



Start of Term September Reminders

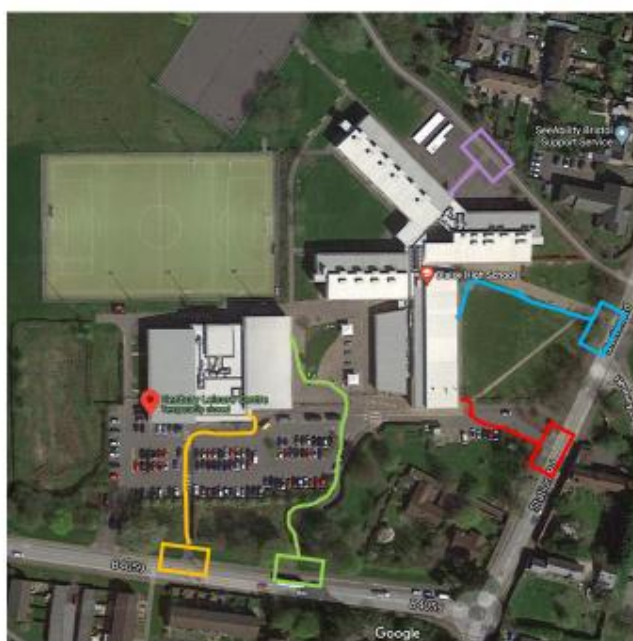
When does my child start school?

Year Group	Start Date
Year 7	Thursday 3 rd
Year 8	Monday 7 th
Year 9	Monday 7 th
Year 10	Monday 7 th
Year 11	Friday 4 th
Resource Base – Year 7 to 13	Friday 4 th

Where does my child enter?

To reduce mixing and maintain safety during the Coronavirus pandemic students have been organised into year group “bubbles”. Full details of how this works can be found [here](#).

To keep separation between the bubbles each year group now has its own **designated gate** to use for entry and exit. Please check below which gate your child must use to enter the school.



	Gate	Roll Call Space
Year 7	Leisure Centre Gate	Gym Left
Year 8	Halen Road Gate	Gym Right
Year 9	Station Road Main Pedestrian Gate	Hall
Year 10 & KS3 Resource Base	Station Road Main Vehicle Gate	Canteen
Year 11 & KS4 and KS5 Resource Base	Marissal Road Lane Gate	Science corridor classrooms



What time does my child have to arrive?

Students must be **in roll call by 8:40am**, to ensure they are punctual we expect students to arrive **at their school gate by 8:35am** at the latest. This will give enough time for them to make it to their roll call line.

From 8:40am school gates will be locked and students arriving late from any year group will enter by the main pedestrian gate on Station Road. Here they will be greeted by a senior leader and we will contact home.

It is, as ever, important that students are on time to school. Being on time ensures students benefit fully from our morning routines and the whole curriculum. Not only this but punctuality will be key to maintaining our “bubbles”. If lateness is persistent parents will be required to attend a meeting to discuss this concern.

What does my child need on their first day of school?

We expect all students to be in **full uniform**. We have very high expectations for our students' appearance and will support students by providing correct items where needed. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found [here](#). Please note the following specifically:

- Shoes must be formal plain black school shoes. We do not allow trainers, canvas shoes or boots.
- Socks must be plain black and above the ankle. We do not allow trainer liner socks.
- Trousers must be black school trousers. We do not allow any form of leggings, tight, skinny, fashion fit trousers or jeans.
- Watches and one set of plain silver or gold studs are permitted. We do not allow any other forms of jewellery including necklaces, rings, bracelets, multiple ear piercings, facial or tongue piercings, or any patterned, dangling, hooped or jewelled earrings.

Students will also require their **full everyday equipment**. Students must have a bag of a suitable size, their PE kit and a reading book. They will also need to bring the following stationery equipment:

Equipment list:

- Pencil case
- 30cm ruler
- Pencil
- Pen (black or blue)
- Green pen
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Scientific calculator — can be purchased from reception or many other retailers

