

FAQs for Year 6 Parents

What does a typical Year 7 day look like at St Edmund's?

Students have their own individual timetable that they follow. For example, a student might have Maths, Spanish and Engineering in one day. There are three lessons every day with a 20 mins break and a 30 mins lunch break.

Students arrive at school and start the day with their tutor every morning at 8:40am where their tutor will take the morning register, go through any daily notices and important information and say a prayer. In tutor we follow a daily activity, such as watching the news, a debate or the extended prayer. Students will go to lesson 1 for 9am and have a break during this lesson at 10am. At 11am students move to their classroom for lesson 2 and have lunch at 11:50am. At 1.20pm students go to lesson 3 until the end of the day at 3pm. After school we offer a range of extra curricular activities (please check our website for updates in September).

I am worried that my child has not had a tour of school and he/she will get lost.

Year 7s will have a full induction day on Monday 6th September, which will include a full tour of the academy. Year 7s will be in tutor groups for all lessons initially so this will help them to get around the academy together.

How does my child get lunch and how do I pay?

We are completely cashless and all payments are made via Parentpay, which you should set up before September. IF you have not received your login details please contact St Edmund's and ask to speak to a member of the finance team who can assist you.

Can my child bring a packed lunch?

We offer a variety of food in our school canteen that your child can purchase or they can bring a packed lunch. Our canteen offers both hot and cold food and snacks.

Can my child have breakfast at school?

Yes, our canteen opens at 8am for breakfast where we offer a variety of options including toast, croissants and muffins. We also warm and provide bagels for free every morning (subject to availability).

Will my child be with their friends?

We have ensured that every Year 7 child is placed in a tutor group with at least one other person they know from their primary school unless they are coming on their own. Year 7 will have an induction day on Monday 6th September and part of this will be ice breaker activities to get to know each other in tutor groups.

Where can I purchase a school uniform?

We have two suppliers that are both located in Wolverhampton: Lads and Lasses and Ron Flowers Uniform. The link to our uniform page is [here](#) for more information.

Where can I find news and updates?

We ensure that our website and social media pages are regularly updated for parents. We also have a transition web page (click [here](#)) specifically for Year 6 going into Year 7. If there are any changes in the summer we will contact you via text message or email and put all information on our website.

Will I get to come into the academy and meet staff?

Yes, we are hoping to hold a Welcome Evening in September for Year 7 parents where you can meet your child's Head of Year, tutor and other key members of staff. This will not be a traditional 'parent's evening' to discuss progress with teachers, but more of a pastoral event for you to be familiar with other key staff and ask any questions you may have.

When will I get updates about my child's progress in Year 7?

We hold one Parent's Evening annually for each year group. Normally, this is in the spring term for Year 7. You will be able to book an appointment with your child's subject teachers and discuss their progress with them.

We collect data throughout the academic year from teachers and this progress check is emailed to parents. There is at least one progress check per school term.

How much homework will my child receive at secondary school?

It is recommended that Year 7 pupils do 45-90 minutes of homework every day. Your child will receive homework from their subject teachers that they should complete for their next lesson or the given deadline. We use Google Classroom to upload lessons and some teachers may put homework here too. If your child would like to do supplementary homework they can use our Study Page linked here where there are links to websites for the whole curriculum.

What if my child forgets something?

If your child has forgotten something, such as their packed lunch or equipment, please contact the school on 01902558888 or contact your child's Head of Year to let us know as soon as possible.

If I have a concern about my child, who do I contact?

Your first point of contact should be your child's Head of Year who you can contact via email or by calling the school main reception (tel 01902 558888). You will receive an email or return call as soon as possible by the pastoral team. If it is urgent then another member of staff may contact you sooner.