

Welcome to Bristnall Hall Academy

In a class of our own



How will Bristnall Hall Academy help me to get ready for secondary school?

Starting secondary school is exciting, but we understand that you may also feel a little nervous and have lots of questions. We have created this book to help you to feel informed and know what to expect when you start with us in September.

We will do everything possible to make your transition to Bristnall Hall Academy as easy as possible and to help to break down any barriers or worries you may have.



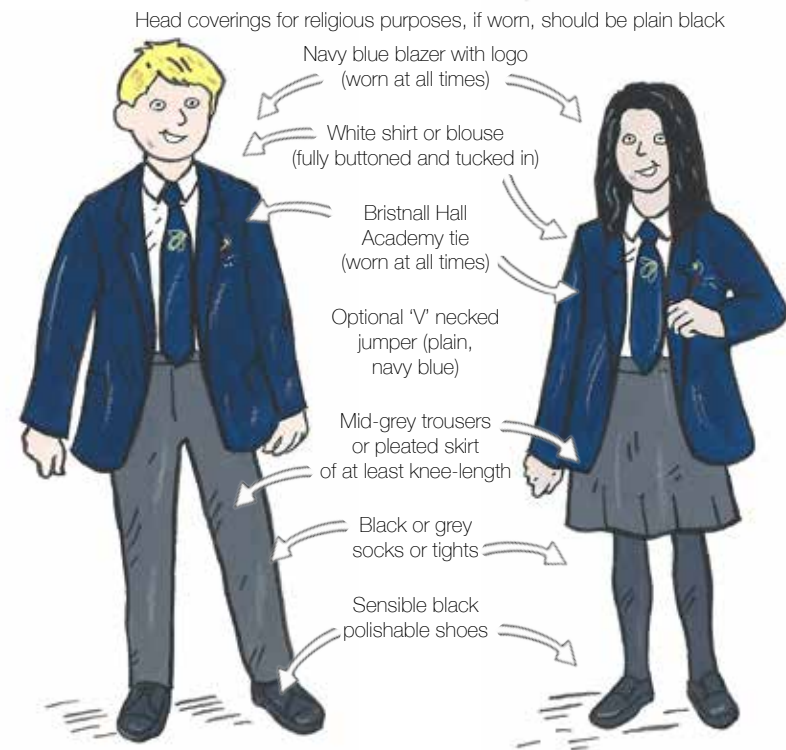
You will have already had a visit to your primary school from our Achievement Coordinator and you will have also attended two transition days at the school. So you will have met some of your new teachers and other students, got to know your way around the building and learnt more about us.

We have also gathered lots of information from your primary teachers about you as individuals and learners, to help you to settle in quickly.

If you do have any questions, don't be afraid to ask a member of staff or another student. Everyone is so friendly and we will all go out of our way to make you feel welcome.

You can also find lots of useful information on our website.

How should I prepare for my first day?



Remember that you cannot use phones in school. If you need one for your journey to school, it must be switched off and kept away, in your bag, while in school.

We are proud of our uniform and have high standards of presentation for everyone. We expect you to look smart and to come to school in your correct uniform with all of the equipment you will need.

PE Kit

You will also need your PE kit, consisting of navy and sky blue Bristnall Hall Academy polo shirt, shorts or skirt for girls, PE socks, hooded sweatshirt, navy jogging bottoms, trainers and football boots.

Equipment

You will need:

- Pencil case
- Black or blue pen (and a spare)
- Green pen
- A strong school bag
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- PE Kit - required as timetabled



Your parents/carers will receive comprehensive information about what is required.

What happens on my first day at Bristnall Hall Academy?

Pack your bag the night before. Work out your route to school before your first day so you arrive on time!

On your first day with us, you will come through the Academy gates and into the lower school playground. You will have been told exactly where you need to go during your induction. There will also be plenty of people around to ask.

Year 7 will be the only year group in school on the morning of your first day, this is to help you to settle in.



You will spend the first part of the day with your Form Tutor and form group. During this time, you will receive your timetable and map of the Academy.

After spending the morning with your form and Form Tutor, you will have lessons for the rest of the day.

Don't worry about getting lost around the school, there are plenty of staff about to help you. Don't be afraid to ask, everyone is friendly and helpful.

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



What does our school day look like?

Our school week is made up of the following timetable:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday		Wednesday, Friday	
0845-0940	Lesson 1	0845-0940	Lesson 1
0940-1035	Lesson 2	0940-1035	Lesson 2
1035-1055	Break	1035-1055	Break
1055-1150	Lesson 3	1055-1150	Lesson 3
1150-1245	Lesson 4	1150-1245	Lesson 4
1245-1320	Lunch	1245-1320	Lunch
1320-1415	Lesson 5	1320-1415	Lesson 5
1415-1510	Lesson 6	1415-1435	Registration
1510-1530	Registration		

On Wednesday and Friday school finishes at 14:35.

