

Transition FAQs

In these uncertain times, I hope that this helps to answer some of the most common questions (they have been divided into parent FAQ and student FAQ. If you have any further questions, please contact me via email on andrew.stanton@shs.starmat.uk.

Parent FAQ

Free school meals?

If your child is eligible for free school meals at primary school, they will still be eligible at Sherburn High. Your child will get £2.40 per day on their account to buy food and drink at break and/or lunch. This clears at the end of each day.

If you feel you may be eligible for your child to receive free school meals but they don't currently receive them, here is the link to North Yorkshire, for you to check whether they may be entitled to free school meals. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Are subjects setted or mixed ability?

Nearly every subject in Year 7 is taught in mixed ability groupings. We believe that this is the best way for all students to achieve at this point in their schooling.

Maths teach in sets. Students are regularly tested and ability groupings are changed frequently.

How do the buses work?

School buses are organised and contracted out by North Yorkshire County Council and you deal with them directly regarding the most appropriate bus and route.

Buses generally drop students off between 8.00am and 8.20am in the morning and are ready to take students home when the bell goes to signal the end of the school day.

The buses pick up and drop off in the turning circle at the top of New Lane.

Where can I purchase uniform?

To make life easier (and cheaper), most of our school uniform can be purchased from clothing shops. For example: black leather shoes, black trousers, white button shirts etc. However, the school blazer needs to be ordered from Better & Bright, Classroom Clothing or Signature Retail.

The only uniform which needs to be ordered from school is:

- The House tie
- Rugby shirts
- Sports socks

These can be ordered through parentpay and collected from school once you are set up as a user. The set up will happen later in the year.

Student FAQ

How much homework will I get?

Homework is really important at secondary school. It has been shown to increase your progress if you complete it to a good standard.

In year 7, you will get around one piece per week from each subject (which means around one piece set per day).

Homework is logged on a website called Show My Homework which helps you to organise yourself.

If I am nervous about coming, how can you help me?

We will be in contact with your primary school who will give us lots of information about you. If they feel that you need extra then we can organise something a bit different.

Can I bring my mobile phone into school?

Ideally, leave your mobile at home. If you need it for safety reasons, it should be turned off and placed in your bag or locker.

Unfortunately, if you are using your mobile phone during the school day, it will be confiscated.

If you want to have more information, our mobile phone policy is on our website under policies.

If I need to contact my parents, what do I do?

Your house achievement leader is like your in-school parent. You can see them at break or lunchtime if you need any help. They will be able to contact home for you. If they are not available for whatever reason, the office will be able to contact your parents for you.

What clubs can I join at school?

At school we have many extracurricular clubs such as:

- Football
- Film club
- Basketball
- Samba
- Singing
- Computing
- Netball
- Any many more.....

How many hours of each subject will I have?

In your 2 week timetable, you will have this many hours of each subject:

- 8 hours for English & Maths
- 6 hours for Science
- 4 hours for Geog Hist, French, PE, Design Technology
- 2 hours for Music, Drama, ICT and RE
- PSHCE is delivered through tutorial each day.

If I need help from an adult in school, where do I go?

At Sherburn High we have very approachable adults. I would like to think that you could speak to any adult if you have a problem. If you want an adult that knows you the best, you would see your house achievement leader or your form tutor.

Where can I keep my belongings at school?

At school, the safest place to leave your coat, bag and PE kit is a locker. You can rent a locker for the school year. This is all bookable online. Further details for 2020-2021 will follow.

Will I get detentions?

Probably not, as you will almost certainly follow the rules! Detentions are most commonly given for two different reasons:

1. You have been warned in lesson, your behaviour hasn't improved, which has meant that you have a lunchtime or after school detention.
2. You have not followed our relentless routines numerous times during the half term. These routines include: bringing equipment for school, being on time for lessons and having the correct uniform on.

What happens at lunchtime?

The whole school has lunch at 12.15, to make it easier for Year 7s, you are allowed to leave lessons 10 minutes before that, in order that you can definitely get the lunch that you want.

You can bring a packed lunch, or you can buy a meal at school.

You buy meals using your fingerprint which is linked to a digital wallet on ParentPay. This means that you don't have to bring any cash in to school.

Will I be with my friends in lessons?

Most of you are coming from a primary school which has 30 students in a year, to a high school which has 160 per year. We like to mix the classes up for different subjects, so your English class will be different to your Science class. We are asking your primary teachers who you work best with, so we will try to use this information when we put together the classes for each subject.

What if I get lost?

No need to worry about getting lost, you won't really be lost, but at some point you may be unsure where your classroom is: you don't need to panic.

All our teachers and pupils are really helpful, all you need to do is ask and someone will point you in the right direction or often, walk you to lesson.