



YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Supporting your child's transition to Kendrick School

Starting secondary school is an exciting milestone for both students and parents. Here are answers to some of the most common questions.

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How will Kendrick School help my child settle into Year 7?

We recognise that moving to secondary school is a significant step. Throughout the transition process, students will have opportunities to meet staff, become familiar with the school, and begin building friendships. During the first few weeks, tutors and pastoral staff will provide additional support to help students develop confidence, establish routines, and feel part of the Kendrick community.

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My child is feeling nervous. Is that normal?

Absolutely! It is completely natural to feel both excited and anxious about starting a new school. Many Year 7 students share these feelings.

We encourage students to talk to their tutor or a member of the pastoral team if they have any worries—we are here to help every student feel safe, happy and supported.

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How will my child find her way around such a large school?

Students are introduced to the school during transition activities, and staff are always available to help during the first few weeks. Every student will also have a map of the school in the back of their planner to help them navigate the site. Our students are incredibly friendly and supportive, and if your child is unsure where to go, we encourage her to ask another student or a member of staff—someone will always be happy to help.

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What equipment should my child bring to school each day?

Students will receive a stationery pack during Summer School containing the equipment they need for the start of Year 7.

There is no need to bring every item into school each day, as this can quickly become overwhelming. The essential items we recommend bringing daily are:

- A pencil case
- A reading book
- A water bottle
- A padlock for their locker

Developing good organisational habits from the start helps students feel prepared and confident.

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How much homework will there be, and how can I help?

In Year 7, students are set **30 minutes of homework per subject each week**.

This is designed to help them develop good study habits and become more independent learners.

The most valuable support parents can provide is helping students establish a regular homework routine, encouraging good organisation, and praising effort. If your child finds something difficult, we encourage them to speak to their teacher promptly.

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What pastoral support is available?

There is a wide range of staff available to support your child throughout their time at Kendrick School. These include their Form Tutor, Assistant Pastoral Leaders, the Head of Key Stage and the Student Welfare Team.

We encourage students to seek support early if they have any academic, social or emotional concerns so that we can work together to help.

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What are Kendrick School's expectations regarding mobile phones?

Students must **switch off** their mobile phones before entering the school gates.

Phones should then be stored securely in their locker or at the bottom of their school bag for the entire school day.

At Kendrick School, we actively discourage the use of social media by students and fully support the recommended age restrictions for social media platforms. We believe this helps promote students' wellbeing, positive friendships and focus on learning.

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Will my child make new friends?

Yes! While many students arrive knowing someone, many also join without existing friendships.

Tutor groups, lessons, clubs and enrichment activities provide plenty of opportunities to build new friendships, and students usually settle much more quickly than they expect.

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How can I support my child over the summer?

There are several simple ways to help your child feel ready for September.

- Practise the journey to and from school a few times so that it feels familiar.
- Encourage them to practise packing their school bag so they begin to establish good routines.
- Reading regularly over the summer and talking positively about the exciting opportunities ahead will also help build confidence.

Most importantly, reassure your child that it is perfectly normal to have questions and that everyone will be learning together.

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Who should I contact if I have a question or concern?

If you have an initial question or concern about your child's day-to-day school life, please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance.

If you have any pastoral or safeguarding concerns, please contact me directly so that we can ensure the appropriate support is put in place.

We value a strong partnership with parents and encourage open communication throughout your child's time at Kendrick School.



We are always here to help. | Please don't hesitate to get in touch.