

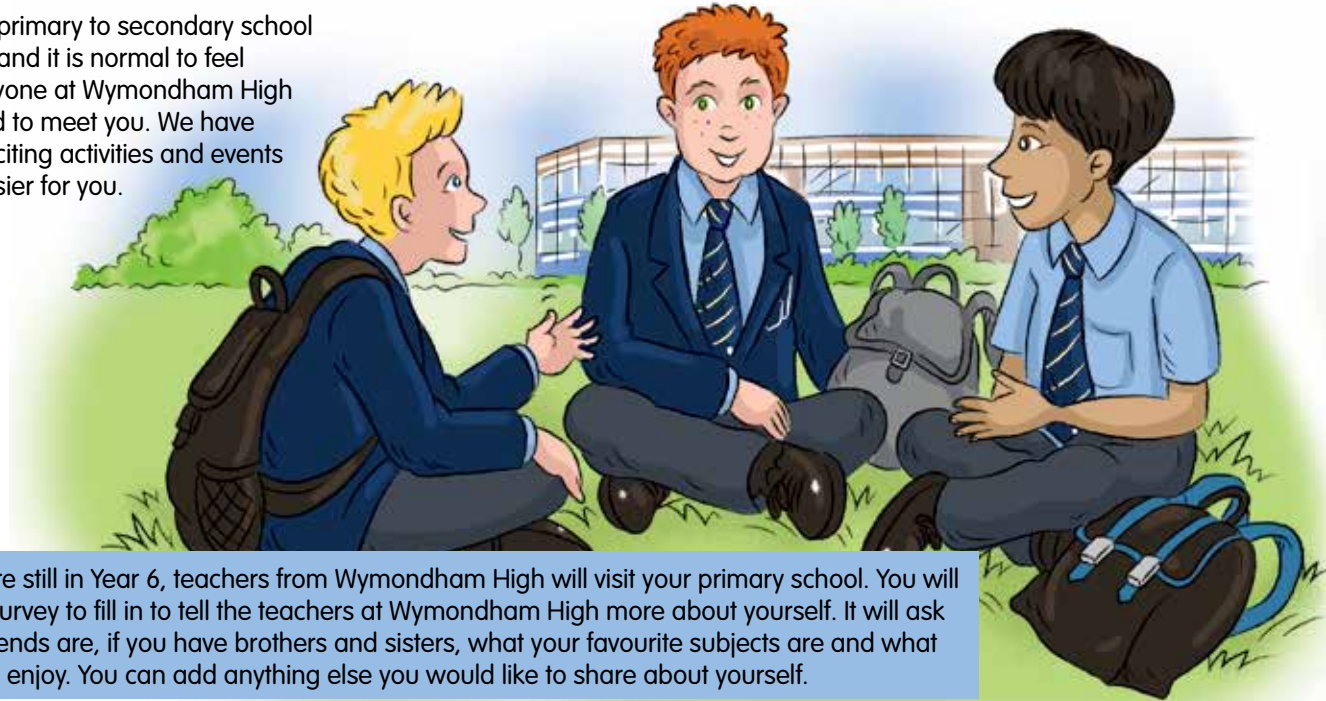


Welcome to Wymondham High Academy

Responsibility Determination Humility

How will Wymondham High help me get ready to come to secondary school?

Moving from primary to secondary school is a big step, and it is normal to feel worried. Everyone at Wymondham High will be excited to meet you. We have organised exciting activities and events to make it easier for you.



While you are still in Year 6, teachers from Wymondham High will visit your primary school. You will be given a survey to fill in to tell the teachers at Wymondham High more about yourself. It will ask who your friends are, if you have brothers and sisters, what your favourite subjects are and what hobbies you enjoy. You can add anything else you would like to share about yourself.

You will be able to choose if you would like to study French, German or Spanish when you start at Wymondham High.

You can visit us before you start during three transition days. You will enjoy fun taster sessions and meet other students joining Year 7. You will also begin to find your way around the Academy.

Top Tips from Year 7s

"Don't worry if you don't know anyone. I already know everyone in my class, even though hardly any of the students went to my primary school."

"Get to the bus stop in plenty of time. Practise catching the bus on transition days. I was worried about catching the bus, but everyone on my bus is friendly, even the driver."

"Be yourself!"



How should I get ready for my first day?

Uniform

We dress smartly because we are smart – it is important that you wear the correct uniform from the very first day. If you wear a skirt, it should be knee-length. Your tie should reach down towards your waist.

Equipment

We take responsibility for being prepared for lessons by bringing the correct equipment.

