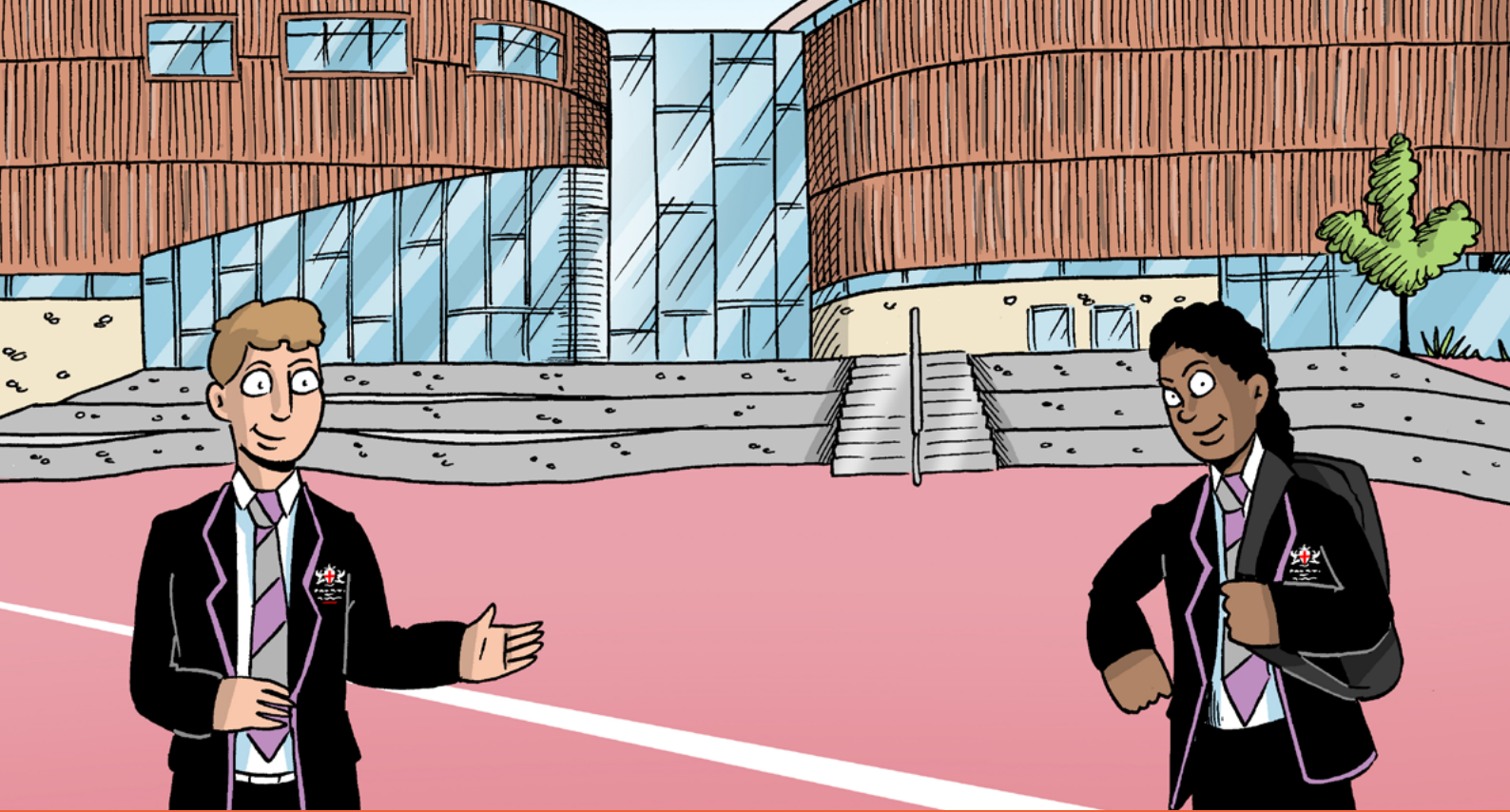




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Academy Highbury Grove



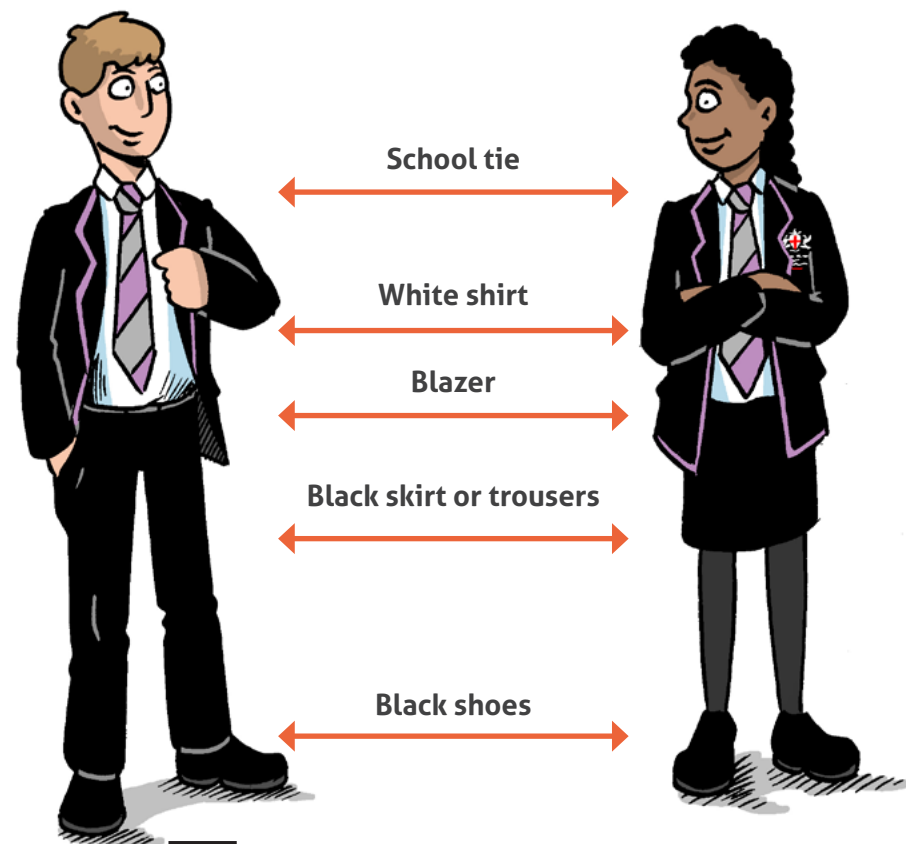
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How should I get ready for my first day?

We are delighted to welcome you to City of London Academy Highbury Grove and have put together this booklet to help you feel confident and informed about what to expect when you arrive. We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you.

Starting Year 7 is a big step, so we do as much as possible to help you get off to a good start. Don't worry.

We expect high standards of presentation from your very first day, so you will need to make sure you are wearing the correct uniform. **Our students are proud to wear their uniforms.**



You will need to bring along a school bag, with the following:

