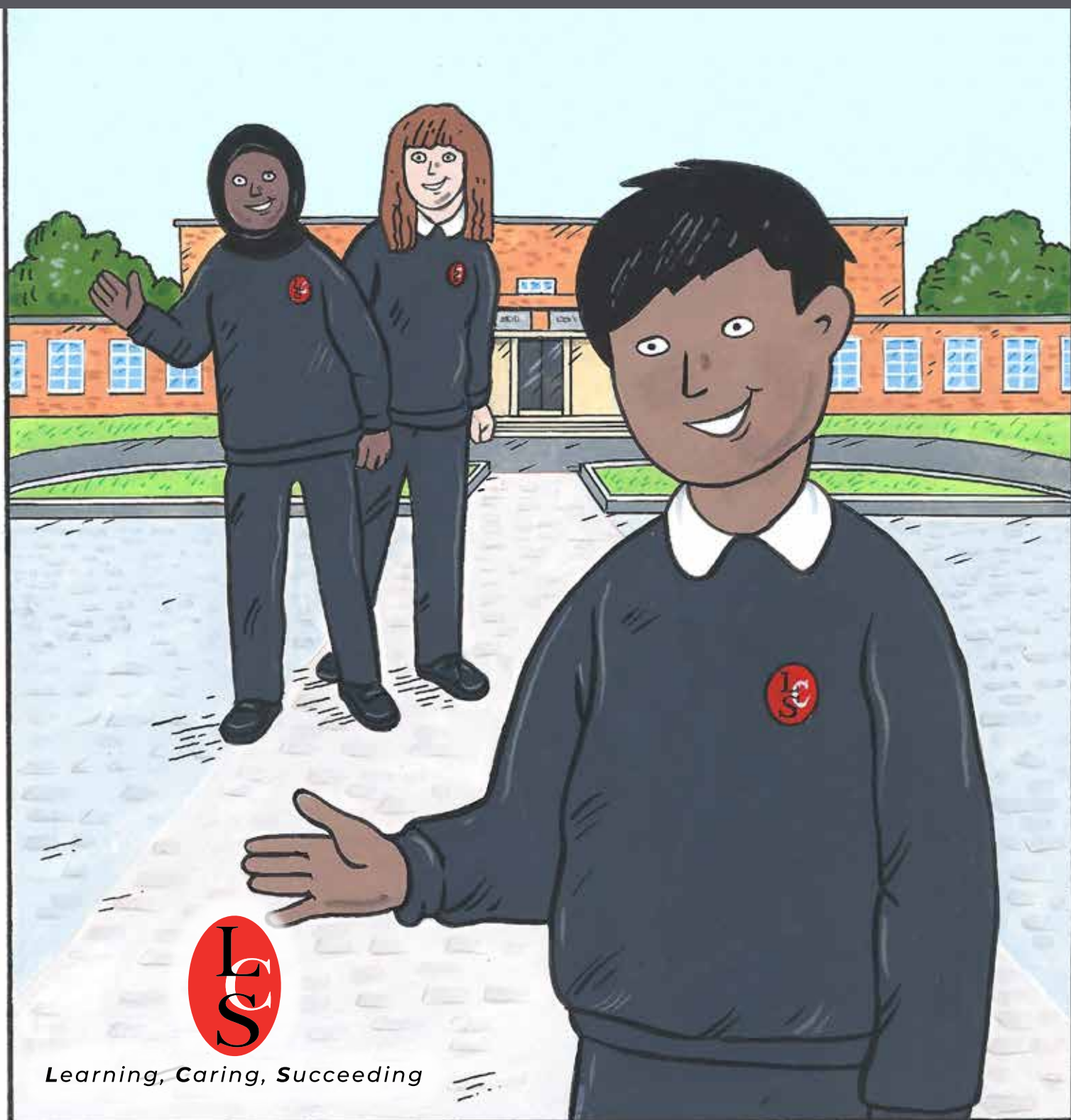


WELCOME TO LITTLEOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Here is your essential guide to Year 7 at Littleover Community School (LCS).
It's full of all the information you will need to settle in quickly and confidently.