You will move to different classrooms for lessons but, don't worry, you will soon get used to finding your way around.

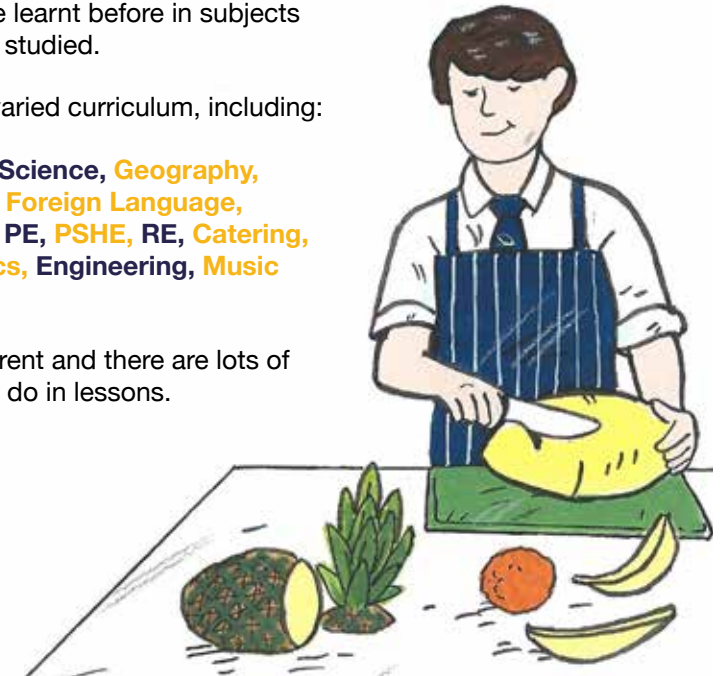


You will learn new subjects and also build on what you have learnt before in subjects you have already studied.

You will study a varied curriculum, including:

English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Language, Computing, Art, PE, PSHE, RE, Catering, Textiles, Graphics, Engineering, Music and Dance.

Every day is different and there are lots of exciting things to do in lessons.



Lunch

There is a choice of hot or cold snacks and meals available to buy in the school canteen. We use a cashless system for payment. (Information about how to set this up will be provided to your parents/carers.) You can bring a packed lunch, if you prefer.

What is expected of me?

We expect all students in the Academy to adhere to 'The Bristnall Basics'.

These are:

- Be here every day
- Always be on time
- Wear our correct uniform
- Be equipped for learning
- Be polite and kind
- Be respectful and inclusive

At Bristnall Hall Academy, our values are an important part of student development. We encourage all students to demonstrate and uphold our values at all times. We want you to be:

- Adventurous
- Curious
- Resilient
- Proud
- Articulate
- Creative



Rewards

Rewarding positive student behaviour is one of the most important aspects of our work. At Bristnall Hall Academy we ensure that all positive behaviour is rewarded, including students' manners, work and attendance. We use the Class Charts system to reward behaviour. As your points increase, so does the reward.

You can earn the following rewards:

- 300 points - Bronze
- 600 points - Silver
- 900 points - Gold

There are opportunities to earn weekly and half-termly rewards for excellent attendance, including the '25 days attendance challenge' each half-term.

Class Charts is an online system which your parents/carers can access to be kept fully up to date with your achievements and behaviour throughout the school day.



Pastoral Care

If you have any questions or need any help or additional support, you can speak to your Achievement Coordinator, Form Tutor or any member of staff that you feel comfortable talking to.

We are here to help break down barriers and provide the support and care you need.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We offer a wide range of subjects, which includes lots of clubs that you can take part in at lunchtime or after school.

Our clubs and activities are a great way for you to make new friends, find new interests, develop lots of new skills and have fun!

Our clubs include:

Gymnastics

Basketball

Table Tennis

Geography club

Chess club and Book club

STEM club

Reading club



We also have a Breakfast club available for all students before school starts each day.

We arrange trips to places of interest, such as museums, galleries and theatres. We hope that you will take advantage of the many activities that we have on offer.

You can also become a Form Representative, which is a great opportunity to represent your form group and develop and strengthen your leadership skills.

There is something for everyone to get involved in at Bristnall Hall Academy, so join in and don't hold back!

Football

History club

Creative Writing

Debate Mate

Keyboard club





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*We can't wait to welcome you
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