

WELCOME TO THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY

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THIS IS YOUR GUIDE TO JOINING THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY.
INSIDE IS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A SUCCESSFUL
START AT OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOL.

What do I need for my first day?

We have very high standards at The Wellington Academy and expect you to wear the correct full uniform from your first day.



Boys:

- White long- or short-sleeved shirt that can be worn with a tie
- House tie
- Black jumper with school logo
- Black full-length straight school trousers
- Black socks
- Black formal school shoes

Girls:

- Plain white shirt
- Black jumper with school logo
- School tartan skirt or Black full-length straight school trousers
- Black socks or thick black tights
- Black formal school shoes
- House badge when wearing a skirt or house tie when wearing trousers



You must also wear a black Wellington Academy blazer with an embroidered badge. You can wear outer coats suitable for school but not inside the school building or in place of a blazer.

You can bring a mobile phone to school but must not use it during the school day. You should switch it off and keep it in your bag.

PE kit

- Girls:**
- Black Wellington Academy polo shirt
 - Black Wellington Academy shorts
 - Black Wellington Academy tracksuit
 - Black or white PE socks
 - Trainers
 - Towel
- Boys:**
- Black Wellington Academy polo shirt
 - Black Wellington Academy shorts
 - Black Wellington Academy tracksuit
 - Black PE socks
 - Trainers
 - Football boots
 - Towel
- Equipment**
- Every day you must bring a pencil case containing:
- Blue/black pens
 - Pencil
 - Eraser
 - Sharpener
 - Ruler
 - Compass
 - Maths geometry set
 - Casio scientific calculator (you can buy this from the Maths team)
 - A few colouring pencils
 - A highlighter

What will my first few weeks be like?

On your first day, you will arrive at 8.30am. You will come in through the main entrance and be shown to the theatre, where you will meet your form tutor. They will take you to your classroom.

During the day, you will be given a map and do fun orientation activities to help you find your way around the school.

What will my school day look like?

A typical school day looks like this:

08:20	Arrive at School (via the sports centre Gate)
08:30 – 09:00	Tutor Time / Assembly
09:00 – 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2
11:00 – 11:30	Break (C Block)
11:30 – 12:30	Period 3
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Period 4
14:00 – 15:00	Period 5
15:00	End of School Day (Clubs Start)

What happens at break and lunchtime?

You can stay inside and chat with your friends in a designated seating area. If the weather is nice, you might prefer to go outside. Year 7s have their own canteen and playground in C Block.

What will I study?

You will build upon what you have learnt in primary school. You will also study some exciting new subjects. In Year 7, you will do:

- Creative Arts
- English
- French
- History
- ICT
- Performing Arts
- Science
- Design Technology
- Ethics & Philosophy
- Geography
- Hospitality & Catering
- Maths
- Physical Education
- Spanish

Homework

Homework is essential to reinforce what you have learnt in lessons and prepare you for your next lessons.

As well as homework, you will create three pieces of independent study each week. In September, you will be given an independent study book called your 'Be Ready' book, in which you will create your study pieces.



What our Years 7s say

"Try to have full attendance. If you miss two weeks of school, that means you have 50 lessons to catch up on. Being behind is tricky when the entire class is ahead of you, and you have to keep up. Ask a friend or stay behind with a teacher to help you fill in on the things that you have missed."

AWARD FOR ATTENDANCE

"Always get to lessons on time. If you're 5 minutes late to each lesson, you miss 25 minutes of learning a day!" "Being late interrupts the teacher and the students - the whole lesson in general."

"Don't misbehave in lessons; it annoys the students as well as the teacher. If you need to speak to your teacher about something, they will always have time for your queries after the lesson or after school." "The only stupid question is the one you don't ask, as somebody once said."

"Senior school seems huge when you first arrive. Everyone has been lost at least once - you'll soon know your way around like the back of your hand. In the meantime, don't hesitate to ask any teachers or students where to go or what to do. They've all been in the same position and know how you feel. They will help you get used to senior school in no time."

PLANNER

Make sure to write down your homework in your planner - there is nothing worse than forgetting what to do or when it is due in. Pack your bag the night before with all your books, equipment and homework. I have had plenty of occasions when I have been halfway to school, and I had to run back for something I had forgotten. Not good!

What is expected of me?

You are expected to:

Be honest, polite and considerate at all times

- Think of others before yourself.
- Be helpful.
- Use "Please" and "Thank you".
- Apologise when you have acted thoughtlessly.
- Open and hold doors for others to pass through.
- Address all staff as Sir or Miss.
- Be prepared to tell the truth.

Respect the rights, opinions and property of others

- Do not be selfish, prejudiced or intolerant.
- Everyone is equal and should be treated so.
- Allow others to put their opinions forward, and do not interrupt while others are speaking.
- Treat other people's property with care, including textbooks and other school resources.

Work hard and do your best

- Use 100% of your lesson time to work.
- Use break times to chat with others, not during lessons.
- Attempt all homework/classwork to the best of your ability.
- Do not give up without trying.

Take responsibility for your work and actions

- Know what work you have to do.
- If you miss work, find out what it is and catch up.
- Hand in all homework on time.
- If you have problems, seek help.
- Do not blame others for something that is your fault. Accept when you are wrong.
- Forgetting is not an excuse.

Be well prepared for all lessons

- Be prepared and on time for your lessons with all the equipment you will need.
- Pack your school bag the night before. Use a checklist to help you.
- Use lockers and toilets at the assigned times, not between or during lessons.
- Be prepared to work and sit quietly before lessons start.

Listen carefully and follow instructions

- Know there is a time to listen and a time to speak.
- Move around school sensibly.
- Care for your environment.
- Remember that you are an ambassador for the school at all times.

PROUD

At The Wellington Academy, we are PROUD:

Polite – Students speak respectfully to each other and to staff and do not use inappropriate or offensive language.

Respectful – Students treat the school with respect and do not graffiti, vandalise or litter. Students follow instructions the first time of asking.

On time – Students are on time for lessons and walk purposefully between lessons.

Uniform – Students wear their uniform neatly and with pride, according to academy policy.

Dedicated – Students are dedicated to learning, take every opportunity to make progress and never disrupt lessons.

Houses

You will belong to one of our four houses, each with a tie. They are named after significant people in the arts, science, exploration and sport. Our house system will help you develop leadership and teamwork skills. Our houses are:

McQueen House: Sir Steve McQueen – the arts

Gilbert House: Dame Sarah Gilbert – science

Peake House: Major Tim Peake – exploration

Hamilton House: Sir Lewis Hamilton – sport

Rewards

You can earn House Points for outstanding contributions to classwork, homework, lessons, school life and work completed in extracurricular clubs.

House Points are recorded on the school system with the chance to get exciting rewards such as a film night, Christmas party, breakfast with staff and school trips.



What clubs and activities can I do at The Wellington Academy?

You will be expected to sign up for at least one club or activity a week. They will usually take place between 3.15pm and 4.15pm.



We have a range of exciting clubs to suit all tastes and interests. They are an excellent opportunity to try something new, pursue a hobby and make new friends.

Our sports clubs and activities include:

- Boxing
- Climbing
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Football
- Netball
- Fitness
- Spinning
- Hockey
- Table Tennis

Performing arts clubs and activities include:

- Choir
- Music Technology
- Live Lounge
- Guitar/Ukulele club
- Dance Company
- School Show

Our science clubs and activities are:

- Science Enhancement club
- Science Seneca Clinic

If you are interested in media, English and languages, you can choose:

- Book club
- Amnesty International book club
- Film studies
- Scrabble Championship

- French and Spanish conversation
- AMA Programme

We also run:

- Cross Stitch
- Knit and Natter
- Green Fingers gardening
- Computing club
- Wellbeing
- Service Pupil Support Group

School trips

We run fantastic school trips throughout the year. These include trips to cities such as Paris and Belfast, skiing trips, visits to the Imperial War Museum, the theatre and panto, and football and rugby matches.



Frequently Asked Questions

It is normal to have lots of questions and worries before starting secondary school. Here are the answers to some of the most common questions.

What do I do if I am worried or unsure about something to do with school?

Your tutor is the first person to speak to. They will have the answer you need. We are also lucky to have our Student Manager for Year 7, Mr Tidy. He will support you with anything you need.

When can I use the toilet?

Break or lunchtime is the best time to go to the toilet. If you are desperate, you could try to use them between lessons, but you could get your conduct card signed and detention for being late. If you have a medical issue, please see your tutor or Mr Tidy.

What should I do if I am feeling unwell during the school day?

See your tutor or Mr Tidy. They will support you or direct you to our school nurse. You will only go to the school nurse if you speak to your tutor, Mr Tidy or Mr Hughes, Head of Year 7.

Will I make new friends, or will I be left out?

In secondary school, you will make new friends and start to see some of your primary friends less. This is normal, but it can be difficult and feel odd. Your tutor will run sessions about these changes in Year 7.

What is the Homework Book?

Each night you must complete a piece of homework based on something you have learnt that day. It could be a mind map, poster, research, or anything you like. It can be as creative as you would like to make it. You will have sessions with your tutor about this in September.

Is it easy to get lost?

Not at all. We are really lucky the school is designed so that you will always end up in the centre of the school, called the atrium. On your timetables, the first number is the floor, or block and floor. For example:

1-34 is room 34 upstairs
C0-12 is room 12 downstairs in C Block
S1-12 is room 12 upstairs in S Block.

Always ask someone if you are lost, as they will always help. There is a handy map for you to use on the back page of this book.

What happens at break and lunch times?

Year 7s have their own yard and canteen. We are really lucky to have this space as no other years are allowed to use it. This will change as the year progresses.

