



Malmesbury School Transition Booklet



Your new school...



Will it be different?

Malmesbury School will probably be different to your primary school but some things might be the same.

We have around 1300 students from Year 7 – Year 13. **How many students do you have at your school?**

We have different classes and teachers for different subjects. **How many different rooms do you go to in one day?**

How many teachers do you have in one day?

We have 2 floors at Malmesbury School. **How many floors do you have at your school?**

We wear a uniform at Malmesbury School. **Do you wear a uniform?**

Think about:

How will you get to school?

Lots of students either walk or catch the bus. How do you get to school now?

What time will you need to arrive?

Our school days starts promptly at 9am – that's when you need to be in your tutor room. What time do you have to be at school now?

Will you be having lunch in school or bringing a packed lunch?

We have a varied menu at Malmesbury School. You can buy breakfast, snacks and lunch here – what is the menu like at your school?

What do you want to know before you start at your new secondary school?

Some students may already have been to Malmesbury School before or have siblings who can tell them all about it. Some students will have never been here before and have no idea of what it's like.

What are some of the things you would like to know?

What new experiences are you looking forward to?

Use this box to tell us about all of the things you are looking forward to...

It might be changing classrooms each lesson, it might be spending more time doing subjects you enjoy, it might be making new friends, it might even be the chicken wrap on a Wednesday!!

Looking the part means getting off to a good start!

The school uniform is important as it creates a sense of belonging and purpose. It is also important that we have a uniform so that students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and recognise that we value all students alike.



Who you might meet in your school day...

Secondary school is much different to primary school as you move around the school site for each lesson. Throughout your day you will meet lots of different teachers and support staff.



Mr Gilson
Executive Headteacher and
CEO of the Athelstan Trust



Mrs Wood
Y7 Pastoral Leader



Mr Jouny
Headteacher

To find out more about the people who work in Learning Support and are here to help you whilst you are in school, have a look at the SEND page on the school website and look at the **Meet the Team** section.

Asking for help

There are times when you may need to ask for some help. You may not know where to go or be feeling poorly, you may have lost your timetable...

The staff in Student Services are always around to help you as well as teachers and support staff.

Who do you ask for help at your school? What do you say?

** You have lost your book – ***What do you do?***

** You have forgotten your homework – ***What do you do?***

Asking for help

** Someone bumps into you on one occasion – ***What do you do?***

Some older pupils make fun of you every day, they think it is funny but you do not – ***What do you do?***

Making friends

Everyone is good at some things and some find things tricky. Some students find it really easy to be good at computer games and some are not. Some are really good at art and some are not. It's the same with making friends. Some students will love meeting new people, are very chatty and make lots of friends easily whereas others don't know how to begin to make a new friend.

TOP TIPS FOR MAKING NEW FRIENDS:

- Smile
- Tell them your name and ask them theirs
- Find out what they are interested in
- Talk with them about a shared interest – you might both like horses or computer games
- Ask them if they'd like to do something at break or lunchtime
- Ask them if they'd like to go to any of the school clubs with you

Finding your way around school

Most Y6 students will feel a little nervous about joining a school which is so much bigger than their primary school. You might feel worried about getting lost, being late for a lesson because you weren't sure about where to go. This is OK. Everybody knows that it takes time to get used to a new school.

Have a look at the map and find:

- S1-
- S7 -
- The hall -
- CA1-
- CA10 -
- T2 -
- IBL5 -
- H9 -
- H1-

Are they upstairs or downstairs?

Your timetable

One of the first pieces of information you'll be given is your timetable. It's really important you look after it because it is what tells you which lesson you have, when you have it, who your teacher is and where you need to be. This will also help you with packing your school bag the night before so you know which equipment to bring the next day.

Malmesbury School has a two-week timetable and they may be different. You will have to remember whether it is week one or two.

For example, you might have Maths on a Monday period 1&2 on a week one but on a week two, periods 1&2, you may have PE.

Timetable practice

Look at the timetable (this is not your timetable for September) and see if you can find out....

1. Which days will you do PE?
2. Which room will you go to for English?
3. Which teacher will you have for Science (their initials)?
4. When is your favourite lesson?

