

Welcome to Year 7

New Intake Parents' Evening

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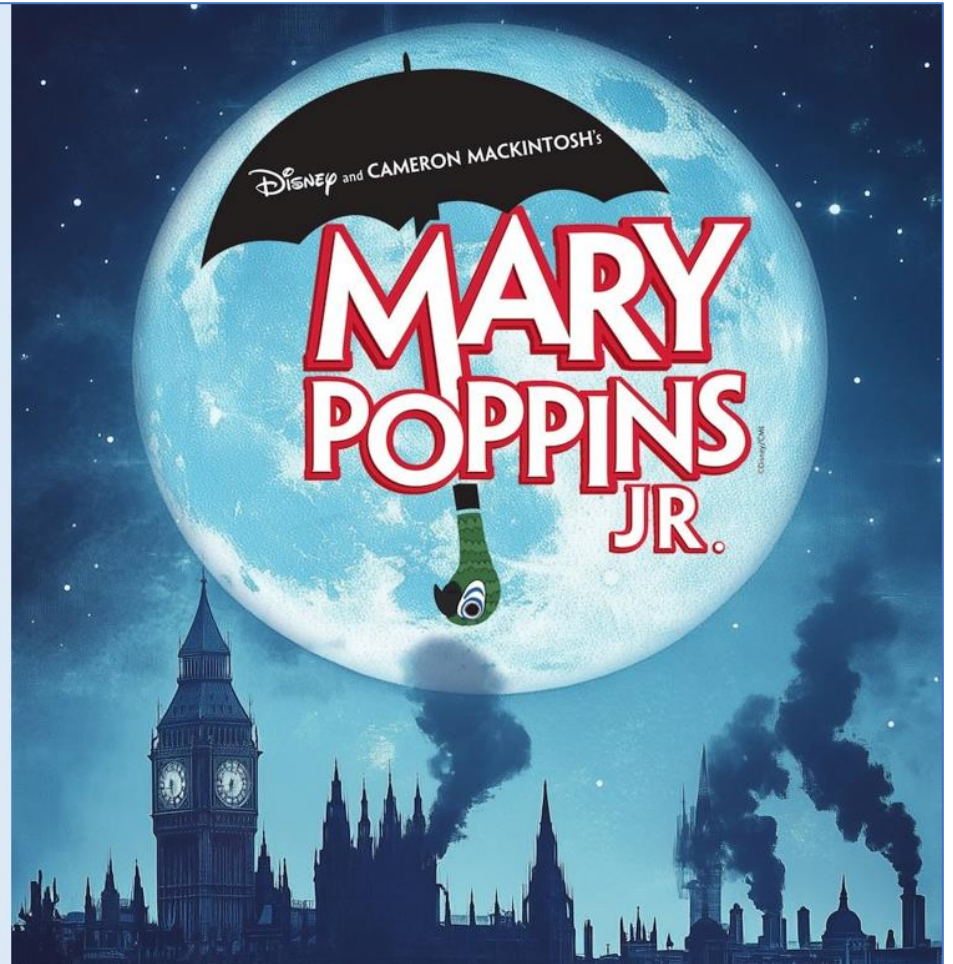
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8th July - 11th July 2026



Students' Welcome



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OUR VALUES



Ambition



Respect



Kindness

OUR VISION



Academic excellence: We provide a supportive and challenging learning environment to ensure our students achieve academic excellence.

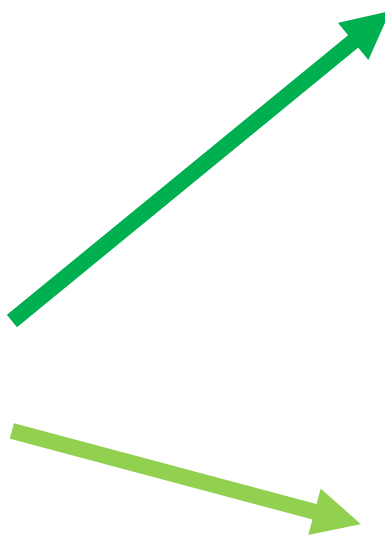


Strong community: We promote a strong sense of belonging and work supportively with our local community.



World Class Opportunities: We develop our students to be confident citizens by providing world class opportunities.





Strong standard ●

Achievement

Attendance and behaviour

Curriculum and teaching

Inclusion

Expected standard ●

Leadership and governance

Personal development and wellbeing

Post 16 provision

Uniform – Standards and Expectations



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Why do we have a school uniform?

