

St Cecilia's FAQs

How do I get around school?

High schools can be big and confusing at first, but don't worry! There are signs and room numbers on the doors. In the first few weeks, it's okay to ask teachers, older students, or even your classmates for directions. Practice walking to your classes ahead of time if you can.

What opportunities are there around school?

High schools offer a wide range of opportunities beyond just academics. You can join clubs, sports teams, music groups, and many other extracurricular activities. Keep an eye out for announcements about these opportunities and try out a few to see what you enjoy.

Who can I go to if I need help?

There are many people in high school who are there to help you. Your form tutor is a great first point of contact. You can also talk to your subject teachers, as well as the Pastoral team. If you're unsure, any teacher can point you in the right direction.

What if I don't know anyone?

It's normal to feel a bit nervous if you don't know anyone. Remember, many of your classmates will be in the same situation. Try to be friendly and open to making new friends. Joining clubs or teams can also help you meet people with similar interests. Don't hesitate to start a conversation with someone; they might be looking for a friend too!

Will older pupils help me?

Yes, older pupils are often willing to help younger students. Our school has a mentoring program where older students volunteer to help new students settle in. If you're unsure about something, don't hesitate to ask an older student for help.

Is the work more difficult?

The work in high school can be more challenging, but it's also designed to help you grow and learn. You'll have more subjects and different types of tests. If you find the work difficult, don't be afraid to ask your teachers for help. They are there to support you.

How can I get help with homework?

If you need help with homework, you can ask your teachers for clarification or assistance. We also offer homework club where you can get help from teachers and fellow students. Additionally, you can ask your parents or carers for help at home.

When do I go for lunch?

We have a lunchtime rota. At the beginning of the year, you will probably have an earlier lunch. Eventually, you will follow the rota. When it is lunchtime, you go onto the yard and wait for a teacher to call your year group in.

What is the behaviour system like?

Each school has its own behaviour policy, which will be explained to you during the first few days. Our school rules ensure everyone is respectful and safe. Positive behaviour is usually rewarded, and negative behaviour may result in consequences like detention. Make sure to understand the school rules and ask if anything is unclear.

What will my first week be like?

In the first week you will get to know the school, your teachers, and your classmates. You'll receive your timetable, learn where your classes are, and get an introduction to school rules and routines. There might be special activities or assemblies to help you settle in. It's a time to get comfortable with your new environment, so try to relax and take it all in.

Good luck with your transition to high school! It's an exciting time with lots of new opportunities.