

Everything you need to know before starting ICC

Frequently asked questions



Welcome to ICC



Headteacher: Mr Corbett



Progress Leader for Year 7 : Miss Wilson



Progress Manager for Year 7 : Mrs Paddington

School Day



What time does school start and finish? You should get to school for 8:25am where you will go to your mentor base to register for 08:30am. School finishes at 3pm. You will come into and leave the school through the front door.

I ride my bike to school, where can I put my bike? There are bike sheds at the back of the school that are locked during the day, as well as additional bike racks. You should also have your own bike lock too.

Do we have assemblies? Yes, you will have one year group assembly a week

Do we have a break and lunch time? Yes, break is at 10:55am for 20 minutes and lunch is at 1:15pm for 45 minutes.

Do I have to carry my books and PE Kit with me all day? You can hire a locker that you keep to the end of Year 11.

Can I use my mobile phone in school? We ask that mobile phones are turned off and are put safely in your school bag from when you arrive at school until you go home. Some lessons allow you to use your phones for curriculum activities. If you need to speak to your parents, please see Mrs Paddington or Miss Wilson who will help.

Timings of the school day for Year 7 & 9

07:45 am	Breakfast Club
08.25 am	Start of the day
08.30 am	Registration/Assembly
08.55 am	Start of Period 1
09.55 am	Start of Period 2
10.55 am	Break
11.15 am	Start of Period 3
12.15 pm	Period 4
1:15pm	Start of Period 5
3pm	End of period 5

Lessons



Will I have the same teacher for each subject? You will be taught by a specialist teacher for each subject.

How will I find my class? There are three floors that you can access by using one of the four staircases around the building. Each classroom is numbered and will have a G, F or S in front of the number, that tells you that room is on the ground floor(G), first floor(F) or second floor(S). Once you get the hang of it, it's really easy to remember. Have a look in your Year 7 Handbook, page 7 where you will see a timetable which will show you the subject, teacher and the classroom.

What if I get lost? There will be teachers around to ask if you get lost; if you cannot find a teacher you can go to the Student Reception desk where a staff member will help you. On each floor you will see big sign posts for each subject too.

What lessons will I be taught? You will be taught English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, either French or Spanish, History, Geography, Food, Art, Drama, Dance, Music, PE, Design Technology, Philosophy and Ethics. RSHE is taught over five days during the year.

Which languages will I study in MFL lessons? All students in Years 7-9 will learn Spanish. Students will also have the option to study French as an additional subject in Year 10 and 11.

How many lessons are there and are there double lessons? You will have 5 lessons a day, each lesson is 1 hour long. Double lessons are taught from Year 9 onwards.

Lessons



How will I know what lesson I have? You will be given a timetable to keep safe. Lessons are taught over ten days known as week A and week B. If you lose your timetable, don't worry we can print another one for you.

Will I be with my friends from my primary school, or will I be put in a class set? You will be taught mainly in your mentor groups, however after you have settled you will put into sets in Maths, based on your ability.

What do I need in my pencil case? Pencil cases should contain a minimum of black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and protractor (a clear pencil case is required for mock and external exams only). Scientific calculators are a requirement, Aurora AX-595TV is the brand we use in school. You can buy stationery and calculators from our Reprographics department at a lower price than high street prices.

Do I have to do homework? Yes, homework will be set by each subject each week.

Are there after school clubs I can join? We offer a wide range of clubs in Sports, IT coding club, English, History Film Club, Dance, Music, STEM, Art, homework and many more.

Is there a football team? Yes, and other team sports such as Cricket and Netball. We play against other schools locally and in the County.

Is there a Library? We have a Reading room that is open during morning break and after school for you to read and hire books. There is also a homework club after school each day in the Reading room.

Pastoral



Will I stay with the Progress Mentor? You stay with the same Progress Mentor until the end of year 7. From year 8 you will have a new Progress Mentor and Progress Leader who will stay with you until the end of year 11.

Will I be with my friends from my primary school? We will do our best to put you with your friends.

Will I make new friends? Yes, you will make lots of new friends, especially if you join in with after school activities.

What do I do if I am sad or worried over friendships or homework? We have caring teachers and a pastoral team who will help you with your worries. You can talk to your subject teachers about classwork and homework, or you can speak to your Progress Mentor, Progress Leader or Pastoral Manager.

What if I don't feel well? If you don't feel well you may need to spend some time in our First Aid room until you feel a bit better or until we speak to your parents/carers to come and take you home.

Uniform



Do I have to wear a school uniform? Yes, you will wear a school uniform until the end of year 11. There are three fund raising days a year where you can wear home clothes.

Do the ties change colour each year? Your tie colour will stay the same from year 7 until the end of year 11.

Can we take our blazers off? Blazers are to be worn from October half term until Easter. In the warmer months from after Easter to October students can take their blazers off, but you must still have your blazer with you. Students cannot wear any other item of clothing to replace the blazer.

Can I wear black trainers? Only during PE and at break and lunchtime; during school lessons you are to wear plain black formal shoes. Astro turf trainers suitable for artificial grass, indoor sports hall and field are required for PE.

Can I wear jewellery? Jewellery is not permitted as this is a health and safety risk. Earrings, studs and facial/body piercings are not permitted.

Break and Lunchtime

Where can I eat? There is a school canteen and a grab 'n' go service where you can buy food, fruit and drinks at break time or lunch, or you can bring a light snack for break and packed lunch for lunch.

Is there Halal food available? The meat option is most of the time halal, but this can change due to supplier availability.

There are vegetarian options available on daily basis and selection of grab & go items, which again can be either halal or vegetarian. The catering staff have information available on daily basis and can help students with their choice.

There is also a breakfast club starting at 07:45am to 08:15 where you can buy a selection of breakfast cereals, toast, baked beans on toast, bacon/egg rolls, full English breakfast and fruit.

Can I play football at break and lunch? Football can be played on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

Can I speak with other year groups during break and lunch? Yes



Rewards

Do I get rewards if I am good? Yes, we believe in rewarding good behaviour and attitudes to learning.

Students that have shown hard work, positive choices and have a good attendance record are rewarded with reward points. Students that have accumulated enough points have the opportunity to attend a Reward Event at the end of each half-term.

Classroom Expectations

- Listen to the teacher and each other
- Focus on your learning and do not stop others learning
- Arrive on time, in uniform
- Be equipped for the lesson
- Follow instructions without challenge
- Use appropriate and respectful language
- No phones, music players or gum

Reward	Explanation
R1	Meeting classroom expectations
R2	Good work, effort or contributions to lessons
R3	Consistent high effort in class or with homework
R4	Outstanding work in a lesson or across several lessons
R5	Great extended work, work over a series of lessons or meeting targets

Will I get a detention? As long as you follow the classroom expectations you will not get a detention. You only get consequences for not following the expectations.

First day in September



I am worried for my first day, what will we be doing?

There is nothing to be worried about, you are going to learn lots of new things and make many new friends. You will need to be in full school uniform, so start practising tying your tie!

Mr Corbett and the Pastoral team will greet you at the front door and take you to the hall for a welcome assembly.

This is what your first day is going to look like: :

- Spend time in your mentor groups
- Have a tour of the school
- Be given your timetable
- Have your biometric fingerprint taken for your canteen identification
- For break bring a light snack and for lunch bring a pack lunch, or if your parents have put money onto your canteen account, you can purchase food in the canteen during break and lunchtime.
- Remember to bring a refillable water bottle that you can fill up at the water fountains during break and lunchtime.

Lessons will start after break, period 3 at 11:15am and the day will end at 3pm.

Your PE kit is not needed for the first day.