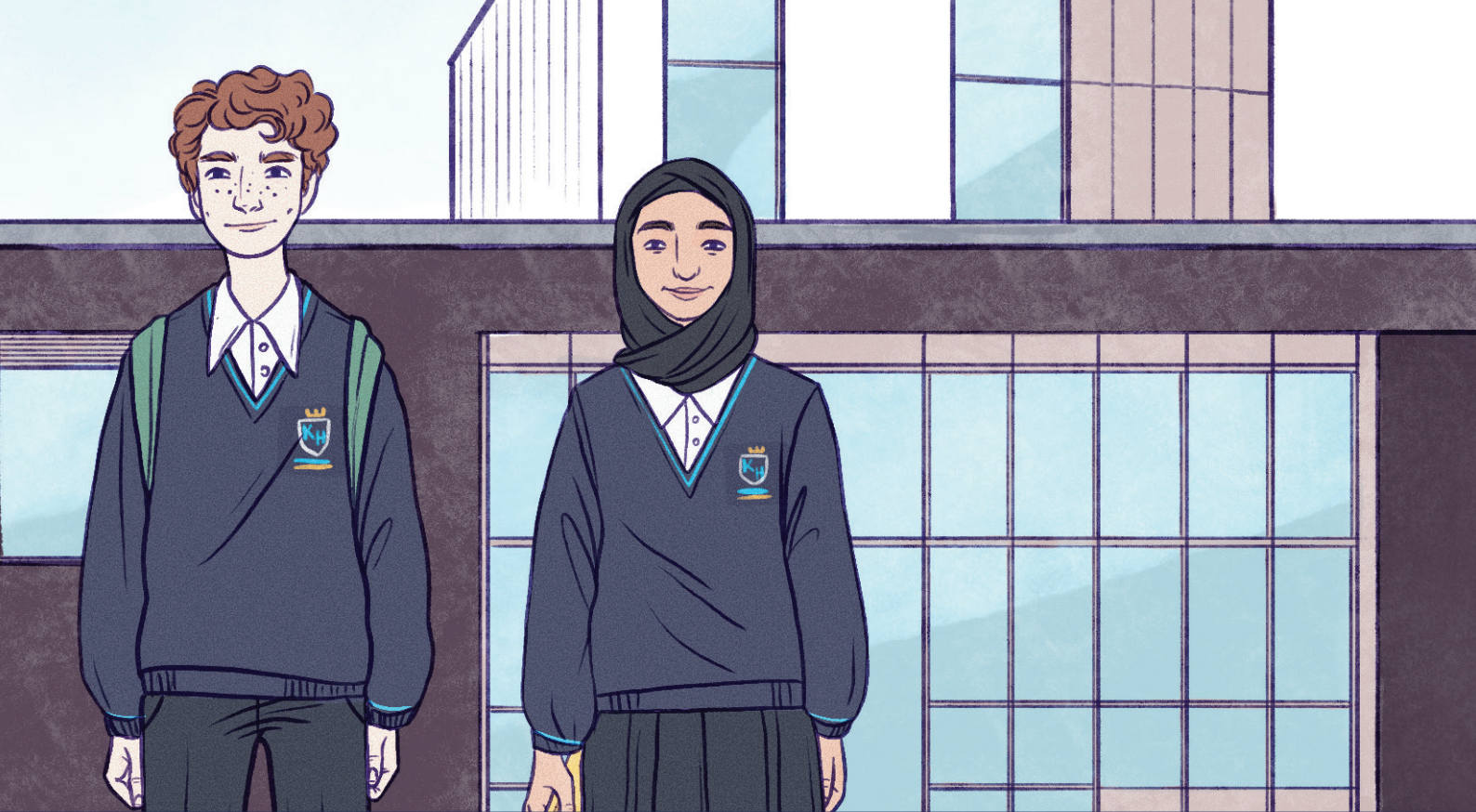




Welcome to Kings Heath

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How should I get ready for my first day?