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

	1Mon	1Tue	1Wed	1Thu	1Fri	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
1	Maths MI10 BL	Art CA6 DMT	Eng EM4 REW	Science S7 HHU	Eng EM4 REW	Maths MI10 BL	Art CA6 DMT	Eng EM4 REW	Science S7 HHU	Eng EM4 REW
2	Maths MI10 BL	Art CA6 DMT	Eng EM4 REW	Science S7 HHU	Eng EM4 REW	Maths MI10 BL	Art CA6 DMT	Eng EM4 REW	Science S7 HHU	Eng EM4 REW
3	Maths MI10 BL	Maths MI10 BL	Illearn H3 HJP	Science S7 HHU	Maths IBL6 ARH	Maths MI10 BL	Maths MI10 BL	Dance CA7 CLC	Science S7 HHU	Maths IBL6 ARH
4	PE Core F3 SM	Maths MI10 BL	Illearn H3 HJP	Des.Tech. T5 CEN	Maths IBL6 ARH	PE Core F3 SM	Maths MI10 BL	Dance CA7 CLC	Des.Tech. T5 CEN	Maths IBL6 ARH
5	PE Core F3 SM	French IBL2 JR	French IBL5 SDS	Des.Tech. T5 CEN	Rel St. IBL8 HTF	PE Core F3 SM	French IBL5 SDS	German IBL3 MAH	Des.Tech. T5 CEN	Rel St. IBL8 HTF
6	PE Core F3 SM	French IBL2 JR	French IBL5 SDS	Des.Tech. T5 CEN	Rel St. IBL8 HTF	PE Core F3 SM	French IBL5 SDS	German IBL3 MAH	Des.Tech. T5 CEN	Rel St. IBL8 HTF
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7	Science S7 HHU	PE Core F3 CG	Geog H3 HJP	IT M18 WB	Science S7 HHU	Science S7 HHU	PE Core F3 CG	Geog H3 HJP	IT M18 WB	Des.Tech. T2 AWH
8	Science S7 HHU	PE Core F3 CG	Geog H3 HJP	IT M18 WB	Science S7 HHU	Science S7 HHU	PE Core F3 CG	Geog H3 HJP	IT M18 WB	Des.Tech. T2 AWH
9	Eng LIB REW	Music CA2 DJC	Drama CA8 LJC	German IBL6 CPR	History H9 ED	Eng LIB REW	Music CA2 DJC	Drama CA8 LJC	German IBL6 CPR	History H9 ED
10	Eng LIB REW	Music CA2 DJC	Drama CA8 LJC	German IBL6 CPR	History H9 ED	Eng LIB REW	Music CA2 DJC	Drama CA8 LJC	German IBL6 CPR	History H9 ED

What you will need

At primary school most of your equipment will have been kept in your classroom for you to use. It is different at secondary school. Here you are expected to have your own equipment like pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, calculator etc and you'll need to bring these to school each day.

Can you think of any other equipment you'll need to bring to school?

School expectations

Malmesbury School has a vision statement which is '**To be a happy, caring and excellent community**'.
What do you think this means?

We also have a mission statement, '**We will promote an inspirational culture in which everyone feels valued and challenged to fulfil their potential**'. ***What do you think this means?***

Homework!

Homework – some children like it and some don't. It's one of those things that you just have to do and the more organised you are the less amount of time you'll need to spend doing it.

In Y7 you will get lots more homework than you have been used to. Teachers will expect you to have done your best and hand it in on time.

You will get a homework diary (planner) and you will need to use this to write down all the homework you are given and the date it is due in.

There is a homework club that you can attend after school where someone can help you.

How much homework do you get now and how long do you spend on it?

TOP TIPS FOR HOMEWORK:

- You should spend half an hour completing a piece of homework
- Check your planner to make sure you know what to do
- If there is anything you don't understand ask your teacher or TA BEFORE it is due in
- If you forget to bring a piece of homework in tell your teacher as soon as you can
- If you find the homework too hard speak to your teacher or TA

Finally...

Use this page to write down anything else you would like to know about Malmesbury School and give it to your teacher. We will ask a Teacher/Teaching Assistant to answer you and send you a reply!