

Y6-7 TRANSITION FAQS

LOGISTICS

Where do I go when I arrive to school each day?

You can wait in any outdoor space until the 8.40am bell goes and then you make your way to your tutor room except on Fridays when you line up outside Wingfield Hall for assembly.

What happens if I am late?

Sign in at reception and then go to tutor time or to your first lesson if it is after 9.05am.

Do we stay in one place or use the whole school?

You move around the school from lesson to lesson and will have lessons in all parts of the school.

What do I do if I don't know how to get to my classroom/go to the wrong place?

- Find the nearest adult or sixth former/older student for help
- You will soon make friends in your tutor group and you will help each other
- We will ask you why you are late and try to support you getting it right the next day

Where are the toilets?

In each of the main blocks (e.g. Dunston, Chiltern)

Are there lockers?

No. Unfortunately you have to carry your bag around with you.

TIMETABLE

What subjects do we do?

- English, Maths, Science, Spanish, History, Geography, RE, PE, Music, Art, PSHE, Computing

How many lessons will we have in a day?

- There are five lessons every day

Will we be in different groups every day?

- Some of your lessons will be with your tutor group
- For technology you are in smaller groups mixed with one other tutor group
- For other lessons you will be mixed with other students from your half of the year

When do we find out which rooms our lessons are in?

- You will get your timetable of lessons including teacher and room on the first day. It will also be on school comms the day before you start
- The timetable repeats every 2 weeks

Where do we do PE?

- Either indoors in the gym or sports hall or outside on the various courts/pitches/fields

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BREAK AND LUNCH

How long is break and lunch?

- Break is 20 minutes from 11.05-11.25
- Lunch is 35 minutes from 13.25 to 14.00

A warning bell goes 5 minutes before the end of each break to help you get to your next lesson on time.

What can I do at break and lunch?

- Meet up with friends/siblings in other classes or year groups
- Buy meals and snacks from the canteen or the Pod.
- Sit in the canteen or the turtle
- Walk around the site or sit at one of the picnic tables
- Play football on the astroturf
- Go to the library to read, change your book, do your homework.
- Fill up your water bottle/get a drink

There is a designated area which Y7 only if you don't want to be around the older students

Are we allowed in the buildings?

- Apart from the canteen and library or going to the toilet you should not be inside unless part of a supervised activity.
- If it very wet outside there will be a designated indoor space for Y7

BREAK AND LUNCH

Are we allowed to bring our own footballs?

- Yes, but they remain your responsibility
- You must put them somewhere sensible and out of the way in lessons

What happens about free school meals (FSM)?

- If you already have FSM in your primary school, we will get that information and you will automatically be set up for lunches once you have had your thumbprint registered.

Can we go on our phones?

- No. Phones must be switched off and in your bags all the time you are on school grounds.
- If you need to check in with home you can go to G109 to text/call/check for messages.

Are there any water fountains?

- Yes. There is a water fountain in each of the large main buildings and a water cooler in the canteen.

TUTORS AND HOUSES

Will I be in a tutor group with my friends?

- Your teachers from primary have given us some advice on good learning partners. Other students from your primary may be in your tutor group but no guarantee to be with friends. However, you can see your friends at break and lunchtime and you may even be in some lessons with them.

Can I change tutor group?

- Moving to a new tutor group is a last resort. If there is a problem affecting your learning and wellbeing we will try other ways to solve the problem first, helping you to be resilient.

What do we do in tutor time?

- To start with your tutor will do lots of activities to get to know you and to help you get to know each other. After a few weeks the normal tutor routine will start.
- Three times a week you do guided reading. This is where your tutor reads to you while you follow the text in the book.
- Most Fridays you will have an assembly during tutor time.
- On Wednesdays you will do different activities led by your tutor which might include quizzes, learning a new skill or having a debate.

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Can I change House?

- If you have a sibling in the school we put you in the same house. Sometimes we don't get this information before you arrive and so if we make a mistake let us know and we can change your house. For any other reason we don't usually change anyone's house.

Are there house competitions?

- Yes. The main one is Sports day but there are smaller events throughout the year. Look out for these being announce in the new academic year.

What happens if our tutor is ill?

- You go to the same place as normal and a cover teacher will be sent to do your register.

These are the questions we are often asked on the transition days. If you have a question we haven't answered in this booklet or in any of the information sent home please email your question to eaddison@jogschool.org