



Astley Community High School FAQs

HOW LONG IS THE SCHOOL DAY?

Typically, the school day starts at 8.50 and finishes at 3.05pm. However, more recently, times have been adjusted for staggered starts as a result of COVID.

CAN I RIDE MY BIKE TO SCHOOL?

You can ride your bike to school. There are bike stands near the sixth form block and a container where you can store it, but the school will not accept responsibility for your bike.

HOW LONG ARE LESSONS?

Our lessons are 1 hour long.

HOW MANY LESSONS ARE THERE PER DAY?

There are 5 lessons in each school day.

DOES THE SCHOOL OPERATE A ONE-WEEK OR A TWO-WEEK TIMETABLE?

The school operates a two-week timetable.

HOW WILL I FIND MY WAY AROUND SCHOOL?

When students start the school, they will be given a map and a tour. Students will find very quickly that they start to remember their way around, but they can always ask if they are unsure. Teachers are sensitive to the fact that Year 9 need to acclimatise to the school's layout.

HOW LONG IS LUNCHTIME?

Lunch is 35 minutes long and can be from 12.55-1.30pm or 1.30-2.05pm.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT UNIFORM TO BUY?

Wearing a uniform creates a sense of community and we believe ours is both practical and fair. We are proud of our uniform and it is fully listed on the school's website, including links to our main supplier, Emblematic . All parents and carers will also be sent information in regard to uniform via induction packs.

AM I ALLOWED TO WEAR JEWELLERY?

The only jewellery permitted in school is a watch, one ring, one necklace and one plain stud in each ear. They must be small and discreet.

WHEN DO I FIND OUT WHO MY TUTOR IS?

Organising the groups is a very complex task, but we hope to let you know who your tutor is by July.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING ON MY FIRST DAY?

On their first day, students will need to bring the correct equipment from the equipment list. Basic equipment includes a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator. Students will be provided with a planner, which they should bring to school every day, on their first day. On their first day, students should also bring a packed lunch or money to buy food at the canteen. We will ensure students have a fingerprint taken as, typically, we operate a cashless system in the canteen.

WHAT IF I GET LOST ON THE WAY TO LESSONS?

If students get lost on the way to lessons, they should just ask someone. Whether that is a student or member of staff, there are always many people to ask. Everyone is friendly, approachable and willing to help.

WHAT IF I GET BULLIED AT SCHOOL?

If a member of our school community behaves in an inappropriate way towards students, then it is really important that they tell somebody. This person could be a friend, parents/carers, their tutor, a teacher or their Student Progress leader. Students must tell somebody so we can swiftly deal with the situation.

WHERE DO I GO IF I NEED HELP?

If students need help, they can go to Student Reception, their Tutor or their Student Progress Leader. Teachers are also more than willing to help!