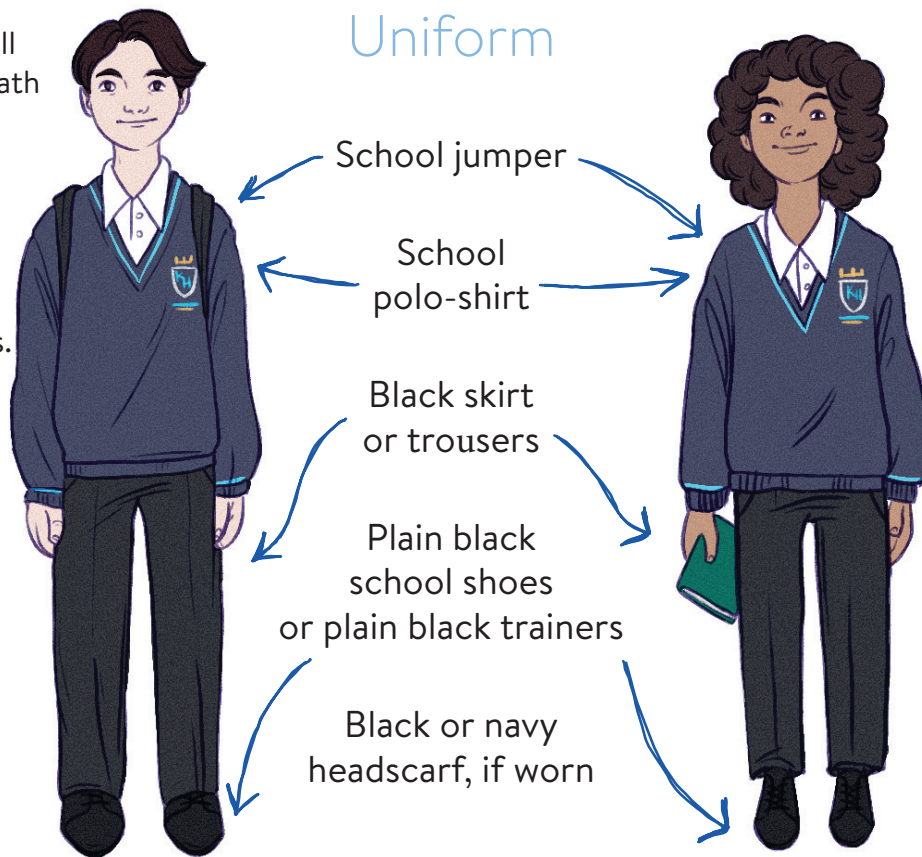
Everyone at Kings Heath is proud to be a member of our school community. You will show how proud you are to be a Kings Heath student by wearing the correct uniform.

PE uniform

You will bring your PE kit when needed.

The kit is school PE top, navy or black plain shorts or joggers, no brands or logos.

If you bring a mobile phone, remember to switch it off while you are on school premises. If you are found using a mobile phone at school, it will be confiscated.



Uniform

School jumper

School polo-shirt

Black skirt or trousers

Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers

Black or navy headscarf, if worn

Equipment

You will bring the following items every day:

- Bag or rucksack which is big enough to fit an A4 text book
- Planner, which we will give you on the first day
- Black/blue ink pens and a green pen for corrections
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator

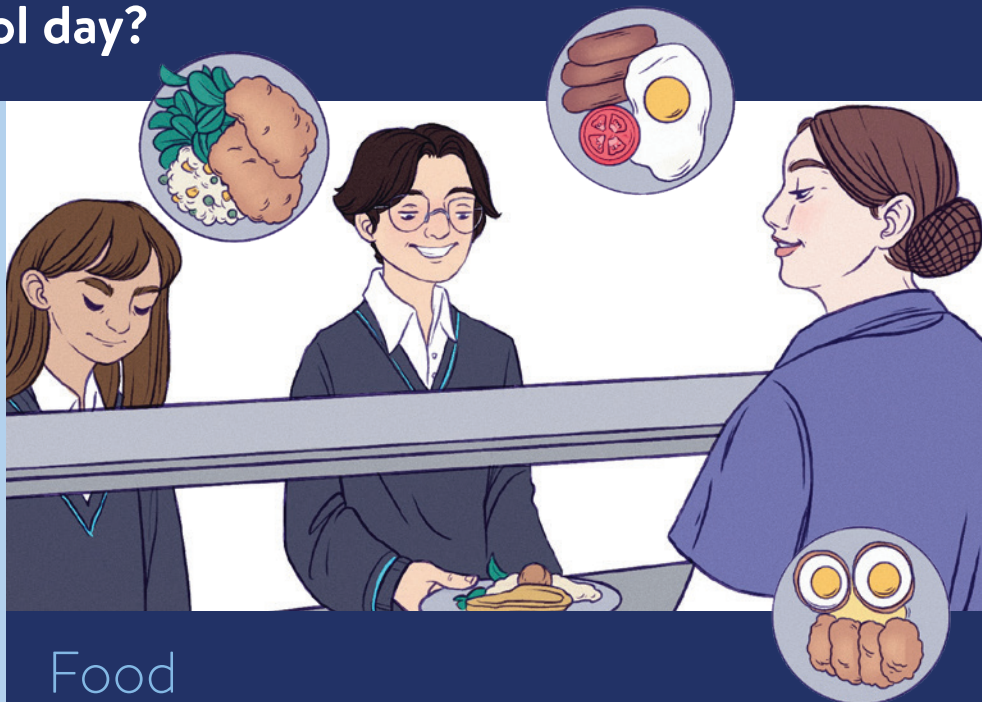


What happens in a school day?

The school day looks like this:

Period 1	8.30 – 9.30
Period 2	9.30 – 10.30
Break	10.30 – 10.50
Period 3	10.50 – 11.50
Period 4	11.50 – 12.50
Lunch 1/Form	12.50 – 13.25
Lunch 2/Form	13.25 – 14.00
Period 5	14.00 – 15.00

Lessons take place in different classrooms. Don't worry if you get lost. Just ask someone to help.



Food

We have a brilliant canteen with a wide range of delicious and healthy food on offer... from snacks to hot meals. We cater for all diets and allergies, including halal.

It is really easy to pay for your food as we use a cashless payment system. You just flash your card and payment will be taken out of an account your parents/carers will keep topped up for you. If you have a free school meal, you will have the same card as everyone else. Your account will be automatically topped up each day.

What will I study?

Our teachers will help you to achieve the very best you can. You will study a wide range of subjects that will provide you with the knowledge and skills you will need to succeed and be ready for further education and work.

Among the subjects you will study are some you have already done in primary school, plus some brand-new subjects. They include:

- Art
- Drama
- English
- Food
- French or Spanish
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- Maths
- Music
- PE
- Religious Studies
- Science
- Technology



In Year 7, you will learn about many interesting topics, such as detective and mystery books, probability, Manga and Pop Art, the Norman Conquest, digital media, and lab safety. Every teacher is an expert in their subject, so you will learn from the best.

What about Homework?

Homework and Arbor

You will be set homework regularly for most subjects. It is important that you complete your homework on time and that you are proud of the standard of work you have produced. We recommend working out a schedule to organise your time for homework. You can download the Arbor app to help you keep track of your progress, timetable, and homework.

What are the facilities like?

We have fantastic facilities at Kings Heath, including:

- Drama studio
- Sports Hall
- Fitness suite
- School Hall (with stage and lighting)
- Two Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGA)
- Teaching rooms
- Fully equipped science classrooms
- DT facilities
- Food Technology
- Art facilities with clay kiln
- Library with a computer suite



What will Kings Heath expect from me?

Positive Discipline For Learning (PDFL)

Kings Heath Values

Our expectations for learning and attitude are based on three core values.



Belonging Aspiration and Respect

We believe the Kings Heath Values are an integral part of our school and as such need to be clearly reflected in school policies, codes of conduct and school documentation. These core values are the cornerstone on which we build our vision and underpin all that we do. Students are rewarded for showing each value in lessons through our rewards system. Students get the opportunity to reflect on their core value achievements and set targets for their character development based on the three Kings Heath Values.

One of the ways we demonstrate our values is by helping in our local area and showing pride in where we live. For example, our students like to help keep

the environment clean and tidy by going out litter picking. They feel a real sense of achievement when they have filled several black bin bags, and the streets and green spaces look smart once again.

Rewards

We reward good work and behaviour. Your teachers will update Arbor to log your rewards and to show how you have done each lesson.

We also award certificates, badges, pizza parties, skip the queue passes, end of term trips and lots more!



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

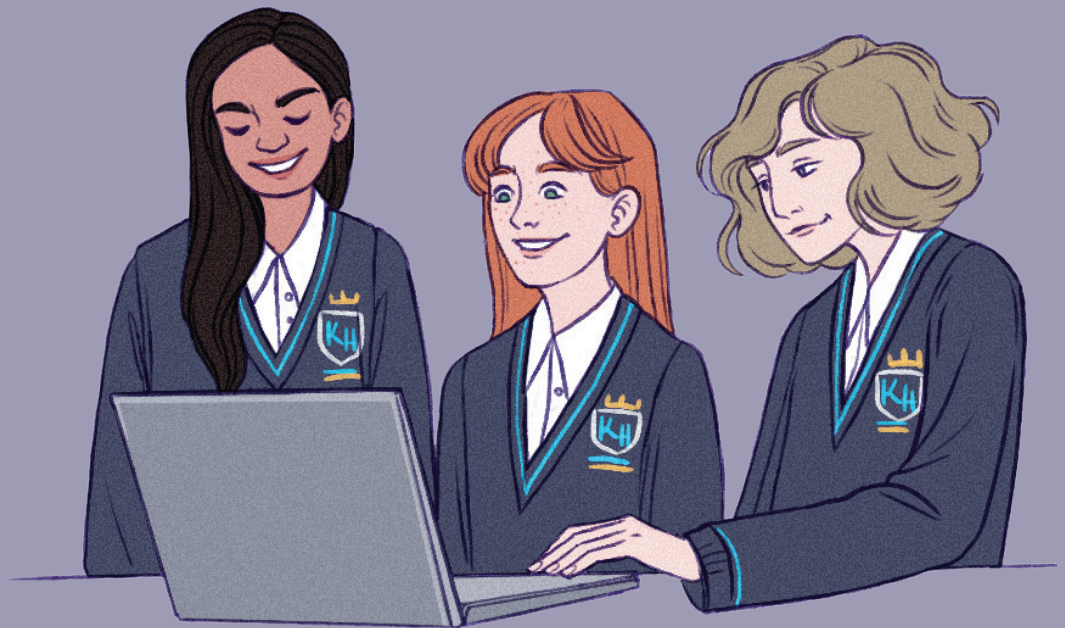
Life at Kings Heath is about so much more than what you study in the classroom.

We have a brilliant range of clubs, charity fundraising activities, trips, and lots more that you can take part in.

There really is something for everyone.

Clubs are a great way of making new friends, finding a new interest, and finding out more about yourself.

You can join as many clubs as you like!



We have after-school sports clubs for football, running and fitness, hockey, badminton, and cricket.

Clubs and activities include:

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| • Art | • Badminton | • Chess | • Drama |
| • Dungeons & Dragons | • FIFA | • Fitness | • Football |
| • Hockey | • Programming | • Retro games | • Running |
| • Young Writers | | | |

What if I need help?

Everyone has worries from time to time and we know that you may feel nervous about moving to a new school.

We want you to feel happy and secure while you are at Kings Heath, so we want you to talk to us if you are having problems.

You can speak to any adult you feel most comfortable speaking to. You will get to know your Form Tutor very well, so most students will approach them first.

Who else can I speak to?

Each year group has its own Learning and Development Manager (LDM), and Mrs Elliott is the LDM for Year 7.

Mrs Elliott can help you with any day-to-day issues in school, such as timetables or friendship issues. She is also available if you want someone to talk to about anything that is worrying you. You can also speak to Mrs Yorke, the Assistant Headteacher for Year 7.



FAQs

What if I don't know anybody in my year?

You will get to know other students in your form group and lessons. Joining a club is a great way to make new friends.

How long will it take to settle in?

There are lots of fun activities planned to help you get to know the staff and school. The staff will help you to settle in and this book contains lots of useful information too.

What are the teachers like?

The teachers are on your side and want you to achieve the best you can. Your Form Tutor is your champion. They will support you, listen and help when you have problems, and celebrate your successes. The teachers you will have for lessons are experts in their subjects and will help you achieve your best. Everyone at Kings Heath is kind and respectful of each other.

What if I am late or sick?

If you arrive at school after 8.30am, you must sign in at student reception. You will be marked as 'late' on the register. You will be given a lunchtime or after school detention if you arrive late to school.

