



YSGOL
COEDCAE
SCHOOL

Welcome to Ysgol Coedcae School
Croeso i Ysgol Coedcae

Achievement through Opportunity and Partnership
Cyrhaeddiad drwy Gyfle a Phartneriaeth

How should I get ready for my first day? Sut ddylwn i baratoi ar gyfer fy niwrnod cyntaf?

It is important to wear the correct uniform from the first day.

The uniform is as follows:

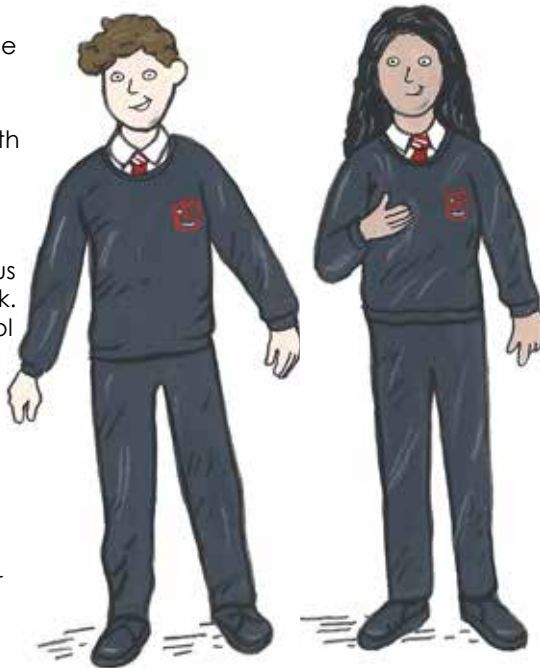
- Plain black tailored trousers or skirt
- White long or short-sleeved cotton shirt
- School tie to be worn smartly, close to the top button of your shirt or blouse
- Black V-neck jumper/cardigan with school badge
- Plain black shoes/trainers

Your coat should be a dark colour and suitable for the weather. Religious head coverings should be plain black. A jilbab must be black with the school badge.

You will also need to bring your PE kit when required.

You will need to bring a bag every day. It should be a waterproof rucksack that can hold books, an A4 file, and your PE kit.

You can leave your PE kit bag in your tutor room, until you need it.



Top tip: Pack your bag the night before to be ready for school in the morning.

You should bring your pencil case to school every day. It should contain:

- Black pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Sharpener and rubber

You will also need to bring a scientific calculator.



What will happen on my first day? Beth fydd yn digwydd ar fy niwrnod cyntaf?

School starts at 8.35am. You can arrive any time from 8.20am. On your first day, school staff and prefects will meet you at the main gates and direct you to the canteen for a Welcome Assembly. You will meet your Form Tutor and your buddy prefect, who will welcome you and help you settle in.

After assembly, you will spend time with your Form Tutor and new form group.

During your first week, you will have a series of special lessons to help you settle in and ease any worries you might have.

The topics will include:

- How to use the canteen
- How to present your work
- How to get organised for the school day
- Personal safety
- Fire drill and road safety
- Making friends
- What to do when getting changed for PE
- What equipment is needed

If you have any other questions or worries, you can ask your form tutor or buddy prefect.

MY NAME IS ALIASGAR AND I WENT TO STEBONHEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL. I AM NOW A YEAR 7 PUPIL AT COEDCAE. COEDCAE IS A GREAT SCHOOL. ALL OF MY LESSONS ARE ENJOYABLE AND THE TEACHERS ARE SO SUPPORTIVE. MATHS IS MY FAVOURITE - WE PLAY LOTS OF EDUCATIONAL GAMES AND THE TEACHER IS FUNNY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER.



Where do I go at break and lunchtime? Ble ydw i'n mynd amser egwyl ac amser cinio?



You can make new friends during break and lunchtimes, and you can spend time with them in the outdoor area.

Food

You can bring a snack and water to have at morning break. Please note that you are not allowed to bring energy or fizzy drinks to school.

You will have your lunch in the canteen. You can enjoy a full range of hot and cold foods, or bring in a packed lunch.

You will go in early for lunch for the first few weeks to help you get used to the lunchtime system.