As one of the highest-achieving schools in the region, and nationally recognised for our provision and outcomes, we take pride in the high standards of appearance shown by Knutsford Academy students.

Our uniform represents our high expectations, and we want all students to take pride in wearing it.

By choosing a place at Knutsford Academy, parents/carers and students are making a commitment to maintaining our uniform standards and following our rules.

The Uniform Policy (2026–2027) on our website clearly sets out which compulsory branded and non-branded items are required.

Uniform – Standards and Expectations

The new uniform design reflects the high standards and professional image of Knutsford Academy and will provide a greater consistency in the appearance of our uniform.

To support the changes for September 2026 all students will be provided with the **new design tie free of charge**.

The **new design skirt will be optional**; the alternative is students may choose to wear tailored black trousers.





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Knutsford Academy

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Girls Compulsory

Knutsford Academy Girls Blazer Navy

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Tie Clip Fashion. Knutsford Academy NAV

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Unisex Recommended

Unicol Craft Apron Knutsford Academy

Navy

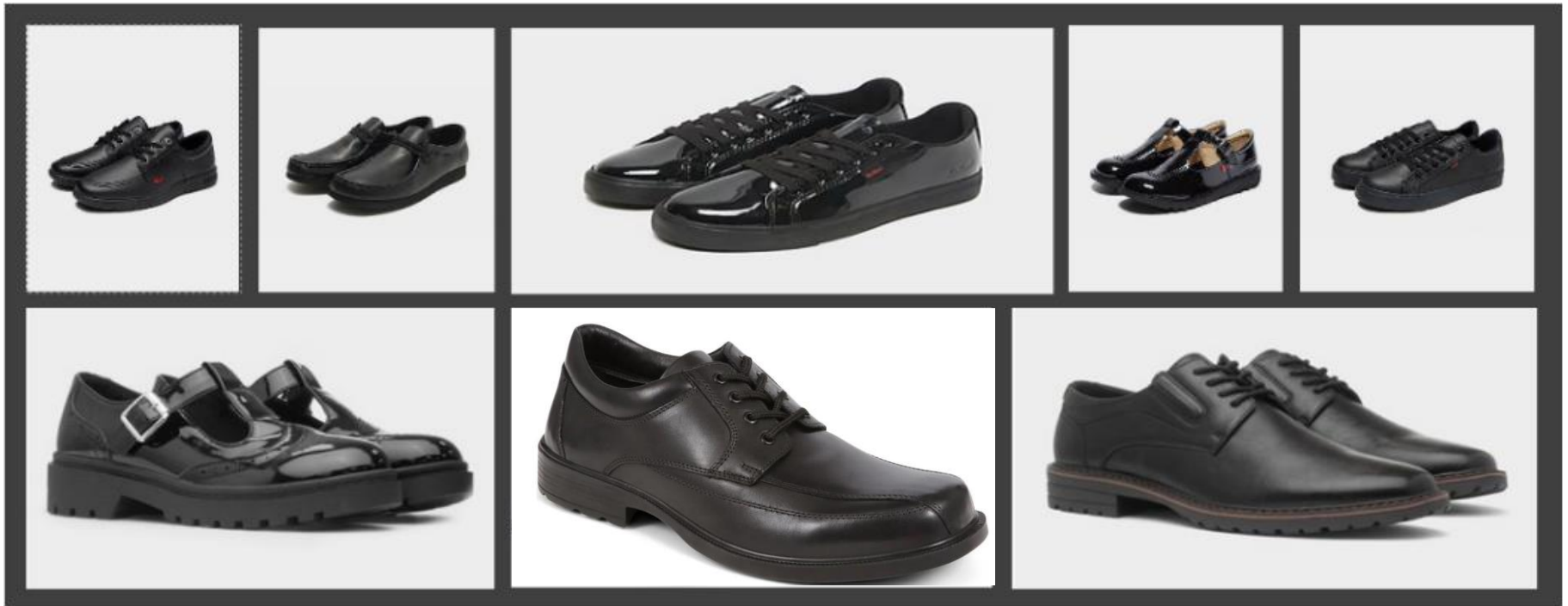
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Uniform

Sensible, plain, all black traditional shoes should be worn for school.



Uniform



Examples of footwear that are NOT suitable for school.





