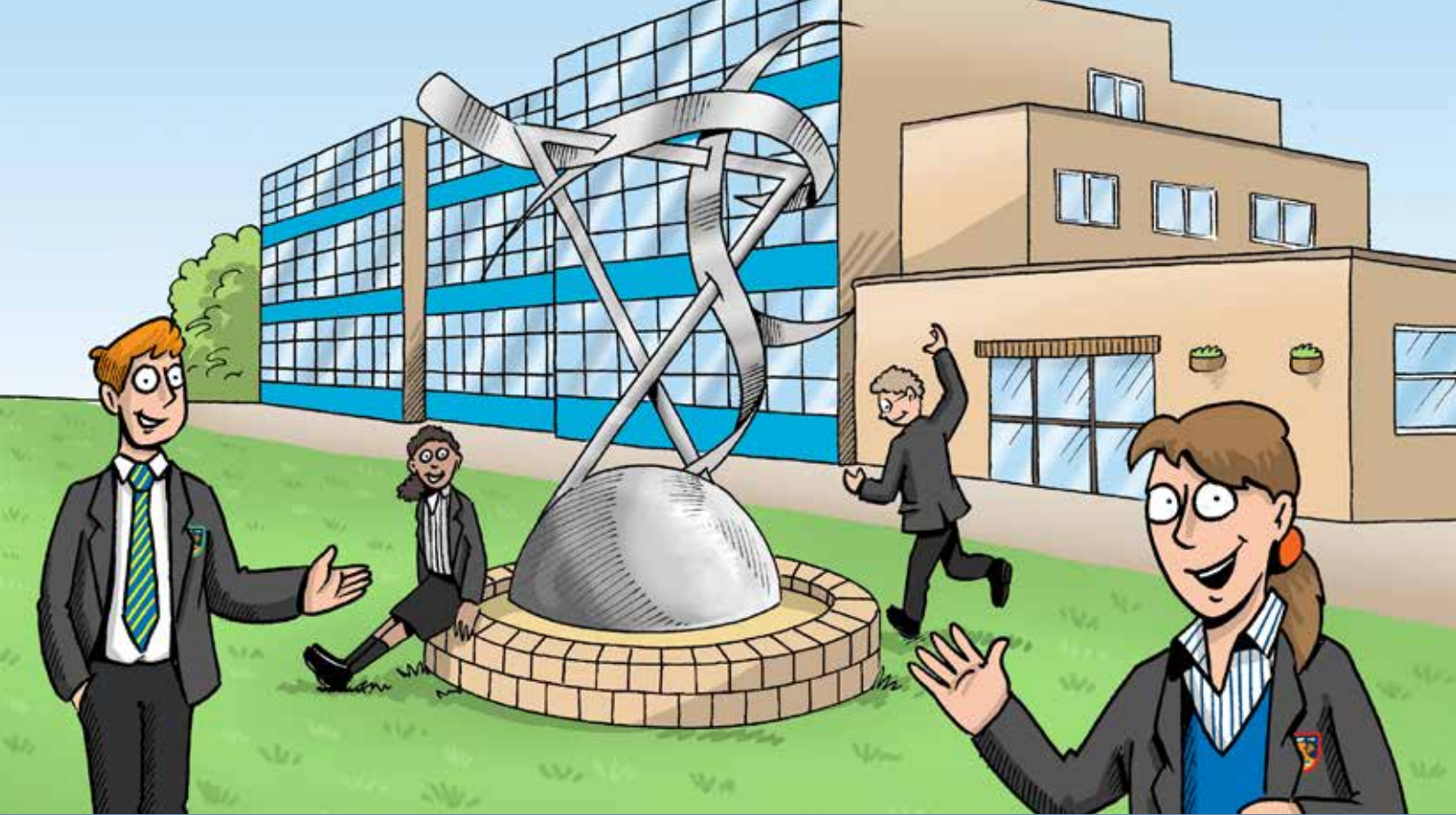




Welcome to Thomas Aveling School



Thomas
Aveling

An Academy for Success

How should I get ready for my first day?

There are a few key things which are important for your first day at Thomas Aveling.

We take pride in our school and part of this is having high standards of presentation. So, we expect everyone to wear the correct uniform and have all the equipment they will need every day.

Before your first day, check that you have the correct uniform. We will give you and your family all the information you need in plenty of time. We want you to make a confident start with us and we know that being prepared and having everything you need will really help you settle in.



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You will need to have a sturdy school bag as you will be carrying books and equipment around with you during the day.

You will also need to bring:

- A pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- An eraser
- A scientific calculator
- Coloured pencils to colour diagrams, etc.
- Your PE kit

You will also need to think about whether you are having a meal provided by school or bringing a packed lunch from home. We will provide information about our school meals, including how to make payments, or how free school meals are arranged, before your first day.



Have you looked at our rules for school uniform?

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How will you help me get ready for Thomas Aveling?

You may be excited about coming here and you may be a bit nervous. We want you to be happy and thrive at Thomas Aveling, so we will help you settle in as quickly as possible.

Before you start here, we have a taster day in the summer term. This is a chance to get to know your new classmates and teacher. You will be able to try out some new activities and experience the fantastic facilities we have. You will find out which school house you are in. If you have any siblings here, we will put you in the same house.

On your first day of term, the school will be quite quiet as only Year 7 and Sixth Form students will be here. This gives you another chance to find your feet.

You will meet in the West Courtyard and spend the day getting to know your way around, your form tutor and your classmates. You will also be given your timetables and allocated lockers.

Everyone at the school knows 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.



