

Parents' Transition FAQs

1) How easy is it to communicate with subject leaders if I have concerns?

There is a list of staff email addresses on the 'contact' section of our website. Email is the easiest way to communicate in the first instance.

2) What pastoral support is available to enable a child who experiences high levels of anxiety to settle into the school?

Each year group has their own Pastoral Manager. Students will also have their form tutor to speak to each day and access to our Wellbeing Mentor, Ms Webster.

3) Can the students wear all black leather converse shoes?

As long as they are all black and leather, please see the uniform information on our website.

4) What equipment do I need to get?

Students will need a school bag, a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener. Other stationary (highlighters, felt tip pens) and a calculator can also be useful.

5) Will my child receive the relevant support for his SEND?

Mrs Roden, our SENDCo will have support in place for any student with SEND following information passed to us from the primary school. You can contact her by email t.rodan@ibstockcollege.co.uk

6) If a child is struggling in a certain subject would they be able to get extra help?

Staff will be liaising closely with primary schools to pass on information, but will also monitor students closely and put interventions in place where needed.

7) When will students be put into Sets for Maths, English etc? Students will be taught in mixed ability groups in all lessons initially. There will be some changes as students progress through the school.

8) Are there clear guidelines for behaviour/achievements for both students and teachers as this seems to have been inconsistent this year.

Yes, our behaviour policy is on our website. This policy is also reviewed annually.

9) When will students receive their timetable?

Students will be given a timetable on their first day with us after the summer holidays. This will show what lessons they have, with which teacher and in which room. There will be older students to take them to their lessons until they feel comfortable finding their way around. Pages 18 and 19 of the Transition booklet show what the timetable will look like.

10) How much homework are students likely to get each day?

Students get 1 hour of homework per day (Monday – Friday) Please look at the curriculum section of the website for more information. <https://www.ibstockcollege.co.uk/homework>

11) Can my son choose to have a friend from Junior school in his form with him? And if so how?

Students have been put into tutor groups based on the recommendations of their Primary School teachers. All students are in with at least one friend from their Primary School unless they are the only one coming from their school. Students will find out their tutor groups on the Monday before the induction days.

12) Why hasn't child my received a free bus pass but his older brother at the same school has?

For any issues with bus passes, please contact the transport department at County Hall.

(leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/school-transport)

13) Do you do many after school clubs for year 7?

We have a variety of after school sports clubs which will be advertised to students regularly.

Students will need collecting from school after the club if they don't usually walk home. Click on the following link to see the clubs that have been running this year.

<https://www.ibstockcollege.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-autumn-term-2022>

14) Is there a bullying policy?

Yes, a copy of our policy can be found on the school website

<https://www.ibstockcollege.co.uk/content/policy-docs.php>

15) How will the school communicate with parents?

Parents will receive a formal progress check 3 times a year which shows whether each student is working at, above or below expectations. On top of this Year 7 will have a chance to talk to tutors in October to discuss how their child has settled in as well as a parents' evening later in the year. Staff can also be contacted by email if you have any concerns.

16) If my child does not turn up to a lesson how long is it before you contact the parent?

Registers are taken within 10 minutes of a lesson starting. If a student is not in school then parents will be contacted.

17) When will we know the classes our children will be in for all subjects not just their form group?

Students will be taught in their tutor groups for the majority of lessons in Year 7.

18) Will my daughter's name be automatically added with my son account on ParentPay or how will I go about adding her?

Both children should appear on your ParentPay account, you will receive further information on this.

19) Is a school skirt still part of the uniform?

Full school uniform information can be found on the school website

<https://www.ibstockcollege.co.uk/uniform-information>

20) After paying for the iPads, do they keep them?

Yes, students will keep the iPads.

<https://www.ibstockcollege.co.uk/letters/ibstock-community-college-ipad-scheme-2023>