PE kit – Standards and Expectations



Boys Compulsory

APTUS S.S Training Top Knutsford Acad



Girls Compulsory

APTUS Female S.S Training Top Knutsford



Boys Compulsory

Essentials L S Multisport Top Navy/Sky



Girls Compulsory

APTUS Female Full Zip Trn Top Knutsford



Unisex Recommended

APTUS Football Short Knutsford Acad
Navy/Silver

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Unisex Recommended

APTUS Female Training Short Knutsford
Acad Navy/Silver

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Girls Recommended

APTUS Female Skort Knutsford Acad
Navy/Silver

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Girls Recommended

APTUS Female Leggings Knutsford A.
Navy/Silver

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Uniform – Standards and Expectations

There is another essential piece of uniform that every student must have and use. This item is non-negotiable and explicitly referenced within the uniform policy...





Why are we moving to a Phone Free School?

In January 2026, the Department for Education released the following guidance to schools relating to mobile phones:

“All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default”

The guidance is explicit that schools should:

- Prohibit the use of mobile phones throughout the entire school day, including:
 - lessons
 - between lessons
 - breaktimes
 - lunchtime
- Apply this not just to phones but to:
 - “other smart technology with similar functionality” (e.g. smartwatches, messaging-enabled devices)

Why are we moving to a Phone Free School?



Using a phone pouch for schools helps create a more controlled and focused learning environment, removing many of the challenges mobile phones create in the classroom.

Boost learning and focus – Helps students stay engaged and reduces disruption and distraction during lessons

Improve behaviour – Cuts down on bullying, phone-related conflicts, and hidden misuse

Improve safeguarding – Prevents access to social media, messaging, and camera use during the school day

Strengthen social skills – Encourages face-to-face interaction and reduces reliance on screens

Combat cheating – Removes the ability for students to cheat in class and exams, which is increasingly important with the rise of AI-based apps

How will we implement this?





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Process (at the point of entry):

- Turn off Phone
- Touch screen (to prove it's off)
- Place in pouch and click closed
- Turn upside down and shake (holding the bottom)
- Wand check the pupil (AND their bag)

Smart watch/Ear pods? Also go in the pouch.



Situations that trigger immediate and serious sanctions:

- Using a phone
- Found with a phone not in the pouch
- Phone in the pouch, but emitting sound, due to it not being turned off.
- Finding a student in possession of a smart watch or ear pods.
- Finding a student in possession of an unlocking device
- Finding the student in possession of a tampered/damaged pouch, rendering it ineffective (phone can be accessed or the signal blocking is ineffective)

Breaches of phone policy and sanctions:



Breach Type	Sanction	
Phone pouch forgotten	Behaviour point issued on Arbor each time. Phone handed in and stored securely	Yellow
Phone/smartwatch not placed in pouch (1 st offense)	Internal Isolation + SLT Friday After-school Detention	Orange
Attempting to cheat system e.g. second phone, unlock tools. (1 st offense)	Internal Isolation + SLT Friday After-school Detention	Orange
Vandalism or damage to pouch	Internal Isolation + parent/carer charge + SLT Friday After-school Detention	Orange
Second offence of the above breach classifications	Internal Isolation until parent/carer can collect + 1 day suspension	Red
Persistent non-compliance with secure pouch expectations for mobile phones	Escalating sanctions up to and including multi-day suspension or permanent exclusion.	Red

Entry points.

Year 7



Early/Late arrivals



Main Entrance:

8:20-8:40

Reception:

Early: 08:05-08:20,
Late: 08:40-9:00
Very late: 09:00+

School Day Timings

8:05am	School is closed before 8:05
8:05 - 8:20am	Early arrival – Breakfast club
8:20-8:40	Normal arrival time.

8.40 - 9.00am	Morning registration with form tutor
9.00 - 10.00am	Period 1
10.00 – 11.00am	Period 2
11.00 – 11.25am	Break
11.25 – 12.25pm	Period 3
12.25 – 1.25pm	Period 4
1.25 – 2.10pm	Lunchtime
2.10 – 3.10pm	Period 5
3.10pm	End of the day – Enrichment activities

The importance of good attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

At Knutsford Academy, attendance is a **key priority**, and we are committed to maintaining standards that place us within the top 25% of schools nationally.

There is a clear link between attendance and academic achievement

- ✓ A year is made up of 365 days.....190 of these days is spent in school.
- ✓ That means that there are 175 days of holidays for time with family, friends, shopping, holidays, visits and appointments.
- ✓ Attendance is key to academic achievement. If students are not in lessons, they create gaps in learning.

Reporting a Student Absence

We expect your child to attend school every day unless they are **medically unfit** or there is an **urgent and unavoidable family reason**. Absence from school should be communicated as early as possible (before registration – 8.30am) and **on each day of absence**.

