

Welcome to St Catherine's College



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COLLEGE
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



How will you prepare me for joining St Catherine's?

We know that lots of you will be excited about joining us. Starting Year 7 is a big step, so we do as much as possible to help you get off to a good start.

We have an Induction Evening, which your parents or carers will come to as well. You will meet your tutor and get lots of information about us.



You will also have a Taster Day where you will get to know your tutor group. This is a fun day where you will do activities, such as a treasure trail, which are designed to help you get to know each other and the school.

We know how important friends are, so we will put you in the same tutor group as one or two friends, but don't worry if you don't know anyone when you start, there will be lots of other pupils in the same position and you will make new friends very soon.

Our school is large and is situated on two sites on either side of the road, but you will soon know your way round. And if you need help, you can ask anyone.

We expect you to be on time for school and your lessons, but we will give you extra time to get to your lessons until you settle in.

We are a friendly school, so don't worry about asking for help. We all remember being new and are very happy to help.



Are you looking forward to coming to St Catherine's?

What do I need for my first day?



You will be expected to wear the correct uniform from your first day. We will give you and your parents or carers very clear information about what and what isn't school uniform.

You will be a member of one of our four houses:

- Endeavour
- Invincible
- Valiant
- Endurance

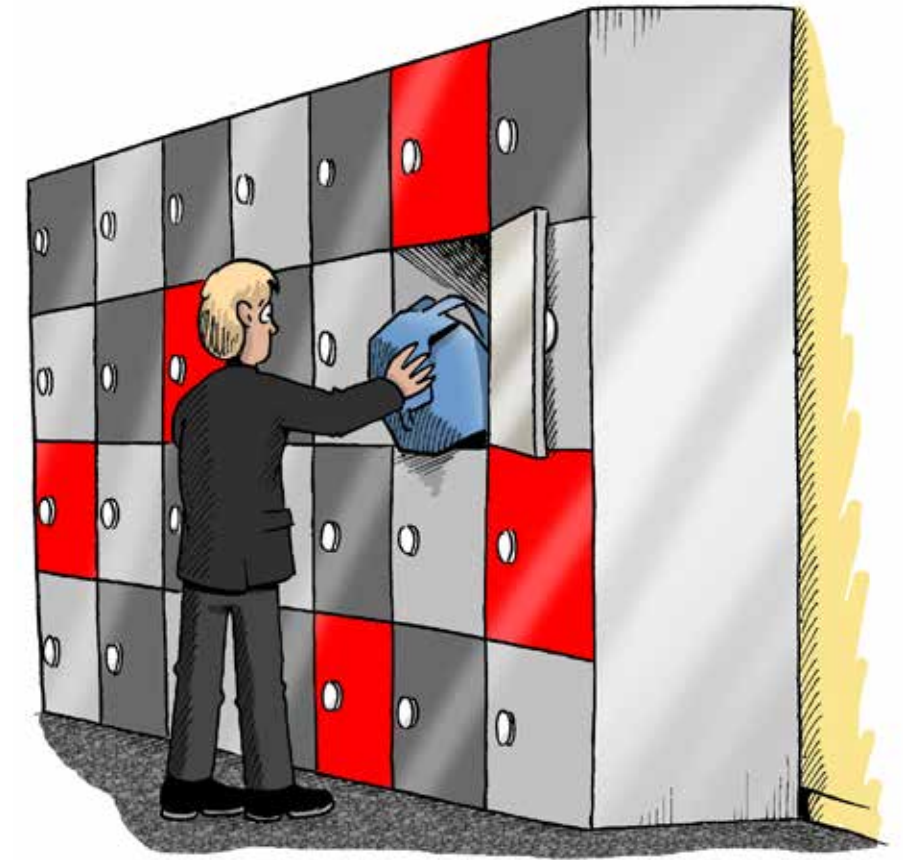
You will wear your house tie.

You will need to bring some equipment with you to each lesson. A full equipment list is in your pupil diary.

We recommend that you check you have everything you need in plenty of time, and pack your bag the night before your first day.

