



## Frequently Asked Questions by P7s



### **Will we get a lot of homework in S1?**

You will engage in lessons across 13 different subjects every week, your homework will be spread evenly throughout the week. You will have more homework for subjects you have more often during the week and less homework tasks for subjects you only have once during the week.

### **Can we go out to the shops at break and lunchtimes?**

You won't be able to leave the school grounds at break time till S4, however you will be allowed to go to the shops for lunch after the Christmas holidays in S1. So that will be January 2024. In the mean time you can bring your own snack and lunch or buy something to eat at the fuel zone much the same as you can do so now in P7.

### **What should I do if I get lost?**

You may have already visited Hyndland so will be starting to understand the layout of our buildings. Do not worry if you have not been to the school yet as all S1s will be visiting Hyndland Secondary later in May so you will be able to see the layout of our two buildings then. Our school campus has two buildings, the Lauderdale building and the Airlie building which are linked by a corridor. When you start S1 in August your class will have a Pupil Guide for the first two or three days to lead you to each class and help you get used to the layout. After that you can just ask your teacher for directions to your next class or ask another young person, don't be shy!

### **Will the work be really difficult?**

You will find the work to be slightly more challenging than primary 7 but it's just the same as when you moved from p6 to p7. It always gets a bit harder each year. Just remember that your skills and knowledge progress along the way so you will adapt just fine. The big difference with this next step of your educational journey is you will be progressing to a school day that looks very different to what you have been used to in primary. You will have a variety of subjects and teachers which you will gradually get used to. Just remember that all those teachers as well as your Pastoral Care teacher and House Depute Head will all help you to settle in to this new way of working. You will be very well supported.

### **Are there clubs I can join?**

Yes, there are a wide variety of clubs you can join such as Football, Netball, Basketball, Dance, Badminton, Gymnastics, Rugby, LGBT, Fair Trade, Debating, Chess, Science, Orchestra, Wind Band, Choir, Film Club, Media Club, Photography Club to name but a few!! We recommend you should join at least 2 clubs in S1 to enrich your experience in school, get to know other young people and have fun!

**S1 also have the opportunity to go on an Outward Bound Residential Trip 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August to Lockerbie Manor which focuses on team building skills. More details to follow at the Information Evening on 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **How many classes will I attend each day?**

You will have 7 lessons on a Monday and Tuesday:

3 before break time

2 between break and lunchtime

3 after lunch

*(breakfast toast will be provided on these days from 8:30)*

You will have 6 lessons on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays:

2 before break time

2 between break and lunchtime

2 after lunch

### **When does school start and finish each day?**

8:45am start - so probably a bit earlier than p7!

3:35pm finish on Mondays and Tuesdays

2:45pm finish on Wednesdays to Fridays

## How will I know which classes and teachers to go to?

You will be given a timetable just like this one (although next session there will also be a period 7 on a Tuesday):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Monday</b>	French CfE Miss Stylianou L120x360	English CfE Mrs Farrell-Terhzaz L111x370	English CfE Mrs Farrell-Terhzaz L111x370	Music CfE Mrs Black A012x387	Business & Computing Studies CfE Mr Greer L106x366	Science CfE Mrs Toal A208x406	French CfE Ms Davidson L118x358
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Physical Education CfE Miss Johnston	Physical Education CfE Miss Johnston	Mathematics CfE Ms Müller L028x356	Mathematics CfE Ms Müller L028x356	English CfE Mrs McGuire L112x371	Technological Studies CfE Mr Squire	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art CfE Mrs MOTION L207x380	Science CfE Mr Wasik A208x406	Music CfE Miss Evans A011x386	CfE Social studies CfE Mrs Muldoon A105x396	Mathematics CfE Ms Müller L028x356	Mathematics CfE Ms Müller L028x356	
<b>Thursday</b>	CfE Social studies CfE Mrs Muldoon A115x400	Business & Computing Studies CfE Mr Greer L106x366	Physical Education CfE Mr McGunnigle	Rights Respecting School Mrs Miller L214x382	Science CfE Mr Wasik A208x406	Home Economics CfE Mrs Müller L219x383	
<b>Friday</b>	CfE Literacy across learning School Miss Watt L214x382	CfE Social studies CfE Mrs Muldoon A115x400	English CfE Mrs Farrell-Terhzaz L111x370	French CfE Miss Stylianou L120x360	Personal & Social Education School Mrs Mills L027x355	Technological Studies CfE Ms Fowie	

This will tell you the subject, teacher and classroom to go to each period. If you take a photo of your timetable in August you can save it on your phone and ipad so you always have it to hand!

## How long is each lesson?

Each lesson will last 50 minutes

## Will I have to wear a uniform to school?

Whilst we have a uniform for some occasions, there is no requirement for this on a daily basis. Our priority is learning and therefore you can wear what is comfortable for you, however we do not wear colours or anything construed as offensive.

### **Will I be in a class with my friends?**

You will be in a class with some other boys and girls from your primary school, however there will also be lots of new young people in your class from other primaries. You will all get to know each other pretty quickly and it's a great opportunity to make new friendships and extend your social circle. The primary teachers work closely with Ms Letford to help create the best learning groups for S1.

### **Who do I speak to if I am finding anything difficult?**

If you find something difficult with a particular subject you can speak to that teacher about it and they will help you.

If you need help with something more generally, for example you are feeling anxious or worried about something you should speak to your Pastoral Care Teacher and they will support you in overcoming the issue. You will be told who your Pastoral Care Teacher is at your Induction day in May.