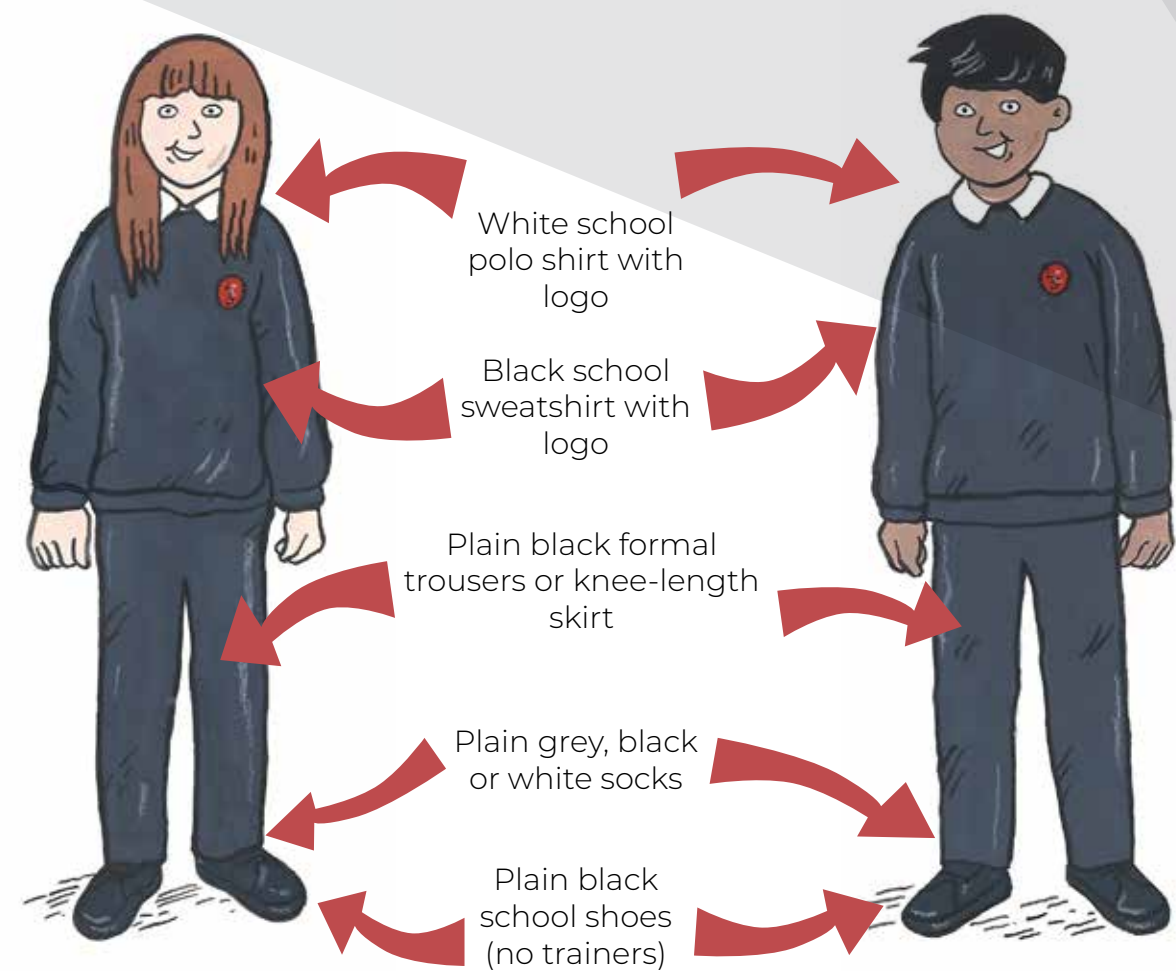
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WHAT WILL I NEED FOR MY FIRST DAY?

We have high standards for everything at LCS and this includes our uniform.

We expect you to wear the correct uniform from your first day.

UNIFORM



EQUIPMENT

You will need to bring the following items with you every day, in a strong bag:

- Pencil case containing:
 - Pen
 - Pencil
 - Ruler
 - Rubber
 - Angle measure/protractor (360)
 - Compass
- Small bottle of hand sanitiser
 - Small bottle of water
 - Snack for break
 - Trainers
 - PE kit when needed

You can buy a scientific calculator from us. You will use it until you complete your GCSEs.

