

Getting to Know The James Young High School



<p>Name</p> <p>Class</p>
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Introduction

Most S1 pupils feel a bit scared about going to secondary school because:

- it's bigger
- they might get lost
- there are more pupils
- there are more teachers
- the timetable will be different

Do you feel a bit scared? What do you feel scared about?

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My new school will help me with these things. In JYHS:

- We will have all our classes in the Resource until we have settled into school and are confident about joining one or more mainstream classes.
- We have a pictorial timetable.
- We have a map



- We are accompanied to class by a support assistant.
- We go to and leave class early to avoid crowded corridors
- We are encouraged to return to the Resource at break and lunch time, where we can have some quiet time.

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The James Young High School

Mrs Hatch
The Headmistress



The name of my new school is _____

The address is _____

The telephone number is _____

The name of the head-teacher is _____

School starts at _____ and finishes at _____

I will travel by **car/bus/walking/bike/train** circle the right one

To get to school on time, I will need to leave my house at about _____

I will start going to my new school on ____ August 2013

Finding my way around...

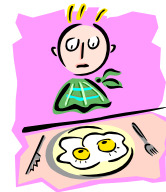
A **map** can help me because it shows where all the different rooms are and I can easily see the quickest way to get there.

There is space to stick in my map on the next page.

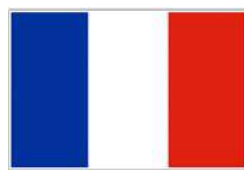


If I like science I can look to see where the science labs are.

Or if I think lunchtime is the best thing about school then I can look to see where the canteen is!



Can you find the Modern Language department? This is where you can learn German, French or Spanish.



If you want to learn to cook you need to find the HE department, or if you would like to make something useful in plastic or wood, you need to find CDT.



The School Map

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school map here

The Timetable

When I start my new school I will have a **timetable**. The timetable is very important because it will tell me:



- * which lessons I will have each day
- * what time each lesson starts and finishes

It will also help me to remember to bring the things I will need for each day so I can put them in my bag the night before.



The timetable will also let me know which teacher I will have for each subject and where the lessons are.

I will have lots of different subjects every week. Below is a list of the subjects I might have on my timetable:

English (Eng)
Maths (Maths)
French (Fr)
Social Subjects (SS)
Science (Sc)
Art
PE
Religious Education (RMPS)
Craft Design Technology (CDT)
Home Economics (HE)
Music (Mu)
Social Skills (Soc Skills)

The Timetable

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timetable here

Breaktimes

Tuesday-Friday morning break starts atand ends at

That means it lasts for _____ minutes.

On Mondays break starts at 10:25 until 10:40..

I can bring a snack to school and eat it in my tutor room at this time or I can go to the canteen and buy something to eat.

In mainstream lunch starts at and ends at.....

but we usually go at..... to avoid the crowds.

That means it lasts for _____ minutes.

I will be given a swipe card to use in the canteen to buy food. An adult will show me how to use this or I may prefer to bring a packed lunch and that's ok. I can eat my lunch in my tutor room.



Timetable Practice



I can look at my timetable from JYHS and try to answer these questions.....

1. How many subjects do I have on a Monday?

2. Which days will I have P.E.?

3. What will I need to put in my bag on Wednesday night for Thursday's lessons?

4. Which day am I looking forward to most? Why?

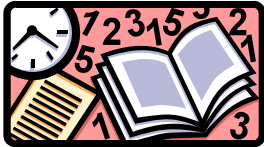
5. What time is break time (Monday) at my new school?

6. What time do I have lunch (Tuesday) at my new school?

Homework



Homework – At secondary school pupils often get some work to do at home. This is called homework. Sometimes teachers will give me homework and I can try to do it.



I will have a homework diary. I can try to write down what I have to do and when I have to bring the homework back to the teacher. If I need help writing the homework in my diary I can ask an adult.

Why is homework important?

Homework is really important because it helps me to practise the work I have already done in class.

Who will be able to help me with my homework?

One of my family might help me with my homework and that is ok. The adults in school can also help if I am stuck. Asking for help is a good thing to do.