- Blue/black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Casio scientific calculator

It is recommended that you also bring:

- Glue stick
- Colouring pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- Protractor
- Compass
- Highlighters

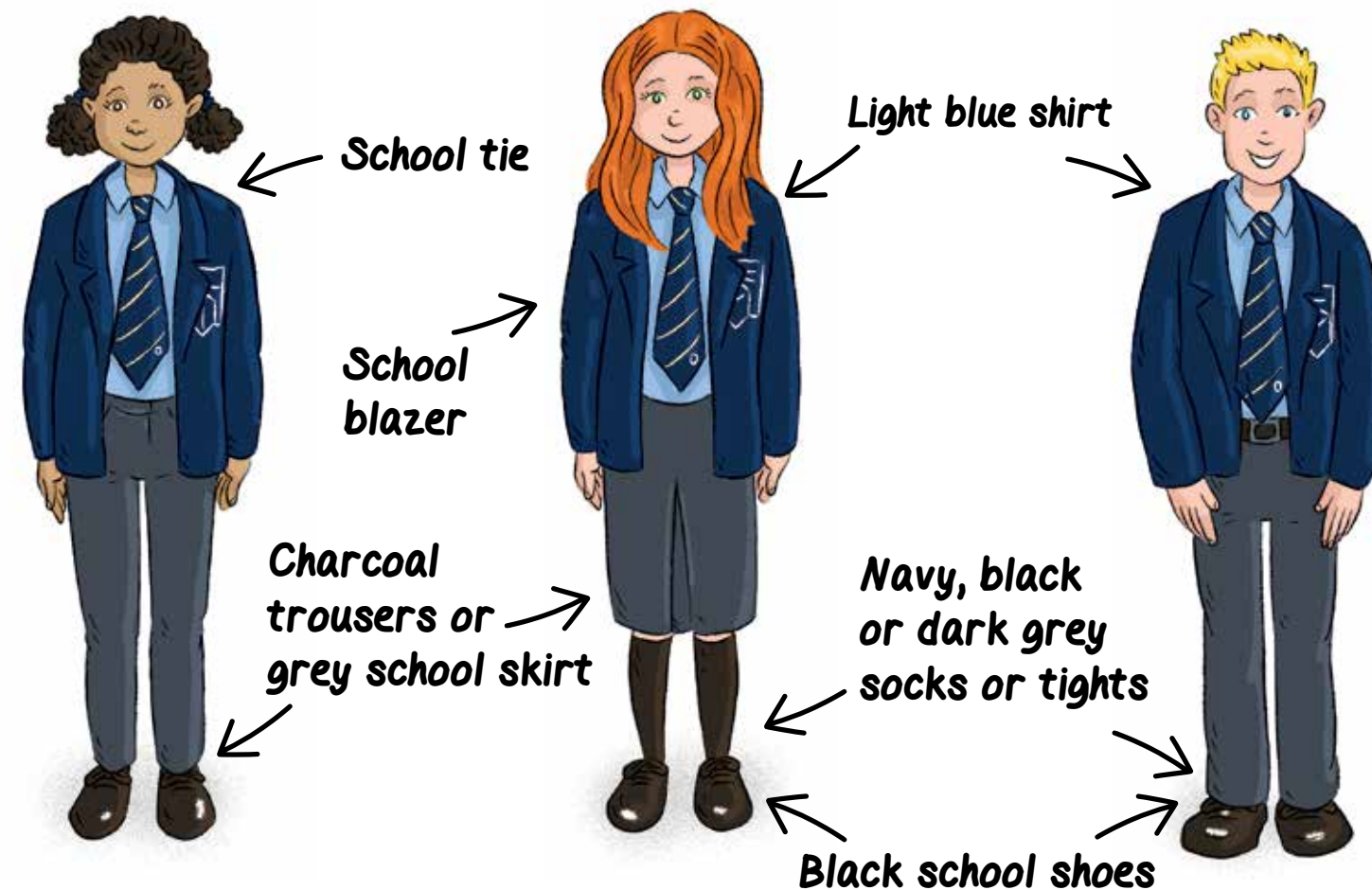
You can bring a mobile phone for your safety going to and from the Academy. It needs to be off and put away as soon as you enter the gates.

Top Tips from Year 7s

"Pack your bag the night before so that you don't need to rush in the morning."

"Buy a bag big enough for your pencil case, lunch box and a few books too."

"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?

The timetable for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is as follows:

8.35–9.35	Period 1
9.35–10.35	Period 2
10.35–11.00	Break
11.00–11.25	Tutor Time
11.25–12.25	Period 3
12.25–13.25	Period 4
13.25–14.00	Lunch
14.00–15.00	Period 5

The timetable for Tuesday is:

8.35–9.30	Period 1
9.30–10.25	Period 2
10.25–10.45	Break
10.45–11.40	Period 3
11.40–12.35	Period 4
12.35–13.10	Lunch
13.10–14.10	Period 5

The late bus leaves at 16.15 every day.