LOCKER

Because you will need different books for each class and move between classrooms, we will allocate you a locker if you would like one. We recommend that you use it so you don't need to carry everything around with you all day. We will let you know how much the locker key costs and will refund some of the cost at the end of your time at LCS.

Make sure that all of your equipment and uniform is labelled with your name so it can be returned to you if it goes astray.

GETTING TO SCHOOL

It is a good idea to become familiar with the route to school before your first day. Most of you will walk to school so remember road safety and only cross Pastures Hill at the light-controlled crossings.

BUS SERVICE

Harpur's Coaches also runs a bus service. Ask School Reception for details of the route or check on the school website, in the 'Getting to and from School' section under 'Information for Parents'.

CYCLE

If you cycle in, always wear a safety helmet and lock your bike in the bike shed, or at the bike racks on site only.

HOW WILL YOU HELP ME GET READY FOR MY FIRST DAY?

Before you join us in September, you will come to our Induction Days, which will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5th–7th of July.

HAPPY AND RELAXED

You will need to arrive here at 8.30am. We want you to feel happy and relaxed on your Induction Day so make sure you get here on time. We recommend you plan out how long the journey will take you so you know when to set off.

INDUCTION DAYS

You will come into school through the Pastures Hill Gate and be met there by school staff. They will guide you to the meeting point with your Tutor. You will spend some of the Induction Days with your form and your Tutor. You will do some ice-breaking activities so you can all get to know each other. You will also do sample lessons during the three days and have a tour of the school so you can start to find your way around. You will also do some fun activities, including an inter-form competition!



WHAT WILL YOU EXPECT FROM ME?

To help our wonderful school community work together and thrive, we all follow the LCS way:

LCS WAY

We respect our fellow students and staff and show this through our behaviour and actions. There is only **one way** to behave as a student at LCS.

We stand up against aggression, violence and bullying in all forms. When we see this is happening, we work together to **stop** it.

We will work and behave to the best of our ability at all times. There is **no stopping** us until we are the best that we can possibly be!

We are honest and take responsibility for our own actions as **individuals**.

We look smart and ready to **go** to work at all times.

WE EXPECT YOU TO:

- treat everyone with respect, which includes having respect for yourself.
- be polite.
- always be prepared for your classes and be on time.

When you have done well (or not met the expected standards), your teachers will record a positive (or negative) point on Go4Schools. We much prefer to concentrate on when you have done well and believe that a system of rewards acts as an incentive.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I HAVE DONE WELL?

We have lots of rewards in school such as postcards home, emails to your parents/carers and reward passports.

Your Head of Year will award prizes for these as well as for attendance and punctuality.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Each day has five periods, Tutor time, morning break and lunchtime.

8.40am–9.00am	Tutor Time, Registration and Assemblies
9.00am–10.00am	Period 1
10.00am–11.00am	Period 2
11.00am–11.20am	Break
11.20am–12.20pm	Period 3
12.20pm–1.20pm	Period 4
1.20pm–2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm–3.00pm	Period 5

There will be a ‘Week A’ and ‘Week B’ timetable. You will fill in your timetable on your first morning at school. You can also check the Go4Schools website, which has your timetables, homework information and lots more.

TUTOR GROUP

You will see your Tutor every day and you will get to know them and your tutor group really well. You will do interesting and fun activities with your group which are designed to widen your knowledge of the world and open you up to new experiences. You will read about and discuss UK and world news, and take part in inter-form quizzes and sports competitions, and year group assemblies.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT GETTING LOST!

You will move between classes for each subject. Don't worry about getting lost or not having enough time to get to your next class. We will give you a map and lots of practice finding your way around the school. And teachers and older students will be happy to help.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study a wide range of subjects. Some you may be familiar with from primary school and some will be new to you. Your teachers will be experts in their subjects and teach in interesting ways which will be challenging and fun.