Things I might need to bring to school

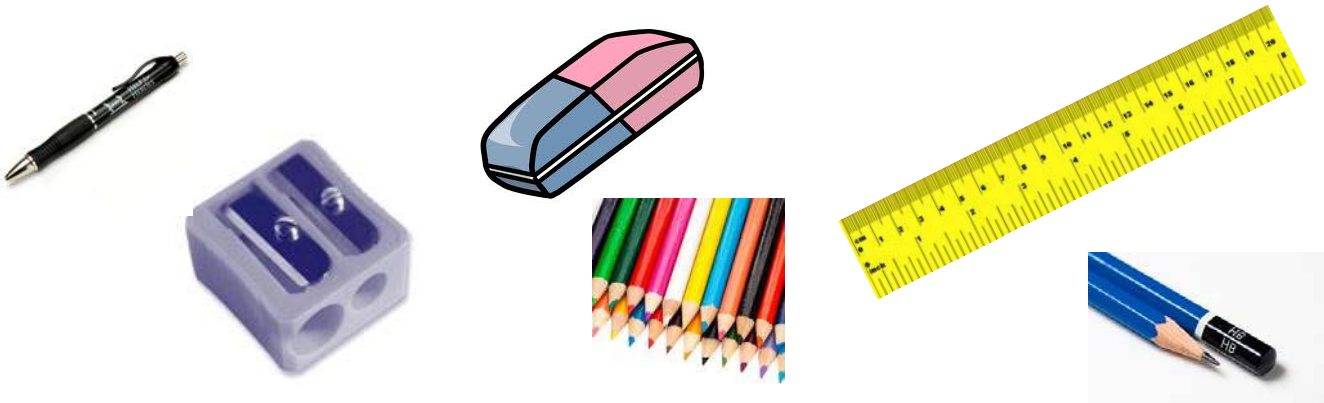
At secondary school, I will need to bring some things every day:

- * pencils
- * pens
- * ruler
- * rubber
- * sharpener
- * homework diary
- * packed lunch or swipe card

Some days I might need to bring other things with me in my school bag, e.g., for Maths I will need my calculator, for PE I will need my PE kit. My timetable will help me know which extra things I need to bring each day. It is a good idea to keep a copy of my timetable on my bedroom wall and one on my fridge so my family can remind me too!

It's a really good idea to be organised for school in advance. If you can, you should get yourself ready the night before. That way you won't be rushing about looking for things, (you might even get an extra 10 mins. in bed if you're organised.)

At secondary school the pupils have to carry their bag all day from class to class. I will have to carry my bag around school with me each day. Some days my bag might feel quite heavy.



School Rules

Why do schools have rules?

All schools have school rules. School rules tell pupils how they should behave. All pupils should try to keep the school rules.

Schools may have rules about:

- * the classroom
- * corridors
- * assembly
- * homework
- * break-times
- * uniform.

There may be rules about other things too. Pupils may not like some of the rules but they are there for a reason.



Can you think of any reasons why schools need rules?

Breaking the rules!

Sometimes pupils may break the rules.

If pupils do break the rules then they can apologise.

My teachers will tell me what happens if pupils break the rules.

J.Y.H.S. CLASSROOM CODE

Everyone should follow the classroom code

Arrive on time and be prepared

Listen

Be Enthusiastic and ready to learn

Respect everybody

Try your best

J.Y.H.S. CORRIDOR CODE

Everyone should follow the corridor code

Always keep to the left

Litter must be put in bins provided

Eat only in permitted areas

Respect everybody

The car park is out of bounds - keep to the pathways

Help!

What should I do if this happens?

1. I have not done my homework because I didn't understand what to do



I can apologise to my teacher and next time make sure I ask an adult to explain before I go home.

2. I have forgotten my PE kit.....

I can tell an adult and perhaps if someone is at home, they would be kind enough to bring it into school. I can remember to check my timetable when I pack my bag for the next day. Then I will have everything I need for class with me.

3. I am worried or upset about something.....

I can tell an adult and they will help me.

4. I am worried that I will get into trouble if I am late into school

All our pupils come into school by taxi or minibus. We understand that it is not your fault if there is a holdup on the way to school.

5. I am worried that I have forgotten to bring my lunch.....

Tell your teacher as soon as you discover you have forgotten your lunch. They can phone home and your parent may be able to bring your lunch into school. If this is not possible, then you can borrow money from the school office and buy something to eat from the canteen

My First Day at JYHS

When I arrive at JYHS my escort will take me to the main door of the school.

An adult will meet me at the door.

She will take me to the Resource to meet some other pupils.

Secondary schools have registration class first thing in the morning. All pupils go to their tutor room. This lets the teachers check that all pupils have arrived in school safely.

My tutor is.....

I will go my tutor room for **break time** and **lunch**.

An adult will take me to the lunch hall if I want to get something from there or I might bring a packed lunch.

At the end of the day an adult will take me to the main door of the school and wait with me until my escort comes.

If I am worried or scared about **anything** I will speak to.....

Making New Friends

When meeting someone for the first time there are a few things that you need to remember.

Have something interesting to say

Smile when you say hello



Be a good listener

Say something nice about the other person

Try and remember the other person's name