Top Tips from Year 7s

"Check Teams for your homework tasks every day."

"I do my homework at the same time every day. That means I don't get behind, and at the weekends, I am free to do other things."

"Keep a copy of your timetable with you, so you know where you are going next."



What will I study?

In Year 7, you will study:

Art, Drama, English, French, German or Spanish (two languages in Year 7), Geography, History, IT, Maths, Music, PE, PSHE, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, Science and Technology.

You will have homework to do, which your teacher will set on Microsoft Teams. Homework Club runs on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. It's ideal for those days when you struggle to find the time to do your homework or need extra help.

Where do I fit in?

Year 7 has ten classes, and they are grouped into one of three Rivers — Tiffey, Wensum and Yare. You will be in this River for all of your timetable. You will take nearly all your lessons with your class, moving classrooms depending on the subject.

You will be in one of four Houses while you are at Wymondham High: **Abbey House** (purple), **Cheshire House** (yellow), **Ellis House** (green) and **Macmillan House** (red).

We enjoy House competitions in PE, and you will also represent your House on Sports Day.

What is expected of me?

We want you to be determined, responsible and act with humility.

We expect all students to enjoy learning, come to the Academy prepared to learn and try their very best.

During lessons, you should follow the Wymondham Way:

- Arrive at lessons on time, correctly equipped and prepared to learn.
- Be fully engaged with the learning activity positively and purposefully throughout the lesson.
- Take responsibility for following the teachers' instructions immediately.
- Be determined to complete the work within a given timescale, to the best of your ability.
- Demonstrate respect for learning by not disturbing the teaching and learning of others.
- Take an active role in class discussions and debates. Listen respectfully and share your ideas with others, demonstrating humility. Ask learning-related questions when you do not understand.



You should follow our ICT Code of Conduct, including:

- Only using the Academy's ICT systems for learning.
- Using the Academy email address for educational purposes only.
- Following all ICT security instructions.
- Keeping your password secret.

Merits

You can be awarded Merits for good homework, good classwork, responsible behaviour, picking up litter and helping others. Merits earned lead to winning bronze, silver and golden badges. If you achieve 190 merits, you will be awarded the Principal's Badge. Year 7s will receive their first rewards during a Reward Evening at Christmas.

Who can I speak to if I need help?

Your tutor is the first person you should go to if you are worried, upset or just need to talk.

Our Wellbeing Support Officers provide extra support for students' emotional wellbeing. They also run 1:1 and small group sessions. If you are sick or hurt, you can visit Sick Bay, where first aiders are located. Sick Bay is in the green building near East Block. If you are unable to return to lessons, we will ring your parents and ask them to collect you and take you home.



Top Tips from Year 7s

"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."

"Start every lesson with a positive attitude."

What other activities can I do?

Wymondham High hold a variety of exciting lunchtime and after-school clubs.

These are a great way to try something new, follow your interests and meet new friends.

The activities we offer include:

- **Badminton**
- **Board games**
- **Brass Band**
- **Choir**
- **Football**
- **Lego club**
- **Orchestra**
- **Swimming**
- **Young Carers' club**
- **Basketball**
- **Book club**
- **Chess**
- **Creative writing**
- **Jazz club**
- **Netball**
- **Rugby**
- **Tech club**
- **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme**

Trips

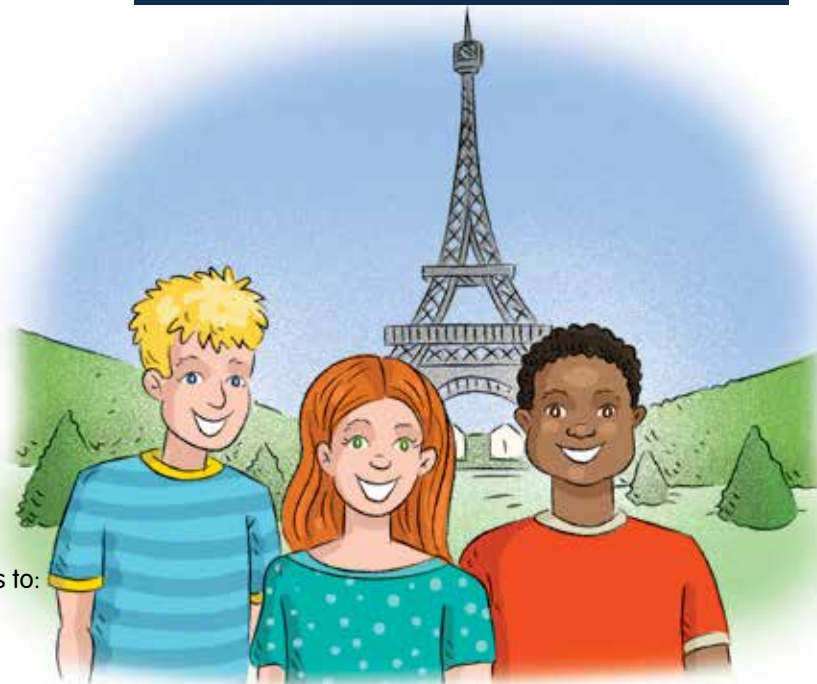
Our amazing school trips will support your learning and allow you to experience the wider world. They include visits to:

