



This is your guide to joining Arran High School. We have written it to give you all the information you will need about our fantastic school and help you settle in quickly and happily.

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My first day

We have high expectations of you, and we want you to have high expectations for yourself. A good place to start is being prepared for your first day.

Uniform

Our uniform is simple and comfortable. We expect you to arrive at school with the correct uniform and looking smart.

Getting to school

You may have a longer school journey than you are used to. So, make sure you know your bus times, which are available from Stagecoach.

If you are entitled to free transport, you will receive a bus pass. Always have it with you as you will need to show it at the beginning of each journey.

Seven buses serve Arran High School:

- From Blackwaterfoot via Corriecravie and the South End
- From Whiting Bay
- From Pirnmill via the North End
- From Machrie via Blackwaterfoot and The String
- From Brodick (x 2)
- From Margnaeglish, Lamlash

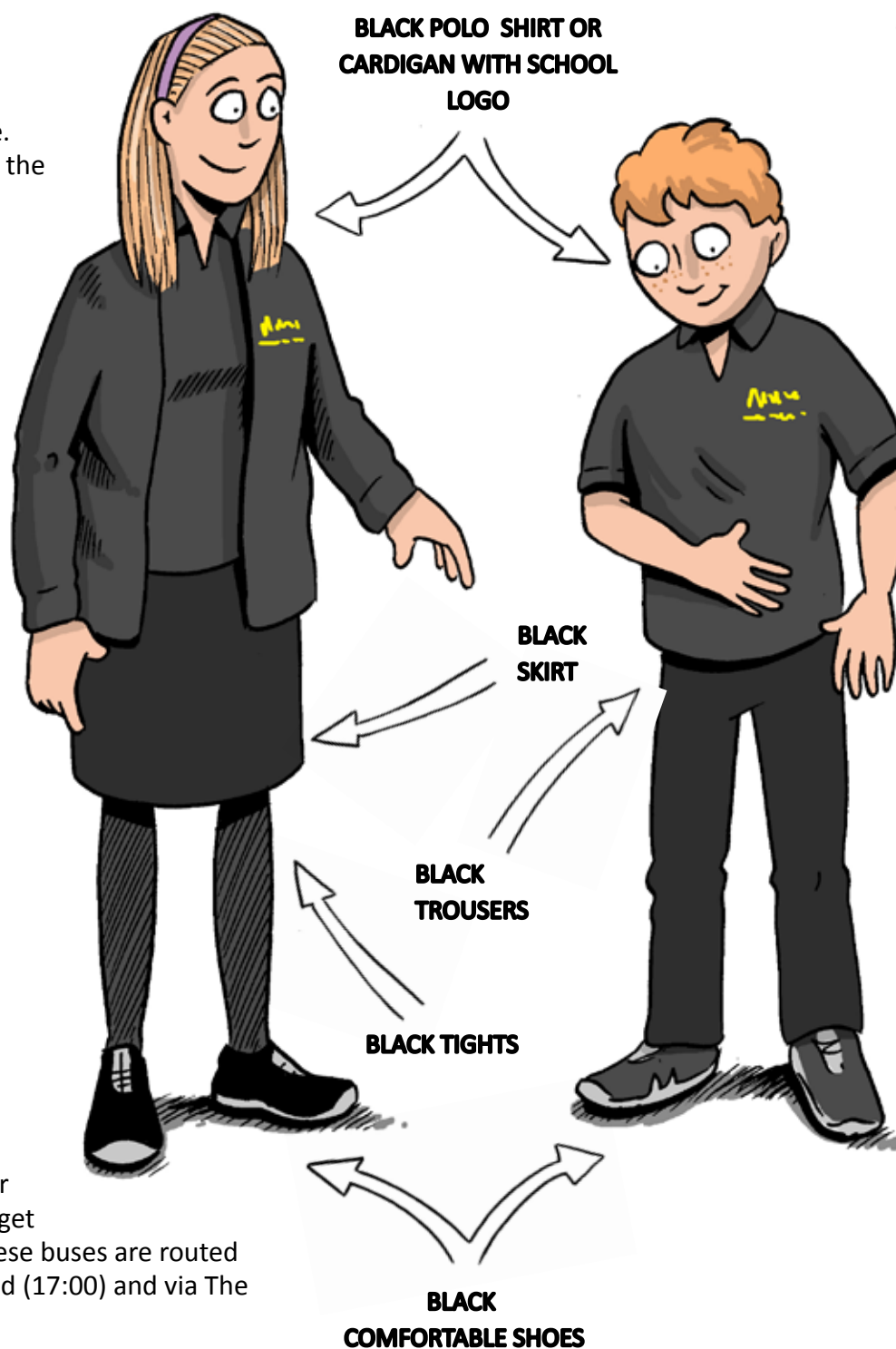
Make sure you know what time your bus goes in the morning. All buses leave the school at 15:50.

