

Welcome to **Haywood Academy**



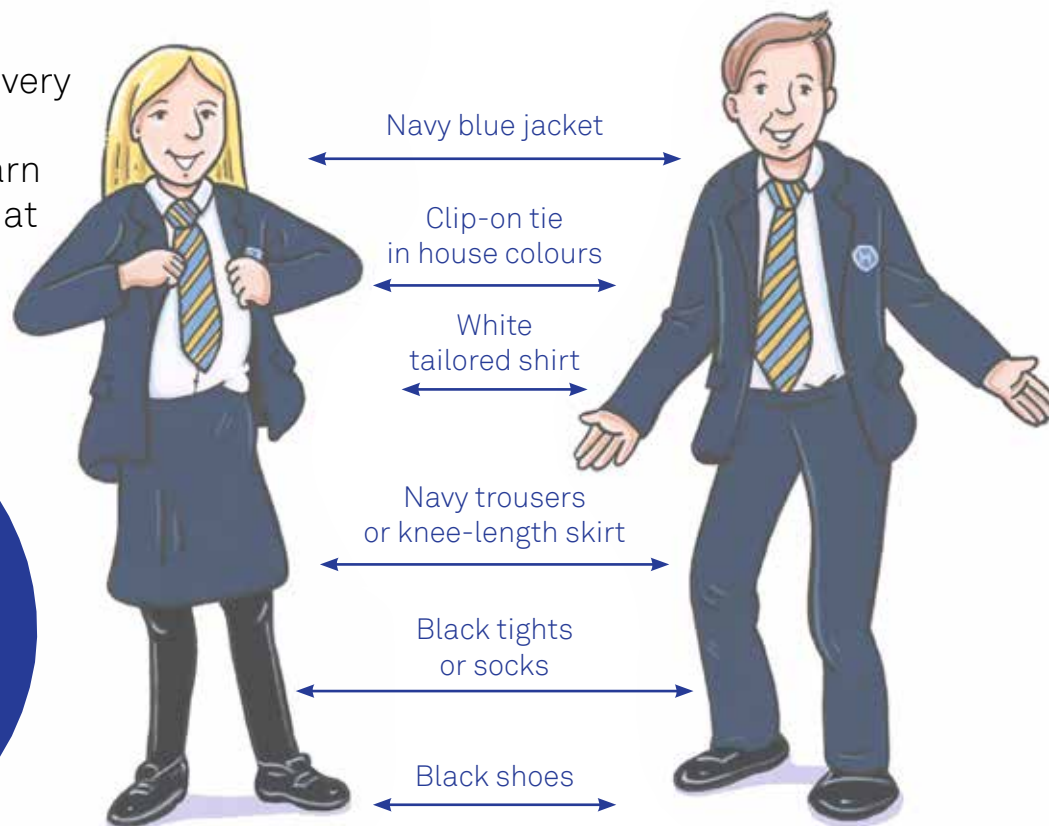
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Inspiring Creativity & Achievement



How should I get ready for my first day?

It is important to wear the correct uniform from your very first day. It shows that you are organised, ready to learn and proud to be a student at Haywood Academy.



Students say:

"My English teacher is really nice and sets fun and challenging work for us to do."

"My favourite subject so far is Maths because the teachers taught us some things I didn't even know existed."

Remember to take your outdoor coat off when you are in the building.

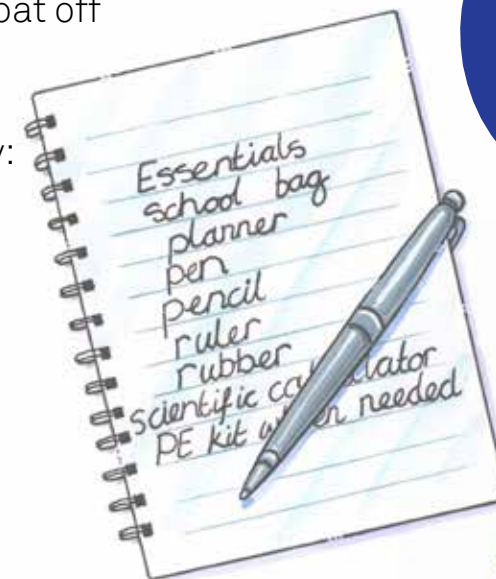
You will also need to bring some essential items with you every day:

