

Welcome to Alsager School

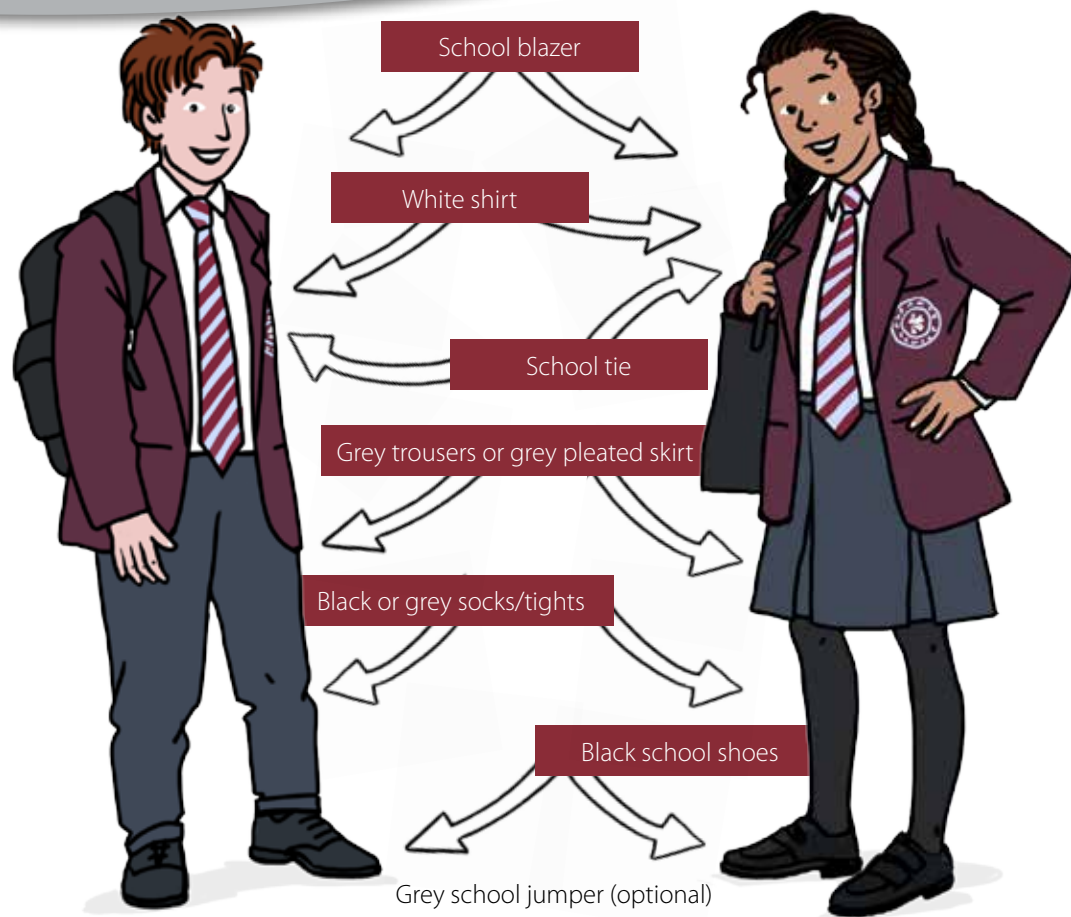
An Achieving School
A Caring Community



How should I get ready for my first day?

Welcome to your journey with Alsager School.

We are proud of our school and our brilliant staff and students. We want our students to show how proud they are to be part of Alsager School by wearing the correct uniform.



You will need to bring the following items with you in a strong school bag:

- **2 black pens**
- **1 green pen**
- **2 pencils**
- **Ruler**
- **Rubber**
- **Calculator**

We will give you your student planner when you join us and you will need to make sure you bring it to school every day.

To make sure you don't forget anything, it is a good idea to pack your school bag the night before.

Please remember that you cannot use phones or smart watches in school. If you have to use one for your journey to and from school, it must be switched off and put away whilst in school.



What happens on my first day at Alsager School?

Your new term will start earlier than the rest of the school so you can get settled in when the school is less busy.