The **most effective way to report pupil absence** (for consistency and safeguarding) is: **Telephone: 01565 633294** - To report a pupil absence in Year 7 - Press 2

Parents/carers should provide the following information:

- Student's **full name** and **form/group**
- **Reason for absence** (clear and specific)
- **Expected duration** (if known)
- Name/relationship of the person reporting

Curriculum Intent and Design

Assessment &
qualifications

Academic

Ambitious
Broad
Connected

Previous learning

Next steps and wider
world

Personal development

Ambitious
Broad
Connected

Individual needs

Curriculum Subjects

Two-week timetable

5 60 mins lessons a day

Core: 7 lessons

Humanities & MFL:

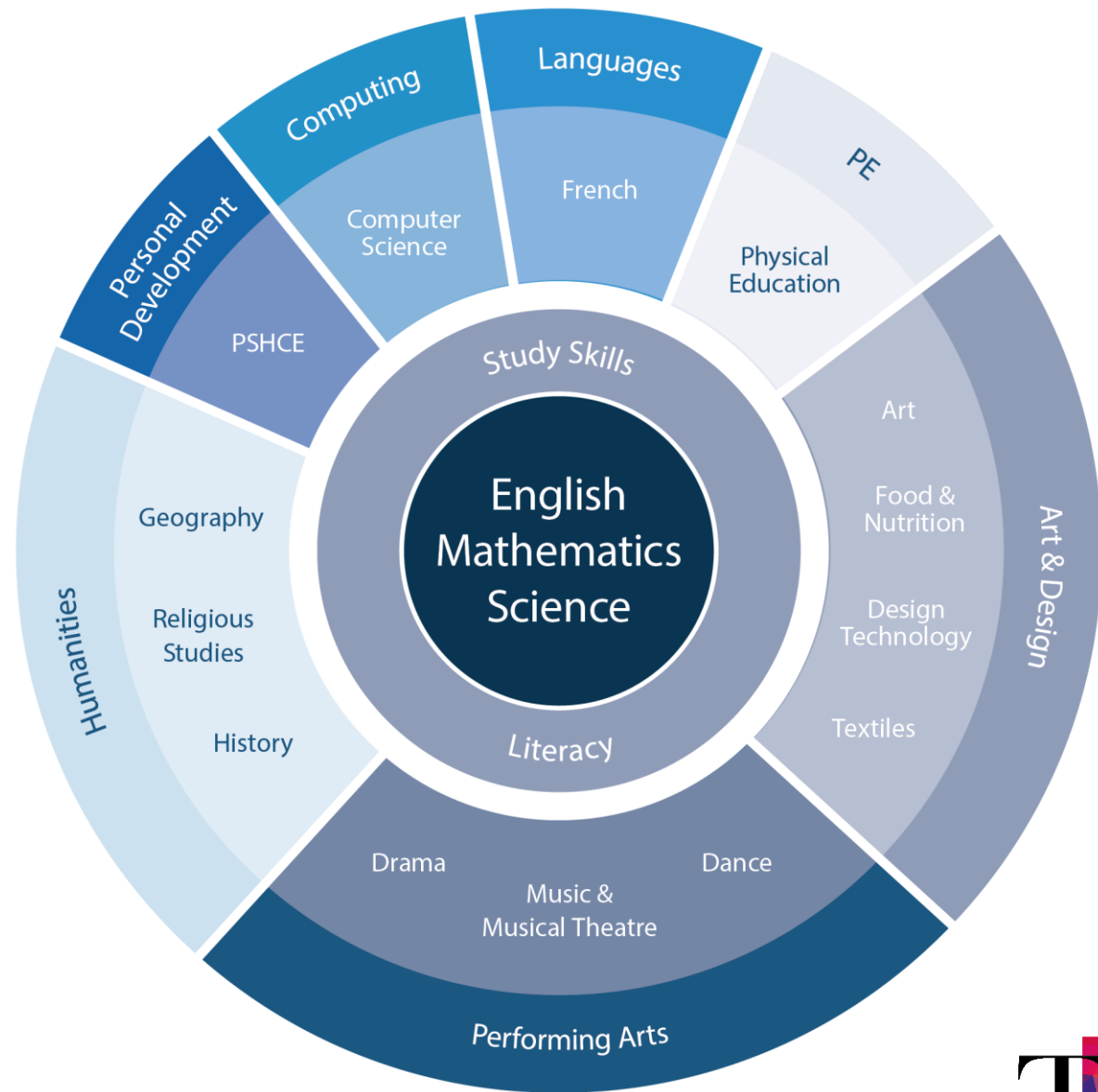
6 lessons

Art & Design: 5 lessons

PE and PA: 4 lessons

PHSCE & Computing:

