



Welcome to Selly Park Girls' School

Your Pocket Guide



What do I need for my first day?

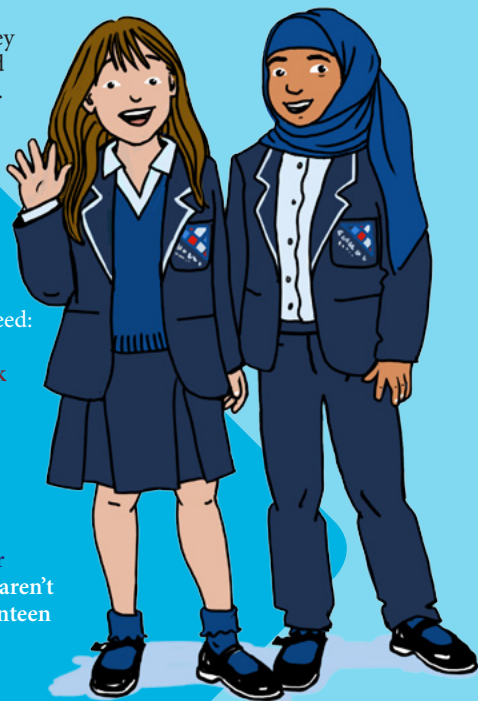
All pupils must wear the Selly Park navy blue uniform; it is important to take pride in your personal appearance.

Our uniform is a navy blue skirt worn with a blue shirt style blouse, school blazer and a navy blue school sweatshirt. Pupils may also wear navy blue trousers (no denim or chino material). Shoes should be black or navy blue and, for reasons of safety, should be flat. Trainers, pumps and canvas shoes are not allowed.

If headscarves are worn, they must be plain navy blue and without any tassels or braid.

Make sure you have the equipment you need:

- A suitable backpack
- School planner
- Pencil case
- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Snack/lunch if you aren't buying from the canteen



Who can I talk to if I'm upset or worried about something?

Our main focus is to make sure you are safe, feel happy and are proud to be a big part of our school. The Pastoral Team are here to listen and give guidance about how to achieve this. We understand the pressures placed on young people, whether that is through friends, school life, home life or social media. Our years of experience as a team means we will be able to help.

Here at Selly Park, as well as the dedicated Pastoral Team, every staff member is trained to help so we do encourage you to speak to your Form Tutor, Head of Year or one of your subject teachers. This also applies to all our support staff if you would like to speak to them.

Your Head of Year or your Form Tutor will be your first contact, they will listen to you and support you through any difficult times. Your Head of Year will also be the main contact if your parents/carers want to raise any worries or concerns.

Being a good friend is also vitally important to us at Selly Park. If you are worried about a friend, please tell any member of staff.

Your safety is our priority!



What happens in a school day?

Monday to Thursday, there are six periods, a break and lunch break. On Fridays, there are five periods and school ends at 3pm.

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| Gates Open | 8:00am |
| Start of School Day | 8:40am |
| Form Time | 8:45-9:00am |
| Period 1 | 9:00-10:00am |
| Period 2 | 10:00-11:00am |
| Break | 11:00-11:15am |
| Period 3 | 11:15am-12:15pm |
| Lunch | 12:15-1:00pm |
| Period 4 | 1:00-2:00pm |
| Period 5 | 2:00-3:00pm |
| Period 6 | 3:00-3:30pm |

In year 7 you will study English, Mathematics, Science, Art, Technology, Drama, Modern Foreign Languages, RE, PE, Geography, History, Music, Computing, Reading, PSHEE, Citizenship and RSE.



How do I know what homework I have?

We know how much of a key role home learning plays in the development of your knowledge and understanding of your subjects, therefore teachers will set you home learning tasks regularly. Each task should take you around 20 minutes to complete and you will be set on average eight tasks per week.

All home learning tasks will be set on Arbor. When you are logged into Arbor, you will see a tab called 'Assignments' on your Arbor Dashboard. You can click into here to see details of the work set by your teachers.

If you wish to complete any of your home learning tasks in school, then you can use the library before school or attend our home learning club after school.



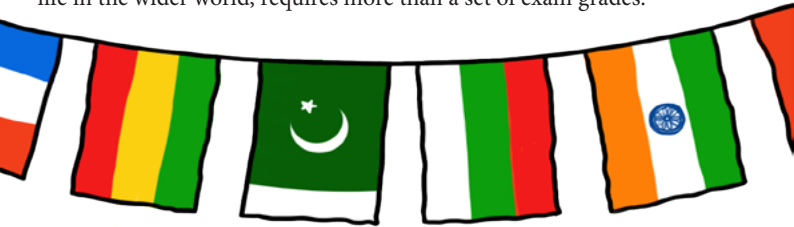
What do you expect from me?

We want our pupils to develop an understanding as to how and why their character is important to their personal development. Through our thriving Selly Park community, we want to inspire you to actively seek to develop your own character, so you ultimately become respectful, kind, resilient individuals.

Selly Park aspires to develop women who, through courage and confidence, will achieve their goals, and in turn will be motivated to serve others in the local, national and global community to become flourishing members of society. By completing your pupil passport, you will be recording the experiences and personal achievements you have learnt from and received recognition for.

Wider world

We believe that, while academic achievement is important, there is also more to your education. Being ready for the next stage of school, and for life in the wider world, requires more than a set of exam grades.



International Links

Selly Park has held the International School Award for 15 years, successfully re-applying every three years. Selly Park has link schools in countries all over the world, including Ghana, Zimbabwe, India, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, Russia, Bulgaria, Spain, France, and South Africa.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education. All of our International link projects links directly with the school's vision for promoting and living the British Values of diversity, acceptance and democracy.

What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We offer a wide range of clubs and sporting activities that you may choose to participate in. Look out for the extra-curricular timetable to know when different activities are scheduled. Examples of clubs currently on offer are badminton, basketball, football, film club, cooking club, science club and karaoke club.



You will also have many opportunities to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the Arts and travel. Good examples of these include:

- field work
- theatre visits
- industry days
- trips to France or Spain to help with MFL studies
- museum visits
- visits to other countries through our global links programme.



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