

Year 6-7 Transition Frequently Asked Questions

What subjects will my child study?

English, Math, Science, Geography, History, Computer Science, PHSE, Languages, Art and Design, Food Technology, Performing Arts and PE.

Is there a library?

The Library is another great resource available to students. We are lucky to have a huge range of books and it also provides a quiet space to do homework or attend clubs. The Library will be used frequently in English lessons. It is also open during lunchtime to read in comfort and peace. The library is definitely the place to be.

What if someone is being mean to my child or their friend?

The Academy is a really friendly school. Your child will be a part of one big family. If your child or their friend have any worries or concerns, all they need to do is tell a member of staff. This can be subject teacher, form tutor or someone from the Year Team. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are also on hand to help with any friendship issues.

Do you provide lockers?

A big part of being at a secondary school is being prepared and moving around the building to different subject areas. Lockers are available for a £5 deposit. They will be available in the first half term. You will be able to pay for this through Parent Pay.

How much homework is set?

Homework is very important, and we see it as an essential part of students' education. Each subject is responsible for setting homework. You will get at least one piece of homework per subject each week. Every pupil should be actively encouraged to put aside some time each day to read. Reading is great and its proven that by reading daily, it will help improve your child's exams results.

What are tutor groups?

The idea behind tutor groups is to give you a base group who will be your child's support network. Their form tutor will be the first port of call for you and your child. The form group will give the opportunity for your child to make lifelong friends. Primary school teachers have given us advice as to who works well together. Form groups are of a mixed ability as we feel this is the best way to support and stretch all abilities.

How do I monitor progress?

At The Milton Keynes Academy, we believe that you should be kept up to date on your child's motivation and behaviour, attendance and progress. This can be tracked through ClassCharts, which will also give you an insight into the rewards and if necessary, sanctions that they have received. This is a downloadable App which will notify you of any changes. More information on this will follow soon.

When does my child start?

As you can appreciate, the current situation is constantly changing. We are busy planning for a Thursday 3rd September 2020 start. This day is set aside for Year 7 and Year 12 only. This will give your child a good settled start. We all remember our first day at secondary school!

I am worried about not having all the uniform ready for my child. What should I do?

Our official uniform supplier, Price and Buckland are working hard to meet the demand. Mr Copson is in constant communication with Price and Buckland. Please make sure that you have ordered your uniform by 2nd August. Regular updates will happen as and when they are received from the supplier.

Will there be after school clubs?

Yes, there are a wide range of extra-curricular after school clubs. Ranging from Eco Schools, Duke of Edinburgh, Drama, Science, History and not to mention all the different sports. We are well known in Milton Keynes for our sporting success!

How do I pay for my child's dinner?

At The Milton Keynes Academy, we have biometric machines connected to Parent Pay. This means, you can top up your child's account online. Your child can also use the top up machines located within The Restaurant.

My child received Free School Meals at their primary school, will they still be entitled?

Yes, if they were registered at their primary school, we will use this information. Due to the current situation, if you feel that you may be entitled, please check the Milton Keynes Council website for more information.

It's a big school, will my child get lost?

It is like anything new; we learn to adapt to our environment. It is guaranteed that staff and fellow pupils will help students navigate the building. The building is like a three-pointed star and at each point there is a learning village. Each learning village is where different subject departments are located. For example, Humanities are in Achieve and English will be in Discover. Each year group is allocated a village for its tutor programme activities, Year 7's village will be Discover.

If you have any other question, please do contact our dedicated transition email on classof2020@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk