We create an atmosphere of kindness, trust and forgiveness within our school community.

How can I stay organised to keep on top of all my work?

When you go to secondary school you have to be quite organised to remember to pack the right books, remember your PE kit and bring the correct equipment. Your form tutor will check your equipment every morning. School is unable to lend any equipment so it is really important that you have everything you need with you.



Do I need to bring in lunch money everyday?

Students all have a Parent Pay account. Parents and carers will activate this account and pre-load with credit so you don't need money for school.
You pay for your lunch through your Parent Pay account using your finger biometric.
You will be shown how all of this works in September.

What if I am the only girl from my primary school who is going to Enfield County School for Girls?

There will be many students in the same position, so please do not worry! We always try to put girls with others in the same situation, so you will have something in common. We find children quickly make new friends at school and your form tutor will look after you and make sure everything is going well.

Is the work really difficult?

The work at secondary school is a continuation of what you have been learning at primary school. Teachers will build on the knowledge that you have already. There will also be subjects that you won't have studied before: an exciting opportunity to learn something new!

Is it true that secondary school teachers are really strict?

We have high standards of work and behaviour at ECSfG. We expect all our girls to behave really well and wear their uniform correctly; your form tutor will do regular checks in the morning.

We want you to be happy and do well. We won't be any stricter than your primary school teachers were. The main difference at secondary school is that you will have a lot more teachers because you will have specialist teachers for each subject. All teachers will have the same high expectations for behaviour, attitude and work.

What is a form group?

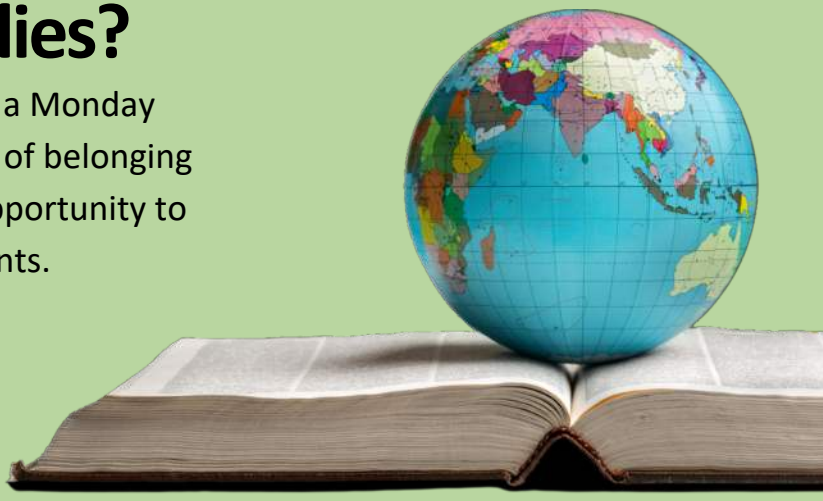
Every student at ECSfG has a form group. You will line up with them in the playground every morning and spend 20 minutes a day with them during registration. There will be about 30 girls in your form group and you will have a form tutor. Their role is to help you if you have any problems and they are the first person you should go to if you need help. Your form tutor will monitor your attendance and punctuality. You will also be in a 'house' with students from other year groups.

Will I be in the same form group as my friends?

We try to put people in a form group with some of their friends but likely not all of them. We do not want you to feel isolated so we ask your year 6 teachers who you get on with. We use that information to help us put together the form groups. When you are at secondary school you have lots of different lessons in different teaching groups so you will meet lots of new people and make lots of new friends too.

Do we have assemblies?

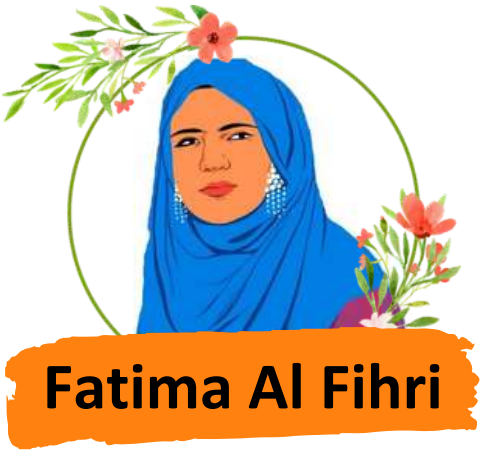
Year 7 will normally have an assembly on a Monday morning. Assemblies are an important part of belonging to our school community and provide an opportunity to celebrate the success of our students.



What is the school House system?

You will be organised into a 'house' representing an inspirational woman who has made a significant contribution to society. Our aim is for you to reflect the attributes of the women in our house system. You may be asked to represent your house in different activities and events across the school, for example at sport competitions or in schoolwork challenges. Another important focus of the house system is to raise money for each house's chosen charity. You will be given the opportunity to develop your own leadership skills from your time at lower school all the way up to sixth form when you can apply to be a member of our Head Girl team. We hope you will feel a sense of belonging and pride for your house.

ECSfG Houses



Are there any bullying issues at ECSfG?

Every school has to deal with bullying in some form or another and we would be wrong to say it never happens. However, bullying is very rare at ECSfG. We take bullying extremely seriously and if incidents occur they will be dealt with by your Progress and Achievement Leader or a member of SLT. We encourage students who see bullying to speak out and report it to a member of the pastoral team. We focus on the issue of bullying at regular points throughout the year through assemblies and form time activities.

Who do I go to if I have a problem?

Your form tutor is the first person you should speak to if you have any issues at school. You also have a Progress and Achievement Leader (PAL) who is solely responsible for your year group.

Are there lots of extra-curricular clubs?

There are lots of clubs taking place during lunchtime and after school. You will get a timetable of these clubs during the first half term. We would encourage you to join in the extra-curricular clubs as it's a good way to make new friends.

What happens if you are late to school or late to a lesson?

It would be a good idea to practise your journey to school with an adult if you are able to do so, then you will know what time you will have to leave the house in the morning.

If you arrive during registration before 8.45am you will be given a 15 minute late detention by your form tutor. If you arrive after this time you will be given a 30 minute detention at the end of the day.

Being late to lessons may happen sometimes in your first couple of weeks as you get used to finding your way around the building. If you get lost a member of staff or older girls will be happy to help you. After a couple of weeks we will expect you to be used to the school and on time for your lessons.

What are detentions given for?

Detentions are given for people who do not follow the rules within the school. They either take place at lunchtime or for more serious incidents they take place after school. The vast majority of our students do not get detentions.

How much homework will I get?

This really depends of the teacher and the subject. You should expect to be doing a maximum of two hours per evening. Homework must be recorded in your planner with the date it is due in.

We would love to hear what you are currently getting up to..

We would love to hear how you are getting on as you approach the end of year 6. If you have done some work that you are really proud of please do ask your parent/carer to email this to us so we can have a look and get to know you a little better: you never know we may even end up publishing it on our school website!

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