- **School bag**
- **Planner**
- **Pen**
- **Pencil**
- **Ruler**
- **Rubber**
- **Scientific calculator**
- **PE kit when needed**

Remember that you cannot use phones, smart watches, earphones or any other unauthorised electronic device when you are on the school premises. If you are seen using any such device, it will be confiscated till the end of the week!

Students say:

"It is very different to primary school, in a good way!"



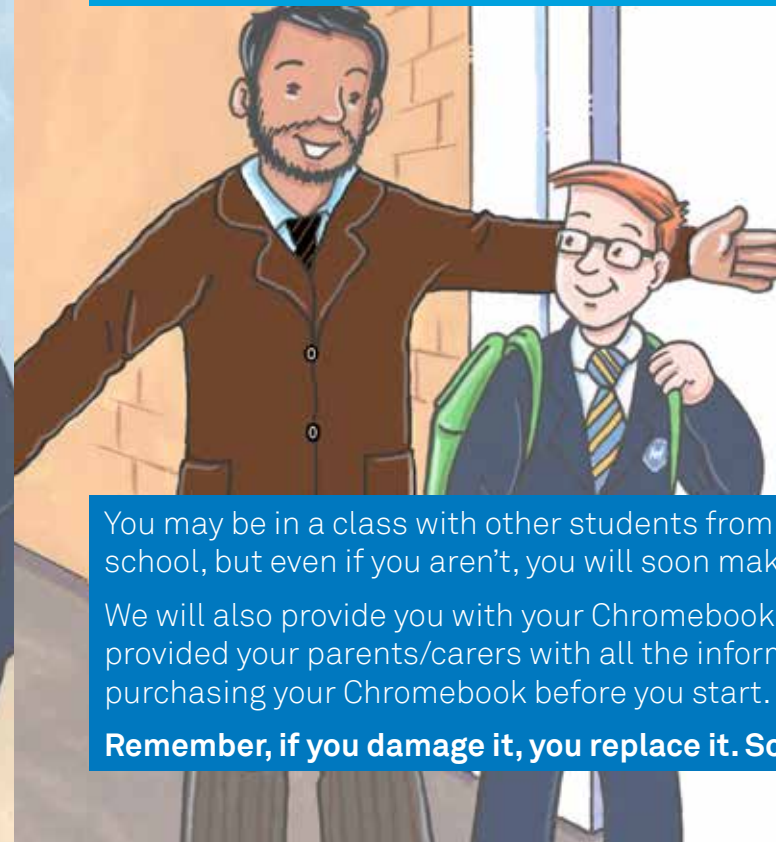
What happens on my first day at Haywood?

Everyone at Haywood Academy remembers what the first day in secondary school feels like, so they will do as much as possible to make you feel welcome and help you settle in.



Year 7 students will come to school a day before the rest of the school and meet in their tutor groups. This will give you a chance to get settled in and start feeling at home before the school gets busier.

The first day is relaxed and full of fun activities, which gives you the chance to start making new friends and to get to know your tutor.



You may be in a class with other students from your primary school, but even if you aren't, you will soon make new friends. We will also provide you with your Chromebook. We will have provided your parents/carers with all the information about purchasing your Chromebook before you start.

Remember, if you damage it, you replace it. So look after it!

Students say:

"I already know everyone in my class, even though hardly any of the students went to my primary school."

"I was worried about getting lost but if you ask a teacher or an older student to show you where to go, then they don't mind helping you out."



What happens in a school day?

