

Welcome to

Earl Mortimer College



ENGAGEMENT, MINDSET, CHALLENGE

How should I get ready for my first day?

Welcome to your journey with Earl Mortimer College.

We are proud of our college and our brilliant staff and students. Our students show how proud they are to be part of Earl Mortimer College by wearing the correct uniform. We have a few simple rules for uniform, and we expect you to follow them from your first day.

You must also wear a college tie, which will be a different colour depending on which house you are in:

Leopards – red house tie

Tigers – yellow house tie

Jaguars – blue house tie



Boys:

- Bottle green blazer with College badge on the pocket
- Plain white shirt with collar buttoned to the neck
- EMC black tailored trousers
- Plain black socks
- Plain black, firm shoes

Girls:

- Bottle green blazer with College badge on the pocket
- EMC black knee-length skirt (tailored, pleated style) or black tailored trousers – no tight leggings/jeggings or jeans
- Plain white shirt with collar buttoned to the neck
- Plain black socks or tights
- Plain black, firm shoes with a heel of a sensible height



Equipment

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

- Pencil case
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Green writing pen
- Highlighter pens
- Coloured pencils
- Spare pen and pencil!
- Scientific calculator
- PE kit when needed
- Timetable
- Reading book

We will give you your timetable when you join us.

It's a good idea to pack your school bag the night before so you don't forget anything.

Please remember that if you bring a mobile phone to college, it must be kept out of sight and switched off at all times. No other personal electronic devices (iPad, Smart Watch etc) are permitted.



What happens on my first day at Earl Mortimer College?

We know that you may be excited about coming to Earl Mortimer, but it is also completely normal to feel nervous about starting secondary school. We want you to settle in and make new friends quickly, so we have lots of activities to help with this.

You will already have visited Earl Mortimer and got to know some of the friendly teachers and seen the brilliant facilities on your induction day visits and summer school during the summer holidays.

Our Transition Leader will also have visited you at your primary school to start to get to know a bit more about you.



There is a staggered start to the college year, so on your first day at Earl Mortimer, you will come into college the day before the other year groups. This will give you a chance to settle in and start to feel at home before the college gets busier.

You will have extended tutor time in the morning and will then go straight into lessons. You might be in a class with other students from your primary school, but don't worry if you don't know anyone in your class. There will be lots of other students in the same position as you who will be eager to make new friends.

Your tutor will be your first port of call for any issues, but every single teacher will help you if you need them. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming.

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?

Every day, there are five periods, plus tutor time or assembly.

There is also a break and lunchtime.

8.00am	College opens
8.40am	Tutor time
9.05am	Period 1
10.05am	Period 2
11.05am	Break
11.25am	Period 3
12.25pm	Period 4
1.25pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm	Tutor time
3.15pm	End of the day

You will be in different classrooms for lessons but will soon get used to finding your way around. 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.

You will use a special pre-paid system for school dinners, so you won't need cash and you will authorise the payments just using your fingerprint! This means there is no need to bring cash to college every day.

What will I study?

All students will study:

English Mathematics Science French Spanish Geography History REP DT RM DT Food DT Textiles Art and Design Computing Dance Drama Music PE Skills 4 Life

Our brilliant teachers are experts in their subjects – they will spark your interest, set clear goals and ensure high expectations, helping you achieve your very best.



The fantastic facilities at the college include:

- Art rooms
- Animal care room – the college has rabbits, gerbils, snakes, stick insects, birds and chickens among others
- Sports Hall
- Gym
- Theatre (with stage and lighting)
- Teaching rooms
- Recording/Radio studio
- Outdoor sports pitches
- Forest School area
- XLR8 SEN Area – this can be used by students for quiet time or to support SEN students
- Fully equipped science classrooms, DT facilities and food rooms



The grounds of the college are designed to help you relax and spend time with your friends at breaktime; Year 7 students enjoy their very own courtyard!

What is expected of me?

Earl Mortimer College is a caring, inclusive community for students and their families. To help our community stay such a special place, we follow our three values:

- **Engagement**
- **Mindset**
- **Challenge**

Put our values into practice every day by doing the following:

- Have the courage to take risks.
- Have a “can-do” attitude and get involved.
- Take pride in your learning and present your work well.
- Use feedback to make progress.
- Be organised, bring the right equipment and complete homework.
- Show reliability by attending regularly and being punctual to lessons.
- Show respect for others by doing as asked when requested.
- Accept responsibility for your words, actions and learning.



What rewards can I receive when I have done well?

We will grade you on your ‘behaviour for learning’ as well as your academic grades. You can earn House points for good work and good behaviour, and House Award assemblies are organised at the end of every half term to recognise and reward individual and group achievement.

You can also work towards the EMC Gold Award. There are 15 Personal Development criteria. To achieve the award, students need to complete at least five of the criteria.

There is also a two-day House Festival organised at the end of the summer term and a final House Awards assembly to see who has won the House Cup, Attendance Cup, Punctuality Cup and Achievement Points Cup!

We have high expectations for our students – you will be expected to take on more personal responsibility and we will all work with you to help you reach your full potential.



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

At Earl Mortimer, we want to widen your horizons and offer you experiences that will enhance your learning. As part of this, we offer many trips and visits to support the curriculum content.

During Year 7, you will go to Oakerwood for a fun-packed two-day trip full of adventure and team building activities.

We also run a number of clubs; there is something for everyone, from sports clubs to drama club to cooking club.



You can even get involved in the student radio station, which broadcasts 24/7 from our state-of-the-art studio.

You can also choose to get involved in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, the Student Council, 'Prevent Bullying Now' and Bikeability.

Year 7 students are also entitled to free music lessons – you can choose from a huge range of instruments or even vocal lessons.

There is something for everyone! Joining a club is a brilliant way to make new friends, find a new interest or learn a new skill. Why not have a go and try something new!



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