

Transition to Limehurst Academy 2020



A Specialist Sports College

Frequently Asked Questions

Within this document you will find answers to some common questions that parents and students have about Limehurst Academy and moving to secondary school.

PARENT FAQs

What is the uniform and how do I order it?

- Black trousers or skirt
- White shirt
- Blazer, cardigan or jumper
- Limehurst clip-on tie
- Plain black shoes with no logo.
- Religious headwear must be plain black or white

We are in the process of developing part of our website to enable you to be able to order and collect uniform. We will let you know when this is ready for you to start making orders.

Who can I speak to if I have a concern or a worry?

The first point of contact will be your child's form tutor. We will write to you in due course to let you know who this will be.

How does the school deal with bullying?

It is really important than students report any incidents of inappropriate behaviour to us as soon as possible so that we can deal with them promptly before they escalate into bullying. Any students who have behaved in an unacceptable manner will be given consequences in line with our behaviour policy.

How do lunchtime work and what food can my child eat?

Students can get food from one of the three serving locations or can bring packed lunch. We operate a cashless catering system which deducts money from their account by using their fingerprint or a passcode. The account will need to be topped up in advance. This can be done online or via a machine in the dining hall.

Year 10 and 11 students go into lunch first. The remaining year groups are called in on a rota basis.

How will my child know where to go on the first day?

Students will come into school via the Tatmarsh. Plenty of staff will be on hand to meet them at the school gate and direct them to the appropriate place. Student Ambassadors will also be there to help them to find their form tutor.

How will my child find their way around school?

Students will be given a tour of the school to show them around the building. There will also be lots of staff around during lesson changeovers and to help students to get to their classrooms. If they are lost or are unsure they can ask any member of staff or another student who will happily show them where to go.

What happens if my child is late?

The school gates are closed at 8.45am. If a student arrives after this time, they will need to come into school via the car park and sign in. Students who are late in the morning will be kept after school until 3.15pm.

STUDENT FAQs

Where do I go when I arrive on my first day?

You enter the school via the Tatmarsh, which is the small road which runs alongside the school car park. At the gate you will be welcomed by staff members and student ambassadors who will help to direct you towards your form tutor.

Will I be in the same class as some of my friends?

Your primary school teachers were asked who you are friends with, and we do our best to ensure that you are with at least one friend in your tutor group. You will have some lessons as a tutor group and other classes as a mix of students from different tutor groups. However, in our small school you will very quickly get to know other students and develop new friendships.

How will I make friends at secondary school?

Moving to secondary school is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. We have a transition programme that will help you to get to know other year 7s and hope that you will be able to spend some time at Limehurst before the summer holidays, although we do not know about this yet. You will quickly make new friends in your form as you meet every morning as a tutor group and spend lesson 1 on Monday morning together.

What clubs can I take part in?

We have a huge range of clubs available to take part in. Some are at lunchtime and others are after school. The full list is on the website and can be found by clicking [here](#). Some examples include basketball, badminton, warhammer and a STEM club.

Who should I speak to if I'm worried about something?

The first point of contact will be your form tutor. We will let you know who this will be. You can also speak to your Head of Year (Mr Robinson) or any member of the Pupil Support Team.

How do I pay for lunches?

We operate a cashless catering system at Limehurst Academy. You will have an account that will have to be topped up before to buy anything. This can be done online by your parents or you can bring money in and use of the top-up machines in the dining hall. These machines accept coins and notes. When you have decided what you would like to eat, your fingerprint is scanned, or you put in your passcode and that amount is taken from your account.

The school menus can be found [here](#).

Can I bring a packed lunch?

Yes, absolutely. You can choose to eat your packed lunch in the dining hall or outside if you prefer.

What equipment do I need?

You will need a pencil case with pens, pencils, a ruler, a pencil sharpener, and a rubber. You will also need a calculator and protractor for maths lessons. We do have a school shop where you can buy some stationary.

You will need your PE kit on certain days, depending on your timetable. We will give you your timetable for year 7 as soon as we can. The Limehurst Academy PE kit is:

- royal blue polo shirt with embroidered school logo
- royal blue and white reversible long-sleeved top with embroidered school logo
- Black shorts or black tracksuit trousers
- Suitable sports trainers

What happens if I find the work too hard?

If you are finding something too difficult, it is really important that you let us know so that we can help you. The best thing to do is to talk to your class teacher or any other adults that are in the classroom to help you with your learning. If you are worried about doing that, you can always talk to your form tutor or head of year who will help you talk to the teacher.

What happens if I get lost and arrive late for my lessons?

We understand that it will take you a while to get used to moving around the school and this might mean that you are a few minutes late to lessons if you get lost. On your first day your form tutor will show you round the school, but there will be lots of people who will help you to find your way around. You will soon get to know your way around.

Who do I talk to if I am upset or worried about something?

We are a very caring school. If you have any worries you should talk to your form tutor first. If you are unable to find them then you can always speak to your head of year or pupil support.

Will we get a lot of homework?

Homework will vary from subject to subject. Typically, teachers will set homework to support the learning that you do in the classroom every week or two. Your homework will be recorded in your planner to help you to remember what you need to do and when it needs to be done by. There is also "Takeaway Homework" which are additional and optional tasks for a range of subjects. You can earn extra rewards for doing this and it has been very popular with year 7 students.