If you are taking part in extra-curricular activities, three buses are provided to get you home on Monday to Thursday. These buses are routed round the South End (16:55), North End (17:00) and via The String (16:55).

Equipment

It is also important to arrive being prepared to learn. You need to remember a few key items:

- pen
- pencil
- ruler
- rubber
- sharpener
- timetable
- lunch money (or payment set up online) or packed lunch
- PE kit on PE days
- school back pack which can fit everything in.



Key tips from pupils

Although Arran High is bigger than your primary school, it is still a close community. We know that you may be excited about starting here but also have some worries. Our previous S1 pupils have got lots of advice for you to help you settle in as quickly and confidently as possible!

Getting to school:

"Remember your bus pass." Ewan
"Arrive at the bus stop in plenty of time." Laila

Getting to know your way around:

"Don't be scared about finding your way. People will help and it's actually not that hard." Charlie

Learning new things:

"I like the fact that each teacher is passionate about their subject." Daisy May
"There's a lot more to learn and more teachers to meet." Beth
"There are so many instruments in the music department to try." S1 pupil
"I like PE because you have lots of choice and you can do sports that you haven't done before." Grant

New opportunities:

"The MTB Club is amazing!" S1 pupil
"There are lots of opportunities throughout the school, whether it's within the class or a trip with the school." Iona
"Good after school clubs and you meet different teachers every 45/55 mins." Reece
"The AYF Youth Cabin is great fun at lunchtimes, and there are loads of activities after school too." Paige
"Just get involved, it's the best way to have a good time." Niamh

Making friends:

"Age doesn't matter, you can be friends with whoever you want." Niamh
"I was worried about making friends, but friends are everywhere!" Gary
"Don't worry about the older students, they can be very helpful." Reece

