



Year 6 Transition: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Year 7. We know that you might have lots of questions and hopefully some of them will be covered below or in the Information for Parents and Carers booklet which you will receive soon. If you read through FAQs below and still have a question, please ask an adult to send it to us via enquiries@astrea-longsands.org and we will be happy to help you.

Who are the transition team?	Our Transition Team is made up of several staff including Mr Smy (Transition Coordinator), Miss Savage (incoming Head of Year 7) and Mrs Simpson (SENDCO).															
Will I get lost around the school?	Longsands Academy is likely to be a much larger school than your primary school, however we do everything we can to make sure that you don't get lost. On your first day you will spend some time with your form tutor getting to know the layout of the school to help you. You will also receive a student handbook with a map of the school and your timetable will also clearly indicate the rooms of your lessons. You can ask anyone if you need directions.															
Will I make friends?	Longsands Academy is a very friendly school and there will be lots of other students who will be in the same position, so please don't be worried. You will spend time getting to know the other students in your tutor group. We will make sure that everyone has someone that they can be friends with and from our experience the majority of children have friends by the end of the first week. If this does not happen and you are feeling alone, please let us know and we can help you. Be smiley and kind to everyone around you – you are all in the same boat!															
Is Longsands Academy a strict school?	Discipline and clear boundaries are an important part of school so that all students have the opportunity to learn and develop safely. These rules will help you to be successful students and become well rounded individuals who can make a positive contribution to our school community. Our rules are very simple to follow and we apply them consistently and fairly so you should have no problem in getting used to new routines. We spend time in tutor time, assemblies and in lessons explaining our lesson routines so all students are familiar with the expectations we have of them.															
Am I allowed a mobile phone at Longsands Academy?	We do allow you to bring mobile phones to school with you but we have strict rules around their use. Your phones must be switched off before you come onto the school site and should not be taken out again until after the school day once you have left the site (we define the site as inside our green fence). If you need to make a telephone call during the day, you can go student services to ask if they can ring home for you.															
What subjects will I study?	In Years 7-9 you will study a wide range of exciting subjects, some of which will be new to you while others will be a continuation of your learning. Here are the subjects that you will be studying throughout your time at Longsands: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Art</td> <td>Computing</td> <td>English</td> </tr> <tr> <td>French</td> <td>Geography</td> <td>History</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mathematics</td> <td>Music</td> <td>Personal Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physical Education (PE)</td> <td>Religious Education (RE)</td> <td>Science</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technology</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Art	Computing	English	French	Geography	History	Mathematics	Music	Personal Development	Physical Education (PE)	Religious Education (RE)	Science	Technology		
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<p>What is a typical day like at Longsands Academy?</p>	<p>Our day at Longsands consists of five lessons that last one hour each. You should aim to get to school no later than 8.35am and you'll need to be in your Form Room promptly by 8.45am which is when registration starts. Lesson 1 starts at 9.10am, lesson 2 starts at 10.05am and is followed by break time from 11.00-11.20am. Then there is Lesson 3 at 11.20am. Year 7 have Tutor Time between 12.15pm and 12.50pm and a lunch break from 12.50pm until 1.25pm. Lesson 4 is from 1.25pm – 2.20pm and Lesson 5 is from 2.20 – 3.15pm.</p>
<p>Do you get any rewards for doing good work at Longsands Academy?</p>	<p>We love it when students do good work at Longsands Academy and we enjoy rewarding our students. At Longsands all students and staff belong to one of five Houses. Our reward system is to award House points which are recorded on your records and these encourage students to Work Hard, Be Kind and Achieve More.</p>
<p>Is there bullying at Longsands Academy?</p>	<p>Longsands Academy has a zero tolerance approach to bullying. If you experience any issues or problems, you should bring this straight to the attention of a member of staff and we will help you and deal with it. We do not tolerate bullies.</p> <p>We will also give you the personal strategies to cope with difficult situations and our student services team are on hand to support with any issues you may face. You see your Tutor twice a day so remember you can also speak to your tutor if you need support. Or you can ask your parent/carer to contact them, or email TellUs@astrea-longsands.org instead.</p>
<p>Who do I turn to if I have a problem?</p>	<p>There are lots of people to help and support you, all members of staff are happy be approached. Your form tutor is the person that you will see each day, every day so they are an excellent point of contact. Your Head of Year will also be keeping a close eye on your progress and supporting you. A Student Support Officer is also there to talk to about any concerns or worries you might have.</p>
<p>Are there clubs for Year 7?</p>	<p>Yes! These will be shared each week in the Student Weekly Bulletin and the Principal's Newsletter. Your Form Tutor will go through the student bulletin with you on a weekly basis. We encourage students to participate in extra-curricular clubs as this is a great way to explore new interests and meet new friends.</p>
<p>How much homework will I get?</p>	<p>You can expect to receive regular homework; this is set weekly for English, Maths, Science, Languages, Geography and History and twice a half term in other subject areas. In Years 7, 8 and 9 you should expect to spend approximately 30 minutes completing homework tasks for each subject. Homework tasks will be put on an online platform so that you and your parents and carers know what homework you have got and when it is due.</p>
<p>What are the rules about jewellery, makeup and hair?</p>	<p>You are allowed to wear earrings but only one pair of studs worn in the lower ear lobe (please ensure these can be removed for PE lessons). You are also allowed to wear a wristwatch (not a smart watch) and one small ring, no other jewellery or piercings are acceptable. You are not allowed to wear make-up, this includes nail varnish (acrylic nails are not allowed). Hair styles must be sensible with no extreme colours (natural colours only) or styles allowed.</p>

<p>Do all students have to wear the same uniform as each other?</p>	<p>We think it's really important for students to look smart at all times and wear their uniform with pride. All students will have the same school blazer and a House tie as these are only available from the one supplier we use. For those students who wish to wear a skirt this must also be purchased from our supplier. Students might want their trousers to also come from our supplier however as long as they meet Academy standards and colours they can be bought from other shops.</p> <p>PE kit is only available from our supplier but footwear, base layers and accessories can be bought from other shops, so long as they meet the guidelines of the Academy.</p>
<p>What does it mean to be part of Longsands Academy?</p>	<p>We are proud to say that our Academy has an excellent reputation in the local community. It's not just good academic performance that we aspire to. We also encourage students to be caring and thoughtful towards others, look out for one another and to be prepared to go that extra mile to support and help others. Many of our students make friends at Longsands that they keep for the rest of their lives.</p>

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