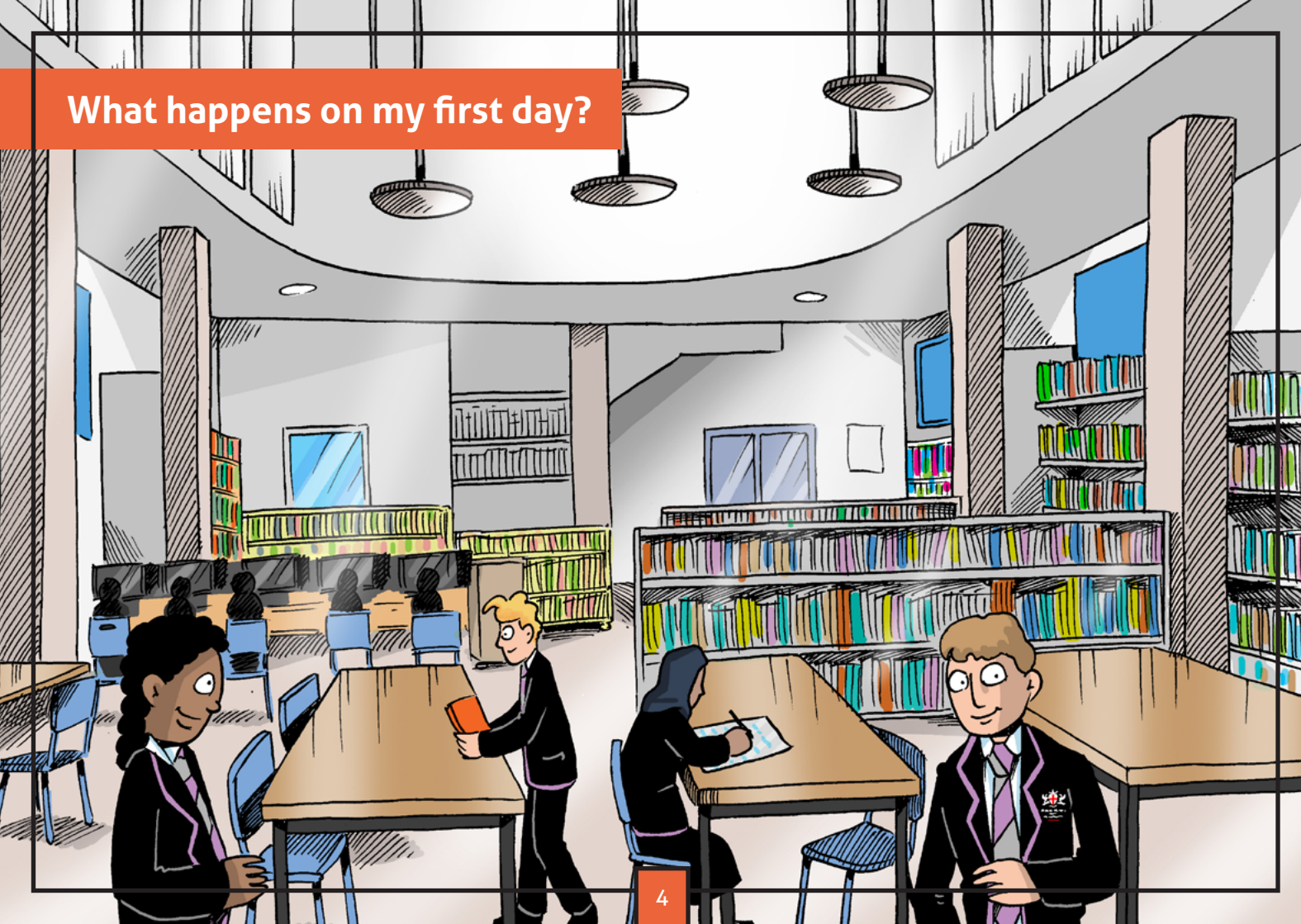
- Three pens (black or blue and one green)
- Two pencils
- Sharpener and eraser
- Coloured pencils or felt pens
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator (Casio is the preferred choice)
- Geometry set for Mathematics

Please don't bring any phones or smart watches into school. If they are needed for your journey to and from school, they should be handed into the office on arrival.

TOP TIPS

- To be ready for school, pack your bag the night before.
- For your first day at school, plan your route well beforehand... and try it out!

What happens on my first day?

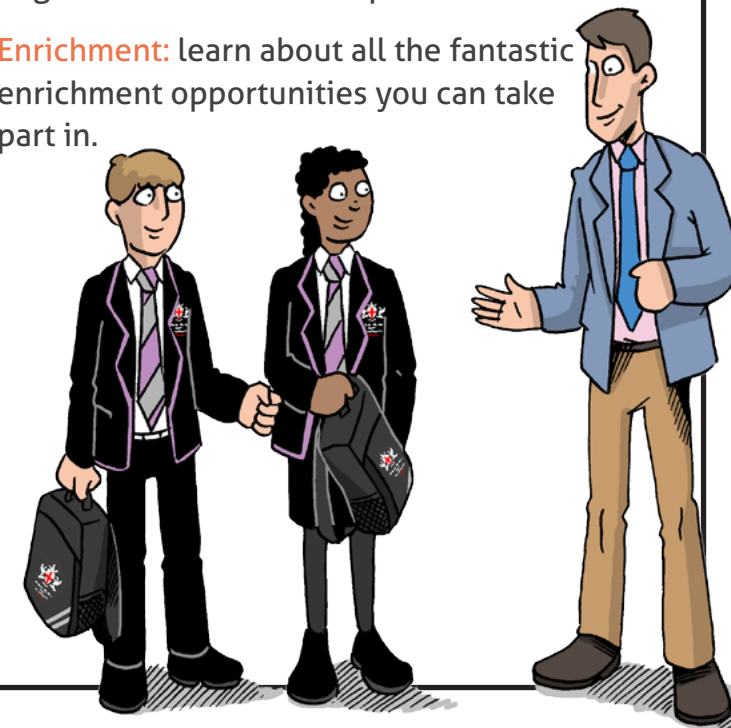


Everyone at the school knows what their first day in secondary school felt like, so they will do as much as possible to make new pupils feel welcome and help them settle in. Everyone will be friendly and welcoming.

