



Transition Frequently Asked Questions

These FAQs are designed to answer some of the common questions people often have about joining KMS.

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What will my first day look like and how will I know where to go and who to see?	Your first day will have time at the start of the day when you will get to meet your new form tutor and form group. You will also get to go on a tour of the school, have your lunch and will also start your normal lessons.
Will I still see my friends at school?	We try to make sure that you have some of the other pupils from your first school in your form group. We can't always promise to match every person up with who they want in their class. However you can still see you friends before/after school, at break time and lunchtime, as well as in school clubs and groups.
Will I be with my form group for all lessons?	In Year 6 you will have most lessons with your form group. In English and maths we mix three form groups together to form classes and in PE we join two form groups together to allow separate boys and girls groups.
I am the only person from my first school and I am a little worried about this.	We understand that this will be worrying for these pupils and parents alike. At KMS we create 'solo' forms where children who are outside priority catchment and in small numbers will be together. This enables pupils to feel as though there is somebody else in their tutor group who has similar worries and concerns about starting school; they may even become good friends.
Will I have the same teacher for all my lessons?	No. Each of your subjects will be taught by a different teacher. You will move around the school to different rooms with your equipment. We give you a tour of the school to help you find your way around and support you in the first few weeks with finding the right rooms for your lessons.
Do I have to carry all my equipment with me?	Yes, you will need to carry your bag from lesson to lesson. We will support you in the first few weeks to help you remember what you need for each lesson.
What happens if there is a problem on the bus to or from school?	We consider that travel to and from school is part of school life. Therefore if there is an incident on the bus you need to speak to a teacher/adult in school. We will investigate the incident and decide the outcomes for those pupils involved. To be clear we have a very strong belief that you should be and feel safe on the bus. All buses have pupils who act as bus monitors.
Will I get the chance to make new friends?	Absolutely. There will be new people for you to meet in your form group as well as in different classes. There is also break and lunchtime where you can mix with new people as we as school clubs and groups.
Who looks after me in school?	The first person who looks after you is your form tutor. You will meet with them and the rest of your form twice a day. You can always speak to them. The Head of Year (HOY) 6 is also there to look after all the pupils in Year 6. Finally you can always talk to any member of staff if you need to speak to an adult.

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If I have a problem or concern is there someone I can talk to?	Again your form tutor will know you best as you see them every day. The HOY 6 is often available to talk to you if you need someone to talk to. There is also Miss Wigglesworth who is our pastoral support worker. She is not a teacher but works in school to support pupils who need someone to talk to/support/guidance. Finally you can always talk to any member of staff if you need to speak to an adult.
Isn't it difficult to find your way around a big school?	The school is very easy to get around. We have 3 main teaching areas and all the classrooms are numbered in these areas. After a couple of days you will find you can get around school without a problem. There will always be a member of staff around to help you find your way.
Do I get rewarded for hard work?	Yes absolutely. We give a positive point for each lesson in which you do the expected level of work/behaviour. We give out certificates when you get a certain number of positive points, we also have rewards assemblies and other celebrations throughout the school year.
I'm very worried about bullying, should I be?	We are very clear that we have no tolerance of bullying at KMS. This includes physical, verbal, social and online bullying. If you are being bullied or see bullying happening you need to tell a member of staff straight away. We hold regular assemblies about anti-bullying to re-enforce this.
What happens if I do something wrong?	If you think you have done something wrong you can always talk to a member of staff. Following that your form tutor and/or your HOY may want talk to you. We may then talk to other pupils about what happened. We then come back to you and explain what will happen following any incident.
What happens if I can't keep up with the pace of the work? Who do I speak to?	If you have any problems with your work then you can talk to your teacher, your form tutor or your Head of Year.
What happens at lunchtime?	In the first term you will be lined up at the start of lunchtime and taken to the dining hall. You can then choose your meal and sit and eat with your friends. Once you have finished you need to clear your plate and cutlery away. You can then go outside to play with your friends until the end of lunchtime. Those on packed lunches also eat in the dining room.
Do we get a break and a lunchtime?	Yes, we have a morning break of 20 minutes and a lunchtime of 1 hour. During this time you will be outside with your year group. There are some rules about safe play but you are free to chat and play with your friends.
Will I be able to find the toilet if I need it?	Yes. All the teaching areas have toilets next to them. To begin with we allow you to go to the toilet in lessons however during the first few weeks we work with you so that the aim is to have you going to the toilet at break and lunchtime.
Are there clubs and groups I can join in school?	There are lots of different clubs and groups you can join at KMS and we strongly encourage you to participate in one or more groups. These include sporting teams and music groups together with a whole range of other groups and activities. We are sure you will find lots of things to interest you.

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How do I know what homework I have to do?	The school has a homework timetable for you to follow so you can see what homework you should have. We also log homework on Edulink One so you and your parents can view what homework has been set. Your teacher/form tutor will also help you in the first few weeks.
What happens if I don't have a computer/laptop or printer and I need to do my homework on a computer?	You can go to the homework club at lunchtime. You will be able to use a computer and print your work off too.
What will happen if I am late to school or late to lessons, will I be in trouble?	Punctuality and attendance are really important in helping you achieve at school. If you are late three times in one half-term you will be given a detention. Don't worry about being late to your lessons in the first week, you may get lost! There will be lots of staff and pupil leaders around in between lessons and they can help you find your way to lessons.
Am I allowed my phone at KMS?	You are allowed to bring you mobile phone to school but your phone must be turned off as soon as you arrive at school and handed in during morning class time. Phones must not be used anywhere on the school site.
Will we get a transition day?	Yes you will. We look forward to inviting you to KMS on Wednesday 21 st July.
When will we find out which form group I am in?	We will send a list to your Year 5 teacher shortly before the transition day.

If you still have any questions after reading these FAQs, please contact the school office where somebody will be only too pleased to help you further.