



WELCOME TO DRUMCHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL



READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



HOW WILL DRUMCHAPEL HIGH HELP ME GET READY TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL?

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TO DRUMCHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL.

We have five school values that we all follow at Drumchapel: **Ambition**, **Care**, **Honesty**, **Responsibility** and **Respect**. Our aim is to be successful for every learner in our school and support you on your individual journey.

Settling in

We know that moving from primary to secondary is a big step. You may be feeling excited and nervous and want to learn as much as possible about us before you start.

We have a series of events to help you settle in easily and confidently, and our staff at Drumchapel have been speaking with your Primary 7 teachers to gather as much information as possible.

Some of our teachers will also visit your primary school towards the end of summer term, to meet you and introduce themselves.

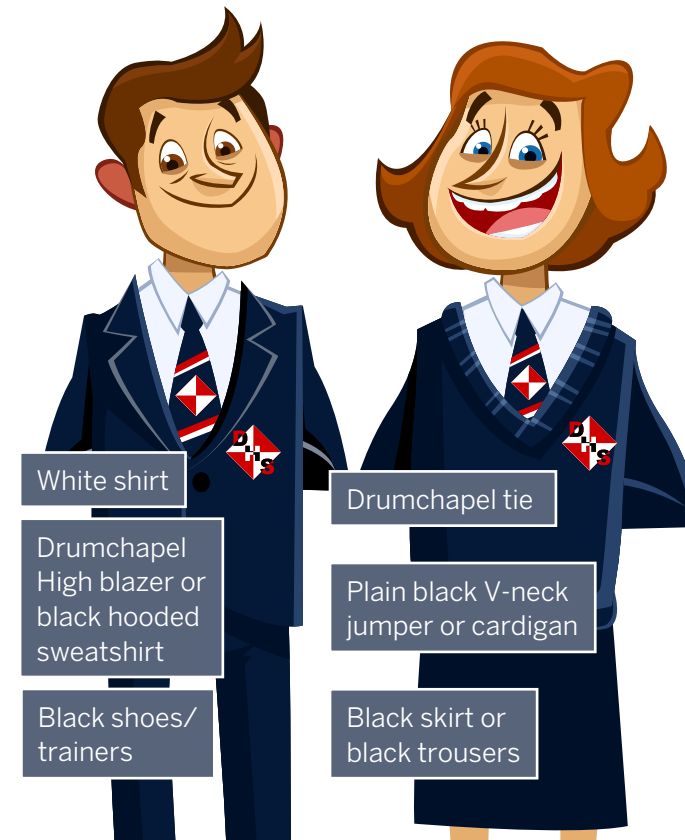
You will also visit Drumchapel High to get to know your new teachers and the layout of the school, and to meet your new classmates!

Lots of information and videos of the school will be provided on our website and Twitter.



HOW SHOULD I GET READY FOR MY FIRST DAY?

We have high standards for everyone at Drumchapel High. We expect you to wear the full, correct uniform.



On your first day, you will be provided with the following equipment: school hooded sweatshirt, gym bag, pencil case, pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, refillable water bottle and highlighter.



You are expected to bring these items daily in your school bag.

Once you have completed the appropriate training, you will be provided with an iPad. iPads are used in lots of classes throughout the school day, so should be brought to school daily with full charge. iPads can be charged in school.

Remember that classroom environments are a no phone zone. If you have to use one for your journey to and from school, it must be switched off and kept away in your bag whilst in class.



WHAT HAPPENS IN A SCHOOL DAY?

The school day has seven periods on Monday to Thursday and five periods on Friday. All periods are 50 minutes long.

Arrive at school:	8.45am
Period 1:	9.00am-9.50am
Period 2:	9.50am-10.40am
Period 3:	10.40am-11.30am
Break:	11.30am-11.45am
Period 4:	11.45am-12.35pm
Period 5:	12.35pm-1.25pm
Lunch:	1.25pm-2:00pm
Period 6:	2.00pm-2.50pm
Period 7:	2.50pm-3.40pm

There are different classrooms for lessons but you will soon get used to finding your way around. All our classrooms are numbered; any classrooms starting with a '0' are on the ground floor, '1' are on the first floor and '2' are on the second floor.