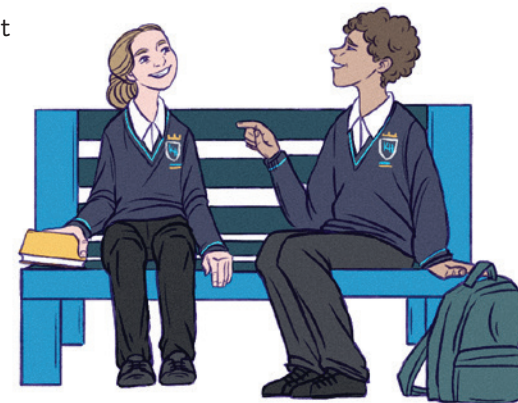
If you are sick and are absent from school, your parent or carer must ring to report your absence as soon as possible. When you return to school, you must bring a note explaining why you have been absent and hand it to the school office or LDM.

What happens if I get bullied?

We do not tolerate bullying at Kings Heath. If someone is bullying you, you should speak to your parents/carers, Form Tutor or LDM. Your parents/carers should contact your LDM. You and your parents/carers can also report incidents of bullying using Toottoot, which you can find in the Student Life section of our website.

What if I am struggling with my schoolwork?

Speak to your subject teacher and they will help you. If your parents/carers have concerns, they can call to make an appointment with your LDM who can look into any concerns in and out of lessons, and further appointments with teachers can follow if necessary.



Are you excited about coming to see us?

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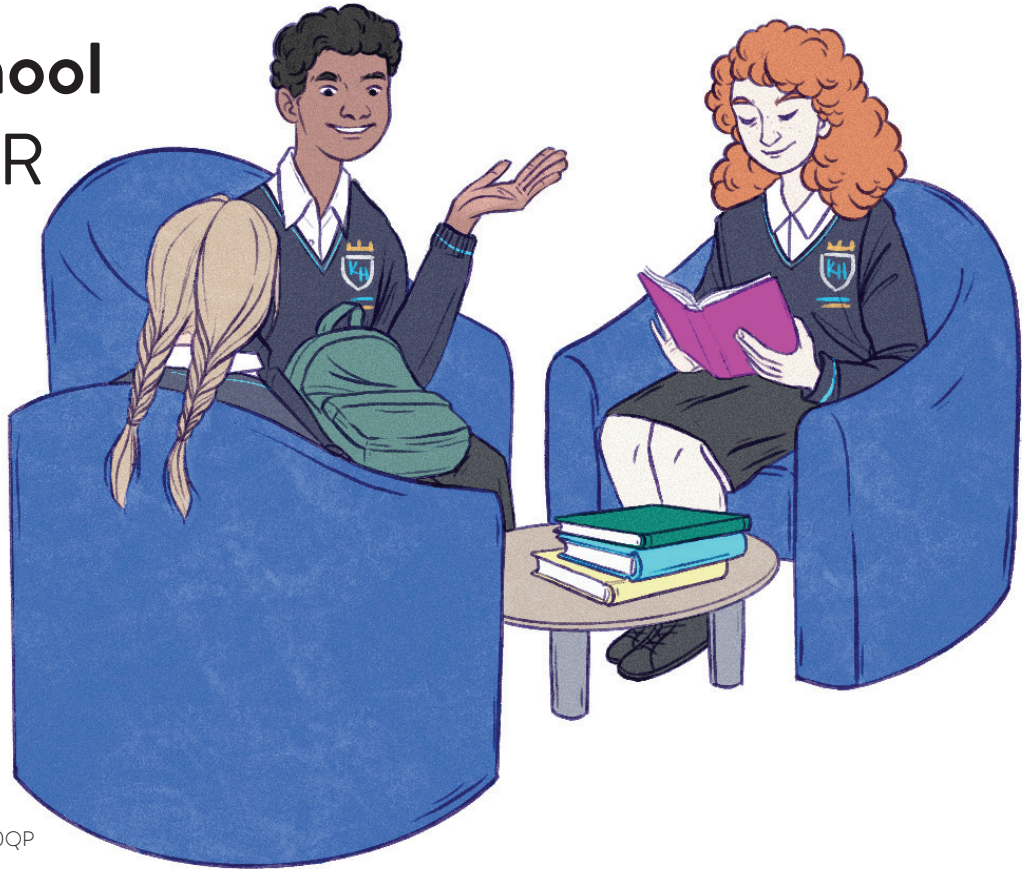
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