YOUR SUBJECTS WILL INCLUDE:

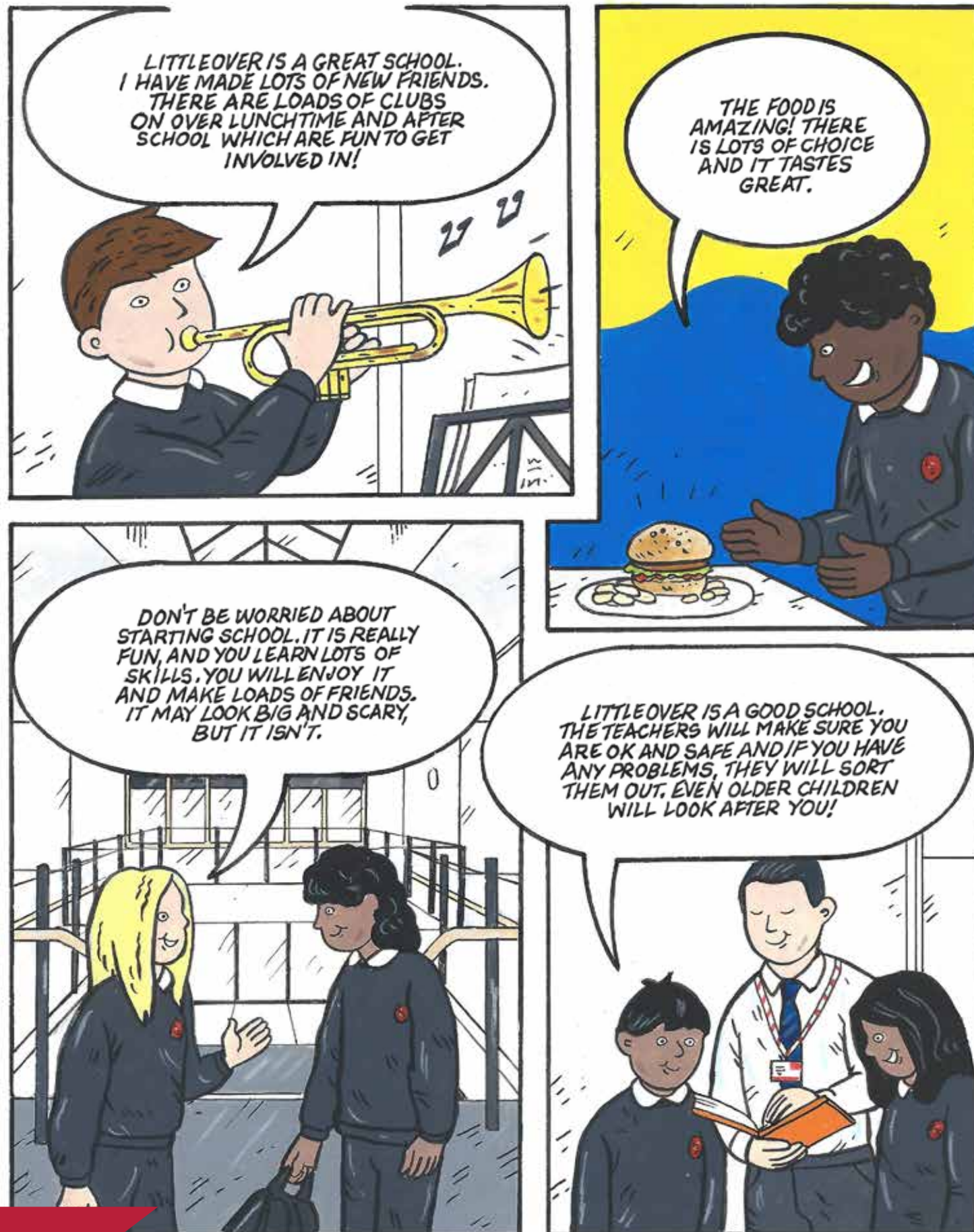
Your subjects will include: English, Maths, Science, French, Geography, RE, Technology, Art, Music, Drama, Computing, PSHE and Citizenship, PE and a second foreign language such as German or Spanish.

Technology will be taught in smaller groups as there is a lot of practical work. You will study areas such as Resistant Materials (working with wood, plastic or metal), Graphics, Engineering, Textiles and Food.



WHAT MAKES LITTLEOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL SO GREAT?

THIS IS WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT LIFE AT LITTLEOVER:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We know that moving from primary to secondary school is a big step. You may feel excited but it is natural to feel a bit nervous about the changes ahead. To help overcome some of your worries, here are answers to some questions we are asked every year:

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM LATE?

First of all, try to avoid being late. Pack your bag the night before so you aren't in a rush in the morning and can start your journey feeling calm and on schedule.