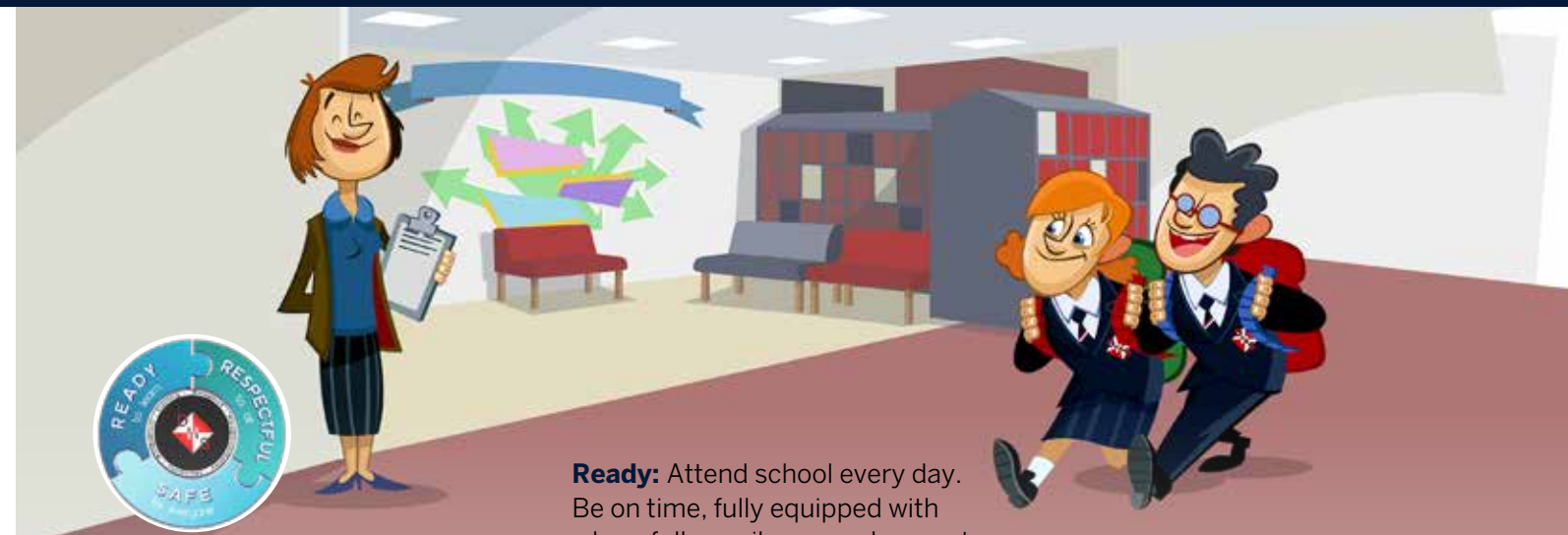
You will study new subjects and build on what you learnt in primary school.

Your subjects will include:

English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Modern Studies, Religious Education, Personal and Social Education, Home Economics, Business, Information Technology, Drama, Music, Art, Physical Education, Spanish, French and Technology.



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?



Our school has a happy and lively community atmosphere which will enable you to reach your full potential.

To support this, we have three simple rules:

- **Ready to learn**
- **Respectful to all**
- **Safe for everyone**

Ready: Attend school every day. Be on time, fully equipped with a bag, full pencil case and correct uniform, and ready to learn.

Respectful: Treat everyone with respect. Use good manners at all times and speak to each other politely.

Safe: Move quickly and quietly between lessons and follow the instructions of staff at the first time of asking.

Rewarding Pupils

Pupils can earn merits and rewards for showcasing our school values in lessons and having excellent attendance. Each term you can achieve achieve Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Rewards at the end-of-year awards ceremony.

“What if I get lost?”

There are lots of pupils and staff around the school to ask and everyone is friendly.



“What happens with my attendance?”

We want you to aim for 100% attendance but you shouldn't drop under 97% unless there is a really good reason, which is no more than five days off in a year. If you are going to be absent, you must call our absence line to let us know why. If you need further support, please contact Pastoral Care.



