

Welcome to  
**Ballakermeen  
High School**



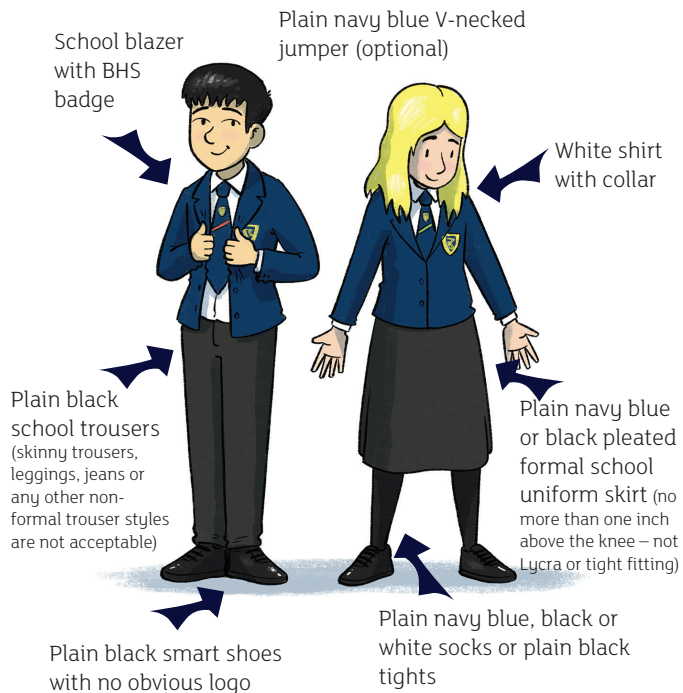
# Your Pocket Guide



Kindness ★ Honesty ★ Respect

## What do I wear for my first day?

It is important to wear the correct uniform.  
We have high standards of presentation from the very first day.



Hooded tops are not permitted and coats or outer wear must be removed whilst in the school building.

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## What will I need for my first day?

- A suitable bag for your books and other equipment.
- Basic stationery such as a pen, ruler and eraser.
- Snack/lunch if you are not purchasing from the canteen.  
To be able to use your smart card in the canteen, you will need to credit your account online via ParentPay or bring in cash to upload using the machines in reception.  
£3 will buy you a meal deal.

**Top Tip:**  
Pack your bag the night before.



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## The Ballakermeen Learner and ePraise

We want you to feel safe, supported, encouraged and challenged so that you can flourish academically and socially. The Ballakermeen Learner consists of four learning attributes and three values. We will be working hard to embed these attributes and values across the school and we want all our students to understand their importance.

ePraise gives you the opportunity to see how well you are doing at school and also links directly with The Ballakermeen Learner.

You will be given points for demonstrating any of these characteristics and values, in both your work in lessons and your conduct around school.

Your points can earn you entry into prize draws, allow you to buy items from the shop and count towards your House's points.



## What happens on my first day?

- You need to arrive no later than 8.40am.
- You will meet your Form Tutor and the other students in your tutor group.
- You will spend periods 2 and 3 with your Form Tutor in your tutor room.
- You will have your photo taken for your smart card and you will be shown how to use your smart card.
- You will be given your school planner and you will write your timetable into your planner.
- You will learn all about ePraise points.
- Your lessons will begin at period 4, which is after break.

## What happens in a school day?

The school day looks like this:

- **Registration:** 8.45am - 9.10am
- **Period 2** 9.10am - 10.00am
- **Period 3** 10.00am - 10.50am
- **Break** 10.50 am - 11.10am
- **Period 4** 11.10am - 12.00pm
- **Lunch** 12.00pm - 12.50pm
- **Period 6** 12.50pm - 1.40pm
- **Period 7** 1.40pm - 2.30pm
- **Period 8** 2.30pm - 3.20pm



## Who can I talk to if I am upset or worried about anything, or just need to talk?

You can speak to any teacher, but the best people are:

- Your Form Tutor.
- Your Head of Year or any member of the Pastoral Team.

It is a big change moving from primary to secondary school and it is normal to have worries – so come and have a chat.

## What else can I do at Ballakermeen?

We run lots of clubs and activities. They take place at lunchtime and after school, and there really is something for everyone. You can take part in an activity you love already, or try something new!

Have a look at the plasma screens around school and on our website to see what we have on offer.



## What subjects will I study?

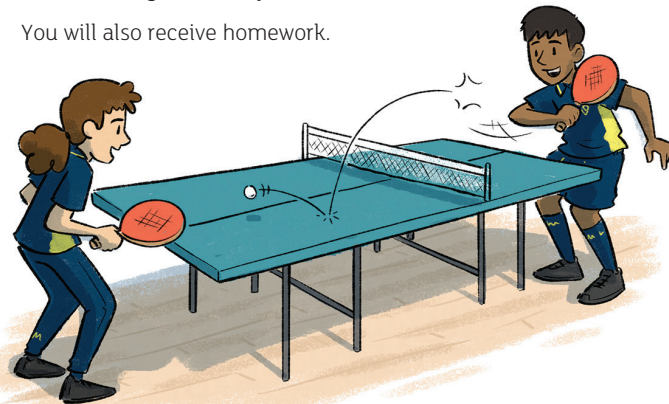
Most of you will study the following subjects:

<b>English</b>	<b>Art</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>PE</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Geography</b>
<b>ICT</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>D&amp;T</b>
	<b>German</b>	<b>Music</b>	

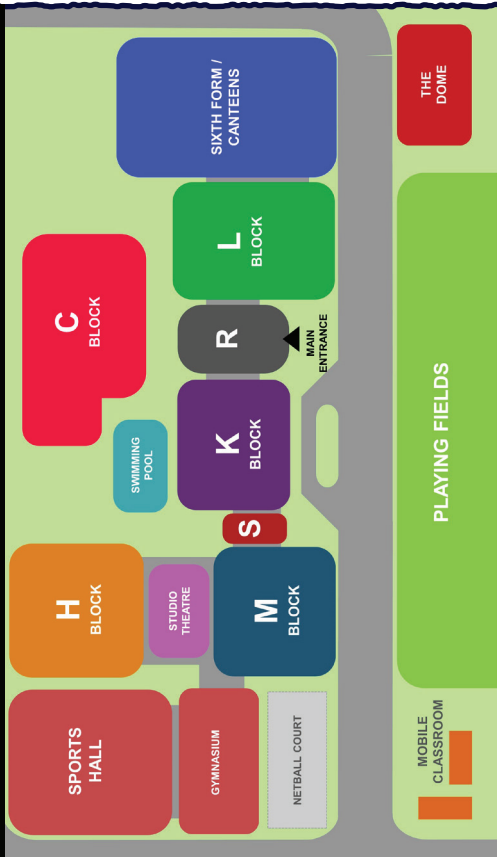
You will move between classrooms for each subject.

You will study some subjects more times in a week than others.

You will also receive homework.



# School map



<b>H Block</b> Art, History, Geography, RE	<b>K Block</b> French, German	<b>L Block</b> ICT, Library, English, Drama, Dance
<b>M Block</b> Maths, Music	<b>R/S</b> Reception/Seating Area	<b>C Block</b> D&T, Science

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