We know that things go wrong from time to time and sometimes you may be unable to get to school on time. If you are late but you arrive at school before 9am, go straight to your form room.

If you arrive after that, go to Student Services and sign in before going to your lesson.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOSE ANYTHING?

As mentioned before, make sure that all of your uniform and equipment has your name on it. This means that if you lose anything at school, there is a very good chance that it will be returned to you. If you have lost anything, go to Student Services and check there.

We sell supplies of some stationery, so you may be able to replace small items of equipment straight away.

WHEN CAN I USE THE TOILETS?

Toilet breaks during lessons disrupt your studies and those of your classmates. We understand that there will sometimes be emergencies so let your teacher know if this is the case and you will be excused. Otherwise, only go during break and lunchtime.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD?

We have a brilliant canteen. There is lots of choice and everything is great value. We have a fingerprint payment system so you don't need to bring in cash. Your parents/carers pay into your account online.

If you prefer to bring in food from home, there are 'sandwich' rooms available and water is provided.

WHAT ABOUT HOMEWORK?

You will receive regular homework for most of your subjects. For subjects such as English, Maths and Foreign Languages, you will receive homework every week. For other subjects, it may be fortnightly or several times a term. We will give you a homework timetable when you join us in September so you can see what you will have each week. Details of specific pieces of homework will be given to you in class and recorded on Go4Schools.

We expect you to complete your homework on time and to a standard that you are proud of. We also want you to have a full and balanced life outside of school and have time for hobbies and seeing friends and family. So here are some tips for tackling homework:

- Check it when you get it to make sure you understand what you have to do. If you don't understand, ask your teacher.
- Plan out your week. Block out time that you are not free so you can see what time you have available to complete your homework.
- Don't leave things to the last minute. You won't be able to do your best if you are in a rush.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM BULLIED OR I KNOW THAT A FRIEND IS BEING BULLIED?

We really are a friendly place with a brilliant family atmosphere and we have zero tolerance for bullying. If teachers or school staff see it happening, they will intervene.

If you are being bullied or know someone that it is happening to, tell your Form Tutor or any member of staff you feel comfortable talking to. We promise to listen and take action.

WHAT CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

We have a brilliant range of clubs available. They take place at lunchtime and after school.

SPORT

You can try sports clubs in netball, football, badminton, cricket, gymnastics, rounders, athletics, cross country and trampolining. There will also be opportunities to take part in sports competitions.



ART AND MUSIC

There are clubs for music and the arts. So you can try Urban Choir, Brass group, Art club and Drama club, Reading groups, Creative Writing groups and Craft club.



CURRICULUM CLUBS

We have clubs which go into more depth in curriculum areas such as Engineering club, Maths and Science Support, Sunrise club for English, Computer club, Cookery club and Homework clubs. And clubs for hobbies such as Lego Technic club and Board Games club.

NEW EXPERIENCES

You can also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. We run trips as part of your studies such as theatre trips and visits to Europe. You can take part in our 'Young Performers' Evenings and school drama and musical productions, and charity fund-raising events. You can help with decision making at school by joining the School Council as a form rep or join a sub-committee.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP?



We know that everyone has worries from time to time. It really helps to talk so we want you to let us know if you need help.

You can speak to any adult at LCS that you feel comfortable talking to but we also have a team of teachers and support staff who are experts on helping with problems:

FORM TUTOR

You will get to know your Form Tutor really well and you will have the same tutor all the time you are at LCS. You may feel that they are the most approachable. If your parents/carers need any advice or want to talk about any problems you may have, they can also speak to your Form Tutor.

HEADS OF YEAR

You can also speak to your Head of Year, and Assistant Head of Year. Like your Form Tutor, your Year Head and Assistant Head will usually stay with your year group while you are with us, so you will get to know them well too.

WELL-BEING

If you need additional help with your studies or with coping in school, you may get support from Behaviour or Learning Support, or from the Student Well-being Team.

All the teachers and staff at LCS want your time with us to be happy and productive. So if you need help, don't keep it to yourself – speak to someone. We are ready to help.

SAFEGUARDING

LCS wants you to feel safe and well at home, in school and in the community. If there is ever a time where something is happening that makes you feel unsafe or you have been harmed, the LCS Safeguarding Team will support you and your family to change this for the better.

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