“What if I am finding the work difficult?”

Speak to your teacher if you are finding the work difficult and they will be happy to help and support you.

“Who do I ask for help?”

You and your family can speak to Pastoral Care if you have any worries or problems. A Pastoral Care teacher is always available if you are feeling unwell, upset or in need of support.



“What can I do for my lunch?”

At the beginning of S1, you will stay at school over lunchtime and the Fuel Zone provides a range of meals and snacks. You can also bring a packed lunch. Towards the end of S1, you can also go to the local shops, but they are extremely busy at lunchtimes!

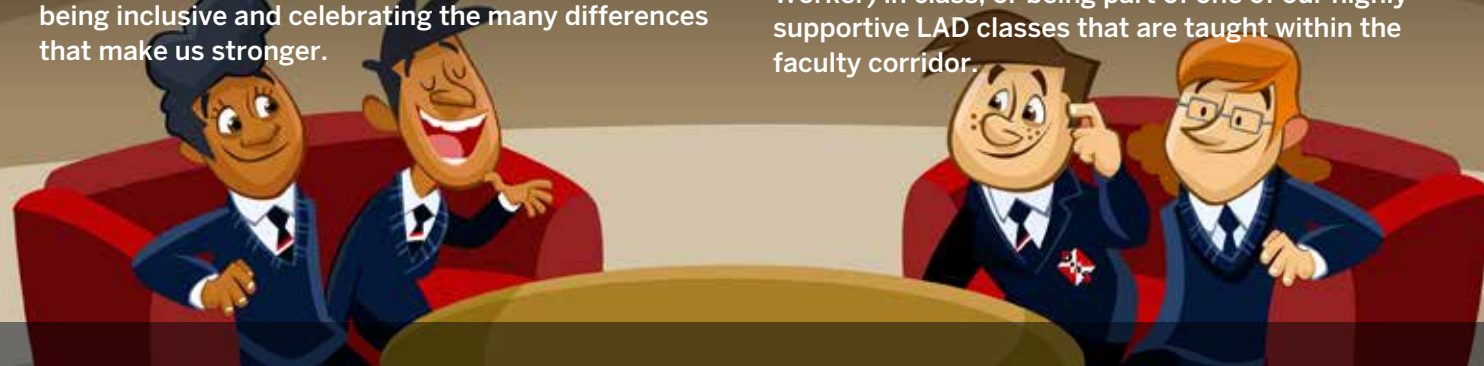


WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE IN DRUMCHAPEL HIGH?

Our Learning and Development (LAD) Faculty offers support for learning across the school in lots of different ways.

Drumchapel is a diverse community and we focus on being inclusive and celebrating the many differences that make us stronger.

If a pupil is requiring a higher level of support, they are likely to have some involvement with our LAD Faculty. This could mean taking part in intervention groups, having support from an SFLW (Support for Learning Worker) in class, or being part of one of our highly supportive LAD classes that are taught within the faculty corridor.



As a school, we follow the six principles of nurture to support our learners.

Transitions are important in children's lives

All behaviour is communication

Learning is understood developmentally

Language is a vital means of communication

Environment offers a Safe Base

Nurture is important for Wellbeing

We have a variety of partners that we work with at Drumchapel which pupils of all ages can access. They run support groups for social, emotional and mental wellbeing, as well as fitness and employability.

Drumchapel is a caring community with lots of support available.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

From the start of the year there are lots of clubs that you can join and activities which you can take part in.

Our teachers offer a great variety of lunchtime and after-school clubs, including:

Neurodivergent Group, Anti-racism Support, LGBTQ+ Support, Library Creative Writing, Choir, Football, Dance, Table Tennis/Badminton/Tennis, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Chess, Digital Leaders, Craft Club and Film Club

Clubs are a great way to meet new friends, explore new interests and learn new skills, so we encourage you to get involved as much as you can.

Please use the following QR code, which will take you to our school website. You'll find links to videos from our current S1 pupils about their experiences in Drumchapel High, as well as a tour of the school and more information about our school community and values.



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