You may know some students from your primary school but don't worry if you don't. On your first day, you will do lots of fun activities, which will help 'break the ice' and help you start to make new friends.

Your Form Tutor will give you a timetable and map of the school. Don't worry about getting lost – all staff and other students will be happy to help you.

By the end of the first week, you will find that you know the school very well.



When you start at Alsager, you will join one of our colleges:
Dod, Lovell, Moreton or Royce.



On your first day, you will meet your Head of College, who will work with your Form Tutor to make sure you settle into school life. Together they will help you with any problems you have, inside and outside school.

We all know what the first day in secondary school feels like, so we will do as much as possible to make you feel welcome and help you settle in.



What happens in a school day?

The school day has five lessons, which are 60 minutes long. There is also a break and lunchtime.

08.30	Arrive at school
08.40 – 09.40	Period 1
09.45 – 10.45	Period 2
10.45 – 11.05	Break
11.05 – 12.05	Period 3
12.05 – 12.30	Form time
12.30 – 13.05	Lunch
13.05 – 14.10	Period 4
14.10 – 15.10	Period 5

You will move between classrooms for different lessons. Everyone will be happy to help, so just ask an older student or a teacher if you get lost.

You will learn new subjects, as well as building on what you have learnt before in subjects you have studied at primary school.

The school canteen 'Best Bite' is open before school, as well as at break and lunchtime. It has a brilliant selection of food for you to enjoy, from snacks to full meals.



What will I study?

All students will study:

English
Science
Geography
Drama
PE
Design and Technology
Art History
Modern Foreign Languages

Mathematics
History
RE
Dance
Computing
Music
ICT



Our brilliant teachers are experts in their subjects. They will spark your interest, set clear goals, have high expectations for you and help you to reach your full potential.

The school has some fantastic facilities, including:

- **Astro turf sports facilities**
- **Dance mirrors**
- **Drama studio**
- **Fully equipped Science classrooms**
- **DT facilities**
- **Food tech rooms**
- **Outdoor sports pitches**
- **Recording facilities and music production rooms**
- **Sports hall**
- **Teaching rooms**
- **Theatre stage with lighting**
- **Swimming pool**

What does Alsager School expect of me?

The **SPiRiT** ethos is the heart of our school and is focused on a key set of values:

S – Self Regulation – you are on time to lessons and arrive prepared for learning.

P – Participation – your participation in lessons inspires others to participate.

I – Integrity – you demonstrate integrity, offer ideas and help others to improve.

R – Resilient – you embrace challenges as they arise.

I – Inspired – your behaviour inspires others.

T – Tolerant – you are tolerant of others' ideas and allow others to shape your views and perspectives.

There will be SPiRiT learning each week and assemblies at least twice a fortnight.

The SPiRiT values are a large part of our school. As well as being seen in lessons and assemblies, you will have a SPiRiT lesson each week with your form group.

There are also SPiRiT days, which offer an opportunity for a different style of learning. SPiRiT week is a real highlight of the year when you will be encouraged to try new activities and be inspired by the careers, ideas and workshops you experience.



We have high expectations for our students. We will work with you as an individual to help you achieve your full potential.

Rewards

We really enjoy celebrating with you! When you have shown exceptional effort, done well academically or been an exemplar to our SPiRiT values, we want to celebrate that and will award certificates, recognise your achievements in assemblies and reward you.



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?



At Alsager, we want to broaden your horizons and offer you experiences that will enhance your learning.

As part of this, we offer many trips and visits, including theatre and music trips, field trips and the opportunity to take part in competitions with other schools.

We also take part in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.



There are a wide range of sports clubs and activities available at lunchtime and after school, including athletics, basketball, football, netball, rounders, rugby and dance.

If you are interested in something less sporty, there are lots of other clubs to get involved in, including Nintendo, debating, Young Engineers, textiles, cookery, ukulele, orchestra and vocal group!



There really is something for everyone! Joining a club is a brilliant way to make new friends, find a new interest, learn a new skill and push yourself out of your comfort zone.



We try to run clubs for whatever there is demand for, so let us know if you have an idea for a new club or activity.



We look forward to you joining the Alsager family



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