

Dear Parent/carers

I thought it would be helpful to provide some answers to the frequently asked questions that we get every year, when our New Year 7 start. We are really looking forward to welcoming them into the Bishops family.

When do I start?

The first day of term is on Monday the 6th September, although we are hopeful that the majority of students will join us for the summer school, which starts on the 31st August.

What time does school start?

We ask that students are in school by 8.45, so that they are ready to learn at 8.50. On their first day they will be directed to the main hall for registration and they will then start their journey with a Service at St Paul's Church.

When does school end?

The last lesson **finishes at 3.00pm**, but there will be a full programme of extra-curricular activities, which will be shared with students. Students can also work in the library till 4.15pm if they wish. For the first few days students will finish school at 2.55pm, so that those travelling on buses have a bit more time to find their bus.

What do I bring on the first day?

All they need is 2 pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber and a calculator. It would also be helpful if they could bring a glue stick and blunt ended scissors, although these items are provided in lessons. They do not need to bring in their PE kit on the first day.

What are the Catering arrangements?

We encourage students to bring a water bottle, so that they can stay hydrated. They can fill this up at lunch and breaktime. Food can be purchased from their designated eating area using cash in the first few days. Shortly after they start we will be able to register them for the cashless payment system, so that they don't have to bring any money to school.

There is more information on our website and the Year 6 section under the parents/carers tab has been updated recently.

Kind regards
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