

Transition FAQs student questions

1) What do I do if I get lost?

On the induction days you will be given a map of the school, there will be lots of signs up and older students will be around to show you where to go for your lessons. If you do get lost, there will be lots of Teachers and other school staff around to ask. You won't get into any trouble for being a little bit late when you have only just started with us.

2) How much homework can I expect to get?

You will get one hour of homework a night. Look at www.ibstockcollege.co.uk/homework for more information. This is called 20:20:20 homework.

3) Do you stay in the same groups all day?

Yes, at the start of Year 7 you will be with the same students that you are in a tutor group with for all of your lessons. You will move around the school for each lesson. You will have 5 lessons each day.

4) What stationary will I need?

You will need to bring a pencil case with pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and pencil sharpener. Other stationary like felt tips, crayons, highlighters are optional. Calculator are useful in maths but you will be able to borrow one if you don't have your own.

5) What are the after school clubs?

Currently we have rounders, football, basketball and athletics after school, these change throughout the year. We have a bulletin to keep you updated with all the different clubs and activities that are happening outside of lesson time. There is also a drama club and lots of music clubs at lunchtime.

6) Who will be in my form?

You will be put into a form with at least one other person from your Primary school as long as you are not the only one moving up. If you are the only one moving up, you will find that

there are some other people in your tutor group who are moving up on their own too. Your primary school teachers have told us who you get on well with and who you work well with.

7) Would I be able to talk to someone when I am worried about something?

Definitely, talking about any worries you have is really important. You will have a form tutor who you get to know really well and see every day. There is a Pastoral leader for Year 7 and Ms Webster who is our school wellbeing mentor, who you can also talk to.

8) Please can we continue to wear PE kit to school on the days we have lessons as I have always struggled with getting changed?

Students now bring their PE kit and get changed before and after the lesson. If you might struggle with this, please get your parents or carers to contact us.

9) Will I get help if I need it?

Definitely, your primary school teachers have already told us lots about you, but if you find that you are struggling with a particular subject or topic, just talk to your teacher and they will be able to put in support or interventions for you.

10) Will I be able to meet my teacher in advance?

Yes, you will meet your form tutor and lots of the teachers on the induction days.

11) What kind of sports do you do?

It depends on the time of year, at the moment we are doing lots of athletics, but you will also do football, rugby, netball, badminton, basketball, trampolining, swimming etc

12) How is bullying dealt with?

We take bullying really seriously. If you feel upset by the behaviour or words of someone else, it is really important that you tell an adult straight away. Either your form tutor or pastoral manager will deal with what has happened and let both sets of parents know.

13) What time do we have to be at school?

You need to be sitting in your first lesson at 8.35am so it's a good idea to be in school by

8.25am.

14) What time does class start?

The school day starts at 8:35am.

15) What can you eat at lunch?

Have a look at page 21 in your transition booklet, there is a sample menu there.

16) How long do you have to get to each classroom (between classes)?

You need to go straight to your lesson unless it is break or lunch. Teachers will understand that it takes a few minutes to get from one lesson to another.

17) During breaks and lunch, will the year sevens be mixed with all the other years as I am a little nervous of being around the older students.

Yes, everyone will be together, but there are some areas that are just for certain year groups. You will be shown these when you start with us. There are also staff around the school on duty at break time and lunch time.

18) What is The Hive like, can I use it and when can I use it?

The Hive is a small learning area for students with any SEND who might need a bit more support with their learning. Sometimes students might go in there for one lesson, at other times it could be for longer.

19) Is there somewhere safe for my bike?

Yes, we have secure bike sheds on site. You will need to bring your own lock.

20) Is there a under 12 football team?

Yes, we have school football teams.

21) When will I know if my friends are in my form/registration group?

You will be told at the beginning of the week of the induction days.

22) What if I have a food allergy?

If you have any food allergies, it is important that you tell us so that we can make sure the food you eat in school is safe for you.

23) Can I bring my own reading book to school?

You are more than welcome to bring in books from home, however, we have over 4500 books in our library so there should be something that you will enjoy reading.