



Transition - Frequently asked questions

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

QUESTION	ANSWER
Will I still see my friends at school?	We try to make sure that you have some of the people from your first school in your form group. We can't promise to match every person up with who they want to be with in their class. We are confident you will quickly make new friends within your class. You can still see everybody before/after school, at break time and lunchtime, as well as school clubs and groups.
Will I have the same teacher for all my lessons?	No. Each of your subjects will be taught to you 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 take your pencil case and other equipment to each lesson you attend. Depending on your lesson you may also need to take your book for that lesson as well. We will support you in the first few weeks to remember what you need for each lesson. You will also have a locker where you can store items during the day such as your P.E. and lunch.
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, <u>and feel</u> , safe on the bus.
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 well as lots of 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 tutor if you have a concern. Your Head of House (HOH) is also there to look after all the pupils in your house across Year 6 to 8 and they are often found around school or in the pastoral office. Finally you can always talk to any member of staff if you need to speak to an adult.
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. Your Head of House is also available to talk to you if you need someone to talk to. 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?	Once you get to know it, 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 few days you will find you can get around school without a problem.
Will I get lost?	Quite possibly in your first week or two however this is perfectly normal. There are lots of people on hand to help if you get lost so there is no need to worry. There is also a fence around the entire school so you can't go far!

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 reward assemblies and other celebrations throughout the school year.
Is there bullying at KMS?	We are very clear that we have no tolerance of bullying at KMS. This includes physical, verbal, social and on-line 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 reinforce this. At KMS there is no such thing as a 'snitch' or a 'grass' just people who are proud to speak out stand up for what is right. Remember, one day you may need somebody to speak out on your behalf.
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 Head of House 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. Where necessary we will discuss the incident with your parents.
What happens at lunchtime?	In the first term you will be the first to go into lunch. You line up in the queue for the meal choice you want, 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.
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. Make sure you bring a coat because we will often play out when it is raining.
Will I be able to find the toilet if I need it?	Yes. All the teaching areas have toilets. 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 in with at KMS and we strongly encourage you to participate in one or more groups. There not are just sporting teams & music groups to join but also a whole other range of groups. We are sure you will find one that would be interesting to you. Watch out for details in the daily pupil bulletin.
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 the homework on the website so you can see it. Your teacher/form tutor will also help you in the first few weeks.

Have you got a question we've not answered? Please contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing you in school very soon.