

Frequently Asked Questions

What time does the day start and finish?

The school day starts at 8.30am, when you should be sitting in your form room ready to read. The day ends at 3.00pm. After school clubs run every day until 4pm.

What is a Form Tutor?

Each morning and afternoon, you will register with your form class. Your Form Tutor will make sure that you are ready to start the day and that you have everything you need. If you are not sure about anything or have any questions, you can speak to your form tutor. They are here to look after you.

Who else can help me if I have any questions?

In secondary school, you will have different teachers for each subject and each of these teachers will be happy to help you. Miss Smyth will be your Progress Leader and Mr Williams is your Assistant Progress Leader (sometimes called APL); both of them can also help with things you are worried about.

What happens if I am late?

If you are late to school or a lesson you will receive a 15-minute detention that night unless there is a good reason. This is where you will catch up on your reading or missed work.

Can I ride my bike to school?

Yes, there is a safe bike shed to lock your bike when you arrive at school. However, you need to show you can ride safely and be respectful of other people on your journey.

What happens if I forget my PE kit?

Unless you have a valid reason, you will receive a 15-minute PE detention, run by the PE department.

What happens if I get lost?

Oldershaw will be new to you and it will take some time for you to find your way around. During this time, there is a chance you might get lost. If you do, please don't worry – lots of people get lost when they first start. Ask any adult for help and they will point you to where you need to go.

How much homework will I get?

Your teachers will set you homework to check you have understood what you have been working on in lessons so it is very important you complete it as well as you can.

Usually, you will have 1 piece of homework from each subject per week. This will be recorded on the Homework App for you and your parents to check at home.

If you find it difficult to do your homework at home, The Learning Centre is available after school for you to complete your homework with adult support.

What happens at lunch time?

Just like in your primary school, some children will eat packed lunches and some will have school dinners. Year 7 will all go to the dining hall together so you will be able to eat with your friends.