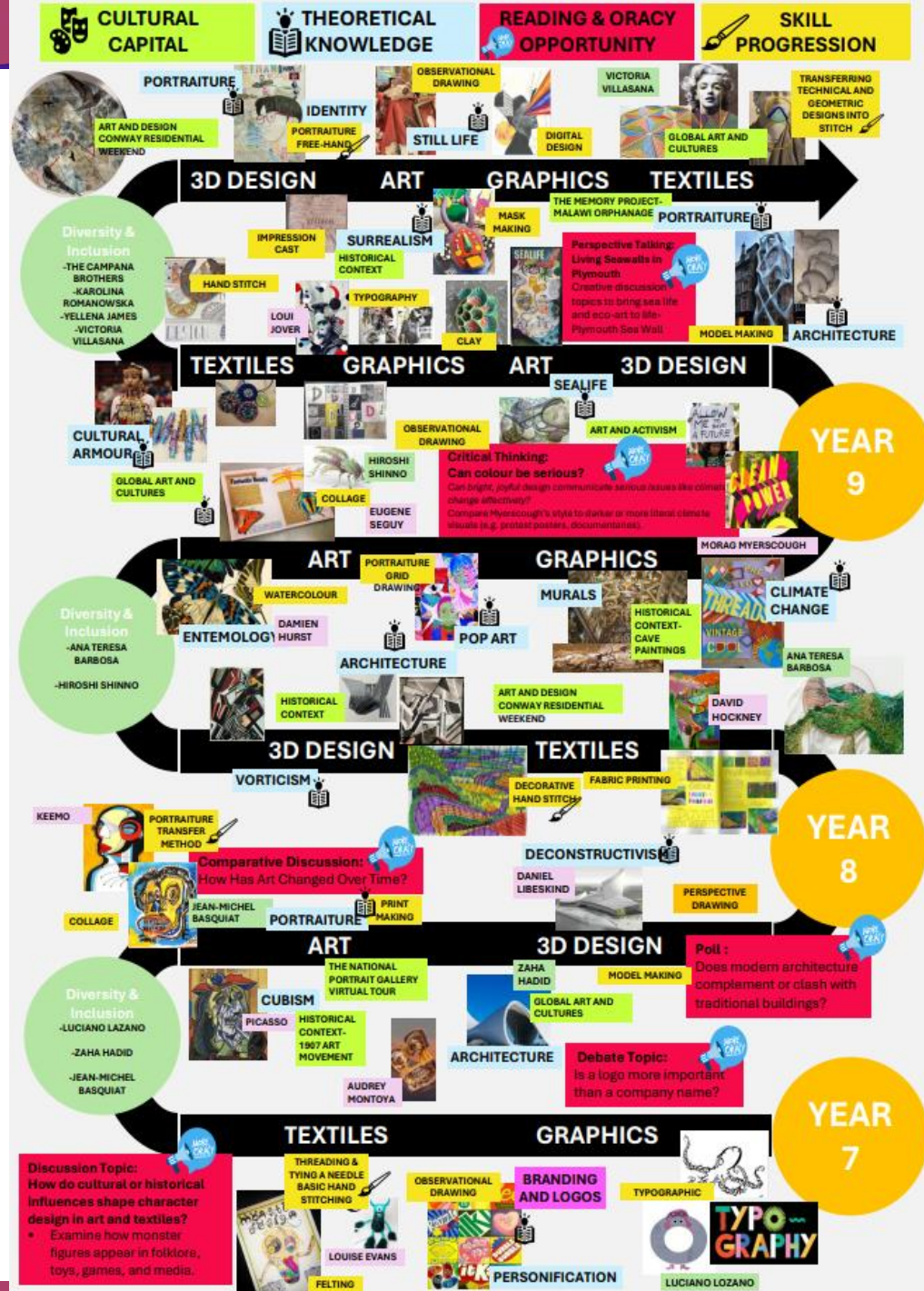
2 lessons



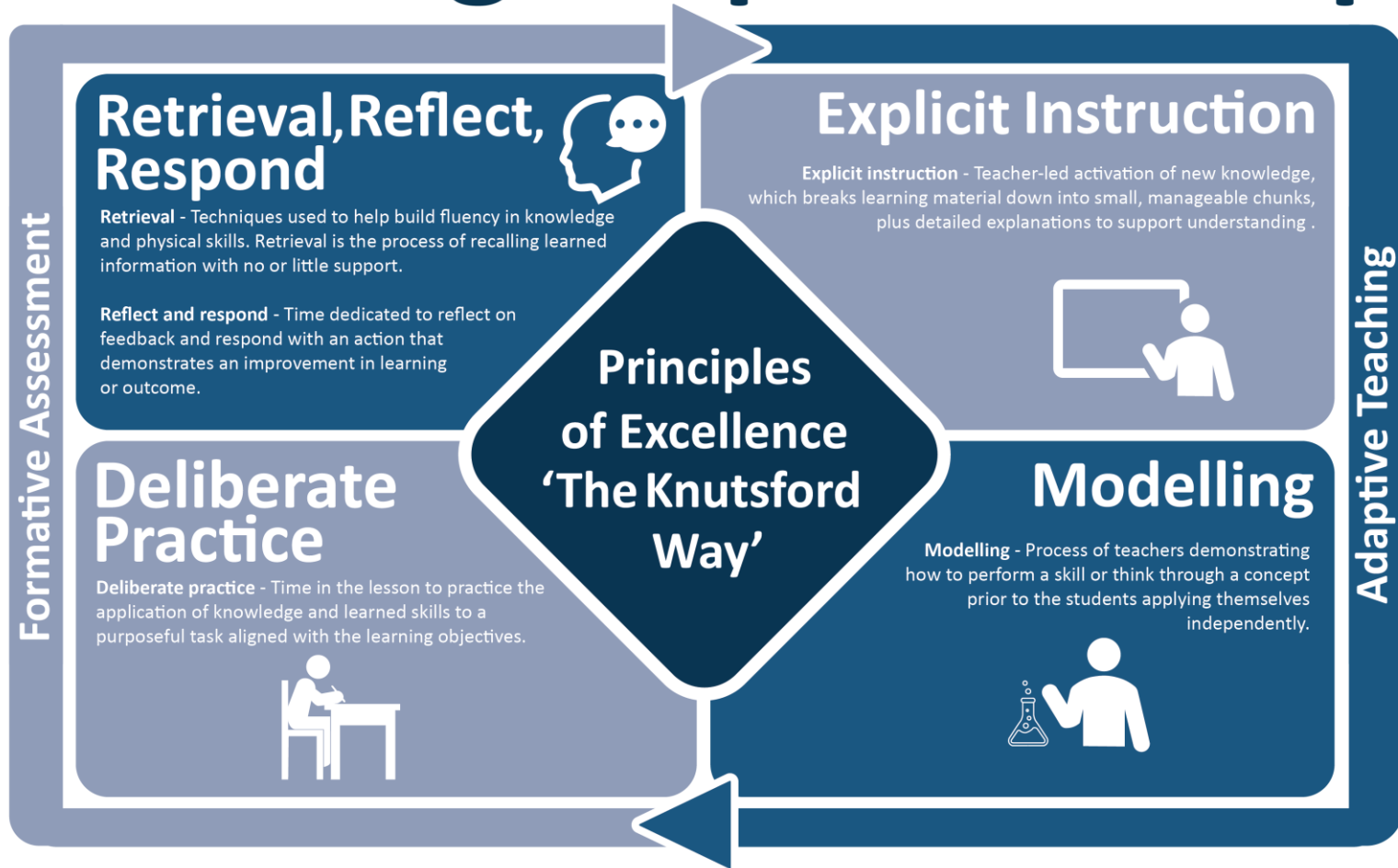
Academic Excellence

World Class Opportunities

A Learning Journey Begins...



Learning Sequence Map



Homework

30 minutes of homework a week in English, Mathematics, Science and Languages.

30 minutes of homework a fortnight in other subjects.

All homework set with due dates on SatchelOne.

