

Frequently Asked Questions

We asked our current Year 7's to think back to what it felt like to be a Year 6. We asked them to think about what questions they had before they joined Poltair school.

We then asked the students to answer those questions and here are the results!

How do you know which lessons you have next?

Everyone has their own timetable. It shows you all the lessons and the days of the week. There are 2 weeks with different lessons on different days.

What happens if I forget where one of my classes is?

If you forget where anything is you can ask your friends or an older student in school. The teachers are around to ask as well.

Am I likely to get lost?

No, it's quite easy to find your way around after the first couple of days. Just make sure you know which lessons you have that day. Don't worry if you do get lost, just ask someone the way.

Are the teachers strict?

No, our teachers are nice, but like all teachers they have a level of discipline. They follow the behaviour policy. Just make sure you are always on your best behaviour and you will be fine.

Is there loads of homework?

There is more than you get in primary school. You should normally expect about two pieces a day, but it's never to hand in the next day.

How will I remember what homework I have?

You have a planner that you can write in but we also have ClassCharts. This is where your teachers set your homework. It includes instructions on what you must do, any worksheets and links to websites. It also tells you what is due and when.

How many lessons are there per day?

We have 4 lessons a day. Each lesson is 75 minutes long.

Do we carry all our books around with us?

No you don't. Most teachers keep your books in the classroom; however, you may take some books home for homework.

What will happen if I'm late?

This may be worrying but for the first few weeks the teachers will be understanding as you find your way around. Just don't make a habit of it otherwise you will get detentions and behaviour points.

What are merits?

Merits are awarded when you do great work or have put consistent effort into your work. We always celebrate students in assembly.

Who can I talk to if I have a problem?

There are lots of people you can talk to. Your tutor is one person. You see them everyday and they can often answer your problems. Mrs Harvey is the Year 7 Pastoral manager. She will help you, point you in the right direction, chat with you and she is great at making you feel better. Mrs Pengelly is the Head of Year; she will be able to help you as well. In fact any adult will help you. If they can't they will find someone who can. Just ask!

Will I be able to play football?

Yes, there are the courts that you can play on as well as the astro-pitch. You can play at break and lunch.

What time is break and lunch?

Break is 10.15 – 10.45 and lunch is 13.15 – 13.45

What is the food like in the canteen?

The food is good, you have lots of choice and there is a menu outside the canteen. Our favourites are the pasties, roast dinners and the pasta bar.

Can I have a Packed Lunch?

Yes you can. You can also have a school dinner one day and packed lunch the next. You don't need to pre-order school dinners you can just decide on the day.

Will I find new friends?

Of course! There will be plenty of new people in your tutor group to make friends with, so don't worry. We didn't think we were going to find new friends, but we did! You will make friends with people from all different primary schools. It's exciting to get to know so many new people.

What will I need on my first day?

There are a few things you should make sure you bring

- Pencil case with supplies; pens, pencils, ruler and rubber
 - Water bottle
- Notebook (in case you want to write things down to remind you)
- Lunch or money to top up your account. After the first day your parents can top up your account online
 - PE Kit

Where shall I go on the first day?

Go to the front of school, where it is signposted reception. There will be teachers there who will direct you to the hall.

Please don't worry and see you all in September!