Every day there are 5 lessons which are an hour long. There is also a break and lunchtime. Every day, except Wednesday, you will see your tutor for 35 minutes.

There are different classrooms for most lessons, but you will soon get used to finding your way round.

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

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

School day:

	Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday	Wednesday
Period 1	8.40–9.40am	8.40–9.40am
Period 2	9.40–10.40am	9.40–10.40am
Tutorial	10.40–11.15am	
Break	11.15–11.40am	10.40–11.05am
Period 3	11.40am–12.40pm	11.05am –12.05pm
Period 4	12.40–1.40pm	12.05–1.05pm
Lunch	1.40–2.10pm	1.05–1.35pm
Period 5	2.10–3.10pm	1.35–2.35pm

What subjects will I study?

You will study English, Mathematics, Science, French, Geography, History, Religious Studies, Product Design, Art, Food Technology, Textiles, IT, Dance, Drama, Music, PE and PSHE.

We are very proud of our provision for Literacy. You will get the chance to take part in a variety of literary events, celebrating acclaimed international writers.

You will also experience a wide range of sports and fitness activities:

Aerobics, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Circuit Training, Cricket, Cross Country, Dodgeball, Fitness Training, Football, Handball, Netball, Rounders, Softball, Spinning, Table Tennis, Trampolining and Volleyball.

Students say:

“There are so many things that you can do in your free time, like using the computers at break or playing football at lunch.”



We also have fantastic facilities, including:

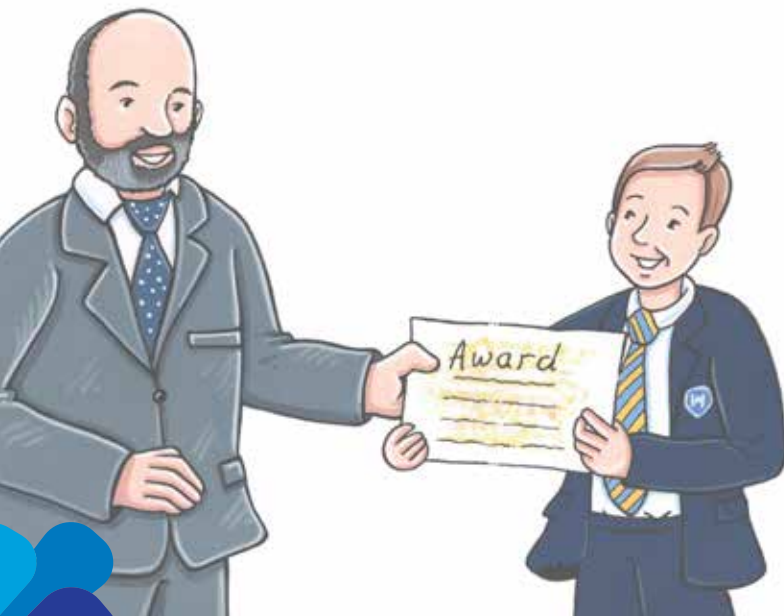
Astro-turfed sports facilities, drama studio, sports hall, gym, school hall (with stage and lighting), recording studio, outdoor sports pitches, fully equipped science classrooms, DT facilities and home economics rooms.

We treat everyone as an individual and we will work with you to push you even more in areas where you are doing well and support you with any area where you need help.

What is expected of me?

We have a brilliant community atmosphere at Haywood Academy. Our students are happy, lively and enthusiastic about learning.

When you join us, you will become part of our school family and you are expected to make a worthwhile contribution.



We follow the ARCH values:

Aspire:

Be ambitious. Set no limits to your ambitions. Believe in yourself. Work as a team to help each other succeed. Never give up.

Respect:

Arrive on time and ready to learn every day. Respect your teacher and class mates by listening in lessons and behaving well. Wear your uniform correctly and with pride.

Community:

Be kind and use respectful language. Move around the school safely and respect property. Show that you care for your local and wider community.

Hard Work:

Put time and effort into everything you do. Take failure in your stride and learn from it. Take responsibility for your own learning and improvement. Take on challenges in a positive way.

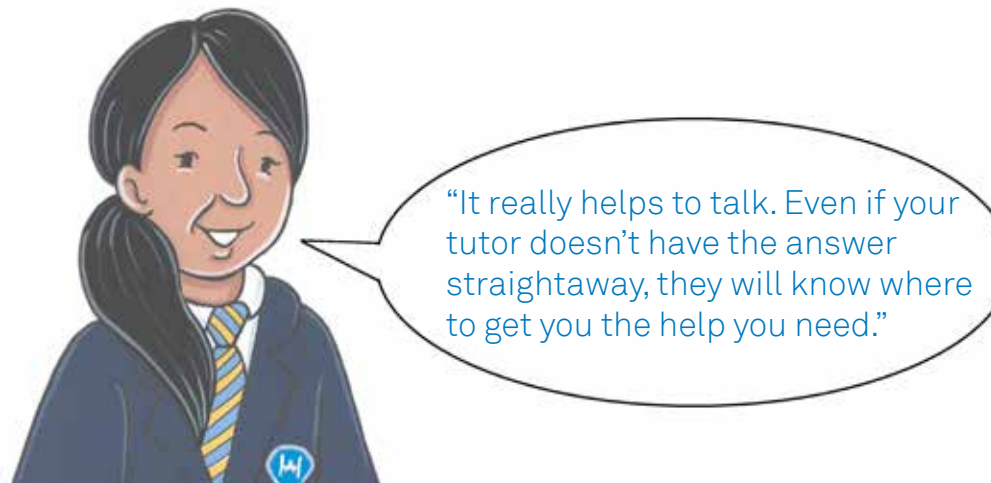
We believe in rewarding you when you have done well rather than taking sanctions when you haven't.

We will give you Commitment to Progress points for every lesson. You will receive more detailed information about this when you join us.

We want ALL of you to achieve a 1 or 2 in every lesson and tutor time.

You will receive house points for demonstrating ARCH values and we reward you according to points earned. Remember to keep your planner with you all the time and have it on your desk during lessons and tutor time so that your teacher can update it with any points you earn.

Although we prefer to not resort to sanctions, we have clear boundaries and a system of penalties which we will let know you about when you join Year 7.



Students say:

"It is easy to settle in and you've always got friendly older students to help you if you get stuck."

"When you are finding the work hard, that's when you're learning the most. The teachers give you so much support to achieve your best."

What happens if I need help?

We know you can only reach your full potential when you feel happy and secure. Everyone has worries from time to time. If you are having problems with anything at school or outside, please talk to an adult at school.

You can speak to any teachers at school, but the teacher that you will get to know best will be your form tutor. You will meet them most days and they will get to know you very well.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

There are lots of clubs, activities, charity fundraising events and trips that you can take part in.

Clubs take place before school, at lunchtimes and after school.

There really is something for everyone. We offer a wide range of clubs, covering sports, STEM and DT interests.

Continue with an interest that you have already or push out of your comfort zone and try something new.

We have brilliant trips. In your first year, you will have the opportunity to visit Loch Eil in Scotland as part of our enrichment programme.

We also run ski trips, netball tours, Outward Bound experiences and trips to see professional sports fixtures.

Taking part in extra-curricular activities is a brilliant way of making new friends. You may even discover a lifelong interest and make fantastic memories.



Students say:

“Life at Haywood is about so much more than lessons – there are so many other opportunities.”

“I was really nervous in Year 7 but I have made many friends through attending extra-curricular activities.”

Students talking about the Loch Eil experience:

“At first, I thought it was going to be easy, but it wasn't. Some things were hard, but we kept on going and it was exciting.”

“I wasn't a positive person when I didn't know what I could actually do, but now I understand. From now on, I will always be more resilient and try before relying on others.”





Come and **start your journey** at Haywood Academy!

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