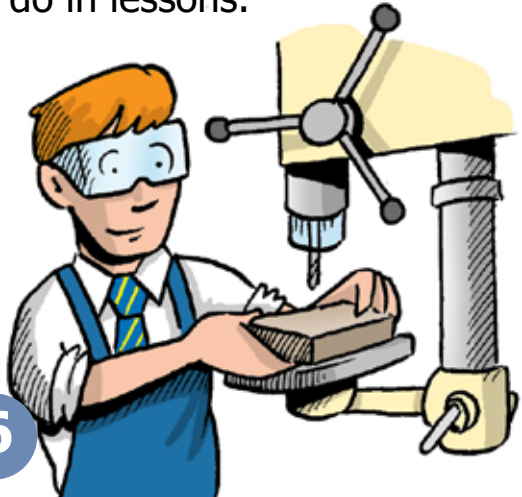
Are you looking forward to coming to Thomas Aveling?

What does the school day look like?

Every day you will have 5 lessons, a break and a lunch in between.

You will visit different classrooms for lessons – don't worry, you will soon get used to finding your way round.

You will learn new subjects and use lots of new equipment. Every day is different and there are lots of exciting things to do in lessons.



We also have some fantastic facilities for you to use, including:

- astro-turfed sport facilities
- dance studio
- drama studio
- sports hall
- gym
- multi-play pitches
- school hall (with stage and lighting)
- recording studio
- football pitches



What new subjects are you looking forward to doing?

What are our values?

We believe in 'You, me, us'. This means we all work together so you are happy and successful during your time with us.

We work with you so that:

- you will make progress over time
- we all have consistent high expectations for you, and work towards achieving them
- we will all support your development as a person, helping you to be kind to others
- we will help you to develop independence and thinking skills



We expect good manners and standards of behaviour from everyone at Thomas Aveling, which means that we all show consideration to fellow pupils, and adults. So, for example, older pupils look after younger pupils and will be there to help you.

We will get to know you well and treat you as an individual, so we will help you to reach and even exceed both your own and our expectations.

We have a happy family atmosphere which we think will help you feel at home and ready to learn.

We will reward you when you do well, and although we will take action if your behaviour does not meet expectations, we believe in concentrating on positives.

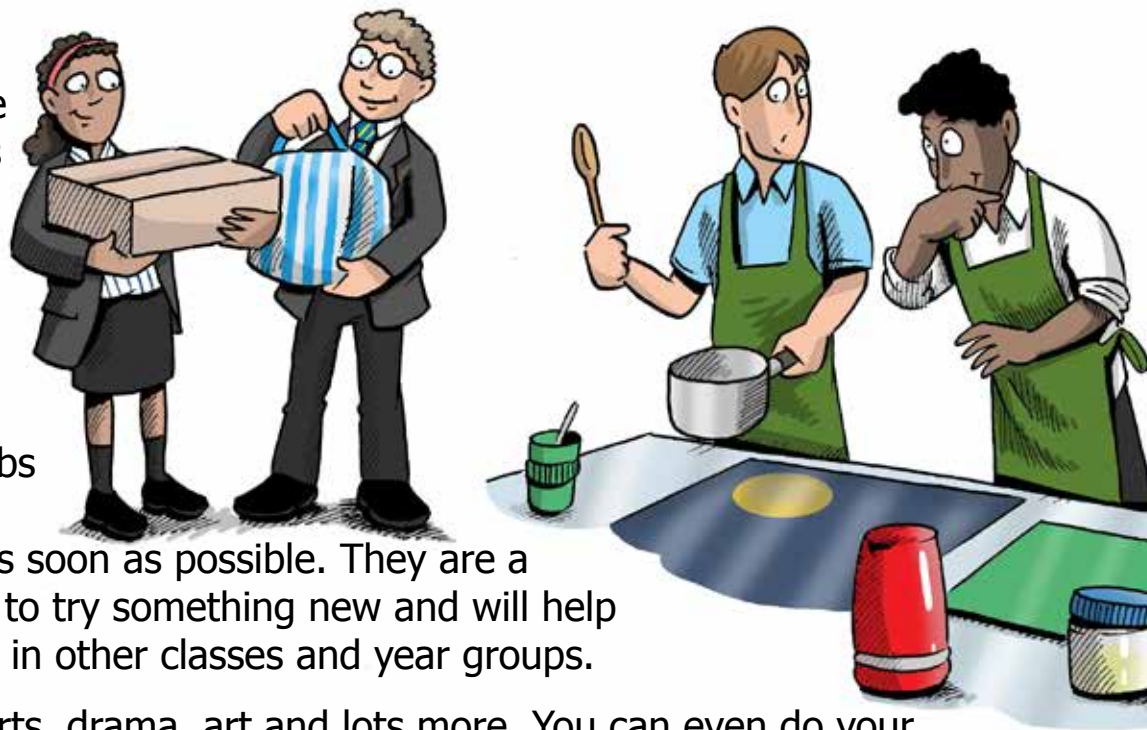


What else can I do at Thomas Aveling?

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 that you try a few as soon as possible. They are a brilliant opportunity to try something new and will help you to make friends in other classes and year groups.

Our clubs cover sports, drama, art and lots more. You can even do your homework at a club, so you can get support doing it and get it done before you go home.



We produce shows and performances and run competitions, so you can show off your talents wherever they lie.

We arrange visits to places of interest linked to your studies and career interests.



We are strongly involved in our community, so we arrange and take part in charity events, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We are looking forward to meeting you and helping you to succeed!

What new things would you like to try?

You, me, us at Thomas Aveling School



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