



Year 7 – Class of 2025



Frequently Asked Questions

May I firstly ask if you haven't already completed the Microsoft form to help us with the early stages of transition, can you please do so by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/cT7k1uJUdj>

1. Will we be given maps so we learn where our classrooms are?

You will be given maps to help you locate your classroom, we have teachers around the site during those first few weeks to help you navigate the school. It is amazing how quickly Year 7 become acclimatised to the school site.

2. What time is the walk round for the school visits? Do I wear my primary uniform?

My mistake – I thought I'd deleted the time from the letter and left it on the form – but clearly, I did both!!!! (First slight error made)

The walk round visits of the school take place from **3.30pm to 4.15pm** on each of those days. Probably easier to stay in your primary school uniform but do not feel you have to.

3. How much time does it take to travel to another classroom? I am afraid I will be late for other classes.

We understand that Year 7 students could be late to a lesson in those early stages so don't worry we won't be giving you a consequence for punctuality until we are sure you can navigate our school site. You will, inevitably, be with 30 other students from your teaching group heading in the same direction (which your teacher will help you with).

4. When will we find out what form and class, we are in? When will we find out our timetable?

Once I get all the Microsoft forms back, we will start placing students into tutor groups. We also have to finalise our Year 7 staff which is being done currently. It is my plan for your new tutor to do a little video to those in their tutor group to help you with the transition period.

Timetables will not be finalised until after the summer holidays, but it is our intention to try and get your tutor out to you this year before we finish. **We will endeavour to place you with friends etc. in your tutor group, but we cannot promise this within your teaching group.**

5. How will I know where my classes are including my form class and who my teacher is? How long is the lunch and break time? Are the school dinners nice? Which entrance do I go through?

Love a multiple question one! On your timetable it will contain the teacher and room number you go to. Lunch is 50 minutes and break time is 20 minutes with a warning bell 5 minutes prior to the end of them. I personally think our school dinners are really nice and a good variety. You can view

sample menus on the School website. On the transition day and first day, it is probably best to go through the front gate. After that you can go through either gate.

6. Do we have a software that can talk directly with teachers?

ClassCharts is our school communication tool – this will store all your behaviour information; you can communicate with staff and also it will show you your homework.

7. How will it work in the canteen with the other big kids? I am a little worried about being bullied.

The dining room operates a time schedule of year groups so they know when to arrive. This varies every two weeks to ensure fairness. We operate zero tolerance at the school on bullying and all issues reported are dealt with. We empower students to be upstanders and report any incidents.

8. I would like to know what the school meals are like and what clubs there are?

I have answered the school dinner question in an earlier question. There are a large variety of clubs on offer at Wellington and I would suggest trying as many as you can to meet as many of your peers as you can. We circulate an extra-curricular booklet for students to access so you can choose what you would like to attend each day. You can also view a copy on our website.

9. What will happen in our first day? How many classes a day? How many people in a class?

The first day is usually spent in tutor periods for the first four hours – this is to cover a wide range of activities such as, getting your timetable, a practice fire drill, having your school photograph taken, having an assembly and some ‘icebreaker’ activities. You will then attend your first lesson period five.

You will have an early lunch in the first two weeks of school to get used to the dining room.

5 lessons a day – ranging from 26-29 students in a class.