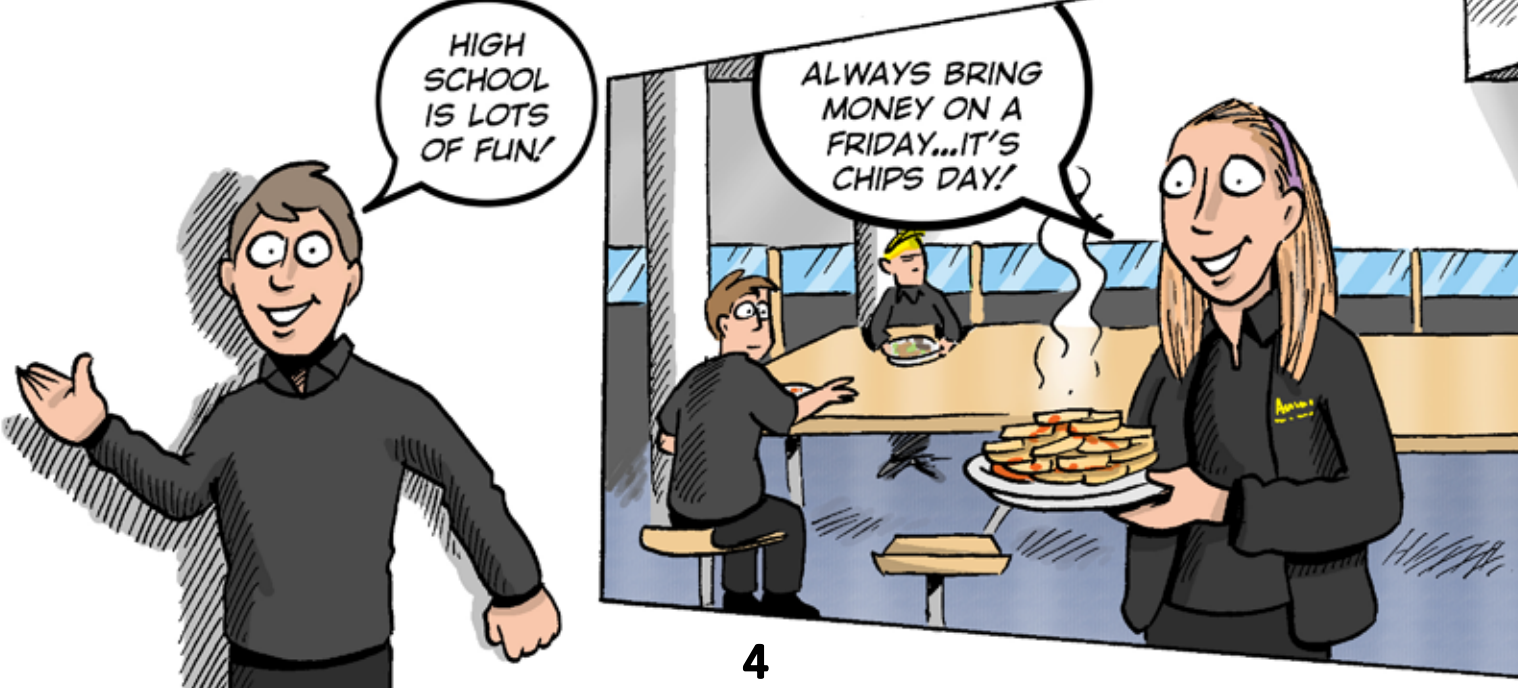
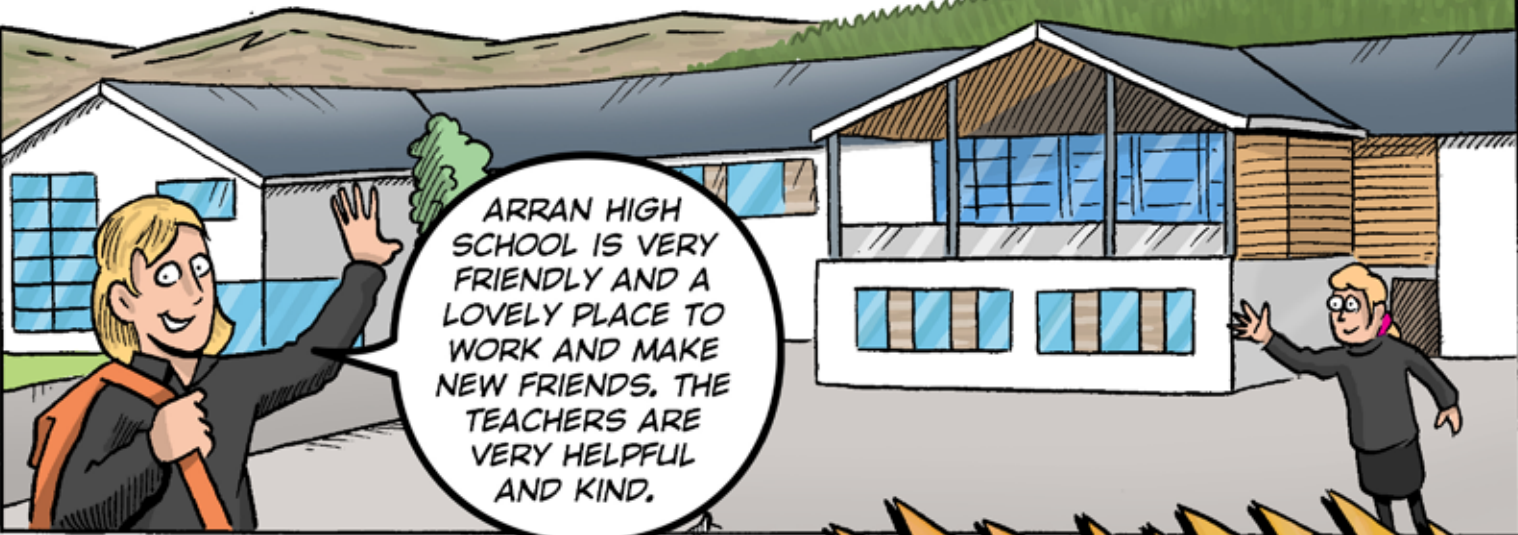
Getting help:

"There are lots of people to talk to if you are having difficulties." Megan
"Bullying gets dealt with ASAP." Megan

And...

