

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I be in the same class/form as my friends?

When we get in touch with your teacher in the summer term, we ask them lots of questions about how we can best support you in secondary school and one of those questions is who you would work best in a form group with. We always try hard to make sure that this happens but one of the most exciting things about moving to secondary is meeting new people.

How will I get to know other people in my form/class?

During your induction evening and afternoon, there will be lots of opportunities for you to get to know your form tutor and other people in your form. Most of your lessons are in forms too.

How much homework will I get?

Normally, each subject will set homework once a week, usually for about 20 minutes. This might look like a lot but if you are organised and use your planner this will help you to complete it on time.

What happens if I forget my homework?

In the Autumn term, we are flexible because you are adapting to new systems and a new school. We try to be as supportive as possible so we will help you at lunchtimes to help catch up or we will contact home so that they can support you too.

What do I do if I'm stuck with my homework?

You can ask your parent or carer to contact the hoy7@ges.org.uk e mail address, you can go to see your teacher during breaks/lunchtimes or you can send a polite e mail to your teacher asking them for more information. You can always come to see one of the Year 7 team.

What do I do if I need to report something that is upsetting me?

You can either come to see one of the Year 7 team (your form tutor, Mr Reid, Miss Townsend or Mrs Mooney) or you can ask your parent to e mail the HOY7 e mail address.

What happens if I need to report something on the bus?

You can either report it yourself as mentioned above or you can ask your parent to contact the HOY7 e mail address.

What needs to be in my school bag?

Use your planner to help you to know which books to bring on which day. You also need to have your pencil case, planner and possibly PE kit. In your pencil case, you will need to have a protractor, compass, calculator, scissors, glue, pencil crayons, pens, pencils, a rubber, ruler and sharpener. You may also bring a water bottle. Only bring the things you need each day.

What if I lose something?

All lost property is taken to pupil reception which is open at lunchtimes for you to look for your missing equipment or you can re-trace your steps at break or lunch. If you leave something on the bus, your parent will need to contact the bus company.

What is a detention?

Detention sounds like a scary word but it can be a positive thing. It gives the teacher time to support the pupil with something that they may not understand or need more support with. A detention can be used as a sanction if you have been doing things you shouldn't and may take place at lunch or after school. You will be told by your form tutor on the day of your detention, including where to go.

What is the structure of the school day?

Form time starts at 8.40 and lasts for 20 minutes. You may have an assembly during some form times.

Lesson 1: 9-10am

Lesson 2: 10-11am

Break: 11-11.20am

Lesson 3: 11.20-12.20pm

Lesson 4: 12.20-1.20pm

Lunch: 1.20-2.10pm

Lesson 5: 2.10pm-3.10pm