Your first day will begin at 8.40am (gates will open at 8.20am) and finish at 3pm. It's important you are on time and arrive in the correct uniform at the student entrance on Highbury New Park. On this day you will get to experience the following:

- **Meet your tutor:** this is the person you will see every day and who will be a main point of contact for you and your family.
- **Values:** be introduced to our Academy values and what it means to be a Highbury Grove student.
- **A tour of the Academy:** you will visit the classrooms and departments where lots of your lessons will take place.

- **Meet other students in Year 7:** this is a chance to make friends and get to know other Year 7 students.
- **Sit a short reading assessment:** this is nothing to worry about but will help us know more about your strengths as a reader and if you might need a bit more help.
- **Enrichment:** learn about all the fantastic enrichment opportunities you can take part in.



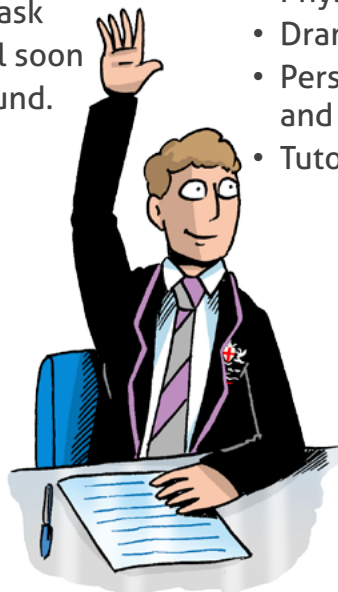
What happens in a school day?

Every day there are five lessons which are 60 minutes long. There is also a break and lunchtime. Each day is different and there are lots of exciting things to do in lessons.

There are different classrooms for lessons. If you get lost, don't worry, just ask someone for directions. You will soon get used to finding your way round.

School day

P1	8:40-9.40am
Break	9.40-10.00am
P2	10.00-11.00am
Tutor Time	11.00-11.20am
P3	11.20-12.10am
Lunch	12.10-1.00pm
P4	1.00-2.00pm
P5	2.00-2.56pm



Subjects

- Core subjects: English, Maths and Science
- Humanities: History and Geography
- Modern Foreign Languages: French or Spanish
- Music
- Art
- Technology: Design Technology, Food and Computer Science
- Physical Education (PE)
- Drama
- Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship, Religious and Economic Education (PSHCRE)
- Tutor Programme



Fantastic facilities

- All weather football pitch
- Running track
- Dance studio
- Drama studio
- Sports hall
- Music recording studio
- Gym
- School hall (with stage and lighting)
- Fitness suite
- Swimming pool
- ICT room
- Teaching rooms
- Fully equipped science classrooms, DT facilities and food science rooms
- Library



Food

You can either buy a meal from the dining hall or bring in a healthy packed lunch. Lunches from the dining hall are paid for using our cashless card system.

What is expected of me?

Our school values are:

Be Kind

For us, this means striving to embed a culture of kindness, and teaching how kindness (or lack of it) can impact the world around us including our peers, friends, families, and community.

Be Courageous

Courage is a daily practice, especially in the classroom. Courage, for us, is confidently acting in accordance with your beliefs, despite fear, difficulty or opposition.

Be Ambitious

We believe there is no limit to what our students can achieve. We want to encourage you to be ambitious. To reach for your dreams. To step outside your comfort zone and try something new.

Be Successful

We are dedicated to ensuring that all our students leave our school with the qualifications, skills and experience they need to be successful.



Behavioural expectations

Be the best you can be. Important points to remember:

