



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 2022. 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?

We are very much hoping that you will be able to visit Hyndland Secondary in June so you will be able to see the layout of our two buildings then. Our school campus has two building, the Lauderdale building and the Airlie building which are linked by a corridor between the two. When you start S1 in August your class will have an S2 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 different 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 a variety of teachers which you will gradually get used to. Just remember that all those teachers as well as your Pastoral Care teacher and Depute Head Teacher 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 which focuses on team building skills.

How many classes will I attend each day?

You will have 7 lessons on a Monday:

2 before break time

2 between break and lunchtime

3 after lunch

You will have 6 lessons on a Tuesday:

Same as Monday except only 2 lessons after lunch so these are shorter days

When does school start each day?

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

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

You will be given a timetable just like this one:

	1	2	Reg	3	4	5	6	7
Monday	French CfE Miss Stylianou L120x360	English CfE Mrs Farrell-Terhzaz L111x370	Registration School Mr McLaughlin A106x411	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
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Tuesday	Physical Education CfE Miss Johnston	Physical Education CfE Miss Johnston	Registration School Mr McLaughlin A106x411	Mathematics CfE Ms Miller L028x356	Mathematics CfE Ms Miller L028x356	English CfE Mrs McGuire L112x371	Technological Studies CfE Mr Squire	
Wednesday	Art CfE Mrs MOTION L207x380	Science CfE Mr Wasik A208x406	Registration School Mrs Mills A106x411	Music CfE Miss Evans A011x386	CfE Social studies CfE Mrs Muldoon A105x396	Mathematics CfE Ms Miller L028x356	Mathematics CfE Ms Miller L028x356	
Thursday	CfE Social studies CfE Mrs Muldoon A115x400	Business & Computing Studies CfE Mr Greer L106x366	Registration School Mr McLaughlin A106x411	Physical Education CfE Mr McGunnigle	Rights Respecting School Mrs Miller L214x382	Science CfE Mr Wasik A208x406	Home Economics CfE Mrs Miller L219x383	
Friday	CfE Literacy across learning School Miss Watt L214x382	CfE Social studies CfE Mrs Muldoon A115x400	Registration School Mr McLaughlin A106x411	English CfE Mrs Farrell-Terhzaz L111x370	French CfE Miss Stylianou L120x360	Personal & Social Education School Mrs Mills L027x355	Technological Studies CfE Ms Fowlie	

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?

Your first two lessons in the day last 1 hour and the others through the rest of the day 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.

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 June.