"Prepare for a hell of an adventure!" Charlie

WHY WE LOVE ARRAN HIGH



Q and A

We know you will have some questions about life at Arran High. Here are some of the most common questions:

What happens if I am late or lost?

There will be lots of people around to help you when you first start at Arran High. We have included a map on the back page of this book to help. But if you lose your way, just ask a member of staff or older pupil and they will help. (They all remember what it is like being new.) If you are late, please report to the school office when you get in. We expect you to arrive on time unless there is a good reason.



What homework will I get?

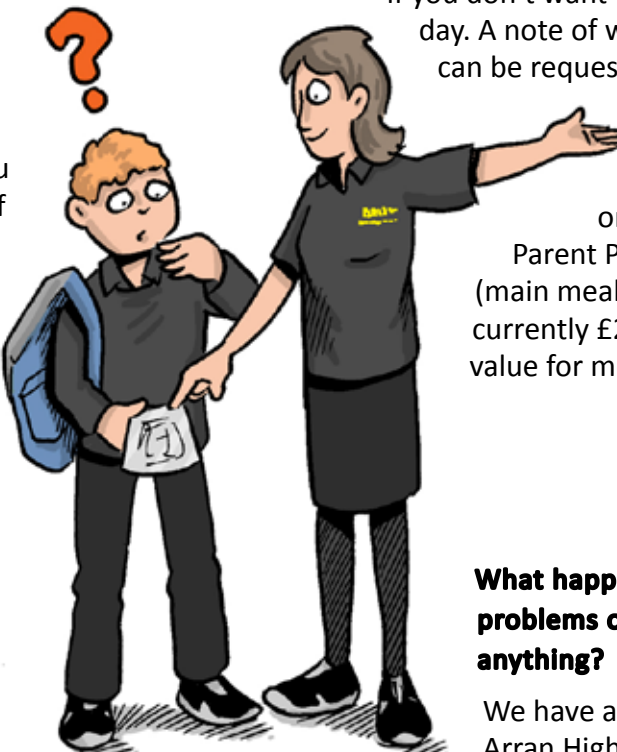
You will get regular homework but not for every subject every day. Your teachers will make sure that you have enough time to do it.

We use an online system called 'Show My Homework', which allows your teacher to share your homework with you and your parents/carers. We will give you a GLOW login but if you have any problems getting access, let the school office know.

Homework is a key part of learning and helps you to develop independent study skills. It is also important to do it properly and hand it in on time.

What is the food like and how do I pay for it?

We know that having good, reasonably priced food is important to you. We have lots of fantastic meal options, so we are sure you will always find something tasty to eat. We will explain how you pay for your food on your Transition Day. Your parents or carers can add money to your account via Parent Pay if you don't want to bring in cash every day. A note of what you have spent can be requested from the catering staff. You and your family can see what the balance on your account is via Parent Pay. A typical meal deal (main meal, dessert and drink) is currently £2.05, which is brilliant value for money.



What happens if I am having problems or I am worried about anything?

We have a special teacher at Arran High who is called the 'Pastoral Support Teacher'. Their job is to help you settle in happily and confidently and look after your welfare all the time you are at Arran High. You will meet them on the first Transition Day here. You can go and speak to them whenever you need to. You can also speak to any member of staff at the school. We do not tolerate bullying so please let us know straightaway if anyone is being unkind to you. We will deal with it and it will be OK!

Remember, if you are not sure about anything or worried, ask a teacher, the Pastoral Support Teacher or an older pupil. We are here to help.



Clubs and activities

We have some fantastic clubs and activities on offer at Arran High. We certainly make the most of our fantastic location.



You can also take part in trips, productions and help with fundraising for charity. We think that taking part is so important for you that we have arranged extra school transport to take you home after your clubs. You will also get house points for coming to an after-school club. Clubs run at lunchtime and after school Mondays to Thursdays. Try something you love already, try something new or try something that is out of your comfort zone. You may discover something you will love for the rest of your life and make new friends!

Settling in

Our core values are

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To do your best you need to feel safe and happy, and we are proud that our school provides a warm and caring learning environment. We live by our values and everyone here treats each other with respect. You are all individuals and we will work with you to help you to express your unique skills, attributes and capabilities. We want you to achieve at the highest level in everything you do and be a happy and involved member of the community.

Where do I fit in?

There are four houses in our school:

Iorsa (Yellow)
Rosa (Blue)
Sannox (Green)
Shuraig (Red)

You will be allocated a house when you come on your three-day visit. You will earn house points for:

- good attendance (100%, 97% and 95%)
- attending an after-school activity
- completing 'Ready for Learning' stamp cards
- recommendations from your teachers
- good exam results
- random acts of kindness and for
- taking part in school events.

There is friendly competition between our houses which encourages effort in every area of school life. We hold inter-house competitions throughout the year and a very popular Christmas karaoke which we all look forward to.

What rules do I need to follow?

We have a simple code of conduct which we expect everyone to follow.

1. Arrive in class on time properly prepared
2. Remove all outdoor clothing, sweets or gum
3. Respect all equipment
4. Listen to and follow instructions
5. Be courteous, respect the rights of others
6. Always try to do your best

What will my school day look like?

This is what the timings look like for your school day:

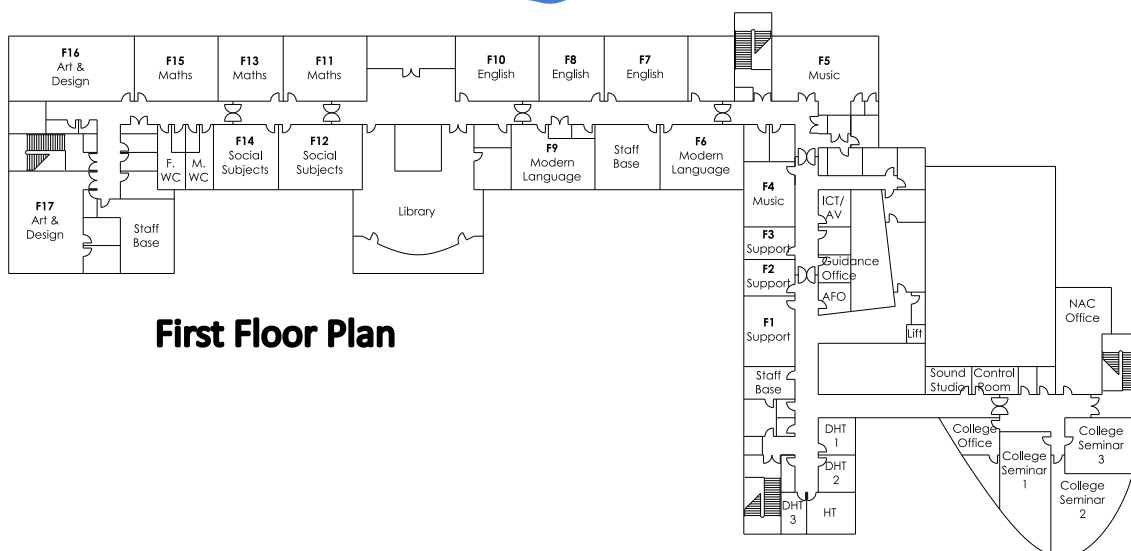
09:00 ~ 09:10	Buses arrive at school
9:15 ~ 10:05	Period 1
10:05 ~ 10:50	Period 2
10:50 ~ 11:05	Morning interval
11:05 ~ 11:50	Period 3
11:50 ~ 12:40	Period 4
12:40 ~ 13:25	Period 5
13:25 ~ 14:10	Lunchtime - you can buy your lunch at the cafeteria or you can bring a packed lunch. Packed lunches can be eaten at tables in the cafeteria.
14:10 ~ 15:00	Period 6
15:00 ~ 15:45	Period 7

At the end of Period 7, a bell will ring. You should make your way slowly out of the school and get on your bus. One of the biggest adjustments for our S1 pupils is getting used to our school day. As you can see, each day is divided into different lessons. Between lessons you will move between classrooms. This means you will need to have everything you need for the next lesson. It is important to be there on time, although we will understand if you are late when you are settling in.

