

The following is a list of questions that many students joining us at school have asked in the past. We hope you find them helpful.

When does the school day start? The school day starts at 09:00 with lesson 1. The school gates open at 08:45 and you should be on school site no later than 08:55 and go straight to your first lesson.

I will be coming to school by car, where does my parent / carer park? Families should drop/collect their child from the 'drop off' bay, which is located on Fairfax, off Saxon Street. Students will then be able to safely enter/leave the school premises via the underpass. For safety reasons we thank you for not dropping/collecting your child from the main school car park.

Getting lost We are a big school with a large site and chances are that you will get lost at some point. There is no need to worry as there will always be staff members on duty around the site to ask. Staff are approachable and friendly and won't mind you asking for help. You can also make your way back to Student Services who will be able to help you find your way and you can use one of our site maps to help you get around. Towards the beginning of the year, we will also show you around the site to help you get your bearings.

What happens if I don't know anyone? Firstly, don't worry everyone starting new will be feeling the same. Our Stantonbury students are friendly and helpful, we have put a lot of work into creating a nice atmosphere and a positive culture around the school which you'll experience when you join us in September. Stantonbury students are also used to helping others and often lend a hand in supporting the new Year 7 students when they join the school.

Lesson expectations / teacher expectations We set high standards for our students at school, and you will become familiar with our 'climates for learning' which help to guide you in each lesson as to the expectations. These will be the same in each lesson you have at Stantonbury. Listen to the teacher instructions as they will be clear in explaining what is needed and will not mind if you need to ask again for a reminder.

Friends You will have many opportunities to make lots of new friends, there are a lot of people who won't know anyone when they join in September so don't feel alone. During the social times of the day, you will have the opportunity to meet up with old friends or perhaps take part in one of our many clubs (free to join) and have fun making friends who enjoy the same activities as you.

Behaviour & Rewards We have a clear structure for consequences and rewards and the staff will give clear warnings before it gets to a detention, and you will always be given an opportunity to make the right choice before it gets to this stage.

Bullying We are very proud to have some of our current year 7 students who have been trained up as anti-bullying ambassadors who support students, act as link between you and the teachers and call out any poor behaviour. We also have a long track record of resolving bullying issues. Rest assured this is not something which we tolerate, and it is sanctioned.

Will I need my PE kit for my first day? No, if you have PE on your first day you will be engaging in activities that would be suitable for your new uniform. Once you receive your timetable in the morning you will know when to bring your PE kit in the future.

Can I bring my mobile phone? We recommend that you do not bring a mobile into school unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to phone home, you can do this from Student Services. Your tutor will be able to explain the process for this during your first few days with us. If you do bring a mobile phone into school, it is at your own risk, and it must not be seen or used in school under any circumstances.

Key contact Your form tutor will always be your first point of contact for anything whilst you are at Stantonbury. Should you need to, your SSL (Student Support Leader) and HoY (Head of Year) will also be on hand to support your concerns.

Lunches We are a cashless school and therefore, you will use your fingerprint (Biometrics) to pay for any meals. Someone at home can preload money onto your account via an online system (ParentPay). You will have more details on this when you join. If you are eligible for free school meals then you will have to reapply for this, it does not automatically transfer over from primary school, once accepted the money for a meal will be loaded onto your account for you each day. If you prefer you can bring a packed lunch as many people do and there are several dining spaces and outside areas where you can enjoy your lunch.

Being late / ill, It is really important to be in school each day and on time. If you are late someone will meet you by main reception at student services to mark you in and let you into the school. This will be logged so if there is a reason for the lateness then please tell us. Unlike primary schools we do expect you to come in even if you're not feeling too well or have a cold for example. If you are feeling really unwell and need to see a doctor, then please ask an adult at home to contact school and advise of your absence. Unless we have evidence like a doctors note / appointment letter then this will be an unauthorised absence and could lead to a fine. If you feel unwell during the day, then speak to your class teacher who will either call for a first aider or send you to our first aid room.