



FAQ – Response to queries

In response to queries from Parents and Carers following the 'Parents' Transition Information' presentation videos, please see below response in the form of a FAQ.

Can you please advise if the grey trousers have to be purchased from Uniform Direct only?

We believe that uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the positive ethos of our academy, setting an appropriate tone.

In answer to the question: yes, blazers, tie, skirt, trousers and PE tops are purchased from Uniform Direct.

We have some optional items too, including sports socks, PE jumper and CMA jumper. White shirts, black shoes and trainers for PE can be purchased elsewhere.

How do you decide which sets scholars will be in?

Scholars are in sets for all of their subjects. However, for year seven at the start of the Autumn Term, classes will be taught in their tutor groups.

We will have some assessments at the start of term (but not straight away), so as we can assess the ability and potential of each child. Then, alongside the information from primary schools on each child's ability and how best to support them, we will assign scholars to sets ready for the second half term. We will communicate this to parents at that time.

Sets are fluid and can change at any time. Also, all sets learn the same curriculum, so there is often minimal difference between classes.

Will all year groups be back at the start of term, or will there be a more gradual transition?

Extensive risk assessments are in place for CMA, and these will be reviewed again for the start of the next academic year.

The latest guidance indicates all year groups will be back to school full time in September. Separate correspondence about term dates and arrangements has been sent to parents in a letter.

All new year 7 scholars will still complete the necessary induction activities in the Autumn.

When will we be able to come and visit CMA and meet our child's form tutor?

At this moment in time, we are not able to invite parents into school. This may change in August, but may not. If we can, we will find ways for parents to be able to visit CMA as soon as possible.

At the start of the year we will be publishing a programme of activities for parents to come into school, to include our Showcase Evening.

We will have our first Parents' Evening for year seven with your child's form tutor in the Spring Term.

Our son has food allergies and has an Epi-Pen along with some medicine. How will this be handled at CMA? Will he need to carry it everywhere with him or will it be kept in a central location?

This should have been picked up on the 'Year 6 Pupils Admissions Data Form'. Please ring and speak to Miss Killey in reception if you would like to discuss this further. Otherwise, all is in hand and we will make arrangements with you on an individual basis. Such items can be stored safely in the Medical Room.

Is the breakfast club that takes place at 7.45am before school payable? If so what is the cost?

It is free to attend Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club does not have to be booked. If a scholar chooses to buy breakfast, they can so using their ID card.

What after school activities do you have?

We do not have any after school clubs currently, but intend to run a study club next year. We will write to parents about this.

School finishes at 3.40pm, Mon-Thur and school finishes at 2.10pm on Friday. This includes 'Castle Character Time' and 'Prep' during the school day. Castle Character Time includes societies which many schools would do after school – the difference is we do them within the school day, so as all scholars take part.