

Frequently

asked

questions

Hello and welcome to Hoe Valley School!

Our Pastoral Team have put together some answers to some of the questions you may have about starting secondary school.

Q How am I going to know my way around the school building?

A On transition day, 1st July 2026, you will have two Year 10 students that will assist you in finding your way around the school. In addition to this, when you start in September you are taught in tutor groups and therefore move around the school as a group. We also have signs at the top of each stairwell which let you know which subjects can be found on that floor.

Q How does break and lunch work?

A Break is for twenty minutes at 10.40-11.00am. Lunch time is at 12.50-1.40pm. Year 7 will be allowed to go to lunch five minutes early whilst you are settling in. You have a designated MUGA pitch to play on, as well as the field and outside the canteen. You are not permitted to be upstairs at any time during break or lunch.

Q What will my timetable look like?

A At Hoe Valley, our curriculum follows a 2 week timetable to ensure you have a broad and balanced learning experience before you choose your GCSE options. The first week is called "A" and the second is "B", and this cycle repeats every 2 weeks. Your form tutor will remind you every Monday morning which week it is, but you'll soon get it into your regular routine.

Q Where do I buy my uniform?

A You can access the uniform list on our Hoe Valley School website under the ‘Year 6 Transition tab’ as well as in our Family Handbook. Uniform items can be purchased from G&S Valentino. The address for this is: 23-29 Broadway, Knaphill, Woking GU21 2DR. Tel: 01483 475051. In addition, we have a second hand uniform ‘virtual shop’ which you can purchase items from.

Q Are there after school clubs that I can take part in?

A Absolutely! We encourage all students to take part in extra curricular clubs. Our teachers offer a wide range of activities for you to take part in. See an example of the timetable for this year:

Monday 3:30pm-4:30m	Tuesday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm	Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm
Surrey Wildlife Trust Development of the wellbeing garden -	Tech Crew (stage sound, light & multimedia)	Year 7 and 8 Boys and Girls Basketball	Year 9 Boys and Girls Basketball
KS4 Programming	Chess	KS3/ KS4/ KS5 Warhammer, Wargaming and Miniature Painting Club.	GCSE PE Exam and Revision Prep
Arabic for beginners/ intermediates	KS4 DT Catch Up	KS4 and KS5 DT, Product Design and Design Engineering Catch Up	All Years Rounders
Maths Revision and Support	Science Club Years 7,8, & 9	KS4 and KS5 Art Catch Up	Key Stage 4 English Support
Maths UKMT Challenge -	Year 11 Textiles Catch up	School Production	KS4 D&D Club
School Production	Athletics Training	Year 12 D&D club	KS4 and KS5 DT, Product Design and Design Engineering Catch Up

Our current extracurricular timetable can be found on the [school website here](#).

Q *How do I pay for my school lunches?*

A We are a cashless school! On your first day you will be asked to scan your finger. This will act as the code to your online Parent Pay account. Everytime you buy school lunch, instead of handing over cash, you will be asked to scan your finger and the money will automatically be deducted from your Parent Pay account. Please make sure your account is topped up with funds. You can, of course, bring in packed lunches from home.

Q *What can I bring in my lunch box?*

A We are a Nut Free school. Your packed lunch and snacks must not include anything containing nuts of any kind. We are also a healthy school and therefore fizzy drinks, sweets, chewing gum or energy drinks are not allowed.