The school lunch menu has meat or vegetarian options, including:

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| ■ Cheese and potato pie | ■ Chillli |
| ■ Cottage pie | ■ Curry |
| ■ Fruit | ■ Hot and cold puddings |
| ■ Jacket potatoes | ■ Juice, water, milk, milkshakes |
| ■ Paninis | ■ Pasta |
| ■ Roast dinners | ■ Sandwiches |
| ■ Wraps | ■ Yoghurt |

If you have any special dietary requirements, don't worry, let us know, and we will make sure you are catered for. We have a cashless catering system, so you don't have to worry about bringing in money.

Lunchtime clubs

Also, at lunchtime, you will have the chance to enjoy one of our exciting clubs.

There are lots of teachers and staff around at lunchtime for you to talk to if you need help or have any questions or worries. They will be wearing yellow vests so you can easily identify them.

HELLO! MY NAME IS KACPER AND THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WAS IN PENRHOS PRIMARY SCHOOL. THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT COEDCAE BUT MY FAVOURITE THING IS THE CANTEEN. THE FOOD IS SO YUMMY. I'VE TRIED IT ALL BUT THE POTATO WEDGES ARE THE BEST - SO DELICIOUS. YOU REALLY WILL ENJOY COEDCAE. SEE YOU SOON.



What happens in a school day? Beth sy'n digwydd yn ystod y dydd?

You will have five lessons during the day, each of which is one hour long. There is a morning break, and lunchtime break.



8.35	Registration
8.50	Lesson 1
9.50	Lesson 2
10.50	Break
11.10	Lesson 3
12.10	Lesson 4
13.10	Lunch
13.55	Lesson 5
14.55	End of the day

You will spend the first 15 minutes of each day with your Form Tutor, who will take the register. This session will also focus on personal and social education, school news and bulletins. You will also have the chance to make friends and get to know your Form Tutor.

Subjects studied in Year 7 include:

Art, Design Technology, Drama, English, French, Geography, History, ICT, Maths, Music, PE, Religious Studies, Science, and Welsh.

Homework

You will have regular homework. If you need extra help, you can go to Homework Club, which runs after school every day.



What are the facilities like? Sut mae'r cyfleusterau?

We have fantastic facilities, including:

- Red-gra sports pitch
- Tennis courts
- Cricket pitch
- Rugby pitch
- Dance studio
- Drama studio
- Sports hall
- Music recording studio
- ICT rooms
- Learning resource centre
- Fitness suite/gym



What is expected of me? Beth a ddisgwylir gennyf?

We expect and encourage of all our pupils to be **kind, courageous, ambitious, successful, and courteous**. You should always do what is asked of you.

We encourage every pupil at Coedcae to:

- Contribute fully to the local and school community
- Obtain the best qualifications possible
- Enjoy all aspects of school life
- Develop a wide range of skills
- Care for and respect themselves and others
- Achieve their full potential
- Exhibit trust, honesty, and tolerance



Pastoral care Gofal Bugeiliol

It is normal to have worries, especially as you move into a new school. If you need help or have any worries or questions about school, or anything else, don't bottle it up. There will always be an adult you can speak to at Coedcae.

You can talk to:

- Your Form Tutor, who you will see every day
- Your Pupil Support Leader or Assistant, or any other member of staff that you feel comfortable with
- Mrs Allen, who is always available

If you are not feeling well, ask your teacher's permission to see your Pupil Support Assistant, senior staff on duty, or the school office. If necessary, we will contact your parents/carers so they can collect you. If they are not available, we will look after you in school.



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

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There are lots of exciting activities which you can do at lunchtime or after school. They allow you to try something new or follow your own interests.

Some of the clubs we offer include:

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| ■ Art Club | ■ Basketball | ■ Choir |
| ■ Criw Cymraeg | ■ Dance | ■ Eco Club |
| ■ Fitness Suite | ■ Football | ■ Homework Club |
| ■ Horrible History Club | ■ ICT Coding Club | ■ MusicMakers |
| ■ Netball | ■ Reading Club | ■ Rugby |
| ■ School Magazine Club | ■ Welsh Homework Club | |



Our fantastic school trips will give you the chance to explore the wider world and gain new experiences. They include:

- Adventure holidays
- French/European markets
- Historical sites
- Legoland
- London and other cities of interest
- Skiing in Austria
- Theatre visits



Make sure you take every opportunity to become involved in everything that interests you. Join clubs, make friendships, and enjoy your learning.



Enjoy school, all day, every day at Coedcae School



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