Read It

Spell It

Apply It

Retrieve It

Practise It

Revise It

Prepare It

Pod It

Research It

Student Groupings

English
History
Geography
Religious Studies
French

Mathematics
Science
Computing
Performing Arts
Art and Design

Physical Education
PSHCE

Form Group (20 mins daily)
Clubs

Assessment, Progress Points and Reports



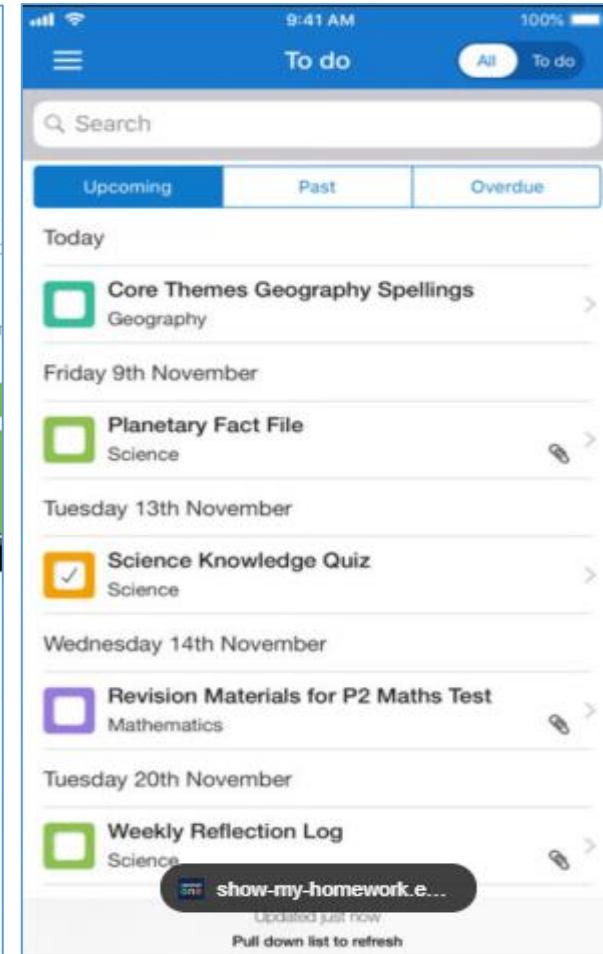
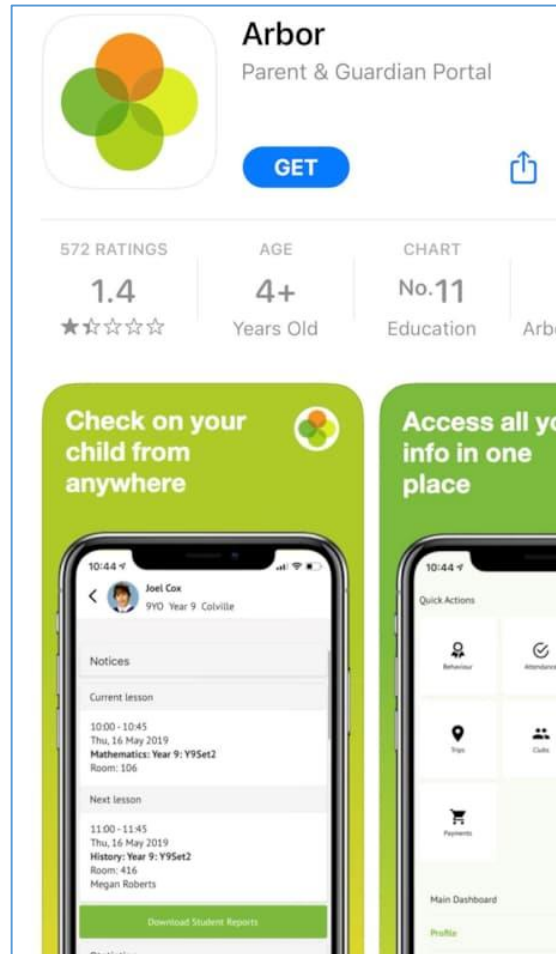
- **Termly assessments** to test skills, knowledge recall and understanding.
- Termly **Progress Points Reports** a year - showing academic progress, **behaviour, effort** and **homework**.
- You will also receive feedback on your child's progress during their **Parents' Evening**.

Staying in Touch

The **Arbor Parent App and Portal** provide access to key information.

- Timetable and Calendar
- Praise and Behaviour Points
- Attendance
- Termly Progress Reports
- School messages
- Manage personal data and provide consents
- Termly Progress Reports
- Welcome and setup email with full instructions also on the website [Year 7 Transition | Knutsford Academy](#)

The **Satchel One App** is used for the setting of homework. September setup for pupils and parents.



ARBOR
Download App
or Website
Register
Check Details
Change requests
Consents

Parental Consents

Consent Types

Administer First Aid

Biometric Catering System

Contact Dentist

Contact Doctor

Copyright Permission

COVID-19 Testing - consented by guardian

Data Exchange

Internet Access

Medical Form

Photograph Student

School Visit

School Visit Permission

Sex Education



Transition Programme

- School visits for students' information
- Welcome Information Evening
- Transition Day: Thursday 9th July 2025 8.40am – 3.00pm
- Communication - Talk to us or email with any questions nsr@knutsfordacademy.org.uk
- See the website for all Transition Information

Transition Day - Thursday July 9th

- 8.40am arrival and 3.00pm finish.
- Form tutor session.
- Sample lessons in form group.
- Tour of the site and explanation of daily routines.
- Wear Primary School uniform.
- Bring pencil case with pen, pencil ruler and eraser.
- Bring a packed lunch or buy lunch in the canteen (£5 max).



