



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Year 6 into Year 7

### **What is an AM Group?**

You will register in your AM group each morning. Your AM is the teacher who will support you day to day and is the person who will get to know you the quickest. Your AM is the first person you should go to if you have any questions.

**What is the Park Way?** 'We aim to empower young minds, create opportunities and deliver dreams'. But to do this you need to follow simple and clear rules. You are safe, respectful, follow instructions and work hard and try your best.

**Will I get lost?** Maybe, but do not worry! The rooms have a logical system of numbers and letters, your AM will help you by taking you around the school and other teachers and older students are on hand to help you find rooms if needed, just ask.

**What clubs and activities can I join?** We have a range of clubs and activities that run throughout the year. Your AM will let you know each term which ones are running. These include a range of sports, art, science, as well as the possibility of joining the school council to be involved in planning lots of fun school activities. Just turn up and get involved!

**What is it like being in a big school?** It will be a little noisier and busier than you are used to just because there are lots more people. Although this is probably quite different to your current school, it is also a positive thing as there are lots more people to make friends with and more people who have similar interests to you. This also means every subject has specialist rooms to teach in so hopefully you will have a better learning experience in them.

**How do buy food at break or lunch time?** We use a biometric system which means you use your thumb print to pay for your food. You just need to make sure your account is topped up online, so you have money to spend. You can also top up your account in school using the pay machine or seeing Ms Thatcher in Student Services.

**Will I get lots of homework?** You will get homework from each subject but the amount will vary depending on how many lessons we have. It will be your responsibility to log all your homework into your student planner so you can organise your time effectively.

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**Will I make friends?** We know you will be anxious about friendships. Your AM will help you get to know each other and getting involved in the different activities is a great way to make new friends.

**What happens if I am absent or late?** We know that attendance and punctuality are vital to success. We do not allow family holidays in term time. If you are late for school or lessons you will get a sanction so you must leave home in good time and plan your journey. Every student should be aiming to be in school every day.

**What is the school system?** Each AM is allocated to a School and has a School colour, which features on your tie and PE top. This is a growing part of Academy life. Our Schools are named after key subject areas at the Academy, as below:

Maths and Business School – Green

English and Languages School – Purple

Humanities and Expressive Arts School – Yellow

Science and Design School – Red

**What happens if I feel worried?** Many pupils experience feeling a little worried about the new school, friendship issues or other things that make us feel a little sad. You should try to speak to your AM in the first instance and they can help direct you to the right place for help. This could be a pastoral assistant, your School's Coordinator or Assistant Principal, a mentor or our in-school counselling service.

**Can I bring my mobile phone to school?** You can use your phone on the way to and home from school. Once you reach the school gates it then needs to be put away and not seen or heard in school otherwise there is a sanction. If you need to contact home, you must go to Student Services.

If you have any other questions about transition please feel free to email [ncoppard@park-aspirations.org](mailto:ncoppard@park-aspirations.org) until you are given your child's AM email to help answer any questions you may have.

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