



Information for New Students at Mascalls Academy

How long is the school day?

The school day starts at 8:30am with Advisory and finishes at 3:00pm (with the exception of a Wednesday when students will finish at 2pm). Students are expected to be onsite by 8:25am.

Can I cycle to school?

Yes. There are bike stands to put them in, but the school will not accept responsibility for your bike.

How long are the lessons?

All lessons are one hour long, with a 30 minute Advisory session each day.

How many lessons are there?

There are five lessons and one Advisory session each day. Mascalls Academy operates a two week timetable so you might not have the same lessons both days in the cycle, but you will get used to the timetable.

How will I find my way around Mascalls Academy?

When starting at Mascalls Academy, students will be given a map, however you will find your way around the school very quickly.

What lessons will I have at Mascalls Academy?

You will have a wide range of lessons, some of which will be the same as primary, such as Maths, English, Science, Geography, History. You will also have lessons in Art, Food Technology, PE, Healthy Minds, Music, Drama, Dance and a language, either French or Spanish.

What are the older students like?

Many of our older students are very supportive of our younger students and will approach to help them find their way.

Can I use my mobile phone?

Students are not allowed to have their mobile phones on while in Mascalls. They should remain in pockets turned off. If you are seen on your phone, you will be asked to hand it over to the member of staff and you will be able to collect it at the end of the day from Student Support.

How long is break and lunch?

Break is 20 minutes and lunch is 40 minutes.

What kind of food is there in the cafe?

The cafe serves a wide variety of food catering for everyone, including pizzas, paninis and pasta bowls. There is also a wide range of sandwiches and baguettes available for purchasing. A daily main meal and desserts are also available from the cafe.

How do I pay for my lunch?

Payment in the canteen is cashless, with students crediting their account online via Scopay. Details of how parents access Scopay will be available when students start at the Academy.

When do I find out what College I will be in and my Advisory Group?

Students will find out about their College and Advisory group in June, before they start. If you have a sibling in the Academy you will be in the same College.

When do I find out who my Adviser is?

You will find out who your adviser is on your first day.

Am I allowed to wear jewellery?

You are only permitted to wear a watch and one plain stud earring in each ear. No other jewellery is allowed.

What do I need to bring on my first day?

On your first day you will be required to bring your basic pencil case equipment and a packed lunch or money on your account to purchase food from the canteen. You will NOT be required to bring your PE kit on the first day.

What if I get lost on my way to lessons?

Just ask someone. There are always members of staff available between lessons who can help as well as our amazing students. All staff can be identified with their Mascalls Academy lanyard that they wear around their neck.

What if I get bullied at school?

If a member of our Academy behaves in an inappropriate way to you it is really important that you tell somebody, whether that is a friend, parents/carers, your advisor, a member of staff or someone within your College. You must tell someone to enable them to deal with it for you.

What do I do if I am not feeling well?

If you are feeling unwell during the school day you must report this to a member of staff, who will contact Student Support. If Student Support feels that you need to go home they will contact your parents/carers. Please do not contact your parents without going to Student Support first.

Where do I go if I need help?

Student Support is a central point in our school and you can go there if you need help.

How many students are at Mascalls Academy?

In your year group there will be approximately 240 students. There are around 1400 students across the Academy in Y7 - Y13.

Where do I go if I need help with my Chromebook?

If you have an issue with your Chromebook you should take this to reception. All new students will be given lessons on how to use the different elements of their Chromebook.

Who do I speak to if I cannot do my homework?

You can speak to your class teacher if you are struggling with your homework.

What clubs are there?

There are a wide range of clubs available at Mascalls either during lunch or afterschool. These clubs are updated each Module and will be introduced in assemblies for you to sign up to.