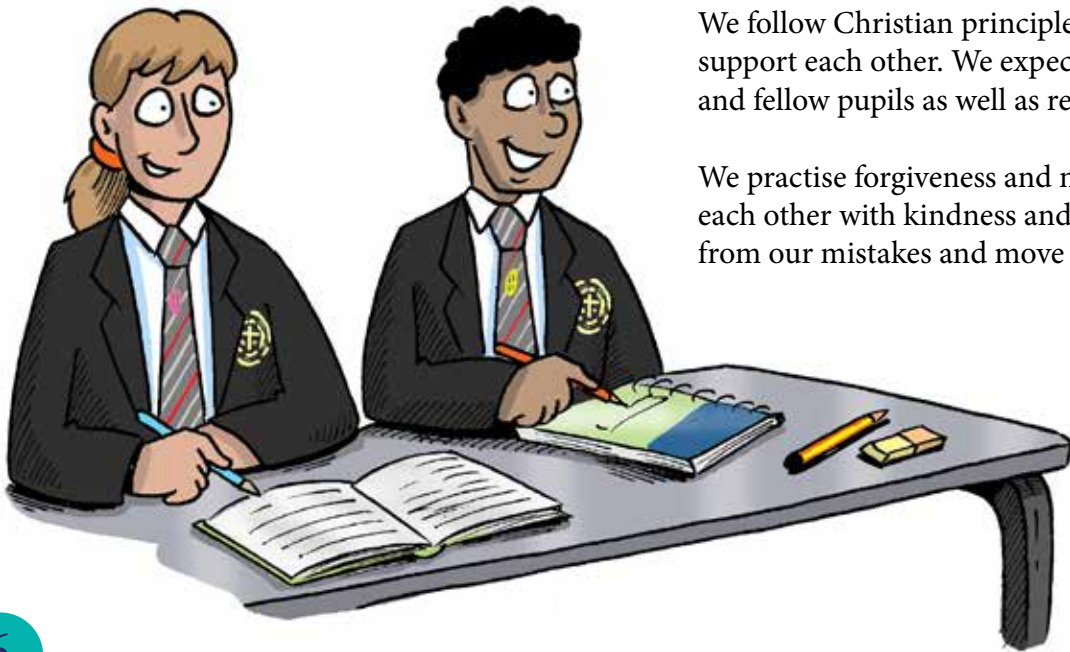
You will have books, and other equipment to take to lessons as well. But don't worry, you can rent a locker, so you don't have to carry everything with you around school.

Remember, turn up on time and come prepared – if you need help, ask!



Are you ready for your first day?

What do you expect from me?



We expect excellent behaviour and conduct, and we reward it. Pupils who have shown excellence in their work, behaviour, or shown improved effort, are rewarded with chocolate, certificates, gift vouchers, day trips to theme parks or even money!

We follow Christian principles, so we care for and support each other. We expect you to help your friends and fellow pupils as well as receiving support yourself.

We practise forgiveness and mutual respect so we treat each other with kindness and help each other to learn from our mistakes and move on.



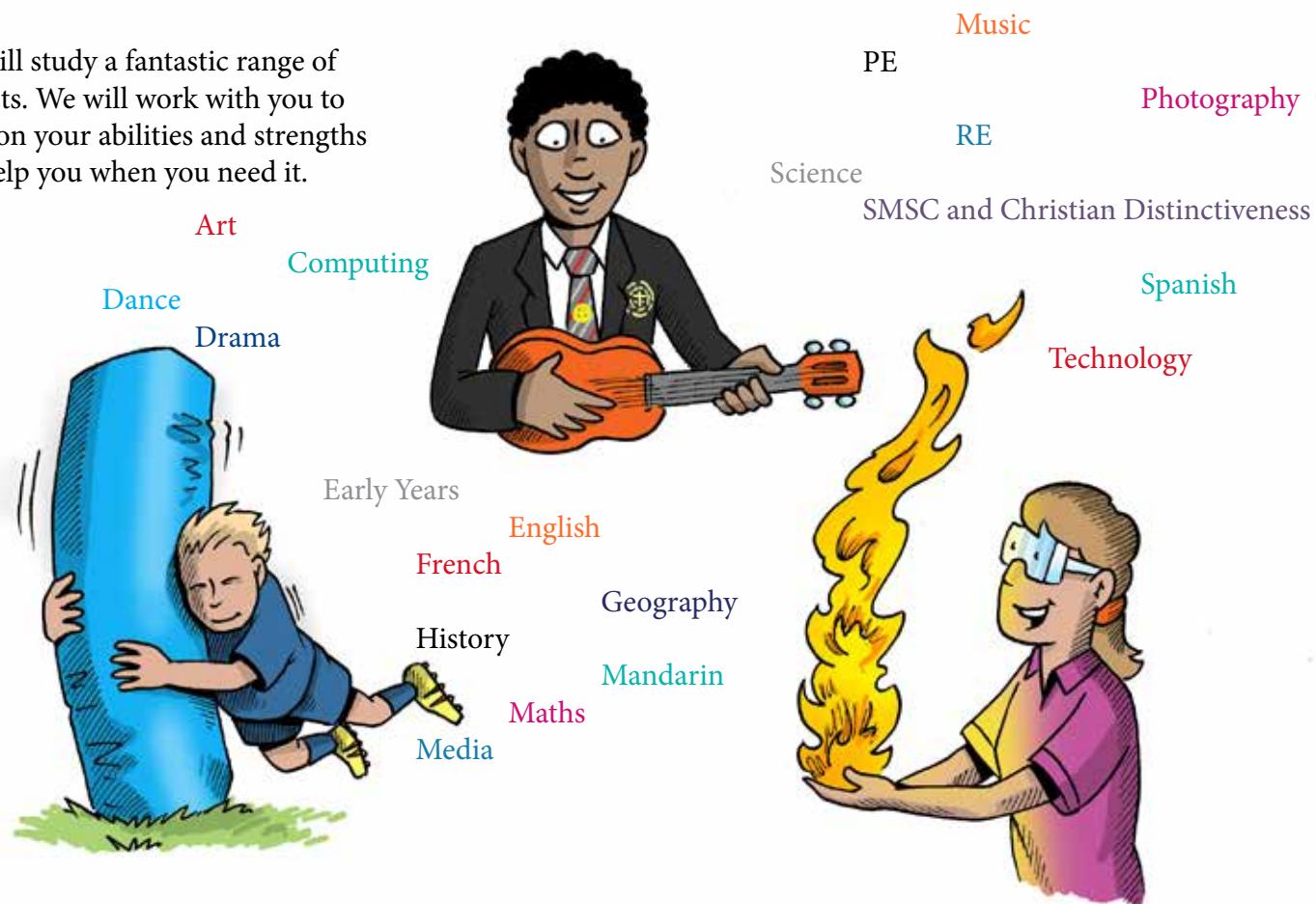
We expect you to practise high standards of behaviour inside and outside school so, for example, we expect you to use social media responsibly.

