



## **Frequently asked Questions**

### **What time does school start and finish?**

School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:20pm. You will have 5 one-hour lessons each day with a 15 minute break in the morning and a 45 minute break for lunch.

### **What do I do if I get lost?**

Don't worry! On your first day you will spend a lot of time getting to know the school. You are usually going to lessons together with other students from your tutor-group, so there is always somebody who you can tag along with. Finally, your teacher will always check if you know where to go next before they dismiss the class. And if you really are not sure, just ask.

### **Where do I eat my lunch?**

You eat your lunch in the dining hall. Packed lunches can be eaten outside when it is dry or in the dining room / cloak rooms. Just make sure you clean up any litter please.

### **How do I get to my bus?**

Transporting Somerset will inform your parents/carers individually about where the bus-stop is and when you need to be there in the morning. At the end of the school-day there are lots of teachers ensuring you get back on the right bus to take you home.

### **Who can help me if I have a problem?**

Your form tutor and your head of year. But you might choose a teacher you trust or a keyworker. Basically, any adult will be more than happy to help with any problem.

### **Where are the toilets?**

There are designated Year 7 toilets in the main block – clearly labelled.

### **Can I get a locker?**

Yes, you can. Information on how to get a locker and how much it costs are in the welcome pack.

## **Where do I get my school uniform?**

South West Schoolwear has a complete list of what you need. You can order online from there. Please check our website under the “Information”- tab where you will find all you need to know. You can also check out our PTA website who sell good quality second hand uniform as well as myclothing.com who also stock our PE kit.

## **What is the food like?**

On your first day with us you will have the opportunity to try the food from our kitchen for free. Take a look around and see if you like it! You can always bring a packed lunch if you prefer.

## **What do I need to pack in my school bag?**

An equipment list is on our website and in your welcome pack. These are the items you should get before you start at Kingsmead. Your teachers will provide you with exercise books and more material when you start.

You will get a timetable that shows you which lessons you have each day. So, pack your school bag every evening making sure you've checked what you need for the next day – and what you don't need... you can leave at home!

## **Is there any bullying at Kingsmead?**

Kingsmead has a zero tolerance for any form of bullying and anti-social behaviour. However, sadly sometimes students can be unkind towards each other. It is important that you tell your tutor or a teacher immediately if you witness any form of unkind behaviour or if someone is being unkind towards you. We strongly believe in care and respect in and outside the classrooms and our Kingsmead Students and Staff live by these values.

## **Are there opportunities for me to continue or take up music lessons?**

Yes, you can. Please see the application form in our welcome pack. Also think about joining the school orchestra and choir.

**Please check our website for more information:**

**[www.kingsmead-school.com](http://www.kingsmead-school.com)**