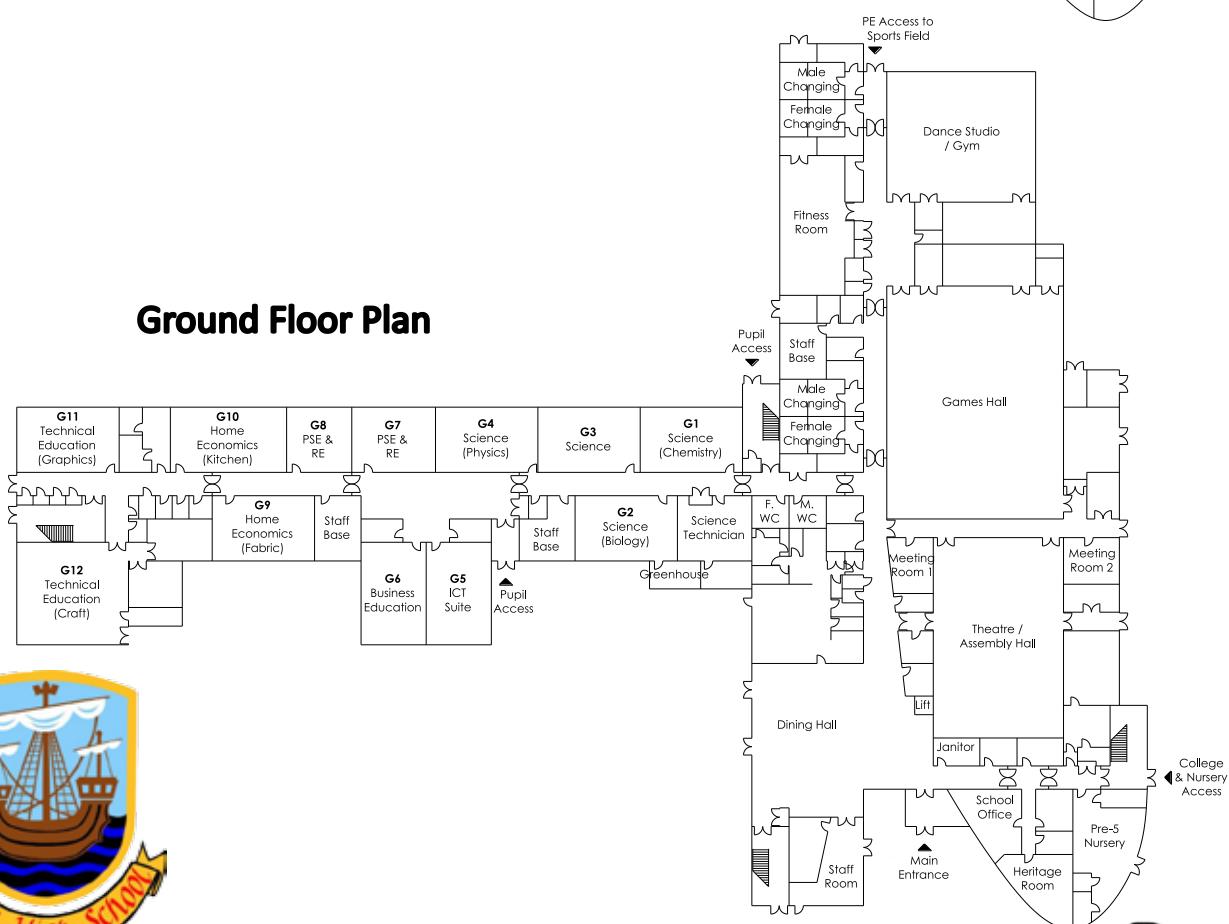
We will give you a map and a copy of your detailed timetable with classroom number and subject details.

We will help you find your way around and give you extra support until you are settled in. Everyone is here to help, so if you lose anything, or can't find your way, just ask.

Map and contact information



First Floor Plan



Main contacts:

Headteacher: Mr Smith

The School Office: Mrs Duff, Mrs Cannon, Mrs Dale

Pastoral Support: Mrs Macbeth

Support for Learning: Mrs Bunting

Depute (Year Responsibility S1-2): Mrs Dick

Depute (Year Responsibility S3-6): Mrs Foster

Area Inclusion Worker: Colin McDermott

Address:

Arran High School - Lamlash - Isle of Arran - KA27 8NG

Telephone number: 01770 600341

(the school office will be able to direct your call to the right person)

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