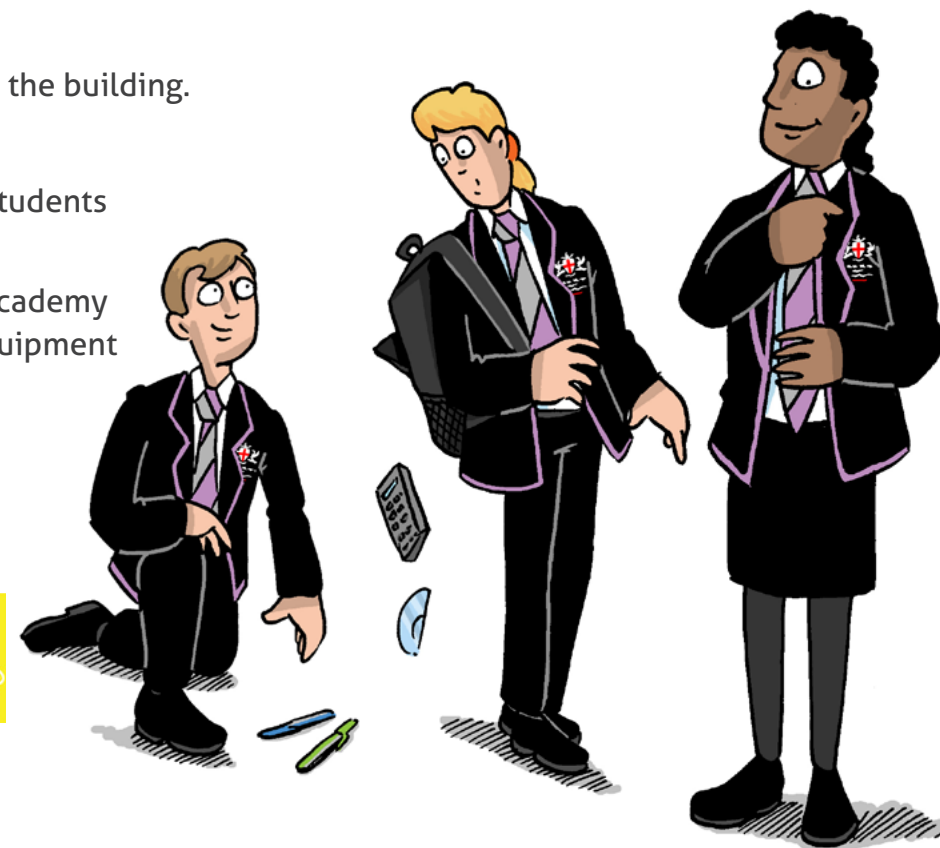
- Walk calmly and sensibly around the building.
- Do as you are asked to first time.
- Be kind and respectful to other students and members of staff.
- Make sure you are wearing full Academy uniform and bring the correct equipment with you every day.

The House System

All students will be allocated to one of our four houses:

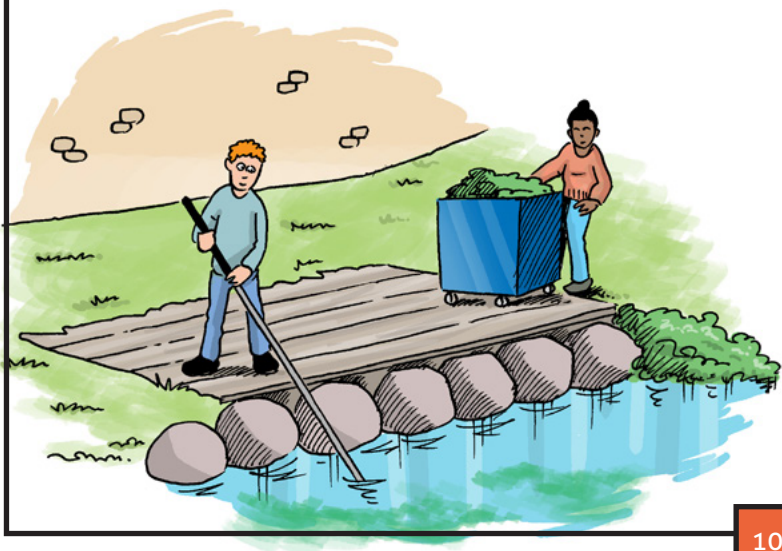


There are lots of exciting house activities to take part in!



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

In addition to all the fantastic new things you will be learning in lessons, we have lots of clubs and other activities. We have lunchtime and after-school clubs, and we recommend you try a few as soon as possible. They are a brilliant opportunity to try something new and will help you make friends in other classes and year groups.



We have:

- Musical ensembles and school productions
- Sports teams, including netball, table tennis, fitness, cricket, rugby and football
- Science and technology club
- Creative writing club
- Drama club
- Debate club
- Basketball academy
- Musical theatre
- Art club
- Maths club
- Homework club
- Library time
- Duke of Edinburgh Award

Activities week

Some activities involve residential trips. Others are more local, involving a series of day activities. Activities include camping, surfing, sports camp, workshops in film making, 'behind the scenes' at London theatres, making a London blog, MasterChef and lots, lots more.





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