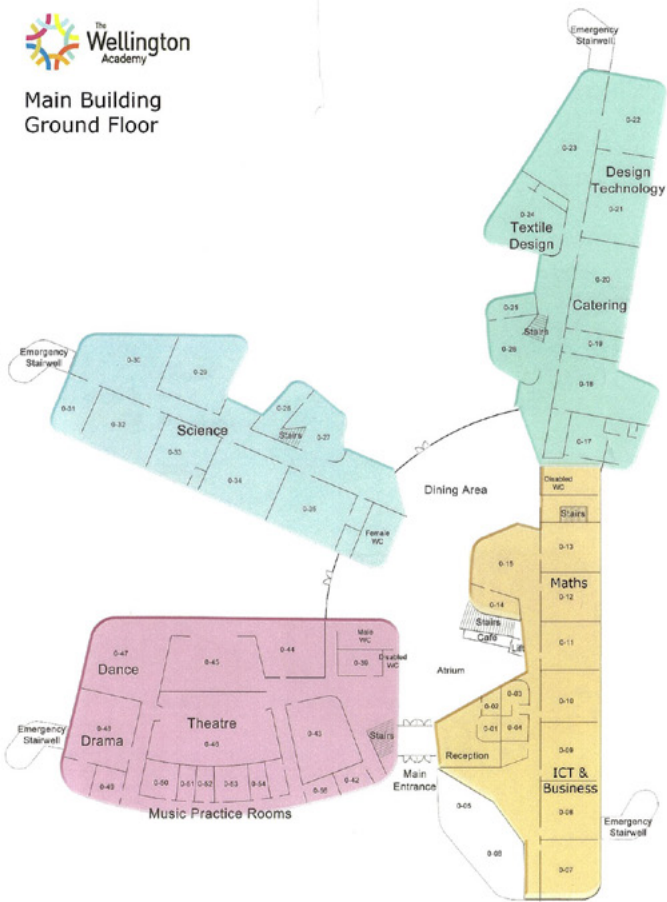
The school has a cashless canteen which your parents can top up via a system called ParentPay. There is a huge selection of food at break and lunch every day.



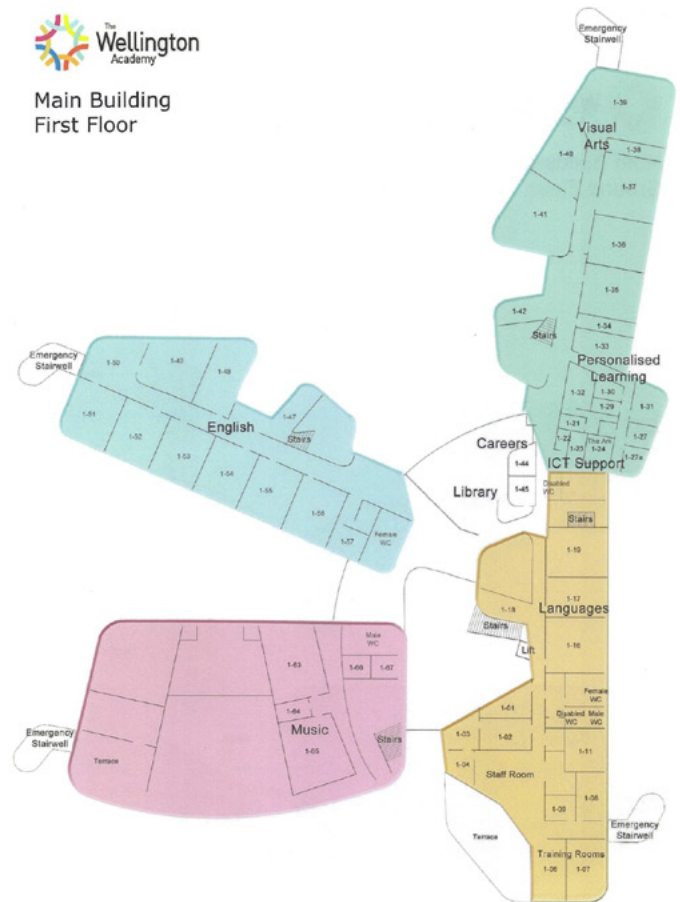
School Map



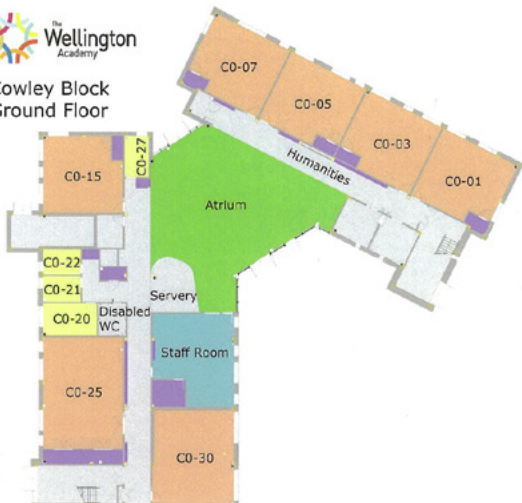
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