- **Art galleries**
- **Austria for skiing**
- **Camp International**
- **Cromer**
- **Iceland**
- **Paris**

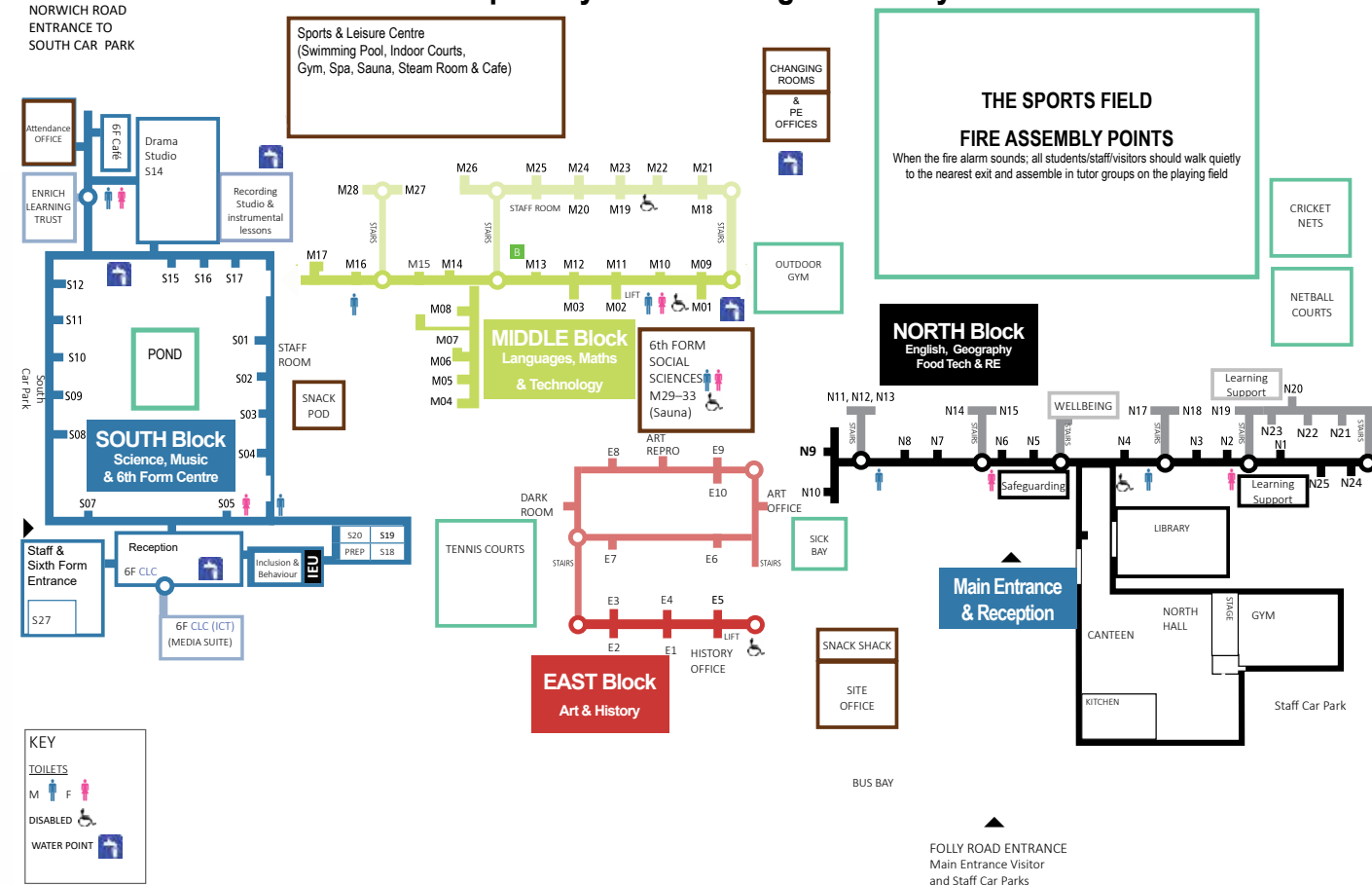
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"Go to as many after-school clubs as you can, and you will make lots of new friends. I love LEGO club."

"Try something new, like learning a musical instrument."



Map of Wymondham High Academy





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