

QUESTIONS THAT STUDENTS HAVE ABOUT STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025

- **When does school start?** Wednesday, 3rd September 2025, at 8.30am, dressed smartly in your school uniform. The school day finishes at 3.35pm.
- **School uniform** - please read the School Uniform and Appearance guidance in the Transition Advice booklet carefully for full details of what you can and can't wear, haircuts, jewellery etc. Your coloured year stripe should be sewn onto your blazer, across the top of the pocket, above the school badge. Shirts **MUST** be tucked in and you **MUST** wear your blazer at all times. Please note your tie and year stripe will be given to you on Tuesday, 17th June at the Year 7 Intake Evening.
- **I am coming by car – where shall my parents park?** The traffic is really busy in the area, both in the morning and at the end of school, and the Cripps Hall car park is for staff and Sixth Form only and should not be used by parents other than on your Transfer Day. From your first day September we recommend that your parents drop you off and pick you up after school somewhere locally (observing the road traffic regulations), within a short walk from the school. It would be a good idea to practise this during the summer holidays.
- **Where do I go when I get to school?** On Induction Day, leave your parents and come in through the bus stop entrance. There will be staff waiting to welcome you and direct you to the theatre. After that, you will come in through the normal school entrances (follow all the other boys).
- **What will I do on Induction Day?** On Induction Day you will have an assembly. You will then go with your form tutor to do a range of activities, including a tour of the school, having your photo's taken and enjoying a carousel of expressive arts activities.
- **What will I do on the first day?** You will go to your form room for the first three periods up to break. During that time, you will be given your timetable. After break you will start your subject lessons.
- **What do I do about lunch?** You can bring a packed lunch or buy food from the canteen. Your parents will be sent login details for the Cashless Catering system just before the start of term. You will not be able to pay by cash.
- **Will I need my PE kit?** You will need to bring PE kit on the days that your timetable says you have PE. Don't worry about this on your first day.
- **What about school books?** During the first week or two your teachers will give you your exercise books and also some text books. You will need to bring the right books for your lessons each day. You should bring a school bag to carry these and your other equipment in.
- **Can I bring my mobile phone?** We recommend that you don't bring these into school unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to phone home you can do it from Student Services. If you do bring in a mobile phone it is at your own risk and it must not be seen in school. All students should not use phones at any point on the school premises before 3.35pm. More information can be found in the Behaviour Policy under 'Code of Conduct/Routines concerning Mobile Phones'.

What happens if I get lost finding my way round the school? Don't worry – there are plenty of students and staff to help you – just ask!

- **What happens after the first day?** It will be normal lessons from now on, so check your timetable every evening with your parents and put everything you need for the next day in your bag ready before you go to bed.