

THE WHITBY HIGH SCHOOL

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Your questions – our answers.

How much money do I need for lunch?

This year a meal deal costs £2.50 but students can purchase as much or as little as they choose. There is a choice of hot food or sandwiches and wraps. Students can also bring a packed lunch if they do not want school dinners.

Can I take my mobile phone to school?

You can bring your mobile phone to school but it should remain switched off and out of sight during the day, including at break and lunch times. If you are using it in school then it will be confiscated until the end of the day.

When do I find out what house I will be in?

This information will be sent out in July. Every student is allocated to a House. There are five houses, Tudor, Stuart, Windsor, York and Hanover. You mix with children from all Houses in lessons and at break and lunchtimes.

Will I be in a form with all of my friends from primary school?

We will place students with familiar faces from primary schools but there is no guarantee you will be with your best friends. We encourage students to make new friends and interact with children from other schools. Form time is a short time at the beginning and end of each day. Students will have time to meet their friends at breaks and lunch times and you might be in lessons with them too.

Where do we get our uniforms from?

The information booklet is being finalised for you for next year and as soon as this is ready it will be shared, all the information about uniform will be in this.

How many teachers will we have?

You will have different teachers for your subjects and depending on the timetable and staffing you may have more than one teacher for that subject. Each teacher is a specialist in their subject. You will have at least ten different teachers a week.

Can I ride my bike to school?

Yes you can, but not for a few weeks after you start. You will need a permit which involves attending a short safety briefing and agreeing to follow the school's safety expectations on using your bike to ride to school.

Will we get lots of homework?

There is homework and some will be set on online through *Doddle* and *My Maths* and other tasks will be set by your different teachers. You won't get too much but it's a really good idea to be organised and have a set daily routine so that it doesn't build up.

What happens if you don't do your homework?

If you are finding the homework difficult speak to your teacher who will help and give you more time if needed. If the homework is not completed after being given a chance to complete then you might get a detention.

Does it matter that we haven't done our SATs

No, this isn't a problem. Your primary teachers have given us lots of information about you which we are using to plan for you.

Are the teachers really strict?

Teachers may be firm and will have high expectations of you, but they are fair. Teachers are really enthusiastic and keen to pass on their knowledge from the subjects they enjoy teaching.

What time do we have to be in school?

Registration begins at 08:30 in the morning, you should aim to arrive before this to allow enough time to get to your form room and line up to ensure you are registered on time.

What sports can you learn?

Depending on the time of the year, there are many sports taught in PE such as rugby, football, basketball, tennis, badminton, netball and cross country and there are after school clubs as well.

Are there proper experiments in science?

There are lots of exciting experiments that take place in science and this will vary depending on what topic you are studying.

Do we have to carry all our books every day to school?

You will be issued a timetable with your lessons for each day, you would only need to bring your books for the subjects on that day. Some books will stay in school so you shouldn't have too much to carry each day.

How do I get rewards?

You can achieve house points for trying hard, completing excellent work in lessons, being kind and helpful around school and for taking part in school events. Once you achieve a certain amount of house points you receive a certificate.

What can we do at break time?

At break time you meet and socialise with your friends, play football in the designated areas, use the library or attend lunch time clubs.

What is a planner and house card for?

A planner is recording homework in and recording any detentions, it is also useful for parents and carers to communicate any information to school such as explaining why you do not have your school shoes. A house card identifies which house you are in and has your timetable on and also has rewards and sanctions on it for recording behaviour.

What do I do if I am lost or someone is being mean to me?

Ask any member of staff and they will help - your form tutor should be the first person to help you with problems as you see them twice a day. You can also go to the pastoral hub where the pastoral team is based, though not in lesson time. Here you will find the House Progress Managers. You can speak to them if you are upset and they will help you deal with it.