We expect you to follow our Christian principles in any interactions you have online.

We will intervene if you do not meet these standards, but we much prefer to reward pupils, particularly pupils who have improved.

What subjects and activities will I study and take part in?

You will study a fantastic range of subjects. We will work with you to build on your abilities and strengths and help you when you need it.



We also have some brilliant clubs and enrichment activities:

- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- Science Club
- Film Club
- Music
- The E-team
- CCF

And trips to:

Uganda, Gambia, China,
Italy, and within the UK.



We will offer you lots of opportunities to do something or go somewhere life-changing. Try something, try anything – be brave!

Where do I go if I need help?



If you are worried about anything, don't keep it to yourself. We can all help, but the key people to speak to are:

- your Tutor
- the Head of Year
- the Pastoral Officer ...

You can also speak to who you feel most comfortable talking to.

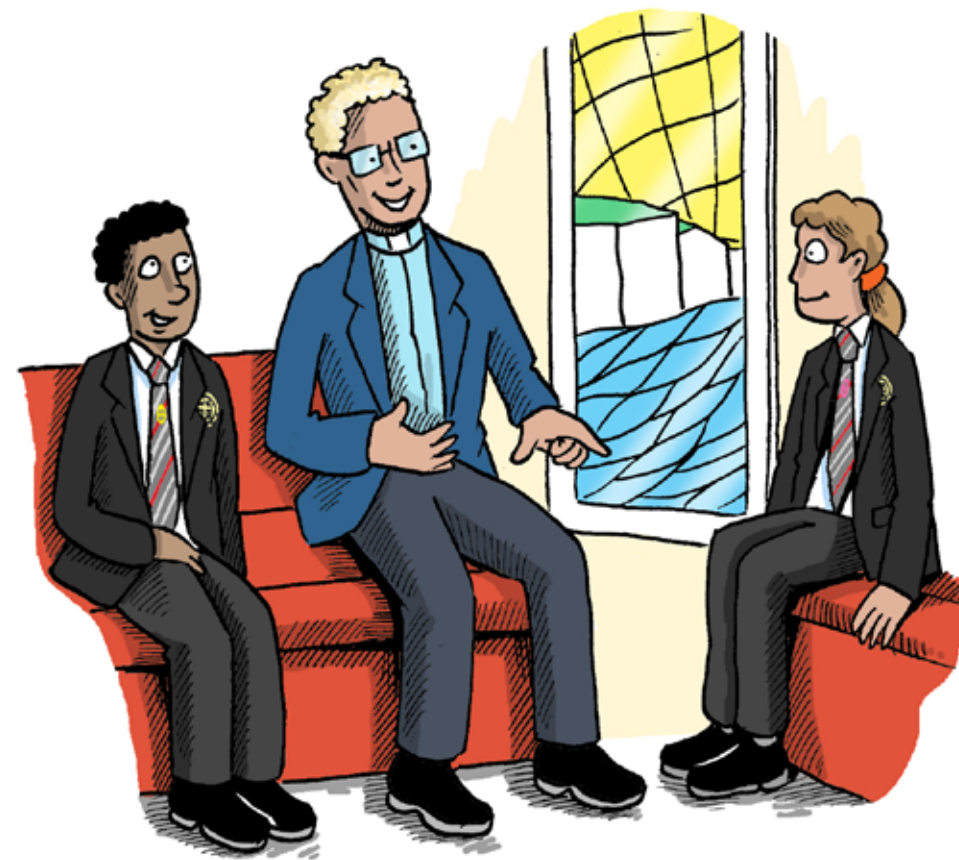
If we think you are worried about something, or struggling, we will approach you to offer help.

Your problem may be related to school, friendships, or something outside of school. We've heard it all ... and nothing will shock us. **We promise to listen and help.**

If you are feeling unwell, we have a medical room that you can go to. We will show you where everything is when you join us, and you will get to know the key people who you can speak to.

We have lots more information about how we can help on our website, so have a look before you join us. If you still have any questions, please let us know.

Remember, it's good to talk and share problems.



Who would I speak to if I had any problems or worries?

We listen, learn and achieve together at St Catherine's College



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