Enrichment Activities



Learn an
instrument
at school!



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STUDENT AMBASSADORS





Rewards Programme – Star of the Week



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Year 8 = £100 Amazon Voucher – Sponsored by Marketing Signals.com



Year 9 = £100 Amazon Voucher – Sponsored by Irlam Estate Agents

Year 10 = £100 Amazon Voucher - Sponsored by Synter Land Rover, Knutsford



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Year 11 = £100 Amazon Voucher – Sponsored by Rix Motors

Year 12 – £100 Amazon Voucher – Sponsored by Hibbert Homes

Year 13 - £100 Amazon Voucher – Sponsored by KDR Recruitment





Catering and Cashless Payment

STREATERIES



WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STREET	Curried Coconut Chilli Chicken Wholegrain Rice n Peas	Homemade Spicy Falafel Flatbread	Glazed Gammon Roast Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potato & Gravy	Low Salt & Chilli Chicken Firecracker Rice	Choose from: Battered Fish Sausage (battered or plain) Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
VEGGIE	Jamaican Black Eyed Peas Stew Wholegrain Rice n Peas	Plant Based Creamy Green Pea & Spinach Pasta	Root Vegetable & Bean Stew Roast Spuds	Japanese Yakisoba (Japanese Stir Fried Noodles)	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage (battered or plain) Chips, Gravy or Curry Sauce
SIDES	Lime Dressed Slaw	Mixed Salad	Roast Carrots & Parsnip	Sweet Chilli Sticky Greens	Minty Peas or Baked Beans
Extras	Flatbread Wedge	Hummus Pot	Cauliflower Cheese	Prawn Crackers	Onion Rings

19/2, 11/3, 1/4, 22/4, 13/5, 3/6, 24/6, 15/7



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Picking your child's next school is a huge step and transportation options can play a large part in your final decision. At Elite Services Home to School Transport Ltd, we offer 2 **PRIVATE** school routes to and from Knutsford Academy across Trafford, Manchester and Cheshire East. With your own dedicated Home to School Transport manager and the use of our tailor made app (complete with vehicle tracking and live communication/notifications), you can be assured your child is in safe hands and being dropped off/collected from Knutsford Academy's front door.



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Transition Information on Website

Year 7 Transition

[Home](#) / [Parents](#)



PARENTS

[Year 7 Transition](#)

Knutsford Academy Year 7 Transition 2026

We hope that your child is looking forward to beginning their secondary education with us here at Knutsford Academy.

[Term Dates](#)

This page will contain all of the information which you need to ensure a smooth transition for your child from their primary school.

[Uniform](#)

Our New Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening is on Thursday 18th June from 5.00pm-6.00pm at our Westfield Drive Campus.


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
Our New Year 7 Transition Day will take place on Thursday 9th July from 8.40am - 3pm at our Westfield Drive Campus.

[Report Absence](#)


Year 7 Transition Documents


[Attendance](#)

 [Year 7 Welcome Information Pack 2026](#)

1.35 MB 

[Academy Fund](#)

 [Headteacher's Welcome Letter](#)

175 KB 

[Parent App](#)

Please complete this New Intake Transition Day permission form as soon as possible:

[Safeguarding](#)

[Year 7 New Intake Transition Day Permission Form Thursday 9th July – Fill in form](#)

[Mental Health](#)

Our specialist student support team and the Head of Year 7 are currently visiting or contacting all primary schools to meet with students and find out all about them.

[Catering](#)

ARBOR Parent Portal and App Access

ARBOR is the school's information management system which holds all of your child's educational records. New Intake parents will receive a welcome email from Arbor on Thursday 18th June that will allow them to either download the app or access online, register a new account or connect an existing Arbor account to Knutsford Academy.

[Arbor Parent Guide](#)

Our staff are available to answer your questions

Mrs Thatcher - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Weigh - Asst Headteacher Behaviour and Attitudes

Mr Leigh - Asst Headteacher Inclusion

Mrs Southall - Pastoral Support

Mrs S Williams & Mr D Cole – SEND Co

Mrs Powell – HUB manager

Mrs Clark and Mrs Bamping - Uniform and Travel

Mrs Ormerod – Academy Fund



**Please ask staff or students any questions.
We look forward to welcoming your child on**

**9th July at 8.40am and in September
nsr@knutsfordacademy.org.uk**