



## Transition FAQs



### **What should I do in school if I have a problem or worry?**

We have a team of staff at KHS ready to help you if you have any problems or concerns. First of all is your form tutor, who you will see every morning. We also have a team of Wellbeing and Learning Support Officers (WBSOs) you can talk to, either by coming to see us in the hub or on your corridor, and of course we have Mrs Jones, your Wellbeing Leader, who will be helping you to settle in and deal with any issues. It is really important that if you do have a problem you come and let us know so that we can help address it. We also have outside agencies come into school such as the school counselling service.

### **What clubs can I join?**

We have a wide variety of clubs to get involved with. There are many different sports clubs, choir and orchestra, homework club, chess club and many more. There will be posters with the full list of clubs displayed around the school or you can ask your form tutor for more information. Joining a club is a brilliant way of getting to know people and make new friends, as well as feeling part of the school community.

### **What time does school start and finish?**

School starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.10pm but we encourage you to be on the school site by 8.30am to be able to get to your registration class on time.

### **How many form classes are there?**

Year 7 has 7 form classes and there are an average of 30 students per class

### **How many teachers and subjects will I have?**

You will have different teachers for each subject but you will also have a form tutor who will hopefully stay with you for the 5 years you attend KHS.

You will study Maths, English, Science, Geography, History, RE, PSE, Technology, Art, Music, IT, Drama, French, Welsh and PE

### **Will I be in a form with my friends?**

We cannot guarantee that you will be in a form with your all your closest friends but we will make sure that you are in a form with students from your school. If you are the only student from your primary school coming to KHS we will make sure that your form tutor is aware and that you have opportunities to make new friends.

### **When will I know who my form tutor is?**

We will share the name of your form tutor with you this half term and you will be able to meet your form tutor through a Microsoft Teams.

### **What will happen on my first day of school?**

On your first day of school you will be given time to spend with the rest of your form class. You will complete activities to get to know one another, to understand your timetable, the school rules and safe routines.

### **How will I find my way around?**

We have two buildings and your lessons may be in different classrooms across the school in September. You will be shown around the school and you don't need to worry about getting lost. You will have a map and you will have help from staff and other students to find your way around in those first few weeks. If you do get lost you can ask a member of staff to help you.

### **Will we get a lot of homework?**

Each department will set homework approximately once every 2 weeks. You will be given a minimum of 48 hours to complete the homework and if you need support you are welcome to attend homework club Monday – Thursday straight after school.

### **Will there be a seating plan for lessons?**

We hope and expect you will be moving to different classrooms for different lessons. If you are moving around for lessons, each teacher will have their own seating plan for the class based on educational needs and support. There will also be a seating plan for your registration class.

### **What is the canteen like?**

The canteen offers a variety of healthy and delicious food at reasonable prices. There is always a set hot meal available to purchase which includes a main course and desert, along with a selection of sandwiches, baguettes and other food and snacks. The canteen is open at both break and lunch. There are drinks to purchase in the canteen but we also ask that every student brings a reusable bottle filled with water or squash to keep them hydrated throughout the day. Sugary soft drinks and energy drinks are not allowed and will be confiscated.

#### **Am I allowed my phone in school?**

You are permitted to bring your phone to school but it is only to be used outside the buildings at break and lunch times. At all other times your phone must be switched off and in your bag. If you are seen on your phone inside the building, it will be confiscated and kept safe for you to collect at the end of the day.

### **Additional FAQs from Open Evening**

#### **How will I be learning?**

You will learning in 5 different 1 hour lessons as day, and moving around the school site. This is much like the 'normal' routine in secondary school. We will keep all of the best things we have learnt from Blended Learning to ensure you get the best experience.

#### **What sports clubs will be running?**

Subject to COVID restrictions, the PE department is hoping to run the following clubs in September: Rugby, football, netball, hockey and badminton. There will be rugby available for girls. Unfortunately we are unable to run a swimming club, however you will be offered swimming as part of your PE lessons. In the summer we have cricket and athletics clubs.

#### **Do you do Spanish in year 7?**

No you will not study Spanish in year 7. Everybody will learn French and if you get on well with learning a language you will be offered the opportunity to also study German in year 8

#### **How many art lessons do we have each week?**

You will have 2 art lessons in a fortnight.  
We don't currently have an art club planned for September but that could change through the year.

#### **Will we stay in our form groups for lessons?**

The majority of your lessons will be with your form group, however you may be mixed into different groups for Maths sets, Technology and PE

#### **Do children move into sets in year 7?**

You will be set for Maths in year 7

#### **When will we know what uniform and equipment we need to buy?**

There is information about our uniform policy on the school website  
<https://www.kinghenryviischool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=96&type=pdf>

#### **Are students allowed to leave the site at lunchtime?**

Students are not allowed to leave the school site at lunch.

#### **When is the first day of school?**

The first day of school will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This is a day just for year 7 and the rest of the school will be starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Do you still do homework club after school?**

Yes. Homework club runs in the library after school until 4pm, Mon - Thurs

#### **Will teachers meet us off the bus?**

There will be members of staff on duty by the buses at the start and end of the day

#### **Can we play football at break times?**

Yes you can play football and other games at break times. You will be shown the areas where football can be played.

#### **How many lessons will I have in a day and how long are they?**

You will have 5 lessons every day and each lesson will last 1 hour
<b>Does the school help you decide a career path?</b>
As you progress through the school you will be given advice on choosing options and in years 10 and 11 you will have the opportunity to speak with our careers advisor. We also run a careers fair every year, where a variety of local employers are invited along.
<b>When do you get to choose option subjects?</b>
You will choose your option subjects during year 9, ready to start your courses in year 10
<b>Will we get to use the 3D printer in year 7?</b>
We will 'introduce' students to the 3D printer, but it is unlikely they will get to use it in year 7. Hopefully you will get to use it in KS3.
<b>What will we do in technology in year 7?</b>
In year 7 Technology our theme is 'Themeparks' so students will be designing and making a: Prototype of a rollercoaster and timing it via an infrared sensor down our V-Track A product to sell in a gift shop for a target market of their choice As well as creating some textile products. You will also have the opportunity to do some cooking.
<b>Do we have to wear masks all the time? Will we need to do COVID tests?</b>
We will be following Welsh government guidelines and will keep you updated, but at present we expect masks to be worn on transport and in communal areas and for students to continue to do Lateral Flow Tests if they wish. We are hoping you will not need masks in classrooms
<b>How easy is it to join extra-curricular clubs?</b>
Very easy – there will be a list of clubs for you to look at and you can just turn up for any that you would like to try out
<b>How long do you get for break and lunch?</b>
You will have 30 minutes for break and 40 minutes for lunch
<b>How do you pay for lunch?</b>
You will need to sign up for a ParentPay account – you will be given a login from school via letter over the summer. Parents can add money to the account for you to spend in the canteen so you do not need to bring cash to school. Students will be given a pin number to use at the counter and the money will be deducted from your account.
<b>Will there be a school production?</b>
We are hoping to put on a school production in the summer subject to COVID restrictions
<b>How do it set up a new ParentPay account?</b>
Parents / guardians will be sent a letter regarding ParentPay with instructions over the summer holidays